

Sports

Thunderbirds complete upset of Bruins to advance in playoffs

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds outlasted the Providence Bruins, 1-0, in a goaltending duel for the ages on Thursday night inside the MassMutual Center, defeating Providence in four games to advance to the Atlantic Division Finals against the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

By completing the upset of the Macgreor Kilpatrick Trophy winners, Springfield, which finished 38 points behind Providence during the regular season, completed the largest upset by point differential in Calder Cup Playoff history.

Georgi Romanov's dream postseason continued rolling along in the first period for the T-Birds, as the goaltender made a highlight-reel stop for the second straight game in the series, stretching post-to-post to make a tremendous left pad save on Riley Tufto on a 3-on-1 Bruins rush.

Not to be outdone at the other end, AHL regular sea-

son MVP Michael DiPietro had answers for each of Springfield's eight shots on net in the first period. The Providence backstop would not be very busy at all in the second period, needing to make just five saves, but one was notable when he flashed out the glove hand to deny a broken play attempt from the left slot by Akil Thomas.

Providence had a tremendous chance presented to them with a power play in the closing minutes of period two, but the Springfield penalty kill continued to shine, improving to 13 out of 15 for the series and 22-for-24 in the postseason.

Neither Romanov nor DiPietro showed any signs of blinking in a busy third period for both netminders, which featured a combined 23 stops between the backstops.

For a second straight game, overtime was required, and for a third straight extra session in the postseason, the T-Birds had a hero rise to the

occasion. Romanov was the first hero, as he kicked out the right leg to deny a Navrin Mutter breakaway early in the session.

Then, at 4:01 of the extra session, Otto Stenberg carried the puck over the blue line, slipped a cross-ice pass to Chris Wagner, and from there, Wagner spotted Dillon Dube crashing the left side of the crease. The veteran winger did the honors from there, beating DiPietro and completing the upset with his second goal and fourth point in the four-game series.

With the win, the T-Birds will now take on the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins in the Atlantic Division Finals, beginning on Tuesday, May 12 at Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza for a 7:05 p.m. puck drop. Tickets for Game 3 (Tuesday, May 19) and Game 4 if necessary (Thursday, May 21) at the MassMutual Center are available now at www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

Newest inductees to Western Mass Baseball Hall announced

HOLYOKE – The Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame Committee proudly announces members of its 2026 induction class.

This year's inductees include:

- **Chad Paronto** – Former UMass Amherst, and Major League pitcher with 177 MLB appearances.
- **Bill L'Heureux** – Honored for his legendary umpiring career spanning decades in Western Massachusetts and across America.
- **Bob Bohl** – A longtime figure in the baseball community in Ludlow and across the region, recognized for his influence and service to the sport.
- **2010 Amherst High School State Championship Team** – Celebrated for their remarkable Di-

vision I State Championship season.

- **Steve McKelvey** – MLB agent and UMass Amherst Professor, honored for his longtime service to the baseball community and contribution to the sports management profession.
- **Howard Herman** (Gary Brown Award for Sports Media) – A respected voice in sports journalism in Western Massachusetts, whose coverage has elevated local baseball for decades.

Follow Valley Blue Sox on social media for more class of 2026 announcements and more information on each of the 2026 inductees in the coming weeks.

The induction banquet will take place on Friday, June 5 at Wyckoff Country Club in Holyoke, beginning

at 6 p.m. The evening will feature dinner, recognition ceremonies, and reflections on the careers and accomplishments of this year's honorees.

The evening is presented by the Valley Blue Sox and its presenting sponsor Westfield Bank.

Tickets for the event are available now and can be purchased online at www.valleybluesox.com.

The Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame continues its mission to preserve and celebrate the rich baseball heritage of the region by honoring those who have made significant contributions both on and off the field.

For additional information, please visit the ticket website or contact info@valleybluesox.com.

Legals

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provision M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 6, the Barre Planning Board has rescheduled the public hearing to **Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 7:20 p.m.** (due to conflict with the Town's Annual Town Meeting on May 19th) in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Jonathan and Chelsea Abram for a special permit for a noncommercial kennel for property located at 176 Station Road, Assessors Map G, Lot 104 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 73195, Page 266.

All interested parties who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman
05/14, 05/21/2026

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TOWN OF BARRE ENGINEERING SERVICES FIR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Town of Barre is seeking professional engineering services for proposed infrastructure improvements on Fir Street in Barre, MA. Funding for this project is provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the FY 2025 Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Community Development Block Grant Program.

A more detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is available at the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 520, Worcester, MA 01608, (508) 459-3331, from 9 AM to 5 PM. The RFQ will be available beginning on Thursday, May 14, 2026, until the due date specified below in digital format by request from John O'Leary, joleary@cmrpc.org. The Town of Barre, the awarding and contracting authority, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed in the best interests of the Town to do so.

Completed proposals are to be submitted in accordance with the RFQ's submission procedures no later than 3:00 PM, Thursday, June 4, 2026, at

the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 520, Worcester, MA 01608. 05/14/2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank W. LaRange to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., dated November 16, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56343, Page 90, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded on June 28, 2022, in Book No. 67821, at Page 147 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 AM on June 5, 2026**, on the mortgaged premises located at 711 South Barre Road, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: The following described parcel of land, and the improvements and appurtenances thereto in the County of Worcester (Worcester District), Commonwealth of Massachusetts to wit: Commonly known as: 711 South Barre Road, Barre, MA 01005 Parcel No.: Map H, Lot 451

Legal Description: Land with the buildings thereon in that part of Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, known as South Barre, on the easterly side of South Barre Road, known as Route 32, being shown as Lot 1 on a Plan entitled "Plan of Land in Barre, MA owned by D.A. Robinson Contracting, Inc., Scale 1"=50'," dated February 23, 1999, drawn by Donald A. Para, Land Surveyor, Inc., New Braintree, MA and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 739, Plan 18, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Lot 1 contains 0.619 Acres. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester

County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52145, Page 219.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
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05/07, 05/14, 05/21/2026

OAKHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

There will be an RDA hearing on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:00p.m.** in the Oakham Town Hall. The RDA was submitted by the Oakham Conservation Commission to consider the status of wetland areas located at 358 Coldbrook Rd.
Submitted by
Lucy Tessnau, Clerk
05/14/2026

In the Classroom

Quabbin Middle School lists honor roll

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional Middle School, 800 South St., announced the third quarter honor roll

Sixth grade High Honors

Sixth grade students making High Honors were: Lia Aiesi, Leona Barre, Clayton Cranston, Nolan Cronk, Kayla Despres, Ralph DiBenedetto, Elise Flores de Oliveira, Andrew Gingras, Annabelle Ickler, Kylee Lomastro, Dylan Mace, Thendara Magario, Richard May, Scarlett McDonald, Jonah Melad, Avery Phelps, Deklan Sampson, Sophia Serrano, Jorja Thorpe, Andrei Timofeev and Richard Valcourt.

Sixth grade Honors

Sixth grade students making Honor Roll were: Caiden Ahearn, Bella Arriola, Moriah Baxter, Elias Bellemer, Danica Bjorklund, Makayla Boos, Ella Bourgeois, Audrey Breault, Casey Coates, Emily Conway, Troy Corbett, Charlotte Daniels, Milena DeSouza, Joshua Doherty, Isla Fagnoli, Derek Ferreira, Logan Grandmason, David Groner, Noah Harper, Michael Hicks, Aria Jackson, Abigail Kajjala, Mason Kazanovicz, Hunter Kukas, Alex Lindsay, Mia Longtin, Noah Longtin, Evelyn Lord, Liam McKenzie, Logan McManaman, Chase McQuestion, Aria Missildine, Valkyrie Moore, Sage Morin, Tyler Nadeau, Hunter Nagle, Owen Nally, Penny Ouimette, Harris Paakkonen, Bridgette Parker, Dylan Potter, Nathaniel Putelis, Jacob Rigney, Aubree Roseberry, Sadie Russell,

Vincent Stark, Jaide Stillman, Benjamin Toupin, Katara Tran, Emma Tyler, Jaylyn Vega, Irelyn Venne, Benjamin Wickstrom, Rhys Wynne and Luna Yules.

Seventh grade High Honors

Seventh grade students making High Honors were: Anna Coomey, Davin Goodwin, Maishao Lee, Brady Malin, Theodore Minton, Annaleigh Moncoeur, Nolan O'Connor, Ximena Palomera-Espinoza, Liam Shaw, Brayden Surprenant, Ty'v Vaughn, Alonzo White and Joseph Youngstrom.

Seventh grade Honor Roll

Seventh grade students making Honor Roll were: Nevaeh Andrews, Asher Baker, Julianna Bienvenu, Jacob Blanchard, Talasyn Boissonneau, Aleksander Bonenfant, Caleb Caban, Jaysen Cassano, Josie Castell, Cameron Charpentier, Charley Chauvin, Ayla Clark, Ryan Colgate, John Cook, Ella Critelli, Hannah Cutler, Joey DeMalia, Ethan Donaldson, Hannah Dube, Matthew Flamaand, Maia Flint, Andrew Fuller, Addyson Garceau, Alexander Girouard, Lincoln Graves, Colby Hill, Madilyn Houle, Jack Johnson, Levi Kniskern, Elizabeth Laramee, Ryan LaRange, Walker Larson, Ilyanna Lynch, Carter Majoy, Adalyn McHugh, Kayla McHugh, Lucy Merrill, Sawyer Minton, Adelaide Moeller, Avidhda O'Neill, Bryce Pariseau, Catheryn Racine, Hazel Serra, Weston Stukuls Barrieau, Landon Swindlehurst, Zach-

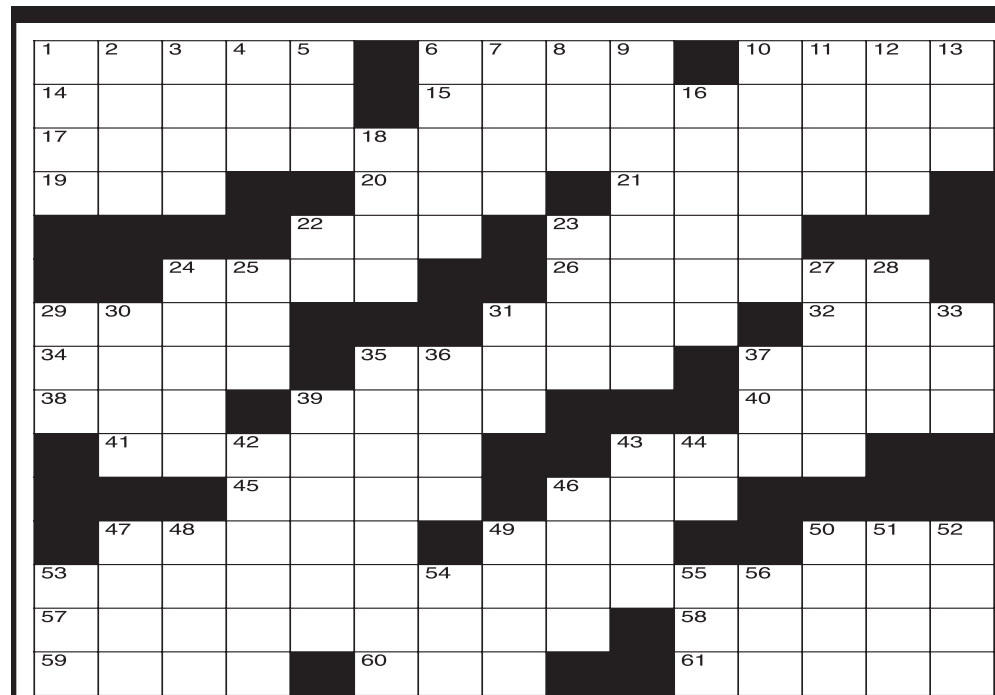
ary Thompson, Hana Mae Tousignant, Anthony Wade and Brady White.

Eighth grade High Honors

Eighth grade students making High Honors were: Saylor Bissonnette, Julia Blanchard, Winter Boyea, Eliza Brown, Emily DeMalia, Brody Despres, Maria Hamm, Nolan Herrick, Evelyn Johnson, Pele Johnson, Caiden Lance, Mathieu LeBlanc, Ava Maxim, Cameron McDonald, Madeline Omasta, Sebastian Palomera-Espinoza, Owen Pears, Evelyn Priestley, Madeleine Proulx, Lily Ryan, Baelin Sullivan, Maggie Ward, Elizabeth Welch, Lila Wilson and Raegyn Wnek.

Eighth grade Honor Roll

Eighth grade students making Honor Roll were: Nicholas Baldwin, Addyson Baringer, Amelia Breault, Caleb Brouillet, Henry Corbett, Christopher Dallair, Enzo Fagnoli, Lane Fagnoli, Addison Ford, Lucas Gaspar, Brayden Hurley, Aimee Ickler, Theodore Langer, Grace Lantagne, Maggie Leander, Jack Leclair, Chiara Manana, Bree May, Valerie Metterville, Giella Montalvo, Brayden Nadeau, Jonathan Nunes, Calleb Oliveira, Coleton Pina, Autumn Rector, Kira Roden, Maci Roseberry, Fordyce Ruggles, Thomas Schoonmaker, Andrew Scott, Hannah Shotwell, Madalyn Simons, Bella Spring, Emma Stauder, Fiona Stevens, Arina Timofeev, Kailyn Traynham and Lola Zantouliadis.



CLUES ACROSS

- Notable casino destination
- Current units
- Roman military unit
- American lizard
- Fates
- The Yankees have lots of these
- Unhappy
- Mimic
- Remove from the record
- Where cargo ships dock (abbr.)
- A way to fight
- Turfs
- Contract
- Country along the Arabian peninsula
- Tree species
- Pituitary gland secretion (abbr.)
- Perfect
- "Partner" to groans
- Jewish calendar

CLUES DOWN

- Animal jaws
- Small water buffalo
- An appliance has
- Where wrestlers work
- Egotistical
- Potted plants
- Containers
- Large, flightless birds
- Part of a book
- American spies
- Pancakes made of buckwheat flour
- Swiss river
- Disfigure
- Have surgery
- Formal withdrawal
- Early English council
- Area units
- 2,000 lbs.
- Siskel and ___

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- Every
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Very skilled
- No more than what is specified
- Tire measurement
- Towers
- Forward
- Jacob ___, American journalist
- Vale
- Former CIA
- Middle Eastern nation
- Exhausts
- South Dakota
- The complete duration of something
- Kids love him
- Singular
- Cod genus
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese

29. Resistance unit

- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Cast out
- 60-minute periods
- Most worn
- European river
- Atomic mass unit
- Items of food
- Body parts
- Ireland
- Partner to Pa
- Sammy ___, songwriter
- Dutch settler
- Full-grown pike fish
- Sun or solar disk
- Minute arachnid
- From a distance
- A monthly expense
- Young women's association
- Brazilian state
- Air freight provider
- Pointed end of a pen