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Athlete of the Month



NAME: Farrah Wojcik
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Wojcik has had an outstanding season for the Panthers, winning almost all of her individual matches to this point in the season.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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T-Birds win Game 4 to force deciding fifth game

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds staved off elimination for a third time this postseason, picking up a 2-0 shut-out win over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins last Thursday night at the MassMutual Center. Springfield win ties the series, 2-2, and forces a deciding Game 5 last Saturday at Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza. Early indications were that neither team's red hot goaltender was going to give up anything easy, as the Penguins' Sergei Murashov turned away 13 first period shot attempts from the T-Birds. In turn, Georgii Romanov went a perfect 7-for-7 in the opening period for Springfield. The Penguins appeared to take a 1-0 lead just past the 6:00 mark of the game when Harrison Brunicke jumped into a rush on the right side and snapped a shot over Romanov into the top shelf. However, after officials gathered to converse, it was ruled that Romanov could not properly play his position, and the goal was disallowed. The scoreless deadlock carried well past the midpoint of the game, with Springfield surviving a pair of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton power plays in the opening half of period two. The T-Birds' power play then made its presence known, snapping an 0-for-15 drought when Dillon Dube fielded a pass in the slot area and chipped a forehand shot over Murashov's glove to make it a 1-0 Springfield lead at 16:14 of the middle stanza. It was Dube's team-leading fifth goal of the postseason and third in the series.

The T-Birds continued to make life miserable for the Penguin offense as the game shifted into the third period. With Wilkes-Barre/Scranton unable to register more than seven shots in any period, Springfield took advantage to gain some insurance at 6:48 of the third when Akil Thomas fired a pass in the slot to Thomas Bordeleau. Bordeleau's shot deflected back to a trailing Marc-Andre Gaudet. The defenseman's one-time attempt knocked a stick out of a defender's hand, and the puck slowly elevated and trickled over the head of a perplexed Murashov, making it a 2-0 Springfield lead. From there, Romanov took care of the rest, securing a Game 4 shutout for a second consecutive round and moving the T-Birds to a perfect 4-0 record following a loss in these playoffs.

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Sovittaja Park events for 100th anniversary

RUTLAND – This year, the Finnish Heritage Society Sovittaja celebrates the 100th anniversary of Sovittaja Park. The park and its hall have been home to outdoor games, social events, barbecues and dances on an old world crafted high quality dance floor. The following events are open to the public and are an opportunity to participate in the Finnish cultural heritage.

The Finnish Heritage Society Sovittaja is sponsoring the series, in part, through its cultural fund established to share the Finnish culture and heritage with the community.

On Saturday, June 20 there will be an evening of laughter with Finnish American comedian Miska Kajanus. This family fun evening will have food available from 4-6 p.m.; program begins at 6 p.m. Following the performance, there will be a dance.

Kajanus is recognized as the 2024 Performer of the Year by the Finlandia Foundation National. Admission is \$5 per person; for advanced ticket sales, people should call 508-365-4062.

On Sunday, July 19 at 7 p.m. there will be a dance with music by Dan Mackowiak. Cost is \$8 per person.

On Sunday, July 26 at 12:30 p.m. the 55th annual chicken barbecue takes place. The menu includes a full chicken dinner, raffle items and the presentation of scholarships. Cost is \$18 per person; advanced ticket sales required by calling 508-365-4062.

On Saturday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. there will be a dance with music by Dan Mackowiak. Cost is \$8 per person.

On Sunday, Aug. 23 at 2 p.m. there will be coffee with the Finns with Finnish sweets and a presentation on the traditional Finnish "Egg Coffee" by Lisa Tarkiainen Steele, cookbook author, fifth generation chicken keeper and master gardener. Donations are appreciated.

On Sunday, Sept. 13 there will be a painting workshop: landscape with birch trees with local artist Jen Swan. All levels welcome and supplies included.

Cost is \$10 per person. Advanced registration is required by emailing Jenswan07@gmail.com by Tuesday, Sept. 1.

On Saturday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. there will be a dance with music by Dan Mackowiak. Cost is \$8 per person.

The club is seeking old photos of events at the park. Photos should be scanned and sent to: memoriesbycrimsonbriar@yahoo.com. People are invited to join these events and experience a little bit of Finland in Central Massachusetts.

In the Classroom

College News

Adelaide Mangum graduates from University of Georgia

ATHENS, GA – Adelaide Kay Mangum of Rutland is one of over 9,400 candidates to be recognized in the University of Georgia's Class of 2026 spring Commencement ceremonies held this week.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree in music.

Kelly Daise graduates from Stonehill College

EASTON – Kelly Daise of North Brookfield received a Bachelor of Science degree at Stonehill College's 75th Commencement held on May 17.

At this year's ceremony, Leo J. Meehan III '75, president and CEO of W.B. Mason, served as keynote speaker. He also received an honorary degree alongside Matt Brown '16, who established the Matt Brown Foundation, and Sister Andrea Lee, I.H.M., former president of St. Catherine University and Alverno College.

Public Notices

NOTICE TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE SEALED BID REQUEST

The Town of New Braintree Select Board requests sealed bids on gasoline, diesel, 2 fuel and services on heating equipment for FY 2027. For details and bid packet, please call 508-867-2071 ext. 100 or email: racerra@newbraintree.gov 05/21, 05/28/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO26P1677EA Estate of: Marian Grace Thomas Date of Death: 04/04/2026 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Stephen T Thomas of New Braintree, MA** request-

ing that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Stephen T Thomas of New Braintree, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/16/2026**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 20, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
05/28/2026

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