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COMMUNITY

## Building Bridges for Veterans at AMVETS



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy  
Volunteers putting together the lunch made for the group, (from left to right) John Sasur, Tina Brohman, Ann Ryan, and Mike Matthews.

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PALMER—On April 11, veterans gathered at AMVETS Post 74 at 2150 Main Street in Three Rivers for the first “Building Bridges Veterans Lunch.” The lunch was organized by Tina Brohman, the Palmer Veteran Service Officer, and Reverend Chris from Northampton, who is the current leader behind the Building Bridges program. The lunch is free for veterans and one guest. RSVP is required by calling 413-283-2610 and leaving a voicemail with your name and number. The next confirmed lunches will be held on May 9 and June 13. These lunches take place on the second Friday of each month.

The first lunch welcomed around 35 to 40 attendees,

with one or two new people joining each time. Nine round tables were set up for guests to sit and connect. Each table had jugs with ice water. At the front of the room, there was a coffee station with assorted milk, cream, and sugar for guests to help themselves.

In addition to the lunch, Tina Brohman also organizes a coffee hour every third Wednesday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The goal of the coffee hour is to introduce veterans to different vendors and programs that can assist veterans and seniors in living to their full potential. There will also be a “Know It Before You Need It” event happening in September at the library. This event will include multiple people who can help veterans and seniors with estate planning, Medicare, and

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PALMER—Palmer’s annual Easter-ific Egg Hunt, a newer community tradition, brought families together for a day of egg hunts, games, treats, and plenty of smiles under the bright spring sun at Pulaski Park. The event was held Sunday, April 13, attracted hundreds of eager children and their families, all looking forward to a day of Easter fun and surprises.

This year’s Easter-ific Egg Hunt marked the fifth consecutive year of the event, which was born out of a need for free, accessible family activities during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lori Chiacchia, a paraprofessional in a special education classroom at Old Mill Pond Elementary School, has spearheaded the event since its inception



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy  
A young girl crouching down to pick up an egg while her parent carries her basket.

in 2020. What began as a way to fill the void left by canceled community activities has blossomed into a much-anticipated annual

tradition. The event was made possible through the sup-

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EDUCATION

## School Committee confronts fiscal challenges

Pre-K program adjustments

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MONSON—The Monson School Committee convened its regularly scheduled business meeting on April 9 where they discussed tuition increases and staff reductions to long-term planning for the school district’s educational offerings. The committee also engaged with public input, deliberated on potential program cuts, and examined the financial sustainability of its preschool services.

During public comment, Erica Nissenbaum raised concerns about proposed cuts to the preschool program. Specifically, Nissenbaum sought clarification on whether the committee was planning to reduce a position, restructure the program, and how these changes might impact the offerings available to families in town. No additional comments were made from Zoom attendees.

A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the FY26 operating budget, with particular attention to the preschool program. The committee re-

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Turley photos by Amanda Munson  
The walking tour was led by Mike DeFalco who was passionate about keeping history alive in the town and answering questions from curious attendees.

BRIMFIELD

## Historical Comm. conducts village walking tour

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BRIMFIELD - The Brimfield Historical Commission conducted a historical walking tour of the Brimfield Center Village, beginning in front of St. Christopher’s Church and ending at the First Congregational Church, with the tour reviewing several properties like the Civil War Monument, the Brimfield Hotel, the Bliss

Tavern and much more. Plans for future walking tours and self-guided tours created by the historical commission, over a dozen projects in the works and a love for the town of Brimfield, this walking tour is only the beginning on Apr. 13.

Talking with Historical Commission Member Mike DeFalco about the walking tour and his involvement with-

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PUBLIC SAFETY



Turley photos by Amanda Munson  
A family photo of Gabby, Gia, and Benny Nasiatka after listening to a story.

## Storytime with Smokey the Bear

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THREE RIVERS—On the morning of Wednesday, Apr. 9, the Three Rivers Fire Dept. held a storytime with Smokey the Bear for families from the Palmer Monson Family Center, celebrating the Week of the Young Child, an annual celebration

sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The Palmer Monson Family Center mission is having a place that parents and their children can learn and play together.

The fire department wanted to show how a firefighter would enter a fire

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STORIES FROM THE QUARRY:

## The Pascale family legacy in Monson’s granite industry

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MONSON—On a sunny Sunday afternoon, the Keep Homestead Museum in Monson hosted its season-opening event, “Stories from the Quarry,” a captivating look into the history and craftsmanship of the Flynt Quarry. The event offered the public an opportunity to learn about the historic quarrying industry that

shaped much of Monson’s architectural landscape. The program featured the Pascale family, who have been integral to the stone cutting trade for over a century.

The Pascale family’s involvement in the quarry began when Salvatore Pasquale, the patriarch, immigrated to the United States from a small town near Naples, Italy, in 1890. Salvatore settled near the Flynt Quarry and, already a mason by trade, began working at the quarry while raising his family. Salvatore’s story is a testament to the enduring legacy of Ital-

Turley photos by Abigail McCoy  
The blessing from the Pope, Salvatore Pasquale received in order to carve crosses for churches.

ian-American craftsmanship that continues to resonate in Monson today.

Bob Meacham, director of the Keep Homestead Museum, kicked off the event by introducing the Pascale family. “The Pascals have been part of this town’s history for generations,” Meacham said. “They’ve contributed not only to the buildings you see around you but to the very



character of Monson itself.” Randy Pascale, 63, a fourth-generation stone mason, then took the stage to share stories of his family’s work and the quarrying techniques they’ve passed down. Randy recounted how his

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# Monson annual plant sale May 10

MONSON—Monson Garden Club will hold its Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 10 at Dave Grieve Park Gazebo on Main St. in Monson starting at 9 a.m. A wide selection of perennials in addition to wildflowers, vegetables, shrubs, house plants, bulbs and herbs will be available. Prices range from \$3 and up. There will also be an assortment of

special gift planters for Mother's Day gifts. The plants come from members' gardens, and members will be available to answer questions about the plants they enjoy. Proceeds from the sale are used for local community projects such as the downtown plantings, holiday greens, and scholarships.

# Palmer Senior Center Menu

**Friday, April 18**  
*Closing at Noon No Lunch*  
**Monday, April 21**  
Closed - Patriot's Day!  
**Tuesday, April 22**  
Egg, ham, cheese croissant  
**Wednesday, April 23**  
Potato Pollock filet, coleslaw, steamed corn, tartar, WW bread, applesauce  
**Thursday, April 24**  
Egg, sausage, cheese croissant  
**Friday, April 25**  
Ravioli w/meat sauce, tossed salad w/Italian, garlic bread, fresh fruit  
**Monday, April 28**

Beef stroganoff, Brussels sprouts, egg noodles, wheat roll, cookie  
**Wednesday, April 30**  
Turkey breakfast sausage, spiced applesauce, potatoes O'Brien, French toast w/syrup, fresh fruit, orange juice  
Lunch \$3.00 suggested donation Please note the suggested donation has increased.  
Breakfast cost is \$3.00  
*Please note: You must sign up for breakfast If you don't no meal will be ordered for you.*

# Jazz Bones to perform at first Church April 27

MONSON—The Jazz Bones under the direction of David Neill will perform at First Church Monson, 5 High Street, on Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. A cookies and punch reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the performance. The Jazz Bones is the only jazz trombone ensemble in the area. The ensemble delivers a

dynamic sound for four tenor trombones, one bass trombone, guitar, bass and drums. This rhythmic presentation will appeal to persons of all ages. The concert is underwritten by the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

# United Methodist Church Holy Week schedule

MONSON—The United Methodist Church of Enfield, 41 Brainard Road, Enfield, in cooperation with area churches, is offering Holy Week services for everyone.  
**Holy Week Schedule**  
**Apr 17 Maundy Thursday**  
7 p.m. at Monson-Glen-dale UMC, 162 Main Street, Monson, MA  
**Apr 18 Good Friday**  
7 p.m. at UMC Enfield, 41 Brainard Road, Enfield, CT  
**Apr 20 Easter Sunrise**  
6 a.m. at Monson-Glen-

dale UMC, 162 Main Street, Monson, MA  
**Apr 20 Easter Service**  
9:30 a.m. at UMC Enfield, 41 Brainard Road, Enfield, CT  
**Apr 20 Easter Service**  
11 a.m. at Monson-Glen-dale UMC, 162 Main Street, Monson, MA  
For more information, call the church office at 860-745-6241 or visit the church's website at umce.org  
Founded in 1791, The United Methodist Church of Enfield is a family of Christians striving to grow in faith, love, and service.



## Pet of the Week

**BLUE**

Blue is a six-year-old Siberian husky. We took Blue in as our own when his owner had to go overseas for the military. Some of you may have inadvertently met Blue on his escape travels throughout Three Rivers. Thankfully, he prefers staying home now. We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to [journalregister@turley.com](mailto:journalregister@turley.com).



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# Annual Plant, Bake Sale, Craft & Tag Sale on the Hardwick Common

HARDWICK—The Tri-Parish Community Church is pleased to announce they will be holding their 19th Annual Plant, Bake Sale, Craft & Tag Sale on the Hardwick Common Saturday and Sunday, May 17th and 18th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. This popular East Quabbin area event will feature traditional, favorite, and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants, and herbs in time for spring planting. There is a wonderful variety in plants offered through several local vendors including Stillman's Farm and Howe's Farm and Garden of

New Braintree, Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, and "home-grown lovelies" from private gardens. A delicious assortment of home-baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The event is held rain or shine. The Church is also seeking vendors for their annual Tag and Craft sale to coincide with the Plant and Bake Sale. Spaces on the Hardwick Common will be offered for \$35 each. Applications may be obtained by contacting Marguerite at: [mcrevier1.mc@gmail.com](mailto:mcrevier1.mc@gmail.com) or 413-477-6942. Please reserve your space early. All are welcome!

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# All About Town

MONSON



## Getting to Know your Town Employees

*Hailee Fullen, Monson's Veteran Service Officer*

MONSON—We are featuring town employees to recognize and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

These town employees are what help keep our communities running, providing resources, help, information, fun events, organization, and more for us to enjoy.

Here is an interview with Hailee Fullen, Monson's Veteran Service Officer.

### What is your favorite thing about the town?

"My favorite thing about Monson is how friendly and welcoming everyone has been! I also enjoy how supportive Monson is to their small businesses and I am a huge fan of the local small businesses located in Monson."

### What do you do in your position?

"My primary job as a Veterans Service Officer is Chapter 115. It is a program that helps veterans who need financial assistance stay above the federal poverty line. My other duties include assisting veterans or their

families taking care of veterans with other local services or benefits that they might be entitled to."

### Describe an average day at the office?

"An average day at the office includes checking my emails and listening to any voicemails I may have. Then ensure that the chapter 115 checks have been completed. Next, I would process any chapter 115 applications I have including running investigations on the evidence provided with the applications. I would also host any veteran that has come in to see me or has an appointment scheduled."

### Tell me a bit about you. Are you a resident? What's your education?

"I grew up in Western MA and graduated from Belchertown High School. After high school, I joined the Air Force and was active duty for six years. I was stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany and Hanscom Air Force Base in Lexington, MA. While I was active duty, I went to college full time and obtained my associates

in criminal justice from the Community College of the Air Force and a bachelor's degree in psychology with a concentration in forensics. I decided to pursue a civilian career using my psychology degree in 2021 and left active duty and joined the Massachusetts National Guard at the 104th Fighter Wing in Westfield, MA. I ultimately decided to leave my military career after a total of 7.5 years when I became a mother."

### What other departments or committees/boards do you work closely with?

"I closely work with the Executive Office of Veterans Services with the state. I also work closely with other Veterans Service Officers in the area."

### What is the most fulfilling part of your job?

"The most fulfilling part of my job is helping veterans who have given so much for their community and country. I missed the comradery that I felt while I was serving so this job gives me that sense of comradery back."

### What inspired you to take on the position?

"My mother inspired me to take on the position. She is the VSO for the Town of Palmer and I saw just how much she loved it and loved working with the veterans in her community."

### Where is your office located? What are your office hours?

"My office is located at the Monson Town Offices at 110 Main Street, Monson. I am part time and my office hours vary from week to week, but I can be reached by email and phone. hfullen@monson-ma.gov /413-267-4140"

### What is the history of your department? What makes it unique from others?

"The history of my department dates back to the Civil War. At the beginning of the war, the state established the Department of Veterans Services as well as Chapter 115 to provide financial assistance to the veterans in the community."

### What do you want the community to know about your position?

"I want the community to know that I am employed by



Turley photo by Abigail McCoy

Monson Veteran Service Officer Hailee Fullen.

the town and I work in collaboration with the state but I do not work for the Department of Veterans Affairs. They are an entirely different agency that handles different types of benefits for veterans than my

office does."

*Compiled by Abigail McCoy, staff writer, if you know of a town employee that we could feature please email amccoy@turley.com.*

## Building Bridges FREE Veterans lunch May 9

THREE RIVERS—A free lunch for veterans and one guest will be available on Fridays May 9 and June 13 from noon to 1 p.m. The lunch will be served at the

Amvets Post 74 located at 2150 Main St. in Three Rivers. Reservations are needed, call 413-283-2610 and leave voicemail.

## American Heritage Museum trip April 30

PALMER—The Palmer Veterans Service Department is proud to announce a bus trip to the American Heritage Museum on April 30. Pick up will be at 8:30 a.m. and drop-off will be at 4:15 at the Amvets Post 74 at 2150 Main Street in

Three Rivers.

Veterans are free with an ID, guests are \$20 each this includes bus, admission and lunch.

Call 413-316-0597 to make reservations, seats are limited.

## Monson Garden Club scholarship

MONSON—The Monson Garden Club has announced that two \$500 scholarships are available to high school seniors who reside in Monson and plan to continue school at a 2 or 4 year college to study in any branch of the life, natural, or environmental sciences. Applications with instructions may be obtained through their school guidance office and are due by April 29, 2025.



## Sock Hop Dance April 25

THREE RIVERS—The Second Annual Sock Hop Dance featuring New Englands Premier Oldies Band "Decades" will be on Friday, April 25 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Amvets, 2150 Main Street in Three Rivers.

Tickets are \$5 (12 and

under are free). Tickets are available at Amvets or call 413-316-0597. There will be raffle prizes and a 50/50. Food and milkshakes available for purchase.

Money will benefit the local Veterans activity fund.

## Dine for a Cause May 7

LUDLOW—Dine for a cause on Wednesday, May 7 at Villa Rose Restaurant on 1428 Center St. in Ludlow. Dine all day and 20 percent of all food receipts will be donated to the Amvets Post 74 Scholarship Fund.

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# Viewpoints

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### Will my Social Security increase if I keep working after applying?

Dear Rusty:

I am going to be 67 in a few weeks and I plan on working for another year or two.

According to Social Security, they count the best 35 years to come up with your benefit. I currently have 30 years, with 2024 and 2025 taxes yet to be filed. If I take my benefit now, will I get an upward adjustment after filing my taxes for those years or do I need to wait to apply for SS until after filing my taxes to get credit for those years?

**Signed: Still Working**

**Dear Still Working:**

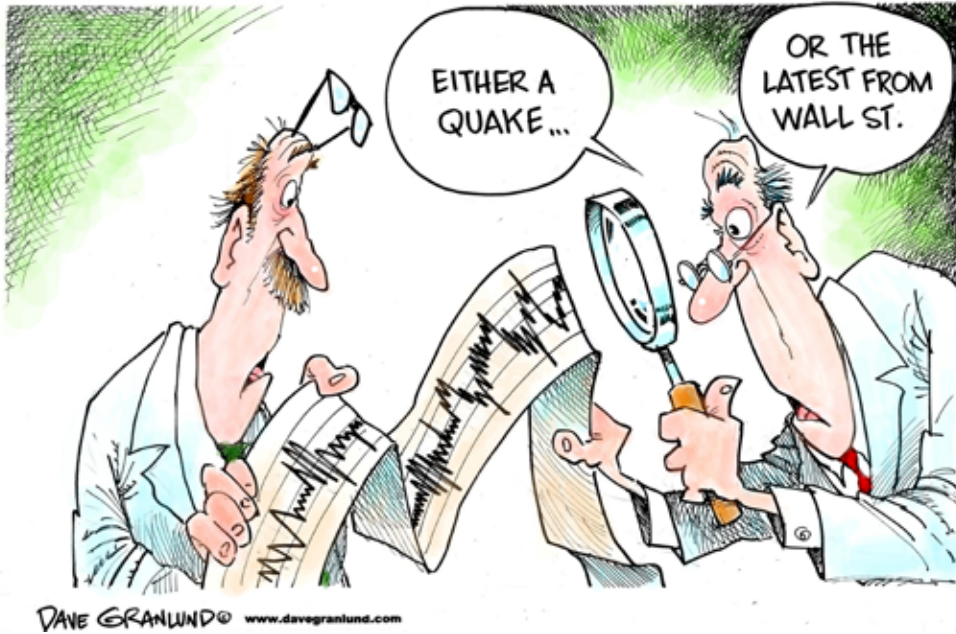
Whenever you claim your Social Security benefit, SSA will look at your lifetime earnings record on file at the time as received from the IRS and calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount" using that record on file. They will use your highest earning 35 years to do that calculation and, if you do not yet have 35 years, they will use "zero \$\$" enough times to make it 35 years. In other words, your benefit will always be calculated using 35 years, whether you actually have 35 years of earnings on record or not.

However, Social Security revisits your earnings record whenever additional information is received from the IRS, so if file your taxes and add the additional year's income after you start your Social Security benefits, you will get credit for those additional earnings. Essentially, you will be replacing one of the "zero \$\$" years originally used to calculate your benefit amount and Social Security will recalculate your monthly amount to reflect that, resulting in an increase to your monthly benefit.

Thus, as long as you work and earn and report your earnings to the IRS, Social Security will update your record and automatically give you a higher benefit if warranted by your more recent earnings. That recalculation usually happens later in the year after April 15, but Social Security will make any increase retroactive to the beginning of the calendar year, so you will get any higher benefit effective with January.

So, since you have already reached your Full Retirement Age, you can (if you wish) apply for Social Security now and be confident that Social Security will give you credit for any additional earnings after you apply. And for clarity, if you choose to wait beyond your full retirement age to claim, you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs), which will continue to increase your monthly benefit amount until you are 70 years of age. DRCs will add 8% to your PIA for each full year you delay (.667% for each month you delay past your FRA).

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### Vacation plans, anyone?

Many people plan trips over April vacation! Not me, I am planning an escape to the garden.

I have been chomping at the bit to do some gardening in spite of this crazy, post-winter weather we are having. Can you believe it snowed twice last week?

Maybe a dusting at your house, but Saturday's snowfall was a despicable four inches! At least forecasts for this upcoming week are improving, and I'm hoping that vacation week's are even better.

While it's best to wait until Memorial Day to sow bean and squash seeds, as well as transplant your tomato and pepper seedlings into the garden, there are many veggies that thrive in cooler spring temperatures. Here is a re-cap of a column from a few years back, outlining the veggie seeds that can be sown in the garden now:

Beet seeds can be planted as soon as the soil can be worked. Sow them close together and thin to three inches apart for full size beets – use the culled greens in salad. For a pretty beet try Chiogga for its alternating stripes of pink and white; pick early for best quality.

More interested in beet greens than beets themselves? Beautiful Bull's Blood grows well throughout the summer months without getting bitter.

Carrots will also grow well under cool conditions, although they may take longer to come up. Keep them moist to hasten germination. Experts recommend sowing fast-growing radish seeds to mark carrot rows as well as provide shade (and therefore moisture retention).

I've also heard of folks covering rows of carrot seeds with burlap or straw for the same reason. For the longest, straightest roots, be sure the seed bed is deep and rock-free. Thin twice, with an ul-

timate spacing of one inch apart.

Amazingly enough, carrots come in all shades of yellow and orange, purple

and red, even white. Try Yellowstone, Atomic Red, Purple Haze and White Satin for an extremely colorful coleslaw.



Lettuce is one of the best crops to start now. In fact, it won't germinate at all when soil temperatures top 75 degrees.

Sow your seeds every couple of weeks for a continuous supply throughout the summer. Get creative with lattice or interplant with other crops to give lettuce a break from sun and heat.

When all your friends are complaining that their salads are bitter, you'll be rewarded for your efforts with sweet greens. Look for seeds that suit your season. Consider New Red Fire or Slobolt for growing in the summer months; Tango or Lollo Rossa for fall and winter season extension.

Parsnips, like carrots, take a long time to come up and need consistent moisture in order to germinate. Try some of the tricks I mentioned above or just be diligent with the hose.

Old Sturbridge Village grows two great heirloom varieties – Hollow Crown and Student. Harvest some after a few hard frosts in the fall, but hold on harvesting the rest until early spring.

You will be in for a sweet surprise.

Peas have been a favorite plant of mine for the last several years. Sow them now and provide support for all but the dwarfest varieties. I plant

them around the perimeter of my garden up against the fence, and will utilize "pea brush" for another row or two within the garden.

Be on the lookout for cut worms – in my garden they nearly always decimated my crop. If you see pea seedlings cut off at the soil line, gently cultivate around your plant and dispose of the chubby green or golden caterpillars.

Oregon Giant is a great snow pea, with flat pods perfect for stir fries. Tall Telephone (aka Alderman) is nearly six feet tall under optimal conditions, and yields upwards of 30 pounds of peas per one hundred foot row.

Spinach is another crop that must be started early to ensure success, and a crop I can't quite seem to master. I was never satisfied with the meal or two I ate before the plants bolted – I wanted more!

So instead of growing regular spinach, I now grow New Zealand Spinach. It isn't a true spinach, nor does it resemble one, but it can be grown throughout the summer and substituted for cooked spinach in nearly any recipe.

Soak the large seeds overnight before sowing to hasten germination. Pinch off and use the waxy leaves when they reach two or three inches long. New Zealand spinach also freezes extremely well.

Enjoy these earliest days in the garden; I know I will! The best vacation ever spent.

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your health

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Guest Column

### What you need (and don't need) in the medicine cabinet

Time for spring cleaning! National Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day falls annually on the third Friday of April – on April 18 this year. It's a good reminder to not only get rid of expired or no-longer needed supplies and meds, but also make sure you have what you need when you need it.

This observance was started by a company called DisposeRx, which is in the business of (as the name implies) of helping people safely discard medications. Whether or not they intended it as a promotion of their services, they've done us a favor by reminding us each year of this important task.

First, though, let's look at what it means when a medi-

cation is expired.

Since 1979, drug manufacturers have been required to stamp an expiration date on their products. This is the date at which the manufacturer guarantees the full potency and safety of the medication. With the exception of nitroglycerin, insulin and liquid antibiotics, most drugs are OK to use well after their "expiration date"; they may just lose some potency.

So you can save money by not automatically throwing out "expired" aspirin or acetaminophen. You can also make medications last longer by keeping them in a cool, dry place away from pets, kids and adolescents. The bathroom medicine cabinet, despite its name, is about the worst place to keep them because of warmth, humidity and accessibility.

OK, time to restock.

What should your medicine cabinet contain? The most useful medications are those that help deal with common aches, allergies and illnesses.

Pain relievers/fever reducers: Acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol), ibuprofen (i.e. Motrin) or aspirin. Have a thermometer (a non-contact digital one is fine) to check for fever before giving fever-reducers to children.

Antihistamines: Medications such as Benadryl, Claritin, Zyrtec or their generic equivalents.

Antacids: This can include tablets like Tums or liquids like milk of magnesia. Decongestants: Common ones include Sudafed and Neo-Synephrine. Be careful using nasal decongestants, as they can cause rebound congestion.

Cough suppressants: Research has found that these products aren't all that effective, but if you're troubled by a dry cough, you can keep dextromethorphan or throat

lozenges on hand.

Eye drops: Artificial tears, moisturizing drops or allergy relief drops can ease irritations.

Antidiarrheal: Don't be caught without some Imodium, Pepto-Bismol or their generic cousins.

Beyond medications, make sure you keep some sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher) and insect repellent – those containing DEET maintain effectiveness for up to three years. You also should have for first aid some antibacterial ointment, bandages, gauze pads, antiseptic wipes and alcohol swabs. Keep a kit like this in the car, too.

Tweezers will help extract slivers or ticks. Small scissors are helpful sometimes in removing bandages.

If you do end up with out-of-date or unneeded prescriptions (including prescriptions that a pet may have had), dispose of them safely. The next National Prescription Take-Back Day is April

26. Since 2010, nearly 10,000 tons of drugs have been collected. For information, visit [dea.gov/takebackday](http://dea.gov/takebackday).

To find a participating site in Massachusetts, visit [mass.gov/info-details/find-a-waste-medication-kit-0sk](http://mass.gov/info-details/find-a-waste-medication-kit-0sk).

If you need to dispose of medications at home, here are some tips.

1) Trash what you can trash. It's not a good idea to throw pill bottles – empty or containing medications – into the trash.

First, take the drugs out of their containers. Don't crush pills or open capsules.

Next, mix the drugs with kitty litter, coffee grounds or some other yucky material. Put the mixture into a sealed container or sealable plastic bag and place it in the garbage.

Before tossing prescription bottles, remove the labels or use a permanent marker to

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great-grandfather, Salvatore, was granted permission by the Pope in 1890 to carve properly blessed crosses for churches, a privilege that has followed the family ever since.

“This works for all Pascales,” Randy joked. “We’re all going to heaven with this thing.”

Despite the often gritty nature of their work, Randy emphasized the importance of stone cutting. “It’s not glamorous work, but it’s vital,” he explained. “We’re creating things that last; buildings, bridges, and memorials that stand the test of time. It’s dangerous work, too. There’s the constant risk of injury, and then there’s Stone Cutter’s Consumption, a lung disease that affected my grandfather. My great-grandfather Salvatore died from it in his 50s.”

Granite, the material that defines the Flynt Quarry, is dense and heavy, with variations that range from 165 to 175 pounds per cubic foot. The granite from the Monson quarry, known for its dark grey color with quartz veins, can be especially hazardous due to the sharp rocks and dust that get into the air when stone is split.

Randy reminisced about learning the craft alongside his grandfather and father. “I remember watching them split giant rocks with simple tools when I was a kid. It was amazing.”

The Pascale family’s deep connection to the craft is further exemplified by their possession of the late Ezio DeSantis’ original stone carving tools. The family acquired nearly 400 tools at a tag sale hosted by the DeSantis family years ago. DeSantis, a celebrated stone carver, is known for sculpting the tribute statue of a World War I soldier located on the corner of Main & Chapin St in Hampden, MA. Randy recalled meeting Ezio during the sculpting process. “It was a hot summer day, and the model, Tony Alanzo, was getting uncomfortable in his military jacket. Ezio

told him, ‘You can’t sculpt someone who doesn’t want to be sculpted. Sometimes you need breaks.’ That stuck with me.”

In addition to their hands-on skills, the Pascales are also custodians of history. Randy shared that the family continues to build new structures, such as the Granite Bulletin Board in front of the new Town Hall, while also restoring and maintaining the older granite landmarks built by previous generations. “We’re lucky and thankful we can still do our work generations later,” Randy said. “There’s a real sense of pride in it.”

For those unfamiliar with the techniques of stone cutting, Randy offered a glimpse into the traditional methods still employed by the Pascales.

“The main way to split gi-



Randy (right) and Joe (left) Pasquale, father and son working together in the stone cutting business.



Joe (right) and his son Leo (left) demonstrating how to split a rock with shims and wedges.

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Ezio Desantis, the famous sculpture tools that were bought by a Pasquale family member during a Desantis yard sale.



The Bethany Cemetery Chapel that Ezio Destantis carved from materials from the Flynt Quarry.

ant stones is by drilling holes and using shims and wedges,” Randy explained. “Once you get the holes drilled and the shims in place, that’s 90% of the work done.” He also noted that while modern machinery has taken over many aspects of quarrying, there are still a few things that require the steady hand and patience of a seasoned mason.

The Flynt Quarry, which shut down in 1940 due to competition from modern machinery, once employed many local families. The site eventually became the Monson Dump, but the legacy of the quarry lives on in the town’s architecture and the stories of the people who worked there.

Granite, known for its strength and durability, outlasts other materials like concrete, making it the preferred

choice for long-lasting monuments and buildings. However, Randy pointed out that using granite is far more labor-intensive and costly than more modern building materials. “Concrete is easier and cheaper, but granite wears like iron. It lasts forever,” he said.

The Pascale family’s work remains a cornerstone of Monson’s identity, and their story is a testament to the grit and perseverance of a family that has been shaping stone, and shaping the community, for over a century. For those interested in learning more, the Keep Homestead Museum’s website, [keephomesteadmuseum.org](http://keephomesteadmuseum.org), offers details about upcoming programs, and the Pascale family’s work can be found on their Facebook page, where they book projects and share their craftsmanship with the community.

The event provided a fascinating and intimate glimpse into the past and present of Monson’s granite industry, and as Randy Pascale so aptly put it, “We’re lucky we can still do our work generations later.” It’s a sentiment that will likely resonate with the community for generations to come.

## Ruth Bader Ginsburg comes to Keep Homestead

MONSON—The Keep Homestead Museum, located at 35 Ely Road in Monson, is excited to welcome back talented actress Sheryl Faye as she portrays RUTH BADER GINSBURG on Sunday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. during our open house.

This immersive multi-media one woman performance is the inspiring story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s life as a lawyer, professor, judge, and Supreme Court

justice. She was a leading voice for gender equality, women’s interests, and civil rights.

Sheryl, who has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in acting from Emerson College in Boston, presents live historical performances that help audiences understand the positive impact women have made in history. She portrays women whom she admires because of their courage, determination, strength, and caring.

This event is funded by a grant from the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency of the Mass. Cultural Council. There is no admission fee; donations are always welcome. The museum will be open from 1 to 3:30 p.m. with light refreshments. For more information about the museum visit [www.KeepHomesteadMuseum.org](http://www.KeepHomesteadMuseum.org).

## YOUR HEALTH

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cover up personally identifiable information (name, address, etc).

2) Flush unneeded opioids. If a take-back option isn’t available, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends flushing opioids to get them out of the home immediately. Go to [fda.gov](http://fda.gov) and search “flush list” for the eligible drugs.

3) Deal with sharps. Because of the boom in injectable weight-loss drugs, more

sharps are being discarded. Immediately place used sharps in an approved collection container, available at pharmacies. When it’s about three-fourths full, seal and dispose of it at a pharmacy, hazardous waste collection facility or through a mail-back program. For state-specific guidance, the FDA recommends contacting [info@safeneededdisposal.org](mailto:info@safeneededdisposal.org).

When we handle and dispose of medications properly, we’re not only keeping ourselves and our families safe – we are also helping keep

our communities safe. This spring, let’s all do our part.

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# Brimfield BrewFest with a Spring Snow



“Bucha Bro’s In Gut We Trust” (from left to right) Emma Fisher, Edward Fisher Jr., and Ryan Laurie.



In Tolerance Brewing brought loads of family to help with their table, (from left to right) Rick Carter, Laura Van Deusen, Russ Van Deusen, Owner Jason Van Deusen, and Dan Godek.



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**Brand Ambassador, Teirney Batista, recommending their Crush Groove IPA.**



**Jaclyn Gunn, one of the brand ambassadors for Counterweight Brewing, showing off the two brews they were pouring at their table.**



**Joan Simpson, owner of Pig Candy, sells her homemade glazed and candied bacon.**



**Ray Mengel, owner of Cookies by Ray, ran her own cookie truck at the brew fest.**

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BRIMFIELD—Braving a surprise dusting of snow and a brisk spring chill, hundreds of craft beer aficionados and food lovers gathered behind the New England Motel on Route 20 for the 2nd Brimfield Brewfest on Saturday, April 12. The festival ran from 12 to 4 p.m., showcasing over 40 craft breweries, 16 home brewers, and more than a dozen unique food and artisan vendors under three expansive, covered pavilions.

Freelance event planner Matt Skowrya, the creative force behind the event, once again brought together brewers, bakers, and beverage-makers for a spirited afternoon of local flavor and community connection. Known for organizing events like the Made In New England Artisan Fair and the Good Time Family Festival, Skowrya has established a successful partnership with the owners of the New England Motel, transforming the space into a vibrant seasonal venue.

“This is about community,” said Skowrya. “Absolutely everyone here is awesome, but I especially admire the creativity and ingenuity of the home brewers. I’m so grateful to all the vendors, visitors, and the Town of Brimfield for

making this happen.” Despite early morning snow, the mood remained festive. One vendor, Hop Hollow Bear Soap, captured the New England spirit in a Facebook post just hours before the event: “We’re New Englanders! We don’t let a little rain dictate our precious weekend! Find your raincoat, grab your Beer Bestie and we’ll see you at the Brimfield Brewfest.”

The food and artisan section of the Brewfest buzzed with local entrepreneurs offering everything from gourmet sauces to freeze-dried candy. Bucha Bro’s In Gut We Trust, a kombucha company co-owned by Edward Fisher Jr. and Ryan Laurie, marked one of their first public events since launching in October 2024. Alongside them, Fisher’s wife, Emma, helped pour seasonal brews like Cardamom Pear and Honey Chamomile. Arctic Bites, based in East Hampton, Connecticut and founded by Lori Chapman, drew curious customers with her colorful array of freeze-dried treats, including puffed Skittles and raspberries that transformed in texture thanks to her unique preparation method.

In the pet-friendly lane, Brew Biscuit’s founder Chris Yurkus showcased healthy, affordable dog treats made from spent brewing grains. He also partnered with Illinois-based “Shady Cat” to sell cat toys

infused with catnip. Sturbridge Coffee House, run by Pia Rogers and her daughters Brittany and Claire, attracted attention with their new food truck and their standout item: a creamy, coffee-flavored Tiramisu Mocktini. Fry’d Guys, a beloved fried food truck operated by Derek Belisle with help from siblings Meg and Nate Fortune, satisfied savory cravings with their best-selling Cheeseburger Balls.

Monson-based cookie entrepreneur Ray Mengel, working alongside her life partner known only as “Mr. Cookie,” served up her latest sensation, “The Pub Cookies,” offering a perfect mix of sweet, salty, and crunchy. Meanwhile, Lori LeBlanc of Wickedly Wild Gourmet Sauces celebrated a decade in business by sharing her line of gluten-free sauces. Her pride and joy remains the Wild Turkey Bourbon BBQ sauce, the very creation that inspired her journey. Joan Simpson, creator of Pig Candy, also celebrated a ten-year milestone, serving up her signature candied bacon glazed with beer-based reductions from local breweries. “It’s so easy to sell bacon to drunk people,” she joked with a grin.

Kate Lapworth, the creator of Hop Hollow Bear Soap, offered handmade soaps crafted with beer as the primary liquid ingredient. Some even used “trub,”

the nutrient-rich castoffs of beer production, believed to benefit the skin. Additional food offerings included BT’s Smokehouse and Cote’s Cooks, a German-inspired food truck owned by Isaiah Cote serving schnitzel and sauerkraut dogs. Rounding out the vendor section was CoastART, a creative wood-working booth run by Kevin Mocci, offering handmade coasters and keychains made from salvaged materials.

On the beverage front, Brimfield Brewfest welcomed an impressive slate of craft beer and cider vendors. Narragansett Lager, represented by Regional Sales Director Dennis Rochford, highlighted its legacy as New England’s oldest brewery, while Counterweight Brewing’s Jaclyn Gunn hinted at celebrations for their upcoming eighth anniversary. Seven Railroads Brewery, represented by bartender Lexie Watts, poured a robust Doppelbock and a crisp West Coast Pale Ale. Spyglass Brewing Company’s Erika Anderson recommended their standout Citra Singularity IPA, while Nate Perry of Incandescent Brewing, who only opened his taproom in late March, poured alongside his friend Josh Malouin.

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Brewing’s brand ambassador Heatherly Rooke showcased their popular “Pulp Daddy” ale, along with their full line of hard seltzers and ales. Teirney Batista of Soul Purpose Brewing offered up their Crush Groove IPA, a lighter option at 5% ABV. At the Wormtown table, Monson town employee Hope Bodwell brought humor to the event, joking, “the town has her days, while beer has her

der-making heritage. Christina Carpenter-Zevska represented Northampton-based Progression Brewing Company, while Pam and Jim Spurrell of Lost Towns Brewing served up their popular Flannels & Blankets Brown Ale, inspired by the history and character of local towns. Keith Kisslinger of Paradox Brewery offered their clean, refreshing Pilsner, and Jason Vandeusen of In Tolerance Brewing shared the colorful and fruity “Rainbow Raspberry Beer” with help from friends and family.

As the event wrapped up, Skowrya reflected on the Brewfest’s rapid growth and its enthusiastic reception from the community. “We hosted our first Brewfest last October, and the community has embraced it. We hope to keep it going every fall and spring,” he said.

Whether guests came for the hoppy IPAs, fruity kombucha, sizzling schnitzel, or handcrafted soap, the Brimfield Brewfest offered something for everyone; showcasing not only the talent and flavor of local creators but the deep-rooted camaraderie of a New England town that knows how to come together, no matter the weather.



**Bunny the Dog supporting the local Wormtown Brewery with her owner.**



**Owner, Lori Chapman, of Arctic Bites, poses behind the sign proclaiming what she sells.**



**Sturbridge Coffee House family business, (from left to right) Pia, Brittany, and Claire Rogers.**



**Carlson Orchards personal Cider Chef, Paul Correnty, poured alcoholic and nonalcoholic ciders for his table.**



**Kevin Mocci, owner of CoastART, a series of coaster themed art products he produces.**



**Fry’d Guys, fried food truck with its workers, (from left to right) Derek Belisle (owner) and siblings Meg and Nate Fortune.**



**Bartender Lexie Watts and Co-owner Rachel Rosenbloom of the Seven Railroads Brewery pour two of their brews for people.**



## Palmer Women's Tuesday Club meet up at Hardwick Vineyard & Winery



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The current members of the Palmer Women's Tuesday Club barring two who couldn't make it that day. (From left to right) Donna Oppen, Cheryl Theofane, Deb Christensen, Nancy Bauer, Susan Bussell, Gloria Byrnes, Deborah Thompson, Marie Lamoine, Barbara Larkin, Teresa Abbate.

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PALMER—In the scenic hills of Hardwick, where tradition meets modernity, the women of the Palmer Women's Tuesday Club came together for an afternoon steeped in friendship, education, and a touch of refinement.

Their destination: the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery, a rustic gem nestled at 3305 Greenwich Road. This month's event, hosted by Susan Bussell, marked another step in the club's yearlong journey exploring the theme of Style: A Journey Through Time.

The Palmer Women's Tuesday Club has been a cherished fixture of the town of Palmer since around 1889. With a current roster of 12 members, the group selects an annual theme, then rotates hosting duties; each member presenting a topic that ties into the theme in creative, often unexpected ways.

While some meetings lean formal, with structured presentations and official note-taking, others, like this one, favor a relaxed and social approach. Still, club traditions persist: Nancy Bauer, who hosted the last meeting, read the previous session's minutes and recorded notes from this event, preserving the club's shared history.

Arriving around 12:30 p.m., the members began the afternoon with a casual lunch of sandwiches and chips indoors, surrounded by the rustic beams and decorations of the winery as well as lively conversation. Soon after, their food was put away and the table was adorned with two bountiful platters of cheeses, grapes, crackers, dried fruits, and nuts, all selected to pair with six locally produced wines.

The tasting was led by winery employee Kaitlin Young, who poured each wine while guiding the group

through flavor profiles, pairing tips, and insights into the challenges of winemaking in Massachusetts' unpredictable climate.

The tasting began with Reservoir White, a dry Riesling made from 100% Riesling grapes sourced from



The program for the year, proclaiming their theme and how to interpret it, designed and put together by Deborah Thompson.

New York and Massachusetts. Crisp and refreshing, it offered notes of citrus and stone fruit and was suggested to pair especially well with dried apricot or a light salad. It quickly became a favorite among the group.

Next came Lavender Lookout, an aromatic white with an off-dry finish and a subtle infusion of lavender, sourced through a partnership with Summer Winds Farm in Holden. Young described it as an elegant spring wine, ideally served with brie, cheddar or honey goat cheese.

Its floral character sparked much discussion at the table.

The third wine, Enfield Apricot, featured a semi-sweet white blend laced with apricot, making it a fitting choice for Easter meals or a grilled chicken dinner. Its bright, fruity flavor was another crowd-pleaser.

Following that was Hardwick Honey, another semi-sweet white, this one enriched with a touch of local honey. Its versatile flavor made it

easy to pair, whether with honey-glazed ham, salmon, or a range of cheeses from sharp cheddar to creamy goat.

The first red of the day was Dana Black Cherry, an off-dry wine that balanced boldness with nuance. Made by blending hybrid grapes and black cherries, it was best suited for more robust dishes like duck, pork roast, or other game meats.

Finally, the tasting concluded on a sweet note with Sweet Strawberry, a dessert wine blending white hybrid grapes with fresh strawberries. Paired with cheesecake, chocolate, or cream puffs, it left a lasting impression, especially when Young suggested it could be transformed into a unique mimosa with just a splash of orange juice.

As the tasting progressed, Young also offered advice on food and wine pairing: always match the weight of the wine to the weight of the dish. Light wines suit lighter fare, while heavier reds pair better with rich, hearty meals. Her approachable expertise gave the tasting an educational flair while keeping the atmosphere lively and informal.

While wine was the focus, the afternoon was ultimately about connection. The women laughed, swapped stories and soaked in both the knowledge and the sunshine. The event was a perfect reflection of the club's mission: to explore, to learn and to grow together.

This year's Style theme will continue with a series of creative and thought-provoking sessions, including "Styles of Poetry" by Cynthia Piechota, "Hearing and Deaf Worlds: Different Styles" by Deb Christensen, "Stylish or Scandalous? Fashions That Rocked History" by Nancy Bauer, "Shoe Styles Through the Ages" by Barbara Larkin, and "The Styles and Trends of



The Hardwick Winery Employee, Kaitlin Young, who served all of the ladies and told them the wines and their pairings.

Stress Reduction" by Donna Oppen.

The history of women's

clubs in America is a powerful story of grassroots leadership and quiet revolution.

Emerging in the mid-19th century, these clubs began as spaces where women, (largely white, middle-class, and Protestant), gathered to read, learn, and discuss culture.

Over time, they evolved into major engines of civic reform. During the Progressive Era, women's clubs played a central role in movements to improve public education, establish libraries, advocate for child labor laws, and push for women's suffrage.

Though often excluded from these white-led organizations, Black women formed their own robust networks, such as the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, addressing both racial and gender injustice. These clubs helped women develop leadership skills, form political identities, and leave a lasting imprint on American society, long before they had the right to vote.

The legacy of these organizations lives on in modern clubs like the Palmer Women's Tuesday Club, which continue the tradition of learning, community service, and collective empowerment.



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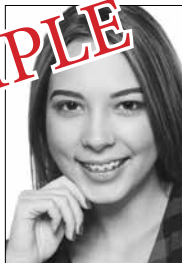
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The Lion Club members and volunteers who organized this event. (From left to right) Vinnie Placanico, Cheryl Theofane, Mel Chase, Lori Chiacchia, Tami Genholt, and Tabi Genholt.



Adults helping kids find enough eggs to get to their 24 total.



Joiah Martinez, participating in his family's business, PCM Party Rentals, please check out their facebook page for more information.



Charvy Andrews and her daughter Ari Andrews posing with the Easter Bunny.



Emily Masterson posing with the Easter Bunny.



Kids running around trying to find the most visible eggs before they're gone.



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy

The Palmer Boy Scout Troop 64, volunteering their time that day to help with the egg hunt.

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port of a variety of community organizations and volunteers, including the Santa Elves of Palmer, the Palmer Lions Club, Demore's Auto, Palmer Boy Scout Troop 64, and many other local volunteers. Chiacchia, who has overseen the planning and execution of the event in recent years, expressed gratitude for the collective efforts of the community, noting that the event could not have happened without their help.

"Over the years, the Palmer Lions Club has stepped back, allowing me to take full control of the event, and it's been an honor," Chiacchia said. "I couldn't have done it without the help of so many volunteers, including the Boy Scouts, local busi-

nesses, and Pulaski Park for providing us with such a wonderful space."

Though the event remains free for all, attendees were encouraged to make donations. The funds raised help cover the costs of the event and contribute to the Palmer Lions Club Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to local students. "Every little bit helps, and we appreciate everyone who donated," Chiacchia added.

As promised, the day's main event was the much-anticipated egg hunt. To accommodate as many children as possible, the egg hunts were divided into two separate time slots, each featuring two distinct age groups.

The first egg hunt catered to children in the 1-5 age group and the 6-10 age group. While the younger children enjoyed a relatively simple hunt in a grassy area near the pavilion, the older kids faced a more challenging adventure. Eggs for the older children were hidden in more creative spots, like tucked under piles of leaves, inside broken cinder blocks, perched on windowsills, and even hidden

in the rafters of the pavilion.

The second hunt split into two age groups: 1-5 and 6-10. The egg hunt for the younger children remained in the front grassy area, while the older children had their turn at the more difficult hunt locations.

Golden eggs, which contained special prizes, added an extra layer of excitement to the hunt. "The golden eggs are always a fun surprise for the kids," Chiacchia remarked. "It's great to see their faces light up when they find one."

While the kids were busy hunting for eggs, parents and other family members were able to enjoy a variety of snacks and treats, courtesy of local businesses and volunteers. Demore's Auto stepped in to provide coffee, munchkins, and donuts from Dunkin' for those in attendance.

Additionally, PCM Party Rentals set up a booth selling freshly made cotton candy and popcorn for cheap. "It's all about bringing the community together, and we love

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A young boy climbing the counter to get eggs down from the rafters in the 6 to 10 age area.



Eggs being found in piles of leaves and underneath counters.



A young boy finding a secret stash of eggs inside a broken cinder block.



The coffee, donuts, and munchkins table, Demore's Auto, provided for everyone.



An egg hidden in the rafters as someone jumps up to knock it down.







A wide view of the pavilion as everyone opens their eggs and exchanges golden eggs at the toy table.



One of the Boy Scout boys holding a box so people can return the egg cases so they can be recycled and reused again potentially next year.



The table where you can exchange a golden egg for a toy of your choosing.

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supporting our people,” said a member of PCM Party Rentals.

The Easter Bunny was also on hand for free photos, posing for pictures with children and families throughout the day. In true Easter spirit, the bunny handed out age-appropriate toys and treats, further adding to the joy of the occasion.

One group that was notably present at the event was Palmer Boy Scout Troop 64. While Troop Leader Pierre Chevalier was unable to attend due to work commitments, his wife, Erin Chevalier, was there to support the troop and ensure that everything ran smoothly. The scouts, ages 11 to 17, volunteered their time to help set up, manage the egg hunts, and assist with various other tasks.

Troop 64, which focuses on leadership development and community service, regularly participates in local events and volunteer efforts. “We’re always looking for new members,” said Erin Chevalier. “If you’re interested in getting your child involved in an amazing program, please check out our Facebook page, Scouts BSA Troop 64 Palmer.”

As the event drew to a close, Chiacchia expressed her gratitude to everyone involved and shared her hopes for next year. “I’m so thankful to everyone who volunteered their time, donated, and participated in this year’s event. We hope to make it even bigger and better next year.”

The event’s success would not have been possible without the hard work of Chiacchia and the many community members and organizations that helped make it a reality. The Palmer Easter-ific Egg Hunt continues to serve as a testament to the spirit of community and collaboration that defines Palmer.

For more information about future events, donations, or how to volunteer, visit the Palmer Easter-ific Egg Hunt Facebook page.



Hampden County Sheriffs Department recent graduates. Submitted photo

Hampden County Sheriffs Department recent graduates.

## Hampden County Sheriff’s office celebrates recent graduation

53rd Western  
Massachusetts  
County Correctional  
Officer Academy

SPRINGFIELD—On Friday, April 4, the Hampden County Sheriff’s Office proudly celebrated the graduation of the 53rd Western Massachusetts County Correctional Officer Academy at Western New England University’s Rivers Memorial Hall. The ceremony marked the successful completion of an intensive 13-week training program designed to prepare recruits for critical roles

in law enforcement and corrections.

Sheriff Nick Cocchi praised the graduating class, emphasizing their discipline, compassion, and commitment to public service. “These graduates have shown heart and integrity from day one,” Sheriff Cocchi said. “They’re ready to step into these critical roles and make a real difference in our communities.”

Throughout the course, recruits underwent rigorous training at Westover Air Reserve Base, where they developed essential skills in defensive tactics, de-escalation techniques, stress management, and more. The

academy also included a meaningful community service project, where graduates helped to beautify public spaces in the towns of Blandford and Chester, demonstrating their commitment to serving both inside and outside of their professional roles.

The ceremony also recognized outstanding achievements within the class:

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“We commend each graduate for their dedication, perseverance, and passion for public service,” said Sheriff Cocchi. “Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in their careers, and we’re excited to welcome them to our team.”

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# PV Financial Group unveils 8th Annual Plan with a Purpose Scholarship

LUDLOW – PV Financial Group is thrilled to announce the launch of its 8th annual Plan With A Purpose Scholarship, dedicated to Ludlow, Belchertown, Wilbraham and Pathfinder Tech graduating seniors. This year, PV Financial will award a scholarship of \$2,000 to each town's recipient.

At PV Financial, the philosophy is centered around the belief that one does good by doing good. They measure their success not by transactions, but by the positive impact they have on people's lives. The Plan with a Purpose Scholarship aims to recognize a graduating senior who is actively planning a purposeful future, utilizing their academic achievements to make a meaningful difference in their community.

"We are seeking students with compelling narratives, showcasing how they intend to leverage their academic pursuits to effect change and become integral community members," says Managing Partner Ed Sokolowski. "We are privileged to invest in their future and ongoing success as they embark on their college journey."

Applications for Ludlow, Belchertown, and Pathfinder seniors remains open until May 1, 2025. Interested students are encouraged to inquire at their local Guidance Departments for application details.

If you would like to learn more about PV Financial Group or wish to locate and speak with an experienced advisor to help develop and cultivate your financial goals, please visit [www.pvfinancial.com](http://www.pvfinancial.com) or call (413) 589-1500. Securities and advisory services offered through Commonwealth Financial Network®, Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser. PV Financial Group is located at 535 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

### VETERANS

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elder care.

Reverend Chris is the current leader behind Building Bridges. He is a reverend from an Episcopalian church in Northampton. The idea for Building Bridges came from a bishop who once worked near West Point Military Academy in New York. The bishop served many young cadets and believed that if the cadets needed support, then veterans certainly did as well. He brought the idea back to Reverend Chris, who has since helped it grow.

Building Bridges began in Northampton ten years ago. The program started with outdoor preaching, often to homeless people and homeless veterans. The idea of holding lunches and creating community spaces came later. Reverend Chris believes that sharing food is an important way to bring people together. He said, "Jesus brought people together with food and that is what we will do too."

Building Bridges now has locations in Northampton, Greenfield, Chicopee, and Palmer. They also have two locations in New Hampshire, one in Vermont, several in Eastern Massachusetts, and are currently in the process of opening one in Rhode Island. All of this is made possible through donations. Reverend Chris explained that donations are always appreciated but never required. The donations help cover the cost of activities, and when there is a surplus, it helps them open new locations. "There is more demand than supply these days," he said.

Currently, Building Bridges serves fourteen communities and is always looking to help more. Reverend Chris said, "Building Bridges is about you, and how you can build bridges within your community. Enabling a space and time to organize a place to engage in healing between fellow veterans." He also emphasized that "Tina's leadership and the local volunteers is what made this happen... Building



Tina Brohman giving a speech on how the event came together to the gathered group.



Reverend Chris giving the background of Building Bridges to the crowd.



People enjoyed the lunch and the company.



There was quite the crowd who joined for lunch.

Bridges helps just enable it but the heart is the local communities that push our program." For more information, visit their Facebook page: Building Bridges for Veterans.



The people who made this event happen. (from left to right) Mike Matthews, Reverend Chris, Tina Brohman, Tony Silva, and John Sasur.

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LACROSSE



The Mustangs attempt to recover a ball on defense.

## Offense struggles in fourth loss

MONSON – Last Wednesday afternoon, Monson boys lacrosse, which co-ops with Pathfinder Tech, fell at home to Granby 12-2. Monson suffered its fourth loss of the season without a

win. The Mustangs search for their first win in their next matchup on April 18 at home against Northampton at 5 p.m. They host Central on Apr. 22 at 4 p.m.



Players on both teams go after a loose ball.



Goalie Riley Hurst goes low for a save.



Talon Clarke emerges with the ball.



Tyler Rodrigues goes for the goal.



Brennan Pederson makes a pass.

SOFTBALL

## Orioles score opening win over Pioneers



Kendra Burke winds and fires to the plate.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—The Pathfinder Tech and Belchertown softball teams are both hoping to finish in first place in the Tri-County League standings this spring.

Belchertown, who scored five runs in the second inning, defeated the Lady Pioneers, 7-2, at home on a sunny and cool afternoon, last Wednesday.

“We’re hoping to contend for the league title this year, so this is a very exciting win for us against one of our biggest rivals,” said Belchertown head coach Michael Lafayette. “We lost both games we played against Pathfinder last year. The Lady Orioles (1-



Aubrey Ortiz fires a throw home.

1) began the regular season with a 7-5 non-league home loss to Monson on April 2.

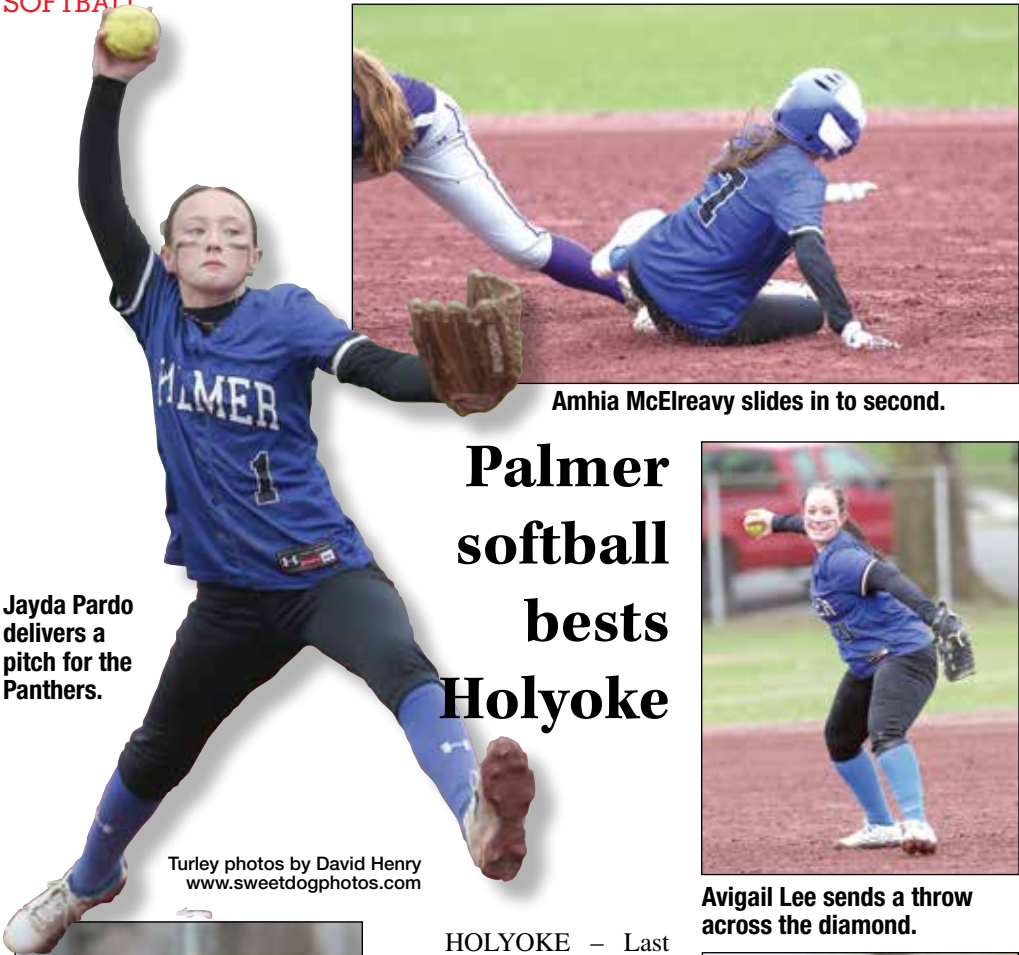
Pathfinder Tech, who played their season opener versus Belchertown, won both meetings a year ago by

the final scores of 13-5 and 11-7.

“We were a little bit rusty in today’s game,” said first-year Pathfinder Tech head coach Phil Gallo.

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SOFTBALL



Jayda Pardo delivers a pitch for the Panthers.

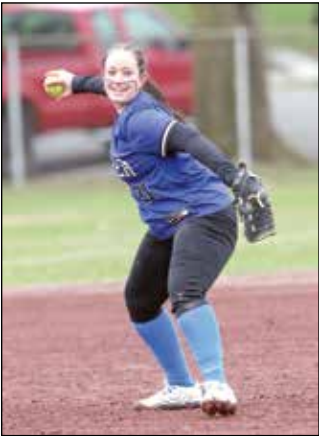
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## Palmer softball bests Holyoke

HOLYOKE – Last Friday, the Palmer High School softball team defeated Holyoke 8-5 thanks to a five-run fourth inning. Holyoke rallied with runs in the sixth and seventh, but it was not enough to make the comeback. Abigail Lee had two hits and an RBI in the matchup while Brookelyn Peloquin had a pair of hits and two runs scored. Kylie Blaha had a hit and run scored for Holyoke. Marialis Camacho reached base twice with walks for the Knights.



Ava Swist catches an out at first.



Avigail Lee sends a throw across the diamond.



Anna King makes the long throw to first.

BASEBALL



Matt Santos fields a grounder.



Liam McKee makes a throw to first.

Sebastian Mayberry delivers a pitch.



## Palmer falls at home

PALMER – Last Thursday evening, Palmer High School baseball fell 14-2 against Ware. The Panthers are now 1-5 on the season.

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# Mustangs can't keep up with Pacers



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Elliana Garneau picks up a loose ball.

CHICOPEE – Last Wednesday evening, Chicopee scored 12 goals in the first half and rode the offensive momentum to a 16-2 win over Monson. Nevaeh Chiacchia

had the lone two goals for the Mustangs. Monson is now 1-3 on the regular season.



Nevaeh Chiacchia go after a ball in the air.



Sedona Arbour hustles up the field.



Claire Wahlund attempts to make a recovery on defense.



Lyla Strycharz passes up the field.

## HoopHall announces new governors

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame is pleased to announce the completion of its Board of Governors reconfiguration to include the addition of Ms. Sheila Johnson, Ms. Cynthia (“Cynt”) Marshall, and Hall of Fame Coach Tara VanDerveer, bringing the Board of Governors to its maximum of 23 leadership positions.

The Naismith Hall of Fame is in the best financial condition since its inception in 1959, and continues to grow, along with basketball, in significance to constituencies within and outside of the game. The Hall’s Board reconfiguration is designed to leverage this strong position to further enhance the organization’s business plan, global reach, and positive impact.

The Naismith Hall’s three newest Governors are powerhouses in business and basketball.

Sheila Johnson joins the Board with a wealth of expertise and experience, including at the intersection of tourism and hospitality, sports, arts and entertainment, and philanthropy. Johnson is the founder and CEO of Salamander Collection, a growing luxury hotel company, which includes Salamander Middleburg – one of only five properties in the U.S. to earn separate Forbes Travel

Guide Five-Star Awards for its accommodations, restaurant, and spa. As a Partner of Monumental Sports and Entertainment, Johnson is an owner of three Washington, DC professional sports teams: the Wizards, Mystics, and Capitals. Among Johnson’s other leadership roles include: board member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; College of Performing Arts at The New School; Trust for the National Mall; The Metropolitan Opera; Jackie Robinson Foundation; Simon & Schuster Publishing Advisory Board, and founder and chair of the Middleburg Film Festival. In partnership with James Beard Award-winning Chef and Restaurateur Kwame Onwuachi, she founded the Family Reunion – a celebration of culinary excellence and diversity in the hospitality community. On her election to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Governors, Johnson stated: “I look forward to helping to elevate and broaden the positive reach of this important organization in its many facets – from sports museum, to cultural institution, to community and leadership builder, and more.”

Cynt Marshall brings visionary leadership and mastery in creating positive cultural transformation in

organizations through a people-centered approach. Marshall is the founder and CEO of Marshalling Resources, a premier consulting firm focused on leadership and organizational development. Marshall served as CEO of the Dallas Mavericks from March 2018 through December 2024, and previously as a leader in operations, legislative affairs, and human resources at AT&T, where her roles included president of AT&T’s North Carolina division, and senior vice president of human resources and chief diversity officer. At both organizations, Marshall spearheaded transformational work to improve operational effectiveness, organizational culture, and employee and stakeholder engagement – in the case of AT&T, helping the company for the first time ever reach Fortune’s 100 Best Companies to Work For list

(one of only two Fortune 50 companies on that list). Marshall, who serves on several corporate and nonprofit boards, reflected on her newest Governor role: “I am delighted to join the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Board at this momentous time in the organization’s and basketball’s history. I am excited to get to work to help deepen the Hall’s connections to the many audiences basketball touches. The opportunities are boundless.”

Tara VanDerveer joins the Naismith Hall of Fame Board – herself a 2011 inductee. VanDerveer retired as the winningest coach in NCAA Division I history, and enjoyed an unprecedented level of success through an energetic and positive approach to the game, and through genuine and lasting connection to her players. As National Coach of the Year

five times over three decades, and 18-time Pac-12 Coach of the Year, VanDerveer accumulated an impressive 1,216-271 (.818) record in her 45 years as a collegiate head coach (Stanford, Ohio State, Idaho), and a 1,064-220 (.829) record over 38 seasons at Stanford. Since retiring from her coaching career in 2024, VanDerveer now serves as Special Adviser to the Athletic Director at Stanford University. An ambassador for the sport, and now teaching a Masterclass for Continuing Education at Stanford, Coach VanDerveer is poised to add tremendous perspective and leadership to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “I am honored to serve on the Naismith Hall of Fame Board of Governors,” VanDerveer reflected. “It is

an opportunity for me to give back to the game that has given so much to me.”

Chairman Jerry Colangelo remarked on the addition of these three new Governors: “I could not be more proud and grateful to welcome Sheila Johnson, Cynt Marshall, and Tara VanDerveer to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Governors. I have long admired each’s tremendous accomplishments and ability to lead any organization they have been involved with to the highest levels of achievement, with integrity and universal acclaim. Sheila, Cynt, and Tara epitomize the leadership we need to take the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame to its next level at a time we are poised for significant growth.”

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POLICE LOGS

Monson Police Department

The Monson Police Department reported 314 incidents and arrests on its logs from March 23 through April 5.

**Sunday, March 23**  
5:27 p.m. – Ryan Mo-  
chon, 37, of 19 Harrison  
Ave, Monson, was arrested  
on charges of a subsequent  
offense of operating without  
a license, unregistered mo-  
tor vehicle and no inspection  
sticker after a motor vehicle  
stop.

**Monday, March 24**  
9:15 a.m. – William Os-  
good III, 35, of 48 Greenwich  
Road, East Longmeadow,  
was arrested on charges of  
negligent operation of a mo-  
tor vehicle, leaving the scene  
of property damage and a  
marked lanes violation after  
officers responded to a traffic  
incident/crash.  
12:44 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to an EMS mutual  
aid call.

**Tuesday, March 25**  
1:54 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a traffic incident/  
crash.  
4:51 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to an EMS mutual  
aid call.  
8:59 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to an EMS mutual  
aid call.

11:22 p.m. – Lance  
Hopkins, 33, of 87 May Hill  
Road, Monson, was arrested  
on charges of operating with a  
suspended license and using a  
motor vehicle without author-  
ity after officers responded to  
a report of a theft/larceny in  
progress.

**Wednesday, March 26**  
7:46 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
10:01 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
11:04 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
2:15 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
6:18 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to an urgent wellbe-  
ing check.  
7:08 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a traffic incident/  
crash.

**Thursday, March 27**  
11:35 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
2:34 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a traffic incident/  
crash.

**Friday, March 28**  
2:58 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
7:09 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a missing/run-  
ning/found person report.

**Saturday, March 29**  
6:51 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
5:33 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to an EMS mutual  
aid call.  
11:23 p.m. – Ben-  
jamin Kuca, 25, of 122  
West Main Street, Stafford  
Springs Conn., was arrested  
on charges of operating un-  
der the influence of alcohol,  
negligent operation of a mo-  
tor vehicle, possession of an  
open container of alcohol in  
a motor vehicle, unlicensed  
operation of a motor vehicle  
and speeding. Officers con-  
ducted a motor vehicle stop  
and a suspect was arrested  
and charged accordingly.

**Sunday, March 30**  
12:14 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
1:14 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
3:31 p.m. – Officers  
responded to a report of a  
breaking and entering/bur-  
glary in progress.  
5:09 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.

**Monday, March 30**  
6:32 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
9:38 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to DART team fol-

low up.  
9:46 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
9:50 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
11:25 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a traffic incident/  
crash.  
11:28 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to an EMS mutual  
aid call.  
6:58 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.

**Tuesday, April 1**  
6:22 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
3 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a traffic incident/  
crash.  
3:03 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a traffic incident/  
crash.  
3:11 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to an EMS mutual  
aid call.  
9:29 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a domestic distur-  
bance in progress.  
9:30 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a domestic distur-  
bance in progress.

**Wednesday, April 2**  
2:47 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a disturbance/nui-  
sance in progress.  
5:11 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a breaking and  
entering/burglary call.  
6:34 p.m. – Officers re-

sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
7:32 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a traffic incident/  
crash.

**Thursday, April 3**  
1:59 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
7:07 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
9:03 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a disturbance/nui-  
sance in progress.  
10:03 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
11:39 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a DART team fol-  
low up.  
1:46 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a fraud/deception  
report.  
3:37 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to an EMS mutual  
aid call.

**Friday, April 4**  
11:35 a.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a medical emer-  
gency.  
5:03 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to an EMS mutual  
aid call.

**Saturday, April 5**  
1:19 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to a traffic incident/  
crash.  
7:46 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to an EMS mutual  
aid request.

FIRE LOGS

MONSON

MONSON — The  
Monson Fire Department  
responded to 3 fire calls  
and 25 medical calls for  
the week of Monday, April  
7th through Sunday, April  
13th.

On Monday, April 7 at  
11:19 a.m., the Department  
responded to Bethany  
Road for the smoke inves-  
tigation. The Department  
returned back in service at  
11:29 a.m.

On Thursday, April  
10 at 5:39 p.m., the De-  
partment responded to  
Cedar Swamp Road to as-  
sist EMS with patient ex-  
trication. The Department  
returned back in service at  
6:12 p.m.

On Sunday, April 13  
at 5:23 p.m., the Depart-  
ment responded to Bliss  
Street for the commercial  
fire alarms sounding. The  
Department returned back  
in service at 5:41 p.m.



Palmer Police Department

The Palmer Police Department reported 178 incidents on its logs from April 1 through April 8.

**Tuesday, April 1**  
6:30 a.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to Peterson Road for  
a report of an accident with  
property damage.  
9:45 a.m. – An officer  
took a report of an incident of  
larceny.  
10:59 a.m. – An officer  
responded to Main Street and  
State Street for report of a  
motor vehicle violation.  
11:30 a.m. – An officer  
responded to Main Street for  
a report of a motor vehicle vi-  
olation.  
1:55 p.m. – Officers re-  
sponded to Boston Road to

assist another agency.  
2:33 p.m. – An officer  
responded to a Main Street  
business for a report of a mo-  
tor vehicle violation.  
4:07 p.m. – An officer  
responded to Main Steet and  
State Steet for a report of a  
motor vehicle violation.  
4:41 p.m. – An officer  
responded to Church Street  
for a report of a motor vehicle  
violation.  
5:39 p.m. – An officer  
took a report of fraud.  
7:39 p.m. – An officer  
responded to Peterson Road  
for a report of an animal com-  
plaint.  
10:38 p.m. – An officer  
responded to Baptist Hill  
Road for a report of a suspi-  
cious person.  
10:47 p.m. – An officer  
responded to Shearer Street  
for a report of an animal com-  
plaint.

**Wednesday, April 2**  
12:52 p.m. – An officer  
responded to Park Street busi-  
ness for a report of a breaking  
and entering into a motor ve-  
hicle.  
8:26 a.m. – An officer  
responded to Sykes Stret for  
a report of hazardous condi-  
tions.  
8:34 a.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to Palmer Road and  
Front Street to assist another  
agency.  
9:50 a.m. – An officer  
responded to Anderson Road  
for a report of an animal com-  
plaint.  
11:04 a.m. – An officer  
responded to Main Street for  
a report of a medical emer-  
gency with injuries.  
11:09 a.m. – An officer  
responded to mt Dumlpin  
Road for a report of a suspi-  
cious person.  
2:16 p.m. – An officer  
took a report of a harassment  
incident.  
3:28 p.m. – An officer  
responded to a Springfield  
Street business for a report of  
hazardous conditions.  
3:57 p.m. – An officer  
responded to Ware Street and  
High Street for a report of an  
accident with injuries.  
5:35 p.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to Springfield Street  
for a report of a weapons vi-  
olation.  
7:30 p.m. – An officer  
responded to Breckenridge  
Street for a report of a forest/  
brush fire.  
**Thursday, April 3**  
7:35 a.m. – An officer  
responded to Main Street for

a report of an accident with  
property damage.  
8:36 a.m. – An officer  
took a report of a missing per-  
son from a Park Street busi-  
ness.  
8:37 a.m. – An officer  
took a report of harassment.  
10:30 a.m. – An officer  
responded to a Wilbraham  
Street business for a report of  
a motor vehicle violation.  
2:04 p.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to the Mass Turnpike  
for a report of an accident  
with personal injury.  
5:06 p.m. – An officer  
responded to a Park Street  
business for a report of a sus-  
picious person.  
5:23 p.m. – An officer  
responded to Bumstead Road  
for an animal complaint.

**Friday, April 4**  
1:20 a.m. – An officer  
responded to Maple Terrace  
for a report of a disturbance/  
loud noise. Enrico Pance, 57,  
of 4048 High Street, Thornd-  
ike, was arrested on operating  
under the influence of alco-  
hol. 4:15 a.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to Cherry Street for a  
mutual aid request.  
7:36 a.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to a State Street busi-  
ness for an animal complaint.  
8:04 a.m. – An officer  
responded to Three Rivers  
Road for a report of hazard-  
ous conditions.  
9:14 a.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to State Street for an  
animal complaint.  
10:22 a.m. – An officer  
responded to Wright Street  
for a report of vandalism.  
12:28 p.m. – An officer

responded to Peterson Road  
for a report of a medical  
emergency with injuries.  
12:33 p.m. – An officer  
responded to State Street for  
an animal complaint.  
11:26 p.m. – An officer  
responded to Pleasant Street  
for a report of a hit and run  
accident.

**Saturday, April 5**  
2:50 p.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to a report of an ani-  
mal complaint.  
11:16 a.m. – An officer  
responded to a report mutual  
aid request for a report of a  
fire.  
11:35 a.m. – An officer  
responded to Elisabeth Street  
for a report of harassment.  
1:05 p.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to High Street for a  
report of fraud.

**Sunday, April 6**  
9:50 a.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to a report of an ani-  
mal complaint.  
10:23 a.m. – An officer  
responded to report of an ani-  
mal complaint.  
11:53 a.m. – An officer  
responded to Church Street  
for a report of a structure fire.  
4:21 p.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to a Thorndike Street  
business for a report of suspi-  
cious person.  
4:46 p.m. – An officer  
responded to Church Street

for a report of a motor vehi-  
cle violation. Chelsea Lopes,  
26, of 128 South High Street,  
Bondsville, was arrested on  
operating a motor vehicle  
with a suspended license and  
unlicensed operation of a mo-  
tor vehicle.  
4:49 p.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to a Thorndike Street  
business for a report of a sus-  
picious person.  
5:29 p.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to Laurel Road for a  
report of a threat.  
8:53 p.m. – An officer  
responded to St John Street  
for a report of an animal com-  
plaint.  
9:36 p.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to Palmer Road for a  
report of a disturbance.

**Monday, April 7**  
5:57 a.m. – An officer  
responded to a motor vehi-  
cle stop. David Brewster,  
28, of 9D Crawford Street,  
Bondsville, was charged with  
speeding and a passing viola-  
tion as well as on a warrant.  
7:57 a.m. – An officer  
responded to a mutual assist  
call.  
12:27 p.m. – An officer  
responded to a Breckenridge  
Street business for a report  
of an accident with property  
damage.  
1:16 p.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to Laurel Street for a  
report of fraud.  
1:56 p.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to Bridge Street and  
Main Street for a report of an  
accident with person injuries.  
7:12 p.m. – An officer re-  
sponded to Allen Street for a  
report of fraud.

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lies can take advantage of the  
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Kids Free March and April  
promotion, while also celebrat-  
ing Village Earth Days, April  
23–27. From watching potters  
and blacksmiths at work to  
meeting heritage breed animals  
and seeing the fields being pre-  
pared for planting, every cor-  
ner of the Village comes alive  
in April.  
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der will receive free standard  
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fect time to reconnect with his-  
tory and the outdoors, explore  
hands-on activities, and make  
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last).  
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23 through April 27 invites  
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New Englanders’ deep con-  
nection to the land. Activities  
include drop-in kids’ programs  
(included with admission) and  
hands-on workshops (addi-  
tional fee and registration

is required) which vary daily  
during Village Earth Days. For  
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in the board, DeFalco described his love for history and emphasized the importance of preserving local history, starting with the Brimfield Public Library.

"I was just about getting ready to retire so it sounded like a good idea to join the board. I was a biology major in college and then worked at MassMutual for almost 40 years, so my background really didn't have much to do with history but I always enjoyed local history. I grew up in Springfield and I used to go to the history and genealogy museum to look up the house I lived in and the neighborhood. When I moved to Brimfield, it was only natural to start looking into Brimfield history and find out things about the town. Little by little I got involved in more and more things. I spent probably about nine years at the Brimfield library scanning about 25,000 pages of information in the history room. That was my hobby on the side."

Creating a database with all the information at the library, DeFalco said the locals started realizing his involvement and history knowledge and people began going directly to him for questions. Eventually learning more and more about the town, one of the many projects that DeFalco has been involved with was the book titled 101 Things to Know About Brimfield by the Brimfield Historical Commission.

"There was more research involved in that so I learned even more things so that's why I enjoy it. It's fun, it's like a puzzle. You do research and dig out information. Over the years, there's been a number of people in Brimfield who were really into the town's history, a lot of stuff had been done. There was a Brimfield Historical Society back in the 1960s and 1970s that did a lot of investigating themselves. One of the things



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**The Elias Carter House Bed and Breakfast was the 11th stop on the walking tour, where the tour was able to explore inside and learned about the addition to the 200-year-old historic house.**



Submitted photo

**An old photo of the Brimfield Hotel which served 130 years as a hotel that attracted people to the town in the late 1870's. The Hitchcock Academy's parking lot is where the hotel used to be.**

about the tour was the old Brimfield Hotel and a lot of the people who have moved into town in the last 15 to 20 years or so never knew it existed. It actually lasted for almost 130 years and it was a very popular spot, heavily trafficked, and very popular. It was kind of an eye-opener when we started doing some talking about the hotel and telling people about it, so that's just one example that the public hasn't been educated on and that will

be covered in the tour."

The Brimfield Historical Commission began the walking tour last Fall and managed to have a tour in November before it started to get cold, which focused on the Center Village of Brimfield that's on the National Register of Historic Places and surrounded with multiple properties. Last Sunday, DeFalco led the group to a variety of locations such as St. Christophers Church, John Wyles House, windmill, Civil War Monument, Elias Carter Bed and Breakfast, with the old location of the Old Brimfield Hotel, and much more.

If interested in learning more about Brimfield history, visit the Brimfield Historical Commission website.

## Obituaries

### Henry J. Kelly, 74

MONSON—Henry J. Kelly, 74, passed away peacefully at his home in Monson on April 14, 2025. Born on Jan. 10, 1951 Henry lived a full and vibrant life. He loved being on the water in his boat and was an avid fisherman. Henry kept himself busy with projects around the house, he was a member of the Divine Mercy parish and a lifelong New England Patriots fan.



Henry will be dearly missed by his loving wife of 52 years, Phyllis (Kozio) Kelly; son Jason Kelly and wife Valerie and their stepson Jordan of Southbridge, MA; daughter Jamie Pinto and husband David and Henry's loving grandson Dylan Pinto of Bondsville, MA. Henry enjoyed watching Dylan play many sports including soccer, basketball and lacrosse. His love for his cat Walter was ever present and he affectionately called him Big Buddy.

A visitation will be held Tuesday April 22, 2025 at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. with prayers at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Saints Peter & Paul Cemetery in Bondsville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Divine Mercy Parish, the ASPCA or Here Today Adopted Tomorrow in Brimfield.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Henry J. Kelly, 74**  
Died April 14, 2025  
Services April 22, 2025  
Beers & Story Funeral Home

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viewed several proposed budget scenarios, some of which included cuts to staff, adjustments to preschool classroom structures, and potential tuition increases to close budget gaps. The focus was on determining how to sustain the preschool program while managing financial constraints.

#### Preschool Classrooms

One of the most debated issues was whether to reduce the number of preschool classrooms. The committee considered a proposal to cut one of the five preschool classrooms, which would result in the elimination of one teacher and one paraprofessional. This reduction was projected to save approximately \$75,000, but the committee expressed concern that this savings would be offset by reduced tuition income, as fewer student slots would be available. The net gain from this option would only be about \$30,000, leading some members to question whether the cuts would be worth the reduction in services for families. The alternative was to maintain all five classrooms, including full staffing for the 2025-2026 school year, but this option would require an increase in tuition to help cover the additional costs.

In terms of tuition, the committee acknowledged that the current rates for preschool were below market value. The full-day preschool tuition is currently \$445 per month, or \$4,450 annually, but a market analysis suggested that an appropriate tuition rate would be closer to \$600 per month, or \$6,000 annually. Although the tuition increase had not yet been formally voted on, committee members recognized that it was necessary to ensure the sustainability of the preschool program. Discussions also touched on adjustments for part-day or income-based tuition models, which would aim to make the program more accessible while meeting budgetary needs.

Another key discussion point was the structure of the preschool classrooms. At present, the program includes three full-day classrooms and two half-day "Nine-to-One" classrooms. There was considerable debate about

the instructional value of the "Nine-to-One" model, which is designed to provide a more individualized approach but was found to offer less instructional time compared to the full-day classrooms. Some members questioned whether this model was truly effective for students, particularly given the lack of demand for afternoon pre-K sessions. In response, the committee explored shifting to an a.m./p.m. model, where the program would offer two half-day sessions, such as 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 to 2:45 p.m., which would reduce the number of classrooms while accommodating families in need of part-time options.

Committee member Roland Joyal addressed the broader theme of communication and alignment between the board and administration. "And not that we're trying to tell you what to do, right, or do your jobs," Joyal said. "But, we thought politely that you were, I don't wanna say telling us, but directing

us by a lot of the conversations we've heard over the last month about what people wanted, valued. I mean, we value everything."

The committee also acknowledged that the preschool program had increasingly become subsidized by the district, as more students were receiving services at no cost due to special education needs or eligibility for free/reduced lunch. The program, which was once considered "self-funded," now required additional financial support to maintain the current level of service.

Looking ahead, the committee also discussed long-term goals for the preschool program, including the possibility of offering free full-day preschool for all 3 and 4-year-olds. This ambitious vision would involve eliminating tuition fees for one year, at a projected cost of about \$200,000, but the district hoped to recover this loss through Chapter 70 state funding the following year.

Under this plan, preschool students would count as 0.5 students toward state aid, which could potentially bring in more revenue than the tuition fees currently generate. This proposal was seen as a way to address the district's significant preschool waitlist, while also providing a high-quality educational experience for all families in town.

#### Cost Saving Measures


The committee also reviewed broader staffing changes and other adjustments across the district. One of the most notable changes was the elimination of the Curriculum Director position, which had been reinstated only recently in 2022. The duties associated with this role, including curriculum planning and grant writing,

would now be redistributed to principals and other district staff. Additionally, the committee voted to reduce preschool staffing by eliminating one teacher and one paraprofessional, saving an estimated \$80,000.

Several smaller cost-saving measures were discussed, including switching from Zoom to Google Meet for meetings, which saved approximately \$3,200 annually. These changes, along with adjustments to staffing and salary lines, helped the committee balance the FY26 budget, which was set at a total of \$10,839,619. The budget did not include an increase in town appropriations, but it reflected necessary adjustments in order to meet fiscal goals.

School choice was another topic of discussion. The

committee noted an increase in school choice revenue, but clarified that this was largely due to more transparent accounting practices rather than a significant influx of new school choice students. The committee raised concerns that reducing class sections could limit the district's ability to accommodate new school choice students, and noted that a formal decision on school choice numbers would need to be made by June 1. The committee also recognized that enrollment trends were declining, meaning the number of new students coming in through school choice might be limited unless there is space available in existing classrooms.



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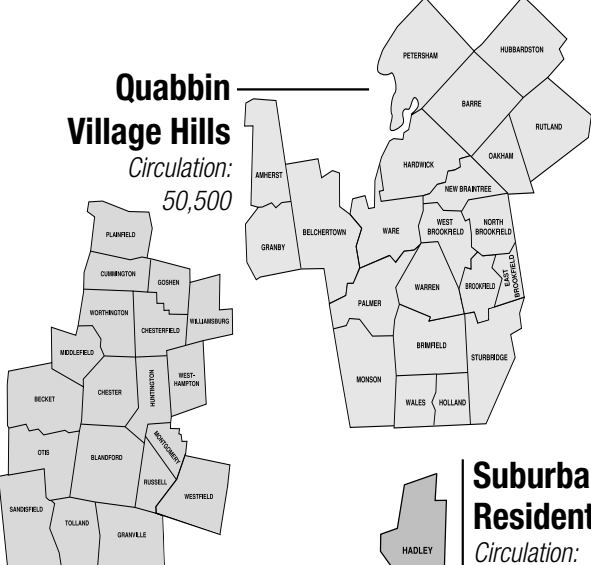
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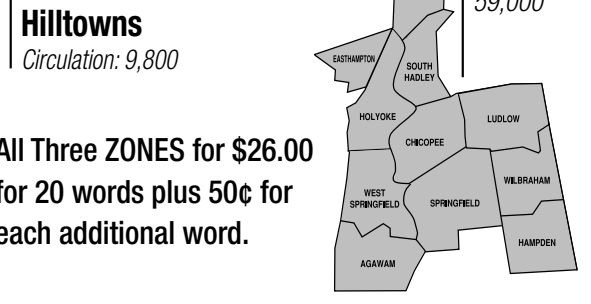
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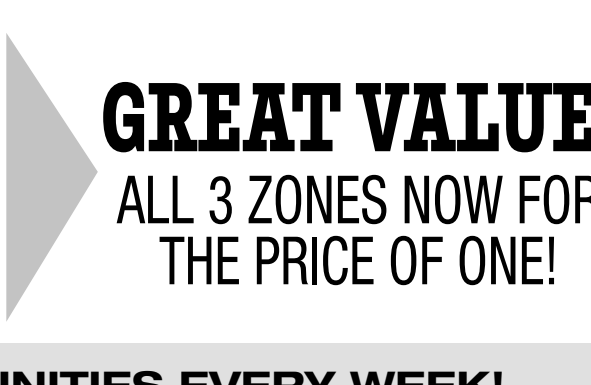
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Public Notices

Town of Monson  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A M.G. L. §.11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, April 24th, 2025 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Select Board meeting room at the Town Administration Building, 110 Main Street on the application of Ronald Florek 149 Stafford Road, Monson, MA for a special permit as provided by §6.6 Earth Removal of the Monson Zoning Bylaws to conduct an Earth Removal operation. The property is zoned Rural Residential and located at 149 Stafford Road, Map 80, Parcel 21 and Map 101 Parcel 2. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals and is available for viewing during regular office hours.

Ronald Fussell, Chairman  
Case No: ZBA2025-02  
04/10, 04/17/2025

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HD25P0781EA  
Estate of:  
Donald Clinton Barry  
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ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Rebecca A Barry of Indian Orchard MA and Darcy L Barry of Monson, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Rebecca A Barry of Indian Orchard MA and Darcy L Barry of Monson, 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 05/19/2025. 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.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 14, 2025  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate

04/17/2025

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Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30§39M and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

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PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Scheduled

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FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Richard E Klisiewicz of Monson, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Richard E Klisiewicz of Monson, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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TOWN OF BRIMFIELD  
PUBLIC HEARING

The Brimfield Select Board will hold a public hearing on the following pole and wire locations petition filed by National Grid on **Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** for the following:

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid. requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

**Warren Road:** #31103564  
**Reason:** Warren Road – National Grid to install 1 JO pole on Warren Road beginning at a point approximately 2168 feet North of the centerline of the intersection of North Main Street.

At approximately 2168 feet North of the centerline of North Main Street, National Grid proposes to install pole# 24-84 and anchor, Brimfield, MA.

Persons with an interest in this public hearing are asked to appear at the Brimfield Elementary School, 22 Wales Road, Brimfield, MA on the date and time affixed to this notice.

Martin J. Kelly  
Select Board, Chairperson  
Town of Brimfield  
04/17, 04/24/2025

MONSON  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING

The Monson School Committee will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed 2025-2026 School Department budget, as required by law, on **April 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** at Quarry Hill Community School-School Committee Room # 428, 43 Margaret Street, Monson, MA 01057

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PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 M.G.L. the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, April 28th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall Administration Building 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA to consider amending the Town of Palmer Zoning Map for a change of zoning districts from the Rural Residential District to the Neighborhood Business District. Two parcels are affected by this zoning amendment, specifically 3090-3092 Palmer Street (Map 29 Lot 1) and 3098 Palmer Street (Map 24 Lot 4).

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administration Building from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://mass-publicnotices.org>).

Michael Marciniac, Chairman  
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PALMER  
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 M.G.L. the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, April 28th, 2025 at 7:15 p.m.** in the Town Hall Administration Building 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA to consider amending the Town of Palmer Zoning Map for a change of zoning districts from the Town Residential District to the Highway Business District. Two parcels on Park St. are affected by this zoning amendment, specifically Map 55 Lot 143 and Map 55 Lot 145.

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MORTGAGEE'S  
NOTICE OF SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Thomas K. Tighe to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated September 23, 2005 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 15373, Page 409 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on July 20, 2017 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 21772, Page 247, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 17853, Page 178, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2006-EMX4 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA,

Incorporated, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 19116, Page 177, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-EMX4 by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 21074, Page 303 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 AM on May 8, 2025** at 84 Bethany Road, Monson, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land on the westerly side of Bethany Road in Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being shown and designated as Lot 2 on a plan by Sherman & Woods, dated May 2, 2000, entitled "Plan of land in Monson, MA Prepared for Brian F. O'Shea and Patricia M. Carr-O'Shea," recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 317, Page 38, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by Lot 3, as shown on said plan, 399.13 feet;

EASTERLY by Bethany Road, as shown on said plan, 200.50 feet;

WESTERLY by remaining land of O'Shea, 200.15 feet;

and SOUTHERLY by Lot 1, as shown on said plan, 400.06 feet.

Containing 1.821 acres and being a portion of the premises conveyed by deed of Patricia M. Carr-O'Shea, dated December 13, 2001 and recorded at said Registry in Book 12135, Page 324. For further reference, see deed dated March 21, 1996 and recorded at said Registry in Book 9468, Page 597.

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

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Commonwealth Of Massachusetts  
Town of Palmer  
Special District Meeting  
Three Rivers Fire District 2025  
Submitted to the voters of the Three Rivers Fire District  
at the Meeting to be held in the Fire Station on  
April 28 , 2025 at 7:00 P.M.  
To the voters of the Three Rivers Fire District of the  
Town of Palmer  
Your Prudential Committee respectfully submits the following  
articles as recommended by the Finance Committee  
for your approval

Chairman Ex Officio

**Article 1.** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2.** To see whether the District will vote to transfer from Free Cash a Sum of money pending reimbursement of same amount which will be moved back to Free Cash once received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ( FEMA ) for the purchasing of a New Brush Truck or take any other actions relative thereto.

The Finance Committee Recommends Favorable Action on this Article.

With no further business, do I hear a motion to dissolve this warrant?  
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in said District, Fourteen ( 14 ) days at least before the holding of said meeting, and publishing one not less than Seven ( 7 ) Days preceding the date of the meeting in a newspaper published in Palmer.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Prudential Committee of the District at or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under this hand and seal April 2025

True Copy Attest by:  
Guy Bellefleur, Clerk  
Date: April 17, 2025

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Three Rivers Fire Department held a storytime for the families of the Palmer Monson Family Center, celebrating “the week of the young child” with Smokey Bear.

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scene, ensuring the kids wouldn’t get scared of them, if in an emergency.

Held inside the fire station, fire trucks and a variety of gear sprawled around, the families and kids were able to ask questions and become comfortable with the fire-fighters around them.

Three Rivers Fire Dept. Private Hoy, who is also a Fire and Life Safety Educator, was able to put on her full turnout gear and explain what the equipment is used for.

After reading a story for the kids, Hoy talked with the families and answered their questions about fire safety and educated them as well with the updated proper safety precautions. Three Rivers Fire Dept. held this event in

hopes it educates the young children and makes them comfortable if they ever have to interact with a firefighter in the future.

Three Rivers Fire Dept.

Chief Stephen Nodurf was in attendance, who was happy to see how many people attended the reading event and learned about fire safety.



Families of the Palmer and Monson area had a blast meeting the fire department crew.



Private Hoy with kids who wanted to know how the gear looked up close.



Curious kids were able to go up to Private Hoy in full turnout gear and see up close who’s behind the mask.



Shawn, Ryan, and Tamara pose in front of the Three Rivers Brush Truck.



Left to right, Amanda and Max DeMaio take a group photo with Smokey Bear, Gabby, Gia, and Benny Nasiatka.



Valerie and Maverick Bailey smile in front of the Three Rivers Fire Truck on Wednesday morning.

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