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A night at the library

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PALMER – Local kids celebrated a successful summer reading program with a sleepover at Palmer Public Library.

Held on Aug. 21-22, the Library Lock-In event provided a night of fun for youth participants who read a minimum of 40 hours this summer.

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Students bring sleeping gear to the library.

Kids between the ages of 10-17 were invited to attend the party. The overnight portion of the event was available to students ages 12 and older who achieved the reading goal.

“This was our first year running a lock-in party. We had thirteen kids for the event, and nine stayed overnight,” said Teen Services Librarian Olivia Chartrand.

All participants enjoyed pizza, games, a pinata filled with treats, and s’mores in the parking lot.

After participants under 12 went home, older kids stayed over-

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Maggie the Clown is all smiles with festival guests.

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Festival brings community together

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MONSON – Area families and community leaders didn’t let a little rain spoil their fun at the annual Monson Cultural Picnic.

The celebration was held on Sept. 5 at Veterans Field. Activities and entertainment included a free cookout; multicultural performances; programs for kids of all ages; appearances from local organizations and businesses; and several vendors and crafters.

Proceeds will benefit community assistance efforts led by Afri(K)que Limited, a nonprofit organization that helps women and their families facing homelessness, food insecurity, or displacement from fires.

“If we get contacted about a need for something, we work to make it happen. We have provided everything from toys around the holidays to backpacks with school supplies,” said Karina Dise, the organization’s founder and executive director, in a previous interview.

Additionally, members of the Monson Police Department, Monson Fire Department, and the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department were thrilled to attend the event.

“The Monson Police Department is always excited to be invited to the Monson Cultural Picnic. It is a great community event that brings residents of all ages and backgrounds together to hang out,

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Zoning Board of Appeals denies new cell tower

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MONSON – At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the town voted to deny the construction of a new cell tower in a residential district.

On Aug. 27, the ZBA met for a continuance for the application by Vertex Tower Assets, LLC to construct a communications tower on Woodhill Road. The construction requires a vote from the board to grant a variance to the applicant, as the tower would exceed the maximum height and encroach on the required setback for the town’s Rural Residential District.

The issue was previously discussed on July 23.

Through conversations with town counsel, Board

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Local students support heroes

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PALMER – In partnership with American Veterans Post 74 (Amvets) and the Home Base nonprofit, two local students are supporting active military personnel, veterans, and first responders.

During a community event held over the weekend at the Amvets Post, Project 351 student-ambassadors Jannat Khan and Olivia Drewnowski led several activities to give back to heroes

Submitted photo
Local students support those who served.

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MONSON



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District Director Amanda Hellyar, of Senator Ryan Fattman's office; Monson Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz; State Representative Angelo Puppolo; and State Representative Brian Ashe.

Bringing history to life

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MONSON – In celebration of the nation’s 250th anniversary, local legislators recently presented town leaders with an official reprint of the Declaration of Independence.

During an Aug. 24 ceremony held outside Monson High School, State Representatives Brian Ashe and Angelo Puppolo were joined by District Director Amanda Hellyar, of Senator Ryan Fattman’s office.

The legislators presented Monson Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz with the framed document.

“This handmade copy, printed using 18th century techniques, is part of a statewide partnership with Revolution 250 to provide

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Packed schedule at Palmer Public Library for September

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PALMER – Patrons are looking forward to a busy month of programming at Palmer Public Library.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, a “Put Your Retirement Plan to Work” program will be held at 6:30 p.m. Retirement can mean different things to different people. Maybe you want to travel, volunteer, start your own business, or go back to school. Join Edward Jones financial advisor Lucille Germain to discuss the importance of saving for retirement, how to save through your em-

ployer-sponsored plan, and other tax advantage options for building your retirement.

This program is a free financial education workshop, and registration is not required.

“Crafternoons for Adults” returns on Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 2-3:30 p.m.

“Join us in our Community Room for these fun, adults-only, in-person craft projects,” read a statement released by the library. “The September craft project will be designing a pencil holder.”

Space for this program is limited, and registration is required. The program is in-

tended for adults only.

Please register by visiting: www.palmerlibrary.org/events.

An Old Palmer Center Cemetery tour will take place on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to noon. Take part in Palmer’s MA 250 celebration by joining local historian Robert Comeau, who will provide a walking tour of Old Palmer Center Cemetery.

Please note that this program does not take place at the library. Participants will meet the tour guide at the Old Palmer Center Cemetery (take the first right off of Waverly Street from Old Warren Road).

“This is the second in a series of three cemetery tours and one library presentation, and is brought to you by the Palmer Historical Commission and the Palmer Public Library,” the library-issued statement read. “This program is funded in part by a grant from the Palmer Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.”

Please register by visiting the library website.

A program focused on Dustin Pari (“The Montauk Project: Stranger Than Fiction”) will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

“As a part of television’s Ghost Hunters, Ghost Hunters International, and appearances on Destination Truth and Ghost Nation, Dustin Pari has traveled the world,” the library-issued statement read.

In this new program, learn how the concept for the hit television series “Stranger Things” is rooted in the so-called Montauk Project, before the story was relocated to the fictional town of Hawkins, Indiana.

Pari explores the enduring legend of the Montauk Project – an alleged series of secret Cold War-era experiments said to involve mind control, psychic research, and

inter-dimensional phenomena.

“Blending documented history, conspiracy lore, and television storytelling, the presentation invites participants to consider how government secrecy, 1980s nostalgia, and speculative science converge to create one of modern pop culture’s most compelling mythologies out of one of history’s greatest conspiracies,” the statement read.

This program is free to attend, and registration is not required.

Palmer Public Library is located at 1455 North Main Street.

Annual tag sale at Mary Farm

PALMER – Local residents are invited to visit Mary Farm for its annual tag sale this month.

The event will take place on Saturdays, Sept. 12 and Sept. 19, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The location is Memorial Hall at Mary Farm (1915 Ware Street, Palmer).

Browse a selection of gently used items, household goods, furniture, treasures, and more.

Come shop and support the Apostolate of the Suffering and the ongoing work at Mary Farm.

Annual water quality report available

MONSON – The 2025 annual water quality consumer confidence report for Monson is available at <https://www.monson-ma.gov/622/Water-Quality-Report-CCR-Index>.

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

Hard copies are available at Monson Town Hall located at 110 Main St., the Monson Free Library located at 2 High St. and the Monson Senior Center located at 106 Main St.

Please call 413-267-4130 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

Everyone welcome to Community Walk Audit scheduled for Sept. 11

MONSON – The Quabog Connector and Healthy Quabog invite residents, business owners, people with disabilities, older adults, families and community members of all ages to participate in an upcoming Community Walking Audit.

A Community Walking Audit will start at Memorial Hall, 198 Main St., on Friday,

Sept. 11 from 10 a.m.-noon.

During this guided walk, participants will help identify areas for improvement, including: sidewalk conditions, crosswalk safety, traffic speeds, ADA accessibility, bus stops and transit access.

Your observations will help create a comprehensive inventory of road and pedestrian infrastructure needs

throughout the Quabog Hills Region.

Participants should bring comfortable walking shoes, a water bottle, weather-appropriate clothing and a cell phone (optional) for taking photos. Everyone is welcome. Your voice and perspective can help shape safer streets and more walkable neighborhoods for everyone.

PCC accepting grant applications

PALMER – The Palmer Cultural Council (PCC) will accept applications for 2027 Mass Cultural Council (MCC) grants from Sept. 1 through Oct. 15.

The PCC invites community members, groups, nonprofits, and others to apply for grants to support a range of offerings. These

include art shows, concerts, performances, outdoor workshops, lectures, short-term artist residencies in schools, and other community programs focused on youth, veterans, and senior citizens.

Applications for 2027 must be submitted only through the MCC website: <https://masscultural.org/local-council/palmer/mass>.

The deadline for applications is 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 15. No late applications will be accepted.

The PCC will vote on applications in open meetings in the fall of 2026 and notify successful recipients by mid-January 2027.

Ceremony to honor 9/11 victims

PALMER – The American Legion, Palmer Post 130, invites residents to its annual 9/11 Remembrance/Dedication program.

The event will take place on Friday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. at 1010 Thorndike Street, Palmer (the new location of Crimmins-Graveline Insurance).

“At this time, we will continue to honor all the police, firefighters, EMTs, veterans, and civilians who lost their lives that fateful day,” read a statement released by the American Legion. “We will also honor our fallen from Western MA since 9/11 and dedicate any pavers received since our last ceremony.”



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Board presented with Declaration of Independence

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MONSON – At the recent Select Board meeting, the Town Administrator presented the board with a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence, and announced staffing updates and upcoming meetings.

On Aug. 25, Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz began her report by unveiling the framed copy of the Declaration of Independence, which was gifted by the 250th Committee for the Commonwealth and presented to the town by state Rep. Brian Ashe, state Rep. Angelo Puppulo, and state Sen. Ryan Fattman at the school the day prior.

“The Declaration of In-

dependence is on the same paper that they used when they originally wrote it, they went through a whole process to make sure it was as authentic as possible,” Wolowicz said.

Wolowicz thanked Ashe’s office for matting and framing the copy of the Declaration for the town, and adding gold plaques that commemorate the nation’s 250th anniversary, and the names of the legislators that presented it.

Wolowicz also thanked the representatives for including the town in its presentation of the Declaration.

“We’re going to find a nice place to hang it in Town Hall,” Wolowicz said.

Dispatch presentation

Wolowicz’s report continued by announcing that

Executive Director Penny Ryan and Deputy Director Anthony Masaya of West-Comm Regional Dispatch Center will attend the Sept. 22 Select Board meeting, at the request of Police Chief Nicholas Gasperini.

“The reason they’re going to come in is to provide an overview of the A.I. system that they are currently reviewing and testing,” Wolowicz said. “It has not gone live yet, this is something that they’re testing and looking for.”

New staff

Wolowicz welcomed the Collector’s Office’s new Administrative Coordinator, Amanda McDermott, a town resident who came from a job outside the community.

Another staffing change that Wolowicz mentioned

was Joanne Castonguay, who was officially promoted to Executive Director at the Council on Aging.

“She had served in the interim role for a year with us, and she did a great job with that, and we had several conversations throughout that year to see if she still wanted to continue in that role, and she did,” Wolowicz said. “I was very impressed with how she took on the duties and everything that she’s doing over there.”

As Castonguay left her previous role as Administrative Assistant, Kelly Bergeron stepped into the combined role of Administrative Assistant and Activities Coordinator.

“Kelly does a great job, she does exercise classes and activities for the se-

niors,” Wolowicz said. “The amount of people going in there has really increased lately, so we’re really excited about that.”

Select Board Chair Pat Oney congratulated both Bergeron and Castonguay on their promotions. Wolowicz then described the Finance team’s trip to the annual school at University of Massachusetts, through the Collectors and Treasurers Association and the Association of Assessing Officers.

“Drew Bojovic passed his test working towards his accreditation,” Wolowicz said. “Which is the classroom income approach to evaluation. That helps collectors, treasurers and assessors earn professional certification within their field.”



Lions Club hosts tag sale this weekend

PALMER – Palmer Lions Club is holding a tag sale on Friday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church’s side yard located at 1080 Pleasant St. Slightly used items at discounts. Proceeds contribute to Lions’ Eye and Ear research and childhood diabetes research.

Monson Savings Bank makes \$1,000 donation to Aida’s Food Truck

MONSON – Reinforcing its commitment to supporting organizations that make a meaningful difference in the communities it serves, Monson Savings Bank donated \$1,000 to Aida’s Food Truck through its 2026 Community Giving Initiative.

The donation was made possible through votes cast by local community members, who selected Aida’s Food Truck as a deserving recipient of support.

Monson Savings Bank President & CEO Dan Moriarty and Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer Michael Rouette, along with other representatives from Monson Savings Bank, presented the donation to Aida Torres, founder of Aida’s Food Truck, and volunteer Bob Ainsworth.

Aida’s Food Truck is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals and families facing food insecurity throughout the region. Through community partnerships and volunteer efforts, the organization provides meals and essential support to those in need while fostering a spirit of compassion and connection.

“One of the most rewarding aspects of our Community Giving Initiative is seeing community members actively choose organizations that are making a real impact in their neighborhoods,” said Moriarty in a press release. “The fact that local residents voted for Aida’s Food Truck demonstrates how much this organization means to the people it serves. We are honored to support Aida and her team as they continue their important work addressing food insecurity and helping neighbors in need.”

Torres expressed her appreciation for the community’s support and the Bank’s generosity.

“We are incredibly grateful to everyone who voted for Aida’s Food Truck through Monson Savings Bank’s Community Giving Initiative. Knowing that our community believes in our mission means so much to us. This donation will help us continue providing food and support to individuals and families who need it most,” she said.

Ainsworth echoed those sentiments: “Aida’s Food Truck is powered by people who genuinely care about



Submitted Photo

Aimee Kohn, Business Development Officer, Monson Savings Bank; Dan Moriarty, President & CEO, Monson Savings Bank; Bob Ainsworth, volunteer, Aida’s Food Truck; Aida Torres, founder, Aida’s Food Truck; Michael Rouette, EVP & COO, Monson Savings Bank; and Paul Shepardson, AVP Digital Systems Officer, Monson Savings Bank.

helping others. It is inspiring to see the community rally behind our mission and vote for us as part of this initiative. We sincerely thank Monson Savings Bank and everyone who cast a vote to recognize the work being done to support local families.”

Rouette emphasized the importance of community participation in the Bank’s giving efforts.

“Our Community Giving Initiative is unique because it puts the decision-making directly into the hands of the people who live and work in our communities. When residents vote for organizations like Aida’s Food Truck, they help direct resources where they believe they will have the greatest impact. We are proud to support an organization that exemplifies generos-

ity, compassion, and service to others,” he said.

The donation is part of Monson Savings Bank’s annual Community Giving Initiative, which provides financial support to local nonprofits and community organizations chosen by community vote. The program reflects the Bank’s longstanding commitment to investing in organizations

that strengthen the quality of life throughout the region and address the needs that matter most to local residents.

Aida’s Food Truck has become a valued community resource by providing meals and support to individuals and families experiencing hardship. With the help of dedicated volunteers and community partners, the organization continues to make a difference by ensuring that no neighbor is left behind.

Monson Savings Bank’s Community Giving Initiative supports local nonprofits and community organizations that make a meaningful impact throughout the region. Each year, community members are invited to vote for nonprofit organizations they would like the Bank to support.

By placing the power of giving directly in the hands of the community, the program helps direct funding to organizations that are creating positive changes and improving the lives of local residents.

To learn more, visit <https://www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community/community-giving-initiative.html>.

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Viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters By Russell Gloor

Why change Social Security now? It's a working 'Ponzi Scam.'

Dear Rusty: Maybe everybody has the same reaction that I do to Social Security insolvency.

I do not understand a system that has been basically run like a Ponzi Scam since its inception; why have you decided (in 2026-2027) that now is the time to change a perfectly good Ponzi Scam.

In all reality, this began with Babylon. I'm sure that if you searched the meaning of the words "Babylonian money magic," you would understand what I'm talking about.

If this is as good as the Earth has, why would you mess with a perfectly rotten thing. Why would you decide to change currencies to some sort of fragile digital currency?

Signed: Skeptical Senior

Dear Skeptical Senior:

You touch on an item that the Association of Mature American Citizens Foundation has dealt with many times over the years, specifically the notion that Social Security has the characteristics of a Ponzi Scheme.

Our position in response to that notion is that Social Security was created and operated with full transparency with its financial status, formulas and long-term deficits completely and publicly documented and reported to the President and Congress annually.

Unlike the infamous Charles Ponzi, the government has a permanent pool of contributors through mandatory FICA and SECA (self-employment) payroll taxes and is designed to remain in operation infinitely as long as there's a taxpaying workforce.

Moreover, the Social Security system is overseen by Congress, specifically the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Government Accountability Office. The Social Security Administration is subject to routine hearings by these congressional overseers and maintains an independent Office of the Inspector General to ensure the integrity of its financial operations.

Contrary to Ponzi victims, all participants retiring from the workforce and their dependents recover their Social Security contributions via ben-

efit payments, some more than others based on their level of participation in the system. Also, contrary to Ponzi Schemes, Social Security was designed as a social insurance system and has operated successfully in that mode for over nine decades.

What raises the notion of a Ponzi Scheme comparison these days is the looming insolvency facing Social Security just six years from now. This financial problem, however, has nothing to do with fraud.

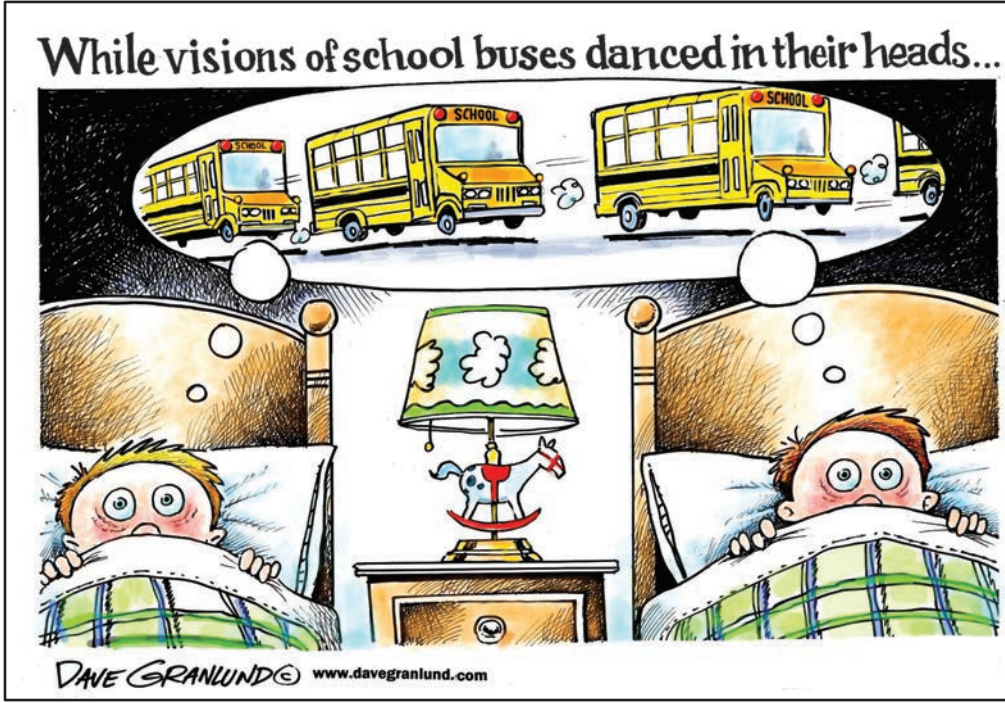
Rather, it is a function of workforce demographics and the fact that Congress has long deferred corrective action on a problem that has been known for the past four decades.

We sometimes hear well intended, but sometimes uninformed comments from some Washington politicians invoking the Ponzi Scheme reference, but we believe that Congress is finally waking up to the urgency.

And we also believe Congress is now starting to move seriously to set a course for correction in time to ward off the impact of insolvency. AMAC is proud to be a part of the collective thinking currently surfacing, and our Social Security Guarantee is in play as a plan to be considered.

We invite you to review our SS reform plan (at https://amac.us/social-security-guarantee) and likewise to stay tuned to our Social Security Report website (https://socialsecurityreport.org/) where we post regular updates on a variety of matters pertaining to Social Security and retirement.

The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



Teachable moments during preservation

I had far too many plans for a long weekend. There were peaches to can, applesauce to make, peppers to roast and tomatoes to turn into sauce and salsa. Oh yes, and cabbage to ferment into sauerkraut. 'Tis the season!

Someone once said that it is important to "make hay while the sun is shining." That is exactly what I did.

While I was at it I came across a few teachable moments, and that is what I want to share with you today.

Some of my peaches have brown rot and some had split pits. Brown rot is a fungal disease that leaves fuzzy brown areas on the fruit.

It can spread fast. One day a small patch; the next day half a fruit is infected.

Much like with apple scab, sanitation will go a long way to aid in prevention. Your goal is to prevent disease spores from overwintering.

Throw out any fallen infected peaches. If peaches are clinging to the trees well after harvest, pick these "mummies" and get rid of them too.

Rake up leaves that may also carry the disease. If raking is unrealistic, mow under the tree to encourage the leaves to break down.

In late winter, prune to encourage good air flow, a paramount practice in disease prevention. Thin fruit to four to five inches apart. Applications of fungicide can assist, but I prefer the natural route as much as possible.

I encourage you to do your own research.

Split pit on peaches is new to me. It was like the pit was indeed split, and sometimes stuck in each side of the fruit. From there, rot can begin to take over.

Apparently split pit is a physiological issue. Too much rain prior to harvest could be the culprit especially since

the forefront of my mind as I plan next year's garden. Soaker hoses and more organic matter may help. As I was processing the tomatoes I stopped twice to save some of the seeds of two of my favorites. If you grew open pollinated, non hybrid tomatoes and plan to start your own seeds indoor next spring, you'd be silly not to save your own seeds!

Cut open a tomato - scoop out the goop and put it in a small jar with a few drops of water. Wait a few days until mold forms on top and then dump into a sieve and separate out the seeds.

Allow to dry on paper towel and then store in an envelope marked with the variety and date. You just saved yourself some cash, too!

The only thing I have to say about my cabbage is that I wish I had grown more of it. All of my Crucifers - broccoli, cabbage and kale worked out so tremendously well under insect netting that I will definitely grow it that way again next year.

No worms at all. Planting a few early cabbages and some later ones was smart to spread out the kraut.

Next year I'll just add a few more to my plot.

Alas, the harvest season is in full swing. I am so incredibly grateful for my garden and what I can preserve for use in the off season.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



The average time they spent hunting before making a catch was about 12 minutes.

The osprey readily builds its stick nest on manmade structures such as telephone poles, channel markers, duck blinds and nest platforms designed especially for it. Such platforms have become an important tool in reestablishing ospreys in areas where they had disappeared. In some areas nests are placed almost exclusively on artificial structures.

Osprey eggs do not hatch all at once. Rather, the first chick emerges up to five days before the last one. The older hatchling dominates its younger siblings and can mo-

lows them to grasp with two toes in front and two behind. Barbed pads on the soles of the birds' feet help them grip slippery fish. When flying with prey, an osprey lines up its catch head first for less wind resistance.

These hawks are excellent anglers. Over several studies, ospreys caught fish on at least one in every four dives with success rates sometimes as high as 70%.



Doug Moore of Belchertown took this photo of an osprey protecting its young from a red winged blackbird at Lake Wallace on July 17.

The osprey, also known as the fish hawk has the ability to dive into water to catch fish. It also has the ability to hover.

Ospreys are unusual among hawks in possessing a reversible outer toe that al-

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The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to journalregister@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in The Journal Register.

POETRY CORNER

Flag Against The Terror Furling

What highest was, Big Apple fair -
By crazed attack to cause terror:
Would seem to show height was error
Of freedom - in the world's city of power.

Part of it, for now, from our concrete Orchard,
will lay for a time at our feet -
Where dwells a shaken, sorrowing heart.
But for more than this - must it beat.

As dominions are, of quickened flesh and blood;
And - resolved, by this, to a patriot's mood:
Will do - for them - as high-born-spirit, demands.
From these grey ashes, and smoking air -
That's made our tragedy's funeral pyre,
The living, shall pursue each dread step... to honour.

- Charles Barnes

Viewpoints

BIRDS | from page 4

nopolize the food brought by the parents.

If food is abundant, chicks share meals in relative harmony; in times of scarcity, younger ones may starve to death.

These birds may log more than 160,000 migration miles during its 15 to 20-year lifetime. Scientists track ospreys by strapping lightweight satellite transmitters to the birds' backs.

The devices pinpoint an osprey's location to within a few hundred yards and last for two or three years. During 13 days in 2008, one osprey flew 2,700 miles from Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts to French Guiana, South America.

The oldest known osprey was at least 25 years, two months old and lived in Virginia. It was banded in 1973 and found in 1998.

Glossy ibis

On July 13 Doug Moore saw a glossy ibis at Lake Wallace. They expanded their range over the past century from the southeastern United States to include much of eastern North



Osprey at nest.

Photo by Doug Moore

America.

At a distance the glossy ibis looks uniformly dark, but a closer look in sunlight reveals deep maroon, emerald, bronze and violet feathers.

Large flock of grackles

I saw a large flock of grackles in late August. I did not count them, but there were at least 50, probably more.

They flew from one side of the road to the other. I stopped the car and waited for them to safely pass.

There were stragglers and some flew behind the car as well as in front of it. Seeing them reminded me that the fall migrations are happening or at least the birds are gathering in flocks to make their journeys south.

Some species of birds travel long distances to their winter habitat. Ospreys are just one of many that travel thousands of miles.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Author thanks community for support of new book

To the Editor:

I remain blown away by the turnout for the launch of my new book Sept. 1 at Palmer Public Library.

All chapters of my life were represented wonderfully. Sts. Peter and Paul School, the subject of my new memoir, "Compositions", came back to life with so many classmates from my Class of 1972 there, plus former students from so many other years.

Just a few nights after our 50th Reunion, Palmer High's Class of 1976 also was there via many friends I met in those four years, and others who went through the same school halls years before or after. Colleagues from my years reporting for the Springfield newspapers, and colleagues and former students from my years teaching at Bay Path University's MFA in Creative Nonfiction and the University of Southern Maine's Stonecoast MFA program, also filled the seats,



Submitted Photo

Bondsville author Suzanne Strempek Shea presented her new book to a large crowd at the Palmer Public Library.

and flowed into the hall. Everyone in the world should experience this kind of night, what my husband Tommy Shea calls "a living wake." So many, many loved ones and acquaintances, neighbors, plus even strangers, there to celebrate something you've created.

I remain humbled, touched and so grateful for it all.

Special thanks to Journal Register reporter Kevin Flanders for his page one story that did so much to draw people to the event. To Amy Golenski, Palmer Public Library's Adult Services Librarian, and all the staff, for making the crowd

and me so welcome.

To lifelong friend Barbara Sekula of Ludlow for her lovely introduction, and to Susan Tilton Pecora, who left her Thorndike art studio for the day to help me decorate the community room, and then spent the evening photographing the event.

And to all who attended. Whether still living in our town, or in Florida, in New Hampshire, or in the Boston area, your efforts to be there were so appreciated.

It's a night I truly won't forget, and my thanks are sent to everyone who was there.

Suzanne Strempek Shea
Bondsville

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-mail items to journalregister@turley.com or mail to Calendar Editor, Journal Register, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, for receipt by Monday of week for publication.

The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times. Have an event to promote? Email the information (in sentence form and as a Word doc or plain email text – no PDFs or flyers, please – to journalregister@turley.com.

UPCOMING

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- Sept. 15 - Wicked Good Treats
- Sept. 16 - How Charming
- Sept. 21 - Geriations & Sew On
- Sept. 23 - Crystal Clear Emotions

ONGOING

WALES CHURCH FARMER'S MARKET: Located in the church pavilion across from the post office on the corner of Route 19 and Monson Road. The farmers market is

open every Saturday morning from 9 a.m.-noon beginning on Memorial Day weekend and running until Labor Day weekend. Offerings include homemade baked goods, local honey, crafts, flea market items, antiques and fruits and vegetables when in season. Vendors are welcome and there is no charge to set up a table.

THURSDAYS - WESTERN LINE DANCE CLASSES 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$10 for one lesson or both. Brimfield Winery at 35 Main St., in Brimfield. Check brimfieldwinery.com for any variations.

CRAFTERNOONS: Drop in 2-4 p.m. daily at the Holland Public Library, 23 Sturbridge Road, Holland, to learn or practice different crafts. There are new crafts every Wednesday. For more information, call 413-245-3607.

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM: Located at 35 Ely Road, Monson, nature trails are open daily until dusk for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Trail maps can be found in the parking lot. For more information call 413-267-4137, email khm@keephomesteadmuseum.org or visit keephomesteadmuseum.org.

QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD: Members meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the AMETS Post at 2150 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no-pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E "Best In Show" winners. Dues are \$55 a year. Follow them on Facebook for more information.

LINE DANCING CLASS: 3-5 p.m. and/or 6:30-8:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss St., Monson. Rose's line dancing classes include absolute beginners and beginners, and participants get to dance to all types of music. \$10 per class. Please wear comfortable footwear, no sandals.

GAME NIGHT: 6-7:45 p.m. the second Tuesday at the Palmer Library at 1455 N. Main St. Free and open to the public. Play available board and card games or bring your own. Must be 16 or older unless accompanied by an adult. No registration required. For more information call 413-283-3691, or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

QI GONG: Qi Gong at Monson Free Library with Randy Emerson is held every Tuesday from 5:45-6:45 p.m.

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Public safety

Palmer Police Logs

During the week of Aug. 23-29, the Palmer Police Department responded to 43 building checks, 69 motor vehicle stops, two disabled motor vehicles, 11 motor vehicle violations, 61 informational calls, 19 medical emergencies, six animal complaints, 45 calls for officers wanted, 28 alarms, 16 silent, accidental, abandoned or hung up 911 calls, three fire calls, three theft or fraud calls, eight investigations, seven motor vehicle accidents, seven motor vehicle releases, 16 general services, four out of jurisdiction reports, 19 assists to other agencies, five transports, 16 traffic posts and 10 school resource officer calls.

Sunday, Aug. 23
1:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Pleasant Street and Central Street
2:15 a.m. Hazard-Wire/Pole/Tree, Ware Street and Gates Street
2:30 a.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Beacon Drive
2:43 a.m. Suspicious Person, Squier Street
4:10 a.m. Suspicious Person, Squier Street
8:19 a.m. Noise Complaint, Barker Street
8:27 a.m. Animal Complaint, Winthrop Street
9:22 a.m. Medical Emergency, High Street
9:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Mt. Dumplin Road
11:18 a.m. Noise Complaint, Barker Street
2:35 p.m. Investigation, Wilbraham Street
4:02 p.m. Suspicious Person, Chestnut Street
4:41 p.m. Breaking and Entering Vehicle, Lariviere Street
5:07 p.m. Check Well Being, Maple Terrace

5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Mass Turnpike
5:20 p.m. Medical Emergency, Lawrence Street
9:35 p.m. Medical Alarm, Thorndike Street
11:38 p.m. Check Well Being, North Main Street

Monday, Aug. 24
2:18 a.m. Check Well Being, North Main Street
2:20 a.m. Medical Alarm, Shearer Street
4:00 a.m. Unwanted Person, Wright Street
5:42 a.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold-Up/Panic, Third Street
9:10 a.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Quaboag Valley Co-Op
9:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, North Main Street
10:03 a.m. Found Property, Lariviere Street
11:33 a.m. Medical Emergency, Ware Street
11:58 a.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Main Street
1:22 p.m. Animal Complaint
1:35 p.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Cedar Swamp Road
1:51 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, South Main Street
2:48 p.m. Fire-Smoke, Springfield Street
3:47 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Flynt Street
4:08 p.m. Medical Alarm, Gates Street
4:51 p.m. Hazard-Road Condition, South High Street
9:01 p.m. Check Well Being, Beacon Drive
10:24 p.m. Hazard-Wire/Pole/Tree, Sykes Street

Tuesday, Aug. 25
12:31 a.m. Medical Emergency, Gay Street
1:48 a.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Bourne Street
2:32 a.m. Medical Emergency, Charles Street
6:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Old Warren Road
7:08 a.m. Medical Emergency, Ruggles Street
7:18 a.m. Fire-Smoke, Church Street
7:27 a.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold-Up/Panic, Main Street
8:52 a.m. Breaking and Entering Vehicle, Maple Street
9:02 a.m. Notification/Message Delivery, Palmer Road
9:09 a.m. Trespass Complaint, Shaw Street
9:34 a.m. Missing/Run-away, Main Street
9:48 a.m. Property Return, Stimson Street
10:36 a.m. Fraud, Cedar Hill Street
11:23 a.m. Medical Emergency, Beacon Drive
11:28 a.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation, Second Street
11:48 a.m. Animal Complaint, High Street
12:28 p.m. Medical Emergency, Park Street
3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Bridge Street and Main Street
3:21 p.m. Medical Alarm, Main Street
4:38 p.m. Medical Emergency, Water Street and Bridge Street
6:19 p.m. Breaking and Entering Vehicle, Michael Drive
7:11 p.m. Investigation, Michael Drive
7:20 p.m. Medical Emergency, Cedar Hill Street
8:15 p.m. Medical Emergency, Glenn Street
10:02 p.m. Lost Property, Main Street
11:36 p.m. Missing/Run-away, Burlingame Street

Wednesday, Aug. 26
2:41 a.m. Medical Alarm, Bourneside Street
2:48 a.m. Hazard/Other, Thorndike Street
4:07 a.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold-Up/Panic, Thorndike Street
8:20 a.m. Animal Complaint, River Street
9:31 a.m. Public Service, Coache Street
9:45 a.m. Check Well Being, Shaw Street
10:30 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Thorndike Street
11:27 a.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold-Up/Panic, South Main Street
12:35 p.m. Found Property, Thorndike Street
2:21 p.m. Medical Emergency, Olney Road
2:42 p.m. Medical Alarm, Gates Street
2:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Park Violation, Main Street
3:50 p.m. Fraud, Gates Street
6:37 p.m. Investigation, Lariviere Street
7:35 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Michael Street
8:27 p.m. Disorderly Conduct, North Main Street
9:27 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street
10:05 p.m. Disorderly Conduct, North Main Street
10:47 p.m. Check Well Being, Pleasant Street and Pine Street

Thursday, Aug. 27
1:16 a.m. Officer Wanted, Main Street
7:48 a.m. Investigation, Boston Road
8:10 a.m. Medical Emergency, Beacon Drive
8:49 a.m. Theft, Park Street
9:03 a.m. Hazard-Road Condition, Thorndike Street
11:30 a.m. Medical Alarm, Beacon Drive

12:23 p.m. Property Return, Main Street
12:57 p.m. Check Well Being, Park Street
1:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Abandoned, Shearer Street and Thorndike Street
1:47 p.m. Check Well Being, Stone Street and Park Street
3:43 p.m. Disturbance, South Main Street
3:51 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Hill Street
3:52 p.m. Lost Property, North Main Street
5:02 p.m. Missing/Run-away, Buckland Street
6:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Repossession, High Street
7:58 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Summer Street
8:12 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Palmer Road
8:46 p.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Maple Street
9:10 p.m. Medical Emergency, North Main Street
9:40 p.m. Medical Emergency, Quaboag Valley Co-Op

Friday, Aug. 28
12:06 a.m. Noise Complaint, Palmer Road
12:43 a.m. Noise Complaint, Palmer Road
9:25 a.m. Investigation, Beacon Drive
10:22 a.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street
10:35 a.m. Investigation, Main Street
1:19 p.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Allen Street
1:26 p.m. Animal Complaint, North Main Street
1:26 p.m. Hazard-Other, Ware Street
2:04 p.m. Check Well Being, South High Street
2:09 p.m. Assault, Pleasant Street
3:48 p.m. Property Return, Stimson Street

4:29 p.m. Officer Wanted, Wilbraham Street
4:50 p.m. Check Well Being, Beacon Drive
6:22 p.m. Hazard-Wire/Pole/Tree, Spring Street
8:20 p.m. Suspicious Person, Squier Street

Saturday, Aug. 29
2:32 a.m. Suspicious Person, State Street
4:08 a.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold-Up/Panic, North Main Street
11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Thorndike Street
11:51 a.m. Hazard-Other, Main Street
12:57 p.m. Medical Emergency, Quaboag Valley Co-Op
1:39 p.m. Warrant Service, South Main Street
1:51 p.m. Vandalism, Palmer Road
3:41 p.m. Unwanted Person, Beacon Drive
5:04 p.m. Public Service, Thorndike Street
5:15 p.m. Hazard-Road Condition, Philip Street and Summit Drive
6:24 p.m. Medical Emergency, Allen Street
7:57 p.m. Disturbance, Beacon Drive
8:11 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Bertera, Thorndike Street
8:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Street and Breckenridge Street
9:05 p.m. Check Well Being, Thorndike Street
9:09 p.m. Check Well Being, Thorndike Street
10:39 p.m. Warrant Service, Wilbraham Street
11:05 p.m. Noise Complaint, Palmer Road
11:09 p.m. Investigation, Wright Street
11:36 p.m. Investigation, Thorndike Street

Monson Police Logs

During the week of Aug. 31-Sept. 6, the Monson Police Department responded to five miscellaneous calls, 29 administrative calls, 22 property checks, 27 traffic assignments, five traffic violations, three safety hazards, seven investigations, one assist other agencies, 37 police vehicle checks, 21 motor vehicle stops, nine directed patrols, 17 details/overtimes and nine phone calls.

Monday, Aug. 31
8:45 a.m. Investigation/

Follow Up
10:19 a.m. Fraud/Deception
1:06 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted
6:18 p.m. EMS Mutual Aid

Tuesday, Sept. 1
7:27 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
1:51 p.m. Theft/Larceny
2:15 p.m. Check Well Being
4:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call
5:38 p.m. Medical Emergency

agency
Wednesday, Sept. 2
3:45 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
5:18 a.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard
6:12 a.m. Safety Hazard
9:54 a.m. Safety Hazard
12:01 p.m. Investigation/ Follow Up
12:20 p.m. Electrical Hazard
2:25 p.m. Investigation/ Follow Up
4:36 p.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted
5:21 p.m. Weapons/Firearms

Thursday, Sept. 3
8:59 a.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard
9:01 a.m. Fire Alarm Testing
9:40 a.m. Investigation/ Follow Up
1:36 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard
6:11 p.m. Check Well Being
6:21 p.m. Disturbance/ Nuisance

Friday, Sept. 4
5:46 a.m. Suspicious/ Wanted
7:35 a.m. Investigation/ Follow Up
7:35 a.m. Theft/Larceny
8:48 a.m. Warrant Service
8:57 a.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard
9:42 a.m. Assist Other

Agency
9:59 a.m. Fire Alarm Testing
11:17 a.m. Check Well Being
11:47 a.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted
10:29 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard
Arrest: Robert A. Dwyer, 63, Fitchburg
OUI-Liquor or .08%, 3rd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Inspection/ Sticker, No; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle; Possess Open Container of; Marked Lanes Violation

Saturday, Sept. 5
11:39 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
11:52 a.m. Check Well Being
1:00 p.m. Community Policing
5:30 p.m. Disturbance/ Nuisance

8:29 p.m. Weapons/Firearms
9:48 p.m. Suspicious/ Wanted

Sunday, Sept. 6
1:16 a.m. Suspicious/ Wanted
Arrest: Erik C. Salstead, 42, Monson
OUI Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
9:49 a.m. Investigation/ Follow Up
10:08 a.m. Harassment/ Stalk/Threat
10:31 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
11:45 a.m. Check Well Being
12:26 p.m. Medical Emergency
3:28 p.m. Safety Hazard
8:27 p.m. Weapons/Firearms
11:07 p.m. Suspicious/ Wanted



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Monson Fire Logs

The Monson Fire Department responded to 18 EMS calls and five fire calls for the week of Aug. 31-Sept. 6.

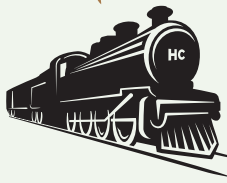
On **Tuesday, Sept. 1** at 9:20 a.m., the department responded to Boston Road – East for a public assist. The department returned in service at 9:43 a.m.

On the same day at 11:33 a.m., the department responded to Upper Hampden Road for alarms sounding. The department returned in service at 12:10 p.m.

At 5:08 p.m., the department responded to Stafford Road for alarms sounding. The department returned in service at 5:20 p.m.

On **Wednesday, Sept. 2** at 1:17 p.m., the department responded to Boston Road – East for a public assist. The department returned in service at 1:54 p.m.

On **Friday, Sept. 4** at 4:39 p.m., the department responded to Brimfield Road for an illegal burn. The department returned in service at 4:50 p.m.



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each of the 351 municipalities in Massachusetts with their own copy of the Declaration of Independence,” read a statement released by Rep. Ashe’s office. “Thank you to Revolution 250 for making this meaningful initiative possible.”

Wolowicz was thrilled to accept the document on behalf of Monson.

“This is a truly special moment for our community, as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of our nation’s independence,” Wolowicz told The Journal Register. “Having our legislators come to Monson to present this beautifully framed reproduction of the Declaration of Independence is a meaningful way to recognize our history and the principles upon which our country was founded.”

Town leaders thank the legislators for their attendance at the commemorative ceremony.

“We are grateful for their taking the time to share this important piece of history with our community, and we look forward to proudly displaying it for generations to come,” Wolowicz added.

Looking ahead, town leaders will work with the Director of Facilities to find an appropriate place to display the document at Town Hall.

The first reproductions of the Declaration of Independence were printed in June, as part of Revolution 250’s “Declaration Delivery Day” initiative. Handmade copies are being delivered to all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts.

Historian and printer Gary Gregory began printing the copies at the Museum of

Printing in Haverhill, recreating a labor-intensive process similar to that used in 1776.

The project is also serving as an important history lesson for residents across the state. After the Founding Fathers approved the original document on July 4, 1776, more than 300 printed copies of the Declaration were sent to towns statewide, where they were read aloud to residents by their parish ministers.

Dozens of the original copies remain preserved today.

“This is one of the defining moments in Massachusetts history,” said Jonathan Lane, Executive Director of Revolution 250. “In July 1776, the Declaration of Independence was printed and distributed throughout the Commonwealth to churches in towns large and small, regardless of denomination.



Turley photos by Kevin Flanders
Town officials and local legislators celebrate the presentation of the framed document.

As ministers read the Declaration aloud to their congregations, hundreds of thousands of people heard, often for the first time, the words that would forever change the course of history.”

Gregory’s work reflects the precision and scale of 18th century printing. The process required more than 10,000 individual pieces of hand-set type, each carefully placed to form the document.

Each sheet of paper was handmade by a specialized Indiana-based company, Twinrocker Paper. The ink used was also made to replicate that of the Revolutionary era.

BOARD | from page 1

Chair David Beaudoin said that the town could not grant a variance to the project. The town bylaws state that the town “shall prohibit access to a business or industrial use across a residential district.”

“We can’t do it. As a board, we cannot give them that,” Beaudoin said.

Francis Parisi, a representative for Vertex Tower Assets, encouraged the board to consult with town counsel before making its final decision.

“That statement that you just made with respect to your inability to grant use variances is dated,” Parisi said. “They just changed Massachusetts zoning law within the last month, with respect to the grant of variances.”

Parisi was referring to

the amendments to Chapter 40A that ease zoning variance standards for housing development.

“Notwithstanding that, we’re proposing to build a wireless telecommunications facility,” Parisi said. “Under state law, a zoning board can’t grant a use variance unless they’re specifically permitted under their zoning bylaw... However, federal law says that you can with respect to cell towers.”

Parisi said that the club’s construction of cell tower infrastructure does not qualify as commercial use, and is protected by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

“Your zoning bylaw says that we need a special permit from the Planning Board, which we’ve applied for,” Parisi said.

He adding that he had also applied for a height vari-

“We can’t do it. As a board, we cannot give them that.”

David Beaudoin
Zoning Board of Appeals Chair

ance, a frontage variance and a setback variance from the ZBA.

Beaudoin cited the bylaws limitation of such a structure to a 40 by 40 square foot structure, compared to the proposed 60 by 60.

Parisi said that the bylaw refers to the base of the structure itself and does not include the fencing around it.

Beaudoin read the associated definition: “Structures of accessory structures: a combination of materials assembled at a fixed location to give support or shelter, such

as the building framework, retaining wall, for a structure, tent, reviewing stand, platform, bend, flagpole mast, radio antenna, or the like.”

“The word ‘structure’ shall be construed, when the context allows, as though followed by the words, ‘or part or parts therefore,’” Beaudoin said. “60 by 60 is ‘parts and parts therefore’... You want a 60 by 60 area, and what you put inside that 60 by 60 area is your business, but our bylaw says 40 by 40, and whatever you put into it is your business, not 60 by 60.”

Beaudoin said that Parisi “may have a point” when he compared the bylaws regarding accessory structures to housing equipment for towers.

Ahead of the discussion, Board Member Teresa Sobanska-Hrynkiw, who was not at the previous meeting where the matter was previously discussed, said she had reviewed the minutes and felt confident on the ability to speak on the matter.

Ann Boyer, a resident whose property abuts the property of the Springfield Sportsman’s Club, spoke out against the construction of the tower.

“If it was built there when I was purchasing property 40-some-odd years ago, I wouldn’t have bought my property,” Boyer said.

Boyer said part of the dirt road that would be used

as part of the construction is part of her property.

“I do believe that I own part of that dirt road,” Boyer said. “If the club has had it surveyed, I’d like to see that survey and have a chance, if I have to, to have my own property surveyed as well.”

Short of having the land surveyed, Boyer and the board were unable to say definitively whether the dirt road passes through Boyer’s property. Nonetheless, Beaudoin announced that it held no bearing on the decision, as the board had already determined it could not grant a variance to the project.

After a lengthy discussion, the board voted two to two for a height variance, the distance from the lot lines, and denied the request for use of the dirt road, as per the conversation with town counsel.

DEADLINE

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eat some food, listen to some music, and watch some amazing performers,” said Police Chief Nicholas Gasperini. “Attending the Monson Cultural Picnic gives us an opportunity to connect with residents one on one, support the community, and celebrate our town. Always a good time.”

Hampden County Sheriff’s Department members, Sgt. Pat Kiendzior and Sgt. Jon Mach, brought therapy dog Maggie to welcome guests.

“This is a great community-building opportunity, and we always enjoy meeting families,” Kiendzior said.

The event also included performances from several youth groups.

“It’s all about bringing people together and celebrating our community through the arts, creativity, and entertainment,” Dise added.

Organizers thank all business leaders for their support over the years, including longtime supporter Monson Savings Bank.

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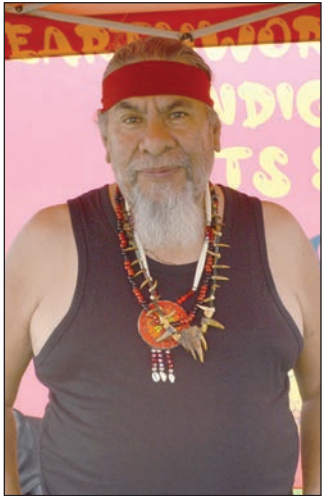


Monson Police Chief Nicholas Gasperini, left, and Officer Paul Mayo say hello to attendees.



Performances took place throughout the afternoon.

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Sito Zapaktli represents Springfield-based Earthworks.



Lily Fabian and Olivia O'Connor represent Monson Savings Bank.



Adam Veilleux (right) and Charlie Ryder, 8, represent Open Pantry Community Services.



Sgt. Pat Kiendzior, left, and Sgt. Jon Mach, of the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department, greet families along with therapy dog Maggie.



Festival 5: Sharon and Reed Coles introduce guests to the Monson Arts Council.



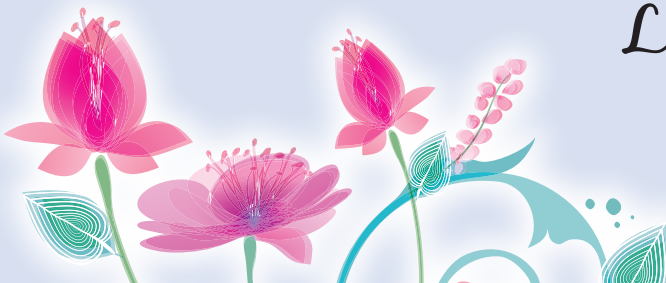
Paulette Benetti and Melissa Barnes introduce guests to FosterMA.



Aaliyah Vergara greets guests.



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Several young players are looking to make this year's team.



Audrey Gregoire goes after the ball.

SOCCKER

Final tune-up for Mustangs

MONSON – After participating in South Hadley's play day, Monson High School girls soccer returned home to host Chicopee in a preseason scrimmage last Friday. The Mustangs opened the regular season against Southwick Regional earlier this week. Coming up, the Mustangs are scheduled to face Frontier Regional on Friday, Sept. 11 at 4 p.m.



Jordan Szado corrals the ball.



Avery Beaudoin advances up the field.

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Chelsea Hull is pressured.



Emma Maziarz reaches out to get a touch.

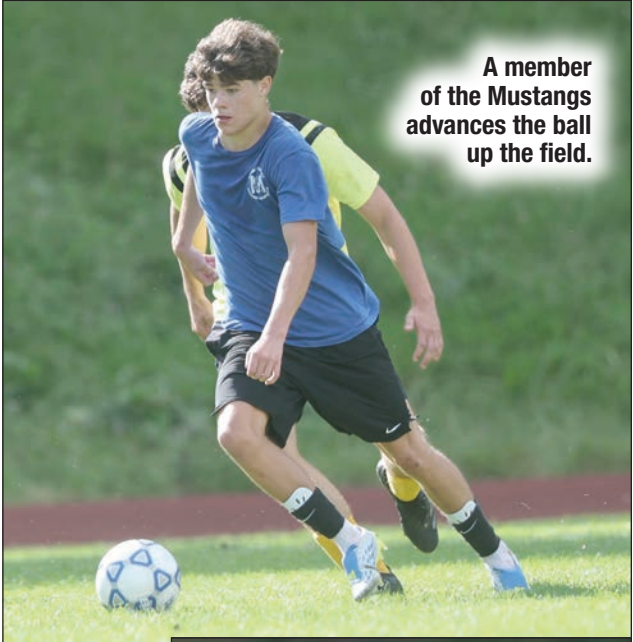
SOCCKER

Mustangs look to head back to tournament

MONSON – Last Thursday afternoon, Hopkins Academy visited Monson High School for preseason action in boys soccer. Monson was scheduled to start the season against Granby, then travels to SICS on Friday, Sept. 11 at 3:30 p.m. Next week, the Mustangs on a road trip to Orange for a matchup with Mahar Regional.



Monson High School boys soccer was in action last Friday against Hopkins.



A member of the Mustangs advances the ball up the field.

Turley photos by David Henry



The Mustangs are hopeful to make it back to the state tournament.



The Mustangs were scheduled to open up the regular season this week.

SOCCKER

Pathfinder Tech girls soccer gets season going

PALMER – Last Thursday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer had its preseason scrimmage, taking on cross-town rival Palmer High School. The two teams are both

gearing up for the regular season. Pathfinder was set to open the season on Thursday, Sept. 10, taking on Lee at home. The Pioneers are on the road Monday afternoon, Sept. 14 at Commerce at 4 p.m.

Ellyana LaValley keeps play moving up the field.



Eudyn Wood takes a free kick.



Taylor Allen is pressured by an opponent.



Aubrey Ortiz sends the goal kick away.



Kayleigh Peters is closely pressured.



Abigail Carmody gets ready to make a big kick.

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Sports

Dirt Dogs take Pioneer Valley 2026 championship

SOUTH HADLEY – On Aug. 22 at Beachgrounds Park, after trailing earlier in the game, the Dirt Dogs came back to defeat the Knights 7-5 to sweep a best-of-three game championship series to win the Pioneer Valley Baseball League’s title for 2026. This was the first year of Pioneer’s merger with the Quabbin Valley Baseball League. The

merger included the addition of the Blue Jays to bring the league to six teams. The Dirt Dogs had Pioneers best record of 19-2 in the regular season and the Dirt Dogs went on to win five consecutive games in the double elimination playoffs. The Knights went 16-4 in the regular season and were defeated in winner’s bracket of the playoffs by the Dirt

Dogs. They would go on to beat the Wolves 2-1 in 11 innings in the elimination final to make it to the championship series for a rematch with the Dirt Dogs. The Dirt Dogs won the championship opener 18-4 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke on Aug. 18. Pioneer will have a four-team fall league for the first time, which begins on Sept. 12.



Andres Conde delivers a pitch for the Knights.



Tory Buck takes a swing and fouls off a pitch.



Tom Burzynski leads off first base.



Pete Moulin sends a pitch away for the Dirt Dogs.

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Racing heats up Stafford Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT – With Stafford Motor Speedway approaching its final races of the 2026 season, drivers are quickly running out of time to either establish themselves as a championship contender, or make a move up in the standings before the season ends. Here is a division by division breakdown of how each of Stafford’s five weekly divisions has played out thus far in 2026:

SK Modified® Division
Stafford’s premier weekly division sees Keith Rocco on track to claim a fifth career track championship. A fifth SK track title would tie Rocco with Bob Potter for the second most in Stafford history, trailing only the late great Ted Christopher with 9 SK titles.

Todd Owen kicked off the 2026 season with what was his first SK Modified® feature win since Sept. 2024. Owen, defending SK track champion Jon Puleo, and Tyler Chapman all took turns holding the SK point lead in the early stages of the season, but Rocco’s consistency sees him currently holding a 66-point advantage over Puleo with Marcello Ruffano and Owen tied for third, 86 points behind. Rocco took the point lead for the first time following the July 10 feature event and he has not relinquished the lead since. Rocco heads into the Sept. 4 Paradise Insurance LM 50 program riding a streak of 10 consecutive top-8 finishes, but all it would take is one bad night for Rocco for his comfortable 66 point margin to disappear.

Late Model Division
Stafford’s Late Model division is the tightest championship fight going at Stafford with the top-8 drivers spread less than 50 points, or one race win, apart. Five different drivers have each held the Late Model point lead at some point during the 2026 season. Chris Buffone opened the season with a victory in the NAPA Spring Sizzler and after losing the point lead to Kevin Gambacorta and then Chris Meyer, Buf-

fone was back on top before Adam Gray took over the lead following the June 12 feature event. Gambacorta would swap the lead with both Gray and Meyer once more before Gray went back into the lead following the July 10 feature event and he has held the lead ever since. Much like Keith Rocco in Stafford’s SK Modified® division, Gray is racing for what would be a fifth career Late Model track title at Stafford. Meyer goes into the final 4 races trailing Gray by 10 points, Gambacorta is third 24 points behind, Wayne Coury, Jr. is fourth, 34 points behind, Michael Bennett is fifth, 40 points behind, Darrell Keane and Buffone are tied for sixth 42 points behind and defending track champion Paul Varricchio, Jr. is eighth, 46 points behind.

SK Light Division
Stafford’s SK Light division has seen its 2026 season evolve into a story of two dominant seasons. Chris Matthews opened the season with a victory in the NAPA Spring Sizzler and looked like he would have things on cruise control as he posted podium finishes in the first 7 races with 1 win, 5 second place, and 1 third place finish among those 7 races. Although Matthews has added 3 more wins to his season total since that streak, he has also finished outside the top-15 five times since then and he has fallen to 4th in the standings, 66 points behind Nick Anglace.

Anglace has been the other hot SK Light driver during the 2026 season, racking up 7 wins over the first 17 races. Anglace’s win total trails only Ryan Waterman, who has 10 wins in the Street Stock division, for the most feature wins at Stafford this season. Former SK Light champion Tyler Barry has quietly kept himself in contention for a second track title, holding the point lead himself for several weeks before Anglace took over the top spot in the standings. Barry has yet to win a race in 2026, but he is the co-division leader with 11 top-5

and 14 top-10 finishes this season. Barry goes into the Sept. 4 race 20 points behind Anglace with Daltin McCarthy, who scored his first career SK Light victory earlier this season, sitting third, 42 points behind.

Limited Late Model Division
Jason Lafayette opened the Limited Late Model season with victory in the NAPA Spring Sizzler, which vaulted him into the early season point lead. Lafayette would hold the point lead until the middle of June when Jeremy Lavoie took over the top spot. Lavoie and Lafayette traded the point lead several times with former track champion Rich Hammann also taking the lead for a week before Lavoie went back to the front, where he remains going into the Sept. 4 feature event. Lavoie is seeking what would be his fourth career track championship in the Limited Late Model division and he leads Norm Root, III, who is still looking for his first win of the 2026 season, by 10 points. Lafayette and Hamman are currently tied for third in the standings, 28 points behind Lavoie.

Street Stock Division
The Street Stock division has been a one-man wrecking crew in 2026 as Ryan Waterman has absolutely dominated the competition. Waterman has amassed 10 wins over the first 16 races this season to see himself 48 points clear of Brent Gleason in second place. Waterman has been so dominant this season that he has finished 15 of the 16 races this season in the top-4 with the lone blemish on his record a 17th place finish in the July 31 feature event. Gleason has yet to win this season but he is the only driver to have recorded a top-10 finish in each of the first 16 races. Jason Raymond is currently third in the standings with 3 victories and he is 58 points behind Waterman. The only other driver within 100 points of Waterman is PJ Evans who is fourth in the standings, 96 points behind.

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Athlete of the Week

Eudyn Wood

Pathfinder Tech

Wood is a member of Pathfinder girls soccer hoping to make an impact this season for the Pioneers as play gets underway this week.

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Business

Laura Pompei recently opened the Hearts and Crafts Station

By Kevin Flanders
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PALMER – Located in the heart of town, the newly opened Hearts and Crafts Station provides a convenient, do-it-yourself crafting space for an array of creative needs.

On June 1, owner Laura Pompei was thrilled to open her business at 1339 Main Street. She looks forward to building up her customer base throughout the busy fall crafting season.

“After I retired from teaching, I was hosting crafting parties for my friends a few times every year. They really enjoyed it, and all agreed it would be a great

business opportunity,” Pompei said. “They really liked spending time with friends and meeting new people. We would bring snacks to share and just relax. Everyone found it very therapeutic.”

As a DIY crafting location, Hearts and Crafts Station offers paintable ceramics, wood crafts, terra cotta pot creations, holiday decor, and jewelry-making, among other options.

“The shop is set up in stations full of ideas to inspire you. We have a kids’ station, Halloween, Christmas, beach, Valentine’s Day, Easter, nature, and jewelry,” Pompei added. “The stations are here to show you some options, but you can create something all your own.”

Additionally, the business offers services for birthday parties, private parties, ladies’ nights, special events, and open crafting hours.

“Our schedule changes every week, so we post our hours on Facebook and on our website,” Pompei said. “We also have items for sale, if you just aren’t in the mood to craft. We sell our handmade jewelry, and we have kids’ kits available so you can take them and get creative at home.”

Having served as a high school Spanish teacher for 30 years, Pompei is excited



Laura Pompei

to pursue her next chapter while remaining connected to education. Since retirement, she has worked part-time as a substitute teacher.

“This is my first adventure in owning a business. It is very rewarding to see people create something they are so proud of,” Pompei said. “A lot of people say, ‘Oh, I’m not crafty.’ The great thing about our shop is you don’t have to be. We have lots of ideas to get you motivated, and we are here to help.”

Pompei is also thrilled to work in a downtown dis-

trict that has seen significant momentum in recent years, with several new businesses calling Palmer home.

“Downtown Palmer has lots of cute businesses to explore. It’s nice when someone just pops in to see what we are about,” Pompei said. “My friend Donna Zadworny has been a huge help and support. She has run a few workshops for ladies on our Ladies’ Nights.”

The business offers open crafting hours throughout the week, enabling customers to come in and pick a craft.

Additionally, Ladies’ Nights take place on Thursdays from 5-9 p.m.

The business also hosts private parties, where guests can reserve a three-hour or

four-hour block for crafting with friends and family.

To learn more about Hearts and Crafts Station, check out its website: heartsandcraftsstation.com.

The business can be reached by email at: heartsandcraftsstation@gmail.com, or by phone at 413-575-8232.

The business accepts cash, Venmo, and credit cards.

Away from work, Pompei enjoys traveling a few times a year to the Dominican Republic. She and her husband Todd enjoy spending time with their grandkids, as well as taking trips to Falmouth and attending concerts.

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night for an array of activities and treats. These included a movie, nail painting, bracelet making, video games, snacks, and puzzles, among several others.

In the morning, following a night of fun at the library, kids enjoyed a waffle bar for breakfast before heading home.

Library officials thank all participants for their enthusiasm this summer, not only at the culmination party but also the many previous programs.

“Our most popular youth programs this summer were a take and make fossil dig kit and slime making,” Chartrand added. “Our most popular teen programs this summer were the 3D printing workshop, the STEAM-punk Kinetics workshop at the Steampunk Wonderland in Thorndike, the Anit-AI Art Club, and the Lock-In.”

Additional favorites included the library’s summer reading kickoff party, which featured ice cream sundaes from Rondeau’s, mobile mini golf, face painting, and crafts.

Meanwhile, a special summer reading wrap-up party kept participants entertained with a unique program.

“Interskate 91 in Wilbraham hosted an epic night of roller skating and games that library friends could attend for free,” Chartrand added.

Every Wednesday from July through mid-August, the library hosted special performers and guests. These included the Forest Park Zoo, One Up Games on the Go, and the Toe Jam Puppet Band.

The summer performance series takes place on an annual basis, with a rotating cast of performers.

Of course, youngsters weren’t the only ones enjoying library programs this summer.

“Our most popular adult programs this summer were the puzzle competition and the succulent terrarium workshop,” Chartrand said.

To learn more about upcoming programs at Palmer Public Library, or to sign up for an activity, call 413-283-3330.



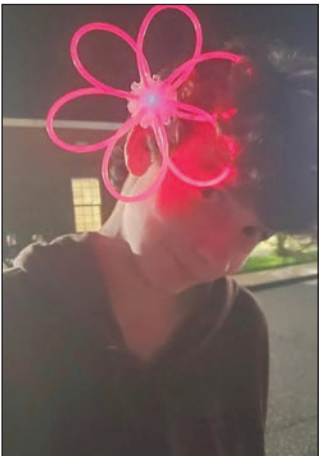
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Kids get ready for a fun night.



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Kids spend the night at the library.



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Public notices

Town of Wales Zoning Board of Appeals

In accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch 40A §10 & §11, the **Wales Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on September 24th, 2026, at the Wales Senior Center at 5:30 p.m.** on the application submitted by Mark & Christina Lloyd of 123 Union Rd. in Wales. The application is being reviewed by the ZBA due to proposed work taking place on a non-conforming lot, specifically the applicant is requesting a 16x35x12 car port structure be installed. Any person interested and wishing to be heard of this application should refer to Sept.24th, 2026 agenda on the Zoning Board of Appeals page on the town website (www.townofwales.net). If you have any questions or concerns, please email planning@townofwales.net
09/03, 09/10/2026

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 21st, 2026, at 6:00 PM** in the Town Administrative Building, 4417 Main St, Palmer MA.

The applicant, Palmer Paving Corp. (PPC) is seeking a Special Permit as required by section 171.73 of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance to remove Earth materials for a one-year term, on the property located at 863 Ware Street, Palmer MA, also known as Assessor's Map 31 Lot 28.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administrative Building Monday-Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm.

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.

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Norman Czech, Chairman
09/03, 09/10/2026

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 21st, 2026, at 6:10 PM** in the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Palmer Paving Corporation, also known as JJC Materials Sand and Gravel Pit, is seeking a Special Permit as required by section 171.73 of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance to remove earth materials for a one-year term from the property located at 1312 Park Street, Palmer MA, also known as Assessor's

Map 7, Lot 13 & Map 56, Lots 78, 79, 80, 83.

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.

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Docket No.
HD26P1875EA
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Craig Edward Goodreau
Date of Death: 01/10/2026
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Tyler Christopher Czupryna of Three Rivers, 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 **Tyler Christopher Czupryna of Three Rivers, 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 09/29/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but

a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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(MUPC)**

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

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 01, 2026

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
09/10/2026

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Estate of:
Ellisha Mary Lagacy
Date of Death: 09/30/2021
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Joseph R Lagacy of Ware, 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 **Joseph R Lagacy of Ware, MA** be appointed as Personal Repre-

sentative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Legal Notice Public Hearing Town of Wales

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing in the Office of the Board of Selectmen located at the Town Offices, 3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA on **September 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**, to consider a request by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc to allow National Grid to relocate 1 JO Pole on Union Rd be-

ginning at a point approximately 215 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Union Rd and Bayside Dr. Relocate Pole # E.19 / T.226 approximately 215 feet south of the centerline of Bayside Dr. The documents and map related to this matter are available for review from the Executive Secretary during regular business hours.

Wales Board of Selectmen
09/10, 09/17/2026

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, September 21, 2026 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:

East Hill Road
Reason: East Hill Rd - National Grid to install 3 SO Poles on East Hill Rd beginning at a point approximately 4,180 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Brookfield Rd and continuing approximately 300 feet in a south direction. Approximately 4,180' southeast of the centerline of Brookfield Rd, install Pole # 65 continuing 150' south, install Pole # 64 continuing 150' south, install Pole # 63.

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

Martin J. Kelly
Select Board, Chair
Town of Brimfield
09/03, 09/10/2026

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WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 08, 2026

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
09/10/2026

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and their families through the Home Base organization.

Guests were invited to create patriotic cards and letters for military members, in addition to painting tribute stones for fallen heroes.

A special aspect of the program focused on victims lost on September 11, 2001. Several residents painted stones in their honor and added them to a tribute garden.

"This is a great way to remember them and carry on their legacy," Khan said of 9/11 victims and fallen servicemembers.

Additionally, guests donated items for wellness kits, planted flags in the tribute garden, and sponsored care packages.

For Khan and Drewnowski, who have partnered with Home Base since they got started with the statewide Project 351 youth service initiative, it means a lot to support heroes.

"Community service has become ingrained in everything I do since Project 351," said Khan, a junior at Palmer High School who is now in her third year with Project 351.

Drewnowski, a PHS freshman, has thrived under the mentorship of Khan. Together, with strong support from their community partners, they continue to assist veterans, servicemembers, and first responders through several projects.

"I want to take everything I learned from my experiences and pass it on to Olivia,"

Turley photo by Kevin Flanders
Palmer High School junior Jannat Khan runs a donations drive supporting servicemembers and veterans.



Submitted photo

A special tribute garden honors fallen 9/11 victims, first responders, and servicemembers.

Khan said. "Working as a team and getting to mentor her has been a great experience."

Items collected for wellness kits included journaling notebooks, binder dividers, pens and pencils, and reusable water bottles, among others.

The Home Base leadership team appreciates opportunities to team up with Project 351 ambassadors to expand support for veterans and their families.

"Home Base is a national nonprofit dedicated to

healing the invisible wounds of war for veterans of all eras, servicemembers, military families, and families of the fallen through world-class, direct clinical care, wellness, education, and research – all at no cost to them," read a statement released by the organization.

Since 2009, Home Base has served more than 60,000 veterans and their family members.

To learn more about the organization and how you can support those who served, visit www.homebase.org.

Meanwhile, a "Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund" donation drive is being held this week at Palmer High School and the Amvets Post.

The final day of the event is Sept. 10. Donation hours at Amvets Post 74 (2150 Main Street, Three Rivers) are 1-8

p.m.

For more information about Project 351, visit www.project351.org.

"Project 351 is determined to meet the demand for high-quality, enriching service opportunities that respect and reflect the unique gifts and world-changing aspirations of young people," read a statement released by the organization.

Each year, an eighth

grader from each town across the state is selected as a Project 351 ambassador. In the years to follow, students and alumni members take what they learned during the annual Project 351 day of service and bring it back to their respective communities.

For countless students like Khan and Drewnowski, the program has opened doors to lifelong service opportunities.

Keep Museum offers program

MONSON – A program focused on maintaining healthy ecosystems will be held at the Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road, next month.

Slated for Sunday, Sept. 13, the open house will feature Carolina Munoz-Agudelo, Director of Public Programs and Research at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary.

Munoz-Agudelo will present her program "Ecosystems in Action: Restoring Nature, One Watershed at a Time."

The PowerPoint presentation will highlight the importance of biodiversity; the roles of native plants and animals; and how watershed restoration benefits both wildlife and local communities.

The program will focus on how healthy ecosystems function, as well as the effects that occur when they are disrupted. Guests will also learn about practical ways to support conservation in our community.

The free program will start at 1:30 p.m. The session is open to the public.

Visitors are also welcome to tour the museum from 1-3:30 p.m. Guests will be able to view new button displays and enjoy refreshments.

For more information about the museum, visit www.keepphomesteadmuseum.org.

PHS Class of '76 planning 50th reunion

PALMER – The Palmer High School Reunion Committee invites the 1976 graduates of Palmer High School and Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School to a 50th Anniversary Reunion Party on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 5-10 p.m.

Graduates and guests are invited to eat, drink and be reunited in the outdoor venue at Vanished Valley Brewing Co., 782 Center St., Ludlow. The cost is \$35 per person.

Please RSVP by contacting Sue Warner Prosperi at suewpro@gmail.com.

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