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POLICE

Dog safe after being trapped in hot car

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PALMER – A dog is safe after being trapped inside a hot car in the Big Y parking lot last week, requiring a police rescue.

The dog had been showing signs of heat exhaustion, according to reports; the dog's owner, Brookfield resident David Gouin, has been charged with animal cruelty.

The incident occurred around 2 p.m. on Aug. 28, at which point Palmer Police had responded to a call from a concerned citizen who reported discovering a dog panting in a car in the parking lot of Big Y.

The car's windows had been opened by two inches, but this was not enough to prevent the temperature inside the car from rising to inhumane levels, reports indicate. The witness reported that they had waited for the owner of the car for at least 30 minutes.

Officer Joshua Wood, who responded to the scene, said that it was about 86 degrees on Monday, and that it was likely over 100 degrees within the car. Wood described going to Big Y to look for the owner, but found that they were unable to make an announcement over the intercom.

"We tried to get in without breaking the window," Wood said. "It was open just enough that I could squeeze my hand in on the passenger side, but I couldn't unlock the door from the inside."

With the approval of his commanding sergeant, Wood used his

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Fallon Lynch is shown washing a red car to raise funds for the school soccer program.

At the Car Wash

PHS Girls Soccer host annual Car Wash

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PALMER – Opposed to spending Sunday morning running drills and conditioning, the Palmer High School varsity and junior varsity girls' soccer athletes put their cleats down and picked up sponges and brushes instead.

Once a year, the PHS girls soccer athletes host a carwash fundraiser to help deter seasonal expenses.

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Anabelle Ladue sprays teammates in between customers.

COMMUNITY

Food Truck Festival at Veterans Field this weekend

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MONSON – The Food Truck and Music Festival Committee has announced its fourth annual festival, which will be held this Saturday, Sept. 16, at Veterans Field from noon to 10 p.m.

The Food Truck Festival was originally created by the town's Rotary Club, but when the international organization had to

dissolve its charity after 80 years of service, it left behind its most successful project, the food truck festival that began in 2019, with proceeds from that event benefiting Dana Farber Cancer Research and the Jimmy Fund.

The festival will be centered around live performances by a variety of musical acts, including Cooper Jones, Savage Brothers, Trailer Trash, and Monson's own

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Photo by Marcelo Gusmão

Standing around their massive raffle prize, Food Truck and Music Festival Committee members (from left) Jeanne Bailey, Brenda Binczewski, Dot Jenkins, and Ken Bailey.

REMEMBRANCE



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American Legion Post 130 members Carlos Huertas, Jr. Vice Commander Rick Marcoullier, Theresa Hayden and William Horvath honored the fallen U.S. victims of the 9/11/2001 attack.

Gone but not forgotten

American Legion hosts 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony civilians, first responders

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PALMER – Members of the American Legion Post 130 were joined by town officials, scouts and community members, Monday, Sept. 11, to honor those who gave or give their lives in service of the U.S.

In remembrance of the 9/11 terrorist attack of 2001, Post 130 hosted an honorary ceremony to pay

tribute to individuals dedicated to protecting the U.S., and recognize first responders who "run into the buildings we are running out of."

"I was on active duty in the military at the time. I still remember those who paid the biggest sacrifice that day and days after. It's important to keep honoring them and keep their legacy going," said American Legion Department of Massachusetts Inc. Senior Vice Commander Nelson Blake.

He added Monday's ceremony was held to "honor the first responders and fallen veterans from September 11, 2001 to current veterans serving in our country."

The ceremony featured a Salute to the Colors as presented by the scouts of Pack 164, words of remembrance offered by Town Manager Ryan McNutt and State Rep.



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COMMUNITY

Fun and laughs to be had at Senior Center Picnic

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PALMER – Elder residents had a great time at the Senior Center's annual picnic at Pulaski Park on Sept. 8.

Though it was hot and muggy, residents came out for food, dance, and socialization that was arranged for the town's seniors.

Tony and Penny's catered the event, providing hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, barbecue ribs, and potato salad to the attendees.

Music was provided by Stephen George, who achieved his



Turley Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

When, Stephen George covered Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean," everyone had to get up and dance. More photos on page 8.

BRIMFIELD

Hitchcock presents restored recreational courts

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BRIMFIELD – After much anticipation, the town of Brimfield now has two, fully functioning tennis and pickleball courts ready for use behind Hitchcock Free Academy at Charles Field.

"The tennis court had fallen into disrepair due to lack of use and funding to support a renovation," said Hitchcock Free Academy Publicist Christina Mealey. "Thanks to the tireless effort of a local man, his wife and others, it has been restored for use once again."

Hitchcock Free Academy Executive Director Cindy Skowryra said that as someone who grew up taking lessons and playing tennis

on the courts, it has been overwhelming to see them restored for future generations to enjoy.

"Since I started (at Hitchcock), it's been a dream of mine to restore the courts," Skowryra said. "I've been vocal about this; it's a great resource for the town."

While Skowryra said people had brought up redeveloping the courts many times, she added the organization was not in a position to pursue a renovation.

"We were looking at estimates and it was going to cost at least ten grand to redo just one court," said Skowryra.

However, the restoration became a reality when a resident approached her, offering to volunteer.



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon

Volunteers Emerson and Laurie Recore, of Brimfield, smile while holding a citation awarded to Emerson for his dedication to restoring the tennis/pickleball courts at Charles Field.

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NENA

This is two-year-old Nena from Three Rivers. She's very loveable, and likes hiding under the covers. Nena is the proud mom of five adorable puppies. 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 mharrison@turley.com.

Monson Library hosts fifth annual Party on the Patio



A table full of raffle prizes and tickets are on display at the Monson Free Library.



A fall-themed gift basket, Wormtown Brewery gift bag and Villa Sofia wine bottle and gift card, are some of the many prizes being raffled off to support the library and celebrate community.



Kid-friendly prizes such as a Minnie Mouse chair with accessories, are one of the prizes offered.

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MONSON – In an effort to fundraise and show appreciation for the community's ongoing support, the Monson Free Library, at 2 High St., will host its fifth annual Party on the Patio, Friday, Sept. 29. The event will take place at the library from 4:30 to 9 p.m., featuring live music, a local food truck, raffles and beverages by The Beer Guy.

"It's a really nice event, very low key," said Library Director Hope Bodwell. "You can have a nice Friday night out close to home." The Party on the Patio serves as an end of summer finale, she said, as well as an opportunity for the library to celebrate the community.

"We close off our parking lot; people can come and have food and beverages with their friends and just hang out," said Bodwell.

Parking for the event will be available at the Church with additional on-street parking.

Sponsored by the Medeiros Downtown Crossing, music will be performed by local band The Willies, of Belchertown, featuring tunes from the '50s, '60s, '70s and more.

Library Cooperation President Donna Alberici O'Connor said "it's always a good opportunity for us to show our appreciation we receive year round."

She added the raffle baskets available appeal to a large audience, featuring baskets catered toward children, adults and animals.

Raffles include gift certificates to Staples, school/office supplies, a Spider-Man chair, an Adams Hometown Market gift card, Hallmark Channel gift basket, a "good dog" basket and more.

"All the raffles are donated by library trustees, members of the association or local business," said Bodwell.

According to O'Connor, the library is referred to as a "free library" because it is not a for-profit organization.

While library employees are

paid staff, the library relies on fundraising initiatives, grants and donations to its support community programs.

"Our library is the hub of the community with so many services in addition to printed materials, we offer loans for DVD's, baking pans, (and) printing," O'Connor said. "People come in and use our computers."

Bodwell said "because it is a library, we are here for the community and provide them with education, culture (and) entertainment for all ages." She added the library also provides a gathering space for the community.

For those who cannot attend the Party on the Patio, raffle baskets are for sale and on display at the Monson Free Library.

Raffle tickets are available, at \$1 per ticket, \$5 for six tickets or \$20 for a roll of arm's length.

For those interested in simply making a donation, please visit the Monson Free Library official website.



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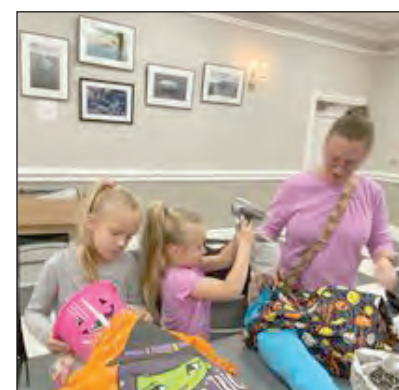
Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force hosts scarecrow contest



Shown is a scarecrow family reading alongside one another after last year's Build-a-Scarecrow event.



A cowgirl scarecrow made her debut for last year's contest.



Submitted photos
A local family is shown participating in building a scarecrow.

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PALMER – As fall approaches and spooky decorations make their way to local lawns, the Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force is contributing to the festivities by hosting its second annual scarecrow contest.

The contest will offer residents an opportunity to participate in a family-friendly activity while raising awareness about domestic violence.

PDVTF Director Crystal said she came up with the scarecrow contest idea last year after seeing Stafford Connecticut hosting one in light of domestic violence awareness.

"I thought it was a good idea to bring that to Palmer. They had a display that inspired me and I wanted that for this town," she said.

The scarecrows will not only "make the town look nice and fall," she said, but also raise awareness for the PDVTF.

To support the initiative, the task force will host a free Build-a-Scarecrow Event, Saturday, Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Scarecrow building supplies such as stuffing/newspaper, plates, shirts and pants will be provided free-of-charge during the event. However, donations are accepted.

Contest participants are encouraged to attend the event or swing by just to grab supplies. "Last year we had 50 to 60 people show up," said Crystal. The event does not require registration.

Those interested in participating in the scarecrow contest should submit photos to Crystal at PalmerDVTF@gmail.com.

Submissions will be featured on the PDVTF Facebook page, where followers will vote and determine the first, second and third-place winners.

While a trophy was awarded last year, Crystal said this year's prizes have not been decided on yet.

Submissions are accepted from now until Nov. 1.

All photos will be posted for voting to the PDVTF page from Nov. 5, until Nov. 19.

The three photos with the most likes by noon on Nov. 19 will be announced as the winners.

Entrants should include their name, address and phone number upon entry so Crystal may contact them if they win.

The contest is town-wide and open to all residents.

For those interested in making a donation to the PDVTF in an effort to provide domestic violence resources to Palmer residents, please contact Crystal.

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MSB branches to celebrate anniversaries

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank is ready to celebrate and for a great reason. The Ware, Hampden, and Wilbraham Monson Savings Bank branches will be celebrating anniversaries of opening their branch doors to serve the public.

The Ware Branch, at 136 West St., will celebrate 10 years since it opened its doors. The Wilbraham Branch, located at 100 Post Office Park, is celebrating 20 years of business. And the Hampden Branch, located at 15 Somers Road, is celebrating an impressive 25 years of service.

The public is welcome to join the celebration. All three branches will be celebrating their anniversary Thursday, Sept. 28, during their normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We are proud to keep community banking alive and well in Hampden, Wilbraham, and Ware. Likewise, we are proud to be members of these wonderful communities," said Monson Savings Bank President and CEO Dan Moriarty. "We enjoy supporting not only the area events and projects throughout years, but also the individual members of these neighborhoods. Thank you to the towns of Hampden, Wilbraham and Ware for making Monson Savings Bank a part of your communities."

The branch anniversary celebrations are free events. Free giveaways and refreshments are available while supplies last.

Additionally, attendees who visit a branch on the day of the celebration will have a chance to win a gift card from local businesses from their respective branch.

To learn more about the branch anniversary celebrations, please call Monson Savings Bank at 413-267-2646. To learn more about Monson Savings Bank, please visit <https://www.monsonsavings.bank/>.

Select Board approve town-wide festivities

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MONSON – The Select Board approved several requests to host festive fall activities throughout the town in the months of October and November.

The Board approved a request by Rich Ledux, of the Monson Memorial Classic, to use Memorial Town Hall for the 27th annual Monson Memorial Classic Half Marathon & 5k event.

"You can't have an event unless you first have the space," said Ledux.

The organization requested use of Memorial Town Hall from Friday, Nov. 10 to Sunday, Nov. 12, for storage of materials, which the Board unanimously approved. They also waived any fees associated with renting the space.

The Board also accepted a

gift from the town donation fund on behalf of the Monson Memorial Classic in the amount of \$4,000 to support the event.

"The kinds of things we are looking for help with are the rental of three Porta Potty units...we have shirts and medals as well as a gentleman playing guitar," said Ledux.

Any proceeds from the event will be donated to the Griffin Friends Memorial Foundation, which is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing support to children with cancer.

The Board approved an additional \$4,000 in gifts from the town donation fund to the Monson Patriotic Celebration Committee to support the Committee's Wreaths Across America expenses.

"The Patriotic Celebration Committee and the Friends of Monson joined up together to get Wreaths Across America to Mon-

son," said committee member Karen Davis. "We are looking for sponsors to get wreaths for all of the veterans in Monson cemeteries."

She added there are more than 900 veterans in the Monson cemeteries, and the committee is looking at a \$15,000 cost to provide wreaths for all veterans.

According to Davis, though wreaths cost \$17, the committee signed up to receive \$5 back for every wreath to purchase placards for the flags on the grave sites. The wreath-laying ceremony is planned to take place on Dec. 16.

To raise additional funds to support the Wreaths Across America event, the committee requested use of the gazebo on Main Street to use as a "jail," for a citizens' "Jail and Bail" fundraiser.

"We are going to arrest some citizens and they are going to raise money for bail," said Davis.

The Board approved the committee's request to use the gazebo as a jail on Thursday Sept. 28, from 3-7 p.m. "It's just so we have a place to put the prisoners," said Davis.

The Board also approved the Lions Club request to hold a toll road fundraiser on Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. 2 p.m., in front of the Monson Council on Aging.

"The money is going to benefit the Lions Club which deals with sight issues," said Davis. "Last year, we had an 80-year old-woman we donated sight equipment to. It was a special machine so that she could have better sight."

The Lions Club will also host the organization's second annual Halloween decorating contest.

"We have a couple changes we wanted to do this year," said Davis. "We want to do a scarecrow decorating contest and use

the town property in front of Memorial Hall and the gazebo to put the scarecrows so the town could vote."

If people would like to decorate a scarecrow and bring it down, Davis said entries will be expected from Oct. 21, until Oct. 31. Voting will take place on Halloween.

"We're going to do a pumpkin-decorating contest too, and we would ask everybody to bring their pumpkins on the 31st, which is the day of the Lions Club Halloween Contest downtown," said Davis.

Board member Peter Warren said he believes the event is a great idea.

The Board unanimously approved the Lions Club use of the gazebo and lawn in front of the Memorial Town Hall from Oct. 21, until Oct. 31.

Youth Services Librarian says goodbye to library

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PALMER – Young Adult Services Librarian Bridget Kennedy is leaving her role at the town's library to pursue other career opportunities.

For the past five years, Kennedy has been working what she described as her dream job at the library. She said she had no aspirations to leave the role, but when an opportunity arose at the Western New England University Library, Kennedy decided it was time to stretch her legs and take on a new opportunity in the library system.

"Ultimately," she said, "I think it's important for me, at this point in my life, to go have a new adventure. It's not that I dislike what I do, it's not that I dislike the library; I love it, but I've been there for five years. I grew up in that library. I kind of want to see what else I can do."

Kennedy will be working as an Information Literacy Librarian, which will be an instructional position where she will help students at the university learn how to use library databases and find peer-reviewed resources.

"It was a really hard decision to make," Kennedy said. "I spent a lot of time thinking about it, crying about it, and asking the people closest to me."

Though she's excited to learn the new skills and tasks that will be required of her new position, Kennedy said that she will miss the library that has been her home for so many years.

"I knew that I wanted to be a librarian, and I did that," Kennedy said. "I was very involved; I started volunteering in maybe seventh or eighth grade, I was on the Teen Advisory Board, I was always at the library doing homework and borrowing stacks of books. It was something that I always wanted to do."

Kennedy was hired as a temp in the summer of 2018, and that

fall, she applied for the position in Young Adult Services that she's held ever since.

"It was my dream to be in teen services, and I did it," Kennedy said. "How many people get to say that, especially when they're only 27?"

Kennedy got her Master's Degree last year from St. John's University through an online program, for which she was thankful to the Palmer Library for their support. She feels that her unique experience as a student will make her a particular asset in her new position.

"I was an English major, and a Women's and Gender Studies major in my undergrad. For both of those, I wrote humongous, long capstone papers that required a lot of research," Kennedy said. "I actually really like research, I play around the library databases when Helena and Amy need help, I'll find good keywords and I'll jump down that rabbit hole...I also like showing people how easy it actually is to find good sources for things."

"It's a nice reminder that I do have more skill than I even recognize," Kennedy said. "You forget that about yourself sometimes."

Out of everything she's going to miss about working for the public library, Kennedy said that she will miss most the patrons of the Youth Services Department.

"I love them so much. Everything I did at the library was to make sure that they had the resources they needed and they had a good person around," Kennedy said.

Kennedy mentioned the players of the library's "Dungeons and Dragons" and the Anime Club as things she'll have a hard time leaving behind, but is sure that the library's Youth Department will be in good hands moving forward.

"I really loved throwing the Teen Halloween Party," Kennedy said. "That was so much fun, and I hope whoever comes in next keeps that tradition of giving the

teens something to do in October that's not little-kid based."

Kennedy stressed the importance of engaging with the community and being a friendly face for library patrons to catch up with.

"I really enjoyed the first time that I went to Palmer High," Kennedy said. "Afterwards, all the kids came into the library like, 'you were at my school today.' That immediate recognition is like, you did your job right at the school, because you can hand out flyers all you want, they're not going to remember you. You have to engage."

Kennedy is excited for the opportunities to expand her horizons that this new position will offer her. Her new position will be less focused on crafts and recreation and more on helping students with schoolwork.

"I won't be on the desk very often," Kennedy said. "There are student workers, so I would only be filling in those gaps. It's not like the rotation I'd have where I sit at circ, or youth, or reference—I'd be at the desk in that library very seldomly."

"I don't mind [circulation] that much, but I definitely know it's a lot of emotional labor, being the first person you see in the building, because no matter what day that person's having, you get it first. I'm a very emotional person, so some days it was kind of hard."

Now that she's proven to herself that she can make a difference in a community through the public library system, Kennedy is eager to explore the needs of an



Bridget Kennedy shelves books in the teen section before being drafted into a game of D&D with her patrons.

"I want to know what they need from me, what good I can do there, and maybe how my public library skills can inform my academic practice, because this is an academic library. It's a very different animal."

Though this marks the first time in her life that Kennedy will neither live or work in Palmer, she intends to remain part of the community, keeping in contact with family in the area and returning to the library as a patron.

"It wasn't easy, given my emotional attachment to that building, because I grew up in it," Kennedy said. "I'll miss my coworkers too, because most of those people have known me since I was a little girl."

"I've had the same library card since kindergarten, when Sandy Burke gave it to me, and I will keep using it," Kennedy said. "I only trust Rich with my holds. I'll go in and it'll be a special visit kind of thing. I'll have time to attend programs and actually enjoy them and not get distracted by 'oh, I need to go do this task.' So, that's something that'll be new and a little bit exciting, but I'll give it some space first. Otherwise, I'll never make that transition."

Kennedy's last day at the library is Sept. 15, and the town of Palmer wishes her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

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By Russell Gloor

Why is my age 70 benefit not higher than my January amount?

Dear Rusty

I plan to retire in 2025, the year I turn 70. Given that I'm still working, I'm delaying my Social Security until that year. I noticed on my Social Security statement that my payment in January of 2025 will not be much different than my age 70 amount in October of 2025.

If that is truly the case, would it not be better for me to start taking Social Security payments starting in January of 2025. Am I missing anything here?

Signed: Uncertain Senior

Dear Uncertain Senior

Your benefit in October 2025 at age 70 will be about 6% more than it will be in January 2025. If that isn't shown on your Statement of Estimated Benefits, it may be due to a particular nuance in Social Security's rules relating to Delayed Retirement Credits.

When benefits are claimed mid-year after full retirement age, the DRCs earned in that year aren't applied until the following January. Thus, someone who claims benefits to start mid-year will initially get the DRCs they've earned through the end of the previous year, but not immediately get credit for the additional DRCs earned during the claim-year. Those extra DRCs earned between January and the month benefits started will be applied the following January.

By way of example, if someone beyond FRA claims benefits to start in October 2024, their initial SS retirement benefit will be what they were entitled to at the end of 2023 and would not include DRCs earned between January 2024 and September 2024. They will collect that initial January 2024 benefit until January 2025 when the DRCs earned in 2024 are applied, at which point their benefit would increase by 6%.

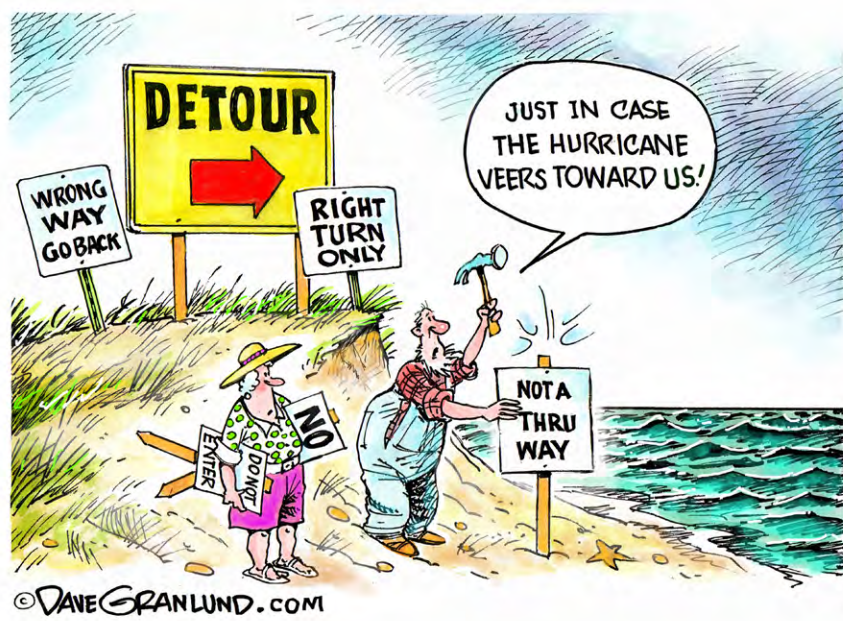
There is, however, one exception to this rule, which is that all DRCs are immediately credited when benefits are claimed to start in the month age 70 is reached, so despite what your Statement of Estimated Benefits might reflect, if you claim for benefits to start in the month you turn 70 (October 2025) you will get your maximum age 70 benefit immediately and won't need to wait until January 2026 for those extra DRCs to be applied.

Unfortunately, Social Security's benefit estimator doesn't explain how this nuance works and may show someone claiming mid-year receiving the same benefit as for the preceding January, without further explanation.

That is, in my opinion, a flaw in the estimator which may result in people making a wrong decision on when to claim their Social Security benefit. Nevertheless, rest assured that your benefit in October 2025, the month you turn 70, will be your maximum amount - 6% more than it would be if you claimed benefits to start in January 2025 and you won't need to wait until the following January to get the DRCs earned earlier in 2025.

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Things to consider when overwintering your favorite herbs

It's getting to be "that time," where we must concede that summer is winding down.

What comes next? Frost and then a season of rest!

But there is much to do before then, especially if you have herbs that you'd like to dig up and overwinter inside.

At Old Sturbridge Village we dig up Rosemary, Bay, Lemon Verbena and many more tender plants. At home I am getting my own collection of plants that I too must dig up if I want to save my investment.

Over time, I have ended up with some very good sized specimens. Overwintering these biggies can prove to be challenging space-wise, but they make such a statement in the garden I look forward to the hassle of digging them up and keeping them alive during the off-season.

Before the interpreters dig up the plants, I always ask that they give the plants a good bath to cut down on the number of insects that will be brought into the greenhouse. For the home gardener this is equally important.

I say "bath" because my pesticide of choice is a natural and fairly benign one - made of potassium salts of fatty acids (soap) that weaken the insect's outer shell and cause dehydration. It is sprayed on leaves and stems until they are soaked, and can be reapplied every 7-10 days as needed.

This product is especially effective on insects that make their home on herbs and houseplants: whitefly, aphids and mealy bugs.

Once the insects have been eradicated, it is time to get out the shovel and get to work digging up and repotting the plants. As mentioned, it's amazing at how large some of them can become after only a few months in the ground.

It is important to salvage as much of the root ball as possible to minimize the shock of being potted up. To do this, position your shovel along the "drip line" of the plant and dig straight down, completely around its circumference.

After you've made your way around, get your shovel underneath and lift. Have a pot ready - one that is an inch or two bigger than the root ball is sufficient, and will allow for minimal winter growth.

My container of choice is always plastic, but glazed pottery is fine, although it is heavy. I steer clear of clay; it dries out too quickly.

I usually put a couple of inches of moist potting soil into the container, set the

plant and then fill in with more as needed before watering well. Oftentimes I leave the plants outside until a frost threatens, then I bring them in and back out until the weather turns decidedly cold.

Perhaps the most cherished of all tender herbs is Rosemary (Rosemarinus officinalis), the herb of remembrance. The key to growing it successfully indoors is "cool but sunny."

My new old house affords me many such microclimates. If you aren't as lucky, try for a sunny window away from dry heat, in other words far from heat vents, etc.

My mudroom runs at about 50 degrees but has decent sunlight. Win-win!

Bay tree (Laurus nobilis) is another favorite and can be grown right through the winter with little or no coddling provided it is given medium to bright light and consistent watering. Do be on guard for the waxy-looking scale insect; one giveaway is leaves covered in a sticky, shiny sap called honey dew.

Try to "Q-tip" individual insects with rubbing alcohol or use insecticidal soap or horticultural oil to smother larger infestations. If the bugs have been active for a while, sooty mold may have formed.

This thick, black coating will likely need to be scrubbed off leaf by leaf to allow the plant to photosynthesize properly.

To have success overwintering scented geraniums (Pelargonium spp.) indoors, situate them in bright light where daytime temperatures are 65-70 degrees, and night temps are in the 50s. Fertilize every other month during the fall and winter.

Smaller leaved varieties will be easier to manage; large leaved cultivars will get top-heavy quickly - take terminal or "tip" cuttings of these instead.

Lemon Verbena (Aloysia triphylla) may start out looking great, but a month or so into indoor culture will likely begin to lose its leaves. Fear not, leaf drop is completely normal and to be expected!

You may be tempted to throw it out; instead, position in a sunny spot, water as needed and await new growth in the spring.

I hope this has provided you with the necessary information to extend the lifespan of your tender herbs.

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HOLY COW! HISTORY

The big birthday plunge

The woman who went over Niagara Falls in a Barrel

By J. Mark Powell
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You're turning 63. How should you celebrate? With a cake with candles? A family get-together? Maybe a party?

How about crawling into a wooden barrel, having it screwed shut, then plunging 60-feet over one of the world's great natural wonders? Which, by the way, nobody else has ever lived to tell about.

A woman did that nearly 120 years ago, the crowning achievement in her quirky life. Here's what happened.

Annie Edson Taylor was a tomboy growing up. One of 11 children raised on a farm in upstate New York, she preferred outdoors and sports to dolls and dresses.

She was a dreamer whose imagination constantly sprouted new ideas.

She married at the age of 18. Annie quickly regretted it, but not for long.

Their only child died in infancy and her husband passed away soon afterward.

It was hard for a woman to support herself in the 19th Century. Annie bounced around the country from one job to another, with interesting experiences woven in between.

She survived a house fire in Chattanooga, a small earthquake in South Carolina, and even a stagecoach robbery out west. (Refusing to hand over the \$800 hidden in her dress - all the money she had - Annie told the robbers, "Blow away!")

She eventually settled in Bay City, Michigan and scratched out a living by operating a charm school where she taught kids table manners and dance basics. But soon pupils dwindled, along with her bank account.

Annie began worrying how she would support herself in old age.

Then, as she later wrote, "the idea came to me like a flash of lightning. Go over Niagara Falls in a barrel." At an age when most people are contemplating retirement, she began contemplating a stunt the bravest daredevils wouldn't attempt.

Her rationale wasn't as crazy as it sounds.

The Pan-American Exposition (a kind of World's Fair) was being held next door in Buffalo, New York. A large contingent of reporters was there.

If she survived, the news coverage would make Annie an instant celebrity. That could mean a book deal and lecture tours and enough money for her final years.

But there was a huge qualifier. "If."

If she survived the plunge. If she didn't, she wouldn't have to worry about anything ever again.

So, Annie headed to Niagara Falls. She designed a special white oak barrel and had it built by a company that made beer kegs.

Three feet at its widest part with tapered ends and metal hoops to secure it, plus a small anvil to keep it weighted down. An old mattress was the only padding.

Word of what she was attempting spread. A crowd gathered as she crawled into the barrel late on Thursday afternoon - her 63rd birthday (although she adamantly insisted to reporters later she was in her 40s).

At 4:30 p.m. the barrel was screwed shut and dropped into the water. Inside, Annie clung to her lucky heart-shaped pillow; and probably prayed.

In about 15 minutes, it was all over. The barrel went over the Falls, briefly submerged, then bobbed to the surface. Boatmen hauled it onto their vessel and unscrewed the lid.

A rescuer peered inside and then shouted, "Good God! She's alive!"

Annie had indeed survived the 167-foot fall. Her only injury was a cut on her forehead as she was removed from the barrel.

She then told reporters, "I would rather face a cannon than go over the Falls again."

Annie got the fame she desired. Her photo and story were in newspapers from coast to coast.

One admirer even wrote a poem called "Goddess of Water".

"This great heroine of our nation has won both fortune and fame.

Now people all over creation will praise this illustrious dame."

(Ok, Shakespeare it's not. But how many poems have been written about you?)

Then, as quickly as celebrity status arrived, the public forgot Annie. Her fifteen minutes of fame didn't even last fifteen minutes.

There was no fortune as she'd hoped. In a final insult, someone even stole her most prized possession: her special barrel.

Annie spent her last years selling a booklet she wrote about her adventure for a dime. She was impoverished when she died in 1921 at age 82.

So, when it comes time to turn 63, go with a birthday cake instead of a stunt. Trust me on this.

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ing advantage of that guidance.

Greenfield CC has several self-assessments anyone can take on its website.

For a modest cost of \$39 a student even just thinking about attending Greenfield CC can take advantage of that. It illustrates the value and importance the college has in its advising philosophy.

The college recently completed a true Nation-wide search for a new President. Michelle Schutt, Ph.D. has a BS, two MS degrees along with her Doctorate in Education and Human Studies. A Midwesterner at heart she has

brought that to Greenfield and adjusted seamlessly into her new role in Franklin County.

The college is fortunate to have her as the 11th President. Because of her past many leadership accomplishments in both the classroom and as a keynote speaker on leadership in many different stages it is no surprise that she is now in Greenfield. She has the academic and charismatic personality that, by all reports, foretells good things for the college's future and the wider community at the beginning of the Mohawk Trail.

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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 mharrison@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.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLUMN

A Summer Tour of Community Colleges

By Eric Goodhart

There are many questions that need to be answered by a teenager, who has college aspirations.

But for now, here is just one. Whenever I asked a teenager why they want to go to college I often get one of two answers. "To get a good job" or "It is the expected thing to do."

I have yet to hear a student reply like this. "The career I am interested in is something in the medical profession. Not sure if I want to pursue a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine or a Doctor of Medicine degree. Both cost a ton. My kid sister wants to be lawyer specializing in Health Care Law. She says she is going to keep an eye on me."

"I started in the summer between sophomore and junior year, taking college level class-

es at our local community college. I continued dual enrollment through junior year. The Salutatorian at my high school did that. He was accepted to Rhodes College as a sophomore plus a \$12,000/year scholarship. He saved his parents over \$102,000. In fact, each of the three years he will be there will cost about \$10,000 less than UMass, Amherst."

Such an outcome is possible. But it takes research coupled with practical planning including factoring in financial considerations.

For the students who are ready for a challenge, dual enrollment is a very good option. Mount Wachusett, Greenfield, Holyoke Berkshire Community Colleges and Springfield Tech all are focused on expanding their Dual Enrollment programs. Right now, summer is when

many are offering on campus Dual Enrollment introductory talks or on Zoom. Greenfield, MWCC, Springfield and Berkshire CC have very easy to navigate websites with that information. Here is the website to visit for all the CCs in the state <https://masscc.org/colleges/>

In addition, each one, including Holyoke CC, has a Phi Theta Kappa honor society chapter. It is not easy to become a member, nor should it be. PTK, founded in 1918, is an international honor society for community college students mirroring the principles of the much older Phi Beta Kappa honor society at four-year colleges. founded in 1776 at the College of William & Mary.

Membership in PTK comes with many perks. More about that next week. Be sure to ask admissions on your tour as to

how many students received the honor in the last five years and where are they are now?

Whatever the reason for going to college may be, the first and most important first step of a teenager is to do some self-reflection and selected self-assessments. They are not tests.

Every community college has an academic and career advising department. Part of that advising includes some form of assessment and/or interest survey.

MWCC has a free 60 question interest questionnaire anyone can take resembling the John Holland SDS survey. That is a good start.

The college's overall explanation of its Academic and Career Advising process is very good. However, positive individual results ultimately depend on the student's initiative in tak-

September ~ America

And suddenly, as a people-become,
(To bid us well) a cautious, sorrowing,
Friendfest among - our identifiable own.
With the acrid odor of ashes in the air:
Hi citizen. An American? Good cheer; and, be wary.

It's at summer's end - and the desert
Terrorists have seen to it, in new winds blowing
Across the country, mostly after
The corn and tomatoes have ripened;
(All on schedule and nothing lags.)
Squashes plump on the vine;
And the green world held still,
Before the orange-earthed pumpkins coming round:
That we have once more in our midst -
Come blossoming afresh in flags.

Bright little ones, and big; now planted
And placed - to eye the land anew.
They grow, bend, wave, and ripple; nod
Their proud heads down the rows,
And avenues. Restlessly express us
Through the stars; stretch us, in a sad rough
Natural joy, by the stripes; and, all but smell?

But keep growing - for, also, over
The dead you toll. We have emerged
Where too long lived a darkening
Comedy, 'til now this hour disaster has struck -
In life's full colors, and begin to see again
In our land, what Tragedy is, writ large -
Where reality has resumed, by the human
Conflict of blood, heroic, upon our honor rolls.

— Charles Barnes

Baystate medical services move to new location on campus

PALMER – Baystate Palmer Cardiology, Gastroenterology, and Endocrinology Outpatient Specialty Practices will move to a new location within the hospital effective Monday, Sept. 18. These clinics will move to the former shell space above the Emergency Department, as the first phase of a tiered opening of the Palmer Health & Wellness Center.

Narzeya Johnson, regional health and wellness site administrator for Baystate Health said, "This new clinical area will support the growth of programs and services that the health system is focusing on. The newly renovated space includes a centralized registration area, a welcoming patient and family waiting room, and state-of-the-art exam rooms."

Dr. Brian Laliberte, chair of Baystate Palmer Cardiology, Dr. Zachry Zichittella, and nurse practitioners Grace LaValley and Elizabeth Jarry specialize in both invasive and non-invasive cardiology care including the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a wide variety of cardiovascular diagnoses including hypertension, coronary artery disease, heart failure and valve disease.

Gastroenterologist Dr. Jorge Sotelo cares for patients with a wide range of gastric conditions, such as hepato-biliary disease, reflux, and bowel diseases from initial consultation to chronic manage-

ment through disease remission.

In addition to Baystate Wing's Endoscopy suite, the Baystate Palmer infusion suite allows for the most up-to-date medication management for our gastroenterology patients.

Endocrinologist Dr. Raju Panta provides a wide range of care for patients including those with diabetes, thyroid/adrenal/pituitary disease, and osteoporosis, and also provides gender-affirming care.

All the specialists are supported by their expert teams consisting of registered nurses, medical assistants and patient service representatives. Kimberly Galatsos, clinical nurse manager said, "The same great care and team our community has come to know and depend on will continue to deliver exceptional care in this new space. The new space provides revitalization to our existing clinics while enhancing the patient experience and improving workflow."

For more information or to make an appointment at Baystate Cardiology – Palmer call 413-370-7880, for Baystate Gastroenterology – Palmer call 413-370-7882 and for Baystate Endocrinology – Palmer call 413-370-7881.

For more information about Baystate Wing Hospital visit Baystatehealth.org/wing.

Palmer Cultural Council Seeks Funding Proposals

The Palmer Cultural Council has set an Oct. 17 deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to Council spokesperson, Beth Zelazo, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Palmer including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artists residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

A high priority will be given to projects that address cultural equity, diversity inclusion and encourage community involvement and a diverse audience. Projects appropriate for youth, teens and families are highly recommended. Respondents of the council's Community Input Survey indicated their desire for projects in nature and science, arts education in the schools, community wide gatherings, theater, field trips for students to museums, science centers or performances and projects celebrating local history and neighborhood revitalization. Artists and groups must have booked a program date and time with a local venue. Organizations or individuals that have received funding for the last three years will receive a lower priority.

The Palmer Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving 351 cities and towns

in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Last year, the Palmer Cultural Council distributed approximately \$13,400 in grants. Previously funded projects include Palmer Library summer series programs, holiday crafts festival at Pulaski Park, Palmer villages, Palmer voices history preservation project, Three Rivers Chamber food truck and artisan markets at Hymniewicz Park, PHS 8th grade Washington, DC trip, Old Mill Pond 4th grade trip to the Basketball Hall of Fame, musical performances at the Palmer Seniors Center and Pathfinder Tech, Arts and Cultural Night to name a few of the 15 partially or fully funded grant applications.

For local guidelines and complete information on the Palmer Cultural Council contact palmerculturalcouncil@gmail.com, their Facebook page or at massculturalcouncil.org. On-line applications will be available beginning September 1 at massculturalcouncil.org.

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baton to break the window of the car and rescue the dog.

"We took the dog out of the car, and it was covered in sweat," Wood said. "Dogs don't sweat, so having sweat on the skin was concerning."

The dog was initially hesitant to walk, but Wood was able to use a leash that was in the car to guide the dog to the police cruiser, where air conditioner helped to cool down the dog.

David Gouin, the owner of the vehicle and the dog, returned shortly after, according to reports. The officers confirmed that Gouin was the owner of the vehicle; police said that Gouin, the dog, and the vehicle were all then detained into custody.

"As far as I know, the dog is doing good, still in the care of animal control," Wood said. "This is the first time that I had to smash a window to save a dog."

Gouin was charged with animal cruelty and arraigned the following day, with a court date set for Nov. 15.

"If you see an animal or a baby in a vehicle and it's locked and you feel it's suffering, call the police," Wood said. "Technically, you can also smash the window. We prefer you call us and let us respond on scene, but the law says you're allowed to smash the window."

Hot weather can be devastating for animals and children left in vehicles.

"My best advice is don't bring your dog to any store," Wood said. "If you have a passenger to sit back in the vehicle that's always preferred, but check the owner manual of your vehicle; some vehicles can run the air conditioner even when the car is off."

In other news, on behalf of the Palmer Police Department, Wood also advised the public about a series of break-ins that the department has responded to.

"Last weekend we had a string of break-ins in vehicles on Stimpson Street, Emery Street, and Foster Street," Wood said. "Also in Ware, Hardwick, and Barre."

Contact the police department at 413-283-8792, or by calling the emergency 9-1-1 hotline.



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ACTIVITIES

Sept. 14
Sunshine Village Craft 1 p.m.

Sept. 15
Movie "Book Club: The Next Chapter" 1 p.m.
Book Club: The Next Chapter: Directed by Bill Holderman. With Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen, Mary Steenburgen. Fol lows the new journey of four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had.

Sept. 18
Marathon Bingo 10 am

Sept. 19
Trip to the Big E 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
We will attend the Big E again this year. We will leave the Senior Center at 9 am and return at approximately 3:30. Cost is \$12/ticket and a suggested donation of \$3 for the van.

Sept. 20
Cards w/ Marlene 1 p.m.

Sept. 21
Blood Pressure Check 9:30-11
Pictionary 1 p.m.

Sept. 22
CENTEROPEN
Staff First Aid Training 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
NO LUNCH

Sept. 25
Bake and Take Brownies 1 p.m.
"Easy one bowl Fudgy Cocoa Brownies" Please bring an 8x8 pan for baking your brownies. Space is limited, please sign up.

Sept. 26
Trip to the Big E 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sept. 27
Wii Bowling 1 pm

Sept. 28
Sunshine Village Painting 1 pm

Sept. 29
90th Birthday Party 11 am
By Invitation Only

ONGOING

Mondays
8:30 Cards
8:30 Zumba
9:00 Chair Yoga
11:30 Lunch
12:15 Pool Table

Tuesdays
9:00 Knit & Crochet
9:00 Walking
9:30 Breakfast
10:00 Arthritis/ROM
12:30 Pitch
1:00 Painting with Grant

Wednesdays
8:30 Cards
10:00 Strength Training
11:30 Lunch

Thursdays
9:00 Walking
9:30 Breakfast
10:00 Tai Chi
12:15 Pool Table
1:00 Big Y

Fridays
11:30 Lunch

LUNCH MENUS

Sept. 15
Penne Pasta Pri-mavera, Tossed Salad w/Italian Dressing, Garlic Toast, Chilled Pineapple

Sept. 18
COLD PLATE
Dill Salmon Salad over Tossed Salad w/Ranch, Citrus Carrot Salad, WW Bread, Chilled Pears

Sept. 19
Breakfast TBD

Sept. 20
BBQ Pulled Pork, Cole-slaw, 1/2 Baked Sweet Potato, WW Burger Bun, Fresh Fruit

Sept. 21
Breakfast TBD

Sept. 22
NO LUNCH

Sept. 25
Roasted Red Pep-per Ravioli, Italian Blend Veg, Italian Bread, Oreo Cookie

Sept. 26
Breakfast TBD

Sept. 27
Pot Roast w/Gravy, Herbed Green Beans, Garlic Mashed Pota-toes, Whole Wheat Bread, Cupcake/Diet Cake

Sept. 28
Breakfast TBD

Sept. 29
Spaghetti & Meatballs, Tossed Salad w/Italian, Garlic Toast, Fresh Fruit

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Gary Rome to host welcome reception for HCC president, Sept. 12

HOLYOKE — Gary Rome, owner of Gary Rome Hyundai, will host the first public reception for George Timmons on Tuesday, Sept. 12, welcoming him to the community as the fifth president of Holyoke Community College.



George Timmons

The reception will be held at Rome's Holyoke dealership, at 150 Whiting Farms Road, beginning at 5:30 p.m., following the quarterly meeting of the HCC Foundation Board of Directors, on which Rome and Timmons both sit.

The reception will also include the presentation of a \$5,000 donation check from Rome to the HCC Foundation for the benefit of HCC's Thrive Student Resource Center and Food Pantry.

"I am passionate about 'rallying the troops,' not only to support a cause, but to raise awareness for a cause," said Rome. "So many people have benefited from HCC in our community, and it is important to ensure that all have access to a truly exceptional yet affordable education."

In attendance will be members of the 27-member Foundation Board, including Rome, Board Chair Corey Murphy (president, First American Insurance Agency) and Vice Chair Susan Goldsmith (president, Marcus Printing). From the HCC Board of Trustees, Chair Bob Gilbert will attend along with incoming Vice Chair Vanessa Smith, Ted Hebert, Evan Plotkin, Charlie Epstein, Yolanda Johnson, and student trustee Barney Garcia, of Northampton.

Timmons and both board chairs are expected to speak at the reception.

"As a business leader in the community, it will be an honor to host President Timmons and introduce him at our dealership," said Rome. "Together, we can join forces and accomplish great things for the future of HCC."

Rome has been a frequent donor, vocal advocate for HCC and a partner for HCC's annual "Together HCC: Drive to Change Lives" 24-hour fundraising campaign.

"Gary's enthusiasm for our annual Together HCC campaign has been amazing," said Amanda Sbriscia, vice president of Institutional Advancement and executive director of the HCC Foundation. "The energy and fun he brings to giving back helps send the message that every gift matters, which is absolutely true. We are fortunate to have his leadership on the HCC Foundation board."



Hitchcock Free Academy Board of Trustees are shown smiling on the newly-repaired pickleball/tennis courts. Back row, from left to right, are Joe Ballour, Greg Majewski, Mark Carron, Joshua Skowyra and Chris Bolte. Front row, from left to right, are Sarah Majewski, Genise Jackson, Cindy Skowyra, Christina Mealey and Sue Gregory.



Former coach James Adams and Brimfield Police Chief William Beaudry were in attendance to celebrate the opening of the restored courts.



Attendees could hardly wait to play ball.



Emilia and Addison Skowyra came prepared to play,



Lily Skowyra is ready to play tennis on the opening day.

Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon

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"A gentleman here approached me and said he worked on these courts years ago for an Eagle Scout project and he'd really like to work on it again," said Skowyra.

He donated more than 400 hours of labor to repair two of the three the run-down courts, which Skowyra referred to as a labor of love.

"He literally started last December cleaning the courts," said Mealey. "They were all overgrown with brush and everything."

She added the organization recruited 35 volunteers to help address some of the overgrowth a few years ago, however, the weeds and shrubbery grew back full-force.

"He worked on it himself for 428 hours," said Skowyra.

The gentleman, Emerson Recore, filled cracks, painted the courts, removed weeds and even painted the fence and repaired a few nets.

In just nine months, Recore completed the repairs free of charge, donating his own labor, materials and time.

His wife, Laurie Recore, also contributed to the renovation, helping to paint several features on the court.

He was awarded a citation by a representative of state Sen. Ryan Fatman, R-Sutton, for his dedication and accomplishments.

Recore documented the restoration progress in photos and kept a log of his hours as well as an evaluation of the court.

Hitchcock Free Academy Trustee Mark Carron said "there is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer," during the Sept. 12 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Carron said the ceremony was not only a celebration of the community's access to new courts, but also that "the human spirit here."

"I reflect on my childhood in Brimfield looking for stuff to do," said Carron.

The courts at Charles Field are the only tennis and pickleball courts in town, and having them restored makes "what was not available, now available," he said.

Skowyra said the impact of Recore's efforts affect "so many people," and impact what the academy has to offer the community.

"We used to offer tennis lessons," said Skowyra, and now the organization may be able to reinstate them.

There were children as young as 6 at the ceremony, holding tennis rackets in hand, hardly able to wait to get on the courts.

Laurie Recore said bringing the community together "is what makes it for us," and that contributing to that "is our reward."

The Hitchcock Free Academy will host their third annual golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m. to support the further redevelopment of the Charles Field facilities.

The tournament will take place at Heritage Country Club, in Charlton, to raise funds to help maintain the newly-restored courts as well as repair the third court.

To register, please visit the Hitchcock Free Academy official website at hitchcockacademy.org.

Donations are accepted and can also be made through the organization's website.

Skowyra said the court restoration is "amazing," and she is "overwhelmed looking at what Emerson accomplished."

"It gives me a lot of inspiration and motivation to keep going forward with our organization... We are looking to further redevelop one of the courts," she said.

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At the Car Wash

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Palmer High School Soccer players, Aubrey Boucher, Grace Burke, Loretta Petraszewicz, Madison Rathbone, Anabelle Ladue, Jayda Pardo, Emily Drzewianowski, Neveah Solis, Lily Pronovost, Amelia Perry, Ava Swist, Lainey Babinski, Evelyn Ladue, Fallon Lynch, Gianna Perry, Addyson Petraszewicz, Jordan Bigda and Rylee Ostiguy spent their Sunday washing cars.



Madison Rathbone is shown rinsing off a black SUV.



While some players run to grab buckets of soap and water, others spray teammates instead.



Athletes take turns washing vehicles while parents and coaches join in to help.



The Palmer High School Soccer community helps one another in scrubbing cars squeaky clean.



Anabelle Ladue sprays another teammate.



To recruit vehicles, athletes hold "Car Wash" signs along N. Main St.



Loretta, Addyson and Melissa Petraszewicz share a family photo during the event.

Cars line up as they wait for athletes to wash them.



Players are all smiles and laughter as they run away from a hose.



Soccer dad Bryan Rathbone helps the team wash cars and raise money for the program.

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According to coach Celso Sandoval, funds raised from the event have allowed the program to purchase RFID tags, or Radio Frequency Identification devices which track players movement. Sandoval said the device allows players to "break down plays," and is a useful training tool. While the carwash is the program's biggest fundraiser of the season, parents volunteer to help serve concessions at games which also generate funds for school sports.

This year's event was held at Noonan Energy Corporation on N. Main St. in Palmer.

Parents, players and coaches thanked Noonan's for allowing the team to hold the fundraiser at their location.

Soccer mom Melissa Petraszewicz recognized the generosity of fellow soccer mom and Dunkin' Manager Michelle La-Roche for the generous donations of donuts and coffee for the players.

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Standing in front of one of the Senior Center buses, (from left) Lisa Contrino, Activities Coordinator Lisa Jacques, Sherry Morse, Linda Lamay, Marlene Johnson, Cindy Jasak, and Kathy Fitzgerald.



Dave Sanford and Anita Helliwell had a great time at the picnic in Pulaski Park.



Mona Dornan and Paul Young took some leftovers with them on their way out of the picnic.



Deb Lydon and Rick Turner were happy to stop for a picture on their way to their car.



Performer Stephen George sang and played guitar for the assembled attendees.



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FOOTBALL

Pathfinder stuns Palmer in season opener

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER— Pathfinder Tech senior quarterback Hunter Griswold played a lot of football games at historic Legion Field during the five years that he was a member of the Palmer Cowboys youth football

team. Griswold will probably always remember his first varsity football game at Legion Field.

Griswold threw a pair of touchdown passes and he scored two rushing touchdowns, as the Pioneers began the 2023 campaign with a 33-6 non-league victory over the

Palmer Panthers on a hot and humid day, last Saturday.

"I played in a lot of youth football games on this field for the Cowboys, but this was my first varsity football game here," said Griswold, who lives in Monson. "Winning a game on this field is just the best feeling in the world. We played very

well as a team and we're hoping to have a winning season."

The previous two meetings between the cross-town rivals took place at St. Joe's Park.

The Panthers outscored the Pioneers, 42-6 in those games.

"We haven't beaten Palmer in several years," Griswold added "I

know most of the Palmer players. It's something that I can talk about for the rest of my life."

The last time that Pathfinder defeated Palmer on the gridiron was a 17-14 win at Legion Field in 2015.

Andrew Roman was the Pioneers starting QB that season.

Just like Roman, Griswold is an

outstanding three-sport athlete.

"You can't say enough good things about Hunter," said Pathfinder head coach Bill Darling. "He's an amazing athlete. He always gets the job done with his legs, and his arm. He's a very good weapon for us."

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Dylan Doherty maneuvers through the crowd.



Miguel Velasquez runs into the crowd.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Mustangs pick up where they left off

MONSON – Last Friday afternoon, ahead of the thunderstorms that wreaked havoc on football games throughout the region, Monson girls soccer got its season off to a big start with a 7-1 win over Granby. Aniah Myrie and Hannah Murphy had two goals each. Addie Peterson, Lynzie Bailey, and Kendall Bodak scored the other goals. Emily Provost has moved to the net, and made seven saves in her first game.



Aniah Myrie clears the ball on defense.



Emma Murphy heads the ball as she blocks a Granby player from taking possession.



Kendall Bodak makes a quick run up the field.



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Ciara Monaghan outruns her opponent to the ball.



Emma Maziarz starts a dribble.

GIRLS SOCCER



Gianna Perry plays the ball off her knee.



Jordan Bigda takes possession of the loose ball.

Theriault notches five in slugfest draw



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Loretta Petraszewicz winds up for free kick.

PALMER – Charlotte Theriault scored an impressive five goals for Palmer girls soccer in a 5-5 tie against Amherst Regional last Wednesday night. Palmer trailed 4-2 at halftime before rallying to score three times in the second half for the draw. The Panthers are 1-0-1 to start the season. Theriault has seven goals in the first two games of the season for Palmer. Palmer beat Southwick in its season opener last Monday.



Ava Przybycien fights to take the ball away from her opponent.

BOYS SOCCER

Pioneers co-op falls in season opener

PALMER – Last Friday afternoon, Pathfinder boys soccer, which is now a co-op with Palmer, was doubled up by visiting Athol in their season opener at home. Pathfinder fell 6-3 despite Evan Costa having

a great game with two goals. Riley Sanderson scored the third goal for the Pioneers.

Rich Gula would make 10 saves during a busy afternoon in goal. The Pioneers could not handle

Athol's Chouaga Tchiedjie Blaise Rodas, who scored three times.

After hosting Pioneer Valley Christian, Pathfinder is scheduled to host Franklin Tech on Friday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m.

New candlepin league season rolls off at Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer

PALMER – The 2023-2024 fall/winter candlepin bowling league season began last Tuesday night, Sept. 5 at Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes.

The league to start off the season at the Palmer bowling alley is the Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League. Opening up after a summer break from the lanes, members of the league were ready to lace up their bowling shoes and roll the ball to make the candlepins fall.

Steve Manolakis as the president of the league and Dino Tessicini as league secretary and treasurer run the Commercial Elks League and were excited to be back on the lanes reuniting with their league friends.

According to Tessicini, the Commercial Elks League has existed for at least 25 years. The league started off bowling in the Springfield area in the centers of State Bowl in Springfield and the AMF Airway Lanes in Springfield.

In the fall of 2012, Commercial Elks bowling league moved to Diamond Junction Bowling

Lanes after the closing of AMF Airway Lanes earlier in the year.

The league consists of members from many local towns, including Wilbraham, East Longmeadow, Springfield, and Palmer.

The league consists of four-person teams with some teams having extras for any potential substitutions if a bowler is absent.

It plays with a 90% handicap league based off the team average. Every bowler has an established league average, and the averages are added up to determine the difference between one team average and the team average they are facing for that week.

Ninety percent of the team average difference determines how many pins of handicap per game the lower team average is getting. Each night, teams bowl each other in a three-game match.

The league has seven teams for the season. Team one featuring Vinny Navarro, Rich Chambers, Jeremy Laduke, and Dave Chambers. Last season's ending averages were Navarro at 89, R. Chambers at 82, Laduke at 87, and D. Chambers at 72.

Team two featuring Tom Be-

dard, Jeff Whyte, Billy Skinner, Mark Fitzpatrick, and Paul Nothe. Their averages are Whyte at 83, Skinner at 80, Bedard at 81, Fitzpatrick at 95, and Nothe at 93.

Team three featuring Matt Bertelli at 93, Kenny Trudel at 99, Dave Cobleigh at 96, and Paul Tereso at 88. Team 4 has Jeff Knight at 85, Andy Krol at 74, Scott Denault at 78, Paul Cyr at 94, Jim Plushner at 78, and Steve Lawson at 85.

The fifth team has David Bowman at 91, Jason Dominick at 87, Chad Yergeau at 85, Mark Chmiel at 82, Mike Butler at 91, and Joel Boucher at 71.

Team six features John Chappel with a 66 average, Bobby Ward at 70, Tai Bui at 81, Mark Pafumi at 83, Mike Zwirecki at 89, and Matt Wrisley at 83.

The seventh team features Dino Tessicini at 88, Steve Manolakis at 95, Taylor Colkos at 91, and John Colkos at 97.

The new bowling season for the Tuesday Night Commercial Elks league started off strong with a close match at Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes.

During the match, Trudel of the third team, going by the name

of "Acres" lead his team to a first game victory with an opening game of 104, five pins over his league average. The team won the first game by just six pins, 361-355 over the team of Bedard, Whyte, Skinner, and Nothe.

Acres took game two with Bertelli and Cobleigh breaking the century mark. Bertelli bowled a 103 and Cobleigh scored 108, winning game two with a score of 398-357.

Cobleigh stayed strong scoring with a 102. However, the Acres fell short to their opponents losing the third and final game 393-364.

Skinner broke the century mark scoring 105. Nothe went three pins over his average scoring 96.

For the total pinfall, Acres were victorious winning total pinfall 1123-1105.

The Tuesday Night Commercial Elks league is looking to add an eighth team to the league soon to fill all the lanes. If anyone is interested, call Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes at 413-289-0013.

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Athlete of the Week

NAME: Charlotte Theriault
SCHOOL: Palmer
Charlotte Theriault scored an amazing five times in Palmer's matchup last Wednesday with Amherst Regional. She has seven goals in the first two games of the season.



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Matthew Santos winds back for a pass attempt.

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It was also a memorable day for Darling, who graduated from Palmer High School in 1988. His daughter, Alyssa, scored more than 1,000 career points during her career as a member of the Lady Panthers varsity basketball team.

"Every time you win a football game, it's always very special," Darling said. "This is a very big win for us."

After the Pioneers offense turned the

ball over on downs on their opening series, senior Dylan Cominoli recovered a fumble at midfield for the visitors. Cominoli also had an interception late in the second quarter.

"Dylan anchors the middle of our defense," Darling said. "He's just a fantastic young man on and off the field."

Freshman running back Anthony Arventes capped off the Pioneers seven play scoring drive with a one yard TD run with 3:30 remaining in the first quarter. The extra point attempt was wide left.



Hunter Griswold scrambles before making a pass.



Hunter White carries the ball through the middle.



Billy Burke attempts to make a tackle.



Andrew Menard sprints up the field with the ball.



Jarrett Skowyra takes control after making a reception.

Two minutes into the second quarter, Griswold completed a 56-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Jarrett Skowyra.

"Jarrett knows how to get open," Griswold said. "Whenever he's open, I always try to hit him with a pass. They were playing man coverage on my first TD pass."

Junior Matt Grossi made the extra point attempt giving the Pioneers a 13-0 lead.

The Pioneers got the ball right back when Griswold intercepted a pass thrown by Palmer sophomore QB Matt Santos.

During the Pioneers third scoring drive, Griswold carried the ball three times for a total of 38 yards. He avoided being sacked a couple of times before capping off the nine play drive with a 15-yard touchdown run with 2:14 left in the first half.

"I was able to escape the defense a couple of times, which was very important," Griswold said. "Scoring my first rushing touchdown on this field felt awesome."

Grossi's extra point gave the Pioneers a commanding 20-0 lead.

Palmer senior Andrew Menard gave the home fans something to cheer about by intercepting a pass late in the first half.

With 8:38 remaining in the third quarter, Griswold tossed a 15-yard TD pass to Skowyra, who made a diving catch in the back of the endzone.

Grossi's third PAT gave the Pioneers a 27-0 lead.

Griswold scored his second rushing touchdown on a three-yard scamper with 4:23 left in the third quarter.

Palmer freshman Dylan Holbrook blocked the extra point attempt.

The Panthers finally got on the scoreboard in the middle of the final quarter when Santos threw a 10-yard TD pass to sophomore Dylan Doherty, who made a juggling catch. Santos completed a couple of passes to Menard during the scoring drive.

Sophomore Hunter White also carried the ball a couple of times.

"Scoring a touchdown was

something positive for us," said Palmer head coach Matt Marcincic. "We're going to keep working hard."

While Pathfinder Tech will be looking to celebrate another victory at Athol High School on Friday night, Palmer will be looking to get into the win column at Quaboag Regional.

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Coby, Tommy Baldwin Racing earn Granite crown

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Doug Coby and Tommy Baldwin Racing returned to NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour competition on Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway and they were celebrating after 150 laps in New Hampshire.

Coby finished fifth in the Winchester Fair 150 in the Mayhew Tools 7NY, but the finish was enough for the team to capture the second annual Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup championship crown.

The Cup, which included three races at Monadnock Speedway, Lee USA Speedway and back at Monadnock on Saturday night, saw Coby grab three finishes inside the top-six, including a win at Monadnock in May. By winning the Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup, the team collected at least \$5,000 in bonus awards.

Coby returned to action Saturday for the first time since Thompson Speedway in August. Team owner Tommy Baldwin Jr. announced a cancer diagnosis and the team stepped back from full-time competition and missed the last two races. They couldn't pass up returning to chase the Granite State Short Track Cup crown.

"Just to be here with our family and Tommy battling cancer, I mean, he's a warrior," Coby said. "He told us from the beginning that he was going to fight through this and he's been courageous enough to share his battle and everything on social media, which is uncommon. To be here as the Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup champions, it just means a lot. We've got a great group of guys and Tommy really wanted to be here to do this. This one is for Tommy Baldwin."

Railers schedule released, first game Oct. 22

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders) announced today the team's 2022-23 regular season schedule.

The Railers will begin their fifth ECHL season in Worcester on Saturday, Oct. 22 vs. the Adirondack Thunder at 7:05 p.m. at the DCU Center. Worcester is slated to play 36 regular season home games at the DCU Center.

A printable schedule is available at www.railershc.com.

30 of the 36 Railers home games will be played on the weekends with 20 of the 30 occurring either Saturday or Sunday. The Railers will welcome nine different opponents to the DCU Center during the seven-month regular season which runs Oct. 22 through April 16.

Worcester will host a season long five-game homestand (Dec. 9 to 18) and will embark on season long six-game road trip (Nov. 23 to Dec. 4). Worcester's 72-game regular season schedule comes to an end on April 16 with a 3 p.m. start vs. Adirondack in Glens Falls, NY at the Cool Insuring Arena.

The 2022-23 Worcester Railers HC promotional schedule will be released later this summer. Idaho will make their first trip to the DCU Center this season. Full breakdown of opponents this season:

Community Caravan postponed by weather

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced last Friday that the third installment of the T-Birds Community Caravan presented by Dunkin' has been postponed due to potential inclement weather this weekend. A rescheduled date will be announced in the future.

The previous two events featured an appearance from Thunderbirds mascot Boomer and team staff, as well as a wide variety of activities and vendors, including a Dunkin' Taste Truck, street hockey activities, and various food options.

Fans can reserve their seats to be part of the Thunderbirds' hockey action for the 2023-24 season by calling (413) 739-GOAL (4625) or visiting www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-mail items to mharrison@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 pressreleases@turley.com.

COMING SOON

CAN/BOTTLE DRIVE The Three Rivers Firefighters Association - Ladies Auxiliary will hold a can and bottle Drive on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., at Hymiewicz Park in Three Rivers. All proceeds will benefit the local Fire Department.

DUCK RACE "The Lucky Duck Race", will be held again this year by the Monson Lions Club during the Food Truck festivities at Veteran's Field, Saturday, Sept. 16. Please support the Monson Lions Club. Buy your duck or ducks and watch the "Back the Duck Race" as Yellow Ducks dive into the Chicopee Brook and swim to the Finish Line on that Saturday afternoon, Post Time is 3 p.m.

BRIMFIELD HARVEST & CRAFT FESTIVAL The Brimfield Community Partnership will host the festival on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Brimfield Auction Acres, 35 Main St., in Brimfield. There will be more than 60 vendors and crafters. There will also be music, food, facepainting, K-9 demonstrations, an animal show from Out of the Ark Pony Rides and just lots of family fun. If anyone is interested in being a vendor or has questions they can email brimfieldcommunitypartnership@gmail.com.

OPEN HOUSE Come visit the Keep Homestead Museum on 35 Ely Road in Monson, on Sunday, Oct. 1, 1-3:30 p.m. There will be a short program "Buttons in the Barn" at 1:30 p.m. for visitors of all ages to learn about the wide variety of materials, including shell, metal and glass, used in the manufacture of buttons. After the program, visitors are invited to explore a large assortment of buttons to create their own unique button display. All materials will be provided for free. Admission to the program and museum is free, however donations will be

accepted. For more information about the museum visit www.KeepHomesteadMuseum.org.

JIMMY FUND WALK: Registration is now open for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1. Proceeds from the event support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. All four routes will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line in the Fenway neighborhood. If walkers want to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities, including virtually. Register as an individual walker, team member or start a team at JimmyFundWalk.org or by calling 866-531-9255.

INTERESTS

CRAFTERNOONS: Drop in 2-4 p.m. daily at the Holland Public Library, 23 Sturbridge Road 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 Rd., Monson, nature trails are open daily until dusk for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the signposts). 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 Amvets 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. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow them on Facebook for more.

ONGOING

BINGO IS BACK at Amvets Post 74, 2150 Main St., Three Rivers, on Mondays. The kitchen opens at 4:30 p.m. Early Bird starts at 6:25 p.m. Call the Post at 413-283-4518 for further information.

FARMER'S MARKETS: The Brimfield Farmers Market at Hitchcock Academy is a fun place to find cool, unique products, plants and seasonal produce every Saturday while you meet your neighbors and support Hitchcock and local businesses.

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 of every month at Top Floor Learning (third floor of 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 – just show up! Questions? Call 283-2329, or 283-3691, or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

NOTCH VISITOR CENTER OPEN FOR WINTER SEASON: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Monday. The center is located on Rt 116, at the center of the Holyoke Range State Park. DCR Interpretive staff will be available for visitors. Coming in January, programs will also be offered to highlight the Range's special nature in winter, see the park web site for details.

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Erickson, Arthur W.
Died Sept. 6, 2023
Funeral Sept. 15, 2023

Harvey, Edward J.
Died Sept. 5, 2023
No services

Priscilla M. (Webb) Holcomb, 83,
Died Sept. 2, 2023
Funeral Sept. 17, 2023

Murphy, William Francis
Died August 29, 2023
Services were
Sept. 8, 2023

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OBITUARY POLICY

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O B I T U A R I E S

Doris M. Duval, 95

NEW BRAINTREE—Doris M. (Pelkey) Duval, 95, of New Braintree, died on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at Wachusett Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Gardner.

She leaves her son, Daniel A. Duval and his wife Ann of New Braintree; her daughters, Annette Morris and Yvonne Reynolds of Florida and Bernice Miller of Arizona, as well as two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Roland G. Duval and her daughter, Sue Duval. She was born in De-

troit, daughter of the late Herman and Mari-
on Gabriel.

Doris lived in Thorndike and Three Rivers, and then had a home in Safety Harbor, Florida, prior to moving to New Braintree to live with Dan and Ann. She lived a long, and well-fulfilled life and credits that to the love of her family and her faith in God.

Calling hours for Doris will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 4 to 6pm in the



Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware. A Funeral Service will be held at 10am on Friday, September 15, 2023, in the Faith Baptist Church, 251 Shearer St., in Palmer. Everyone should meet directly at the church.

Burial will be in St. Thomas Cemetery following the service.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com

Arthur W. Erickson

PALMER—Arthur W. Erickson, better known as Wayne, 76, passed away September 6, 2023 at Baystate Medical Center with his family by his side. Born December 18, 1946 in Holyoke, he was the son of Florence C. (Laferrere) and Arthur E. Erickson. Wayne grew up in Chicopee lived in Springfield before moving to Palmer 40 years ago. Wayne proudly served his country in the US Marine Corps from 1964-1968 and in 1972, married Wendy L. (Soutiere). He was a proud truck driver, working for New Penn and obtaining his million-mile mark and retired in 2009. Wayne and Wendy enjoyed many years of travel, most especially cruising. In his

leisure, he also enjoyed fishing and the great outdoors with the beauty of wildlife and birds. Wayne will be dearly missed by his wife, Wendy, and their three daughters, Lori Randolph and her husband Jack of NC, Amy Peterson and her husband, Jerry of SC, and Megan Chevalier and her husband, Jamie, of Palmer. Wayne's memory will also remain with his grandchildren, Dennis and Grace Peterson, Michael and Emma Chevalier, Brianna and Jacob Randolph as well as his three brothers, Bruce Erickson and his wife Judy of Franklin,



MA, Chris Erickson of Westfield, and John Erickson and his wife Carol of Wilbraham along with nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A graveside service will be held Friday, September 15 at 11 a.m. at Notre Dame Cemetery with

military honors. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Baystate Hospice, American Red Cross, a Veterans' Organization or charity of Choice. Beers & Story has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit www.beersandstory.com

Edward J. Harvey, 1936-2023

MONSON—Edward J. Harvey, 87, passed away Tuesday, September 5, 2023 following a long battle with colon cancer. Ed was born in Monson to the late James W. and Marion (Moulton) Harvey. He was a graduate of Monson High School and attended UMass Amherst.

Ed was employed as a sales engineer/sales manager in the New England area for several laboratory instrument manufacturers; selling and installing analytical instruments such as spectrometers, chromatographs and related laboratory equipment and training chemists in their care and use. He served in the USAF and was trained as a boom operator on KB29P in-flight refueling

tankers. He spent most of his 4-year tour at RAF Skulthorp in England and while there, visited most countries from Norway down to many in North Africa. He was honorably discharged in 1958 with the rank of S/Sgt. Aviation had become a passion, and in the years, to come, Ed became a sky diver and general aviation private pilot in both power and gliders. To the very end, Ed could be seen flying around Monson in his homemade ultralight airplane.

Ed leaves his wife of 62 years, Yvonne (Gauvin); a son, James of Brimfield; a daughter,



Deborah of Montana and a granddaughter, Heather Hamel of Belchertown. His brother, David Harvey is his only surviving sibling. Ed was predeceased by a sister, Patricia Handzel and three brothers; Wayne Harvey, Douglas Harvey and Kenneth Harvey.

At his request there will be no visiting hours or services. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to the American Cancer Society. Lombard Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com

Keep Homestead Museum to hold Oct. 1 open house

MONSON — The October open house at the Keep Homestead Museum on 35 Ely Road, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

There will be a short program "Buttons in the Barn" at 1:30 p.m. for visitors of all ages to learn about the wide variety of materials, including shell, metal and glass, used in the manufacture of buttons.

After the program, visitors are invited to explore a large assortment of buttons to create their own unique button display. All materials will be provided for free.

Admission to the program and museum is free, however donations will be accepted. For more information about the museum visit www.KeepHomesteadMuseum.org.

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guitarist and vocalist Jordyn Doyle. The event will also feature beer and wine gardens, including wine slushies and domestic and craft beers, vendors, face-painting by Teach Art to Me, and, of course, food trucks.

Any funds the event raises are already earmarked to go to the aforementioned cancer research institutions. This includes admission fees and two raffle baskets worth \$500, which were split up from the previous year's single \$1,000 gift basket, to give more people the opportunity to win.

Cancer research is very personal to the members of the Committee, as Ken Bailey is a two-year cancer survivor.

"They saved my life," Bailey said. "We have a very good in with the doctor there, and we want to help people. The money we donate is probably not going to solve cancer, but

O B I T U A R I E S

Priscilla M. Holcomb

Priscilla M. (Webb) Holcomb, 83, of Chicopee, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at Baystate Wing Memorial Hospital in Palmer, MA, surrounded by the love of her family.

She was the loving wife of Donald T. Holcomb Jr. and the daughter of the late William and Genevieve Webb Sr. She was born on August 26, 1940, in Ludlow, MA, grew up in Bondsville, and lived in Ware for many years before moving to Chicopee 6 years ago. She was a graduate of Palmer High School. After following separate paths for many years, Priscilla and Donald (high school sweethearts) were married in 1984 and blended their families.

For 25 years, Priscilla drove school buses in the Ware School District for J&J Bus Co. and later in the Pathfinder School District for First Student Bus Company. She took her responsibilities as a school bus driver seriously. She was dedicated to ensuring that the generations of children that rode on her bus got from home to school and back safely.

She enjoyed seeing and feeding all kinds of animals, the ocean, decorating and cooking for the holidays, babysitting her grandchildren, holding her great-grandchildren and most of all caring for and loving all her family. There is no denying that you saw her entire life in all that she had and all that she did. Her home was filled with many family photos, items from the ocean, cardinals, teddy bears and all the things that made her happy.

The eldest of seven, Priscilla was also preceded in death by her sister Maureen Brown and her brother William Webb Jr.

She is survived by Donald, her loving husband of 39 years; their 8 children: John (Shirley) Powlaka Jr. of Springfield, MA, Debra Koehler of Vista, CA, Judy (Paul) Ainsworth of Monson, MA, Julie (Scott) Slattery, Kimberly (Matt) Gallagher and Dawn Carr of Ware, MA, Lori Holcomb of Oswego, NY and Paul (Diane) Holcomb



of Bondsville, MA; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; four siblings: Russell (Irene) Webb, Peter Webb, Barry (Debbie) Webb and Cathy (Russell) Whigham; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

We are comforted knowing that Priscilla is at peace after a long, heart-breaking period of physical and mental decline inflicted on her by dementia. Priscilla Holcomb knows who Priscilla Holcomb is again.

Memorial services for the family will be held at the Second Baptist Church in South Hadley on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 3 pm.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests that memorial donations be made in her name to any one of the following: Dakin Humane Society, 171 Union St., Springfield, MA 01105; the Dementia Society of America or Second Baptist Church, 589 Granby Rd, South Hadley, MA.

William Francis Murphy, 1933-2023

MONSON—William Francis Murphy 89, passed away at home surrounded by the love of his family. Bill was born in Palmer, on November 6, 1933 to the late Thomas F. Murphy and Mary A. (Hogan) Murphy.

Bill was the quintessential farmer who enjoyed a simple life. A very kind individual, Bill cared for his parents in their later years. Bill's dedication to being a hard worker and knowledge of agriculture was essential to keeping the family farm running throughout the years. A quiet observer, Bill possessed wisdom with regard to situations that he had never himself experienced. Current local and national events intrigued Bill, as he read a newspaper daily and watched the national news nightly. Bill achieved serenity and calm through caring

for his animals, especially his barn cat which he promoted to house cat, Smokey. Bill was a wonderful Uncle, Great Uncle, and Great, Great Uncle who will be dearly missed for his quick wit and his blunt forthrightness seen ever so clearly in his bright blue Irish eyes.

Bill was predeceased by his brothers, Thomas B. Murphy and his wife Mary, and John R. Murphy, as well as sisters, Dorothy Harris and her husband John, Helen Colling, and Mary Parker and her husband Giles. He leaves several generations of loving nieces and nephews.

The family would like to say a very special thank you to



the group of people that cared for Bill so much in recent years, Julia McLeod, Kate Murphy, Ben Murphy and daughter Kay Kay Murphy, Mary and Ron Hedspeth, and Maggie, Chris, and daughter Lizzie Miller.

A gathering was held at St. Patrick's Church 22 Green St in Monson, on Friday September 8, 2023.

Lombard Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com

Memorial donations may be made in Bill's memory to St. Patrick's Restoration Fund P.O. Box 473 Monson, MA 01057.

Baystate Wing Hospital nationally recognized for stroke care

PALMER -- Baystate Wing Hospital has earned national recognition from the American Heart Association with the Gold Plus/Target Stroke Honor Roll/Target Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll Get With The Guidelines award.

The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence, ultimately saving more lives and reducing disability.

Get With The Guidelines-Stroke is an in-hospital program for improving stroke care by promoting consistent adherence to these guidelines, which can minimize the long-term effects of a stroke and even prevent death. The program puts the expertise of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping ensure patient care is aligned with the latest research- and evidence-based guidelines.

"Baystate Wing Hospital is committed to improving patient care by adhering to the latest stroke treatment guidelines," said Kar-

li Barrett, MS, RN, NE-BC, vice president and chief nursing officer/ chief administrative officer of Baystate Wing Hospital. "Get With The Guidelines makes it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, which studies show can help patients recover better. The end goal is to ensure more people in our area can experience longer, healthier lives."

Each year, program participants qualify for the award by demonstrating how their organization has committed to providing quality care for stroke patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, Get With The Guidelines participants also educate patients to help them manage their health and recovery at home.

"We are incredibly pleased to recognize our team at Baystate Wing for its commitment to caring for patients with stroke," said Dr. Joe Sills, chief of emergency medicine at Baystate Wing Hospital. "Our stroke coordinator, Julie Fralley RN, has been instrumental in our efforts, reviewing every stroke case so that we may continually improve. Participation in Get With

The Guidelines is associated with improved patient outcomes, fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates—a win for healthcare systems, families, and our communities."

Baystate Wing also received the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll Award. Target: Type 2 Diabetes aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

"Congratulations to Dr. Sills, our Quality Council, Stroke Program team, and all our colleagues throughout Baystate Wing Hospital who drive our success in delivering the very best care to our patients," said Barrett. "This award is a validation of our team's commitment to providing the highest quality of care in the many communities served by Baystate Wing Hospital. These accomplishments occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, bringing extra meaning to this award."

For more information about Baystate Wing Hospital visit Baystatehealth.org/wing.

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Scouts Kathleen Day, Sarah Dee, John Dee, Joe Hajeck and Savanna Miller were in attendance at the 9/11 honorary ceremony.



Detachment Commander Jim Blake shared words of honor and remembrance at the ceremony.



Scouts of Troop 164 participated in the ceremony, including the presentation of the colors.



State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, honored those lost in the 9/11 attack and spoke of the visible and invisible traumas inflicted on the U.S as a result.



Palmer Town Manager Ryan McNutt attended the ceremony and was a guest speaker to honor those who lost their lives as a result of the 9/11 attack.



Town Councilor Robert Lavoie shared a story from former Palmer Fire Department Chief Alan Roy.



Submitted photo by Joy Trombly
Marge Cavanaugh, American Legion Post 130, speaks to those assembled.



Submitted photo by Joy Trombly
Matthew Nay, American Legion Post 130, shares thoughts on the 9/11 attack.

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Todd Smola, R-Warren. American Legion Post 130 Sergeant-at-Arms Sally Nay said the ceremony offers attendees an opportunity to “remember the people who have gone before us and who have given their lives in horrific events like this.”

She said that honoring those sacrifices ensures those “sacrifices are not forgotten,” and “make sure everyone remembers there are people who give their lives and dedicate themselves to helping others.”

McNutt recognized the first responders of the 9/11 attack as well as the first responders in the community who put their lives on the line to serve and protect.

Smola said that while the attack took place over 20 years ago, the event is “not forgotten,” and the date serves as a “national day of service.”

He added that because of the sacrifices of first responders “we live in the best place on earth,” and he is “grateful every single day.”

American Legion Department of Massachusetts Commander Sandra Davis thanked the “20,000 plus veterans who lost their lives to the war on terrorism. We do remember. Palmer will never forget.”

Nay said the 9/11 attack signaled the ongoing war on terrorism which lasted many years, and the ceremony also honors those who lost their lives to the ongoing war before and after the attack.

Attendees were reminded of the civilian casualties sustained as a result of the event as well as the number of first responders who lost their lives during the attack on the Twin Towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

A guest speaker shared the story of the 9/11 event, stating that on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, four U.S passenger jets were seized by groups of hijackers.

Two planes struck the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York, with the first plane striking the North Tower at 8:46

a.m., and the second striking the South Tower at 9:03 a.m.

Citizens were trapped on the upper levels after the buildings were engulfed in fire. In less than two hours, the 110-story buildings collapsed.

The third plane struck the Pentagon in Washington, D.C at 9:37 a.m., just outside the nation’s capital.

At 10:03 a.m., the fourth plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after passengers fought back.

In total, 2,997 people, not including the 19 hijackers, lost their lives on 9/11.

All 246 passengers and crew members on board lost their lives, as well as 125 lives lost at the Pentagon and 2,606 casualties at the Twin Towers.

Also lost were 343 New York firefighters, 23 New York City police officers and 37 Port Authority officers.



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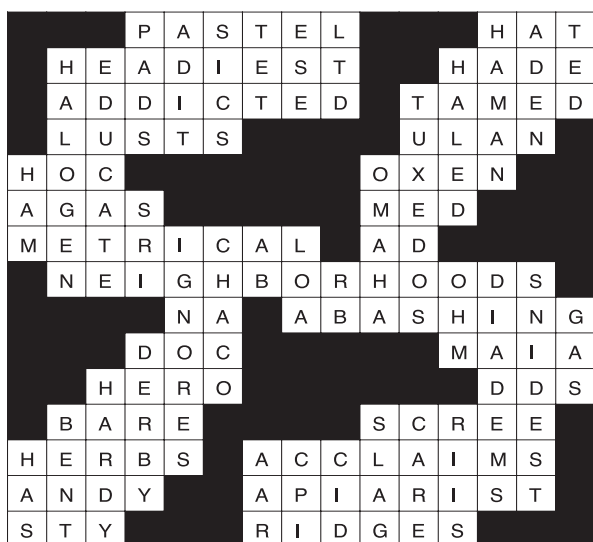
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Brimfield hosts final 2023 flea market



Lauren and Brittany Metrolis, of Boston, smile as they purchase fine antiques at the market.



Shoppers line up to order food and drinks in between stops.



A variety of items were offered at the market.



A large antique vase offered at one of the vendor tents.



Vendors display items in many unique ways, including hanging dresses on a ladder.



Kate Townsend, Barb Karle and cousin, Anita, traveled to the market from Vermont in hopes of finding a few hidden treasures.



Long term vendor Judy Dautcher, of Pennsylvania, has hosted a booth since the '80s.



Mary Guilfoil, of Florida, scored a 1930s-1940s wool blanket at the September showing.



Bruce Baier, of New Hampshire, has hosted a tent at the market for 34 years.



Visitors from near and far gather in Brimfield center to participate in the September showing.

By Dallas Gagnon
Staff Writer
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BRIMFIELD – Visitors from near and far gathered at Brimfield center in support of the final Brimfield Antique Flea Market of the year, which was held last week from Sept. 5-10.

Shoppers could be seen carrying antiques of all sorts; anything from picture frames and mirrors, to rugs, dressers and garage signs.

Vendor Judy Dautcher, of Pennsylvania, said she has hosted a tent at the market since the '80s, and sells a variety of items from handcrafted jewelry to furniture.

"I've always collected; my parents liked antiques and showed us how to take care of things," said Dautcher.

She acquired her first antique at just 4 years old, and has collected them ever since.



A collection of owls available for purchase, who wants one?

en't missed a single market in 100 straight shows," said Braier.

He only hosts a booth at the Brimfield Antique Show and no other market quite like it, he said.

According to Braier, there is "a little bit of everything," at the Brimfield shows.

While some attendees have visited the market for decades, for others, the September showing was their first time at the market.

Boston residents, Lauren and Brittany Metrolis, said this showing was their first visit. The sisters arrived on sight at 8:30 a.m. and were still exploring the show at 3 p.m.

After nearly seven hours, Lauren scored a large antique picture frame, and Brittany left with a mosaic stained glass lamp.

Vendor Amy Shebell, of Connecticut, said she has hosted her booth for eight years, and characterizes her style as "eclectic."

At Shebell's booth, shoppers had an opportunity to purchase vintage or antique-style blankets and quilts.

Mary Guilfoil, of Florida, left Shebell's booth with a 1930s to 1940s wool blanket.

"I've always wanted a wool blanket, but I can never find them where I live," said Guilfoil.

Though some who shopped left with a few hidden gems, others left empty handed and opted to "window shop" instead.

In addition to the hundreds of vendors, the showing featured a food court and fresh-squeezed lemonade.

Show dates for the 2024 season have been released, with the next showing May 14-19.

Additional 2024 shows are set for July 9-13 and Sept. 3-8.

For additional information regarding the 2024 showings, guides and parking, visit <https://brimfieldantiquefleamarket.com/>.

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MONSON FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Veterans Field
Monson, Massachusetts

September 16, 2023 • Noon to 10:00 pm

\$10 per person • \$5 Military/Senior • Children under 12 Free



The 2023 Food Truck & Music Festival

is one day event featuring three awesome bands, Cooper Jones, Savage Brothers and Trailer Trash. Great food, beer & wine garden. Wine slushies, domestic and craft beers will be available. Inflatables, face painting, corn hole, games, Magic Show. And two \$500 lottery ticket basket drawings. Loads of fun for everyone, invite your friends and family, bring your lawn chairs or blankets and dance all day.

Jordyn Doyle, Local Performer

Please note that backpacks and coolers are prohibited