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PALMER

Seniors celebrate milestone birthdays

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PALMER – Local officials joined the Senior Center staff in celebrating several milestone birthdays. Each year, the Senior Center spends a day celebrating all seniors turning 90 during the course of the year. Last week, on Sept. 25, town officials and legislators joined the birthday bash to congratulate se-

niors. “We are so grateful for these important members of our community and their contributions to Palmer,” said Ashley Place, the town’s Director of Administrative Services. Also in attendance at the party was State Representative Todd Smola, who handed out proclamations to seniors honoring their birthday celebrations.

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Submitted photo
G. David Bishop, of Palmer, celebrates his 90th birthday at the Senior Center.

MONSON

Pioneering a new path

MHS students enjoy entrepreneur program

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MONSON – A newly created pathway program at Monson High School is introducing students to the world of business and entrepreneurship.

Launched last month to open the 2026-27 school year, the Business and Finance Pathway provides students with foundational knowledge and practical skills in accounting, marketing, financial literacy, and business management.

“Through a combination of classroom instruction and real-world applications, students learn how businesses operate, how financial decisions are made, and how to develop entrepreneurial thinking,” read a statement released by Monson Public Schools Superintendent Paul Foster.

Throughout the pathway’s lineup of programming, students will have the opportunity to take several business and finance courses. These include Accounting, Marketing, Personal Finance, and AP Business (offered

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Submitted Photo
Cemetery Commissioner Mat Wawrzyk (left) and Sarah McNamara, are shown in character during the 2025 Cemetery Walk.

Cemetery Commissioner announces annual Cemetery Walk

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MONSON – A growing tradition of celebrating local history will mark its fifth anniversary this month.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the town will hold its fifth annual Cemetery Walk at Hillside Cemetery at 7 p.m., with tours of the Jacob Thompson House held before and after

the walk. The annual procession has become an enduring tradition to celebrate and immortalize past town residents that have contributed to the community’s history.

“When my Cemetery Commissioner originally received a handful of these scripts written by the Historical Council in the ‘90s, we only had six or seven of them, and only three or four were complete scripts

that were based at Hillside,” said Cemetery Commissioner Mat Wawrzyk. “Just this year, we ended up finding another handful of scripts, and we now have in our possession a total of 13 scripts, and a couple other incomplete things as well.”

Wawrzyk said that these scripts contain cover pages with writing credits that have helped the commission and

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Serving those who served our nation

Palmer veterans invited to intro program

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PALMER – The newly created Ludlow-Palmer Veterans Services Department invites Palmer veterans to at-

tend a meet-and-greet event introducing staff members and services.

The program will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 4–7 p.m. at

Palmer Public Library (1455 North Main Street).

Palmer veterans and their families will have the opportunity to meet staff members and ask questions. Additionally, guests will learn about the many benefits, services, programs, and resources available to veterans and their families.

“We want Palmer veterans to know who we are, how to reach us, and that they have a team committed to serving them,” said Eric Segundo, the Director of Veterans Services for Ludlow and Palmer. “Building those relationships in person is a meaningful first step.”

Additional team members include Larry Brace (claim consultant) and Michael Moore (admin clerk). Department officials look forward to meeting Palmer veterans and informing them

about the programs and resources they earned through their service.

“Whether you need assistance with VA benefits, want to learn about state and local veterans programs, or simply want to meet the team serving Palmer – we’d love to see you,” read a statement released by the department.

After state approval was received over the summer, Ludlow and Palmer officially united to expand

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BRIMFIELD

Revving up for a good cause

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BRIMFIELD – The 18th annual Brimfield Auto Show will draw enthusiasts from across the area to support Hitchcock Academy and the Brimfield Firefighters Association.

The show will take place at Brimfield Winery on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hundreds of vehicles will be registered in this year’s event, with owners vying for trophies awarded in 28 categories. Additional-

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Scouting leader attends National Jamboree

REGION – On July 18, local Scouting leader Peter Izyk arrived at Bechtel Summit Reservation in West Virginia for the 2026 Scouting America National Jamboree.

He was joined by Steve Scannell, the Western Mass Council’s Conservation Committee Chair.

Upon arrival at the Jamboree, Izyk headed to Boulder Cove where the Conservation Trail is located. He took part in several preparatory activities, including washing tables and spreading wood chips on the trail.

After the Scouts arrived on July 22, he worked at the Clicker Tent at the beginning of the trail, counting everyone who went down the trail. He also helped the National Park Service open its tent.

After the ten-day Jamboree was over, Izyk took part in several post-event activities. These included checking the trail for trash, carrying out tables and chairs, and closing the vendors’ tents.

“My three highlights were meeting Lord Baden Powell, the 5th Baron of Gilwell. He is the great grandson of Lord Baden Powell, who started the world Scouting movement,” Izyk said. “I was



Fun activities were held throughout the program.

able to meet the National Key 3 and visited Brownsea Island, the reenactment of Baden Powell’s first Scouting

event.”

Brownsea Island is a reenactment of the program that Lord Baden Powell started

on an island off the southern coast of England, which led to the Scouting movement worldwide.



Local Scouting leader Peter Izyk attends the Scouting America National Jamboree.



Submitted photos

From left, Peter Izyk (Local Scouting leader), Scott Rice (the Western Mass Council’s President), Nancy Rice (the Alumni Chair), and Dr. Steve Scannell (the Council Conservation Committee Chair).

Bargain clothing sale set for Oct. 3

MONSON – A bargain clothing sale will take place on Saturday, Oct. 3, at Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church (162 Main Street). The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Clothing is \$1 per bag.

“Time to find some clothing for the entire family. Bring your friends, too,” read a statement released by organizers. “We never know what we’ll have, so it’s worth a look. Everyone is welcome.”

Several flu clinics available this fall

REGION – Mill Towns Public Health will provide several flu clinics in local communities this fall.

Palmer Public Library will host a clinic on Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ludlow Veterans Services will host a pair of clinics (Oct. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., as well as Oct. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.). The facility is located at 487 Holyoke Street in Ludlow.

The West Brookfield Senior Center will offer a

clinic on Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Palmer Public Library will hold another clinic on Oct. 22 from 1-4 p.m. The library is located at 1455 North Main Street. To schedule your appointment, call Erin McMurray at 413-750-8386.

Lastly, Ludlow Town Hall (488 Chapin Street) will be the site of a clinic on Nov. 2 from 12-3 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred.



PALMER – As we move into the heart of autumn, the Senior Center has plenty of activities and programs this month.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., the Senior Center Friends Group is sponsoring a Loaded Bake Potato Dinner at the Center. Advance purchase is required and open to the public.

To purchase a \$10 ticket, please call 413-283-2670 (Extension 6) and leave a message, or stop by the Center and see Andy Vance, Jack Randolph, or Kathy Fitzgerald for a ticket.

Fuel Assistance

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program helps eligible households challenged by the high cost of home heating fuel pay a portion of their winter heating bills. This program through Valley Opportunity Council, Inc., provides fuel assistance through a fixed benefit amount for the cost of the primary source of heat.

Palmer Senior Center

Sources include oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood, and coal. Additional potential benefits included are utility discounts, homeowner heating system repair, and weatherization.

The Palmer Senior Center is a local site for seniors, 60-plus, to apply for fuel assistance. Please call Cindy at 283-2670 (Extension 2) to schedule an appointment to complete an application. If you applied last year, Valley Opportunity Council, Inc., sends fuel assistance renewal applications to the address on file.

Friday, Movie Matinee 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 9: “USS Indianapolis: Men of Courage” – A harrowing tale of real-life American heroes shipwrecked in shark-infested waters in the waning days of World War II.

Oct. 16: “Cast Away” – A FedEx systems engineer whose ruled-by-the-clock existence abruptly ends when a harrowing plane crash leaves him isolated on a remote island.

Oct. 23: “Hocus Pocus”

– Three outlandishly wild witches who return from 17th century Salem for a night of zany fun and comic chaos. After they’re accidentally conjured by some unsuspecting pranksters, the tricky trio sets out to cast a spell on the town and reclaim their youth – but first they must outwit three pesky kids who are determined to foil their scheme.

Monday Evening Programs 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 5: Brian Guagnini from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be here to talk on the differences between Medigap plans and Medicare Advantage plans and when enrollees can switch plans. This will be a 45-minute presentation. No BCBS product information will be presented.

Oct. 19: Henry Quinlan will present “Fifty Years in Publishing.” Henry will share experiences and stories from the world of celebrities and book publishing.

Oct. 26: Pilgrim and Turkey Shelf Sitters with Kim. Cost free. See sample at center.

Volunteering

Join RSVP (the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) and help to support nonprofits in your community. If you are over 55 and have hours available each week or month to volunteer your time, we have dozens of opportunities with area organizations that need you. RSVP offers free liability insurance to all volunteers, mileage reimbursement if needed, and other benefits.

Party planning

The Center will hold its annual Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 4, at the Ludlow Elks this year. Like in the past, tickets will be available at the Center (we will have exact days and times to sign up and pay). We will serve family style, have door prizes, giveaways, and entertainment. More information to follow in the November Newsletter.

The Senior Center is located at 1029 Central Street. For more information about programs, please call 413-283-2670.

Historical program offered at Keep Homestead Museum

MONSON – If you have a love of history, you’ll want to check out the recreated 25th Continental Regiment when it visits the Keep Homestead Museum on Sunday, Oct. 4.

Regiment members will reenact life in the era of the

American Revolutionary War, as they take on roles of civilian life and military life.

Members will conduct their living history presentation on the front lawn from 1–3:30 p.m.

This program is open to

the public and free of charge.

Additionally, the museum will be open to guests, highlighting patriotic buttons.

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

Monson Cultural Council seeking grant proposals, deadline Oct. 15

MONSON – The Monson Cultural Council is seeking grant proposals from organizations, schools, and individuals for community-orientated projects in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences.

These grants can support a variety of projects, including lectures, workshops, performances in schools, exhibits, and festivals.

All events and projects covered by the grants must take place between Jan. 1,

2027, and Dec. 31, 2027.

Monson priorities can be found online at: www.MassCulturalCouncil.org, along with the link to the online application.

The deadline for submission is Oct. 15, 2026.

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Have you seen a coyote?

New MassCoyotes project wants to hear from you

AMHERST – For the past seven years, Amherst College’s MassBears project has invited community members across Massachusetts to collaborate with researchers to better understand American black bears by sharing observations from their neighborhoods.

Now, the research team, led by Dr. Thea Kristensen, is expanding its community science efforts with the launch of MassCoyotes, a new project that invites residents to contribute sightings of coyotes across Massachusetts.

Since its launch in 2019, MassBears has brought together researchers, students and community members to learn more about how black bears are using a landscape increasingly shared with people. Thousands of community observations have helped the research team investigate where bears are observed, what they are doing and how people and wildlife interact.

Those contributions are now helping advance scientific understanding of black bears in Massachusetts. In September, members of the MassBears research team, along with Tammy Wilson at USGS, published a study in Scientific Reports using community-contributed observations to model areas where people and black bears are likely to overlap.

The research found that housing density and proximity to roads were important predictors of human-bear overlap and demonstrated both the value of community observations and the ways these observations can be complemented by systematically-collected research data.

The researchers emphasize that this work would not

have been possible without the people across Massachusetts who took the time to report their observations.

“It is only because of the community’s excitement to participate in our project that we were able to gather this data and contribute to the current knowledge on black bears. We are so grateful for the community’s support and are looking forward to continuing this partnership,” Marie Wheeler, Class of 2027, said in a press release.

Building on the success of MassBears, the team is now turning some of its attention to another familiar-and often misunderstood-Massachusetts mammal: the eastern coyote.

Coyotes are found throughout Massachusetts, from rural forests to suburban and urban communities. Yet there is still much to learn about how they use these different landscapes, how they interact with one another and how they coexist with people.

Through MassCoyotes, members of the community can contribute to this research simply by reporting their coyote sightings. Whether someone spots a coyote crossing a road, moving through a backyard, traveling across a field, or engaging in other behavior, each observation can help researchers develop a richer picture of coyote activity across the state.

“Starting MassCoyotes is awesome for the group. Expanding our main area of focus beyond bears will give us a super well-rounded view of Massachusetts wildlife biology and ecology, and being able to do this alongside the community is great,” said Faye Riebe, Class of 2029.

“We’re really excited to



An adult coyote sniffed the ground on the shore of the Quabbin Reservoir.



A tail camera captured two adult coyotes in an alert posture.

get the word out about MassCoyotes and learn what people have observed about these awesome creatures,” said Leilani Fahn, Class of 2029.

In addition to launching the new website, the team has begun a research project exploring coyote behavior around the Quabbin Reservoir. This summer, three Amherst College students and one Cornell University student worked alongside Kristensen and Dr. Lisa Brooks to deploy more than 50 trail cameras throughout the Quabbin area.

The project will provide a window into the lives of coyotes in a largely rural landscape, helping the team better understand their behavior, activity patterns and interactions



Dr. Thea Kristensen, Leilani Fahn and Faye Riebe are shown setting up a trail camera to observe coyote behavior.

with one another and their environment.

“Over the summer, the opportunity to go out and do field work in the Quabbin for the coyote research gave me a real appreciation for our local nature and wildlife,” said Riebe.

“Working on our coyote research this summer was so fun and rewarding! It was an amazing opportunity to explore the Quabbin, gain hands-on field experience and learn more about the local wildlife,” said Fahn.

Amherst College students play a central role in both MassBears and MassCoyotes projects, working with community-submitted observations while gaining experience

in wildlife ecology, community engagement and scientific research.

Anyone who encounters a coyote in Massachusetts is encouraged to participate in MassCoyotes. No previous wildlife experience is necessary. Whether a coyote is seen once or regularly, observations can contribute to a broader understanding of coyotes and the landscapes we share with them.

To learn more about MassBears, contribute a sighting, or read about the project’s research, visit <https://massbears.wordpress.amherst.edu/>

To learn more about MassCoyotes or report a coyote sighting, visit <https://masscoyotes.wordpress.amherst.edu/>

About MassMammals

MassBears and MassCoyotes are community science initiatives based at Amherst College and part of the broader MassMammals project. The projects bring together students, researchers, and members of the community to better understand wildlife across Massachusetts.

By combining community observations with ecological research, MassMammals seeks both to advance our understanding of wildlife ecology and to create opportunities for people across the state to participate directly in the scientific process.

Sound therapy sessions available

BRIMFIELD – Hitchcock Academy will host a series of sound therapy sessions on Saturday evenings.

The sessions will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. on select evenings. Each session is offered at a cost of \$20 per person.

Dates for the sessions include Oct. 17 (immune defense); and Nov. 14 (dealing with life challenges, loss and grief).

Sound therapy aims to

utilize aspects of music, tones and notes to improve physical, emotional and mental health.

Pat and Ken Wheelock are bodywork practitioners based in Three Rivers. Their practice spans acupressure, Reiki, herbal studies, sound therapy, color therapy, and aromatherapy.

Certified practitioners since 2008, the Wheelocks have spent over 15 years studying, practicing, and teaching the healing arts.

Alora Heffernan is a certified Reiki master and certified meditation teacher. Her work focuses on such non-invasive modalities as guided meditation, Reiki, and sound therapy.

Event participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or folding camp chair.

To learn more about the sessions, visit www.hitchcockacademy.org.

Hitchcock Academy is a community center located at 2 Brookfield Road.

‘Burial Grounds of Palmer’ presentation planned for fall

PALMER – Take part in Palmer’s MA 250th anniversary celebration by joining local historian Robert Comeau in this presentation about the “Burial Grounds of Palmer” on Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St.

To register for this program, please visit: <https://palmerlibrary.com>

In addition to this presentation, Comeau will host a tour at the Four Corners Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 11 a.m.-noon, 4287 Main St.

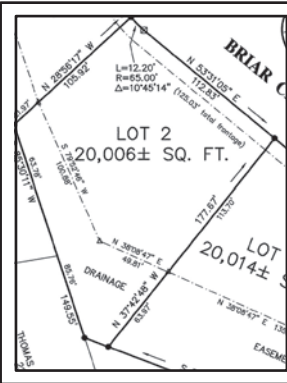
These events are brought to you by the Palmer Historical Commission and the

Palmer Public Library.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the Palmer Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

This program is free, but registration is requested.





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Viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Mom worries daughter making bad Social Security decision

Dear Rusty:

My question is not for me, but for my daughter who is 62 years old.

She does not want to take her Social Security now. Her husband was a doctor and passed away recently. She had been married to him for more than 10 years and, in the meantime, he married someone else.

I thought the President erased taxes on earned money so that people could collect what was due them no matter what they earned.

My daughter keeps telling me she has already earned too much this year and cannot collect her widow's benefits until next year. I don't understand what no tax on Social Security means then.

Also, she wants to wait until she is 67 before she collects her own money. She has been a nurse and believes her own benefits may be larger than her widow's benefits. Is she correct to wait for that long?

Signed: Worried Mom

Dear Worried Mom:

Your daughter is likely correct. There are two factors which come into play in your daughter's circumstance — one is the Annual Earnings Test (for those collecting early SS benefits), and the other relates to Federal income tax on SS benefits received. I'll try to clarify both of these for you:

If your daughter claims her widow's benefit at age 62, her benefit will be significantly reduced by approximately 20+% from what she would get at her SS full retirement age, and that would be a permanent reduction.

And, if she works, which you imply she does, she would also be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test which limits how much she can earn by working prior to reaching her SS Full Retirement Age, which is age 67).

The earnings limit for 2026 is \$24,480 (changes yearly) and, if her annual 2026 earnings exceed that amount, Social Security will take away \$1 of benefits for every \$2 she is over the annual limit.

For example, if she is \$25,000 over the limit, SS would take way benefits equal to \$12,500. That would mean she wouldn't get any SS benefits for the remainder of this year and likely some of next year also. And, if her earnings are significantly more than the annual limit, she may even be temporarily ineligible to receive a widow's benefit (until she either reaches her FRA or earns less money).

FYI, the Annual Earnings Test will go away when your daughter reaches age 67 but, until then, the AET will likely restrict her ability to receive Social Security benefits if she continues to work full time.

The next factor to be aware of is the so-called "One Big Beautiful Bill," which the President claimed means "no tax on Social Security." This is an entirely different factor than the Annual Earnings Test described above.

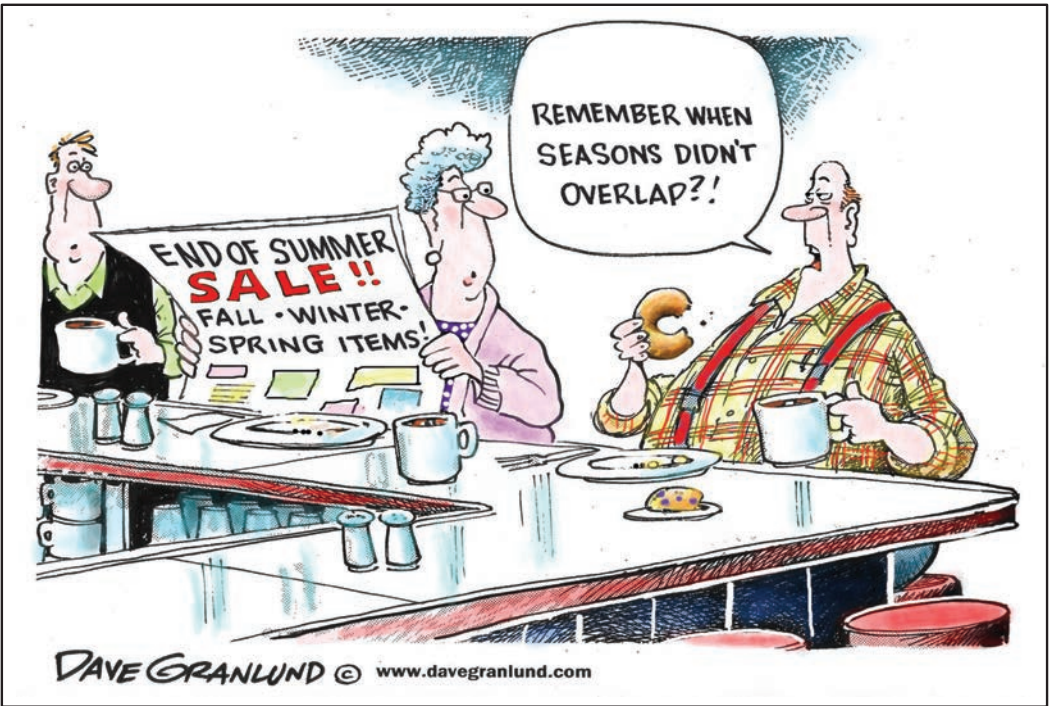
The above AET discussion dealt with SS earnings limits while taking benefits before FRA, whereas the OBBB deals with income tax on Social Security benefits actually received.

The OBBB (enacted last year) provides an extra \$6,000 deduction per person

on the tax return filed with the IRS for those 65 years of age or older. That extra IRS deduction is designed to offset either totally or partially any income tax which is levied on Social Security benefits received by those age 65 or older. It's also important to know that the OBBB only provides temporary income tax relief, because the law expires after the 2028 income tax year.

All of which leads me to conclude that your daughter's decision to wait longer to claim her widow's benefit from her deceased ex-husband is a prudent choice. As long as she is working and earning more than the annual earnings limit before age 67, the AET will restrict how much Social Security she is able to receive. If she later stops working or goes to part-time employment, she can revisit her decision at that time. And, depending on her own personally earned Social Security benefit amount at age 67 (vs. her widow's benefit), she can assess whether to claim her personal SS retirement benefit or to, instead, claim her benefit as her ex-husband's widow if that amount is larger than her own SS retirement. And, unless Congress later extends the OBBB prior to 2029, she will, at that time, likely need to pay income tax on the Social Security benefits she receives.

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Garden scurrying

The forecast of a September nor'easter certainly had everyone scurrying about.

Instead of running to the grocery store for necessities, I headed straight to the garden to tidy up a few things. With visions of air-borne pots, soggy containers of compost and ruined produce dancing in my head I got right to work.

First to check off my list was digging up the potatoes. The stems had died down on two of my three rows over two weeks ago and I didn't want the spuds sitting in impending mud when they could be curing somewhere safe and sound.

Speaking of curing, it is important to be intentional with this step, so that your potatoes will be edible well into the winter months. Curing potatoes properly will help to prevent rot, premature sprouting, and toxic greening of the skin and flesh.

By waiting a week or more after the plant has died before digging up the tubers, the skins will thicken and be less prone to injury during harvest. Once they are dug, a week spent in a cool and totally dark space will further firm their skin and change sugars to starch, completing the ripening process.

Never wash potatoes prior to storage! Gently brush off dirt and store in a single layer in the darkness at 55-60 degrees.

Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Use any



pitch-forked or shovel-marked spuds first, as damage to the skin will invite rot.

Once the potatoes were out of the ground, I applied a two-three inch layer of composted manure and lime to the plot, then worked it in to the soil.

I won't be planting potatoes there next year other wise I would have stayed away from both amendments.

After that, I got to task number two, planting a cover crop in the empty ground. I figured with rain coming over the course of three days it would be off to a great start. In the big garden, where I can use my tiller, I sow winter rye.

It will start growing now, hold the soil in place over the winter, then, as spring ensues, it will grow tall and go to seed. Typically you mow it down or incorporate it into the soil before it gets too big.

Winter rye adds so much organic matter to the garden. Be sure to give the grass time to break down before planting into it; chopping it up/in about three weeks to a month before planting is a good plan.

Another thing that occurred to me while I was sowing the rye was seed saving. I purposely left what was left of my first sowing of

green beans to go to seed.

I harvested all of the dried pods and will shuck them later, once I am sure that they are fully dry.

Finally, a bit of house-keeping to finish out my scurrying around. I collected my black plastic mulch, row covers and insects netting. I will hose off the black plastic, cinch up holes in the netting, and assess what I can salvage of my aging row covers.

I've smartened up and finally labeled what I use for what crop. For example, my number of cantaloupe/watermelon hills will likely remain the same, so reusing the same plastic mulch in that spot next year is a good plan.

With the storm behind us now, I can go back to a less frantic approach to garden clean up. Enjoy the fall foliage as you embark on your own work.

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

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

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

Campaign news

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

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Reclaiming your peace in the forest



By Julie Midura
Guest Columnist

I recently went on a solo backpacking trip. Not by choice. Not to face my fears or challenge my courage.

Rather, because my favorite hiking partner is temporarily sidelined due to a torn rotator cuff. And with several grandchildren going through significant health challenges, the worry, helplessness, and endless stream of uncertainty was beginning to feel heavier than my heart could carry.

I found myself needing

the quiet that only an overnight stay in the forest can provide. I needed the fresh air. The company of trees. The steady rhythm of my feet hitting dirt.

So in spite of my hesitation at spending a night alone in the woods, I packed up the gear that Tom and I would normally split between the two of us, and I drove to the Berkshires.

When I arrived at the trailhead on the Appalachian Trail, I shouldered my heavy backpack and began walking.

For seven hours I moved with purpose. With the urgency of someone trying to outrun something.

And perhaps I was. Each step was taking me further from the noise of the world and inviting me into a place where harmony reigns.

A place where the air feels lighter and the earth feels softer. A place where nature holds me as surely as the heavens hold the sun in its rightful place in the sky.

I chose to do this trip solo not to feel strong or capable. Rather, to give myself space to breathe...and maybe even to heal some of the parts of me that feel broken.

For the short time I am

here, I will allow nature to carry the things I can no longer bear.

At 5:30 p.m. — after hiking 12 miles — I stopped and pitched my tent. Filtered water. Sat beneath the trees with my feet immersed in a cold stream and watched the water curl around my toes.

I ducked into my tent just as the skies opened up in a deluge. I read a book while droplets of water exploded on the rain fly.

When darkness settled in, I prayed for my family. I wept. Then I fell asleep from exhaustion.

It's now 6:30 a.m. I'm lying on my back in my orange two-person tent. A crow is screeching overhead.

Morning light is filtering through the swaying canopy of trees above me, causing leaf-shaped shadows to dance on the fabric of my tent.

I lie still in the warmth of my bright green, down sleeping bag. Outside of my tent, the forest is alive and breathing.

Unconcerned. Unhurried. Unworried. Simply existing.

For a moment, I close my eyes and allow myself the freedom to do the same.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

UPCOMING

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

ALL MAKES & MODELS CAR SHOW will be presented by the Corvette Club of Western MA on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Chicopee Moose Club, 244 Fuller Road, Chicopee. There will be food, beverages, raffles, trophies and live music provided by The Blue Groove Band. There is a \$20 car entry fee and spectators are free.

VENDORS FOR THE BAYSTATE WING HOSPITAL GIFT SHOPPE

October Vendors

Oct. 5 - In The AM Floral
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Oct. 13 - Heart Arts Crafts
Oct. 14 - How Charming
Oct. 20 - Wicked Good Treats
Oct. 22 - Jewelry For Diane
Oct. 27 - Geriations & Sew On

ONGOING

WALES CHURCH FARMER'S MARKET: Located in the church pavilion across from the post office on the corner of Route 19 and Monson Road. The farmers market is open every Saturday morning from 9 a.m.-noon beginning on Memorial Day weekend and running until Labor Day weekend. Offerings include homemade baked goods, local honey, crafts, flea market items, antiques and fruits and vegetables when in season. Vendors are welcome and there is no charge to set up a table.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annual water quality report available

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

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

Hard copies are available at Monson Town Hall located at 110 Main St., the

Monson Free Library located at 2 High St. and the Monson Senior Center located at 106 Main St. Please call 413-267-4130 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

All Makes and Models Car Show on Oct. 3

CHICOPEE – The All Makes and Models Car Show will take place on Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chicopee Moose Club (244 Fuller Road, Chicopee).

Come on out and bring your classic to the annual show presented by the Corvette Club of Western MA.

The event will include food, beverages, raffles, tro-

phies, and live music provided by The Blue Groove Band.

The entry fee is \$20 per car. Spectators may attend for free.

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An official representing State Senator Jake Oliveira's office also awarded proclamations.

"We had a great afternoon at the Palmer Senior Center, celebrating everyone who turned 90 this year," Smola said. "Ninety years is an incredible milestone, and it was special to hear some of their stories."

During the Sept. 25 party, four seniors turning 90 this year were in attendance to receive their congratulatory certificates from officials.

The celebration also included a meal provided by Greater Springfield Senior Services, as well as a cake supplied by the Palmer Big Y.

Local leaders always appreciate opportunities to connect with seniors and learn about their families, careers, travels, and hobbies in retirement.

"These are people who have given so much to their families and to our community over the years, and it was an honor to recognize them and wish them a very happy 90th birthday," Smola told The Journal Register.

Among the seniors celebrating 90th birthdays at the party was G. David Bishop, who enjoyed spending the day with friends and family.

"He was thrilled. The Senior Center did a wonderful job of decorating and putting everything together," said Kimberley King, Bishop's daughter.



Submitted photo
Palmer's G. David Bishop celebrates his 90th birthday with State Representative Todd Smola.

op's daughter.

Originally from Ware, Bishop served in the National Guard before working in the construction industry. He later moved to Westfield and now resides in Palmer.

"He loves everyone at the Senior Center in Palmer. They are so caring and so good to him," King said.

Senior Center officials are thanked for their extra efforts to make birthday celebrations unforgettable. The leadership team includes Executive Director Marlene Johnson, Outreach Coordinator Cindy Jasak, and Activities and Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Jacques.

Additionally, all volunteers are thanked for augmenting programs throughout the year.

"Everyone at the Center does a great job of making our seniors feel welcome, and they get great support from volunteers," Place added.

For seniors who were unable to celebrate their birthdays at the party, they will receive congratulatory citations in the mail.

The Senior Center is located at 1029 Central Street. To learn more about upcoming programs and activities at the Center, call 413-283-2670.

CNEER holding fundraiser dinner

HARDWICK – Central New England Equine Rescue, Inc. will hold a fall fundraiser benefit dinner at Hardwick Crossing Country Club, 262 Lower Road, on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and a buffet dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each or bundle two tickets for \$175. Payment must be received by Oct. 10.

To purchase tickets online, use the QR code or visit www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fall-fundraiser-banquet. Checks made payable to CNEER can also be mailed to 96 New Braintree Road, West Brookfield, MA 01585.

For more information about CNEER, people may visit CNEER.com or follow the rescue on Facebook.



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*Country-framed under a dining-room arch –
Hands folded behind; and hair a woven braid:
An evening server a soft melody pours,
As to herself unnoticed a song she has made.*

*An amber light winds around the hall,
And over tables whose cloth downward trails;
The plates of fare rise in varied hills;
Starched napkins white make billowing sails.*

*October in the unsettling of the year.
Little of covenants remain in season;
The orphaned leaves have looked in at my door –
And reason tumbles down to reason.*

*What echoing words hears she of unison;
Knows not that union turns to places wild;
The long march only to lose its step,
And not wait to be reconciled.*

*She works while in song against the night –
In separate calm as might mother to child;
Pewter-held candles make a poignant couple
In their farewell dance to this evensong mild.*

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Fire service leaders raise awareness of battery safety

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Fire service leaders from across Western Massachusetts and New England gathered at the Big E fair recently to promote Fire Prevention Week and emphasize the safe charging of lithium-ion batteries.

These batteries power countless devices we use at home and work – and are also the cause of a growing number of fires.

Fire Prevention Week, the nation’s longest running public health observance on record, runs from Oct. 4-10. This year’s theme emphasizes the importance of safely charging these batteries by using the original equipment manufacturer’s charging equipment, charging on a hard surface such as a table or counter, keeping large devices away from doorways and other emergency routes and properly disposing of old batteries.

Hosted by West Springfield Fire Chief Christopher J. Bartone and joined by the National Fire Prevention Association, the state fire marshals of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont shared practical fire safety information in a press conference outside the Massachusetts Building as fairgoers watched and listened.

Bartone kicked off the event with a reminder that working smoke alarms are a must in every household – especially as colder weather creeps in.

“As we turn on the heat and spend more time indoors, we start to see more late night and early morning fires that tragically lead to death and



Submitted Photos
Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Jon Davine (at right, in uniform) reviewed lithium-ion battery fire data with Connecticut State Fire Marshal Lauri Volkert; Vermont State Fire Marshal Michael Desrochers; and New Hampshire State Fire Marshal Sean Toomey. With other fire officials, they promoted battery fire safety outside the Massachusetts building at West Springfield's Big E fair.

serious injury,” he said. “Before we go any further, I want to emphasize the importance of working smoke alarms on every level of every home. Working alarms give you time to escape before a fire turns deadly, so be sure you can hear that beep wherever you sleep.”

Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Jon Davine said that almost all of today’s rechargeable devices use lithium-ion batteries, and that battery fires have become more common as they’ve grown in use.

“Across the country, battery fires jumped by almost 400% between 2020 and 2023. We saw the same thing in Massachusetts, with reported battery fires climbing from fewer than 20 to more than 130 in just a couple of years. And we’re on track to have more battery fires reported this month than any other since we started collect-

ing data. And the hazard isn’t just in batteries starting fires. Lithium-ion batteries have a high energy density, meaning they pack a lot of power into a small device. That means any kind of damage, including heat from an unrelated fire, can cause them to explode in sparks and flames, spreading a fire faster and further,” he said.

Connecticut State Fire Marshal Lauri Volkert, Vermont State Fire Marshal Michael Desrochers and New Hampshire State Fire Marshal Sean Toomey shared tips on reducing the risk of a battery fire:

Be sure to use a battery intended for the device and the original manufacturer’s charging equipment.

Generic or aftermarket cords and chargers might be a little cheaper, but they may not deliver the right voltage or communicate with the battery



Flanked by a group of Western Massachusetts fire chiefs, Bob Duval of the National Fire Prevention Association urged fairgoers to dispose of old rechargeable batteries at a battery recycling location, not in household trash or recycling.

effectively. This can lead to overcharging and catastrophic damage.

When you’re charging your device, place it on a hard, stable surface such as a table or countertop – not a bed or a couch, and never under a pillow or pile of clothes. Softer surfaces like these can trap heat and increase the risk of fire.

Larger batteries will cause more damage if they ignite or explode. That’s why it’s safer to store larger equipment like battery-powered scooters and e-bikes outdoors and out of the sun, if possible.

If you must store them in the house, keep them away from doors, windows, and stairways. These are your emergency exits in case of fire, and they’re the routes that firefighters will take if they need to gain entry.

Keep an eye on your devices when charging them.

Don’t leave them unattended, especially for a long period of time, and always unplug them when the battery is fully charged.

Overcharging causes heat and stress on the battery, and it’s even safer to keep it below 100%.

There are often signs that a battery is failing. If the device feels hot to the touch, if it starts to swell, or if it smells strange or starts to leak, stop using it and move it away from flammable items. If the battery begins to smoke, get to safety and call 9-1-1 right away.

Today’s battery fires can involve explosions of sparks and flames. They can release toxic smoke and gases. Recognizing the warning signs can help you protect yourself and your loved ones.

Bob Duval, New England Regional Manager of the National Fire Protection

Association, said fire departments across New England have seen an increase in fires in trash and recycling trucks, as well as dumpsters and compactors. While the exact cause often goes undetermined, officials believe many of them involve lithium-ion batteries being damaged and igniting.

“The safest way to dispose of today’s rechargeable batteries is through a battery recycling program,” Duval said. “Don’t place them in household trash or recycling. Instead, bring them to your community’s household hazardous waste collection or a recycling center that accepts them. You can find one near you at BatteryNetwork.org.”

To learn more about battery safety, visit the Department of Fire Services’ Lithium-Ion Battery Safety page, www.mass.gov/info-details/lithium-ion-battery-safety.

Grange hosting garlic planting workshop

WARE – Ware Grange’s last gardening workshop for this season, “Garlic Culture and Tasting,” will be held on Monday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly “In the Garden” column for Turley Publications.

Now is the best time

to plant garlic cloves. Learn about how to prepare your soil, plant the cloves, mulch and overwinter, then what to do in the spring to ensure a robust harvest. Attendees will get to sample different garlic varieties to experience the variation in taste.

Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.



Zonta Service Grants applications available

The Zonta Club of Quabog Valley is currently soliciting proposals from local nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit women and/or youth.

The Zonta Service Grant Form application can be downloaded at www.zontaqv.org/service-grant/ or requested by contacting info@zontaqv.org. Grants are awarded biannually, in November (Nov. 1 deadline) and May (April 1, 2027 deadline).

Proposals must include specific details of the project including the need that will be addressed with the funds. In reviewing completed applications the committee will

give preference for a hands-on component that can involve Zontians (and supporters, if appropriate).

As a community-driven organization, Zonta’s grant capacity is tied directly to the success of its fundraising efforts. While it reviews and awards service grants twice a year, the total amount distributed each cycle fluctuates based on the funds raised during the annual golf tournament, calendar raffle, etc.

Two-thirds of all profits are used to fund local initiatives; one-third goes to the Zonta Foundation for Women to fund global projects with

partners including UNFPA, UNICEF USA, Girls Not Brides, and the Coalition to End Violence Against Women’

Since its inception in 1991, the Zonta Club of Quabog Valley has contributed over \$150,000 in cash and in-kind donations to local nonprofits.

Recent local grant recipients included: Girl Scouts of Central and Western MA to help fund the Council’s Community-Based Programming outreach; YWCA of Western MA to stock their emergency food pantry; Girls on the Run Western MA to help support youth programming and train

coaches; Girls Inc. of the Valley to support a youth-led community educational event focused on human rights; Safe Passage of Northampton to offset printing of a program booklet for Say Something – eight-hour skills-focused training program grounded in effective strategies of bystander intervention and empowerment self-defense; and Alianza DV Services, Inc. in support of the Clothesline Project – a visual display of violence statistics that often go ignored. Each shirt is made by a survivor of violence or by someone who has lost a loved one to violence.

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ly, trophies will be awarded for People's Choice, Best in Show, and the Firefighters Award.

This year, a memorial trophy will honor Eugene "Gene" Randall, who passed away in April. Randall was an avid classic car enthusiast and served as a judge for many of the shows.

Car registration opens at 7 a.m. The entry cost is \$20 per vehicle. General admission is \$5.

The event will also include several food trucks; beverages offered by Brimfield Winery; and live music by Cruisin' Bruce Marshall, of The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7 FM.

"The show draws car clubs and spectators from throughout the state, as well as bordering states such as New Hampshire and Connecticut," read a statement released by Hitchcock Academy. "The show isn't just an-

tique cars alone – it includes vintage varieties such as muscle cars, as well as utility vehicles and trucks. You will find anything from the early 1900s: trucks, street rods, Camaros, Corvettes, and European models, even vintage fire apparatus and more."

Brimfield's first fire truck, a 1927 Buffalo, will be on display along with the Massachusetts State Police Museum's 1968 Ford Ranch Wagon once used by troopers.

The show's souvenir commemorative program book is produced and published by Hitchcock Academy as a fundraiser for the community center.

Among the articles in this year's book are features on local auto shop owner and musician David Bell, as well as automotive journalist, historian, author, and television host Steve Magnante.

Bell has been in the automotive business in Brimfield for more than 40 years. He is the owner of Classic Heaven

on Holland Road, providing auto repair, body work, painting, and restoration. A feature in the program book details the impacts of the 2011 tornado on Bell's business and his lifelong love of classic cars.

A feature on Magnante explores his career and rise to automotive acclaim through work on "Junkyard Crawls" and "Junkyard Gold," in addition to his work as an auction commentator and brand spokesperson for Dodge.

The Brimfield Firefighters Association is also a beneficiary of the fundraising event, collecting car registration fees and admission from the show.

Members of the association also sell T-shirts and run a 50/50 raffle during the event. Proceeds have supported the restoration of the Buffalo Truck and are also used for ongoing critical training.

The rain date for the event is Oct. 11.

Organizers thank everyone who comes together to make the show a success each year.

"The show doesn't happen without volunteers, and more are always needed to help with registration, directing parking, and judging," read the statement issued by Hitchcock Academy. "Hitchcock can connect with anyone interested in participating."

For more information about the event, visit www.hitchcockacademy.org.

Hitchcock Academy is a community center located at 2 Brookfield Road in Brimfield, providing educational, recreational, and cultural programming.



Obituary

Barbara Shirley (Chlebus) Breton

Barbara Shirley (Chlebus) Breton, 84, died on September 22, 2026, after a long illness. Barbara was born on July 5, 1942, in Bondsville, Mass. to Catherine and Frank Chlebus. She attended Palmer High School where she graduated in 1960. She moved to Palmer when she married and raised her two girls in the community. Barbara worked for Shawmut Bank in Palmer for many years. She left banking to work for her family business before moving into real estate as a realtor in the area for numerous years.

Barbara will be missed



by her two daughters Theresa Les and husband Paul of Holland, Mass., Deanna Sloat and husband Kevin of Palmer. Her four grandchildren who were her pride and joy Amanda Skowyr (Adam Skowyr), Andrew Les (Stephanie Les), Jason Sloat, Olivia Sloat and her great-grandson Kolson Skowyr. She leaves many cousins whom she grew up with especially Michele Topor of Boston and Kenneth Kulis of Vermont. She also leaves her travel bud-

dy and beloved companion Glenn Dane.

Barbara loved to visit Maine with her family and friends and had a vacation home there for many years. She will always be remembered for her sparkle, love of her cats, love of gardening, celebrating the holidays and traveling.

Barbara's life was celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. with an 11 a.m. service at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with burial immediately following at St. Thomas Cemetery on Thorndike St. in Palmer.

In lieu of flowers please send donations in Barbara's name to Alzheimer's Association, 320 Nevada Street, Suite 201, Newton, MA 02460.

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Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries. One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place. The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice (with a word limit of up to 500 words) and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com. *Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

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Palmer Police Logs

During the week of Sept. 13-19, the Palmer Police Department responded to 63 building checks, 37 motor vehicle stops, eight motor vehicle violations, 74 informational calls, 39 medical emergencies, six animal complaints, 19 calls for officers wanted, 16 alarms, 26 silent, accidental, abandoned or hung up 911 calls, seven fire calls, six theft or fraud calls, seven investigations, seven motor vehicle accidents, seven motor vehicle releases, 11 general services, three out of jurisdiction reports, 10 assists to other agencies, four transports, 26 traffic posts, 11 school resource officer calls and seven assists to citizens

Sunday, Sept. 13
3:23 a.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Greenwich Road
8:13 a.m. Medical Emergency, Old Warren Road
2:26 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, South Main Street
2:37 p.m. Civil Complaint, Main Street
2:49 p.m. Hazard-Wire/Pole/Tree, North Main Street and Diane Street
4:23 p.m. Noise Complaint, Stimson Street
4:51 p.m. Disturbance, Overlook Drive
4:52 p.m. Well Being Check, River Street
4:57 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Belanger Street
5:04 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Pleasant Street
5:30 p.m. Fire-Motor Vehicle, Lariviere Street
6:03 p.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Carpenter Road
7:08 p.m. Fire-Smoke, Wilbraham Street
9:15 p.m. Medical Emergency, Quaboag Valley Co-Op
9:20 p.m. Medical Emergency, North Main Street
10:44 p.m. Noise Complaint, Thorndike Street
11:27 p.m. Suspicious Person, Breckenridge Street and Park Street
11:39 p.m. Property Return, Main Street
11:45 p.m. Medical Emergency, Cavin Street

Monday, Sept. 14
12:48 a.m. Suspi-

cious-Other, Strong Street
1:33 a.m. Medical Emergency, Park Street
5:07 a.m. Well Being Check, Ford Street
8:03 a.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Springfield Street
8:57 a.m. Property Return, Main Street
9:26 a.m. Animal Complaint, Main Street
10:36 a.m. Well Being Check, Wright Street and North Main Street
11:05 a.m. Fire-Smoke, Thorndike Street
11:10 a.m. Vandalism, Main Street
12:34 p.m. Trespass Complaint, North Main Street
1:29 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Sykes Street
2:29 p.m. Property Return, Main Street
2:51 p.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold-Up/Panic, Church Street
3:12 p.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Fairview Street
3:19 p.m. Medical Emergency, Michael Drive
4:03 p.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold-Up/Panic, Griffin Street
4:08 p.m. Medical Emergency, Winthrop Street
4:20 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, High Street
4:48 p.m. Trespass Complaint, North Street
4:53 p.m. Property Return, Main Street
5:57 p.m. Medical Emergency, Memory Lane
6:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Repossession, North Main Street
6:27 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Three Rivers Road
6:46 p.m. Medical Alarm, South Main Street
7:26 p.m. Civil Complaint, Old Warren Road
8:25 p.m. Property Return, Main Street
8:58 p.m. Well Being Check, Central Street
9:09 p.m. Medical Mutual Aid
9:18 p.m. Suspicious-Other, Ware Street
10:02 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Sibley Street
10:29 p.m. Noise Complaint, Palmer Road

Tuesday, Sept. 15
12:37 a.m. Water Leak/

Hazard, Main Street
1:57 a.m. Suspicious Vehicle, North Main Street
3:30 a.m. Suspicious-Other, South Main Street
7:39 a.m. Noise Complaint, Main Street
9:31 a.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street
10 a.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Mill Brook Drive
10:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Ware Street
12:14 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Main Street
12:39 p.m. Investigation, Main Street
1:47 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, State Street
4:07 p.m. Medical Emergency, Maple Terrace
4:09 p.m. Fraud, Ware Street
4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Park Violation, Fletcher Street
4:22 p.m. Medical Emergency, Shearer Street
4:40 p.m. Property Found, Calkins Road
5:16 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Ware Street and High Street
5:36 p.m. Well Being Check, Beacon Drive
5:41 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Thorndike Street
5:58 p.m. Medical Alarm, Main Street
6:34 p.m. Medical Alarm, Anderson Street
6:40 p.m. Animal Complaint, Hill Street
7:01 p.m. Medical Emergency, Winthrop Street
7:02 p.m. Fire-Smoke, Wilbraham Street
7:29 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Calkins Road
8:28 p.m. Well Being Check, Wright Street
8:34 p.m. Medical Emergency, Wright Street
8:46 p.m. Medical Emergency, Memory Lane
9:34 p.m. Well Being Check, Beacon Drive
9:35 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Ruggles Street

Wednesday, Sept. 16
12:15 a.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold-Up/Panic, Wilbraham Street
7:23 a.m. Medical Emergency, Belanger Street
7:43 a.m. Medical Emer-

gency, Breckenridge Street
8:28 a.m. Hazard-Road Condition, Mass Turnpike
11:00 a.m. Well Being Check, Main Street
12:05 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Park Street
12:38 p.m. Medical Emergency, Old Warren Road
12:44 p.m. Well Being Check, North Main Street
1:53 p.m. Suspicious-Other, Thorndike Street
2:26 p.m. Well Being Check, Main Street
2:33 p.m. Fraud, Palmer Police Department, Main Street
4:27 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Meadowbrook Lane
4:41 p.m. Animal Complaint, Thorndike Street
4:51 p.m. Hazard-Road Condition, North Main Street
5:49 p.m. Investigation, Maple Terrace
7:12 p.m. Medical Emergency, Meadowlane Street
7:45 p.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Monson
7:51 p.m. Theft, North Main Street
8:51 p.m. Investigation, Pinney Street
9:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Ware Street
9:58 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street
10 p.m. Medical Emergency, Belanger Street
10:55 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street

Thursday, Sept. 17
12:33 a.m. Well Being Check, Salem Street
12:50 a.m. Suspicious Person, South Main Street
1:51 a.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Park Street
3:55 a.m. Well Being Check, Breckenridge Street and Ware Street
9:27 a.m. Animal Complaint, North Main Street
9:37 a.m. Unwanted Person, North Main Street
10:11 a.m. Theft, South Main Street
10:16 a.m. Suspicious-Other, Thorndike Street
10:28 a.m. Medical Alarm, Main Street
10:57 a.m. Medical Emergency, Church Street
11:47 a.m. Medical Emergency, Ruggles Street

1:21 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Thorndike Street
2:09 p.m. Lost Property, State Street
2:20 p.m. Medical Emergency, Thorndike Street
2:53 p.m. Medical Emergency, Breckenridge Street
3 p.m. Found Property, Sykes Street
3:05 p.m. Disturbance, Sykes Street
4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street
4:55 p.m. Noise Complaint, Stimson Street
5:36 p.m. Hazard-Other, State Street
6:00 p.m. Medical Emergency, Olney Road
6:48 p.m. Well Being Check, State Street
7:10 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street
8:12 p.m. Civil Complaint, North Main Street
8:33 p.m. Investigation, Quaboag Valley Co-Op
8:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violations, Park Street
Arrest: Eduardo E. Martinez, 27, Southwick
OUI Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation; Speeding, Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit; Badge, Use Without Authority
9:37 p.m. Assault and Battery, Sykes Street
10:04 p.m. Civil Complaint, Thorndike Street
11:57 p.m. Medical Emergency, Beacon Drive

Friday, Sept. 18
4:27 a.m. Medical Emergency, Nipmuck Street
6:57 a.m. Medical Emergency, Calkins Road
7:57 a.m. Suspicious Person, Park Street
10:35 a.m. Hazard-Other, Belchertown Street
10:49 a.m. Well Being Check, South Main Street
11:00 a.m. Medical Emergency, Depot Street
11:45 a.m. Medical Emergency, Ware Street
12:13 p.m. Animal Complaint, Winthrop Street
12:51 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street
2:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Palmer Street and Thorndike Street

3:01 p.m. Trespass Complaint, Main Street
3:15 p.m. Medical Emergency, East Street
4:24 p.m. Disturbance, River Street
4:28 p.m. Medical Emergency, Breckenridge Street
4:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Park Violation, Park Street
4:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, River Street
5:00 p.m. Suspicious-Other, Main Street
5:04 p.m. Medical Emergency, Breckenridge Street
5:08 p.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold-Up/Panic, Park Street
6:11 p.m. Well Being Check, Main Street
6:52 p.m. Theft, Park Street
9:19 p.m. Investigation, Center Street
10:33 p.m. Investigation, Wright Street

Saturday, Sept. 19
12:51 a.m. Breaking and Entering Vehicle, Bourne Street
1:50 a.m. Assault and Battery, Cheney Street
6:31 a.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Washington Road
8:11 a.m. Fire-Burn Complaint, Center Street
9:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, North Main Street
11:27 a.m. Medical Emergency, Thorndike Street
12:45 p.m. Investigation, North Main Street
3:39 p.m. Found Property, South Main Street
3:49 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street
3:57 p.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Carla Lane
4:27 p.m. Medical Emergency, Central Street
6 p.m. Theft, North Main Street
6:19 p.m. Fire-Gas Leak/Odor, Central Street
6:30 p.m. Property Return, Main Street
6:32 p.m. Animal Complaint, Thorndike Street
7:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Park Street and Walnut Street
9:40 p.m. Weapons Violation, Nipmuck Street
9:40 p.m. Weapons Violation, Old Warren Road and Katie Lane

Monson Fire Logs

MONSON – The Monson Fire Department responded to 23 EMS calls and six fire calls for the week of Sept. 21-27.

On Monday, Sept. 21 at 10:32 a.m., the department responded to 27 Wodridge Road for a fire alarm sounding. The department returned to service at 10:41 a.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 12:27 p.m., the department responded to 146 Main St. for a fire alarm sounding. The department returned to service at 12:39 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 2:45 p.m., the department responded to 57 Town Farm Road, Apt. 3 for alarms sounding. The department returned to service

at 3:08 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7:41 a.m., the department responded to 1 State St. for a fire call. The department returned to service at 7:55 a.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 27 at 7:54 p.m., the department responded to 43 Margaret St. for a commercial fire alarm. The department returned to service at 8:30 p.m.



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Monson Police Logs

During the week of Sept. 21-27, the Monson Police Department responded to nine miscellaneous calls, 43 administrative calls, eight property checks, 25 traffic assignments, five traffic violations, 14 safety hazards, nine investigations, four assists to other agencies, 37 police vehicle checks, 20 motor vehicle stops, 14 directed patrols, 19 details/overtimes and nine phone calls.

Monday, Sept. 21
7:41 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
7:52 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
8 a.m. Well Being Check
10:30 a.m. Fire Alarm
10:37 a.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard
1:25 p.m. Fire Mutual Aid
3:23 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call
4:29 p.m. Medical Emergency
8 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up

Tuesday, Sept. 22
11:28 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
12:05 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up
3:48 p.m. Assault
3:53 p.m. Missing/Run-away/Found Person
5:58 p.m. Animal In Progress/Dangerous
6:31 p.m. Service 209A/Harassment Order
6:41 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted
7:29 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted
10:04 p.m. Animal Complaint

Wednesday, Sept. 23
2:49 p.m. Fire Alarm
5:51 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call
8:41 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted

Thursday, Sept. 24
6 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
6:19 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
7:19 a.m. Safety Hazard
7:36 a.m. Structure Fire
9:20 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
10:07 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
1:21 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up
2:22 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted
3:07 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up
4:02 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance
6:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call
6:13 p.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief
11:37 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted
Arrest: Dorian J. Emerson Bushnell, 21, Stafford Springs, Connecticut
OUI Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

Friday, Sept. 25
7 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted
7:17 a.m. Missing/Run-away/Found Person
7:41 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
8:58 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
10:50 a.m. Well Being Check

11:07 a.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard
2:49 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard
2:58 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call
4:01 p.m. Keep the Peace
4:30 p.m. Keep the Peace

Saturday, Sept. 26
5:35 a.m. Alarm
8:21 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance
9:50 a.m. Safety Hazard
10:29 a.m. Safety Hazard
10:30 a.m. Safety Hazard
10:39 a.m. Safety Hazard
11:06 a.m. EMS Mutual Aid
11:39 a.m. Safety Hazard
12:19 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard
12:37 p.m. Safety Hazard
1:02 p.m. Safety Hazard
4:20 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call
7:01 p.m. Safety Hazard
8:03 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call

Sunday, Sept. 27
2:22 a.m. Safety Hazard
8:49 a.m. Well Being Check
10:27 a.m. Safety Hazard
10:38 a.m. Animal Complaint
12:26 p.m. Wanted 209A Violation
1:11 p.m. Safety Hazard
1:18 p.m. Safety Hazard
2:09 p.m. Medical Emergency
4:10 p.m. EMS Mutual Aid
9:02 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard
9:55 p.m. Safety Hazard
11:51 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call



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FOOTBALL

Pioneers suffer first loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER – The Pathfinder Tech football team had a 2-0 record after outscoring their first two regular season opponents, 99-0. Franklin County Tech, who was the Pioneers week 3 opponent, also outscored their first two opponents, 80-0.

When the two vocational high schools battled each other on the gridiron in a non-league game last Friday night, they combined to score 68 points.

The Eagles, who have won the last four games in the series, remained undefeated following a 48-20 victory at Legion Field in Palmer.

“We’re a little bit banged up, and we had a lot of players going both ways tonight. We wore down in the second half,” said Pathfinder Tech head coach William Darling. “You have to give Franklin Tech a lot of credit. They played very well against us.”

Following a brilliant sunset, the Pioneers won the coin toss. Initially, the referee singled that the Pioneers would be receiving the opening kickoff, but it was a mistake. Instead, the Pioneers deferred until the start of the second half.

“We always defer when-

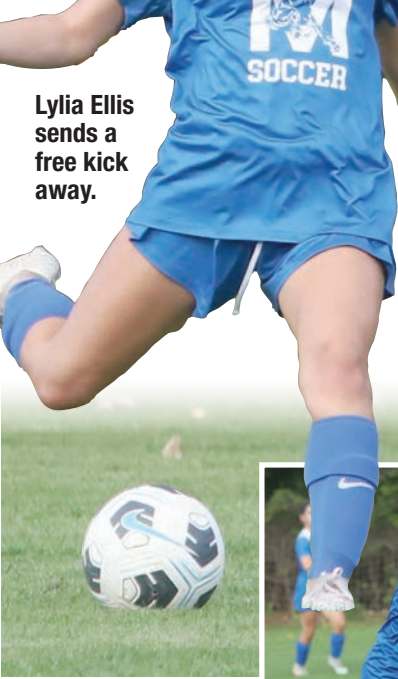
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SOCCER

Mustangs remain winless

MONSON – Last week, Monson High School girls soccer saw their struggles continue. It started with a 5-1 loss against Douglas High School. Southwick and Ludlow also defeated Monson during the past week and Monson is now 0-7 on the season. The Mustangs, who have played a historically tough schedule the past few years, look for their first win on Friday afternoon, Oct. 2, at 5 p.m. from Rogers Field.

Lylia Ellis sends a free kick away.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Above, Lucy Maziarz tries to protect the ball from an opponent.



Emma Maziarz looks to cross the ball.



Goalie Grace Berry punts the ball away.



Jordyn Szado traps the ball.



Elle Somers swipes a quick pass.



Avery Beaudoin is closely pursued by a Douglas player.



Ellyana Lavalley sends a shot away.



Josephine Boyko chases down a loose ball.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Madison Boulrice punts the ball away.



Aubrey Ortiz tries to steal the ball.



Megan Clark takes possession.



Gloria Gern fights for the ball.



Evelyn Wood looks to cut the ball off.

SOCCER

Pioneers split another pair

PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional High School girls soccer team remains at .500 after scoring a win and a loss during the past week.

Last Monday afternoon on the grass behind Pathfinder, the Pioneers edged Putnam 2-1.

Lee would defeat Pathfinder last Tuesday 4-0 for a 2-2 overall record.

The Pioneers will travel to Gateway for a Friday evening game on Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. The Pioneers are back home to face Commerce at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

SOCCER

Pathfinder takes down Ware boys

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE – Three of the previous four meetings between the Pathfinder Tech and Ware boys’ soccer teams ended in draws. Unlike their recent clashes, the first meeting of the 2026 campaign between the Bi-County East foes was far less suspenseful.

The Pathfinder Tech Pioneers held a 7-0 halftime lead and cruised to a 10-0 victory over the Ware Indians on a cool night at Veteran’s Field in Ware, last Tuesday.

“We’re hoping to challenge for the league title this year, so this is a very big-league win for us,” said Pathfinder Tech head coach David Wilson. “Winning the league title is our first goal. We also want to qualify for both the Western Mass. and state tournaments.”

Pathfinder Tech entered this week’s action with a 5-1-1 overall record and a 3-0-1 mark against league opponents. The last time they captured the league title was in 2022.

The first meeting of last season between the two squads ended in a 2-2 draw.

It was their first meeting on the soccer pitch since playing a pair of ties in 2022.

Pathfinder Tech, who posted a 4-0 home shut-out victory over Ware in the second meeting of last season, was scheduled to host Southwick at Legion Field on Monday night. The winner of that contest took over sole possession of first place in the Bi-County East standings.

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Roll-A-Way hosts 2nd annual 9-Pin event

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – Roll-A-Way Lanes hosted a tournament which helped support the charity Candlepins for Cancer.

This was the second time the candlepin bowling center has hosted a “9-Pin” bowling tournament where over 30 bowlers across Massachusetts participated. A portion of the entry fees went towards Candlepins for Cancer, a charity that raises money for bowling families going through cancer treatments.

Hosting the tournament was Candlepin Bowling Network announcers Paul Grant and Greg Gouillart. During pre-tournament announcements Grant talked about Candlepins for Cancer wanting to offer bowling tournaments to support both the charity and the bowling centers.

Candlepin bowling is a regional game of bowling that can be played throughout four of the six New England states and in the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

“Don’t you love candlepin bowling,” Grant asked before the tournament officially started.

Grant shared some statistics of what Candlepins for Cancer has accomplished since it was founded by Hall of Fame candlepin bowler, Alfie Johnson. 2025 was a record year for the charity as it paid out \$35,000 to bowling families.

So far, in 2026, Candlepins for Cancer paid out \$23,000, reaching a grand total of \$130,000 as of August of this year.

“The goal is to promote a tournament and help a family,” Grant said. “The bowling



Aaron Fontaine attempted to make a spare on Lane 11 of Roll-A-Way Lanes in Ware.



The tournament at Roll-A-Way Lanes supported the charity Candlepins for Cancer.

centers benefit, the bowlers benefit and the charity benefits.”

9-Pin is a fun game commonly played in candlepin bowling. If a bowler gets a nine drop after one roll, it’s an automatic strike. If a player has nine pins knocked down after two rolls, it’s an automatic spare.

In candlepin you get three rolls per frame, but in 9-Pin, if you knock down just nine after the third roll, it is an automatic 10-box for the frame.

This unique way of scor-

ing increases bowler’s scores, but the idea of the game remains the same, knocking down those candlepins.

The tournament consisted of two shifts with each shift having each player bowl 10 games of 9-Pin. Bowlers provided their current and highest league average to determine the 80% handicap for the tournament.

During the tournament, Candlepins for Cancer hosted a 50/50 raffle and also sold Candlepins for Cancer merchandise, such as towels and t-shirts.



Left to right stands Greg Gouillart and Paul Grant representing Candlepin Bowling Network and Candlepins for Cancer, and Dan Josefiak of Roll-A-Way Lanes in Ware.



Nathan Fontaine observed his spare attempt during the 9-Pin tournament this past weekend at Roll-A-Way Lanes.

Cam Greene finished in fourth place with 1644, Mike Haring in fifth place with 1620, Will Hebert in sixth with 1597, and Nathan Fontaine in seventh with 1596. During the tournament, a total of \$1,000 was raised for Candlepins for Cancer.

Starting this fall, Candlepins for Cancer will be hosting a series of qualifiers for an upcoming bowling show in 2027. This event will feature six local qualifiers throughout New England.

The first set of qualifiers will be held at Roll-A-Way Lanes, 140 West St. on Oct.

10 and 11.

Registration for these qualifiers can be found at candlepins4cancer.com. Also featured on the website is a link to the documentary, “No Questions Asked” on YouTube.

Both shifts of the Roll-A-Way 9-Pin tournament can be watched on the YouTube channel, Candlepin Bowling Network.

Candlepins for Cancer accepts donations through Venmo or by check mailed to Candlepins for Cancer, 467 High St., Unit 8, Hampton, NH 03842.

Candlepin League News

Bondsville League

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – Week three of the Bondsville League at Roll-A-Way Lanes has completed with an early race for first place supremacy.

Spare Parts has held on to first place since the start of the season and has a record of 16-5 after three weeks.

The Cannonballs have improved to 15-6 and now lead in the east division and are in second place, overall.

During week three, Cannonballs bowled against Spare Tires. In game one, Cannonballs defeated Spare Tires by a score of 485-447.

In game two, Tony Burke of Spare Tires scored well over his league average with 104 to give his team a 474-460 victory.

In game three, Cannonballs held onto a slim lead and defeated Spare Tires 448-443. Cannonballs won total pin-fall 1393-1364 and won five points.

The Pincesses bowled against the Rolliies during week three. In game one, Rolliies beat Pincesses 460-435. Ron Gouin of Rolliies bowled best with 125.

In game two, the Pincesses outscored Rolliies 465-429. Keith Ferenz broke the century mark with an even 100. Gouin continued to bowl well with 118 in game two.

In game three, Rolliies won the last game with a score of 450-431. Gouin finished with 114 and a three-game series of 357, his highest of the season.

The final score was 1339-1331 in favor of Rolliies who improve to a record of 7-14.

Fire Mountain bowled against P&J Meats during week three. In game one, Fire Mountain defeated P&J Meats with a score of 450-

429. Rick Trott of Fire Mountain started off the strongest with 117.

In game two, P&J Meats bounced back with a win over Fire Mountain 435-410. Shaun Midura of P&J Meats scored 113.

In game three, Fire Mountain won the last game with a score of 441-424. Midura finished with 102 and 314 for series.

The final score was 1301-1288 in favor of Fire Mountain, who are at 9-12 after three weeks.

The Slow Burners bowled against Night Hawks during week three. In game one, Slow Burners defeated Night Hawks with a score of 451-439.

Night Hawks’ Gavin Sinclair began with 110, and Scott Radasic of Slow Burners began with 101.

In game two, Night Hawks managed to win by a score of 453-417. Darryl Sinclair of Night Hawks scored 129 to help his team win and take back the lead after two games.

In game three, Slow Burners rallied to win by a score of 479-424. Radasic finished with 130 for a three-game series of 333. His teammate, Nathan Orszulak finished with 108.

G. Sinclair also scored 108 for a series of 319. D.

Sinclair had an off game of 93 and a series of 323.

The final score was 1347-1316 in favor of Slow Burners.

The Ironmen bowled against Flaming Bowling Balls during week three. In game one, Flaming Bowling Balls took an early lead to beat Ironmen 477-471.

Ryan McCarthy of FBB started strong with 116. Ironmen’s Billy Brunk had a strong start with 123.

In game two, it came down to the last ball as Ironmen pulled off a two-pin victory (454-452) over FBB. Brunk was shooting at the 1-6-10 leave and took out two pins in his final roll to win the game for his team. Brunk scored 106 in game two.

In game three, Ironmen won the last game by a score of 456-441. Ironmen’s Ryan Drago finished with 113 while Brunk scored 102 on his way to a 331 series. McCarthy scored 104 for 311.

Ironmen won five points with a final score of 1381-1370.

Spare Parts bowled against Zeke’s Freaks on lanes 13 and 14 at Roll-A-Way Lanes. In game one, Spare Parts scored big and won by a score of 506-484.

Spare Parts bowlers Steven Daniel, John Jebb and Jared Demitri had scores of 118, 111 and 120 to start the match.

Kevin Krasnecky of Zeke’s Freaks started strong with 115.

In game two, it was Zeke’s Freaks’ turn to string up some solid scores as they won 515-452. Krasnecky scored 127, Zeke Sicard scored 100 and Pete Ducharme scored 106.

In game three, Zeke’s Freaks won again by a score of 464-423. Krasnecky finished with 109 and a three-game series of 351.

The final score was 1463-1381 in favor of Zeke’s Freaks who are now 13-8.



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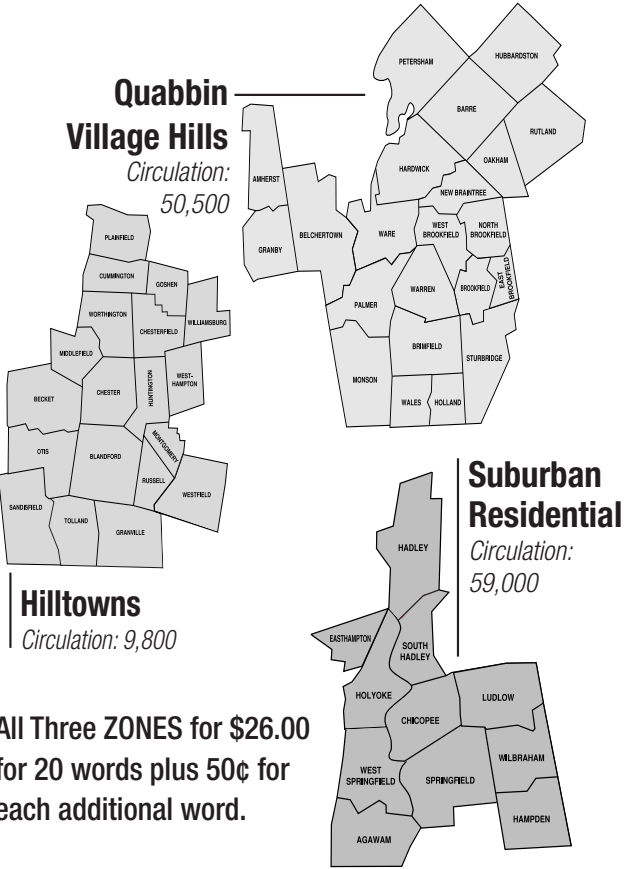
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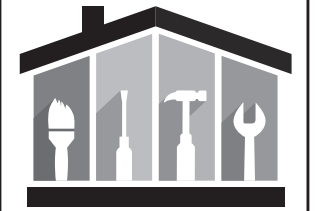
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Public notices

Town of Monson
Planning Board
Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. §11, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.** in the Public Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street, Monson, Massachusetts, on the application of Shahani Inc. for Site Plan Approval under Section 7.4 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws, a Special Permit under Section 4.2.6.C(1) of the Monson Zoning Bylaws for the enlargement or alteration of a nonconforming use within the Water Supply Protection District, and a Special Permit for Stormwater Management under Section 6.19.4 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant proposes the redevelopment of an existing gas station through the construction of a new convenience store, installation of gasoline pumps, and the repaving and regrading of the existing parking lot at 27 Palmer Road, Monson, MA, Map 112, Parcel 90. The property is located in the General Commercial District and the Water Supply Protection District. A copy of the application is on file with the Planning Board and available for viewing during regular office hours.

Kevin Haley, Chairman
10/01, 10/08/2026

Town of Monson
Zoning Board of Appeals
Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. §11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.** in the Public Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street, Monson, Massachusetts, on the application of Shahani Inc. for a Special Permit for Site Use under Section 3.3.2 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws and a Special Permit for Advertisement Signage under Section 5.3.4.5 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant proposes the redevelopment of an existing gas station through the construction of a new convenience store, installation of gasoline pumps, and related site improvements at 27 Palmer Road, Monson, MA, Map 112, Parcel 90. The property is located in the General Commercial District, the Water Supply Protection District, and the Riverfront Area of Chicopee Brook.

A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and available for viewing during regular office hours.

David Beaudoin, Chairperson
10/01, 10/08/2026

Town of Brimfield
Zoning Board of Appeals

The Brimfield Zoning Board of Appeal will hold a public hearing on behalf of David and Karen Warfield of 41 Cubles Dr. The applicants wish to construct a 20'x21' addition on the first floor of the existing home. Addition will function as a primary bedroom with a full bath. Remove existing stairs and construct a ramp from existing deck. The applicants were denied due to pre-existing non-conforming lot. The hearing will take place at the Town Annex, Clerk's Office, 23 Main St on **Thursday, October 08, 2026, at 5:00 pm.** Abutters and members of the public are welcome to attend and share feedback.

09/24, 10/01/2026

Pathfinder Regional
Vocational Technical
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DESTRUCTION OF
RECORDS NOTICE

Posted October 1, 2026
In compliance with Massachusetts Student Record Regulation 603 CMR 23.06(3), Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School will destroy the temporary records of any Pathfinder Tech student who transferred, graduated, withdrew, or was terminated from Special Education programs or services on or before June 30, 2019. Under this Regulation, the temporary student record includes student special education records maintained by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School relating to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, and/or provision of special education services to a student. The Regulation requires that Pathfinder provides written notice of its intent to destroy spe-

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Pathfinder Regional Vocational
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October 1, 2026
10/01/2026

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lynne Haney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loan Corporation, dated September 12, 2006 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16202, Page 313, as modified by a certain modification agreement recorded on March 24, 2022, and recorded with said Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24465, Page 333, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to MetLife Home Loans, a division of MetLife Bank, N.A., recorded on November 8, 2011, in Book No. 18987, at Page 357 MetLife Bank, National Association, also known as MetLife Home Loans, a division of MetLife Bank, N.A. to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, recorded on November 20, 2013, in Book No. 20106, at Page 445 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on May 12, 2014, in Book No. 20277, at Page 112 Federal National Mortgage Association to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, recorded on September 8, 2025, in Book No. 26018, at Page 108 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at **Public Auction** at 10:00 AM on October 26, 2026, on the mortgaged premises located at 9 Laflamme Road a/k/a 9 Laflamme Road, Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: The land with the buildings thereon located in Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, southerly of Green Pond, on the northerly side of Laflamme Road leading westerly from the East Brimfield-Holland Road as relocated in 1959, to the former location of said Road, being the generally southerly portion of Lot 28 on plan of building lots at Green Pond by J.G. Clarke, Engineer, dated December 1939 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book of Plans 20, Page 35, bounded as follows:

BEGINNING by the land now or formerly of the United States of America next to Green Pond used for the East Brimfield Dam and Reservoir project 85 feet, more or less;

THENCE easterly by lot 27 on said plan 288 feet more or less;

THENCE southerly by Laflamme Road as relocated in 1959, 85 feet more or less;

THENCE westerly by lots 29, 30, and 31 on said plan, 308 feet more or less;

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11597, Page 59.

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

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 64 Washington Road, Brimfield, MA 01010

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Joseph E McLellan III and Renee A Vailancourt to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, and now held by CitiMortgage, Inc., said mortgage dated July 18, 2014 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20355, Page 136, as affected by a Loan Modification dated January 22, 2018 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22157, Page 559; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans to CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment dated September 21, 2015 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 20887, Page 213; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **October 16, 2026 at 12:00 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with buildings thereon, being shown as Lot 2 on a "Plan of Land owned by Andrew E. Shackett, 64 Washington Road, Brimfield MA", Jalbert Engineering Inc., recorded with the Hampden District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 359, Plan 77.

Containing 5 acres of land more or less according to said plan.

Subject to rights and easements as described in Book 17699 Page 367 if same affect locus and are in force and effect.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated June 19, 2014 and recorded

in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20355, Page 134.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

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Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD26P1859EA
Estate of:
Donna R Pappas
Date of Death: June 12, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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Petitioner **Christine L. Pappas of Brimfield, MA**

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Christine L. Pappas of Brimfield, MA

Peter A Pappas of Milford, MA

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10/01/2026

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Healey awards \$17.9M to improve community health statewide

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The funding will support locally driven efforts focused on issues including access to healthy food and housing, behavioral health, healthy aging and other factors that have a direct impact on the health and well-being of residents.

“Where you live, whether you can afford healthy food and housing, and whether you can get the support you need all have an impact on your health,” said Healey. “These investments put resources directly into communities to tackle those challenges and help people live healthier lives. We’re proud to support local organizations that know their communities best and are doing this work every day.”

“Some of the best ideas for improving people’s health come directly from the communities we serve,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “These grants give local leaders and organizations the resources to turn those ideas into action – from making healthy food and housing more accessible to helping older adults stay healthy and independent in their communities.”

This represents the fourth

round of funding awarded through the Massachusetts Community Health and Healthy Aging Funds. The grants will be distributed over three to five years among the 31 awardees.

Since its launch in 2020, The Funds has invested \$63 million in community health initiatives statewide through 113 organizations and communities. These initiatives support locally driven efforts to create healthier communities and expand opportunities for people of all ages to live healthy lives.

The Funds are a collaboration between the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Executive Office of Aging & Independence and Health Resources in Action, Inc., which serves as the fiscal agent and facilitates the planning and implementation of the investments.

“The strongest solutions come from the people who know their communities best, and these investments will help transform that knowledge into action,” said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. “This funding will mean healthier places to live, work, and age, and it will enable people to access the resources and opportunities they need to be healthy – and to stay healthy. When we listen to and lift up the voices of people who live in these communities, we can build something that is more

meaningful, more equitable, and more lasting.”

“These partners bring fresh ideas and strong community connections that will help expand healthy aging practices across the Commonwealth,” said Aging & Independence Secretary Robin Lipson. “We look forward to seeing their work take shape and to the meaningful impact these initiatives will have in supporting older adults to live well, age well, and thrive in their communities.”

The goal of The Funds is to provide grantmaking and capacity-building resources in partnership with communities to identify inequities, address the impact of structural and institutional racism on population health, and create long-term, meaningful changes in health outcomes.

The 31 awardees will advance work in three areas:

Building healthier communities by advancing community-driven policies, systems and environments that make it easier for residents to lead healthy lives;

Coordinating community health improvement planning by bringing local partners together to identify health priorities and develop solutions; and



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Supporting healthy aging through age-friendly policies, systems and community supports that help older adults live safely and independently.

The Massachusetts Community Health and Healthy Aging Funds were established in 2017 following revisions to the Department of Public Health’s Determination of Need regulations. The Funds are supported by contributions from hospitals, long-term care facilities and other health care entities through the Determination of Need Community Health Initiative.

Previous investments have supported projects including affordable housing and green space, efforts to improve behavioral health access for immigrant, refugee and culturally diverse communities, and a community-driven food hub in Springfield.

Listed below are the Round 4 grant awardees.

Policy, Systems and Environmental Change Grant

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (Worcester County, \$600,000); Collaborative Resolutions Group (Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties, \$1,000,000); Frank-

lin County Community Development Corporation (Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties, \$994,290); Harborlight Community Partners (Essex County, \$752,886); Latino Support Network (Essex County, \$999,999); Massachusetts Food System Collaborative (statewide, \$999,948); Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance (statewide, \$992,172); Massachusetts Public Health Association (Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties, \$1,000,000); Merrimack Valley Project (Essex and Middlesex counties, \$1,000,000); Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts Education Fund (Essex, Hampden and Worcester counties, \$840,000); Old Colony Planning Council (Plymouth County, \$525,000); South Asian Workers’ Center, Boston (Middlesex, Norfolk and Suffolk counties, \$999,947); The Marion Institute, Inc. (Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk and Plymouth counties, \$997,363); Worcester Rise for Health (Worcester County, \$1,000,000); Groundwork Southcoast (Bristol County, \$100,000); and Luminosity Behavioral Health Services, Inc. (Plymouth County, \$100,000).

Healthy Aging Grant

Health Care for All (Bristol, Essex, Hampden and Suffolk counties, \$500,000); MAB Community Services, Inc./MA Association for

the Blind and Visually Impaired (Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk and Worcester counties, \$400,000); Nuestras Raíces, Inc. (Hampden County, \$499,953); United Way of Franklin and Hampshire Region (Franklin County, \$472,845); and Friends of Indian Senior Citizens Organization, Inc. (Middlesex, Norfolk and Worcester counties, \$100,000).

Community Health Improvement Planning Grant

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (Berkshire County, \$375,000); City of New Bedford Health Department (Bristol County, \$375,000); Collaborative for Educational Services (Hampshire County, \$375,000); Community Health Network for North Central Mass (Middlesex and Worcester counties, \$375,000)

Greater Lowell Health Alliance (Middlesex County, \$375,000); Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (Hampden County, \$374,736); Town of Ware (Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester counties, \$375,000); Worcester Community Action Council (Worcester County, \$375,000); The Food Project (Essex, Middlesex, and Suffolk counties, \$100,000); and IFSI-USA Immigrant Family Services Institute (Plymouth County, \$100,000).

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services for veterans. The intermunicipal agreement (IMA) merged the veterans services departments of both communities, creating the Ludlow-Palmer Veterans Services Department.

Greenlighted by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS), the agreement enables veterans living in Ludlow and Palmer to benefit from a stronger, more comprehensive regional department.

The department provides all services available through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Massachusetts Chapter 115 benefits, and numerous local, state, and federal programs.

During the Oct. 13 meet-and-greet program, Palmer veterans will have the opportunity to learn

about these services and many more.

Additional topics will include food pantry and community resources; local events and activities; and programs offered through the state.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided at the event.

“I strongly encourage veterans and their family members in our community to attend this meet-and-greet, even if they do not have an immediate need for assistance,” said Palmer Town Manager Brad Brothers. “These events provide a valuable opportunity to connect with the Veterans Services team, learn about available resources, and build relationships that can be helpful when assistance is needed in the future.”

For local leaders, the departmental merger has already been a major success in both communities.

Officials look forward to serving even more veterans through the combined intermunicipal resources.

“The IMA with Ludlow has been extremely successful for Palmer, providing highly qualified staff and ensuring our veterans receive the quality services they deserve,” Brothers added. “We are fortunate to partner with neighboring communities that embrace innovative shared-service models, and I believe this approach will become increasingly important for smaller municipalities as we navigate workforce shortages in addition to budget challenges.”

The Ludlow Veterans Center is located at 487 Holyoke Street in Ludlow. To reach the center, call 413-707-5050.

Services in Palmer are available by calling 413-283-2610. The address is 4417 Main Street in Palmer.

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during senior year).

Additionally, students are able to earn college credits through the pathway, as part of Monson High School’s Early College Program. Several courses within the pathway also serve as Early College courses, allowing students to earn both high school and college credits simultaneously.

“This pathway prepares students for entry-level career opportunities, postsecondary business programs, and future success in the financial and corporate sectors,” read the statement issued by Superintendent Foster.

By successfully completing the pathway programs, students have the potential to earn up to nine college credits, as well as additional credits they may earn through other Early Col-

lege, AP, or dual-enrollment opportunities.

School officials have been impressed with the excitement students have shown for the first-year pathway.

“The Accounting class has 11 students currently enrolled in it. The Marketing class currently has eight students in it. This class also doubles as an Early College course, and students can earn three college credits from Southern New Hampshire University as well,” said MHS Principal Chris Fontaine. “Our Personal Finance classes have 38 students enrolled between this semester and next semester.”

After receiving a grant from the state to assist with Innovative Career Pathway (ICP) programming, school officials are looking to add another teacher for the spring semester.

Eventually, additional courses like Sports Man-

agement might also join the pathway as students’ interest grows.

“Our Business Pathway is not yet a designated ICP; however, our plan is to apply for that designation at the end of this school year, with a goal of being accepted for September 2028,” Fontaine said.

With increasing demand from today’s students for college and career readiness programs, MHS leaders are thrilled to augment their lineup of innovative offerings with the new pathway opportunity.

“We are excited to continue to increase offerings for students based on their needs, while running courses that double as college credit,” Fontaine added. “Our Business Program is one that parents have said they would like to see come to Monson High School, as we have many students that go on to major in business or finance.”

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its collaborators learn more about the program. A new facet of this year’s cemetery walk will be its theme.

“This year focuses on one of Monson’s major economies, which was the production of straw hats,” Wawrzyk said.

This year’s theme was chosen based on the number of volunteers who were interested in portraying employees of Merrick & Fay Straw Works. Wawrzyk said that the Cemetery Walk will focus on Charles Merrick and Rufus Fay’s factory, with actors portraying the owners and employees across the more than 50 years that the factory operated.

“If people are interested, we have scripts where there’s only two or three people, and some scripts where there are

seven different characters,” Wawrzyk said. “Anyone interested that wants to help us out in coming years can definitely reach out to us, we’re very easy to get a hold of.”

Over the summer Wawrzyk participated in a Cemetery Walk in Brimfield. He said he was inspired by the Chair of Brimfield’s Historical Commission Sue DeBruin’s inclusion of a biography page, and that it was something he was interested in incorporating into his walks.

“I realized that in another 25 years when somebody finds our scripts, they’re not going to know too much other than what’s on the scripts we wrote,” Wawrzyk said. “So I’m doing a bio page that has all the volunteers and anybody that’s in the program this year.”

Wawrzyk said that everyone participating in this

year’s Cemetery Walk has participated in it at least once before, while he and Sarah McNamara have participated in it for five years. After discovering a flyer for the town’s previous 12th annual Cemetery Walk in the ‘90s, Wawrzyk said that he hopes to “honorably tie that record.”

Wawrzyk said Brimfield held its cemetery walk in June, and Palmer Historical Commission and Palmer Public Library are also having a walk on Oct. 10 from 11 a.m.-noon. Palmer’s cemetery walk is being arranged through the library, and requires prior registration to attend.

“And now, the new Cemetery Commissioner elected in Wilbraham is doing a walking tour of one of their cemeteries on Oct. 24,” Wawrzyk said.

One thing the town will do differently this year for the

fifth annual cemetery walk is to open a tour through the Thompson House at 6 p.m., prior to the tour of the cemetery at 7 p.m. There will then be another tour of the house after the cemetery walk.

“We’re hoping it will alleviate overcrowding for tours,” Wawrzyk said. “A lot of times, people can’t make the walk, or it’s too late for them, or for whatever reason they can’t come, so the Historical Society wanted to offer another opportunity for people to come earlier before the program starts.”

In previous years, the town has been able to fund the Cemetery Walk through grants, including \$500 from the town’s local Cultural Council, and up to \$2,500 from the state’s Cultural Council. Unfortunately, for the last two years, the town has been denied the state

grant due to the volume of applications the commonwealth receives.

“A lot of these grants are distributed on first-come first-serve basis, and I think last year they had to deny about a third of all grants that they received because it was such a large volume of applications,” Wawrzyk said. “This year they had to deny almost 50% of the applications because the state can’t afford funding for all these events...It makes me happy that there are other people using this tool. Obviously, we like having the extra grant funding, because it doesn’t cost anyone in town and we can redistribute that to local artists and cultural improvements.”

Wawrzyk has instead approached the Select Board with a Gifts to the Town request to fund the event, which was approved. He said that

another way that the town is saving money is through collaborating with local artists and artisans to create flyers and costumes.

The flyers this year were designed by artist Tyler Mortenson, with costumes donated by Aaron Gendreau-Visco from Little Theatre of Fall River. Signed copies of the flyer will be available for purchase on the day of the event.

“If we can make tangible items for people to remember this event by, that’s what we want to do,” Wawrzyk said.

The Cemetery Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Hillside Cemetery starting at 7 p.m., with a tour of the Jacob Thompson House starting at 6 p.m. To learn more about the upcoming Cemetery Walk, you can visit the Monson Cemetery Commission page on Facebook.

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