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MONSON

School Committee hears entry plan for new supt.

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MONSON – The Monson School Committee convened for its regular business meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17, addressing a wide range of administrative, policy, and financial matters. The evening also included Superintendent Paul Foster's formal

presentation of his entry plan, recognition of Monson High School's Special Olympics honor, and a notable personnel announcement.

Superintendent's Announcements

Superintendent Foster reported on a series of developments since the start of the school year. He noted that Monson High School

had closed briefly due to a clogged drain but reopened the next day thanks to the facilities team, town crews, and an outside vendor. "We weren't at a place where we were comfortable having kids in the building yesterday," Foster said, "but the team was able to get things back online by the afternoon."

Foster praised the district's positive start to the school year, crediting staff, administrators, and parents. He shared highlights from recent classroom visits, including pre-K students teaching him colors and fifth-graders presenting a project on Neptune, and encouraged families to attend the upcoming Community Soccer Night at

Granite Valley.

The superintendent also celebrated a significant recognition: Monson High School has been named a Special Olympics Unified Champion School for its work with inclusive sports like basketball and bocce.

Policy Updates and Crowdfunding Debate

The Policy Subcommittee

reported progress in its alphabetical policy review and introduced two new items for first reading.

The Middle School Pathways Exploration Policy, mandated by new state legislation, ensures that students learn about both Monson High School's academic and

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Community gathers for 'Sober in the Park'

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PALMER – The Palmer Public Library, in collaboration with the DART program, hosted the fourth annual "Sober in the Park" on Sunday, bringing together dozens of organizations, recovery advocates, and community members for a day dedicated to connection, wellness, and hope.

The event was designed to showcase the many path-

ways to recovery while offering resources to individuals and families navigating substance use and mental health challenges. Tents filled Hryniewicz Park with information, support services, and personal stories of resilience, underscoring the event's mission of strengthening community bonds.

Stephanie Maher of the Palmer Public Library said

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Joely Feder, Alex Condon, and Cilfredo Vasquez of MA Young People in Recovery share their stories and resources at the event.

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Postmaster Joe Torcia stands in front of the Palmer Postal Crew in front of the downtown Palmer Post Office.

Postmaster Joe Torcia retires after nearly four decades of service

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PALMER – After nearly 39 years with the United States Postal Service, Palmer Postmaster Joe Torcia is preparing to hang up his hat. His final day will be Tuesday, Sept. 30, marking the close of a career that began in March 1987 and brought him to Palmer in 2007.

Torcia, who has lived in East Longmeadow his entire life, said the decision to retire was not made lightly. He became eligible two years ago but chose to stay on longer, citing the dedicated employees and supportive communi-

ty he has worked with as his reason for continuing.

"It's been a great run," Torcia said. "There are some really great people here. That's why I stayed so long. I was eligible two years ago and chose to stay because I wasn't ready. But now I'm ready."

Over the years, Torcia has witnessed firsthand the transformation of the Postal Service. When he first started, the bulk of the work centered around letters and magazines. Today, the landscape has shifted dramatically.

"Now it's parcels, parcels, parcels," he said. "We have to be competitive with

FedEx and UPS. It's a changing organization, and hopefully we'll remain viable forever."

While Torcia acknowledges that change has not always been easy, he expressed optimism for the future and confidence in the next generation of postal leaders. He hopes his current supervisor, Branden Velez, will succeed him as Postmaster, ensuring a seamless transition for the Palmer office.

"I just figured, you know, give the younger guy a chance," Torcia said. "My boss right now is 38...he

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Select Board recognizes police chief

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MONSON – The Monson Select Board met on Sept. 23, to address a wide range of town business, from community recognitions and financial approvals to a tense discussion over public conduct and employee harassment.

Public Comments

The meeting opened with remarks from Zoning Board of Appeals member Ron Fussell, who urged the community to step forward to fill vacancies on the board. He explained that with one resignation already and another member preparing to leave soon, the board was at its minimum and would lose "much talent and experience." Fussell stressed the importance of recruiting volunteers with both skills and commitment to keep the board functioning effectively.

Resident and current Town Moderator Laurent McDonald then proposed that the town formally honor Peter Matrow for his nine years of service as Town Moderator. He presented a plaque to the Select Board, noting that while he and Matrow had not always agreed on issues, there was no denying the ded-

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Family organizes fundraiser for cancer charity

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MONSON – T.J.'s Tavern was filled with music, raffles, and community spirit on Saturday, Sept. 27, as dozens gathered at the Pavilion for a fundraiser in support of One Mission, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit dedicated to helping children battling cancer and their families.

The event, organized by Melanie and Dave Wilcox, featured 10 live bands, raffles with prizes donated by local businesses, and a strong turnout of supporters. For the Wilcoxes, who have been involved with the organization for 13 years, the mission is deeply personal.

"We're here to raise money for kids with cancer through One Mission, a 501(c)(3) founded by parents who wanted to make life in the hospital a little less painful for children fighting for their lives," ex-



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A sign outside TJ's Tavern announced the kids' cancer benefit and welcomed supporters.

plained Melanie Wilcox. "It's not about research. It's about giving these kids a chance to still feel like kids, even while undergoing treatment."

The couple, originally from Monson but now living

in Framingham, said they were drawn back to their hometown to host the fundraiser because of the strong community support small towns provide. Last year, the event featured a handful of bands; this year, the

lineup grew to 10, with even more musicians hoping to join in. "It was my sister's idea to bring in the bands," Melanie shared. "Her boyfriend is very musical and connected with local performers who were willing to donate their time."

The atmosphere on Saturday was lively, with music playing throughout the afternoon and evening and attendees competing for raffle prizes. "Everyone loves raffles," Dave joked, noting the generosity of both volunteers and local businesses that donated items.

One Mission, founded 16 years ago, supports children and families during some of the most difficult periods of their lives. The organization decorates hospital rooms, organizes art therapy and movie nights, and maintains "treasure chests" so children completing chemotherapy treatments can choose a toy. It also

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Finance Committee elects Fimognari as chair

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MONSON – The Monson Finance Committee met on Monday, Sept. 22, to reorganize its leadership, hear financial updates, and conduct a comprehensive review of the warrant articles for the upcoming Special Town Meeting. The session featured significant discussion on budget transfers, reserve fund requests, and long-term capital priorities.

Reorganization and Membership

The committee began with routine business, approving minutes from its June 23 meeting. Peter Fimognari was re-elected as chairman and Ken Parkes was chosen as vice chair. Members also accepted with appreciation the resignation of Cynthia Lynch. A new member, Peter Ma-

traw, was appointed, though he will not vote until being sworn in. "I haven't missed a town meeting since 2016," Matrow told the committee, pledging to be an active participant.

Financial Updates

Year-end reporting for Fiscal Year 2024 was nearly complete, with borrowing for the fire station renovation scheduled to close September 29. The town ended the year in strong financial shape, with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$550,000 and spending coming in \$590,000 under budget. "No appropriation deficit for Fiscal '25," members were told, a sign of fis-

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Library's 'Bounce and Rhyme' program brings music and play

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MONSON – The Monson Free Library is offering its youngest patrons and their caregivers a joyful introduction to songs, rhymes, and playtime through its Bounce and Rhyme Baby-Time program. The weekly half-hour session takes place every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. in the DeSantis Community Room.

Designed for babies up to age one, Bounce and Rhyme uses simple songs, finger plays, nursery rhymes, and movement activities to help foster early language

skills and motor development. Caregivers are encouraged to bring blankets or play mats, creating a comfortable space for their little ones to explore sound, rhythm, and movement in a supportive environment.

"Introducing babies to the sounds and rhythms of music and the spoken word gives them a head start on language learning," explained Children's Librarian Denise Newland, who has led the program for more than three years. "We do lots of movement rhymes and finger plays, which help build both fine and gross motor skills essential to early development."

For toddlers ready to move beyond blanket play, the library also offers Toddler Play Time on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. The first Friday of each month, weather permitting, features a special sensory play session that often moves outdoors for sand, water, bubbles, or seasonal activities like exploring dry corn.

In addition, the library has expanded programming for different age groups. A Saturday Story Time, held at 10:30 a.m. upstairs in the library, is geared toward children ages three to six and includes stories, songs, and a craft.

Families can also look forward to special events, such as an upcoming "Story Time on the Go" at Cook's Farm Orchard in Brimfield on Thursday, October 9, in collaboration with the Palmer Monson Family Network.

Newland emphasized that all programs are open and welcoming. "We usually get a good group of kids and caregivers. The room fills with laughter, play, and learning...it's a wonderful way for families to connect."

For more information and a full schedule of children's programs, visit the Monson Free Library's website.



Baby Christian Elessar Conley looks in joy at the numerous toys as he sits in his mother's, Sydney Stewart, lap.



Children's Librarian Denise Newland leads families in songs that help build early language and motor skills.



Toys are shared and friends are made as the babies play together.

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Babies and caregivers gather on blankets for Bounce and Rhyme Baby-Time at the Monson Free Library.



Caregivers and babies share smiles while joining in simple nursery rhymes together.

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Norcross Wildlife supports Wales Community Pantry

WALES – The Wales Community Pantry serves 344 people in our community and handles 12,000 pounds of food each month. To meet growing demand and provide for a better working space, the Pantry recently relocated from its home of 20 years under the Wales Senior Center to its new facility on Route 20, at

the beginning of the north side of the divided highway heading west, at 172 Palmer Road in Brimfield.

To support their important work and the costs associated with this move, The Norcross Wildlife Foundation presented Ann Davidson, the Pantry's Executive Director, with a grant for \$5,000. Wales resident, and

member of the Norcross Board of Directors, Bridget Ward, noted how glad she and the other Directors, and the staff, at Norcross, are for the important work done by the Pantry and its volunteers.

For more information on the Pantry, go to <https://walescommunitypantry.com/> or call at (413) 245-0055.



Submitted photo

Norcross Director Lucas McDiarmid of Palmer, Norcross Executive Director Ed Hood, Wales Community Pantry Executive Director Ann Davidson, Norcross Director Bridget Ward of Wales, and Pantry Volunteer, Susan Gregory.



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The sale wrapped up with unsold items donated to St. Aloysius School in Gilbertville.

Post 74 holds craft, tag sale

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PALMER – Craft enthusiasts had a chance to stock up on supplies at a tag sale on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at AM-VETS Post 74. Organizer Tanya Bullock said 28 different sellers participated,

offering a wide variety of craft materials for shoppers looking to “destash” or find unique items for their projects.

“This was a new venture for us,” Bullock said, noting that while similar sales had been held previously at her store, Life’s Memories & More, this was the first time

sellers managed their own tables.

Proceeds from the sale went to the individual vendors, while any unsold items were donated to St. Aloysius School in Gilbertville.

The event gave the community a fun way to support local crafters and contribute to a good cause.

Library offers hands-on 3D printing workshop for youth

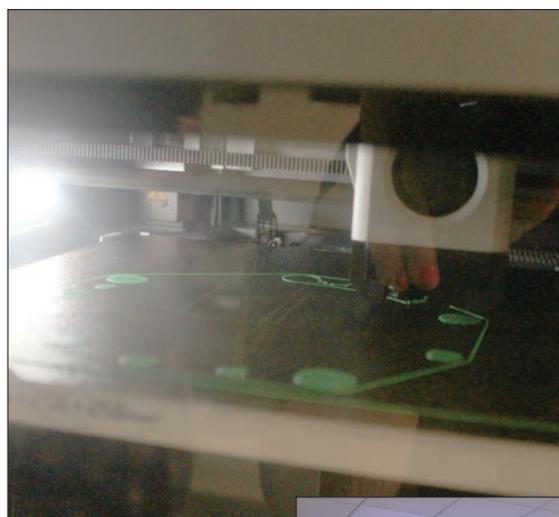
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PALMER – On Wednesday, Sept. 17, the Palmer Public Library hosted a hands-on 3D printing workshop designed for youth ages 10 and up, giving local students a chance to explore the growing world of digital fabrication. The program, led by youth activities director Olivia Chartrand in partnership with the library’s tech librarian Aiden Herrick-Wallace, provided participants with both the fundamentals of 3D printing and the opportunity to create personalized projects.

“The workshop is really about giving kids the tools to both download safe 3D files and create their own designs,” Chartrand explained. “We start with a short lesson to introduce the concepts, and then the kids get free-build time to experiment and customize their projects.”

Participants learned how to find and download models from safe websites, upload them into a design space, adjust the size and settings, and save their creations for printing. For those feeling creative, the workshop also covered the basics of designing their own 3D models from scratch. Completed projects are printed by library staff over the course of about a week, and participants can return to pick up their creations.

Chartrand noted that many attendees are repeat participants, reflecting the popularity of the library’s 3D printing offerings. “This is actually our fourth or fifth workshop,” she said. “We’ve



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy
A 3D printer at the Palmer Public Library in the first layer of the print.

done general 3D printing classes, as well as themed sessions, like one based on dragons and swords, which allowed kids to find and print themed models. The community really seems to enjoy it.”

The workshops are intentionally targeted at older youth who are familiar with basic computer skills and can follow a structured lesson. “We set an age limit because we want kids who can sit through a lesson and engage with the technology,” Chartrand said.

Throughout the session, library staff demonstrated the 3D printing process in real time, giving students a glimpse of how their digital designs are transformed into physical objects. Chartrand emphasized the interactive



A miniature ship, the standard calibration print for most 3D printers, this one being a Bambu Lab P1S 3D printer.

nature of the program. “Kids get to customize their own little 3D creations, which makes it a lot of fun for them and a great learning experience.”

With a growing interest in STEM education and digital technologies, the Palmer Public Library’s 3D printing workshops offer a unique opportunity for young learners to gain hands-on experience while exploring their creativity. Chartrand and Herrick-Wallace plan to continue offering these sessions periodically, providing a space for students to experiment, learn, and bring their digital ideas to life.



Librarians Olivia Chartrand and Aidan Herrick-Wallace guided kids to safe 3D print resources.



Children worked in pairs and explored laptop stations to browse and select print designs.

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Viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Should my spouse be getting half of my Social Security amount?

Dear Rusty:

I was referred to you to ask a question about Social Security benefits.

I receive about \$1,700 a month from Social Security while my husband receives only approximately \$750 monthly. Is he entitled to file for half of my Social Security as a monthly benefit without touching my amount?

Signed: Curious Wife

Dear Curious Wife:

For information, spousal benefits are one of the most misunderstood areas of Social Security. A spouse does not always get half of their partner's Social Security benefit how much the spouse gets is determined by their age when the spouse benefit is claimed and it is always based upon both partner's Full Retirement Age benefit, regardless of when they actually claimed Social Security.

The partner with the lower SS benefit can only get half of the other spouse's FRA amount if that partner takes the spouse benefit at or after their personal SS FRA. And each spouse's FRA may be different depending on the year they were born. FRA today is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on the person's year of birth.

Here are two basic rules for a lower earning marital partner to get spouse benefits:

The lower earning spouse's FRA entitlement must be less than 50% of the higher earning spouse's FRA entitlement. FRA amounts are used, even if SS benefits were claimed earlier than or later than, full retirement age, and FRA amounts are frequently different than the monthly amounts actually received.

If one spouse's FRA

amount is less than 50% of the other spouse's FRA amount, the difference between those two amounts can be added to the lower earning spouse's SS retirement amount, to become their spousal benefit. That may, or may not, equal half of the higher earning spouse's FRA amount.

So, if you claimed your Social Security exactly at your own full retirement age and your husband also claimed his Social Security exactly at his own full retirement age, then based on the numbers you provided your husband is likely entitled to about \$850 per month, instead of his current \$750. And that would not affect your own SS benefit in any way.

Your FRA entitlement would need to be more than twice your husband's FRA entitlement for him to receive a spousal boost from you. But if either of you claimed Social Security before (or after) your respective full retirement ages, your husband would not get 50% of your benefit.

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Summer Dreamer

Charles Barnes

A clear running stream we cam upon, our August day
In the green air, and long did wander;
When the summer was in a mood so true,
And never were hearts fonder.

Wading, wetting our feet, fishing along,
For silver lightning in the water:
Flashes here and there as we went,
Further and further upon the shore.

You had learned to cast, and wave the bamboo rod -
The tapered line looping you all around;
And pool to pool, the fish would come, rising,
For a reborn Druid at last on native ground.

And it was all then, sent our way -
As we caught together to cool-flamed rainbow -
With its royal-red band of life along its length,
And in your hands, before let go.

And at unawares, as the evening came on,
Pungent over the fields - and can feel it yet:
Paradise is found in the bosom of an hour,
And how then does one ever get over it?

Where the country comes into flower -
And the ancient vision blooms its hurt.

But something long ago, perhaps the ungiven -
Kept you back, where harder, to forward go -
And what I had early, was somehow taken,
During those distant travels on paths below.

Seems it took you half a century, to turn seven -
(And care, and nurturing could not make it more),
Nor more endearing child in heaven -
But days at last, must go somewhere.

And I of no use, cannot repair,
Or reach back that far a hand - to what keeps you;
And yours I see but cannot grasp,
Despite a thousand effects like these, or a few.

Always you will have the simple charm of a brook,
Whose clean pure waters from the world forsook,
And I my lost cause? Needing a separate course,
Forced on another old road to take...
From where I'll miss, almost long as stream,
My little fisher of a dream.



Live in the moment but plan for winter

Hasn't the first week of autumn been beautiful weather-wise? Warm and sunny days will have us completely spoiled!

Summer annuals continue to bloom even as we harvest our pumpkins and corn stalks. But alas, while we are enjoying, we must simultaneously prepare for what inevitably will come.

My big task for today was deconstructing a combination planter so that I could (hopefully) overwinter the summer plants indoors. These included a Hypoestes (Polka dot plant), two Fuchsias, and an Ivy Geranium.

Over the years I've had good luck overwintering regular geraniums, Gerber daisies and fuchsias, but I have never tried ivy geraniums or the finicky polka dot plant. According to my research, ivy geraniums are handled in a similar manner as regular or zonal geraniums.

I typically overwinter them as a houseplant, in a bright sunny window. Sometimes they delight me with flowers through Christmas!

When I was trying to separate the plants from my big planter, though, the amount of roots I was able to get from the ivy geranium was honestly pathetic. The plant looked big enough on top to fit in a ten inch pot, but the root ball, maybe enough roots to fit in a four inch pot.

What am I to do? First thing would be to prune the top growth. So few roots would have a difficult time supporting all of that foliage. I will take off one third to one half of the top growth. And from this foliage, I will take some cuttings.

Regardless of my predicament, cuttings are a good option if you are short on space in front of sunny windows - you can root them in a three or four inch pot placed in indirect light until they begin to grow!

in the Garden
by Roberta McQuaid

recommendations above.

You can also store geranium stock plant out of your living space. Here is how: Cut the plants back to a couple of inches above the crown and set them in the cellar, unheated rooms, enclosed porches or other spaces that don't freeze and aren't too damp. Check them every few weeks and water sparingly if necessary, never letting the soil dry out completely.

When spring comes, gradually begin to introduce sunlight and the plant will commence growth. Once the threat of frost has passed the plants can go outside for the summer months. If last year's potting soil is "exhausted" of nutrients, carefully repot the plant into new soil.

Prune away any weak branches and give it some liquid fertilizer. For this situation, storage temperatures can go as low as 45 to 50 degrees.

My fuchsia extraction went much better than the geranium one did. I have equal roots to foliage and flowers. I am going to try and overwinter this plant in a northeast window, knowing that fuchsias don't like bright sun.

The last time I overwintered one of these I got the plant to live into the late winter, long enough to take a cutting. The offspring thrived! The mother plant looked pretty woody, but apparently, if I had waited a little bit longer and gave it a light fertilization, new supple growth would have ensued.

Live and learn. Aside from a part sunny window, fuchsias can also be overwintered out of the main living space, following my

The polka dot plant is another story all together. The roots were massive and the top growth the same.

Although the plant looked diminutive at purchase, there was no saying that now. It became the "hog" of the pot.

I pruned both the roots and the top growth, cutting it back to healthy growth just a four inches tall, settling on an eight inch pot for the three original cuttings that made up the one plant. I don't have high hopes for overwintering, because, I guess, this plant has always been a finicky one as a seedling in the greenhouse.

It looks dry so you water it, only to find out it has root rot and now you've killed it.

My research indicates that overwintering temperatures should be warmer than what you would use for geraniums or fuchsias. We are talking 65 to 75 degrees. Another point of interest is that the plant likes humidity.

Putting the pot in a tray of wet gravel will provide some humidity to the immediate area and may help, especially since winter air tends to be dry. Indirect light is best for these plants as well. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

Be adventurous, by trying to overwinter some annuals. You just may make it a little easier on your wallet come spring, especially if your favorites are growing strong right in your own house!

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You can check out your own cognition



your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column



Some days, it feels like the neurons just aren't firing. You call one child by another child's name, can't remember where you left your phone and forgot to pick up something at the grocery store.

Such forgetfulness be-

comes more common as we age, but it isn't necessarily age-related. Lack of sleep and stress can cause stuff to leak out of our brains, too.

Memory lapses like these aren't necessarily a sign of cognitive decline, either. They are general-

ly manageable and can be overcome with strategies such as sending yourself text reminders, making to-do lists and maintaining a calendar.

That said, cognitive decline is a reality for millions of people around the world. In 2022, researchers at Columbia University found that almost 10% of U.S. adults ages 65 and older have dementia, while another 22% have mild cognitive impairment.

In one of my columns a few years ago, I called dementia the "other pandemic," because, for many people who had mild cognitive

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

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

Campaign news

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

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

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

**WING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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OCTOBER VENDORS:

- Oct. 8: How Charming
- Oct. 14: Wicked Good Treats
- Oct. 15: Hobbit Hollow Herbs
- Oct. 16: Jewelry by Diane
- Oct. 23: Crystal Clear Emotions
- Oct. 27: Generations of Cookies
- Oct. 28: Geriations and Sew on

WALES PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS: On Oct. 7 at 4:30 p.m. (2 part program) Clay Ghost Tea Lights, for more information call 413-245-9072.

ONGOING

2025-2026 DRAMA & DANCE PROGRAM: Beginning September 11th and running through May on Thursdays at PHCC. Does your child love dancing and acting? Have they always been interested but never tried? All levels and ages 5

plus welcome. (Drama students must be able to read.) Also offering Adult Hip Hop & Lyrical Dance Classes. Students must be available for show date in May. Date TBD. Adult class students can dance in show or choose not to as long as requested ahead of time. Contact: trulytorie2000@gmail.com for more info and to register.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT CAR CRUISES with Bruce Marshall 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., come check out the amazing car collection. Brimfield Winery 35 Main St. in Brimfield

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

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

QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD: Members meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Amvets post at 2150 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild

is a no-pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E "Best In Show" winners. Dues are \$55 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow them on Facebook for more.

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 participants get to dance to all types of music. \$10 per class. Please wear comfortable footwear, no sandals.

GAME NIGHT: 6-7:45 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Top Floor Learning (third floor of the Palmer Library at 1455 N. Main St.). Free and open to the public. Play available board and card games or bring your own. Must be 16 or older unless accompanied by an adult. No Registration Required – just show up! Questions? Call 283-2329, or 283-3691, or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

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

QI GONG: Qi Gong at Monson Free Library with Randy Emerson. Every Tuesday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

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impairment before COVID, it blossomed into something more dramatic during our periods of isolation.

At your annual Medicare wellness exam, your health-care provider will screen you for cognitive difficulties by having you try to repeat back several random words and asking you to draw a clock showing a particular time. (With the number of young people today who can't read a clock, they'll have to come up with another test at some point!)

The Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE), an 11-question standardized test that evaluates orientation, memory, attention, language and visual-spatial abilities, might be used for the Medicare assessment because it

takes only five to 10 minutes.

If your provider feels your cognition needs further evaluation, they may refer you to a specialist who will perform the MoCA, or Montreal Cognitive Assessment. It takes only 20 to 30 minutes, and has long been validated as an effective tool for early detection of mild cognitive impairment in hundreds of studies. Its sensitivity for detecting cognitive impairment is estimated at 90%, and it is considered much more effective than the MMSE.

The MoCA is designed to assess:

- Short-term memory
- Visual-spatial abilities
- Executive functions, which help us manage actions, emotions and thoughts
- Attention, concentration and working memory
- Language

• Orientation to time and place

The test has to be administered and scored by a trained clinician. Any medical professional can get the training, which takes only an hour and gives clinicians more confidence in administering the test and explaining the results to patients. Training and certification are free for students, faculty members, academic researchers and public health-care institutions.

Here are some of the activities the MoCA asks of us:

- Naming certain animals
- Counting backwards from 100 by sevens
- Saying as many words as possible that start with a particular letter in one minute
- Copying a simple drawing
- And, of course, drawing

ing a clock and remembering a series of random words

Evaluating age-related cognitive decline isn't the only use for the MoCA. People of any age who have suffered head trauma are often given the assessment to look out for immediate or delayed symptoms of cognitive damage. Many times, traumatic brain injury (TBI) is missed or misdiagnosed, which can leave a person with long-term cognitive issues.

Other conditions that might affect cognition are cancer treatment, Parkinson's, depression, heart failure, brain tumor, sleep disorders and substance abuse disorders.

Now, though, you don't have to wait for a doctor's appointment to get a general assessment of your cognitive abilities or those of a loved

one. The neurologist who developed the MoCA, Dr. Ziad Nasreddine, last year created XpressO, a quick and fun digital self-assessment designed for anyone to use on their own desktop computer, tablet or smartphone. (Laptop screens aren't large enough.)

Once all the tasks are completed, you will receive a clear and simple report stating low or elevated risk of cognitive decline. You can monitor your cognition over time and share the results with your health-care provider.

XPressO requires registration and creation of a password. Learn more at MoCAcognition.com, or you can download the XPressO app from the Apple and Google Play app stores.

Dementia and cognitive decline, already a reality for

millions, are a source of fear and anxiety for millions of others. Using this simple tool might put your mind at rest, or it may signal that you need to be talking to your doctor.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, is a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate and founder of www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com, which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. Teri offers a free phone consultation to Turley Newspaper readers as well as to nurses interested in becoming advocates. Reach her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com.

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Palmer Senior Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

Evening Programs
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Oct. 2

Timeless Beauty—Make up for Mature Women, Joby Rogers Celebrity Makeup Artist/Educator will be here to demonstrate proper makeup application techniques, brush care, choosing the right concealer, foundation, lip and eye colors, contouring and highlighting and a lot more. You are encouraged to bring your personal makeup for evaluation.

Oct. 6

Join us for pizza and game night, we will have as-

sorted board game to play.

Oct. 20

Join us for Movie night "Moving On" Claire and Evelyn, estranged former friends, reconnect at the funeral of a mutual friend, and decide to exact revenge on their dead friend's widower for the harm he caused to Claire decades earlier.

Oct. 27

Meatloaf dinner with mashed potatoes, peas and apple crisp for dessert.

MOVIES

Friday, Movie Matinee
at 12:30 p.m.

with drinks and popcorn

Oct. 3

Water for Elephants—

Epic tale of forbidden love based on Sara Gruen's acclaimed best seller. Against all odds, a veterinary student and a beautiful circus performer from a bygone era meet and fall in love through their shared compassion for a special elephant. But their secret romance incurs the wrath of her dangerously volatile husband.

Oct. 10

The Adventures of Milo and Otis—A cat and a dog find perils and mates after straying from their farm in Japan.

Oct. 17

Click—A harried workaholic, Michael Newman doesn't have time for his wife and children, not if

he's to impress his ungrateful boss and ear a well-deserved promotion. So when he meets Morty a loopy sales clerk, he gets the answer to his prayers: a magical remote that allows him to bypass life's little distractions with increasingly hysterical results. But as Michael gleefully mutes, skips and scans past his family and his friends, the remote gradually takes over his life and begins to program him, in this fast, funny and out-of-control comedy adventure.

Oct. 24

About Schmidt—A comedy about Warren Schmidt, an embittered man who has just retired after 32 years as an insurance company actuary.

MHS Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony on Oct. 18

MONSON – Monson High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held October 18 at the Country Club of Wilbraham located at 859 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham.

The Social gathering will be at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. and the Inductions

begin at 7p.m.

Tickets are \$45 per person, \$75 per couple, children under 12 - \$20. Contact James Duggan for tickets 413-374-7347 or email jamesduggan@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 2025

Athletes:

1938 Nisio "Muzzy" Uliana (posthumously) Soccer, Basketball, Baseball & contributor
1956 Edward Robinson: Soccer, Basketball, Baseball
1960 James "Jim" Schetzl: Soccer, Basketball, Baseball
2019 Chris Sisco: 1,000

point scorer Basketball
2020 Logan Gerry: 1,000 point scorer Basketball
Teams:
2016-17 Boys Swim Team
2017 Boys Track & Field Team
Other:
Eric Degnan - Coach

Cultural Council seeking grant applications

PALMER – The Palmer Cultural Council is seeking grant applications from organizations, schools and individuals for community-oriented projects in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences.

These grant opportunities are funded by the Mass Cultural Council focusing on programs/events that can support students, senior citizens, families, green spaces

and teenagers. They can be in the form of lectures, workshops, performances, field trips, exhibits and festivals.

Applications must be completed on line at mass-culturalcouncil.org beginning Sept. 2 through the Oct. 16, 2025 deadline.

The Palmer Cultural Council is also seeking new members. For more information contact palmerculturalcouncil@gmail.com

Grant proposals being sought by MCC

MONSON – The Monson Cultural Council is seeking grant proposals from organizations, schools, and individuals for community-oriented 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 and must take place between Jan. 1, 2026 and Dec. 31, 2026.

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

The application will be available starting Sept. 2, 2025, and the deadline is October 16, 2025.

Designer Bag Bingo event to be held on Oct. 16

LUDLOW – The Wilbraham Junior Women's Club is hosting a Designer Bag Bingo. This event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 16 at the Gremio Lusitano Club, 385 Winsor Street, Ludlow.

It's an evening of fun Bingo and a chance to win designer bags. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. Admission tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Purchase a table of 10

for \$300, (a discounted rate of \$30 per ticket when purchased in advance!) Tickets include 10 bingo games, a dauber and a special lucky charm.

A cash bar will be avail-

able, and attendees can bring their own snacks or order off of the club's menu. Order your tickets at: Wilbraham-JuniorWomens.org or Contact Brenda Willard at (413) 279-1394.

Church announces milestone anniversary celebration events

MONSON – We joyfully invite all members, friends, and neighbors to join us in celebrating two centuries of faith, fellowship, and service at Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church. This special milestone marks two hundred years of Methodism in our community and the 175th anniversary of our cherished church building.

We invite the public to join us on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, 162 Main Street for this special rededication of our church, led by Reverend Kristin White. Past ministers and church leaders will join to lift in praise the church, its congregation, its community and its future.

In 1825, Joel McKee from the Brookfield circuit selected young Horace Moulton, a student at Monson Academy, to lead the first organized group of Methodists in Monson. A group of faithful people began meeting to worship together, first in a school, then in a rustic chapel constructed on the corner of Maple and Main Streets. Twenty-five years later in 1850 they built the church on the corner of Cushman Street and Main Street, where it remains active as a place of worship and prayer.

The church and its people have always been a vibrant

member of the community, contributing in many ways, including initiating the first Summerfest in 1979 which inspired the Summerfest Committee, years of church suppers, decades of clothing sales, and an established monthly meals program that is currently providing over one hundred meals a month to those who ask. The church is listed on the National Historic Register and is the northern anchor of the Monson Center Historic District, witness to Main Street and all its activity for 175 years!

Following the anniversary ceremony, we will gather at Moulton Hill Cemetery for a brief remembrance service honoring Reverend Horace Moulton, whose legacy continues to inspire our church and community.

After both services, light refreshments will be served at the church, offering an opportunity for fellowship and reflection as we celebrate our shared history and ongoing mission.

All are welcome to attend all or part of these ceremonies! Please join us as we commemorate two hundred years of sharing God's love through worship, prayer, and service. Help us make this celebration even more meaningful as we honor the past, rejoice in the present, and look forward to the future together.

Keep Museum welcomes sewing enthusiasts

MONSON – The Keep Homestead Museum on 35 Ely Road in Monson, MA will host the Vintage Sewing Machine Enthusiasts of Pioneer Valley on Sunday, Oct. 5 starting at 1:30 p.m.

The group of vintage sewing machine enthusiasts was founded in 2023 by Danielle McCauley and Mary Gelezunas and is dedicated to the preservation, restoration and celebration of vintage sewing machines. It is an effort to revive the art of sewing and connect people to craftsmanship and heritage.

At 1:30 p.m. Sue Cluff

will share the development of the home sewing machine from the treadle to power. Then various models of machines will be on display, and their owners will share the history and operation of the Singers, Wheeler and Wilsons, and Montgomery Wards they have collected.

This program is open to the public free of charge though donations are appreciated. The museum is open from 1 – 3:30 p.m. with light refreshments. For more information about the museum visit www.keephomestead-museum.org.

Corrections

The Journal Register will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2 or 3. To request a correction, send information to the editor at journalregister@turley.com, or call 283-8393. Corrections may also be requested in writing at: Journal Register, Attn: Editor 24 Water St., Palmer, MA, 01069.



VETERANS DAY SALUTE

The Journal Register ~ November 6, 2025

The Journal Register will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members.

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to dflynn@turley.com or drop off a photo to

The Journal Register,
24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069
All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 13, 2025.

There is no cost to submit a photo. No photos will be accepted after deadline. If you would like to use a prior submitted photo, please contact Dan Flynn no later than October 13th (413) 297-5886.

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Business

Monson Savings Bank's annual community giving initiative returns

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank prides itself on supporting the local communities. With the season of giving right around the corner, Monson Savings Bank is inviting the public to submit their votes for the Bank's 2026 Community Giving Initiative.

For more than a decade Monson Savings Bank has been seeking the help of community members to plan the Bank's community giving activities. Each year, the Bank encourages the public to vote for the non-profit charitable organizations they would like the Bank to support during the coming year. Everyone is welcome to cast their vote online on the Bank's website, starting October 1, 2025.

Cast your vote at: monsonavings.bank/CGI
Voters may provide the name of one non-profit organization they would like the Bank to donate to in 2026. The only requirements are that the organizations be designated a non-profit and that the organizations provide services within the Bank's geography. The Bank allows each person to vote once. Monson Savings Bank pledges to support the top ten organizations that receive the highest number of votes. The top ten vote recipients will be announced by mid-January 2026.

Voting opens Oct. 1, 2025 and ends at 3 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2025.

Visitors to the voting page can also view a compiled list of organizations that the Bank has supported in years past, as well as previously nominated organizations.

"Monson Savings Bank supports thousands of Western Massachusetts residents

each year through our community outreach efforts. By hosting our Community Giving Initiative and gathering input from locals, we make sure that the voice of the community is heard and that the charitable organizations that are important to our community members will be supported by us in the coming year," said Dan Moriarty, President and CEO of Monson Savings Bank. "This is a tradition that we look forward to each year. We are extremely thankful for the public's support of this initiative."

About

Monson Savings Bank

Incorporated as a mutually chartered community bank in 1872, Monson Savings Bank has one of the longest tenures of service and stability in its market. Civic leaders chartered the bank with the intent to give working men and women the opportunity to save, which – incredibly, they could not do prior to the bank's inception. Today, Monson Savings Bank retains its legacy of empowerment through savings, but has expanded to serve its customers with a variety of innovative financial services, including digital banking, online mortgage applications and business banking, and commercial lending. The bank has expanded on its promise of "where people save, businesses prosper, and communities benefit" by opening offices in Hampden, Wilbraham, Ware, and most recently East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. The bank also opened a retail and business loan operations center in Wilbraham in 2020. Member FDIC, Member DIF, Equal Housing Lender. NMLS ID #613363.

MSB donates \$10K to Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services' Emergency Food Pantry

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank proudly announced a \$10,000 donation to the Emergency Food Pantry operated by Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services, reinforcing the Bank's commitment to supporting local families and individuals facing food insecurity. The donation was presented by Monson Savings Bank's President & CEO Dan Moriarty and AVP Community Lending Officer Wil Morales, who also serves on the board of Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services (MLKFS), to MLKFS CEO Shannon M. Rudder and Chief Development Officer Claudia Pazmany.

The MLKFS Emergency Food Pantry provides essential nourishment to individuals and families facing food insecurity in the Greater Springfield area. With rising demand, the contribution from Monson Savings Bank will help ensure the pantry remains stocked and accessible to those who rely on its services.

"This donation reflects our deep commitment to the communities we serve," said Dan Moriarty, President & CEO of Monson Savings Bank. "We are honored to support the vital work of Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services and help provide food security to our neighbors."

Wil Morales, AVP Community Lending Officer and board member of MLK Family Services, added, "As someone who sees firsthand the impact of MLKFS, I am proud to be part of a Bank that steps up when our community needs us most. This gift will make a real difference."

The Martin Luther King



Submitted photo

Monson Savings Bank's President & CEO Dan Moriarty (far left) and AVP Community Lending Officer Wil Morales, who also serves on the board for Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services (far right), proudly presented the Bank's donation to Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services' CEO Shannon M. Rudder (center left) and Chief Development Officer Claudia Pazmany (center right).

Jr. Family Services Food Pantry, located at the Community Center on 3 Rutland Street in Springfield's Mason Square neighborhood, provides critical emergency food services to individuals and families facing food insecurity throughout Hampden County. Operating every Thursday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, the Pantry offers a variety of food items, including meats, dairy, baked goods, and fresh or canned produce, based on availability.

As a "Choice" program, shoppers select their own items rather than receiving pre-packed bags, and while proof of residency is requested, no one is turned away. The Pantry is staffed by a dedicated program director and supported by over twenty weekly volunteers, with food donations supplied by the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and other grocery partners.

Additionally, MLK Family Services hosts a Mobile Food Bank in partnership with the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the same location. All shoppers are encouraged to bring their own bags, and SNAP eligibility screenings are available onsite. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.mlkjrfamilyservices.org/families/>

Receiving the donation, Shannon M. Rudder, CEO of MLKFS, expressed heartfelt gratitude, "At a time when funding cuts threaten the very safety nets our communities rely on, this investment in our emergency food pantry is more than just financial support, it's a statement of belief in our mission and those who we are honored to serve. Our pantry team is powered by the heart and hands of devoted

volunteers who show up every day with one goal: to ensure no one in our community goes hungry. Our partnership with Monson truly bolsters our ability to meet the growing need and reaffirms that compassion and commitment still win, even in the hardest of times."

"We are incredibly grateful to Monson Savings Bank for their continued generosity," said Claudia Pazmany, MLKFS Chief Development Officer. "Their support feeds our mission to lead with hope and drive action, shaping futures with dignity and compassion across cultures and generations."

To learn more about Monson Savings Bank's commitment to our communities, please visit: <https://www.monsonavings.bank/connect/our-community/our-community-commitment.html>.

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In the classroom

Collegenotes

Locals students contribute through Emmanuel Day of Service

BOSTON – More than 360 first-year students at Emmanuel College to make an immediate impact in the community through the New Student Day of Service.

Rising early on the last day of summer vacation, the students volunteered at food shelves, homeless shelters, and other organizations that meet vital community needs

through the day of service. The following local students participated:

Jenna Ghrear of Palmer
Loretta Petrasiewicz of Bondsville

In addition to encouraging new students to embrace Emmanuel's rich history of serving the common good, the day of service helped them connect with Boston and each other.

North Brookfield Savings Bank announces annual food

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Savings Bank is excited to kick off its Annual Food Drive from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, 2025, offering a wonderful opportunity to spread kindness, support the community, and assist those in need during this giving season.

The Annual Food Drive at North Brookfield Savings Bank aims to provide essential food items to local families and neighbors in need within their service areas. Demonstrating their commit-

ment to community support, the bank will donate \$1 for each item and dollar collected, up to a total of \$3,000, to help cover the operational costs of local food pantries.

Community members are invited to contribute non-perishable food items, paper goods, toiletries, or monetary donations at any NBSB branch throughout October.

"Our annual Food Drive is just one of the many ways we give back to the communities we serve," stated Au-

drey Champagne, Marketing Manager at North Brookfield Savings Bank. "We believe that by collaborating, we can significantly impact those facing food insecurity. Every donation, regardless of its size, contributes to aiding our neighbors and community members in need."

Examples of non-perishable and non-food items that pantries can use are paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers, and baby wipes; deodorant, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste; dry and

canned pasta and soups, canned meats, tuna, and salmon; peanut butter, jelly, tea bags, and ground coffee; canned vegetables and fruits, hot and cold cereals, rice, cake mixes, pancake mix, syrup, and granulated sugar; canned juices, baby food and baby formula.

To learn more about NBSB's Community giving efforts and the convenient banking products and services offered, visit www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com.



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ication he brought to the role. "For nearly a decade, Peter Matrow led debates, investing countless hours navigating town meetings with steady hands and a commitment to the process," McDonald said.

Public comment grew heated when Bob Lamb criticized what he described as a small group spreading misinformation, harassing employees, and filing unsubstantiated complaints that drained town resources. "What we really need is an atmosphere of constructive and cooperative dialogue," Lamb said, condemning what he called "inflammatory, derogatory, and grossly inaccurate commentary" in the community. His remarks drew an immediate response from Shirley Lamb, who accused him of

hypocrisy and pointed to past incidents she said had gone unaddressed. "We all have the right to free speech, and the right to not be threatened," she said, urging the board to consider these concerns during its code of conduct discussions.

Honoring Chief Kozlowski

The Select Board formally recognized Police Chief Stephen Kozlowski, who is retiring after 31 years of service, including 20 as chief. The board proclaimed September 26, 2025, as Chief Kozlowski Day, praising his leadership, particularly during the aftermath of the 2011 tornado when the police station was destroyed and emergency operations had to be set up in temporary trailers.

Kozlowski was visi-

bly emotional as he thanked the town, his family, and his colleagues for their support. "It's been the honor of a lifetime," he said. "I will always be proud to have considered Monson my home." His retirement agreement was later approved in open session.

Community Business and Decisions

The board approved several community requests and financial measures over the course of the evening. The Lions Club was granted use of Veterans Field for its annual Halloween festivities, which will include a parade, games, and costume contest. Club member Karen Davis explained the move away from Main Street was for safety reasons, saying, "We just want the kids to be nice and safe."

A divided vote created a

new committee to study the feasibility of an electronic voting system for town meetings. While two board members supported following through on a town meeting vote to explore the option, one opposed the move, arguing it was an unnecessary expense during difficult financial times. "It's a very expensive purchase in the middle of what I consider this town to be in a financial crisis," the dissenting board member said. The committee will include John Morrell, Mary Watson, Ronald Keith Valley, Peter Matrow, and Alice Davey.

In another appointment, the board named Alice Davey to the Quabog Valley Business Assistance Corporation. Davey, who previously served 17 years with the organization through her work in

Palmer, said, "It's an important organization, and it does a lot of good work."

The board also approved \$5.5 million in borrowing for the fire station renovation project through General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes at 3.75% interest. Wolowicz reported that the project was slightly behind schedule due to soil compaction issues but remained within budget. The Special Town Meeting warrant was finalized as well, with most articles endorsed by the Finance Committee, though two were held for further review.

Heated Code of Conduct Discussion

The meeting returned to the issue of community conduct, with Wolowicz recounting a disturbance outside Town Hall following a previous meeting that escalated

into shouting among about a dozen people. Concerned for safety, she called 911 for assistance. "There was no reason for a verbal altercation on the sidewalk of Town Hall after a Select Board meeting," she said, urging residents and officials alike to reflect on their behavior and the example it sets.

Board members echoed her concerns. One Select Board member emphasized the need to protect municipal employees from harassment, saying, "As an employer, our greatest resource is our employees... we owe them a safe and secure workplace." The conversation quickly became extremely heated, with accusations and corrections exchanged among officials and residents until the chair called a five-minute recess to restore order.



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Lillian Pronovost sends a pass away ahead of a Ware defender.

Panthers win over Indians

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE – Harper Brouillette is one of the eighth graders on the Palmer girls' varsity soccer team.

Just when it began to look like the Lady Panthers only meeting of the regular season with archrival Ware would end in a scoreless tie, Brouillette became the hero. She netted her team-leading fourth goal of the regular sea-

son with a little more than ten minutes remaining in regulation, giving the Lady Panthers a 1-0 non-league victory over the Lady Indians at Veterans' Field in Ware, last Tuesday night.

"Anytime that a young player can put the ball into the back of the net and give us a win it's a great thing," said Palmer head coach Celso Sandoval. "This is the first time

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SOCCER

Mustangs shut out by Southwick

MHS girls defeat Saint John Paul

MONSON – It's been a struggle this season for Monson High School girls soccer, as they fell to 1-5 after a tough 8-0 shutout against Southwick Regional.

The Mustangs did rebound and defeated Saint John Paul II 4-2 last Saturday afternoon.

Hannah Murphy finished with two goals and an assist to lead the team. Chelsea Hull and Emma Maziarz had single goals.



Aleksa Mengel watches her pass head up the field.



Mackayla St. George tries to keep the momentum going up the field.



Hannah Murphy hustles past the field.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Chelsea Hull sends a clearing kick up the field.



Avery Beaudoin attempts to move the ball out of the defensive end of the field.

SOCCER

Mustangs prevails over Rams for a second time

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

GRANBY – Winning a league title is something that the Monson boys' varsity soccer team is seeking to do this fall.

The Mustangs, who are members of the Schmid Division for the first time this fall, remained in first place in the league standings following a 3-1 road victory against league rival Granby, last Tuesday afternoon.

"We haven't won a league title in more than 10 years and that's our first goal every season," said Monson head coach Jared Pignone. "We just need to keep playing hard and keep winning our league games. We also want to win the Western Mass. title and make a run in the state tournament."

The last time that Monson, who entered this week's action with a 7-1 overall record and a perfect 6-0 league mark, hasn't won a league title since 2014.

A year ago, the Mustangs were one of only two Division 5 teams competing in the Holley Division. The other teams in that league were either in Division 1,2, or 3.

"This new league is a better fit for us," Pignone said. "It's even better fit for our j.v. team. We have mostly seventh and eighth graders on that team. They've been playing more competitive games so far this season."

The only Schmid Division teams who aren't trying in Division 5 are Springfield

International Charter School and Westfield Tech. Both of those schools are in Division 4.

Granby (4-3-2, 3-3), who has been competing in the Schmid Division during the past couple of years, also suffered a 3-0 loss at Monson at the beginning of September.

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Brady Ronaldson clears the ball away.



Austin Meacham gets ready to shoot.



Anthony Tulloch eyes an open teammate.



Benjamin Pignone advances up the field.



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Jake Beaupre reaches a leg out to stop the ball.



Isaac Somers takes possession of the ball.

SOCCER

Boys offense soars

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER – The weather might have been a little bit gloomy last Wednesday afternoon, but it was all sunshine for the Pathfinder Tech boys' varsity soccer team.

Led by senior Adonis Dupre, the Pioneers overcame an early 1-0 deficit to defeat the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School Dragons, 7-1, in a non-league home match.

"They scored an early goal against us, but we weren't really nervous about it," Dupre said. "We were able to take control of the game very quickly after that."

It turned out to be a very memorable afternoon for Dupre, who finished the home contest with a career-high four goals and two assists.

"I've never scored four goals in a game before," said Dupre, who recorded his first hat-trick in another one-sided home match against Drury High School last October. "I'm very grateful to have this opportunity to play for this soccer team."

Dupre is one of the four players listed on the Pathfinder Tech boys' varsity soccer roster who attends Palmer High School, which is located about a mile down the street. They're allowed to play for the Pioneers, who are coached by David Wilson and Joe Bouchie, as part of a co-op.

"I love playing soccer and I wish that we had our own soccer team at Palmer High School, but I'm very thankful for this co-op,"

added Dupre, who joined the varsity soccer team as a freshman. "When I was a freshman, I didn't realize that Palmer had a co-op with Pathfinder, so I joined the soccer team a couple of games into the season. I've improved a lot during the past four years."

The other three players from Palmer High School listed on this year's Pioneers varsity soccer roster are senior Jaleel Roman, junior Owen Pear, and freshman Abees Castillo-Clotter.

Dupre, Pear, and Roman are the Pioneers captains, along with junior Cayden Bousquet.

While the other three captains were selected by the coaching staff prior to the start of the regular season, Dupre was named as a captain before his team's road match against Bi-County East rival Ware on September 18. That match ended in a 2-2 draw.

During the winter, Dupre is a member of the Palmer boys' varsity basketball team, but soccer has always been his favorite sport.

The home victory against the Dragons improved the Pioneers overall season record to 3-4-1. They had gone 0-3-1 in their previous four matches, which were all played on the road.

The Pioneers have qualified for both the Western Mass. tournament and the Division 5 state tournament each year Dupre that has been a member of the varsity soccer team.

Roman and Matthew

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Athlete of the Week

Harper Brouillette
Palmer High School

The Palmer eighth-grader had a game-winning goal for the girls soccer team in a 1-0 shutout at Ware last week.

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



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Lainey Haley tries to score a steal of the ball. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Addyson Petraszewicz gets a header.



Evelynn Ladue maneuvers up the field.

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“This loss probably puts us out of contention for the league title,” said Granby head coach Todd Dorman. “The last time that we won a league title was in 2023. We also beat Monson in the Western Mass. finals that year. We’re still hoping to qualify for this year’s Western Mass. and the Division 5 state tournaments.”

When the MIAA released the Division 5 power rankings for the first time last Friday, Monson was ranked 17th and Granby was ranked 36th. The top 32 teams automatically qualify for the state tournament.

During the first ten minutes of last Tuesday’s match, the Rams had a pair of break-away shots, which were both taken by junior Brandon Carillon.

His first shot attempt skipped just wide of the goal.

Monson freshman goalie Mason Murphy (6 saves) managed to deflect the second shot on goal.

The Mustangs, who out-shot the Rams, 21-8, took a 1-0 lead in the middle of the opening half.

Senior Jake Beaupre dribbled the ball down the middle of the field. He then made a pass to senior Austin Meacham, who completed the scoring play by firing a shot

into the left corner past Granby senior goalie Daniel Santiago (11 saves).

The score would remain 1-0 until the start of the second half when the Mustangs scored another goal by senior Ben Pignone on a shot into the right corner of the net. It was assisted by sophomore Anthony Tulloch.

With five minutes remaining in regulation, Beaupre scored a goal, which was assisted by Meacham, giving the Mustangs a 3-0 advantage.

Murphy’s shutout bid came to an end when Carillon put a wide open shot into the back of the net for an unassisted goal with less than two minutes left.

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that Harper has scored a goal against Ware as a varsity player. I’m very happy for her.”

The Lady Panthers (2-4-1), who are members of the Pioneers North Division, had gone 0-4-1 in their previous five matches since posting a 2-0 shutout victory at Greenfield High School in the season opener.

“We’ve lost our previous two games by only one goal,” Sandoval said. “We’re a very young team and we’ve been slowly improving this year.”

It has been more than five years since the Lady Panthers suffered a loss in the rivalry series.

“All of the players on both teams grew up playing soccer with and against each other,” Sandoval said. “I don’t remember the last time that we lost to Ware in girls’ soccer. It always feels great to beat them, especially on their home field.”

While the Lady Panthers don’t have any seniors listed on their varsity roster, it was the final time that the three Ware seniors played a regular season match in the rivalry series. The Lady Indians three senior tri-captains are Isabella Cotaj, Olivia DiRienzo, and Madisyn Slattery.

“It’s very disappointing not to celebrate a win against your rivals, especially for the three seniors,” said Ware head

coach Morgan Toelken. “The three of them did the best that they could in tonight’s game. We just couldn’t put the ball into the back of the net.”

The Lady Indians, who are in the Pioneer South Division, had a 2-5 overall record following their fourth consecutive setback. They won back-to-back games against Hoosac Valley (2-1) and Springfield Central (5-1) at the beginning of the regular season.

Both teams had several scoring chances during the first 40 minutes of last Tuesday’s contest, but it was still scoreless at halftime.

The Lady Panthers put a lot of pressure on Ware junior keeper Emily Jones (18 saves) during the first ten minutes of the opening half. Jones received plenty of support from her defense led by freshman Naomi Torres, sophomore Molly McGrail, sophomore Amelia Orszulak, and junior Reaghan Jacobs.

Palmer freshman Anabelle Ladue had a shot attempt that sailed wide of the net and another one that deflected off the crossbar.

Palmer eighth grade goalie Cora Lachance only had to make five saves in posting her second career shutout in a varsity game.

“This is Cora’s first year playing for the varsity team and she’s still learning,” Sandoval said. “She’s been improving in every game, which

is very exciting.”

In the middle of the first half, Cotaj fired a shot from the right side, which was saved by Lachance.

The Lady Panthers had a very good scoring chance late in the half when junior Addyson Petraszewicz weaved around a couple of defenders before taking a shot which was saved by Jones, who made six of her saves during the first half.

Petraszewicz, who’s the only junior on the varsity team, is the Lady Panthers captain. She also anchors the defensive unit along with eighth grader Shiloh Kibbe, eighth grader Lainey Haley, and sophomore Lillian Pronovost.

Brouillette, who is the Lady Panthers leading goal scorer this season, had several shots on goal during the first 20 minutes of the second half. She finally broke the ice with a breakaway shot that sailed into the back of the net during the 67th minute.

“We had a lot of shots before Harper finally scored late in the second half,” Sandoval said. “She’s a very hard worker just like all the other players on the team.”

The only goal of the match was assisted by Ladue

The two rivals could face each other again in the Western Mass. tournament and in the Division 5 state tournament.



Anabelle Ladue heads up the field.



Adelynn Allard looks to pass.

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the event is about making resources visible and accessible. “We’re here to make sure the community knows about what’s available and to meet new faces, both from the public and from organizations doing similar work,” Maher explained.

The DART program, represented by Kathy Coutugno of the Northampton Health Department, has been a cornerstone of the event. “It’s just a great experience to come together in recovery, to receive resources, and to give something back to the community,” Coutugno said.

Groups ranged from traditional 12-step programs such as Narcotics Anonymous to faith-based initiatives like the Set Free Addiction Program, which has been running for 16 years out of Calvary Baptist Church in Easthampton. “It’s not about size; it’s about the effort to keep trying and reaching out to people who need support,” said their program leader.

The Recovery Center of Hope, led by Susan Daley in Ware, offered a wide array of peer-driven programs including art, cooking, open mic nights, trauma-informed yoga, and its popular “Flapjack Friday.” “Our center is community-led,” Daley emphasized. “It’s about members deciding what helps them heal.”

Statewide organizations also had a presence. MA Young People in Recovery, represented by Alex Condon, highlighted programs for individuals ages 18 to 27. “I’m early in recovery myself, and I just want to get involved

and be part of the community,” Condon said, reflecting the spirit of engagement that drew many first-time participants.

Other recovery and wellness providers included Empower Health Group of Northampton, Pioneer Behavioral Health of Longmeadow, and Belchertown Overcoming Adversity Together (B.O.A.T.), a coalition working with schools and prevention networks.

Beyond treatment and coaching, the event also celebrated wellness and creativity as vital components of recovery. Beyond Yoga and Wellness of Spencer offered Reiki, aura cleanses, and yoga demonstrations. Owner Ashley Bousquet said, “Wellness can take many forms, from goat yoga to sound healing. The important thing is showing people there are healthy ways to connect and feel supported.”

Vendors like Sabbylu Creations, Spirit Relics, and M3 brought deeply personal stories to their small businesses. Jennifer Sanchez-Karch of Sabbylu Creations shared how her brand’s name honors both her late daughter and mother. “I’m also in recovery,” she said. “For me, creating and sharing these items is part of giving back to the community.”

Similarly, Ariel Matthews of M3 explained that her husband, who is approaching 10 years in recovery, inspired their family’s faith-based outreach. “We want to show that recovery is possible and can be life-changing,” she said.

The Behavioral Health Network’s mobile methadone unit drew interest from



Nelson Amalbert of My Promo Buddy shares information about promotional support for recovery events.

attendees, offering a tour of the space where individuals receive individualized treatment with nursing staff. BHN representatives Keith McDonell, Christina Chavez, Lismel Luciano, and Taryn Valdez explained the program’s focus on accessibility and comprehensive care, including services for families and pregnant or parenting women.

Choice Recovery Coaching, founded by Paul Alves, also underscored a broader approach to wellness. “We support all pathways and celebrate all pathways to recovery,” he said. “Our role is to help people build the assets that sustain wellness...what we call recovery capital.”

Now in its fourth year, “Sober in the Park” has become a fixture in Palmer’s calendar, with its blend of education, wellness, and personal testimony. Organizers and participants alike emphasized that the event is about more than services; it is about community.

As Maher put it, “Every year, this event reminds us that recovery isn’t a single road. It’s a network of people, organizations, and experiences that together make healing possible.”



Susan Daley of the Recovery Center of Hope provides outreach and encouragement for those seeking recovery.



Bobby and Ariel Matthews of M3 Creations highlight their personal experiences in recovery while at their key-chain/bracelet making stand.



Alena Motta represents B.O.A.T. (Belchertown Overcoming Adversity Together), a program focused on resilience and recovery.



Jennifer Sanchez-Karch of Sabbylu Creations showcases handmade goods while promoting small-business connections in the recovery community.



Ashley Bouquette of Beyond Yoga and Wellness highlights her holistic approaches to healing.



Holly Seibert and Danni Cousineau of Pioneer Behavioral Health discuss available services and resources.



Edwin Suarez and CEO Paul Alves of Choice Recovery Coaching stand together to promote their peer-based recovery model.



Keith McDonell, Christina Chavez, Taryn Valdez, and Lismel Luciano of Behavioral Health Network gather in front of the mobile methadone lab, which brings services directly to communities.

Turley photos by Abigail McCoy

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Kenyon are the other two seniors listed on the Pioneers roster.

Because the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School doesn’t have a girls soccer team there are several girls listed on the boys varsity roster.

The visitors from Hadley took a 1-0 lead during the

eighth minute of the opening half when senior Aidan Betournay received a pass from junior Kai Petit-Darling before putting a wide open shot into the right corner of the net past freshman goalie Elijah Hodge, who made three saves.

Hodge was replaced by junior Gavin Peters (2 saves) during the 63rd minute.

In a span of two minutes, the Pioneers went from trailing

1-0 to taking a 3-1 lead.

Dupre began the scoring spree with a shot attempt that deflected off the hands of freshman goalie Grace Rachele (7 saves) into the right corner of the net tying the contest at one.

Junior Brody Wetnicka, who had been a defender, was a starting midfielder for the first time against the Dragons (2-4). He was credited with the

assist on Dupre’s first goal of the match.

About a minute later, Dupre fired another shot into the back of the net giving his team a 2-1 lead.

Then Castillo-Clotter, who assisted on the Pioneers’ second goal, scored the first of his two goals thirty seconds later. Dupre was credited with the assist.

The Dragons had a couple

of scoring chances late in the first half, but the Pioneers held a 3-1 halftime advantage.

Castillo-Clotter netted his second goal of the match, which was assisted by junior Ian Sauri-Neves, on a floater that landed in the left corner three minutes into the second half.

Then Dupre delivered a pass to Wetnicka, who blasted a shot into the back of the

net extending the Pioneers advantage to 5-1 during the 49th minute. It was also Wetnicka’s first goal in a varsity game.

Pathfinder Tech’s final two goals of the match were scored by Dupre, who entered this week’s action with a team-leading eight goals.

Roman, who assisted on Dupre’s final goal, scored four goals in the first eight regular season matches.

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In accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch 40A §10 & §11, the Wales Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **October 16th, 2025, at the Wales Senior Center at 5:30 p.m.** on the application submitted by Dipika Patel regarding the property at 67 Main St. in Wales. The applicant has applied for a special permit, seeking a change of use. The property is currently permitted for recreational use, the applicant wishes to change the use to a business use for a convenience/package store, in terms of the Town of Wales Zoning By-law Sec. 4. 2. The Town of Wales Zoning By-Law Sec. 4.2.2 states "A pre-existing non-conforming use or structure may not be extended, altered or changed except by a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any person interested and wishing to be heard of this application should refer to October 16th, 2025, agenda on the Zoning Board of Appeals page on the town website (www.townofwales.net). 09/25, 10/02/2025

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FY26 Cemetery Wall Repairs
Sealed bids, appropriately marked, for repairs to the masonry cap of the cemetery wall located at 35 Wales Road will be received by **Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 10:00AM**. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and

read on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 10:05AM, in the Brimfield Town Annex, Select Board Office, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA. The following items for Fiscal Year 2026 will be awarded by the Select Board on Monday, November 3, 2025 at their duly posted meeting.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 9:00AM on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 35 Wales Road to review the section of wall to be bid on. All prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Bid specifications will be available for pickup beginning September 29, 2025 at the Brimfield Highway Department, 34B Wales Road, Brimfield, MA from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday or by emailing the Chief Procurement Officer at selectboard@brimfieldma.org. All questions must be submitted in writing to the Chief Procurement Officer. All questions/answers and addendums will be distributed to all bid package holders.

Envelopes must be clearly marked **IFB2025CMTRY01 FY26 Cemetery Wall Repairs and include the bid opening date.** All bids must be submitted on the Town of Brimfield Bid form (included in the bid packet). No bids will be accepted after the time and date specified. Executed Certificates of Corporate Authority, Non-Collusion, Tax Compliance, Labor Harmony and OSHA Training must be included in all bid submissions. A bid deposit of 5% of the total estimated bid amount must be submitted.

Prevailing Wage Rates have been established by the Department of Labor and Industries under the provisions of provisions of Chapter 149, M.G.L., section 26-27D. Bids submitted for masonry are subject to the provisions of the Prevailing Wage law where applicable.

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Steve Phifer
Cemetery Commission Chair
Brimfield, MA 01010
cemetery@brimfieldma.org
10/02, 10/09/2025

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 25 SM 002814 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: **Heirs, Devisees, and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Lynne Haney a/k/a Lynne M. Haney, a/k/a Lynne Antil; Lisa M. Fleming; Julie M. Bouchard**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): **Nationstar Mortgage, LLC** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real prop-

erty in Brimfield, numbered 9 Laflame Road a/k/a 9 Laflamme Road, 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 and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **November 3, 2025** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on September 17, 2025.

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10/02/2025

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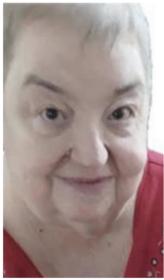
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Obituary

Evelyn Eva Beliveau

PALMER – Evelyn Eva Beliveau, 72, passed away September 25, 2025 at her home with her family by her side. She was born on June 16, 1953 in Springfield, Massachusetts to the late Noel and Louise (Scott) Lemire. Evelyn dedicated her life as a homemaker and caring for her family. Spending time with her family brought great joy and she especially enjoyed trips to Lake Placid alongside her husband, Gerry.



by her siblings, Linda Woods and Richard Lemire.

She will be dearly missed by her husband, Gerald "Gerry" Beliveau; her children, David, Joe and Eleanor Derosier; siblings, Randolph, Wayne and Noel Lemire, and Robin Page; as well as many extended family and friends.

Evelyn's services will be held at a later date. Her presence will be greatly missed and her spirit will continue to live on in the lives she touched.

Besides her parents, Evelyn was preceded in death

Lynn P. Cole

PALMER – Lynn P. Cole, born on July 3, 1970, in Holyoke, MA, departed this life on Sept. 21, 2025. She was the beloved daughter of Patricia (McCarthy) Cole and was preceded in death by her father, Roger Cole. Lynn grew up in the charming community of Three Rivers, where she cultivated her love for the outdoors. She proudly graduated from Palmer High School in 1988 and went on to begin her career by working at Mr. John's Barber Shop. Over time, she embraced an entrepreneurial spirit and took



the significant step of purchasing the business, continuing its legacy with passion and commitment and could be found solving the daily newspaper crossword puzzle between customers. Lynn had a deep love for the outdoors, often spending time fishing, riding her motorcycle, and going to the hill climbs. A devoted sports fan, she passionately cheered for all Boston teams, including the Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins, and Celtics. Lynn's affection for animals was evident in her close bond with her dogs, especially her

most recent companion, Bailey. In her personal style, she was often seen wearing her favorite cameo or tie-dye, reflecting her colorful spirit. Besides her mother, Lynn will be dearly missed by her sister, Laurie Manning and her husband, Bill, and was an adoring Auntie to her niece, Anjelina Korytko and her husband Brandon. A visitation will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, followed by a service at 11 a.m. Burial will take place in St. Anne's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Second Chance Animal Services, located at 111 Young Rd., E.Brookfield, MA 01515.

DEATH NOTICES

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Richard J. Solomon
Died Sept. 10, 2025
Services Oct. 19, 2025
Lombard Funeral Home

Janet M. Thompson
Died Sept. 29, 2025
Services Oct. 3, 2025
Lombard Funeral Home

Richard J. Solomon

MONSON – Richard Jay Solomon, of Monson, MA, passed away on Sept. 10, 2025, following several months of illness. He was 85 years old. Born in New York City to Alfred P. and Bessie Solomon, Richard was an only child and grew up in the Bronx. As a child,



he traveled by train with his parents, making early memorable journeys behind steam locomotives into the Catskills on the now long-forgotten New York, Ontario & Western. These and other journeys encouraged his lifelong passion for railroads, travel, and photography which earned him countless friends with whom he shared his interests. His love of railroads was not just a hobby but a way of seeing the world - one frame, one journey at a time. He passed this love of travel and railroads to his sons, Brian and Sean. Richard was married to Maureen Daniel in April 1965 and his family moved to Monson, Mass., on July 13, 1973.

Richard had a long and unusually productive career working as a magazine editor, transportation planner, research associate, and scientist. He was a visionary inventor looking to innovate, and he developed advanced communication and information technologies. Mr. Solomon was the co-author of the book *The Gordian Knot: Gridlock on the Information Highway*

(MIT Press 1997). Through the 1980s and early 1990s, he was a research associate at MIT's Media Lab and served on various U.S. delegations to the International Telecommunication Union to help establish HDTV standards, consulted for the U.S. State Department on telecommunications and HDTV, and was a consultant on information technologies to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris and the European Commission in Brussels. He held more than a dozen patents and patents-pending on high-density information storage, telecommunications, computer, Internet protocols and applications, and imaging devices. From the late 1990s, Richard was Senior Scientist at U-Penn studying the interfaces between super high-speed networking, electronic imaging, and the human perceptual system. Over the past decade, Richard had worked tirelessly as a partner in Creative Technology LLC in the development of high-density Write Once, Read Forever data storage. In 2019, this was tested by NASA on the International Space Station. In his spare time he and Maureen had been regular participants in the Monson Arts Council's annual art shows, while his railroad photographs have appeared in dozens of magazine

articles and books. He and Maureen loved to visit art museums and listen to concerts.

He will be remembered for his unusual intelligence, and countless hours spent sharing his knowledge of trains, photography, history and technology with friends, family, and fellow travelers, inventors and railroad enthusiasts.

Richard leaves his wife, K. Maureen (Daniel) Solomon and their sons, Brian D. Solomon and his wife Krista, Sean E. Solomon and his wife Isabelle M. Dijols; cousins, Ilene Pierz and her husband Michael Pierz, Elliot Lehman and his wife Christina Cioffero Lehman; in-laws, Penelope Orotolano and her husband Alexander, William R. Daniel and his wife Pam, Cornelia Daniel and her husband Jim Fay, Mark Daniel and his wife Cathy Smith, Kirby Anne Daniel and her husband Jim Alger.

Services have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home 3 Bridge St Monson, MA. A Gathering of Family and Friends will take place Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025 from 1-2:30 p.m. followed by a time of shared Reflections beginning at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made in his memory to a railroad preservation society or museum of your choice.

Richard's spirit will forever ride the trains he loved so much. For online condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

Janet M. Thompson

MONSON – Janet M. Thompson, 82, passed away on Sept. 29, 2025, at Baystate Wing Hospital, surrounded by the love of her family. Born on Oct. 25, 1942, in Worcester, Massachusetts, Janet was a proud graduate of Tantasqua High School in Sturbridge.



Janet dedicated 25 years of her life at Monson Developmental Center, where she made a significant impact before retiring in 2000 as a supervisor. Her commitment to her work was matched by her faith, as she was an active communicant of Bethany Charismatic Catholic Church in Brimfield. Janet served her church community as a Eucharistic Minister and a Lecter, and she was an enthusiastic participant in the Women's group.

In her leisure time, Janet was an avid fisherman and a proud member of the Quabbin Fisherman's Association, enjoying both ocean and freshwater fishing. She also cherished time spent at Cape Cod and the beach. While on the Cape she loved to go Lobstering with her husband. Janet was an avid reader and could often be found with a book in her hand. She will be fondly remembered for her red lipstick, which became her personal trademark.

Janet is survived by her loving husband, John B. Thompson; children, Lynn M. Corderia (David), Sharon A. Royer (Rick), Raymond F. Martell (Rose) and Eileen D. Withers (John); her brother, Edwin Blondin; and her sister, Louise Degrenier. She also leaves behind nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild.

Janet was predeceased by her parents, Edwin P. and Esterlene Blondin; her first husband, Walter F. Martell; and her brothers, James Blondin, Paul Blondin and sister, Ann LaCroix. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and cherished the memories they created together.

Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., Monson, MA has been entrusted with Janet's arrangements. Visitation will be held Friday, Oct. 3, 2025 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Lombard Funeral Home with a Funeral Service being held in the funeral home at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Bethany Cemetery in Monson.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Janet's memory to the Bethany Charismatic Catholic Church, P.O. Box 607 Palmer, MA 01069.

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