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HALLOWEEN

Gearing up for spooky season

Events planned in several communities

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REGION – Area kids have plenty of options for displaying their costumes and picking up candy this Halloween season.

In Monson, the town departments will host kids for an early trick-or-treating program on Friday, Oct. 30. From 1-4 p.m., individual departments and offices will welcome families into their buildings for the special festivities.

Votes will also be collected for the employee pumpkin contest.

“We are asking our local businesses on Main Street



Events throughout the area will provide plenty of seasonal fun.

Submitted photo

MONSON

House of Art to be moved to Arts Council

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MONSON – The Select Board recently announced that it will pursue transferring ownership of the House of Art to the town’s Arts Council.

At the Sept. 22 Select Board meeting, the town continued a previous discussion regarding a request for proposal for a lease for the House of Art, and compared it to an alternate proposal by the town’s Art Council.

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MONSON

Concert celebrates America’s 250th anniversary

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MONSON – Despite a rainy afternoon, guests showed up in big numbers for a celebratory concert at First Church of Monson.

On Sept. 27, the church held a special patriotic con-

cert, “Celebrate America’s 250th with Music.”

The event drew a large crowd eager to see a program led by Music Director Kiel Krommer and the church’s Music Committee.

Each 50-year segment of time throughout the nation’s history was celebrat-

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Submitted photos

Several instruments were featured at the concert.

Election letters must be received by Oct. 20

The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year’s state election by writing letters to the editor for publication.

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 by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 20 to be published in the Thursday, Oct. 22 edition. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

Letter writers need to provide their name and the town they reside in.

Please include a daytime telephone number (for verification purposes only) when submitting your letter. Your phone number will not be printed.

BRIMFIELD



Local golfers bring a little fun to the course with special attire.

Submitted photo

Golfing ‘fore’ a great cause

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BRIMFIELD – Area residents and businesses recently teamed up at the annual Hitchcock Golf Classic to raise funds for community programming.

For the sixth straight year, Hitchcock Academy hosted its annual golf tournament. Held on Sept. 19 at Chicopee Country Club, the event welcomed 84 players for lunch, 18 holes of golf, and dinner.

Established in 2021, the tournament offers a scramble format. Participants also en-

joy a variety of contests and a raffle featuring prizes donated by local businesses.

“Host Chicopee Country Club – with its rolling terrain, tree-lined fairway, and fast, sloping greens – is generally regarded as a fine championship course by area golfers,” read a statement released by Hitchcock Academy. “It has been touted as among the best public courses in Massachusetts – and one of New England’s top 100 golf courses.”

Business supporters of the tournament included Apple Barn Café, Cornerstone Bank, Servpro of Hampshire County, Red Collar Mobile Dog Grooming and Safety

Trainers, Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Inc., Noonan Energy Corp., and Southbridge Credit Union.

“We are so grateful to the businesses – small and large – who recognize the importance of our mission and work,” said Hitchcock Academy Executive Director Cindy Skowryra.

The tournament featured several groups of friends and families. Local participants

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Abigail Gunagan heads the ball forward.

Mackayla St. George lifts a pass away.

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SOCCKER

Warriors even record with wins

ISKDALE – Last week, Tantasqua Regional High School girls soccer evened up their record with wins of Leicester 3-2 at home and then on the road at Doherty High School 3-1 to improved to 3-3-1 for the regular season. Coming up, the Warriors will host Ludlow High School on Friday, Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

SOCCKER

Mustangs score first win

MONSON – Last Friday night, the Monson High School girls soccer team had a big game to get into the win column, scoring a 5-1 win over Lee. Audrey Gregoire and Jordyn Szado had two goals each in the game. Chelsea Hull added a single goal and Monson improved to 1-9. Despite the sub-.500 record, Monson is in prime position to make the state tournament thanks to a very difficult regular season schedule consisting of most games against teams in larger schools and higher divisions. Monson faces Granby on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 4 p.m. at home.



Madeleine Bachand makes a stop on defense.

Isla Czub looks to get the 50/50 ball.

Maeve O'Neil tries to keep the ball from going out of bounds.



Tessa Shelden is pursued by a defender.



Emma Peasturo tries to get the ball around an opponent.



Lylia Ellis sends a pass toward midfield.



Scarlett Lomme fights to keep possession of the ball.



Emma Maziarz takes on a pair of defenders.



Jordyn Szado takes the goal kick.



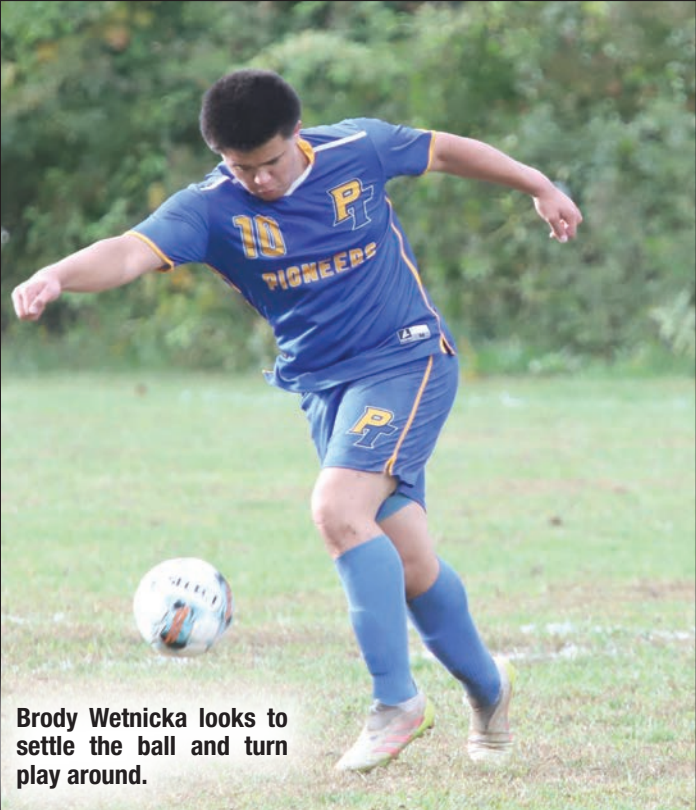
Owen Marion goes for a header.



Gianni Holland tries to play the loose ball.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
William Wright defends against an opposing player.



Brody Wetnicka looks to settle the ball and turn play around.

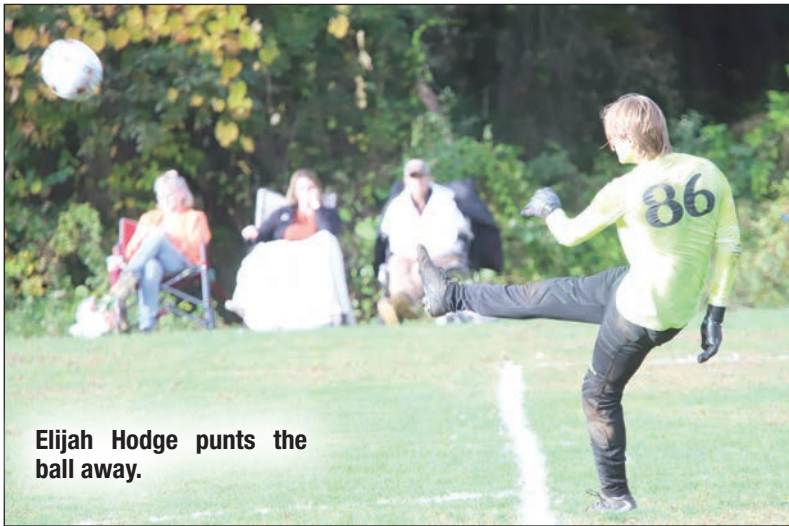


Owen Pear sends a free kick up the field.

SOCCKER

Pioneers fall at home, but rebound with pair of wins

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder boys soccer had a 5-1 loss at home against Southwick Regional, but rebounded to defeat Smith Vocational 2-1 and then Monson 2-0 last Friday night to improve to 7-2-1 overall on the season. The Pioneers were then off for six days before returning action on Thursday, Oct. 8 against the High School of Commerce at 4 p.m.



Elijah Hodge punts the ball away.