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PALMER

School Committee hears Student Council reports

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PALMER – At its Oct. 16 meeting, the School Committee heard reports from the high school and met the new Student Council from Old Mill Pond.

Old Mill Pond

Principal Holly Riopel, introduced Old Mill Pond School's student council, comprised of fifth and sixth grade students.

"Last year, our council was chosen by the teachers," Riopel said. "This year, with the help of both my Assistant Principals, they decided to implement an application process, which also included references."

The process required that they produce two references to speak to their character and leadership abilities. Riopel said that students who wanted to participate were asked to answer three questions: why they want to be part of the council; for a minimum of two positive changes they want to bring to the school; and two reasons why they should be elected.

"Once the paperwork was submitted, the names were redacted from me to make it fair for everyone," Riopel said. "I very much love that, because I actually didn't know. I had no history of who had submitted."

Riopel said that reading the "wonderful" responses was "delightful," and made the final determination. The four fifth graders and six sixth graders introduced themselves to the School Committee.

"This council is ready to kick off some wonderful ideas," Riopel announced. "Not only for Old Mill Pond, but for our community."

Riopel said that some of the

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Helene O'Connor (left), was identified as one of the leaders of the project, pictured with Barbara Stone, Virginia Masnicki, and Mary Ann Patenaude.

Turley photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Park Street School Reunion

Residents visit school to identify people in class photos

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PALMER – This weekend, the Park Street School brought in residents to see the enlarged class photos, and to try to identify former students.

Last Saturday, Oct. 19, residents were invited to Park Street for a reunion and to participate in the Class Photo Identification Project. The event involved raffles, games, and photo-ops, and gave residents the opportunity to explore the hallways and take a trip down memory lane.

"We're enjoying the day, seeing a lot of familiar faces, and many new faces," said Helene



The Park Street School is now home to local businesses, but originally was the learning place for students in grades 1-8.

O'Connor. "We've had a great response to people identifying friends and family in the pictures."

The reunion was part of a project with the Historical Society and the library to try to identify

students and teachers from 1890 through 1991. One of the attendees, Virginia Masnicki, was specifically recruited to help identify the students.

"Helene asked me if I would

be willing to come and do my work," Masnicki said. "I did not attend the school, but I'm an associate member of the historical society and I'm active at the library."

"I'm pretty good at identifying people who are either my parents' age, or, like these kids here," Masnicki indicated some of the kids pictured, "they were freshmen with me in high school. If there's an eighth-grade picture, they're not going to change that much."

O'Connor said that this is just the start of the project, and the library will be following up next week with a scanning day on Thursday, Oct. 24.

"We're asking people to bring in their Park Street photos," O'Connor said. "We'll scan them and they get to take them back, and they're going to continue getting names and eventually build

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MONSON

Board approves contract for town employees with union

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MONSON – At this Tuesday's Select Board meeting, the town voted on the state's election warrant, and on the contract negotiated with the town's union employees.

Select Board Chair John Morrell responded to comments made about the Town Administrator during public comments at the last meeting. His statements were echoed by Select Board Member Pat Oney.

"Complaints were addressed as they came in, and they were addressed by the then-Chair, in accordance with the opinion and directive of Town Counsel," Oney said. "Since I was the probably the Chair during most if not all of those complaints, I can say with absolute certainty that they were addressed, and as far as I know, it's been an extended period of time since any complaints have been filed, so I think at this point it's time to move on."

Oney added that it's "good for the town" to have three people on the Select Board that work well together and work with the Town Administrator. Select Board Member Peter Warren said he was "on board" with what his colleagues said.

"I was surprised, when I was first elected, and Jennifer had gone on vacation," Warren recalled, "she's texting me about business. I have an appreciation for that; I don't recommend it, I lived like that my entire life, and I gave up a lot of things for that."

The American Federation of State County Municipal Employee, we have a contract approval effective July 1 through June 30, 2027.

"The Select Board and the union bargaining team for the town

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PALMER

ConCom grants RDA to repave private roads near Lake Thompson

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PALMER – At this week's Conservation Commission meeting, a coalition of residents from the Lake Thompson area requested approval to pave some private roads in disrepair.

This Tuesday, Oct. 22, the commission held a hearing for a request to determine the applicability for activities associated with the repaving of Faragon Avenue and the southern portion of French Drive. This work is proposed to occur within the 100-foot buffer zone to an inland bank.

David Golden represented the neighbors of Faragon Avenue, and thanked Chair Donald Blais and Conservation Agent Jessica Ladin for setting up the meeting. He provided some history of the road.

"It started in 2017 when one of our neighbors on French Drive, Jan Garabedian, got extremely up-

set because of the condition of the roads, especially in front of her house where she couldn't drive her motorcycle anymore," Golden said. "She started a coalition and got the neighbors together to see what we could do."

Golden said that through subsequent meetings, this group of residents ran into a figurative

"The road had deteriorated so much, it wasn't a thing of just filling a pothole"

—David Golden

road block, because all three of the roads in question are private. The group contacted state legislators who confirmed there was nothing they could do, but negotiated with the DPW Director at the time about doing some patching.

"The road had deteriorated so much, it wasn't a thing of just

filling a pothole," Golden said. "There were pieces of that road all over the place, we were down to dirt."

Golden said that this group became more vocal at Town Council meetings about looking for a way to fix these roads. Then-Town Manager Ryan McNutt started a betterment program for the town's roads as a whole, but left when it was near completion.

Golden said that once Town Manager Brad Brothers took over the position, the group started presenting its case once again. He described Brothers, along with Town Council President Barbara Barry and DPW Director Matthew Morse visiting the site and talking about the condition of the road.

Golden said that it was recommended that the group pursue quotes, and that it may be better for the residents to fix the roads themselves, as the betterment program would be very expensive.

"We got three quotes, the cheapest of which was \$156,000 to do all three roads," Golden said.

Golden then said that when he

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SPORTS

Mustangs prevail over Palmer

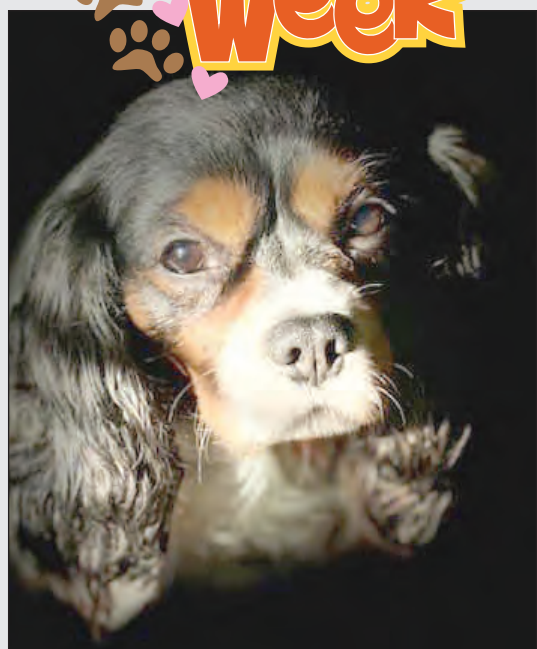


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Monson's Addison Peterson fights to keep possession from Palmer's Loretta Petraszewicz during the Mustangs 2-0 shutout victory. Story and photos on page 14.



Pet of the Week



RILEY

This is Riley, a six-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel from Palmer. He comforted Lynda Smith's husband after his liver transplant and even visited him in the rehab hospitals before he came home. We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to journalregister@turley.com.

Palmer property taxes due

PALMER— The Palmer Town Collector would like to remind all taxpayers of the following: Fiscal Year 2025 second quarter real estate and personal property tax bills are due and payable by Nov. 1.

The Tax Collector's office is accepting credit and debit card payments for property taxes either on the town website at www.townofpalmer.com or at the tax office. There is a sliding scale fee for each bill paid which is passed on to the taxpayer. The fee structure can be viewed on the town website.

If you are making on-line payments through your bank (EFT's), please set it up to have the check mailed directly to our office, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069. Do not use the lockbox address for this type of payment as no bill is included for processing.

Please call the Collector's office at (413) 283-2601 with any questions pertaining to tax payments. Office hours: Monday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday - Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday the office is closed.

DEADLINE

The Journal Register has changed its firm deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week's edition, email Editor at mharrison@turley.com or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays. We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

Happy Birthday

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Light Up Palmer

Halloween Decorating Contest Map 2024

Get ready to enjoy the festive spirit!
The driving map for the Halloween decorating contest is now available. Don't forget to check out all the spooky and creative displays! Click the QR code below to access this map.

Voting Information
The voting page will be live on or before October 24. Stay tuned for your chance to vote for your favorite decorations!

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Newly operational PFD municipal ambulance service

PALMER— Baystate Wing Hospital leadership and Emergency Department team members met with the Palmer Fire Department Ambulance Service team to celebrate the newly operational Palmer Fire Department municipal ambulance service. In support of the department's efforts and the important work

they do in the community, Baystate Wing Hospital provided a \$3,500 grant to the Palmer Fire Department to purchase an Automatic External Defibrillator.

"The Palmer Fire Department has historically assisted with many medical calls throughout the day, stepping in to provide care when Palmer Ambulance

has been occupied with other calls," said Lt. John Fitzgerald of the Palmer Fire Department. "As call volumes continued to rise, the department made the pivotal decision to establish a Basic Life Support service, enabling us to not only treat but also transport patients to the hospital."

"We truly value every aspect of our healthcare team, and I am thrilled that we're here today to thank the Palmer Fire Department ambulance service for their efforts to improve the quality and timeliness of care in the community of Palmer," said Karli Barrett, president of Baystate Wing Hospital.

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Christmas Fair in Belchertown

BELCHERTOWN— Mark a calendar, the St. Francis Christmas Fair is back. On Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the St. Francis of Assisi Annual Christmas Fair will return to 10 Park St. in Belchertown. The fair includes a giant basket raffle, a holiday crafts and gift bazaar, and a bakery featuring homemade goodies and gourmet coffee served in take-home holiday mugs. The Pine Room Café is serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include homemade soups, sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, chips, and a variety of beverages. Make a day of it, buy some raffle chances and select gifts from an assortment of offerings, join family and friends at this traditional Belchertown event.

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Join us for the Palmer Veterans Day Parade



PALMER—Let's come together to honor and celebrate brave men and women who have served in our nation's military. The parade will be held on Nov. 11, 2024 at 10:45 a.m. starting at Amvets, 2150 Main St., Three Rivers and culminating at Hryniewicz Park.
Enjoy a patriotic procession of local Veterans, the Palmer High School band and more.
A special ceremony will take place after the parade at Hryniewicz Park to honor our local heroes.
Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to show our veterans the appreciation they deserve.
If you are interested in marching in the parade contact Tina Brohman at 413-283-2610.

Psychic Medium leads attendees in Graveyard Stroll

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PALMER—Last weekend saw the debut of the Secret Graveyard Stroll, a Halloween-themed sight-seeing tour based right here in town.
Residents from all over the region are invited to step aboard Bygone Excursions's classic trolley to join renowned psychic medium entertainer, Gary McKinstry to embark on a chilling journey through one of the town's "oldest and most haunted graveyards." Led by candlelight, attendees will be treated to eerie stories, and are warned that they may "encounter spirits that still linger in the shadows."
"The Secret Graveyard Stroll starts in Palmer at Steaming Tender," said Scarlet Lamothe, owner of Bygone Excursions. "It's a guided path, we don't want to disturb anything."
Lamothe said that the guests get a battery-operated candle light for the tour, and that Bygone Excursions has worked with town departments, including the cemetery, highway, and police departments.
"Ever since we got Thirteenth World, this huge attraction to Palmer, we wanted to build upon tradition of Palmer's spookiness by bringing in more tourism to our area," Lamothe said.
Lamothe established Bygone Excursions in 2022, initially renting vintage cars before acquiring a trolley. She said she was inspired by traveling overseas and seeing how culture and history was celebrated in other coun-

tries, and decided to find a way explore the history and culture here in Western Massachusetts.
Lamothe was unwilling to share the locations that the tour will visit — "it's a secret tour," she said — but mentioned that the area is full of wineries, breweries, agricultural spots from small cheese farms to organic meat farms, steampunk, and "a lot of interesting and unique places right here in the commonwealth."
Tickets went on sale in June, and were originally only slated for Friday and Saturday. However, Lamothe said that they had to add a Thursday night show to keep up with demand.
"We're completely sold out," Lamothe said. "People are coming from all over the state to attend this event."
There are exactly 22 tickets available per tour, because the trolley seats 24 people and two seats are reserved for psychic medium Gary McKinstry and his wife Virginia, who Lamothe said are the people running the show.
"McKinstry will be telling some stories along the drive, and when we get to the actual location he does readings of stones and such," Lamothe said.
After the graveyard adventure, attendees depart at Steaming Tender Restaurant. Dinner at the restaurant is not included in ticket price.
Lamothe said that she hopes that next year, they will be able to offer more weeks of the event.
As the Facebook group said, "it's a night you won't soon forget, perfect for thrill-seekers looking for a ghostly good time."



EARLY VOTING BY TOWN

MONSON

MONSON— All Early Voting will take place at Town Office Building in the Public Meeting Room, 110 Main St. Monson. The hours will be:
Thursday, Oct. 24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Last day to register to vote.**
Monday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Last day for early voting.**
The polling location for Nov. 5 is Quarry Hill Community School, 43 Margaret St., the polling hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

PALMER

PALMER— Early voting will take place at the Palmer Town Clerk's Office, 4417 Main St., at the following times:
Thursday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Last day to register to vote for Nov. 5 election.**
Monday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BRIMFIELD

BRIMFIELD—In-Person Early Voting will be available on Saturday, Oct. 26, both days from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. This will take place at the Town Clerk's office in the Town Annex, 23 Main St.
Additionally, early voting is available on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., also at the Town Clerk's office. Appointments can be made with the Town Clerk for those that can not meet these early voting date, but have to be out of town on Election Day.
On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, please come to the Senior Center, 20 Main St. to vote. Polls are open from 7 am through 8 p.m.

WALES

WALES—Early voting takes place at Wales Town Offices, 3 Hollow Rd., Wales.
Thursday, Oct. 24 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - **Last day to register to vote.**
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Thursday, Oct. 31 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, Polls are open from 7 a.m. through 8 p.m. at Wales Senior Center.



Four fifth graders and six sixth graders introduced themselves to the School Committee at last week's meeting.

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suggestions include after-school activities and clubs, a clean-up program, a school garden, a nature club, and a Bus Driver Appreciation Day, as well as "a therapy dog to help calm down students," which Riopel emphasized was a direct quote.
"They want to stop wasting cafeteria food," Riopel said. "They want to help families in need of both food and clothing."
"These students in front of you want to have their voices heard," Riopel said. "They want to make a positive impact both for our school and also for our community."
Riopel then thanked the parents for the privilege of getting to know their students, describing them as "extremely kind and ambitious."
The committee members praised the wonderful ideas proposed by the student council.

High School

High school senior Madison Rathbone updated the committee about new developments at the high school and upcoming events.
"As we're already two months into the new school year, so many exciting things have occurred," Rathbone said.
Rathbone said that the school has started recognizing athletes of the week and spotlighting players on different

teams. Rathbone said that the football team is "headed in the right direction," and stated that they placed 16th in the state.
"This year, their team has developed into a passionate and hard-working team with only about 20 kids, going up against teams with as big numbers as 45," Rathbone said.
Rathbone also reported that the girls' field hockey team is 49th in the state, and said there are "many young players on their roster" who "have shown much growth throughout the season." She said that the girls' soccer team have placed 26th in the state and third in Western Massachusetts, and "have shown much growth throughout the season."
Rathbone also said that the Palmer/Pathfinder boys' co-op soccer team has a record of eight, four, and one, and features three members from Palmer High who "make a great impact."
Rathbone announced the upcoming Palmer vs. Ware football game on Nov. 2, with a parade, bonfire, and powderpuff game to be held on Nov. 1. Following the Nov. 2 football game will be the homecoming dance, from 7-10 p.m.
"From Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, the student council also put together Homecoming Week, which is a small Spirit Week," Rathbone said. "Each day, there will be a themed dress-up day. On Friday, we'll have our homecoming pep rally with a lot of fun activities, old and new."
The high school will have a half-day on Thursday, Oct. 31. Rathbone an-

nounced that the eighth grade will go to the Hanover Poetry Theater on Nov. 1
Rathbone also announced that the council will host the Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 7, with the cafeteria reserved for Santa's Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Rathbone confirmed that Santa will be there to take pictures.
"We have tons of local vendors who will be selling a variety of handmade items," Rathbone said. "There will also be tons of raffles that will have great prizes that people can win."
The eighth-grade class has a fundraiser set up for people to set up PHS signs in their or someone else's yard for 24 hours. Rathbone said that the council is planning a Hispanic Heritage Culture Event with dancers from different cultures and activities.
There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony on Dec. 8.

Veterans Breakfast honoring those who served

PALMER—A Veterans Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024 at 9 a.m. The Breakfast is free to all Palmer Veterans or surviving spouses and one guest. The breakfast will be held at the St. Thomas Parish Center, 1076 Thorndike St., Palmer.
The menu will be scrambled eggs, waffles, biscuits, gravy, hashbrown casserole, bacon, ham and fruit.
Please register by Nov. 7 by calling 413-283-2610.

THANKSGIVING REVIEW
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— Beth from Belchertown

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Viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Signing up for Social Security and Medicare Part B at 70

Dear Rusty

I just turned 69 years old in August 2024 and am still working full time. I signed up for Medicare Part A but, it is my secondary insurance because I have great health insurance through where I work.

My wife is retired and has Medicare Part A but, is on my insurance also and she is taking Social Security.

Our plan is for me to work until August 2026 when I'll be 71. I'll file for Social Security when I turn 70 and bank all of it for a year until I retire. That is money we plan to use for travel and fun things. I have three questions: when should I file for my Social Security so it starts in September; when do my wife and I file for Medicare Part B with a supplement so it starts in September; and are there negative tax implications to this plan that I haven't thought of?

Signed: Needing Info

Dear Needing Info

Sounds like you have a great strategy planned for your personal Social Security benefits and your Medicare Part B enrollment for both of you. To your questions:

If you will be 70 in August 2025, you can apply for Social Security about three months prior e.g., in May 2025. Just be sure to specify that you wish your SS benefits to start effective with the month of your 70th birthday.

Signing up a few months early is perfectly okay; you will indicate your desired benefit start date on your application and that is when SS will start your benefits. Remember, SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned, so your first payment will be received in September 2025 on the second Wednesday if you were born before the 11th of the month.

As for Medicare Part B coverage for you and your wife, both of you can enroll in Medicare Part B a couple of months prior to you leaving work, but request that Medicare Part B coverage starts in the month your work coverage ends. In other words, you can enroll in Medicare before you retire from work, but request that your Part B coverage starts in the first month your employer coverage ends to avoid any gap in healthcare coverage. Obviously, you should begin your private supplemental healthcare coverage to coincide with the start of your Medicare Part B coverage.

Regarding the tax implications, just be aware that a portion of your received Social Security benefits become taxable income if your Modified Adjusted Gross Income as a married couple exceeds certain thresholds. FYI, "MAGI" is your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return plus 50% of your received SS benefits, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

If you file your taxes as "married/jointly" and your MAGI is more than \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you receive during the tax year becomes taxable income or if your MAGI as a married couple is over \$44,000 then up to 85% of the SS benefits received during the tax year becomes taxable income at your normal IRS tax rate. Income tax on SS benefits occurs when your MAGI is over the thresholds for your tax filing status, so you should plan accordingly.

If your MAGI will be consistently over these thresholds after you retire from working, you may choose to have income tax withheld from your SS benefits, which is easy to do by submitting IRS FORM W-4V to your local Social Security office.

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Pretty leaves make great mulch and more!

Even though we thought it was going to be a year of drab fall foliage, the colors this past weekend surprised me.

I saw so many neat plants doing their thing in response to the shorter days. When chlorophyll is broken down as a result of less daylight, lots of other colors take the place of green in the leaves.

We have our oranges and yellows from the carotenoids, the purple and red shades from the anthocyanins and the rusts and browns from tannins, and then there are plants that look ghost-like because the green color is just plain gone!

Besides enjoying great foliage, I saw the start of some very large leaf piles. I know that raking up fallen leaves are not everyone's favorite task, but gardeners should rejoice!

Read on to learn about the many uses of leaves, straight from the archives.

Consider for a moment the forest, and how stands of trees grow successfully without any input from us. Why is that so?

It is thanks to nature's own process of decomposition. Leaves, branches, and pine needles, etc., fall onto the forest floor where microbes such as fungi and bacteria break them down into humus.

Humus works between the mineral particles and air spaces in the soil, helping it to retain moisture yet drain readily. It also helps to enhance overall soil fertility by making nutrients available to plants in a form they can readily use.

Worms and other macro-organisms aerate the soil and disperse the humus around plant roots, making a self-perpetuating system. We can apply this lesson from nature to our own situation, making for more successful gardens and healthier lawns, and all by the use of leaves!

Perhaps the easiest way to deal with a small amount of leaves is to mow over them several times with the lawn mower. Soon the tiny pieces will disappear into the soil adding valuable nutrients as they break down.

The lawn mower also comes in handy after piles have been made. Mow over low piles or chop them up with a shredder, then they can be used for a variety of purposes.

Once the soil has frozen, chopped leaves make an excellent protective winter mulch for any type of garden. They won't mat down and rot the crowns of your favorite perennials the way whole leaves might, but they will moderate soil

temperatures enough to prevent them from being heaved out of the ground during normal cycles of freezing and thawing.

When spring arrives just pull back the mulch off the tops of the plants. It can stay in place covering bare soil, all the while conserving moisture, preventing weeds, and making humus!

If the "natural look" is unappealing to you apply a thin coat of bark mulch over chopped leaves to dress things up a bit. Repeat this drill every year for your own self-perpetuating garden.

You can also incorporate chopped leaves right into the vegetable garden each fall. The use of a rototiller makes this job a snap.

Most will have decomposed by spring, but till the garden again a month or so before planting to finish the job.

Chopped leaves make a great addition to the compost pile.

Layer brown, carbon rich ingredients (such as chopped leaves) with green, nitrogen rich ingredients (such as grass clippings, vegetable scraps, non-weedy plant parts) together to get the pile cooking. Add a shovel full of garden soil or finished compost per layer to inoculate it with microbes and water well.

Let the pile sit for a year or turn it frequently for faster results. Compost is a near neutral source of humus, a well-balanced fertilizer and soil tonic, good for all types of gardens and even the lawn.

If you are too busy to layer and shredding sounds like a messy job, simply pile the leaves, moistening as you go. The resulting leaf mold is another healthy addition to the garden.

Research has proven that members of the cabbage family respond especially well to this type of humus. Keep in mind that oak leaves are more acidic than other leaves of trees native to our area.

If you use more of these in any of your gardening situations, adjust liming accordingly.

So get out the rake and improve your landscape!!

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in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



Why was my insurance claim denied?

The envelope that comes in the mail is labeled something like "important insurance document" or "information about your coverage." You open the envelope to find those two dreaded words: "Claim denied." Or sometimes five: "Notice of denial of payment."

If they're going to remain in business, insurance companies have to be very careful to follow the terms of your coverage. After all, if they paid every claim, they would soon go broke.

That said, Medicare, Medicare Advantage and commercial insurers do make mistakes based on incomplete or inaccurate information and other factors. As a private patient advocate, I often go to bat for my clients when claims are denied or underpaid. Appealing insurance denials is all in a day's work for us.

There are things you can do to eliminate common reasons for denial and improve the odds of having an appeal approved. Here are the top seven reasons for insurance denials, and what you can do to avoid or address them:

1. Prior authorization was required.

In some instances, procedures like MRIs and CT scans are included on the pre-authorization list. If a procedure is going to be performed and you are unclear if prior authorization is needed, ask your doctor's office to contact the insurance company and provide the appropriate documentation. Prior authorizations create paperwork headaches for medical practices; you can help by looking at the terms of your coverage to see if prior authorization is needed.

2. Information was missing or incorrect

Human beings make mistakes. A claim may be denied because the person who submitted the claim misspelled your name, gave a wrong member ID number or used the incorrect diagnostic code. You won't be able to review the claim submission, but if you do get a denial, call the doctor's office and ask them to review the claim for errors.

3. Claim was filed too late

Medicare claims must be filed within 12 months of when the service is provided, or the patient is on the hook for the entire bill. Your doctor's office will see to this (they want to get paid, after all!), but if you're responsible for filing the claim, don't wait too long.

4. Services were not covered.

It's likely a doctor's office will be generally familiar with what's covered and what's not under Medicare or Medicare Advantage, but it's a good idea – before a procedure is performed, if possible – to look at your benefits document to ensure it's covered, for how much, and if you will be responsible for a copay or co-insurance.

5. Provider is out of network.

If you have Medicare and a Medicare supplement, you can see any provider who accepts Medicare assignment. It's a different story with most Medicare Advantage plans and HMOs, which keep their costs in line by limiting patients to certain doctors and facilities. The list of in-network providers on your insurance company's website may or may not be up to date. When in doubt, check with the doctor's office itself or call your insurance provider.

6. Services were not medically necessary.

This is maddening. Why would your doctor have you undergo a procedure or take a medication that wasn't necessary? Generally, medical necessity is defined as any reasonable service, procedure or treatment that will reduce the effects of an illness or condition, prevent the onset of a condition or aid in regaining full functional capacity. These denials may be reversed on appeal when the doctor submits evidence of medical necessity.

7. Patient was in "observation status."

Just because you're staying overnight in the hospital doesn't mean you're an in-patient. Until your doctor orders your admission, you will be considered an out-patient and in "observation status," which may impact your insurance coverage. After 24 hours under observation, you are required to receive a Medicare Out-patient Observation Notification (or MOON) that will tell you why you're still an out-patient. You or a representative need to speak with the doctors or the hospital's patient advocate to ascertain whether you should be admitted or discharged. Patient advocates are often called in when this situation arises so they can discuss the patient's condition with hospital staff and obtain the correct treatment.

I always make sure I know what is going to be covered before I undergo a procedure, the doctor's office staff should submit everything beforehand. In the hospital, always ask your care manager if there are any non coverage issues. Patients have a right to know.

Filing an insurance appeal is an arduous, time-consuming task that may not provide you the results you want. By doing some legwork up front, you can minimize the chances of a denial.

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Week History Oct. 25

King Henry V, depicted at Oct. 25's Battle of Agincourt during the Hundred Years War by Harry Payne.

This Week in History

REGION – A look back through history at the momentous anniversaries this week.

On Oct. 23, in 1983, suicide bombers drove trucks carrying explosives into the barracks of U.S. Marines and French paratroopers in Beirut, killing 241 U.S. servicemen and 58 French troops.

On Oct. 24, in 1945, the charter for the United Nations, the world's premier international organization, was established at the end of World War II.

On Oct. 25, in 1415, the English army, led by Henry V, defeated French forces in the Battle of Agincourt during the Hundred Years' War.

On Oct. 26, in 1881, a feud between brothers Wyatt, Virgil, and Morgan Earp and an outlaw gang led by Ike Clanton escalated into a gunfight at O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona Territory.

On Oct. 27, in 2014, Taylor Swift released 1989, which was a blockbuster hit and won the Grammy Award for album of the year.

On Oct. 28, in 1886, President Grover Cleveland dedicated the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States, on Bedloe's Island, later Liberty Island, in Upper New York Bay.

Finally, on Oct. 29, in 1956, Israel's army attacked Egypt in the Sinai Peninsula in a fight for control of the Suez Canal area.

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Palmer Senior Center

Highlights for November

Nov. 2 - Craft Fair - Come see all the vendors and what they have to offer. Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping. Food will be available. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Nov. 4 - Evening Dinner - Celebrate our Veterans Dinner - Beef stew w/bread, apple crisp. Tina Brohman will be here to speak on benefits. 5:30-7 p.m. Suggested donation of \$3.00 is appreciated (Veterans eat free) All welcome

Nov. 4 - Outreach Appointments - Evening appointments will be available to complete fuel assistance applications or Medicare open enrollment changes. Please call Cindy 413-283-2670 x2 to schedule an appointment.

Nov. 6 - Hockey Game - Springfield Thunderbirds - Ticket \$8, donation for bus \$2, hotdog and soda \$3 total \$13. We will leave at 9 am from the center. Limited seats available

Nov. 8 - Build a birdhouse or feeder with Justin - space is limited

Nov. 11 - Closed for Veterans Day

Nov. 12 - Lunch Bunch - Farmer Matt 860 West Brookfield RD, New Braintree. Outside tables subject to change due to weather. We will leave the center at 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 13 - Lunch & Learn - Anna from Luso Federal Credit Union will be here to discuss Banking 101, Types of ac-accounts, loans, red flags and much more.

Nov. 14 - Greeting Cards with Marlene - Make hand made greeting cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas

Nov. 15 - Trip to Springfield Armory w/Justin - The Armory has the largest collection of historic American firearms.

Nov. 18 - Marathon Bingo - \$10 for 4 cards, coffee and pastries served in the morning (if available), lunch will be served.

Nov. 18 - Evening program - Craft Puzzle Wreath

Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving Celebration - \$2 suggested donation, please sign up early

Nov. 21 - Memory Café

Nov. 22 - Movie "A Good Person" - Daniel is brought together with Allison, the once thriving young woman who was involved in an unimaginable tragedy that took his daughter's life. Together they discover that friendship, forgiveness, and hope can flourish in unlikely places.

Nov. 25 - Bake & Take - Mini-Apple Crisp

Nov. 28 & 29 - Closed

Nov. 30 - We are open for "Light up Palmer" 3-6 p.m. Cookies and Cider

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 6, 2024 - Annual Christmas Party - Turkey dinner served family style. Cost is \$10 non-refundable, sign up and payment in full due Nov. 12.

Dec. 8, 2024 - The Center at Eagle Hill presents "A Charlie Christmas" at 2 p.m. Cost \$10 plus \$2 for transportation, total \$12. Space is limited.

We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots starting in November.

Violinist's Story of Music, Medicine, and Healing

Submitted by Baystate Health

PALMER—Linda Newland, a violinist who lives in Monson, MA was settling down for a relaxing evening on a warm summer night. Then the unthinkable happened.

"My husband John and I had finished our showers and were looking forward to a movie in bed," Linda recalls. "As I stood by the closet, I thought, 'Strange! I don't have any feeling in my right arm and leg. Something temporary, maybe. I think I'll try walking across the room.' Total disaster! I went down like a rock."

John was right there, leaning over me, and said, 'Can you get up?' My lips moved, but no words came. 'Can you talk?' he asked. I shook my head. Scooping me up to the bed, he grabbed the phone and dialed 911, with shock and disbelief on his face. 'My wife is having a stroke,' he said. 'How long ago did this happen?' the person on the 911 line asked. 'She's having it now,' John replied. After answering a couple more questions from EMS, he managed to get me into my pajamas while I used my left arm to help put the lifeless right arm into the sleeve."

Emergency medical service (EMS) providers working in the community have a protocol for alerting the Emergency Department (ED) about a suspected stroke. When the EMTs arrived at Linda Newland's home, they made a quick assessment, and the team notified the Emergency Department at Baystate Wing Hospital that they were coming in with a patient suspected to be having a stroke. The care team in the ED quickly called a Stroke Alert and readied to care for Linda.

"It wasn't long before two angels from the EMS team were there, lifting me and somehow getting me down the stairs and into the ambulance," Linda says. "John drove behind them as the EMT, Lisa Hamill, tested my reactions: left side, OK; right side, nil. Then we arrived at Baystate Wing's Emergency Department, where more angels took over my treatment while discussing the situation with John."

Stroke is the fifth-leading cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts. When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood and oxygen it needs, so brain cells die. The entire team at Baystate Wing works closely with area EMS providers to immedi-

ately evaluate a patient with suspected stroke symptoms once they arrive at the hospital to expedite care, knowing that every minute counts.

"We are fortunate that Linda's husband recognized her concerning symptoms and immediately called for help, and our EMS team was then able to get her to us as fast as possible," says Dr. Michelle Holton, the Emergency Department physician who cared for Linda. "Once Linda arrived and we were able to evaluate her, it was clear that she was a perfect candidate for thrombolytics, more commonly known as clot busters. For many patients, symptoms such as slurred speech, slight arm or leg weakness, significant dizziness, facial droop, and difficulty speaking, among others are attributed to other things or are ignored, and patients frequently present too late for us to intervene aggressively. This is why it is so important that these symptoms are taken seriously. We were so fortunate to be able to intervene quickly for Linda and to see her regain the function that she has."

A CT scan confirmed that Linda met the criteria for acute stroke treatment and TNK (tenecteplase), was given. TNK is a medication that can quickly dissolve the clots that cause many strokes. By opening a blocked blood vessel and restoring blood flow, TNK can reduce the damage to the brain that occurs during a stroke. To be effective, TNK and other drugs like it must be given within a few hours of the stroke symptoms beginning.

The TNK worked quickly. Linda smiled as she found she could lift her right leg and arm a little. When Dr. Holton discussed a further procedure with Linda's husband John, he immediately gave his approval, and Linda was taken by helicopter to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield for a thrombectomy, the surgery to remove the blockage in her artery and restore normal blood flow to her brain.

"With John's permission, they loaded me onto a helicopter, and I was on my way to a miraculous procedure," says Linda.

Linda arrived at Baystate Medical Center where she was cared for by neuroendovascular physician Dr. E. Jesus Duffis, and stroke neurologist Dr. Heydi Flores-Podadera.

"I was the neurologist on call and talked to Dr. Holton, then jumped to the video where we were able to assess Linda, give the thrombolytic and decide need for transfer and intervention," said Dr. Flores-Podadera. "Linda's care



Linda Newland

happened very quickly and efficiently. The goal for thrombolytics and the procedure known as a thrombectomy, is to obtain better functional outcomes in the next three months. Sometimes we see amazing results similar to Linda's: she had great improvement very soon after the procedure and a complete recovery. These better results depend on many factors, but definitely, rapid recognition and 911 activation play a very important role."

A thrombectomy involves anesthetizing the patient and then inserting a thin, metallic, stent-like device into an artery in the leg. The neuroendovascular specialist then threads the device up to the blockage in the brain, where it opens to immediately restore blood circulation, eventually grabbing onto the clot and pulling it out. Until recently, clot-busting treatment was the only proven therapy to treat ischemic stroke. Now doctors nationwide are performing this advanced procedure, which has transformed care for those with an acute ischemic stroke. In western MA, the procedure is performed exclusively at Baystate Medical Center's state-of-the-art neuro-interventional laboratory.

"When I woke up at Baystate Medical Center, a smiling nurse put me through a test: 'Can you move your right leg? Your right arm? What is your name? Date of birth?' says Linda. "Then my beloved John was there, leaning over me as I spoke as well as I could through the oxygen mask. 'Well, we can take that off, now, so you can make out what she is saying,' the nurse said. As I formed some words, joy, and relief transformed John's face. I was back again! 'She'll speak better tomorrow morning,' the nurse said, 'but we'll

wake her every hour tonight to check on her.' "Well worth the effort," I thought."

Early stroke detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability, and accelerating recovery times.

"The physician who gave me the MRI after my thrombectomy, marveled that in all the years they'd been giving MRIs, they'd never seen such a minimal amount of damage with a major stroke," recalls Linda. I told John to go home and sleep, and the nurse heartily concurred, cautioning him against emotional collapse after the stressful night. He had been central to my quick treatment. If he hadn't been right with me at the time of my stroke, it would have been a sadder story. I'm forever grateful to all involved in my recovery. Every day is a gift from that devoted crew."

As soon as I got home, four days after the surgery, I picked up my violin," recounts Linda. "I can do it! Yes! Right arm, right hand, left hand - they all work! My life is back." A few days later, I started giving online lessons, and the week after that, I began teaching all 25 of my precious students in person again. My heartfelt thanks to all who made all these things possible."

Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer and Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, where Linda received her care, has received the Get with the Guidelines - Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association for their commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines, leading to more lives saved and reduced disability. In addition, Baystate Wing also received the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes™ Honor Roll award. Target: Type 2 Diabetes aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up to date- evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

"We are grateful to our care teams at Baystate Wing Hospital and Baystate Medical Center who drive our success in delivering the very best care to our patients," says Karli Barrett, MS, RN, NE-BC, vice president and chief nursing officer/chief administrative officer of Baystate Wing Hospital. "This is an example of our team's hard work and commitment to providing the highest quality of care in the many communities served by Baystate Health."

Weeklong food drive benefits Margaret's Pantry

HOLYOKE - The Wealth Transition Collective, a financial planning firm out of Holyoke, recently announced it will host its 4th annual weeklong food drive, beginning Monday, Nov. 11 through Friday, Nov. 15, to benefit Margaret's Pantry in Holyoke in honor of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

Since the start of this event, they have raised over 4,000 pounds of food and monetary donations of over \$7,500. Individuals can drop off non-perishable and canned foods during business hours (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) at their office at 1632 Northampton St.

Weather permitting, there will be a drop-off table outside the front door for easy accessibility.

Some of the most-needed items at the pantry during this time of year are stuffing mixes, canned good like gravy, soups, stews, baking mixes, frosting, syrup, salad dressing, condiments, Jello, and kids snack items.

Margaret's Pantry, a division of Providence Ministries for the Needy, is a full-service food pantry that has provided food to residents of Greater Holyoke for more than 30 years. Presently, the pantry provides food to more than 180 families each month, and approximately 72,000 meals a year are distributed to the needy in the community.

"We feel very fortunate to be in a position to make a difference in the

community by supporting the efforts of organizations like The Providence Ministries for the Needy" said Greg Sheehan, CEO of the Wealth Transition Collective in a press release.

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FCC has opportunities for local youth

MONSON—The First Congregational Church of Monson has two upcoming opportunities for youths in local communities. The community faith-based youth group, Youth United is hosting, Red Carpet Dance at the First Church, 5 High St., Friday Nov. 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This event is just like any other kick-but dance, except attendees should come dressed to impress. There will be a request list upon arrival so attendees can have their favorite songs played, along with the opportunity to vote on the theme for the next dance. Admission is \$7 which includes one free snack. This dance is for grades 7-12. Never fear, younger ones, there will be another dance opportunity occurring in the winter which will include 4-6th graders.

Starting Nov. 3, the First Congregational Church of Monson is hosting "Community Choir" for youths grades 6-12. Participants will have 5-6 performance opportunities including an end of the year showcase in May. This isn't just any choir. Alison Weber, Youth Music director and Erin Wallace assistant strive to inspire and empower participants through relevant, current, and positive music. Participants do not need to have any musical background. Learning basics is built into the program. "We have a chance to be creative and offer a unique opportunity for kids' voices to be heard. We really want the kids to be a part of the creative process and to help build beautiful moments for listeners," said Wallace. To register or ask questions about this program call or text Erin Wallace 413-668-7284 or the First Church Office at 413-267-3312. Register using the link <https://forms.gle/sxXaWhGysKLx591z9> On-going regular rehearsals are Sundays 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Participants will receive a schedule with performance dates at the first rehearsal.

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Historical markers are back in Brimfield

BRIMFIELD—The Brimfield Historical Commission is proud to announce the return of its historical plaque program. Any property that is listed in Brimfield's 1994 Inventory of Historic Properties is eligible to purchase an historical marker for their building. The oval plaques are made of long-lasting aluminum and are approximately 18" x 12" with cream graphics on a dark green background. The typeface is electra. The plaque will display the name of the original owners or builder associated with the structure along with the year it was built and the street address or other identified historic area.

Please contact the Historical Commission at historical@brimfieldma.com to check if the property meets the eligibility requirements and to request an order form. Markers are custom ordered and cost \$65.

Quilt show/sale and sewing sale opens next weekend

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown United Church of Christ Quilt Show & Sale with Sewing Tag Sale will be held on Friday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Entry is \$5 and free for children under 12 years. This is the church's 13th year of offering up "sewing everything" to shoppers. There will be fabric, trim, yarn, sewing tools and even a couple of sewing machines will be available.

The Sewing Tag Sale will continue on through the following week Oct. 28-Nov. 1 from noon-6 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m.-noon (no entry fee that week).

The church, located at 18 Park St., is handicapped accessible, and the lift is located through the side door of the church.

23 Rescued Dogs Find Forever Homes

Work Continues for Second Chance with More Dogs from Same Rescue Mission

EAST BROOKFIELD—Second Chance Animal Services is pleased to announce that 23 small dogs rescued earlier this month from an overwhelmed owner have all found their forever homes. Seven of these dogs are in foster-to-adopt arrangements as they complete ongoing veterinary care. However, the work is far from over, as the nonprofit has just taken in four additional dogs from the same case that were initially thought to have placements, including one with significant medical needs.

Among the new arrivals is 8-year-old Esmeralda, a timid dachshund mix. She came to Second Chance under-socialized and fearful, but her gentle nature is starting to emerge. Esmeralda required surgery to repair a large hernia during her spay, and pre-surgical bloodwork revealed she is heartworm positive. Her treatment for heartworm, which can take 9-12 months, will be followed by a dental procedure. Her care alone is expected to total nearly \$2,500.

The rescued dogs, a mix of Maltese, Poodle, Yorkie, and Shih Tzu breeds, were brought in under urgent circumstances. Thanks to the generous support of the community, they quickly received the medical attention they needed. All but one dog have been spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and treated for other medical issues. These once-neglected dogs are now on the path to healthier, brighter futures.

"We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support from our community," said Lindsay Doray, Chief Development Officer of Second Chance. "Because of your generosity, the original group of dogs are settling into new homes. Your donations made this possible, and we truly can't thank you enough."

While celebrating the progress made, Doray emphasized that the need for help continues. "The total cost to care for these dogs exceeded \$15,000. This case reminds us just how critical ongoing support is to our mission. Donations ensure we can continue providing life-saving medical care, shelter, and hope for pets in crisis, like Esmeralda and like Moana, who is awaiting specialized surgery for cherry eye."

Doray urged the community to continue supporting their work. "Your donation today will help us be ready for the next emergency, ensuring every pet in crisis gets the second chance they deserve."

To make a contribution to support the animals still in Second Chance's care and help prepare for future rescues, visit www.secondchanceanimals.org/23_dogs.

About Second Chance Animal Services: About Second Chance Animal Services

Second Chance Animal Services is a nonprofit animal welfare organization founded in 1999. Second Chance began as an animal shelter and grew to help more pets in need. Today Second Chance operates Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield,



Drizella and Esmeralda



Esmeralda after undergoing a hernia repair during her spay surgery. She will face heartworm treatment and a dental procedure before she can be adopted.

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Historical Society presents 'Finding William Lewis'

STURBRIDGE – The Sturbridge Historical Society presents "Finding William Lewis [1819-1897], The Everyday Life of this Singular Man", on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Publick House

Based on an extraordinary archive of personal journals, life-long historians Christie Higginbottom and Bruce Craven bring their deep understanding of time and place to the story of William Lewis. This is the story of a man who lived in central Massachusetts and evolved from tanner to peddler to farmer, from youth to family man, from transient to rooted in community.

The program provides an intimate examination of one man's struggle to find his place in 19th century New England village life. As specialists in early New England social history and agriculture, the authors are able to provide rich contextualization to the 59 years' worth of journals, account books, and business records.

These materials provide for a rich narrative of a life with details that are often completely lost to history.

Craven and Higginbottom have worked at Old Sturbridge Village for over 40 years. Craven coordinated the agriculture program and designed museum exhibits and Higginbottom coordinated the horticulture program and worked as research historian for horticulture and landscape.

They will have their book, "Finding William Lewis", available for sale.

The program, which starts at 7 p.m., is free and open to the public, and generously hosted by Publick House.



Campaign to elect Anthony Allard for Mass. State Senate

MONSON – Anthony Allard of Monson is running for State Senate of Hampden and Worcester District which covers Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Sturbridge, Charlton, Southbridge, Douglas, Dudley, Hopedale, Mendon, Millville, Northbridge, Oxford, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, Webster and Blackstone.

Allard states, "I'm a working-class union construction worker who calls this community home."

"I grew up one of ten children. My mom was a police officer and my father was a truck driver. They instilled in me the values of family, hard work, and public service."

"Ryan Fattman has changed," Allard said. "He's become just another divisive career politician. He's been found guilty of breaking the law, chooses to ignore his constituents, and has turned into the most extreme elected official in Massachusetts."

"If you elect me as State Senator of this District, I promise to be a highly ethical elected official who will be responsive to the needs of all communities and constituents I represent. Together we will fight for lowering the cost of living. Let's fight for funding for our roads and transportation options, let's invest in our schools, let's protect LGBTQ+/Women's rights, and I will fight for you."

Allard asks residents to vote for him on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Rare book specialist at Hitchcock Academy

BRIMFIELD— Kenneth Gloss, internationally known rare book specialist and appraiser who runs the Brattle Book Shop in Boston, will give an in-person and virtual presentation for the Hitchcock Free Academy in partnership with Friends of Historic Brimfield, 2 Brookfield Road, on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 4 p.m. Gloss will talk about the "improbable finds" of his decades-long career and discuss the value of old and rare books. The event is free and open to the public. Gloss, who is frequently seen on national TV, will talk in part about the history of his historic bookshop (www.brattlebookshop.com/about), which goes back to circa 1825. He is a second-generation owner. Gloss will discuss growing up

in the book business, show some of his favorite finds while enjoying "the thrill of the hunt," and explain how he appraises books and manuscripts. He has many fascinating anecdotes to share about private and institutional collecting as well as guidelines for building and maintaining a significant collection. There is also a Q&A session at the conclusion of his talk. Following the talk and question-and-answer session, Gloss will give free verbal appraisals of books participants have on hand or will do so at his shop in Boston at a later scheduled date. For more information on this event, or to register please visit https://www.hitchcockacademy.org/rare-books-talk.htm

Wishing Well Charities to hold fall fundraiser

WARE – Wishing Well Charities Inc. will hold its annual Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 3-8 p.m. at Teresa's Restaurant, 305 Palmer Road.

There will be a cocktail hour with cash bar, sit down family-style meal, raffle and silent auction and entertain-

ment by The Time Trippers. Tickets to the fundraiser are \$40 each.

Wishing Well Charities Inc.'s mission is to grant small financial wishes to people in need so they celebrate all of life's little celebrations, all year round.

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has been working with the AFSME union bargaining team since, I want to say, March or April," said Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz. "We've had several meetings throughout the last seven months with both the union and with your board."

Wolowicz expressed appreciation for the extra time the board members have dedicated to attending weekly sessions and keeping up with "homework."

"Any time you're at a negotiation table – I learned this from my dad years ago, who was a proud union member of IBEW Local Seven," Wolowicz said, "He said nobody ever goes away from the table 100% happy."

Wolowicz said she believed there were areas where the union membership wanted more from the town, and that there were things the Select Board wanted to change, but that "at the end of the day, it's called negotiations for a reason."

"I'm very proud of all the employees that we have," Wolowicz said. "Most of them have lived in Monson or currently live in Monson for either their whole life, or a good part of it, and they really take their work personally, and they are dedicated to knowing who the resident is that comes in or calls on the phone or has an issue at their house."

Wolowicz said that the contract covers employees at the Town Hall offices, in the Council on Aging, and the fire, highway, police, water and sewer departments. She said that the Select Board voted in favor of the contract during the Executive Session, and the next step will be to vote on it in Open Session, where it passed unanimously.

The board voted unanimously to accept the state's election warrant. There was also an agenda item to discuss the town's sign policy, but this discussion was pushed to a future meeting.

"I was talking with our Town Counsel today," said Morrell. "She needs some more time, and will be prepared to have us look at a recommendation from her at our next meeting, which is Nov. 12."

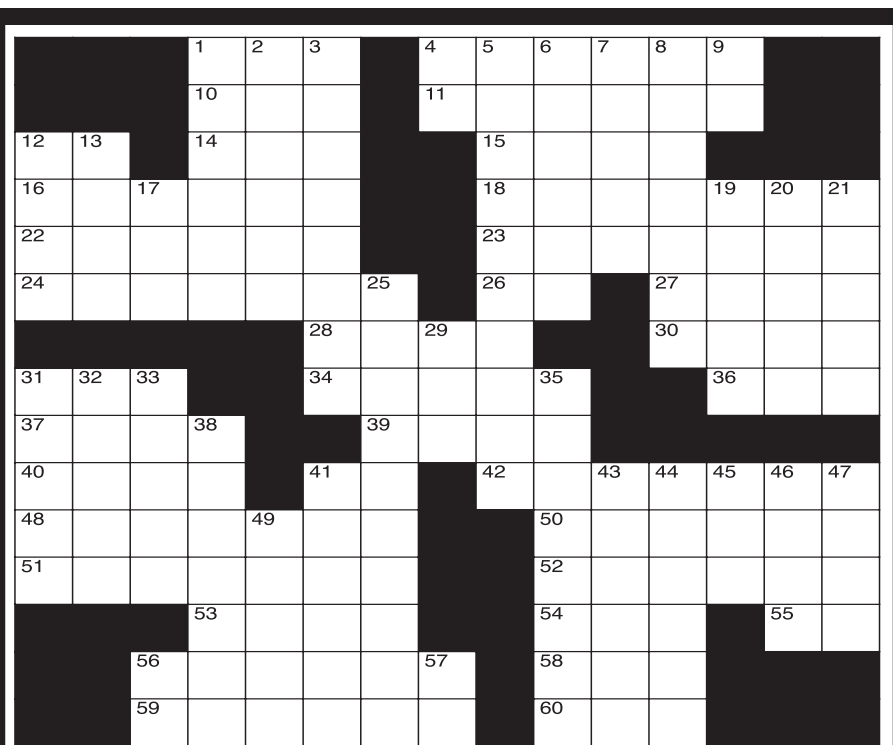
Oney took a moment

to remind the public about the spaghetti supper at the Senior Center on Friday, Oct. 25, from 4-8 p.m. that will benefit the Council on Aging Nutrition Fund and the Fire Department Association.

Oney also mentioned that the Massachusetts Residents Against Crumbling Foundations are taking a trip to the state house on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

"They're leaving at 7:45 a.m., they're taking a bus," Oney said. "If anyone would like to go along with them, they would love to have a show of as many people as possible."

Oney said that anyone who would like to get in touch with the MRACF group can reach out to MLoglisci@Comcast.net.



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. "60 Minutes" network
 - 4. Train line
 - 10. Go quickly
 - 11. Straightforward
 - 12. Canadian province
 - 14. At any rate (abbr.)
 - 15. Genealogy
 - 16. Make changes
 - 18. Utter repeatedly
 - 22. In a way, turned up
 - 23. Type of ship
 - 24. Agents of one's downfall
 - 26. Not out
 - 27. Something to scratch
 - 28. Round water pot
 - 30. Refreshing green fruit (slang)
 - 31. Promotions

- 34. Primordial matters
- 36. One-time world power (abbr.)
- 37. Source of illumination
- 39. The content of cognition
- 40. An Arab ruler
- 41. South Dakota
- 42. Gnawed at with teeth
- 48. Hawaiian island
- 50. Smaller
- 51. Of a single person
- 52. Rigid bracelet
- 53. Barbary sheep (Fr.)
- 54. Not even
- 55. Specific gravity
- 56. Engage in petty bargaining
- 58. Boxing's "GOAT"
- 59. Split between parties

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. A place to lounge
 - 2. Skewed views
 - 3. Peacefully
 - 4. Commercial
 - 5. Auxiliary forces
 - 6. Large mollusk
 - 7. Take out again
 - 8. Sharp and forthright
 - 9. Knight (chess)
 - 12. Source of fiber
 - 13. Flesh covering some birds' beaks
 - 17. Energy
 - 19. Night monkeys genus
 - 20. Small, sharp nails
 - 21. Pleasant-smelling liquid

- 25. Affirms one's hold
- 29. CNN's founder
- 31. Texans can't forget it
- 32. "Oppenheimer" actor Matt
- 33. Expression
- 35. Vessel
- 38. Lacking poetic beauty
- 41. Tall, swift and slender dog
- 43. Sports personality
- 44. Robber
- 45. Liquefied natural gas
- 46. Snakelike fishes
- 47. The most worthless part of something
- 49. City in Crimea
- 56. Bad grades
- 57. Reichsmark

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

UPCOMING

PALMER SENIOR CENTER CRAFT FAIR November 2 at the center from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Located at 1029 Central St., Palmer, for more information call 413-283-2670.

AMVETS POST 74 will sponsor the annual Three Rivers Halloween Parade on Thursday Oct. 31 at 6pm. The parade will start at Hryniewicz Park and proceed up Main St. to the Post, where the Halloween Party will be held. For more info call the Post at 413-283-4518.

Wing Memorial Hospital Auxiliary shop local Oct. vendor sales
Oct. 24 Sweets and Treats
Oct. 29 Wicked Good Treats

ONGOING

FARMER'S MARKETS: The Brimfield Farmers Market at Hitchcock Academy is a fun place to find cool, unique products, plants and seasonal produce every Saturday while you meet your neighbors and support Hitchcock and local businesses. The market starts on April 13, and runs from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

INTERESTS

PIONEER VALLEY QUILTERS Guild

meets at the Elks Lodge #61 at 440 Tiffany St., Springfield. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome. The mission of the guild is twofold: to share the joy of quilting with others and to work for the betterment of the community. Monies raised (as in the biannual quilt show) support various workshops and speakers for the meetings, as well as allow the guild to buy materials that are then used to create donated items. The guild has donated quilts, baby bibs, cardiac pillows, and Christmas stockings for veterans to a variety of community agencies, including but not limited to the Springfield Rescue Mission and the Gray House.

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

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM: Located at 35 Ely Rd., Monson, nature trails are open daily until dusk for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the signposts). For more information call 413-267-4137, email khm@keep-homesteadmuseum.org or visit keep-homesteadmuseum.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 beginners, and participants get to dance to all types of music. \$10 per class. Please wear comfortable footwear, no sandals.

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

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

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Friends of Mary Lane Hospital meets with community foundations

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – The Friends of Mary Lane Hospital recently held a meeting to discuss the possibility of selecting a new charitable foundation to oversee the handling and management of trust funds.

Cindy Allen Bourcier, chair of the Friends group, said she was hoping the meeting would also spark discussion about land restrictions on the 21 acre site on South Street, in addition to exploring two community foundations that could oversee the various trusts associated with the hospital.

“We have been researching all options,” Bourcier said at the Oct. 2 meeting.

Two of these options include the Greater Worcester Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

“We need to get this into the hands of a well-established foundation,” Bourcier said of the trust funds, which are currently overseen by the Baystate Health Foundation with Bank of America as trustee.

Bourcier said learned from a recent meeting with Emily Gabrault from the Attorney General’s Office that it is possible that both Baystate Health Foundation and Bank of America could voluntarily step away from their respective roles.

Community foundations

Bourcier introduced both Peter Dunn, president and CEO of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation and Megan Burke, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts. Both Dunn and Burke have been in their roles for over a year, and both have extensive experience in the field.

“Community foundations are in some ways, a hybrid,” Dunn said. “We’re created to be a place

that grows philanthropy. We exist to help these communities get better through philanthropy.”

Dunn said that people want to see their communities do better and they do so by giving.

Dunn said the Greater Worcester Community Foundation was created about 50 years ago and its funds range from \$10,000 up to \$20 million through 600 different charitable funds.

“Last year we distributed about \$10 million in grants,” he said.

The foundation is also the largest provider of scholarships to students in central Massachusetts.

Dunn said the foundation is “really passionate” about helping nonprofits do their best work, including investing \$1 million in over 20 Massachusetts land trusts.

Dunn said the foundation and its team spend as much time working on grants as they do communicating with people in the communities they serve, in order to build trust.

Burke said the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts operates almost the same as the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, and that all 15 of the commonwealth’s community foundations work together, rather than compete.

“We learn from each other,” Burke said.

Burke said her foundation has about \$280 million in assets from 687 funds, serving the counties of Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden. She said the foundation is the biggest supplier of scholarships for students in these counties.

“A community foundation is a foundation for the community,” Burke said. “We’re here for everybody in the community.”

Burke said there are “no bad choices” when selecting which community foundation to work with to oversee the trusts association with Mary Lane Hospital.

Friends of Mary Lane Hospital

member Stephen Granlund asked if it would be possible for both community foundations to work together, since Mary Lane Hospital was intended to serve the healthcare needs of residents in both Hampshire and Worcester counties.

Dunn said this was an interesting concept, but that the Attorney General’s Office would likely prefer to work with just one community foundation.

Land restrictions

Bourcier said the Friends’ mission is to protect the Mary Lane Hospital land and support the intent of Lewis Gilbert’s will. Granlund said land restriction was critical for the site.

Those present discussed zoning at the site, which is currently listed as suburban residential. This zoning allows for a lot of uses, Town Manager Stuart Beckley said, including a hospital.

“You have more flexibility than you think you have,” he said.

He said it could be possible to propose a healthcare district for the site, or an overlay district.

Beckley said a zoning proposal would first go to the Planning Board before going to the Selectboard and then to a town meeting vote. Any zoning changes require a two-thirds majority vote at town meeting in order to pass.

How to get involved

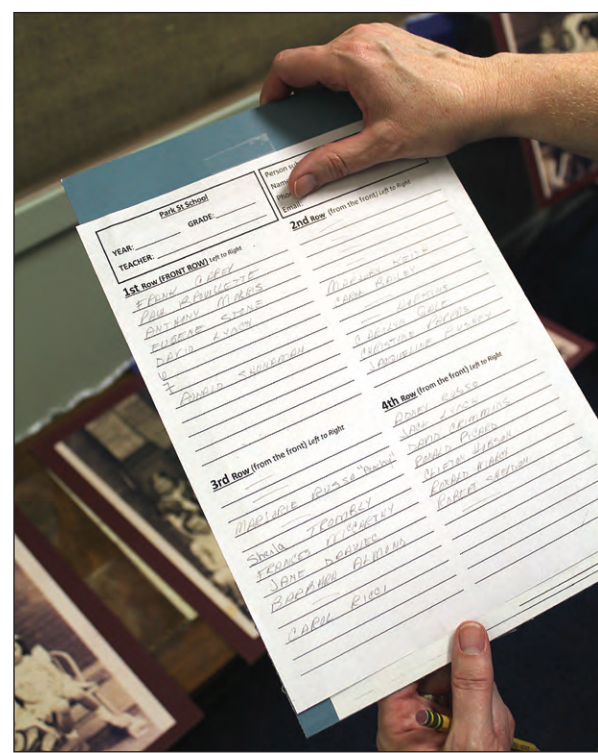
Bourcier encouraged those attending the meeting to visit the websites of both community foundations and email her at cinnallen10@gmail.com with any comments or ideas they have about which one to choose.

Visit Greater Worcester Community Foundation at greaterworcester.org and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts at communityfoundation.org.

“In my opinion, the priority is getting a healthcare facility back on that site,” Bourcier said.



Joel and Lynn Ryan and Eleanor Szlachetka visited the school for the reunion this weekend.



Pull-out sheets are stored behind the pictures, and include spaces for the names of students and teachers pictured.

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a whole collection of photos of the Park Street School classes.”

O’Connor said that there are plans to move on to Palmer High School afterwards, and then to other schools.

“It started because the school was already collecting,” O’Connor said. “That’s why we started with Park Street, they already had 120 photos, and they did the enlargements. They designed the method of having an enlargement with a pull-out sheet behind it.”

This project has relied heavily on the memory of the volunteers as they take note of classmates they remember. O’Connor said that the average person can only contribute one or two names and maybe a teacher, but noted that other graduates were able to fill out the names of entire classes.

“Barbara Stone has an amazing memory,” O’Connor said. “She did all eight years, and then her brother’s classes, and she knows that many students and her brother’s



Turley photos by Marcelo Gusmão
A mural at Park Street School depicts the first day of school in 1890.

class of students.”

O’Connor described the event as part of “a whole community project.” To further emphasize the importance of the school’s history, the event featured two video stories about the school.

“One is about the photo project,” O’Connor said, “and the other is about the history of the building, including that mural depicting the

first day of school in 1890. When the school opened, they took a photo of the class, so it’s authentic with the stars and stripes and what the students are wearing.”

The videos are part of the Palmer Villages, Palmer Voices project, which has been ongoing through the library for several years, and are available on the library’s website at PalmerLibrary.org/PalmerVoices.

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DCR completes rehabilitation of access road to fishing area



The Department Conservation and Recreation held a ribbon cutting ceremony at newly rehabilitated access road at Quabbin Reservoir's Gate 43.



State Rep. Todd Smola speaks during a ceremony held near Gate 43 in Hardwick on Oct. 8.



Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi talks about the importance of safe access to recreational sites.



State Sen. Jake Oliveira talks about fishing on the Quabbin Reservoir.



Fishing Area 3 is the most popular fishing spot in the commonwealth.



President of the Quabbin Fishermen's Association Clayton Sydla thanks the legislators who have worked to support the access road project.

By Paula Ouimette
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State legislators and members of the Quabbin Fishermen's Association joined the Department of Conservation and Recreation at a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the rehabilitation of an access road at Gate 43 to Fishing Area 3 at the Quabbin Reservoir.

On Oct. 8, DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo was joined by Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi, state Senators Peter Durant and Jake Oliveira, state Representatives Todd Smola and Aaron Saunders and QFA President Clayton Sydla to talk about the successful completion of the project, and its significance to the region.

Arrigo said the DCR's mission is "to protect, promote and enhance our commonwealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all."

"I know that this project is a great example of our mission," Arrigo said.

The project involved reclaiming and repaving approximately 1.75 miles from outside Gate 43 to just before the bridge. The total cost was \$652,000 and was made possible through funds from the American Rescue Plan Act filed by Smola, and DCR through the Massachusetts Water Resources Trust Fund.

The improved road makes it easier for visitors to access and enjoy this popular outdoor recreation destination that families and individuals use for fishing, walking, running and bike riding. It also connects visitors to opportunities for wildlife observation, while appreciating the natural scenery of the Quabbin Reservoir.

"At DCR, we are dedicated to making our properties welcoming and accessible for all users to enjoy and connect with our natural and recreational resources," Arrigo said. "We are pleased to see this important access road revitalized to provide access to the Quabbin Reservoir, a valuable natural and recreational resource for the community."

Arrigo credited the dedication of local officials for making sure this project was completed, with a special thanks given to Smola.

Arrigo welcomed Gobi to the podium, who said it was nice to look around and see all of the support from the community, especially the fishermen.

"Our fishermen are extremely important," Gobi said. "They are the eyes and ears of the Quabbin."

Gobi said she is grateful to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for its commitment in providing safe access to recreational activities for residents and visitors to the commonwealth.

"It takes a great team to complete an important project like this, and I appreciate the partners and supporters that worked with us to bring safer roadways to this community," she said.

Smola echoed Gobi's sentiments, and thanked Arrigo for his work to prioritize a significant project in the rural part of the state.

"We appreciate the work you do here and all over the commonwealth,"

Smola said. He added that it was "critically important" to protect the recreational use of the area.

Smola also thanked Sydla, saying that the completion of the Gate 43 Access Road project is a "testament to the power of community advocacy and collaboration."

"Clayton 'Syd' Sydla has been a tireless champion for the Quabbin Fishermen's Association, and it was his dedication that brought this project to our attention," said Smola. "Thanks to his persistence and the support of our legislative team, we were able to secure the necessary funding to make this improvement a reality. This new access road ensures that visitors can continue to enjoy everything the Quabbin has to offer safely and without the risk of damaging their vehicles or gear. We are proud to celebrate this milestone and grateful to everyone who made it possible."

Oliveira shared his family's history with the Quabbin Reservoir, dating back to when his grandfather worked to help build it. He said he remembered his first time visiting Fishing Area 3 with Sydla back in 2021, and how poor the condition of the road was.

"Preserving and enhancing access to the Quabbin Reservoir is crucial for recreation and the environment," said Oliveira. "The rehabilitation of this access road ensures that everyone can continue to enjoy one of Massachusetts' most pristine natural resources. I commend the Department of Conservation and Recreation for their commitment to maintaining this vital connection to the beauty and biodiversity of the Quabbin."

Durant said that fishing with Sydla is a "rite of passage" for the legislators of the region. He stressed the importance of the Quabbin Reservoir as a resource, not only for drinking water, but also for recreation and enjoyment.

"The rehabilitation of the access road to Gate 43 and Area 3 is greatly welcomed by everyone who uses the area for fishing and hiking," said Durant. "I have fished Quabbin recently and heard from people who regularly use Gate 43 to bring boats to the reservoir that this will improve their

access, and it will allow a better experience for everyone who visits."

Saunders said he first visited Area 3 when he went fishing with his father as a child. He said the completion of the project and the teamwork involved, demonstrates how government is supposed to work.

"Improvements to the Launch Area 3 access road conveys our shared commitment to public access to the Quabbin," said Saunders. "I appreciate the hard work of Representative Smola to secure this funding and Commissioner Arrigo for ensuring this project was undertaken and completed."

Sydla said Gate 43 is the number one

fishing area in the entire state, and the condition of the access road was preventing many people from enjoying it.

"One year I counted 110 potholes," he said.

Sydla thanked each of the legislators, DCR staff, Fisheries and Wildlife affiliates and QFA members for their efforts to make the project possible. He also thanked DCR Director of Natural Resources Dan Clark.

"In the last two years we've been talking about this project, Dan has been supportive," Sydla said.

Sydla encouraged everyone present to take a drive down the access road and enjoy

the beauty of the reservoir.

"Keep fishing at Quabbin...keep fishing at Gate 43," he said.

About DCR

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PALMER— October is National Audiology Awareness Month a time to be aware of the importance of good hearing health.

Hearing loss is one of the most common conditions affecting older adults. The National Institutes of Health's National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders states that approximately 28.8 million Americans could benefit from using hearing aids. While age is often cited as a factor, there are growing numbers of younger people reporting hearing difficulties.

"Hearing is one of the most important aspects of our health—it connects us to people, keeps us vital in the workplace as we age, and when left untreated it is often associated with other health issues," said Jeanne Coburn, Au.D., CCC-A/SLP, Audiologist at Baystate Rehabilitation Care at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer. "In recognition of Audiology Awareness Month, we are offer-

ing free hearing screenings to our community members through November.

"Even with the obvious signs, it still can be difficult to admit a change in one's hearing," said Coburn. "When seniors experience hearing loss, they sometimes feel embarrassed, afraid, and left out. When you have trouble hearing, it can impact nearly every aspect of your daily life. Those with hearing impairment face troubles with work, personal relationships, and even their favorite pastimes."

For patients of all ages, Baystate Wing Hospital's Audiology and Hearing Services and team are located in the Griswold Center, 42 Wright Street in Palmer, and offer routine hearing tests, specialized audiological testing, and a comprehensive hearing-aid program providing hearing-aid evaluations, demonstrations, purchases, fittings, adjustments, and cleanings. For more information or to book an appointment call 413-370-5254.



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Wilbraham working on Main Street traffic enhancements

WILBRAHAM - MassDOT and Wilbraham Highway Dept. are working together to make a safer intersection at Main Street and Maple Street. Beginning Friday, September 27, 2024, the traffic pattern has changed slightly to slow traffic.

The use of your directional signals, or blinkers, is STRONGLY encouraged. This temporary coned area will likely be replaced with a permanent bermed area and new roadway markings.

Many people do not know how cones work. Simply stated they become the new edge of the roadway or continuance of a painted line, do not drive through them.

Additionally, NO LEFT TURN signs are being installed for traffic entering Boston Road from Main Street. Education & enforcement will begin shortly.



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BOSTON - The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities announced that the Home Energy Assistance Program enrollment period for the 2024-2025 winter heating season is now open.

This critical program provides financial relief to eligible households to help them pay their winter heating bills, ensuring they can keep their homes safe and warm during the colder months.

HEAP is a free, statewide resource that assists eligible renters and homeowners by paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their heating companies.

Starting Oct. 1, homeowners and renters can apply online or through

local administering agencies across the state. The assistance period runs from Nov. 1 to April 30, 2025.

HEAP offers grants that do not need to be repaid; however, households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify.

"No resident should have to worry about heating their home during the winter," said Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus in a press release.

"With high costs continuing to strain household finances, the Home Energy Assistance Program is more critical than ever. We urge anyone in need of heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering agency. Please share this valuable in-

formation with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this support during the colder months."

Eligibility is determined by several factors, including household size and the combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older.

Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance for all heating sources, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. Households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify.

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RIVALRY FOOTBALL



Palmer High School meets Ware next Saturday afternoon.

Palmer looks to snap losing skid against Ware

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—While the members of the Palmer football team want to win every game that they play, the one against archrival Ware is the most important game on their schedule each fall.

The Panthers will enter this contest looking to snap their seven game losing streak against the Indians.

"We always want to win every

game, but if we do beat Ware in this year's game, it'll probably be our biggest regular season victory since I've been the head coach," said Palmer football coach Matt Marcinic. "I do enjoy the game a little bit better whenever it's played here in Palmer. It's a very important game for the entire town and I would love to finally get the trophy back from them."

The 98th meeting on the gridiron between the two neighboring high schools is scheduled to take

place at historic Legion Field in Palmer at 1 p.m. on November 2.

The Indians will enter this year's contest with a 49-43-5 overall lead in the series, which began in 1925.

The last time that Palmer beat Ware on the gridiron was in 2015 by the final score of 14-6.

Former Palmer QB Ryan McCarthy rushed for a total of 194 yards and scored a pair of rushing touchdowns in that game.

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File photos
The Panthers are 4-2 so far this season.



File photos

The Indians are 4-2 so far this year.

Indians look for another win over rival Panthers

Ware leads the all-time series between the two schools.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE— The Palmer-Ware trophy has been on display inside Ware High School during the past seven years. The current members of the Indians football team are hoping to keep possession of the trophy, which is shaped like a football, for another year.

The 98th meeting on the gridiron between the two neighboring high schools is scheduled to take place at historic Legion Field in

Palmer at 1 p.m. on November 2.

"While we put a lot of effort into every game that we play, the Palmer game is one that's circled on our schedule," said Ware head coach Mike Fazio, who hasn't lost a game in the cross-town rivalry series. "This is a huge rivalry not only for the two football teams, but also for both communities."

Fazio has always enjoyed hosting the rivalry game instead of having to make the short bus ride down Route 32 to Palmer every other year.

"Anytime that you're playing on a different field, it's a much different feeling," Fazio said. "You don't have your own locker room or your own schedule. We always tell the players that if they want to be successful, they need to win big games on the road, and this is one of those games."

Ware will enter this year's contest with a 49-43-5 overall lead in the series, which began in 1925.

"It's always very important

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Palmer High School Football 2024-2025 Roster

No.	Name	Position	Grade
1	Matthew Santos	QB/DB	11
3	Dylan Doherty	RB/LB	11
5	Theo Haley	WR/LB	11
7	Taydem Haley	RB/CB	10
9	Griffin Nawrocki	WR/CB	10
11	Jordan Jones	WR/CB	11
12	Hunter White	RB/DE	11
18	Kayden Harvey	WR/DB	9
21	Dylan Holbrook	WR/CB	10
30	Adrian Hernandez	RB/LB	10
33	Hunter Baird	WR/LB	10
52	Brecken Gilman	OG/DT	11
61	Kodah Laviolette-Gonzalez	C/LB	11
62	Guillermo Rodriguez Rivera	C/LB	12
63	Julien Valentin	OG/DT	12
65	Luis Rivera Alicea	OG/LB	12
70	Jared Perry	OT/DE	11
77	Gavin Smola	OT/DE	11
78	Matthew Mastalerz	OT/DT	9
88	Landon Couture	TE/LB	11



Hunter White skips looking for a seam to run through.

Palmer Football (4-2)

Week 1 – Friday, Sept. 13 – Palmer 40, Pathfinder 7
 Week 2 – Friday, Sept. 20 – Palmer 27, Quaboag 26
 Week 3 – Friday, Sept. 27 – Palmer 36, Easthampton 30
 Week 4 – Friday, Oct. 4 – Palmer 36, Mahar 6
 Week 5 – Friday, Oct. 11 – Franklin Tech 24, Palmer 22
 Week 6 – Friday, Oct. 18 – Athol 32, Palmer 14
 Week 7 – Thursday, Oct. 24 – at Greenfield 6 p.m.
 Week 8 – Saturday, Nov. 2 – vs. Ware 1 p.m.
 Week 9 – Nov. 8/9 – TBD
 Week 10 – Nov. 15/16 – TBD
 Thanksgiving – Thursday, Nov. 28 – at Ludlow 10 a.m.

Ware High School Football 2024-2025 Roster

No.	Name	Position	Grade
1	Troy Jurczyk	QB/DB	10
2	Sean Bernier	WR/DB	11
3	Mekhai Johnson	WR/DB	10
4	Thomas Richter	WR/DB	12
5	Dalton Marquis	RB/DB	10
6	Brady Dyer	QB/DB	12
7	Troy Dufresne	WR/DB	11
8	Zachary Safford	WR/DB	9
9	Jadrien Berthiaume	RB/LB	11
10	Brayden Compton	WR/DB	11
11	Enrique Martinez	TE/LB	11
14	Caleb Gorman	RB/LB	9
15	Jacob McNamee	WR/DB	10
17	Julius Marquis	WR/DB	9
18	Jazeel Blanchard	WR/DB	12
20	Jayden Kern	WR/DB	12
21	Sebastian Schmidt	WR/DB	10
23	Gavin Sawabi	WR/DB	12
24	Ian Hogan	QB/DB	9
25	Samuel Torres	WR/LB	10
33	Alex Wawro	WR/DB	10
40	Ayden Mulcahy	OL/DL	12
50	Brayden Miner	OL/LB	9
54	Nathan Luxon	OL/LB	12
55	Matthew Gambino	OL/LB	12
60	Ethan Corder	OL/DL	11
64	Kahari Crump	OL/DL	10
65	Enrique Burton	OL/DL	10
66	Philip Dupell	OL/DL	11
68	Jayden Diaz	WR/DB	10
70	Edrick Ortiz-Cordero	OL/DL	12
71	Jacoby Heredia	OL/DL	11
72	Cam Grushey	OL/DL	10
73	Andrew Bonilla	OL/DL	10
74	Nathan Harmon	OL/DL	12
75	Hunter Briand	OL/DL	10
76	Marek Luongo	OL/DL	11
77	Dominic Montalban	OL/DL	12
83	Benjamin Torres	WR/LB	12
84	Alex Orzulak	TE/LB	11
99	Braden Sullivan	WR/DB	10



Thomas Richter makes a block.



Gavin Sawabi creates separation from the Palmer defense.

Palmer vs. Ware - Past results

With their 2023 win, their ninth in the last 10 years, Ware now leads all-time series 49-43-5.

1925	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1959	Ware 24	Palmer 14	1992	Ware 46	Palmer 0
1926	Ware 13	Palmer 7			(win Guard Trophy)	1993	Ware 34	Palmer 27
1927	Palmer 13	Ware 7	1960	Palmer 14	Ware 0	1994	Ware 14	Palmer 7
1928	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1961	Palmer 22	Ware 14	1995	Ware 8	Palmer 6
1929	Ware 13	Palmer 2	1962	Palmer 14	Ware 0	1996	Palmer 21	Ware 12
1930	Ware 13	Palmer 6	1963	Palmer 28	Ware 14	1997	Ware 28	Palmer 6
1931	Palmer 6	Ware 0	1964	Palmer 28	Ware 6	1998	Ware 30	Palmer 0
1932	Palmer 34	Ware 0	1965	Palmer 28	Ware 0	1999	Ware 42	Palmer 0
1933	Palmer 32	Ware 0	1966	Palmer 34	Ware 6	2000	Ware 34	Palmer 0
1934	Palmer 14	Ware 13	1967	Palmer 13	Ware 6	2001	Ware 28	Palmer 0
1935	Palmer 14	Ware 13	1968	Ware 18	Palmer 6	2002	Ware 20	Palmer 6
1936	Ware 12	Palmer 6			(snowstorm moved game to Nov. 23)	2003	Ware 20	Palmer 14
1937	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1969	Palmer 42	Ware 6	2004	Ware 43	Palmer 6
1938	Ware 26	Palmer 6	1970	Ware 12	Palmer 6	2005	Palmer 12	Ware 0
1939	Ware 13	Palmer 0	1971	Ware 6	Palmer 2	2006	Ware 8	Palmer 6
1940	Ware 6	Palmer 0	1972	Palmer 26	Ware 9	2007	Palmer 26	Ware 6
1941	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1973	Palmer 14	Ware 12	2008	Palmer 33	Ware 0
1942	Palmer 39	Ware 0	1974	Ware 14	Palmer 6	2009	Ware 16	Palmer 6
1943	Palmer 62	Ware 0	1975	Ware 18	Palmer 6	2010	Palmer 33	Ware 0
1944		No game	1976	Ware 8	Ware 0	2011	Palmer 21	Ware 0
1945	Palmer 15	Ware 0	1977	Ware 20	Palmer 0	2012	Ware 29	Palmer 20
1946	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1978	Palmer 6	Ware 0	2013	Ware 20	Palmer 0
1947	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1979	Ware 38	Palmer 12	2014	Ware 14	Palmer 0
1948	Ware 14	Palmer 7	1980	Ware 21	Palmer 0	2015	Palmer 14	Ware 6
1949	Palmer 24	Ware 0	1981	Ware 27	Palmer 0	2016	Ware 26	Palmer 6
1950	Palmer 51	Ware 6	1982	Palmer 12	Ware 6	2017	Ware 41	Palmer 6
1951	Palmer 25	Ware 14	1983	Ware 10	Palmer 6	2018	Ware 19	Palmer 6
1952	Palmer 32	Ware 13	1984	Ware 7	Palmer 0	2019	Ware 34	Palmer 28
1953	Palmer 32	Ware 13	1985	Palmer 26	Ware 6	2020		No game played – COVID-19 pandemic
1954	Palmer 34	Ware 13	1986	Palmer 34	Ware 14	2021	Ware 42	Palmer 21
1955	Palmer 6	Ware 0	1987	Palmer 16	Ware 0	2022	Ware 21	Palmer 0
1956	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1988	Palmer 14	Ware 12	2023	Ware 49	Palmer 7
1957	Ware 54	Palmer 13	1989	Ware 21	Palmer 7	2024		at Palmer 11/2 1 p.m.
1958	Ware 10	Palmer 0	1990	Ware 28	Palmer 6			
			1991	Ware 14	Palmer 14			

Ware Football (4-2)

Week 1 – Friday, Sept. 13 – Ware 14, Easthampton 12
 Week 2 – Friday, Sept. 20 – Narragansett 41, Ware 7
 Week 3 – Friday, Sept. 27 – Ware 28, Drury 0
 Week 4 – Friday, Oct. 4 – Ware 21, Greenfield 14
 Week 5 – Friday, Oct. 11 – Athol 40, Ware 24
 Week 6 – Friday, Oct. 18 – Ware 12, Mahar 6
 Week 7 – Friday, Oct. 25 – vs. Franklin Tech 7 p.m.
 Week 8 – Saturday, Nov. 2 – at Palmer 1 p.m.
 Week 9 – Nov. 8/9 – TBD
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Brady Dyer scrambles with the ball.

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A LOOK AT LAST YEAR'S GAME



Ware football captures another win over Palmer last year.

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Troy Jurczyk sprints down the field.

Dylan Doherty takes off for the right side during last year's game.



Andrew Haley looks to make a tackle.

WARE – It was a rout for Ware in last year's matchup. The 97th meeting between rivals Palmer and Ware ended in a 49-7 win for the Indians. Jadrien Berthiaume had three rushing touchdowns to lead the Indians offense. The then-sophomore was pressed into running back duty because of an injury. The Indians look for another win this year over Palmer, while the Panthers look to stop Ware's winning streak.



Gavin Smola makes a block.



Alex Orszulak tries to evade tackles.



Quarterback Matthew Santos completes a pass early in the game.



Noah Fales goes for the sack.

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The Panthers also defeated the Indians five times between 2005 and 2011.

McCarthy, who was also a 1,000 point scorer for the Panthers boys' varsity hoop team, attended Palmer's 32-14 home loss to Athol, last Friday night. It was the Panthers (4-2) second consecutive loss at Legion Field after they began the regular season with four victories against Pathfinder (40-7), Quaboag (27-26), Easthampton (36-30), and Mahar (36-6). The Panthers first setback of the 2024 campaign was to Franklin County Tech by two points (24-22).

"We played two very good football teams at home in back-to-back weeks," Marciniac said. "We'll be looking to rebound at Greenfield next week before playing Ware."

The Panthers are scheduled to play at Greenfield before returning home for the showdown game.

Marciniac, who's also the Palmer Athletic Director, is hoping his squad can end their losing streak against the Indians on the first Saturday of November.

"Ware has been a very good football team during the past couple of years," he said. "It's the matter of us making some plays and staying

healthy. I don't sleep a lot during Ware week."

Marciniac, who graduated from Palmer High School in 2006, has been a part of the rivalry game as a player, assistant coach, and a head coach.

"People have talked about the Palmer-Ware football game for many years," said Marciniac, who took over the head coaching duties from legendary head coach Peter Farr in the fall of 2019. "You always hear about the game when you're growing up. It's a very special game."

One of the things that Marciniac enjoys doing each year is talking with his players about the history of the rivalry game.

"It's always nice to teach the players about the history of the Palmer-Ware rivalry football game," he said. "I try to tell my players how special the game is. It's something that they'll be talking about for many years."

The only three seniors listed on the Palmer football roster are Guillermo Rodriguez-Rivera, Julien Valentin, and Luis Rivera-Alicea.

"We're a much better team this year because of our three seniors," Marciniac said. "All three of them are linemen."

The trio took part in the pregame coin toss against Athol.

Rodriguez-Rivera is normally a team captain, along with juniors Matt Santos, Dylan Doherty, and Gavin Smola.

"The three seniors and three junior captains are outstanding leaders," Marciniac said. "We're going to miss the three seniors next year."

Nine of the Palmer players are two-way starters.

Santos, who's the Panthers quarterback, will be starting his third game against Ware.

He's a threat both with his two feet and with his right arm. Doherty is another offensive threat.

Santos and Doherty hooked up for a 13-yard touchdown pass play at the end of the first half in last Friday night's game.

Sophomore Taydem Haley had two interceptions in the home loss. Junior's Jordan Jones and Smola also had interceptions.

The other Palmer juniors are Theo Haley, Hunter White, Breckin Gilman, Jared Perry, and Landon Couture.

The Panthers first-year assistant coaches are Jason Talbot, and Maurice Payne.

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for us to play our best game of the season in front of the old timers and the alumni who attends the game every year," Fazio said. "Beating Palmer is always something that people talk to me about. You can have a 1-7 record, but if you beat Palmer, it's a successful season. We're looking forward to continuing the winning streak in this year's game."

The Indians celebrated a 49-7 victory against the Panthers at Veterans' Field a year ago. The 49 points were the most points scored by either team in the rivalry game since Ware posted a 46-0 victory in 1992.

Fazio, who was the starting quarterback for the David Prouty football team 20 years ago, remembers playing against archrival Leicester on Thanksgiving morning.

"It was always a lot of fun competing against the Leicester players every year on Thanksgiving," he said. "It's a little bit different not playing your biggest game of the season on Thanksgiving."

Ware and Palmer are both members of the Intercounty North League. The two teams will enter this year's showdown with above .500 records for the first time since 2021.

The Indians currently have a 4-2 overall record following a 12-6 win at Mahar Regional in an Intercounty North League game, last Friday night. They're scheduled to face Franklin County Tech in the final regular season home game on Friday night.

Fazio gave his thoughts on Palmer, who also have a 4-2 overall record. They're scheduled to play at Greenfield on Thursday night.

"Palmer has a couple of very good athletes," he said. "They're a good football team this year and we'll definitely have our work cut out for us."

The Palmer-Ware game is always extra special for the seniors on both teams.

The seniors listed on the Indians football roster are Thomas Richter, Brady Dyer, Julius Marquis, Jazeel Blanchard, Jayden Kern, Gavin Sawabi, Ayden Mulcahy, Matthew Gambino, Edric Ortiz, Nathan Luxon, Nathan Harmon, Dominic Montalban, and Benjamin Torres.

"We have a couple of seniors who are first year players, but we also have five or six seniors who have been with our program since they were in the eighth or ninth grade," Fazio said. "This game means

the world to them. They don't want to be the team that breaks the trend. They want to keep the trophy here in Ware for another year."

Harmon, Sawabi, and Dyer are the Indians tri-captains.

Dyer, who's the Indians starting quarterback, will be starting against the Panthers for the second time.

"Brady has really improved a lot so far this season," Fazio said. "He's one of our leaders offensively."

Another offensive threat for Ware is junior Jadrien Berthiaume, who had a memorable game against Palmer a year ago. He was scheduled to be a starting wide receiver in the home contest, but he wound up starting at running back after senior Talan Molina suffered a pregame injury. Berthiaume scored three rushing touchdowns in the first half. He's also a linebacker on defense.

"Our senior running back was injured in pregame warm-up last year and Jadrien took full advantage of the opportunity," Fazio said. "He's going to have another opportunity to play a key role in this year's game against Palmer."

Sawabi is the starting fullback and linebacker.

Harmon and Gambino anchors the offensive and defensive lines.

The other members of the Indians O-line are sophomore Cam Grushey, junior Jacoby Heredia, and Alex Orszulak, who's also a tight-end.

When Orszulak is a lineman, he wears #61. In the games he's the TE, his uniform is #84.

"Alex hasn't switch positions during the game," Fazio said. "We make the decision at practice each week which position he'll be playing in the game. The blocking is basically the same, but our linemen pull a lot more. He does a very good job."

Grushey and Heredia are also D-linemen.

Sophomore Dalton Marquis is a tight end. The Indians two wide receivers are junior's Troy Dufresne and Sean Bernier.

Fazio calls the defensive plays.

"Most of our players are two-way starters," Fazio said. "We try our best to rotate different players into the game as much as we can."

The Indians assistant coaches are Nick Vantangoli, Kyle Whitney, and Scott Slatery, who has been involved in the Palmer-Ware rivalry football game for almost his entire life.

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SOCCER

Mustangs prevail again over Palmer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The majority of the Monson and Palmer girls' varsity soccer players have been competing against each other for many years.

The eight seniors listed on the Lady Panthers roster entered the second meeting of the 2024 regular season looking to defeat their cross-town rivals in a varsity game for the first time. The Lady Mustangs didn't allow that to happen as they posted a 2-0 shutout victory in the Central Division match-up held at historic Legion Field in Palmer on Columbus Day. "We've been playing

soccer against Monson for a very long time," said senior Loretta Petrashewicz, who's the Lady Panthers leading goal scorer this fall. "It's a little bit frustrating not being able to defeat them during my varsity soccer career."

The Lady Mustangs, who have won the last six meetings in the cross-town rivalry series, had an 8-4 record and a 7-3 league record following the shutout win. They also defeated the Lady Panthers, 5-1, at home



Emily Provost punts the ball away.



Hannah Murphy tries to steal the ball away.



Avery Beaudoin tries to make her way up the field.



Emma Bannon is pressured.



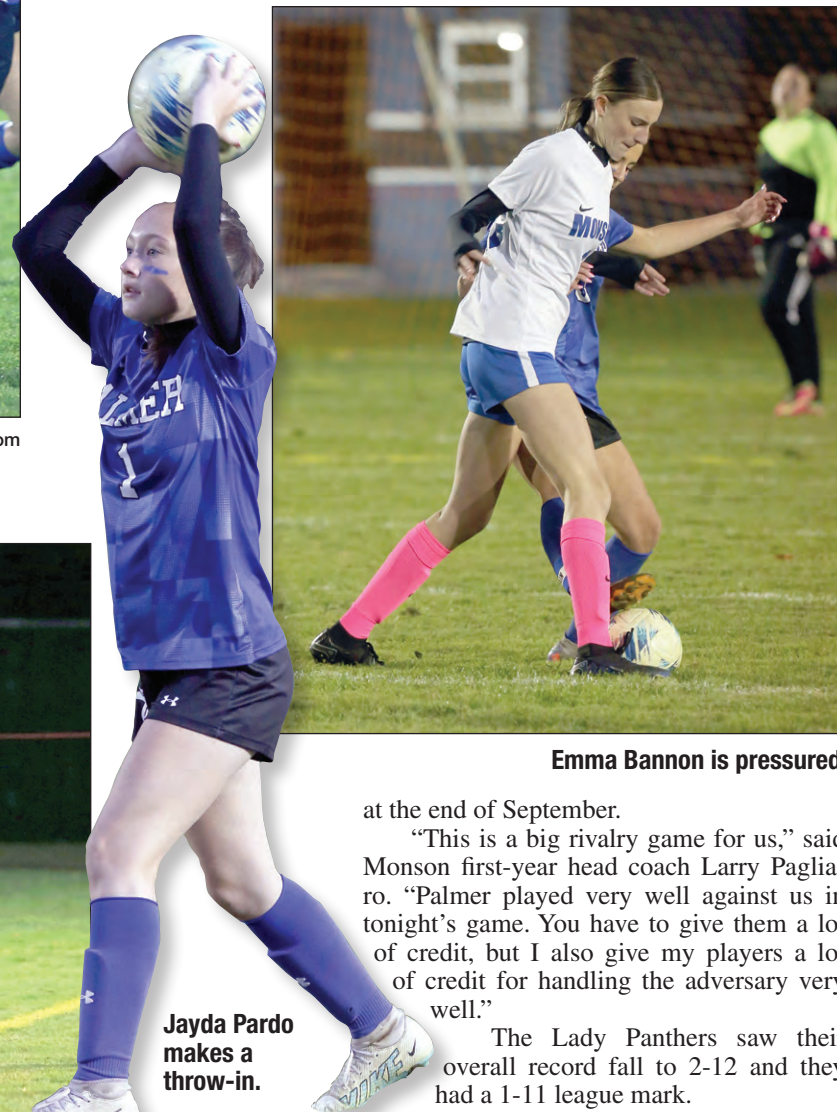
Loretta Petrashewicz chases down a loose ball.



Madison Rathbone attempts to get through a pair of defenders.



Lainey Halley sends the ball back into play.



Jayda Pardo makes a throw-in.

at the end of September.

"This is a big rivalry game for us," said Monson first-year head coach Larry Pagliaro. "Palmer played very well against us in tonight's game. You have to give them a lot of credit, but I also give my players a lot of credit for handling the adversary very well."

The Lady Panthers saw their overall record fall to 2-12 and they had a 1-11 league mark. "When you have two neighboring high

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Regular season concludes with win

WARREN – Last Friday, the Pathfinder High School boys soccer team borrowed Quabog's stadium field to play its final home game, scoring a 6-1 win over Athol. In the win, Jaleel Roman had two goals for the Pioneers. Evan Costa, Adonis Dupre, Talon Clark, and Cayden Bousquet had the other goals for the Pioneers. Pathfinder, which copes with Palmer, finishes the regular season at 9-5-1. The Pioneers are guaranteed a Division 5 state tournament spot, and will wait to learn if it made the Western Mass. tournament. If the Pioneers do not play in the section tournament, they will play a couple of non-playoff games this week.



Adonis Dupre steals the ball.



Justin Davis chases down the ball.



Brody Wetnicka chases after a loose ball.



Cayden Bousquet clears the ball away.



Owen Pear passes ahead of pressure.

Evan Costa sends a quick pass away.

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Panthers fall at Holyoke



HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday evening, Palmer High School field hockey had a tough matchup against Holyoke, falling 4-0. It was the second time this season Palmer, which co-ops with Pathfinder, would fall to the Knights. This time, however, the defense was much-improved, only allowing four goals on Holyoke's turf field, where the ball travels much faster than on Palmer's home grass field. The Panthers are 0-10-1.

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Hannah Roy looks to send the ball up the field.



Greenly Lagimoniere looks to shoot.



Ellisyn Gelinas maneuvers through the middle of the field, with pressure coming on.



Willow Laboy gets possession.



Eldi Arroyo sends a pass up the field.

FOOTBALL

Panthers suffer setback at Athol

By **Tim Peterson**
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—After scoring 20 or more points in their first five football games of the regular season,

the Palmer Panthers held a slim 14-12 halftime lead in last Friday's senior night game versus Intercounty North Division rival Athol.

The Panthers were shutout in the second half, as the Bears pulled away for a 32-14 victory at historic Legion Field.

"I thought our defense played really well in the first half which led to a couple of touchdowns," said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac. "Athol is a very good football team, and they were able to pull away in the second half."

The Panthers (4-2) won their first four games before suffering a two point home loss to Franklin County Tech on October 11.

"We don't like losing games, especially at home," Marciniac added. "This is a type of game that we need to learn from. Hopefully, it doesn't set us back very much."

The three seniors listed on the Palmer football roster are Guillermo Rodriguez-Rivera, Julien Valentin, and Luis Rivera-Alicea. They were honored during a pre-game ceremony.

"I feel bad that we weren't able to win on senior night, but we're a much better team this year because of our three seniors,"

Marciniac said. "They've made an impact for us."

All three of the seniors were captains in the home game against Athol.

Rodriguez-Rivera is the Panthers normal captain, along with junior's Matt Santos, Dylan Doherty, and Gavin Smola.

With six minutes remaining in the opening quarter Palmer junior Jordan Jones intercepted a pass, which was tipped, at the Bears 45 yard line.

The Panthers offensive series began with a couple of runs by Doherty, which was sandwiched around a short run by sophomore Taydem Haley. Then Santos, who's the Panthers starting QB, completed a 9-yard pass to junior Landon Couture which gave the home team a first down at the 28.

Three plays later, Santos connected with Haley for a 25-yard TD reception. Haley had to jump over a Bears defender before making the catch in the endzone with 2:20 left in the opening quarter. The extra point attempt was made by sophomore Dylan Holbrook.

It looked like the Panthers offense would get the ball right back following another interception by Smola, but Athol senior Nick LeBlanc recovered a fumble on the same play at his own 17 yard line.

It took the Bears 16 more plays and nine minutes before senior QB Aidan Melanson completed the long drive with a 10-yard touchdown pass to senior Raydin

Sousa with three minutes remaining in the first half.

The Palmer defense was able to gang tackle senior Sawyer Lefsyk in the backfield on the two-point conversion play making the score 7-6.

After the Bears recovered a fumble, the duo of Melanson and Sousa hooked up again for a 69-yard TD pass play. Once again, the Panthers defense was able to stop the conversion play.

With 13 seconds left in the first half, the home team retook the lead following a 13-yard touchdown pass from Santos to Doherty, who made an outstanding diving catch in the left corner of the end zone.

Holbrook added the extra point giving the Panthers a two point halftime lead.

Haley, who ended the opening half with an interception, picked off another pass on the first play of the third quarter.

The Panthers offense failed to capitalize during that series, as they were forced to punt for the first time in the game.

Lefsyk scored a pair of rushing touchdowns and senior Aaron Ouellet hauled in a 20-yard TD pass from Melanson, as the Bears (4-2) built an 18 point lead in the second half.

The Panthers will be looking to snap their two-game losing streak when they travel to Greenfield High School at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24.

Unified basketball action

PALMER – Last week, Palmer Unified basketball faced off with Southwick. The Panthers are in the midst of their regular season. The Panthers will play into November with the season concluded by a jamboree event.

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Xavian Salsbury drives to the hoop.



David Paul takes the jumper.



Michelle Childs gets the open shot.



Alex Ripopl goes for a shot at the free throw line.



Patrick Flynn makes a shot for the Panthers.

ICE HOCKEY

Worcester Railers lose weekend finale against Reading Royals

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers lost to the Reading Royals by a 2-1 final on Sunday afternoon in front of a crowd of 2,621 Sunday, they actually put three shots in the net. The problem was that only one counted, Anthony Repaci's short wrist shot at 13:37 of the third period. It accounted for the final score of 2-1.

Repaci was involved in one of the disallowed goals as well. That happened 44 seconds into the third period when Matias Rajaniemi's 45-foot wrist shot eluded Reading goaltender Parker Gahagen. Repaci was at the top of the crease and was called for interference. After a long review, the call was upheld.

"I didn't think my skates were in the blue paint, and I could feel some contact," Repaci said, "but (the officials) said my arm was in there. I know they call that closely."

The other wave-off was less controversial. Colin Jacobs tucked one into an open net at 18:30 of the second period but it was after a

whistle when the officials thought that Gahagen had covered the puck.

Maybe he had, maybe he had not. No matter. The play was dead.

Gahagen was opposed in net by John Muse and it was an excellent goaltending duel as expected. Muse made 19 saves, Gahagen 22. The victory improved Gahagen's all-time record versus Worcester to 5-0-0. It is not just the Railers. His career ECHL record is 70-30-7.

Worcester played a slow first period and fell behind 2-0 after 20 minutes.

Reading's first goal came as the puck entered the Worcester end and the Royals wound up in control. Nolan Welsh was set up in the slot by Tyler Gratton after just 4:38.

The visitors made it 2-0 with a power play goal at 9:55. Connor McMenamin got it via a 25-footer from the right circle. That was it for Reading's scoring but that was all it needed. The Royals were blanked for the final 50:05.

Repaci's goal came late in the

third period and gave the Railers a chance to tie it late. Cam McDonald and Riley Piercey got assists on the play for their first points of the season.

The Railers were without two experienced defensemen who moved up to the AHL. Christian Krygier was recalled to Bridgeport and Griffin Luce was signed to a pro tryout by the Harford Wolf Pack.

Two inexperienced players made their professional debuts. One was defenseman McDonald, so the assist was his first pro point. Forward Cole Crowder was the other. McDonald is the second Alaskan to play for the Railers, following goalie Michael Bullion.

Worcester's next home game is next month. The Maine Mariners visit on Nov. 8. In between, the Railers are off on a five-game road swing. They play in Trois-Rivieres Friday night then in Maine on Sunday. They are in Norfolk for three games after that.

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Thursday Night Mixed League

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Thursday Night Mixed League at Bogey Lanes bowled week four of the season.

The standings as of Oct. 17 had Scorpion Bowlers in first place with a record of 30-2. Team Four is a close second place team with a record of 29-3. Hogs are in third place with a record of 28-4. Team Eleven, Glen Echo Bowlers and Team Seven are tied for fourth place at 16-16.

Team Seven bowled against Team Twelve this past week. In game one, Team Seven was victorious 384-376. In game two,

Team Seven won again 411-397. In game three, Team Seven won again for a sweep over Team Twelve, 406-405. The final score was 1201-1178 in favor of Team Seven.

Team Five bowled against the #1 seed Scorpion Bowlers. In game one, Scorpion Bowlers took game one 409-383. In game two, Scorpion Bowlers won again by a score of 393-385. Scorpion Bowlers won the final game 397-380. Final score was 1199-1148 in favor of Scorpion Bowlers who are successfully defending their #1 seed.

Team Nine bowled against the Glen Echo Bowlers. In game one, Team Nine was victorious 411-390. In game two, Zo Nowak of Glen Echo Bowlers scored a 124 during the team's win over

Team Nine, 439-396.

In game three, Nowak bowled a 117 as the Glen Echo Bowlers won again 424-402. The final score was 1253-1209 in favor of Glen Echo Bowlers.

Team Four was victorious in all three games during week four. Aaron Fontaine was having a successful night by bowling a series of 413. Fontaine's scores consisted of 146, 141 and 126.

Team Four had scores of 453, 464 and 439 for a final score of 1356.

Team Eleven bowled against Team Six. In game one, Team Six was victorious 424-393. Logan Kellaher of Team Six started the night with a 116 and his teammate Jay Wassmer started with a 109.

Team 11 was victorious in

game two, 387-383. In game three, Team Six won 396-370. Team Six also won total pinfall by a final score of 1203-1150.

The #3 seed Hogs bowled against the B Team. In game one, the B Team was victorious 382-370. In game two, The Hogs won 390-374. Drew Kolb of B Team bowled a 117.

In game three, The Hogs won again and took six points in their match against the B Team. The score in game three was 393-375 in favor of the Hogs. Total pinfall was won by the Hogs with a final score of 1153-1131.

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College: Owls comeback falls short

WESTFIELD – Westfield State senior Dylan Disabella (Granby, Conn.) ran for 130 yards and caught a touchdown pass in his debut as the Owls' feature back, but it wasn't enough as Framingham State foiled the Owls homecoming with a 21-7 win.

Both teams are now 2-4 on the season and 2-3 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Westfield got on the scoreboard first, with QB Gabe Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) finding Disabella for a 13-yard scoring strike with Disabella leaping into the endzone to punctuate a 9-play, 82-yard drive.

Turnovers again punished the Owls, as Framingham's first score came on an 11-yard Carl Renaudin (Waltham, Mass.) scoop and score fumble recovery touchdown, on a busted toss run for the Owls.

Westfield had a chance to take a lead into the half, after Tafari Proctor (Amherst, Mass.)

intercepted his third pass of the season, and returned it 59 yards to the Framingham 3, but on the ensuing play Framingham forced a fumble and the Rams recovered to keep the score 7-7 heading to the half.

The Rams grabbed a 14-7 lead midway through the third quarter with a 25-yard TD toss from Luke Thompson (West Islip, NY) to Elijah Nichols (Burlington Twp., NJ), capping an 11-play, 79-yard drive.

Early in the fourth quarter, Westfield had a chance to tie as the Owls marched the ball from their own 28 yard line all the way to the Framingham four yard line, but the Rams forced a fumble with Ronyel Pena (Lawrence, Mass.) slashing between the Owls offensive line to force a fumble.

Framingham added a 2-yard touchdown run from Jaheim Daniels (Norwalk, Conn.) with 46 seconds left in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach, after the Rams defense forced a 4-and-

out from the Owls. Westfield had their backs against the wall with a drive that started inside their own 10-yard line with less than two minutes to play.

Disabella had a big day on the ground in his first action as the feature back in the Owls triple-option attack. He played two seasons as a tight end for the Owls before moving to wing back in the offense this season, but moved behind the quarterback for today's game for the first time with Owls regular starter Sean Willis out with an injury. The Owls played with three offensive regulars sidelined by injury today.

Fernandez finished 7-20 passing for 66 yards, with 1 td and 1 interception. Jacob Swinehart (Holyoke, Mass.) caught two passes for 23 yards and added six carries for 27 yards.

Blake Simpson (Bellingham, Mass.) and Corey Henderson (Gardner, Mass.) led the Owls with eight tackles each. Henderson added a sack and Cade Nel-

son (Shrewsbury, Mass.) had 1.5 sacks for the Owls.

Framingham QB Thompson finished 11-27 passing for 169 yards with a TD and an interception. Nichols led the Rams with eight catches for 90 yards and a TD. Daniels finished with 52 yards rushing on seven carries.

Pena was the man of the hour for the Framingham defense, getting in on 17 tackles (9 solo), with four for losses and a sack. Renaudin had the fumble recovery for TD and a 22-yard interception return.

The Owls ran 75 offensive plays to the Rams 52, and Westfield outgained the Rams 246-219 and held a 37-23 edge in time of possession, but the key turnovers hampered the Owls chances to win.

Westfield will travel to Plymouth State for a MASCAC game next Saturday, Oct. 26 at noon. Framingham will next host Mass Maritime on Noon on Oct. 26.

Bonsignore sweeps weekend at North Wilkesboro

Justin Bonsignore found himself in North Wilkesboro Speedway Victory Lane twice this weekend. The driver of the No. 51 Phoenix Communications machine for Kenneth Massa Motorsports swept the weekend of Modified competition at the historic track - winning both the SMART Modified Tour season-finale 99 on Saturday and the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour

Brushy Mountain Powersports 150 on Sunday.

Bonsignore's SMART Tour victory came in his first career start with the series. He dominated the race and held off Matt Hirschman over the final laps to score the win.

His NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win on Sunday was his fourth of the season and second straight. It was also his 44th ca-

reer Whelen Modified Tour win - tying Reggie Ruggiero for second on the all-time NWMT wins list. Bonsignore also took back the series points lead heading for the finale at Martinsville Speedway (October 26) by 10 points in search of his fourth series championship.

"This car is two-for-two this year," Bonsignore said. "Just a great job by everyone. These cars

have been lights out. It's just really special. Forty-four wins... it's cool. But there's a bigger goal next week. I'm looking forward to Martinsville... it can't come soon enough."

Bonsignore and the Kenneth Massa Motorsports crew will return to the track for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season-finale at Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, Oct. 26.

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Athlete of the Week

Emily Provost
Monson

Provost posted a big shutout for Monson girls soccer in a win over rival Palmer last Monday night.

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school's battling against each other very hard, you never want to lose the game, especially under the lights," said Palmer head coach Celso Sandoval. "Monson has always had a very strong soccer program, and it has continued this year. Their players bring an intensity that you always have to match."

While the two squads will be competing in different classes in the upcoming Western Mass. tournament, they could meet for the third time this season during the Division 5 state tournament.

Both teams had a couple of scoring chances during the first twenty minutes of the opening half in the second meeting.

During the 12th minute, Monson junior Hannah Murphy fired a shot on goal that clanged off the left post. About eight minutes later, sophomore Avery Beaudoin had another shot attempt for the visiting team, but Palmer senior goalie Aubrey Boucher made a diving save keeping the contest scoreless a little bit longer.

Then senior Nevaeh Solis had a wide-open shot on goal for the home team, but Monson senior goalie Emily Provost (11 saves) was able to make the save. Petraszewicz also had a shot on goal, which was saved by Provost.

Provost is also one of the Lady Mustangs seniors, along with Addison Peterson, Natalie Hull, and Ella Cortwell.

The other Palmer seniors are Ava Swist, Jayda Pardo, Madison Rathbone, Gianna Perry, and Ava Przybycien.

The Lady Mustangs finally took a 1-0 lead during the 24th minute.

Murphy, who's the Lady Mustangs leading goal scorer, split a pair of defenders before firing a shot that was deflected away by Boucher (14 saves). Sophomore Chelsea Hull was in the right spot for the rebound shot, which sailed high over the goalie's head into the back of the net. It was Hull's first goal of this season and the third of her varsity career.

"It was wonderful to see Chelsea score her first goal of the season," Pagliaro said. "She always works hard in the middle of the field and creates opportunities for us, but she isn't nor-

mally a goal scorer." Palmer was given a free kick during the 33rd minute of the opening half. The kick, which was taken by Petraszewicz, went to Przybycien at the top of the box. Her shot attempt looked like it was going to bounce into the net, but Provost made an outstanding diving save, which kept the score 1-0 at halftime.

"I thought our goalie played outstanding in tonight's game," Pagliaro said. "She made a diving save at the end of the first half which helped us keep the lead."

Solis had back-to-back shots in the middle of the second half, but the Lady Mustangs managed to hold onto the lead.

With a little more than ten minutes remaining in regulation, Murphy fired a low shot into the left corner of the net giving her team a 2-0 advantage. Seventh grader Makenna Peterson was given the assist.

Murphy has more than 200 career points (goals + assists). She's quickly approaching the school record for both goals and career points, which is currently held by Brooke Murphy, who isn't related to Hannah.

"Hannah is a very hard worker on the field," Pagliaro said. "She always gives 100 percent effort in every game that she plays, and she doesn't want to lose. She just wears the opposing defense down."

Former Monson girls' varsity soccer coach Eric Degan pretty much said the same exact things about Brooke Murphy a decade ago.

It was an enjoyable short ride home for Hannah Murphy and her teammates.

T-Birds offense stymied in Providence

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-3-0-0) could not solve the Providence Bruins (2-2-0-0) and their goaltender Michael DiPietro, falling 3-0 on Sunday afternoon inside Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Colten Ellis earned a second consecutive start after defeating the Bruins an evening earlier, and the young goaltender was kept busy in a first period that saw Providence outshoot Springfield 12-4.

The Bruins eventually cracked the ice at 12:17 following an extended shift in the offensive zone. Veteran blueliner Jordan Oesterle located open ice in the left circle, stepped up, and slapped a one-time feed from Fabian Lysell over Ellis's shoulder, giving the Bruins the 1-0 edge.

5:42 later, in his second tour of duty as a Bruin, Vinni Lettieri continued his lengthy history of success against the T-Birds when he one-timed a shot through Ellis to extend the Bruins lead to 2-0 heading into intermission.

Springfield came out hungrier in the second period, but DiPietro was equal to the task, as he calmly stood tall against 10 T-Birds attempts. His best save came past the midpoint of the second, when he came out to challenge Aleksanteri Kaskimaki on a 4-on-2, denying the rookie his first AHL goal.

As the game moved to the third, the T-Birds tried to up the ante on offense, and Marcus Sylvegard had the best chance of the day with a breakaway bid, but DiPietro had the answer to turn aside the man who had the game-winning goal a night earlier.

In the end, despite a perfect 4-for-4 showing by the Springfield penalty kill and a 31-save performance from Ellis, the offensive drought proved costly, and Patrick Brown sealed matters with an empty-netter in the final 90 seconds to seal it up for the Bruins.

The T-Birds return home to begin another three-game weekend on Friday, Oct. 25 against the Grand Rapids Griffins. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

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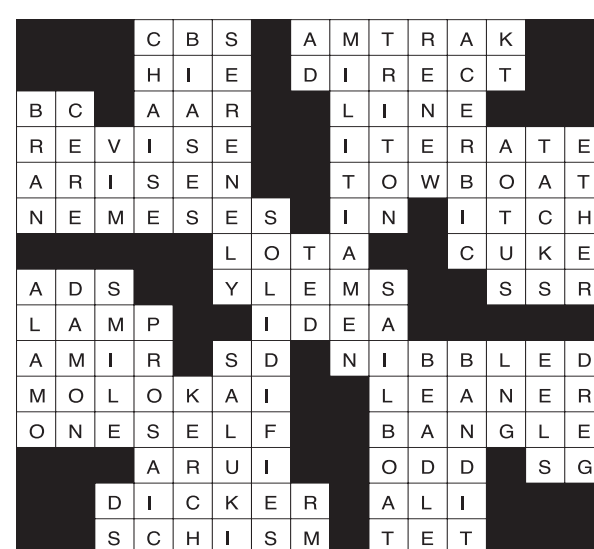
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William "Bill" J. Ellithorpe, Jr.

LEBANON, NH – William "Bill" J. Ellithorpe, Jr., 86, a 50-year resident of Newbury, Vermont, passed away on Friday, October 11, 2024. He spent his last hours surrounded by loving family members and his "sweetie" in the comfort of the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care. We know that he happily rode a sulky behind Cambro Time—one of his favorite standardbred horses—out of this life, across the field on his old Newbury property and beyond to a place of peace, good grazing, and cribbage games with Bev.

Bill was born on Aug. 26, 1938, in Palmer, Massachusetts, and grew up in the Thorndike section of town. He graduated from Palmer High School in 1956 where he was active playing baseball, football, and basketball as well as the accordion! He then abandoned the possibility of playing in a Polish polka band in order to pursue a career in teaching. He attended Keene State Teacher's College, NH, and graduated with a B.A. in 1961 and was hired for his first teaching job at Woodsville High School, NH that same year. He later went back to school to earn his M.A. in Teaching from St. Michael's College in Colchester, VT in 1965.

Bill taught history and government at the former Monson Academy in Monson, MA from 1963 through 1966. He also coached both football and basketball. It was there that he met his loving wife of 54 years—Beverly. They married in 1966, and Bill took on the task of helping raise her two sons, Larry and Glenn.

Bill taught history and coached basketball at Tantasqua Regional High School in Fiskdale, MA while Bev taught French, Spanish and English at Palmer High School, MA. After a short stint in Springfield, VT, Bill was hired as Principal of Palmer High School in 1969, serving there until 1972, when he moved to the "North Country" to become Principal of the former Orford High School in Orford, NH. In 1980 he decided to try something different and began a coffee/hot drink distribution operation to area businesses back when this was a novel idea. In 1984 he returned to education and taught English and social studies at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School in NH until he retired from full-time teaching in 1996.

Bill's lifelong love of fishing and hunting was nurtured by his father while growing up and exploring the woods and streams of western Massachusetts. He was also involved in beagle trials for those years and was a member of the Palmer Beagle Club. While living in Newbury, Bill particularly enjoyed camping along the White River with his father, nephew Terry, and brother-in-law, Wayne to fish for trout and made a few longer excursions, such as to the remote waters of Chibougamau in Quebec to fish for pike. He had several Brittany Spaniels over his later years for the purpose of bird hunting in the fields of the Upper Valley. In addition, Bill was a big Patriots fan but favored the Yankees over the Red Sox (to the chagrin of other family members!).

Bill's love of standardbred horses and racing began in his

college years and the family's move to the farmhouse and 23 (or so) acres in Newbury, VT in 1974 enabled him to pursue this dream. He had numerous horses over the years, including such frequent winners as "Cambro Time" and "Swift River Connie," and he raced not only at racetracks throughout "the North Country," but at numerous fairs. He could always enthral listeners with stories of photo finishes or of hazardous trips pulling the horse trailer through Sherburne Pass in Vermont or Crawford Notch in New Hampshire during snowstorms.

Bill was known for being outspoken and was always involved in politics and his community. This is evident both in his informal "holding court" while sipping cups of coffee at the Newbury General Store, engaging in debates from the seat of his pick-up as well as actually running for office and serving on local boards. The latter included a nine-year stint on the Newbury Board of Selectman, several terms on the Oxbow School District Board and time as the Moderator at the Newbury Congregational Church, in which he and Bev were both active. Of course, there were also the informal, but always loud conversations that were a tradition at all family gatherings, such as at Thanksgiving or New Year's Eve, when Bill and his loving sister, Chris, would banter back and forth as the tv might be doing play-by-plays of a Patriots game in the background.

Bill and Bev loved to travel and, especially, gravitated to historical sites including Gettysburg in Pennsylvania and the Fortress of Louisbourg in Nova Scotia. They enjoyed camping at Wassampki Springs in Maine for many summers and spent numerous winters in Jensen Beach, Florida, where they relaxed on the beach, visited other retired friends, went out for seafood, or explored nearby environs such as Lake Okeechobee. There were also trips to England, Scotland and Wales as well as to the Gaspé Peninsula in Quebec and Canada's Maritime provinces.

One of Bill and the family's earliest adventures was the trip "out West" back in 1968 in a Ford Mercury that pulled a pop-up camper. Sites visited included the Badlands in South Dakota, Yellowstone National Park, Zion and Bryce Canyon National Park, and the Grand Canyon. For many years afterward, the family would subject visitors to a slide show of the trip and such stories as when Bill and Larry hid from a curious bear in a campground bathroom.

However, both Bill and Bev loved the farm in Newbury above all else and the caring, supportive community of friends they had there throughout their 50 years in the town. Just as treasured as their many trips were quieter times spent in the kitchen, looking out the picture window to the field where a group of deer might be grazing at dusk.

Bill and Bev were both cribbage and rummy fiends and neither took prisoners when they played! Both would howl with frustration or gloat when they skunked each other or were



caught in the "dead hole" at the end of a cribbage game. Bill also partnered with a friend and competed in local cribbage tournaments with an eye on the first-place trophies. Many ended up on a table or shelf in the family room. Bill

later continued to play cribbage and other games, attend plays or movies, and get in one last trip to Florida with his companion of the last two years—Joan.

Bill learned many carpentry skills from his father growing up and was also known for creative resourcefulness in dealing with problems. For instance, in his post-retirement years he remained busy on the farm growing and selling corn, pumpkins or other vegetables at various times. Needing plenty of water for this endeavor and with some summers being particularly dry, he set up a system for pumping water from the swamp at the edge of the property for this purpose. He'd also, at various times, raised some banty chickens for the purpose of making fishing lures, built a dog kennel in the back yard when living in Palm-tric and installed a system for rotating the roof antenna at the stone house in Orford and then in Newbury in order to pick up a whopping two channels! This was in the days before cable or satellite tv, of course. Locals are also sure to remember days when Bill sold his corn from the back of "Old Blue" at a Route 5 pull-off down in Bradford, as well as when school groups picked his pumpkins from the field behind the Newbury house in the month before Halloween.

Bill is survived by his dear sister Christine Smith and his brother-in-law, Wayne Smith, of Palmer, MA; his nephew Terry Smith of Ware, MA and Terry's son, Evan; son Glenn Reed and his partner, Timothy Brennan, of Wilder, VT; son Larry Reed of Fair Haven, VT; granddaughter Devyn Reed of Pittsford, VT; granddaughter Brianna Thompson and her husband, Zach of Rutland, VT along with their two children, Eli and Norah; his companion Joan Ponzoni of White River Junction, VT; and many, many long-time friends in Newbury, VT and elsewhere. He was predeceased in 2020 by his wife of 54 years, Beverly Ellithorpe; and by his parents William J. Ellithorpe, Sr. (2007) and his wife, Madlyn (Kmon) Ellithorpe (2006), of Thorndike, MA.

A graveside service will be held at the Oxbow Cemetery in Newbury at noon on Sunday, Oct. 27. This will be followed that day by a celebration of the lives of both Bill and Beverly in the Newbury Congregational Church vestry at 1 p.m. Both are open for family and friends, and all are invited to come and share stories/fond memories of Bill and Bev. Memorial gifts in honor of Bill, in lieu of flowers, can be sent to the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care in Lebanon, NH: online at <https://dhgeiselgiving.org/cause/palliative-hospice-care#giving-options> or call (603) 646-5919.

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

O B I T U A R I E S

Wayne Louis Pare, Sr.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Wayne Louis Pare, Sr. who passed away on Oct. 18, 2024, in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. Born on Oct. 14, 1953, in Holyoke, MA, Wayne was the son of the late Wilfrid "Louie" and Persis "Pat" (Pereira) Pare. Raised in Chicopee, Wayne moved to Three Rivers, MA, in 1973, a place he called home for over five decades.

Wayne's life was marked by dedication and hard work. In 1982, he embraced the legacy of entrepreneurship by taking over the family business, Perry's Auto Parts in Chicopee, which he successfully operated until his retirement in 2019. Beyond his career, Wayne served his country with honor as a member of the US Army Reserves for six years, and he was a proud member of the Chicopee Elks.

Wayne was often described as a "workaholic." He possessed

a remarkable ability to fix and create, known fondly as a jack of all trades and a tinkerer who even built his own home. In his leisure time, Wayne enjoyed working on cars, playing racquetball, and scuba diving. Above all else, family

was the cornerstone of his life. He relished every moment spent with his beloved family, which brought him the greatest joy.

Wayne leaves behind a devoted wife, Kathleen M. (Ochs) Pare, of over 52 years, who stood by him through life's journey. He was a loving father to Wayne Pare, Jr. and wife Meia of Newbury, FL, Jason Pare and wife Christina of Palmer, MA, and Nicole Porter and husband Michael of Westerly, RI. Wayne was a cherished brother to Patrice Pare, Lisabeth Pare, and Warren Pare. He also leaves



a legacy of love to his nine grandchildren—Austin, Alexandria, Cassandra, Anderson, Connor, Amelia, Samantha, Ashland, and Ryder—and a great-granddaughter, Eveona. He will be lovingly remembered by many nieces and

nephews.

In celebrating Wayne's life, calling hours will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. A service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024 at 11AM and Wayne will be laid to rest at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson, MA.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Wayne's memory to the American Diabetes Association.

Richard C. Sanders, 1935 – 2024



SPRINGFIELD — Richard Charles Sanders, 88, of Springfield, was called home to his final rest with the Lord on Oct. 19, 2024. He spent his final days surrounded by his wife and loved ones.

Richard was born in Northampton on November 16th, 1935 to Harold and Mildred (West) Sanders. He grew up in Hadley, MA and graduated from Hopkins Academy. After high school, Richard proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Richard met his loving partner of 33 years, Romelle Crockwell, at Mt. Holyoke College where they both worked. They were married on June 19, 2004 and celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary earlier this year. They shared a deep Christian faith and love of God. Richard's ministry was the Lord's Pantry, a small food bank in Chicopee that grew under his management. For years he worked tirelessly to feed the hungry of the community and his good

nature and positivity was welcomed and appreciated by those he served.

To cherish his memory, Richard is survived by his loving wife, Romelle. He leaves his sons, Richard Allen Sanders and his wife, Brenda of Texas, Joseph Douglas Sanders and his wife, Laura of Templeton, MA; stepsons, Joseph Whalen and his wife, Wendy of Heath, MA, Tony and his wife, Carrie of South Carolina, Michael and his wife, Lisa of Arkansas, and stepdaughter, Madeline Smola and her husband, Todd of Warren, MA. He is also survived by his brother, Kenneth Sanders of Easthampton, MA and sister, Norma Burnett of Florence, MA. He was pre-deceased by his brother, Robert Sanders and sister, Doris Martin. He is celebrated by many grandchildren, Christopher, Kevin, Timothy, Brooke, Matthew, Michael, Kate, Shandie, Carly,



Sydney, Cooper, Callahan, Joline, Ayden, Romelle, Caitlyn, Joselyn, Brandon, John Jay and Andrew and great-grandchildren, Beckett, Lilah, Odin, Theo, Ryker, and Ellie Ruth. He will be remembered by many extended family members and friends.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Cierpial Memorial Funeral Home on 69 East Street, Chicopee MA. A funeral service will follow immediately after at First Central Bible Church, 50 Broadway Street, Chicopee, MA. A private burial will be held at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans' Home at Holyoke, 110 Cherry Street, Holyoke, MA 01040. Visit: cierpialmemorialfuneralhomes.com

Police/Fire

Fire Logs

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to three fire calls and 20 emergency medical calls for the week of Oct. 14 to Oct. 21.

Oct. 16 at 11:03 a.m., the department responded to Waid Road for a fire alarm, and returned to service at 11:05 p.m.

Oct. 20 at 1:32 p.m., the department responded to Peaked Mountain on Butler Road for an injured hiker, and returned to service at 2:04 p.m.

Oct. 20 at 3:22 p.m., the department responded to Palmer Road for the smell of gas, and returned to service at 3:37 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to six calls for the week of Oct. 13-19.

Oct. 13, the department responded to Lariviere Street for gasoline or other flammable liquid spill.

Oct. 13, the department re-

sponded to Wright Street in Palmer for fire.

Oct. 16, the department responded to Springfield Street for a smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

Oct. 18, the department responded to Cheney Street for a medical assist, to assist an EMS crew.

Oct. 18, the department responded to Juniper Drive for an EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury.

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Docket No. HD24P2192EA
Estate of:
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Date of Death: 09/19/2024
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Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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Docket No. HD24P1253EA
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons:
 A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: **Wendi Mercado of Salem, MA** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/20/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections

within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: October 17, 2024
Rosemary A. Saccomani
 Register of Probate
 10/24/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. HD24C0324CA
In the matter of:
Tina M Huff
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Tina M Huff of Holland, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Tina Marie Corvo
IMPORTANT NOTICE
 Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/12/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: October 15, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani
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Markey maps need for climate action following extreme weather events across the country

BOSTON - Senator Edward Markey was joined on Oct. 15 in Boston by local officials and advocates to call for increased federal investment to bolster the climate resilience of regions at risk of sea level rise — exacerbated by devastation from climate change-fueled storms, as well as highlight ongoing resiliency projects in the state, following two devastating hurricanes in the southeastern United States that are expected to cost \$300 billion and have resulted in more than 250 deaths.

Senator Markey announced that over the past two years, Boston, Chelsea, and Revere have already secured more than \$75 million from the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* and the *Inflation Reduction Act* for resiliency projects that include building resilient transportation corridors in Roxbury, greening the Chelsea Creek waterfront, and making the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Blue Line more flood resistant. In total, the commonwealth has secured approximately \$200 million for climate resiliency projects from those two laws so far.

Senator Markey was joined by Brian Swett, Chief Climate Officer for the City of Boston; Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata; Roseann Bongiovanni, Noemy Rodriguez, and John Walkey from GreenRoots; and Dwaigh Tyndal, Executive Director of Alternatives for Community and Environment.

"If we don't drive down our emissions as a country, we could see more than six feet of sea level rise by the end of the century. That's sunny-day flooding in neighborhoods from East Boston to Back Bay. TD Garden wouldn't be flooded with a sea of fans—it would be flooded by the sea itself. Back Bay will go back to the bay," said Markey. "Our task is twofold. One, cut climate pollution by ushering in a clean energy revolution unlike any we've seen before, dismantling our dependence on fossil fuels. And two, prepare for the future by investing in resilient buildings and strong communities. Thanks in part to the *Inflation Reduction Act* and the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*, we are well on our way to meet that second goal. In Massachusetts, we don't wait, we create."

"Chelsea and East Boston, the two communities that we serve at GreenRoots, are front-line environmental justice communities that are disproportionately impacted by environmental assault. On a daily basis, environmental justice communities throughout the United States and in the Global South face



Submitted photo
Senator Markey joined by City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata; Brian Swett, Boston's Chief Climate Officer; Dwaigh Tyndal, Executive Director of Alternatives for Community and Environment; and John Walkey, Noemy Rodriguez, and Roseann Bongiovanni from GreenRoots.

increased frequency of severe storms, storm surge, sea level rise, drought, heat island impacts, wildfires and much more. We need federal leadership like that of Senator Markey's to prioritize policies and investments in climate resilience and climate justice, an end to fossil fuel use, and implementing greater renewable, resilient energy," said Roseann Bongiovanni, Executive Director of GreenRoots.

"Many of the people here

Senator Markey highlights federal investments in Massachusetts Climate Resilience, calls for investment in more resilient schools and hospitals and for a federal climate emergency declaration.

have immigrated as a result of natural disasters in their home countries, and with climate change, we know that natural disasters are only going to be increasing in number. When this happens, we need to ask the questions, 'Where are we going to go? What is going to happen to us?' These are the questions and worries that many of us have, not just for East Boston, but all over the country. We are the first generation feeling the effects of climate change and we may be the last generation that can do something about it," said Noemy Rodriguez, Waterfront Initiative

Organizer at GreenRoots.

"We know that when climate change happens, the least among us are the first affected and the worst affected. We frequently say that people are a paycheck away from disaster.

According to FEMA, just an inch of floodwater in a home causes roughly about \$25,000 in damages. There are over 400,000 Massachusetts residents living in the hundred-year flood zone which means more than a one in four chance of having a flood during a 30-year mortgage period. If home ownership is the route to generational wealth that we would leave to the next generation, we need to be planning and prepared for this," said John Walkey, Director of Climate Justice & Waterfront Initiatives.

"Boston is deeply grateful for Senator Markey's unwavering leadership in securing critical federal funds that are bolstering our city's climate resilience. Thanks to our partners in the federal government, Boston has secured over \$60 million in grants for coastal resilience projects helping us protect our neighborhoods from rising sea levels and extreme storms. However, with the increasing frequency of extreme weather, much more work remains, and additional funding is essential to fully safeguard our city and its most vulnerable communities," said Brian Swett, Chief Climate Officer for the City of Boston.

The destruction of extreme weather events is disproportionately felt by black, brown, low-income, and immigrant communities, who are burdened by historical disinvestment and the compounded effects of legacy pollution and dangerous infrastructure sited in their neighborhoods. Under the Biden-Harris administration, including through the histor-

ic *Inflation Reduction Act* and the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*, federal funding has come to Massachusetts to help prevent the worsening impacts of climate change and support the Commonwealth's climate resilience efforts, but continued federal investment in resiliency and clean energy will be needed to help avoid worsening disasters and billion-dollar storm recoveries in the future.

Senator Markey has been working to ensure that Massachusetts is climate resilient and prepared for extreme weather events, which are only increasing in frequency due to climate change. On Oct. 4, Senator Markey joined Mayor Jennifer Macksey for a briefing on the Hoosic River Flood Mitigation Study, a project that aims to evaluate potential flood risk reduction measures and support development of a new flood mitigation system built with 21st-century engineering standards. Senator Markey led the effort to get the study included in the *Water Resources Development Act*, advocated for \$750,000 in funding for the Army Corps of Engineers this year, and has secured \$950,000 in the pending appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2025.

In September, Senator Markey announced of \$472 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation to the MBTA to fully replace the North Station Draw One Bridge and renovate Platform F at North Station. The grant is the largest federal award the MBTA has won to date. The nearly half a billion-dollar grant will provide critical support for one of MBTA's top priority projects and a vital transportation asset to MBTA's north-side operations. It will also support more than 14,500 jobs, make the bridge more climate resilient by bringing it above projected sea-level rise, and lower emissions.

In August, on the second anniversary of the historic *Inflation Reduction Act*, Senator Markey launched his Climate Hub, a centralized site with resources to help stakeholders navigate opportunities from both the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* and the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)*. Together, these two laws have created the largest and most significant climate and clean energy investments in history, putting the United States on a path to address the climate crisis, repair historic harms to disadvantaged communities, create good-paying union jobs in the clean energy economy, and work towards a Green New Deal future.

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Minimum Requirements: A minimum of 2 years' experience in public or private housing management, community development, public administration, non-profit administration, or a related field that demonstrates strong management and organization skills. Knowledge of the principles, practices of state and federal public housing management programs, capital improvement planning, technology systems, maintenance, and finances desired. Strong organizational and personnel management skills desired. One year of experience overseeing at least three staff persons or as a significant project team leader or program administrator strongly preferred.

Possess excellent written and verbal skills for an ability to communicate effectively with local officials, boards, residents, service providers and funding agencies. Experience working with the public, as well as individuals of various socio-economic backgrounds. Must be bondable. Certification as a Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator (MPHA) desired or obtained within one year.

Must be proficient in Word, Excel and Outlook. Familiarity with centralized public housing wait lists (CHAMP), housing software, HUD and EOHLC databases and reporting systems desired. Other preferred credentials include graduation from an accredited two to four-year college or university and a passion for the mission of affordable housing.

The maximum salary is \$86,667 and is dependent upon experience, education, and certifications in accordance with EOHLC Executive Director Salary Schedule. The required work hours are 32 hours per week and the position includes excellent benefits. The candidate will be subject to qualification verification prior to employment.

To apply in confidence please submit a cover letter and resume to Kenneth R. Martin, Consultant, at kenmartin1208@gmail.com with "Warren ED position" in the subject line.

The deadline is no later than the close of business on November 1, 2024.

Late applications shall not be considered. More detailed information will be required of applicants that advance to the next level of consideration.

Diverse applicants are encouraged to apply.

The Warren Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Stay alert for cryptocurrency scams when scrolling on TikTok

Money-flipping cons and investment scams have been on the rise for years, and since 2020, the Better Business Bureau has received more than 4,000 reports from consumers about investment scams, many of which involved cryptocurrency.

Traditionally, these scams have taken the form of long-term romance scams to slowly gain the trust of their targets.

More recently, however, these scams have taken to social media platforms, where scammers can more quickly target a larger audience and steal your money and personal information. BBB Scam Tracker frequently receives reports of cryptocurrency scammers on TikTok.

Here's what you need to know.

How the scam works
 You're scrolling through TikTok when you receive a direct message from a user asking if you're interested in investing. The user's profile seems legitimate, and the company's website looks real.

You may also encounter a user sharing videos of piles of cash, saying you can earn that much money through cryptocurrency investments, too.

You decide to engage with the user, and they present you with a great cryptocurrency investment opportunity. For an initial investment of a few hundred dollars, your money could double

or triple in just a few days! You say yes and start the investment process.

At this point, the user will ask you to communicate off social media on a different messaging app. You'll be asked to send money through a digital wallet service and potentially purchase cryptocurrency and send it to them.

Then, they will "invest" the money for you, which allegedly starts multiplying immediately.

When you try to get your money back, the scammer will claim you must pay service fees. At first, these amounts may seem harmless and are just a few hundred dollars.

However, if you pay one fee, the scammer will likely continue to ask for more, always promising you will get much more back than you spend.

Unfortunately, these fees are fake, and any money you send will end up in the scammer's pockets. You won't be getting a return on your investment, and you won't be getting your initial deposit back either.

BBB Scam Tracker has received reports from people targeted by cryptocurrency scammers on TikTok. One person shared their experience:

"I was asked by a woman on TikTok if I was interested in investing. I told her yes, but I was skeptical. She assured me she worked for a legitimate compa-

ny. I trusted her and proceeded with a \$500 investment through bitcoin to an account with [company name redacted]. I was told after 24 hours I could withdraw my profit. I had to pay 30% fee of \$2,150 then it would be deposited in my bank account in 24 hours. After 24 hours I received an email that I had to pay a 'gas fee' of \$4,250. At this point I knew it was a scam..."

How to avoid social media cryptocurrency scams

Use good judgment. Get-rich-quick schemes and investments guaranteed to give you a huge return are nearly always scams. If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Do your research. Before you contact someone through TikTok or another social media platform, look up their name, phone number, and company name (if they have one) online and on BBB.org. The investment industry is highly regulated, so be wary if investments are unregistered with the SEC or other investment industry regulators.

You can also search on BBB Scam Tracker for scam reports. You'll likely find complaints online about it if they have conned others.

Don't give into scare tactics. If an "investor" contacts you, they may try to convince you the investment will only work if you act right now. Or, if you've already sent them funds, they may

threaten you with legal action if you don't pay their fees.

In any case, don't give in to scare tactics. Recognize them as the hallmarks of a scam.

Understand how digital wallet services work. Treat any money you send through a digital wallet service like cash.

Once you send the money, there will be little you can do to get it back if you were scammed. Only use these apps with people you know and trust.

Find a trusted financial advisor to help you. If you are interested in investing, look for BBB Accredited financial consultants to help you. Working with a vetted and reliable business can help you avoid investment scams online.

Read BBB's tips on how to find someone to help you manage your finances.

For more information
 Learn more by reading BBB's investigation on investment scams. Read up on more investment scam techniques and money-flipping scams.

If you spot a scam on TikTok or elsewhere, report it to BBB Scam Tracker, even if you didn't lose any money. Your report helps boost consumer awareness about the issue.

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UMass Cold Spring Orchard embracing the fall season

By John Woodside
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – At UMass Cold Spring Orchard, a historic farm in Belchertown, new apples are being grown. The farm also houses tree and fruit research done by the University of Massachusetts and select state and federal fronts. Workers change outside of a vehicle outfitted by the university, rubber boots and overalls, a hat that reads research.

“We have almost 300 varieties of apples, a lot of them are research apples, a lot of them do not even have official names yet, this one L-29 tastes similar to a Honeycrisp a little more flavor,” research assistant Jake Suarez said.

The later-season apple harvest is going strong. There are Jonagold, Honeycrisp (treated with ReTain), Empire, Golden Delicious, Macoun, Ambrosia, Delicious, Spencer. Etc... They don't do breeding on the farm, only testing and research. Apple and peach variety evaluations wherein breeders from across the United States send them their more advanced selections to plant and test and see how they do here so they can give growers a heads-up as to what they might be able to plant going forward. An example would be “Evercrisp” which they have grown for 10-plus years.

“We open the different parts of the orchard depending on what is ripe to pick. I think the earliest we start is the second week of

September,” Suarez said. “The land has been an apple orchard for over 80 years. The Massachusetts Fruit Growing Association bought the land and donated it to the university, allowing it to become a prominent apple research center. It can take up to 20 years for an apple variety to hit the market.

One of their newest plantings are unique cider varieties, Spanish and French in origin, Suarez says.

“We do not make hard cider for sale, but we make sweet cider and sell that,” he said. “For those who are hard cider enthusiasts we do offer if they make hard cider as a hobby, they can bring their carboys and the next time we press we fill them with sweet cider for fermentation.”

Suarez says he eats apples each day.

“That way I can better direct and describe the different varieties we have,” he said.

Suarez should grapes that are being experimented on. He said it is a trial they did with an agricultural company they make bio pesticides better for us than traditional poison pesticides. “We are researching if it affects the growth or the sugar level of the grapes,” Suarez said. “The chardonnay we harvested. The grapes are used to make wine, sold to a variety of vineyards in the area.”

The past couple years they had buckwheat and sunflower planted in rows before us, “this is the year we finally planted our new plum

orchard” Jake says. “This is a row of fuji trees. You can see they were cut for grafting. This was our first attempt”. Grafting is a method of asexual plant propagation that joins plant parts from different plants together so they will grow as one plant. “Almost like cloning” he tells us. “They all got infected with disease. Probably fire blight” one of the tropes of a research farm “a few of the trees bounced back surprisingly” Jake says and “say it is a branch off this tree. When you graft you want to aim for one year old wood. What you do is you look for the growth ring. When it is dormant you want to do this, in the winter-time, you want to make the cut. Then you try to line up the cambium layer with the trunk”. Then they tape the cut branch to the tree and seal it up hoping for union. “Next year we should do better, I suppose. Oh, there a new tree” he says pointing to a successful experiment. The new trees dance in the sun before us.

When testing an apple, researchers or the trained consumer look for traits: texture (crispness, juiciness firmness), flavor (sweetness acidity, aroma), appearance (color, finish, shape), fruit size, storing ability, disease resistance, productivity, and tree form from which it came. The apple itself. Researchers even look at whether a tree drops fruit or not. Or how much fruit one can bear.



Jake Suarez, a research assistant, shows us a branch ready for grafting.



A skeleton holds onto gourds just outside the UMass Cold Spring Orchard.



A family from the University of Massachusetts pick apples on Saturday.



A tree after grafting.



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