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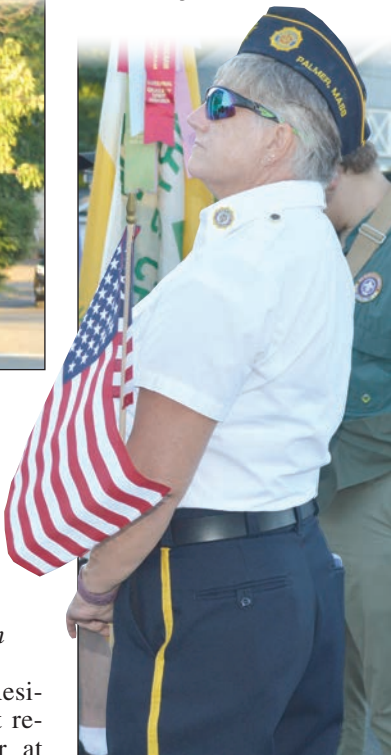
COMMUNITY PLEDGES TO NEVER FORGET

Ceremony marks 25th anniversary of 9/11 attacks



Responders form a solemn line of remembrance.

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The colors were on display throughout the event.

quired for first responders to run into harm's way, the high price of heroism still being paid over two decades later.

"Much has changed since that day, but what hasn't changed is our love of country and our commitment to service. We will never forget," Oliveira added.

Eric Segundo, the Director of Veterans Services for Ludlow and Palmer, also honored all 9/11 first responders, as well as the servicemembers who answered the call to defend freedom over the past quarter century. Many returned home with serious injuries, and thousands never came home to their families.

With several veterans in attendance at the ceremony, speakers urged guests to never forget those who served and sacrificed, including servicemembers who suffered the invisible wounds of war.

Additionally, State Representative Todd Smola spoke about the solidarity shown in the days, weeks, and months following the tragedy, with neighbors and community members helping each other heal.

"We remember that terrible day, but we also recall how we unified around each other for a common purpose of support," Smola told guests. "Let's remember the victims and the sacrifices

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Monson Legion creates 9/11 memorial



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Members of Purcell-LaBrecque American Legion Post 241 of Monson constructed a memorial table in a tribute to the fallen of the 9/11 attacks. The memorial is located in the meeting room at the American Legion hall, 143 Palmer Road.

American Legion hosts memorial

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PALMER – Residents, officials, and first responders came together at a remembrance ceremony marking 25 years since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Held at 1010 Thorndike Street, the event was organized by The American Legion, Palmer Post 130. The ceremony honored all victims who lost their lives during the attacks, as well as first responders who rushed into danger.

For State Senator Jake Oliveira, who attended multiple remembrance programs across his district, it's important to honor the anniversary through reflection and also education of the next generations.

"I still remember the

classroom I was in," Oliveira said of the moment he and his sophomore classmates at Ludlow High School learned of the attacks 25 years ago. "It's important for everyone who lived through that day to teach young people about the sacrifices and the amazing acts of selflessness."

In addition to the victims killed during the attacks, Oliveira also honored the thousands of Americans affected in the years after the tragedy by 9/11-related illnesses. He joined additional speakers in reflecting on the immense bravery re-

Seniors enjoy breakfast with first responders

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MONSON – Local first responders and seniors got a late start to their workweek, but they were right on time for fun at the Senior Center.

Members of the Monson Police Department, Fire

Department, and the West-comm Regional Dispatch Center joined seniors at the "We Woke Up Late" lunch on Sept. 14.

First responders cooked several breakfast favorites for lunch, and guests were encouraged to wear pajamas in celebration of the late start to a sunny Monday.

Officials were thrilled with the large attendance.



Local first responders welcome seniors to lunch.

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Samuel Hudak
receives
a pass.

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SOCCER

PHS girls soccer out to 2-0 start

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER – For the second year in a row, the Palmer girls’ varsity soccer team began the regular season with a victory.

Holding a slim 1-0 half-time advantage, the Lady Panthers scored four second half goals enroute to a 5-1 non-league victory over the Springfield International Charter School Bulldogs in this year’s season opener held under the lights at historic Legion Field on September 8.

“We’re a young team, but all of the girls have been working very hard so far this season,” said Palmer head coach Celso Sandoval. “I thought we played very well as a team in tonight’s game.”

When the two squads met last September in Springfield, the contest ended in a 1-1 draw.

The Lady Panthers posted a 2-0 shutout victory at Greenfield in last year’s season opening match.

Sophomore Anabelle Ladue and freshman Harper Brouillette began this season by scoring a pair of goals for the Lady Panthers.

During the eighth min-

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SOCCER

Mustangs edged in season opener



Issac Somers tries to keep possession of the ball in the offensive end.



Kreslan Casseus tries to settle the ball.



MONSON – Last Tuesday afternoon on a sun-splashed day, Monson High School boys soccer was defeated by Granby 2-1. Samuel Hudak had the lone goal for the Mustangs. Monson also lost to SICS 3-0 last week and are 0-2 to start the season.



Niko Matthieu tries to pass through an opponent.



Brennan Peterson turns play around.

Lily Peresi makes her way up the middle of the field.



FIELD HOCKEY

Panthers score season-opening win 4-1

PALMER – Last Thursday afternoon, Camden Kimball had three goals and Anna Wu added a goal in a 4-1 win for Palmer High School field hockey. Ellie Gelinas had a great game with three assists and Vinny Govine made 13 saves for the Panthers.



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Isabelle Braden reaches out and makes a stop.



Neila Lachance tries to work around an opponent.



Ellie Gelinas tries to settle the bouncing balls.



Cady Hurd goes for the sideline.

FOOTBALL

Pioneers win big over Ludlow in opener

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LUDLOW – Aside from committing a couple of penalties, everything went very smoothly for the Pathfinder Tech football team in their season opening game against the Ludlow Lions.

Junior quarterback Grayson Griswold completed three touchdown passes and scored a rushing touchdown, as the Pioneers cruised to a 43-0 victory before a large crowd at the Ludlow Sports Complex, last Friday night.

“This is a really nice win for us, but it’s only the first step of an 11-game season,” said Pathfinder Tech head coach Bill Darling. “We came out very focused at the start of tonight’s game.”

It was the first time that the two teams had squared off on the gridiron since the 2017 regular season.

The Lions had won the last three games of the series by outscoring the Pioneers, 80-12.

The last time that Pathfinder Tech celebrated a victory in the series was a 27-0 shutout in 2012.

The Pioneers also hadn’t won their first game of the regular season since posting a 33-6 home victory against cross-town rival Palmer on September 9, 2023.

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