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MONSON

Select Board addresses issues

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MONSON – The Monson Select Board met on September 9, covering a wide range of issues from community celebrations and liquor licenses to heated discussions about governance, transparency, and the structure of town government.

Meeting opened with a reminder

The meeting began at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Peter Warren then addressed recent incidents of harassment directed at town employees. He strongly condemned the behavior, calling it “cowardly and classless,” and urged residents to treat staff with respect.

“Our employees work hard every day to support Monson and its residents, and they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect,” Warren said.

Farmers market, flags, and food pantry

Community announcements brought a lighter tone to the evening. Beekeeper and Agricultural Committee member Mike Kabaska pro-

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Car show supports PHS seniors

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PALMER – On Sunday, Sept. 14, Palmer High School’s Class of 2026 rolled out chrome, color, and community spirit for their annual car show fundraiser. The school grounds filled with gleaming muscle cars, vintage models, and custom builds while students, parents, and local vendors worked side by side to raise money for upcoming senior activities.

The event drew car enthusiasts, families, and residents alike, all eager to admire classic vehicles while supporting the senior class as they prepare for milestones such as prom and an

optional February trip to the Dominican Republic.

“This is only the second car show Palmer High has ever hosted, and the first for this class,” said Michelle Petraitis, who helped advise the event. “My grandson is a senior here, and his mom, Julie, really got the idea going. I’ve done events like this before, so I was glad to step in and help. The turnout has been wonderful...it’s something the whole community can enjoy.”

The show featured a wide variety of vehicles, from a 1967 Camaro in original butternut yellow owned by Palmer High’s very own Principal North to

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Turley photo by Abigail McCoy
Roger Fortune with his 1930 Ford Roadster.

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American Legion Dept. Commander, Scott Conner, saluted the flag after laying down a rose for our fallen soldiers.

Community gathers to remember the 9/11 attacks

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PALMER – On the evening of Sept. 11, community members, veterans, scouts, and local leaders gathered at the old American Legion Post 130 in Palmer, to honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the service members who gave their lives in the years that followed. The annual remembrance ceremony, now in its eighth year, carried a powerful message:

to remember, to honor, and to ensure that future generations never forget.

The event opened with a salute to the colors, followed by an invocation and welcoming remarks. Matthew Nay, sergeant-at-arms of Post 130 and a former commander, explained the meaning of the ceremony.

“This event is to help remember all those we lost in 9/11, first responders, veterans, military service members, the innocent lives taken, and to honor those that came before us, so we

never forget the tragedy that happened that day, 24 years ago,” Nay said.

The remembrance portion included the dedication of new bricks to Post 130’s Walk of Honor, where families purchase engraved bricks to commemorate loved ones who served. Attendees then laid roses for 18 veterans killed in action since 9/11, concluding with a rose honoring those who have died from visible and invisible wounds related to

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PALMER

Eagle Scout project debuts flag retirement boxes

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PALMER – Palmer residents will soon have a new way to properly retire their worn and weathered American flags, thanks to the efforts of a local scout.

Sam Prouty, a member of the Eagle Scouts, has taken on a community service project to construct flag retirement boxes for the town. Until now, Palmer had no designated col-

lection sites for residents to respectfully dispose of U.S. flags.

“I was actually told while I was at a camporee that there weren’t any retirement boxes in Palmer,” Prouty explained. “It wasn’t something I had ever looked into because I kind of expected there to be one. When I found out there weren’t, I realized that was pretty important...so I decid-

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Turley photo by Abigail McCoy
Eagle Scout Sam Prouty posing with the flag retirement box they made.

PALMER

Comedy show fundraiser packs house at AMVETS

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PALMER – A night of food, fun, and nonstop laughs filled AMVETS Post 74 on Friday, Sept. 12, as four comedians took the stage for “Operation Laughter,” a comedy fundraiser benefiting the Veterans Activities Fund.

Doors opened at 5:30 p.m., with a local food truck outside and snacks provided

inside, while audience members filled the hall ahead of the 7 p.m. show. By showtime, the room was buzzing with energy as performers prepared to deliver a night of comedy with a cause.

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Line dancing brings community together at Pulaski Park

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THREE RIVERS – Pulaski Park turned into a lively dance floor on Thursday evening, September 11, as music, laughter, and the sound of boots shuffling in rhythm filled the pavilion. Local instructor Stephanie Kniskern led a two-hour line dancing session that drew both newcomers and regulars, continuing a tradition that has grown steadily since its launch last year.

Kniskern, who has been dancing for nearly 15 years, first discovered line dancing recreationally with her sister at venues in Worcester. But it wasn't until a friend, then a bar manager at St. Stan's in Three Rivers, asked her to teach a beginner's lesson in

April 2024 that she began formally leading classes.

"We packed that hall with about 50 people, and not a single person had ever line danced before," Kniskern recalled. "It took us two hours to get through three or four very basic dances, but everybody was laughing and having a phenomenal time."

Since then, her group, Southern Steps, has hosted monthly gatherings, alternating between Pulaski Park in the warmer months and St. Stan's Hall during the fall and winter. Lessons typically run two hours, with breaks for participants to grab a drink and chat. Afterward, Kniskern often stays on to play song requests, allowing dancers, both beginners and seasoned regulars, to keep moving as long as they'd like.



Instructor Stephanie Kniskern leads dancers through a variety of line dancing moves.

Turley photos by Abigail McCoy

The sessions have become more than just a chance to learn choreography. Many participants now see the gatherings as a way to unwind,

socialize, and make lasting connections.

"What's really cool is a lot of these women you see talking to each other actually

didn't know each other before coming here," Kniskern said. "They showed up solo, but over time they've built friendships. It's a great group of

women who are literally just here to have fun and blow off some steam."

Admission is \$15 per person at Pulaski Park and \$10 at St. Stan's Hall, with a cash bar available at both venues. While this Pulaski Park session will be the last for the season, Kniskern said October's class will take place indoors at St. Stanislaus, with dates and details posted on the Southern Steps Facebook page.

Even after more than a year of teaching, Kniskern says the sense of community and enthusiasm keeps her inspired. "It's really amazing to see people who've never danced before give it a try, laugh through the mistakes, and leave with new friends," she said. "That's what makes this so special."

Church to present silent film 'Peter Pan' accompanied by pipe organ

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MONSON – The First Church of Monson will transport audiences back a century this fall when it presents the 1924 silent film Peter Pan, accompanied live on the church's historic pipe organ. The special performance, part of the Sanctuary Concert Series, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.

The event will feature internationally recognized organist and improviser Peter Edwin Krasinski, whose work in live silent film accompaniment has earned acclaim across North America, Europe, and Asia. Known for his imaginative and energetic

performances, Krasinski will bring the adventures of Peter, Wendy, Tinkerbell, and Captain Hook to life in a way that has captivated audiences worldwide.

"It's an honor to play in Monson on this magnificent organ, Opus 781, built in 1892," Krasinski wrote when announcing his participation. "I look forward to sharing this organ and timeless story with the community. Each performance is unique, because the accompaniment is improvised live, no two shows are ever exactly the same."

Krasinski, who holds degrees in organ performance and sacred music from Boston University, is organist at the Basilica of Our Lady of Per-

petual Help in Boston, First Church of Christ, Scientist in Providence, and Principal Organist of Mechanics Hall in Worcester. He also serves as House Organist of the Providence Performing Arts Center and has led master classes at the Sibelius Academy in Finland.

The idea to bring Krasinski to Monson has been a while in the making. Local resident Bob Meecham, who has long admired the organist's performances in nearby Gilbertville and Boston, worked with the church council to bring the experience to town.

"Bob has wanted to do this for quite a few years, and he finally was able to get consent from the church council

to go ahead with it," said his wife, Maryann Meecham. "We chose Peter Pan because it's family-friendly and the perfect introduction to silent films with live music. We didn't want something scary or dark... this way, children and families can enjoy it together."

Krasinski's performance will open with Suite Gothique, Op. 25 by French composer Léon Boëllmann, written in 1895, just three years after the First Church's Johnson organ was built. The historic instrument, renowned for its craftsmanship and rich tonal range, will provide the foundation for the evening's unique blend of music and film.

Silent film screenings

with live accompaniment were once a staple of American entertainment, particularly before the rise of "talkies" in the late 1920s. Events like this allow modern audiences to experience that tradition as it was originally intended; with the immediacy and excitement of live, improvised music guiding the emotions of each scene.

Krasinski has performed similar shows in Gilbertville at the Stone Church, where he usually gives two concerts a year, but organizers in Monson are excited to make the art form more accessible to local audiences. "A lot of people have never experienced this before," Meecham noted. "It's a way to bring something new and yet

historic to the community."

Admission for the October 25 event is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, and free for children under six. Families will be capped at \$40. Organizers hope the concert will be the start of a new tradition at the church. "If this first event is successful, we'd love to bring Peter back for future performances," Maryann Meecham added. "It's something truly special that connects music, history, and storytelling."

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Volleyball tournament draws big turnout

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BRIMFIELD – What began as a small idea to help boost business during the pandemic has grown into one of the region’s most anticipated late-summer sporting events. On Sunday, more than 200 volleyball players gathered at the Brimfield Winery for the annual “Doubles and Bubbles” tournament, an event that blends friendly competition with community connection.

Tournament director Geoff Tasca explained that the tradition began in 2021, when volleyball enthusiasts Julio Cruz and Hannah Fox, first organized the event after learning that the winery was struggling during COVID-19. “They came up with the idea to run a volleyball tournament to get a bunch of people here,” Tasca said. “It was a great success. Everyone loved it, so they decided to keep it going.”

Since then, the event has been managed by The Sandbox, a volleyball events company based in Groton, Connecticut. Tasca, who directs tournaments for the organization, noted that it has grown into a carefully coordinated community effort. “There’s a group of about five of us who get here at 6:30 in the morning and set up 10 of the nets,” he said. “Other nets are supplied by players themselves. By the end of the day, we’re packing up in the dark.”

This year’s tournament drew 117 teams, 214 players in total, across five competitive divisions. Participants traveled from across Massachusetts and Connecticut, with many hailing from the Boston area, where most

summer volleyball tournaments are held. The Brimfield location offers a rare convenience for local players, while also providing a scenic and welcoming setting.

Brimfield Winery contributes to the festive atmosphere by supplying prizes for division winners, including bottles of wine for competitors over 21. The Sandbox adds to the rewards with volleyballs, backpacks, and apparel. “Volleyball players love to drink, and they love the wine here,” Tasca joked. “It’s a beautiful field, and they do a great job supplying us with prizes.”

While organizers have experimented with different dates in the past, including once hosting a June tournament, the September slot has become a mainstay. According to Tasca, the timing works out perfectly for both the winery and the players. “The date we found in September is almost perfect because a lot of people mark this tournament as the last hurrah of summer,” he said. “The weather is usually just right, not too hot but not too cold, and we can squeeze in the matches before dark.”

The tournament’s popularity has created challenges in itself. Registration often fills quickly, and capacity is capped at about 110 to 120 teams due to space and equipment limitations. “We were basically sold out this year,” Tasca said. “We could probably fit a few more nets, but it’s a matter of coordinating and acquiring them. Still, the turnout has been incredible.”

Looking ahead, Tasca and The Sandbox hope to keep the tournament as a staple of late summer. “We’ll definitely be back next Sep-



Swaroop Jay hits a perfect setting form as he jumps to hit the ball.



Mallory Singer jumps up to make a killer spike over the net.

tember,” he said. “It’s become a tradition that players and the community look forward to, and as long as the winery has us, we’ll be here.”



Event Coordinator Geoff Tasca gets impressively low for a block.



Hannah Fox hits a good serve to the other team.



A contestant digs deep to return the ball.



Nick Mead employs the method of “Suns Out, Guns Out” during his serve.

Turley photos by Abigail McCoy

PCC seeks grant applications

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

Mass Cultural Council focusing on programs/events that can support students, senior citizens, families, green spaces and teenagers.

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

must be completed on line at massculturalcouncil.org beginning Sept. 2 through the Oct. 16, 2025 deadline. The Palmer Cultural Council is also seeking new members. For more information contact palmerculturalcouncil@gmail.com.



Palmer Senior Center

Evening Programs 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Sept. 22 - Spaghetti Dinner with Meatballs, Toss Salad, Garlic Toast and Assorted Desserts from Randall’s Farm at 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 29 - 4:30 p.m. Learn the art of Acrylic Painting, center will be providing all supplies, we will be painting on bricks.

Friday, Movie Matinee at 12:30 p.m. with drinks and popcorn

Sept. 18 - Hillbilly Elegy “A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis” is a 2016

memoir by JD Vance about the Appalachian values of his family from Kentucky and the socioeconomic problems of his hometown of Middletown, Ohio, where his mother’s parents moved when they were young. It was adapted into the 2020 film Hillbilly Elegy, directed by Ron Howard and starring Glenn Close and Amy Adams.

Upcoming Events
Senior Portrait Day, Sept. 19 at 12:30 p.m. Remember those days when you had senior pictures taken, you fussed with your hair and the guys were making

sure they were shaved, hair neat and so forth. Well it’s happening again, we will have a professional photographer taking these pictures, so bring along your children, grandchildren or special someone and have your picture taken. The only fee is extra copies.

Boston Harbor Cruise – Oct. 9, 2025 - \$110 includes transportation & tips, cruise w/ buffet lunch and three rounds of Bingo, on-board DJ. \$55 due at sign up and \$55 due by August 1st. The center has acquired another bus. If interested, please sign up at the center.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

To the editor,

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley extends a heartfelt thank you to the players and supporters of its 31st Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser, held at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown. All profits from this fundraiser are used to fund scholarships, service grants, advocacy efforts, and other service initiatives aimed at breaking down barriers and building a brighter future for women

and girls. Special thanks to our major sponsors DESCO and Valley Dentists of Belchertown. Check out the Tournament winners and the supporters from all over Western MA at www.zontaq.vg - click on Golf Tournament.

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I'd like to retire early, but don't want my Social Security reduced

Dear Rusty:

I will be 65 this year and my husband is 72 (he retired in 2019 at age 66).

I would like to retire and enjoy some time with him before he gets too much older. I do not want to have my benefits cut by retiring earlier, but I don't see a way to be able to do that. My benefit will be \$1,343 on my Full Retirement Age.

If I took half his retirement when he retired, it would be less than mine. If I take early retirement and he passes away before me, would I get his full benefit as his survivor or will it be cut? We are trying to figure it out. His current benefit (before Medicare Part B) is \$2,978. It's very confusing.

Signed: Confused and Wondering

Dear Confused:

Whenever any Social Security benefit is claimed earlier than Full Retirement Age, the monthly amount is permanently reduced. If you were to retire at age 65, your Social Security benefit would be reduced by about 13% - in other words, if your FRA (age 67) amount is \$1,343, at 65 you would get about \$1,164. And at age 66 you would get about \$1,253 per month.

Whether you would be entitled to a "spousal boost" from your husband depends on how your FRA amount compares to 50% of his FRA entitlement. If your FRA amount is less than 50% of his FRA amount, then you would get a "spousal boost," but the amount of that boost would also be reduced if you claim before your FRA. Note: from the numbers you provided, you may be entitled to a spousal boost and, if so, it would be applied by Social Security when you claim.

Also, FYI, if you take SS before your FRA and are still working, Social Security

has an annual earnings test which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. If you earn more than \$23,400 in 2025, you will likely not get all of your monthly SS payments (SS will take away some monthly benefits if you exceed the earnings limit). Of course, if you retire from working, this will not be a problem, because earnings before you claim SS won't count toward the limit.

When you claim your SS retirement benefit now will not affect your survivor benefit from your husband later. If your husband passes first, your benefit as a surviving spouse would be based on the amount your husband was receiving at his death. But if you were to claim your widow's benefit prior to your FRA, your survivor benefit would also be reduced (the amount of reduction depends on how much before your FRA you claim your survivor benefit). If you claim your widow's benefit at or after you FRA, you will get 100% of the amount your husband was receiving at his death instead of your own smaller amount. It will only be reduced if you claim before your full retirement age.

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Plant exodus, coming soon

Just this past week I put a call in to the herb gardeners at Old Sturbridge Village where I work part time.

I asked them to let me know they'd like me to deliver the pots and soil for the annual "exodus." We will be moving the tender perennials from their summer residence in the herb garden to my domain, the maintenance department's greenhouse.

There are some wonderful and very familiar plants in our living collection: rosemary, bay, lemon verbena and scented geraniums are some of my personal favorites.

Before the interpreters dig up the plants, I always ask that they give them a bath to cut down on the number of insects that will be brought into the greenhouse. For the home gardener this is equally important.

I say "bath" because my pesticide of choice is a natural and fairly benign one-made of potassium salts of fatty acids (soap) that weakens the insect's outer shell and cause dehydration. It is sprayed on leaves and stems until they are soaked, and can be reapplied every seven-10 days as needed.

This product is especially effective on insects that make their home on herbs and houseplants: whitefly, aphids and mealy bugs.

Once the insects have been eradicated, it is time to get out the shovel and get to work digging up and repotting the plants. You will be amazed at how large some of them can become after only a few months in the ground.

It is important to salvage as much of the root ball as possible to minimize the shock of being potted up. To do this, position your shovel along the "drip line" of the plant and dig straight down, completely around its cir-

cumference. After you've made your way around, get your shovel underneath and lift.

Have a pot ready - one that is an inch or two bigger than the root ball is sufficient, and will allow for minimal winter growth. My container of choice is always plastic, but glazed pottery is fine too. I steer clear of clay; it dries out too quickly.

I usually put a couple of inches of moist potting soil into the container, set the plant and then fill in with more as needed before watering well. Oftentimes I leave the plants outside until a frost threatens, then I bring them in and back out until the weather turns decidedly cold.

Home gardeners often ask how to overwinter their favorite herbs without a greenhouse.

Perhaps the most cherished of all tender herbs is Rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*), the herb of remembrance. The key to growing it successfully indoors is "cool but sunny."

My old house affords me many such microclimates. If you aren't as lucky, try for a sunny window away from dry heat, in other words far from heat vents, the wood stove etc.

Bay tree (*Laurus nobilis*) is another favorite and can be grown right through the winter with little or no coddling provided it is given medium to bright light and consistent watering. Do be on guard for the waxy-looking scale insect; one giveaway is leaves covered in a sticky, shiny sap called hon-

ey dew. Try to "Q-tip" individual insects with rubbing alcohol or use insecticidal soap or horticultural oil to smother larger infestations. If the bugs have been active for awhile, sooty mold may have formed. This thick, black coating will likely need to be scrubbed off leaf by leaf to allow the plant to photosynthesize properly.

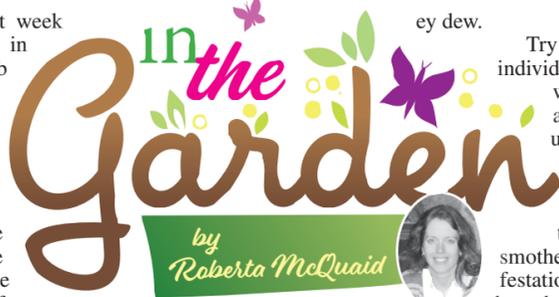
To have success overwintering scented geraniums (*Pelargonium* spp.) indoors, situate them in bright light where daytime temperatures are 65-70 degrees, and night temps are in the 50s. Fertilize every other month during the fall and winter.

Smaller leaved varieties will be easier to manage; large leaved cultivars will get top-heavy quickly- take terminal or "tip" cuttings of these instead.

Lemon Verbena (*Aloysia triphylla*) may start out looking great, but a month or so into indoor culture will likely begin to lose its leaves. Fear not, leaf drop is completely normal and to be expected! You may be tempted to throw it out; instead, position in a sunny spot, water as needed and await new growth in the spring.

Enjoy your favorite tender herbs over the winter and again come springtime and summer when they return to the garden.

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

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

Campaign news

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

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

New England Patient Advocacy Conference takes place Oct. 14

Teri Frykenberg has answers to some of your audience's toughest questions.

Teri Frykenberg, a long-time registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate in western Massachusetts, is recognized as an industry pioneer, visionary leader and patient advocacy champion. With a forthcoming new book and patient advocacy conference in Worcester, not to mention mixed messages about health care these days, she is sure to be a valuable resource to your readers, listeners and viewers.

It's not the first health advocate conference but is the inaugural New England Patient Advocacy conference. Also please use my latest headshot. I think on brads quote should



your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
 Guest Column



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This is what L. Bradley Schwartz, founder of Greater National Advocates (gnanow.org) says about her "Teri doesn't sugarcoat the hard stuff. She writes candidly about the cracks in our system

- implicit bias, fragmentation, insurance barriers, caregiver fatigue. But she never gives in to despair, and she arms her readers with tangible strategies to become stronger advocates."

Patient advocacy is growing in reach and impact. As the

health-care industry becomes more and more profit-driven, the ranks of medical professionals thin, and procedures and medications become more complex, a patient advocate is an ally for the patient and their family. A nurse's place as at the bedside, and that's where you'll find Teri.

"Our modern health care system is so broken," Teri says. "The best way I know to help is one person, one family at a time, saving lives and insisting that 'assembly line medicine' and poor communication are not okay." To help spread the word, she is hosting the New England Patient Advocacy Conference Oct. 14 at Assumption University in Worcester.

To register or for more information, visit nurseadvocateentrepreneur.com/nepac.

Already the author of three Amazon best-sellers, Teri has a new book coming out this fall, "Advocating Well: Strategies for Finding Strength and Understanding in Health Care." It is a compilation of her consumer health columns, read and trusted by thousands.

Teri resonates with patients, their loved ones and their caregivers. Her book provides insights into not only patient advocacy, but also today's hospital care, evolving health-care roles, newer tests and treatments, and disputes with insurance companies.

To arrange to have Teri Frykenberg as your guest, contact Joanne Levine, Lekas & Levine PR, at joannepr@aol.com or 847-327-9530.

Students taste test, rank snacks in fun library activity

By Abigail McCoy
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PALMER – The Palmer Public Library’s youth room was buzzing with energy on Wednesday, September 10, as ten local children gathered around plates of fruit for the latest installment of the library’s popular “Rank That Snack” program. Led by Youth Activities Director Olivia Chartrand, the event asked young participants to taste, compare, and rank a variety of fruits to determine the group’s overall favorite.

The first fruit up for review was pineapple, quickly followed by watermelon, blueberries, honeydew, peaches, raspberries, and cantaloupe. Each child sampled the options and filled out ranking cards to capture their personal favorites before the scores were tallied into a group consensus.

Chartrand explained that the lighthearted program draws inspiration from Buzz-

Feed’s popular Try Guys video series, in which personalities rank everything from fast food to candy. “I borrowed the idea from Eugene’s ranking series,” she said with a smile. “We’ve been doing it for over a year now, and it’s become one of our most popular recurring activities.”

Over the months, “Rank That Snack” has explored a wide range of edible categories. Past events have featured everything from Oreos and Pop-Tarts to Pringles, donuts, condiments, and even ice cream. The format remains simple but engaging: each child tries a small sample, records their rating, and then debates which snack deserves the top spot.

For Chartrand, the appeal lies in both the fun and the familiarity. “Like many of my recurring programs, we run this every other month,” she said. “The kids love it, I love it...it’s just a cute little activity that gets everyone talking and trying something new.”



Lincoln Quinn, Alistair Vitore, and Zack Champagne sample peaches.

The fruit edition sparked new ideas from the young tasters themselves, with several suggesting a future round dedicated entirely to sour candies. “Sour Skittles! Sour strings!” one child shouted, while another lobbied for freeze-dried sour snacks. Chartrand laughed, noting she might add it to the list for a future session.

While “Rank That

Snack” continues to draw steady crowds, the library is also preparing for other upcoming youth programs. A Halloween party is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 24, running from 6 to 9 p.m. to coordinate with Trunk-or-Treat festivities at the local elementary school. In addition, a horror movie night for teens ages 13 and up will take place the Friday before the party.



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy
Olivia Chartrand, youth services director, passes out fruit to participants Jackson Quinn and Lexi Booke.

“It’s all about giving kids something fun and social to do at the library,” Chartrand said. “Whether it’s taste-testing snacks or celebrating Halloween, these programs give them a space to come together.”

The next “Rank That Snack” is set for November, and with sour candies already potentially on the radar, participants may want to bring their puckered faces and adventurous taste buds.

St. Anne - St. Patrick Parish invites community to events

STURBRIDGE – St. Anne - St. Patrick Parish and Shrine warmly invites parishioners and neighbors throughout the community to participate in several upcoming opportunities for prayer, healing, and fellowship.

The Heart of Prayer Study Group

Beginning Saturday, Sept. 20, for seven weeks from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Parish Center, the parish will host The Heart of Prayer, a reflective study program taught by spiritual educator and fellow parishioner Joseph Krans. This seven-session course offers participants a chance to deepen their spiritual lives by exploring the rhythms of prayer, silence, and scripture in community. To register, contact Joseph Krans at 508-867-8881 or email joseph.krans.presence-work@gmail.com.

Grieving with Great Hope Workshop

Also beginning Saturday, Sep. 20, for five sessions, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Lower Level of St. Anne’s Church,

for those who have lost a loved one, Grieving with Great Hope is a Catholic faith-based grief support workshop led by trained facilitators from Good Mourning Ministry. The workshop offers prayerful support, practical tools, and fellowship for those journeying through grief. For more information or to register, call the parish office at 508-347-7338 or email Chris Williams at cwkiki@charter.net.

Vendors Wanted for Christmas Craft Fair

1st Annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Center, 16 Church Street, Fiskdale. Local artisans, makers, and crafters are invited to reserve vendor spaces, which include tables and chairs. The event will feature crafts, jewelry, home décor, food, and more. Applications are available at <https://stannestpatrickparish.com/>.

For more information about these opportunities and St. Anne - St. Patrick Parish and Shrine, please visit: <https://stannestpatrickparish.com/>

Monson Savings Bank pledges \$20K to Educare Springfield

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank has announced a generous pledge of \$20,000 to Educare Springfield, reinforcing its commitment to early childhood education and community development. The donation was commemorated with the unveiling of Monson Savings Bank’s name on Educare’s interactive donor wall.

The celebration brought together key leaders from both organizations, including Monson Savings Bank’s President & CEO Dan Moriarty and Executive Vice President & COO Michael Rouette, alongside Educare Springfield’s Executive Director Nikki Burnett, who also serves on Monson Savings Bank’s Board of Directors and Trustees, and School Director Amy Stec.

“We are proud to support Educare Springfield and the incredible work they do to ensure every child has access to high-quality early education,” said Dan Moriarty, President & CEO of Monson Savings Bank. “This investment reflects our belief in the power of education to transform lives and strengthen communities.”

Michael Rouette, Executive Vice President & COO, added, “It’s inspiring to see the impact Educare is making in Springfield. We’re honored



Submitted photo

Monson Savings Bank’s President & CEO Dan Moriarty (center left) and Executive Vice President and COO Michael Rouette (far right) joined Educare Springfield’s Executive Director Nikki Burnett (center right) and School Director Amy Stec (far left) to celebrate the unveiling of Monson Savings Bank’s name on Educare’s interactive donor wall.

to be part of their mission and look forward to seeing the continued growth and success of the children and families they serve.”

Educare Springfield is part of a national network of early childhood schools that use data-driven practices to prepare children for success in school and life. Educare believes that everyone deserves a fair chance to achieve their dreams, and it starts by leveling the playing field from an early age.

Nikki Burnett, Executive Director of Educare Springfield and a member of Monson Savings Bank’s Board of Directors and Trustees, ex-

pressed her gratitude: “Monson Savings Bank’s support means so much to our organization. Their generosity helps us continue providing innovative, research-based education to our youngest learners. As someone who serves both organizations, I see firsthand how closely aligned our values are, especially our shared commitment to empowering the community through education and opportunity.”

Amy Stec, School Director, shared her excitement: “Having Monson Savings Bank’s name on our donor wall is a powerful symbol of partnership. It shows our children and families that the

community believes in them and their potential.”

As one of the nation’s most effective early childhood network of schools, they are ensuring young children from underserved communities have the best possible chance for success in life. The Educare approach extends beyond the classroom to help children, families, and communities thrive. Monson Savings Bank’s contribution will help further Educare’s mission to close the opportunity gap for children in Springfield. To learn more about Educare Springfield, please visit: <https://www.educare-springfield.org/>.



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The event was produced by Buddha Joe Comedy, a Western Massachusetts-based comedy company founded by Joe Amad, a Westfield resident and combat veteran. For Amad, bringing humor to venues like Palmer's AMVETS is more than entertainment; it's a way to give back.

"I'm a combat veteran myself, so a lot of these shows I produce have a fundraising component to support different veteran nonprofits and organizations," Amad explained. "It still blows my mind that we can use comedy to raise funds for meaningful causes, like this. All you have to do to support us is come out and laugh with us."

Amad, who has performed at AMVETS before, was invited by Tina Brohman, Palmer's Veteran Service Officer, to bring this year's lineup to Post 74.

The evening's showcase featured four comedians: Mark Branson, Tony Sykowski, Andrew Balestieri, and Amad himself. Each brought their own style, ranging from family-life stories to sharp one-liners and reflections on everyday absurdities.

Branson opened the night, weaving tales about parenting, kids' fights, and the oddities of family life. "After me, the swear jar is the second highest source of income in our house," he joked, drawing big laughs from the crowd.

Sykowski and Balestieri followed, adding their unique perspectives and energy to the mix before Amad closed out the night. Amad's set leaned heavily on his personal experiences as a veteran and his sharp wit about modern life. He described his comedy as an evolving conversation with the audience.

"I see comedy as kind of a first date," Amad said. "You don't just sit down and go in for the kiss...that would be really weird. So I talk about my insecurities, about being a 300-pound combat veteran in black nail polish, and about all the little things that make us laugh at ourselves."

For attendees, the event was as much about community as it was about comedy. Veterans, families, and residents came together not only to support the Post but also to enjoy a night out in Palmer.

"This is what it's all about...laughing together, eating together, and raising money for a good cause," Palmer's VSO Tina Brohman said.

Though one of the scheduled performers had to cancel due to a last-minute emergency, Amad assured the crowd she would be back for a future show. "She's one of the funniest 70-year-old retired nurse comedians in Western Mass.," he said with a smile, promising the audience even more laughs down the road.

By the end of the night, the applause and laughter were proof that Operation Laughter had delivered on its promise: a high-energy evening that made a difference. Every ticket purchased went directly to the Veterans Activities Fund, supporting Post 74's work on behalf of local veterans.

"This is comedy for a cause," Amad reminded the audience. "We'll keep bringing the shows, and you keep bringing the laughs. Together, we're doing something that matters."



Bartender, Sharon Chandonnet, stayed at the bar the whole show keeping the audience well watered.



Comedian Andrew Balestieri leaves the stage and tells jokes while mingling with the audience.



Joe Amad, owner of Buddha Joe Comedy, kicks off his set.



Audience members listen and laugh during the show.



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy
A Puerto Rican food truck provides meals for the crowd.



Mark Branson pokes fun at his bald spot during his routine.



Palmer's Veterans Service Officer Tina Brohman introduces the evening's program.



The front sign of AMVETS Post 74 in Palmer.

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ed to make them."

The first completed box has already been placed at the old American Legion post at 1010 Thorndike St, Palmer, with a second one underway that will be located at AMVETS Post 74. Once in place, residents will have two convenient sites in town to leave old flags for retirement, ensuring they are handled with the respect they deserve.

Flag retirement is a longstanding tradition in the

United States, with the U.S. Flag Code calling for un-serviceable flags to be "destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." By providing a secure and accessible collection point, Prouty's project allows veterans' groups to conduct proper ceremonies when disposing of flags.

The initiative may not end with just two boxes. According to Prouty, local veterans have already expressed interest in additional locations. "The American Legion brought up that there's a summer camp they'd like

me to make one for," Prouty said. "That way they'll have one there as well."

Beyond the practical benefit, Prouty sees the project as a reflection of what scouting can do for young people. "Scouting is a wonderful thing, and if a kid has the ability to do it, they definitely should," Prouty said. "It's definitely shaped the way that I am today."

For now, Prouty's project fills a gap in Palmer, giving residents a respectful way to honor the flag while ensuring proper retirement traditions continue.



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a 1971 Dodge Challenger that its owner, Kevin Kopacz, has cherished for 24 years. "I've been into cars my whole life," Kopacz said proudly while standing next to his restored classic.

Other highlights included a twin-turbo LS-powered 1960 Ford F100 pickup owned by Jason Methe, which drew a crowd with its horsepower and burnouts, and a beautifully painted 1930 Ford Roadster, showcased by Roger Fortune, who had the bodywork completed by students in Pathfinder's automotive tech program during the pandemic.

Beyond the cars, vendors and community members contributed to the festive atmosphere. Christine, owner

of "Auntie's Cabin," displayed her handmade goods, including aprons, crocheted hats, and sewing crafts. Nearby, local Gotta Dance studio had a bracelet making station, shared activity schedules, and promoted upcoming dance classes.

Raffles added another layer of excitement, with tickets sold at \$1 apiece or in bulk bundles. Prizes, donated by local businesses and families, included themed gift baskets such as: Halloween decorations, office supplies, cozy throws, and even a "dad basket" and "mom basket."

"We couldn't have done this without the community stepping up to donate and participate," said Julie Stapleton, whose son is a member of the senior class. "My husband's been a car enthusiast for years, so when the class

was looking for fundraising ideas, this felt like the perfect fit. The feedback has been so positive that the school is already considering making this an annual event."

For the Class of 2026, the fundraiser carried added significance. As middle schoolers, these students spent much of their formative years under COVID-19 restrictions, missing out on social and extracurricular experiences.

"They didn't get the normal middle school phase, which is so formative," Stapleton explained. "Now, seeing them pull together to organize something like this... it's just been incredible. As parents, we're blessed and proud."

With strong attendance, diverse vendors, and enthusiastic participation from car owners, students, and fam-

ilies, organizers believe the event will become a cornerstone of senior fundraising at Palmer High.

"This class set the bar," said Stapleton. "Future seniors will be able to build on what worked here, put their own spin on it, and keep the tradition alive."

As the last engines roared



Auntie's Cabin, run by Christine, offers a range of homemade crafts.

and raffle winners collected their prizes, the sense of community lingered; a reminder that for Palmer's seniors, the

road to graduation is paved not just with academics, but with shared effort, support, and pride.



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Principal Susan North stands with her 1967 butternut yellow Camaro.



Gotta Dance Studio hosts a bracelet-making station and shares information on upcoming performances.



Kevin Kopacz with 1971 Dodge Challenger.



Jason Methe with his 1960 F100 with Twin Turbo LS.

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moted the upcoming Farmers Market, scheduled for Saturday morning, Sept. 13, at Memorial Hall. He encouraged residents to attend, saying, "There's going to be vendors... it'll be a good time. Weather's going to be good, so that's a real good thing."

Attention also turned to Main Street, where Summerfest Committee member Jo Soriel introduced the "Adopt a Flag" program. The effort is designed to replace the faded American flags that line the downtown area. For \$25, residents can sponsor a flag in honor, in memory, or anonymously. "The flags are looking a little sad... we'd like to replace them all before next year's Summerfest," Soriel explained.

In another update, Monsoon Together's Karen Davis reported on the opening of a new community food pantry, which she described as accessible to all without proof of financial need. The pantry offers fresh produce, meats,

dairy products, and staples, while aiming to serve people with dignity and compassion. Davis thanked the Diocese of Springfield and the many volunteers who made the effort possible but expressed frustration with negative social media posts surrounding Halloween planning. "If you think 8% of the population of Monson is the only ones who need food, we should have a conversation after this," she said.

Disputes over electronic voting

Governance issues dominated much of the evening. The board considered the creation of an Electronic Voting Committee to study the use of clicker systems at Town Meeting, but the process immediately sparked disagreement.

Resident Roxanne Gunther objected to Chair Warren's earlier decision to authorize the Town Administrator to advertise for committee members without a formal board vote. She argued

that the move violated the Massachusetts Select Board Handbook and undermined the board's responsibility to act as a unified body. "They are a board that... are supposed to be a unified body. And I think it needs to stop," Gunther said, linking her concerns to what she described as repeated open meeting law violations.

Despite the controversy, the board proceeded with interviews of several applicants, including Town Moderator Laurent McDonald and Town Clerk Mary Watson. McDonald underscored the importance of transparency in the process, noting, "It's important to the citizens of the community that they get the information themselves, not just for us to take it back in a report." Final appointments to the committee were postponed until a later date.

River Hollow Golf Approved for Liquor License

The Select Board unanimously approved a seasonal liquor license for the newly renamed River Hollow Fam-

ily Golf Center, also known as Tin Cup Family Golf, Inc. The new owners said they intended to host fall events despite the late-season approval. Board member Pat Oney welcomed the expansion of business activity, saying, "We're happy to see business in town, and we're happy to see that you're trying to expand what you're doing."

Shortly after adjournment, however, a longtime abutter voiced opposition to the decision, citing decades of stray golf balls in her yard and her concern over serving alcohol at the site. Because the public hearing had closed, the board was unable to reopen the discussion.

Board expansion petition

The Select Board also considered a citizen petition approved at Town Meeting to expand the board

from three members to five. Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz explained that the board's responsibility was to vote on whether to forward the proposal for home rule legislation. "Your role is to take a vote to either approve or not and send to Boston," Wolowicz said. The petition was voted forward to town counsel.

The conversation expanded into a broader discussion about governance, as board members revisited a 2022 state management review that recommended updates to Monson's government structure. Several members voiced interest in forming a Government Study Committee to examine elected versus appointed positions, the role of the town administrator, and overall voter engagement. While some advocated for appointing residents immediately, others suggest-

ed waiting for professional guidance from the UMass Collins Center. Wolowicz urged caution, reminding the board, "This is not an easy thing to do."

Lights of Hope recognition

The meeting closed on a reflective note, as the board recognized Pam West for organizing the eighth annual Lights of Hope at Veterans Field. The event raised awareness about the opioid crisis and honored those affected. "It's called the Lights of Hope because it brings some hope to the families and the friends that unfortunately have that as a challenge in their life," a board member said.

The evening ended with a reminder of the monthly meet and greet at Westview Farms, where residents are invited to gather and share conversations over ice cream.

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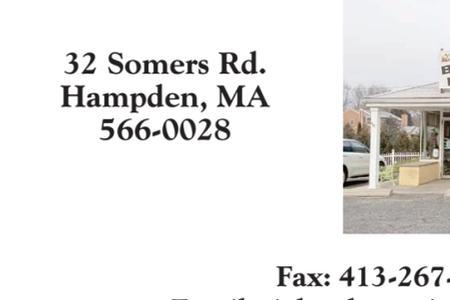
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their service. Speakers reflected on where they were on that fateful morning and how the day shaped their lives. One speaker recalled President George

W. Bush's address to the nation after the attacks, noting his words: "Let us resolve to never forget those who were murdered by terrorists, never forget those who rushed to save lives and gave theirs in exchange. Honor them today

and forever." Sen. Jake Oliveira, who stepped in for State Rep. Todd Smola, shared a personal story about Bill Hall, former chief of the Port Authority Police, who witnessed the attacks firsthand and later

helped establish airport security reforms. Oliveira emphasized the need for younger generations to carry forward the memory. "We need to continue to tell the story of 9/11, so we never forget the sacrifice

made that day in defense of our country," he said, pointing to the scouts and children present as living reminders of why remembrance matters. The ceremony also highlighted stories of heroism, in-

cluding that of Rick Rescorla, an Army veteran and head of security for Morgan Stanley at the World Trade Center. Rescorla is credited with saving 3,800 colleagues by calmly leading them to safety, singing Welsh mining songs to steady their nerves. He died while ensuring others escaped.

"He was doing what he always did...leading from the front," the account read.

Local leaders reminded the crowd of the staggering numbers: nearly 3,000 lives lost on September 11, 343 New York City firefighters, 71 police and port authority officers, 55 military personnel at the Pentagon, and the passengers of Flight 93. Since then, more than 7,000 U.S. service members have died in the War on Terror.

The ceremony concluded with the playing of "Taps," a closing prayer, the 21-Gun Salute, and a reminder of the importance of community remembrance. Nay noted the presence of scouts, veterans, and families, saying, "Thank you to the veterans who came before me. Without them, I wouldn't have been able to pave this path for my children and for future veterans."

As the crowd dispersed, the message was clear: September 11 is not only a day of grief, but also one of unity, resilience, and gratitude for those who serve. Palmer's annual remembrance stands as a promise to never forget.



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy
Senator Jake Olivera placing a rose for our fallen soldiers.



Matthew Nay, sergeant-at-arms of Post 130, looking out at the crowd gathered for the ceremony.



Jake Olivera delivers a personal speech talking about his friend Bill Hall.



Boy Scout Troop 164 being solemn and still flag bearers for the ceremony.

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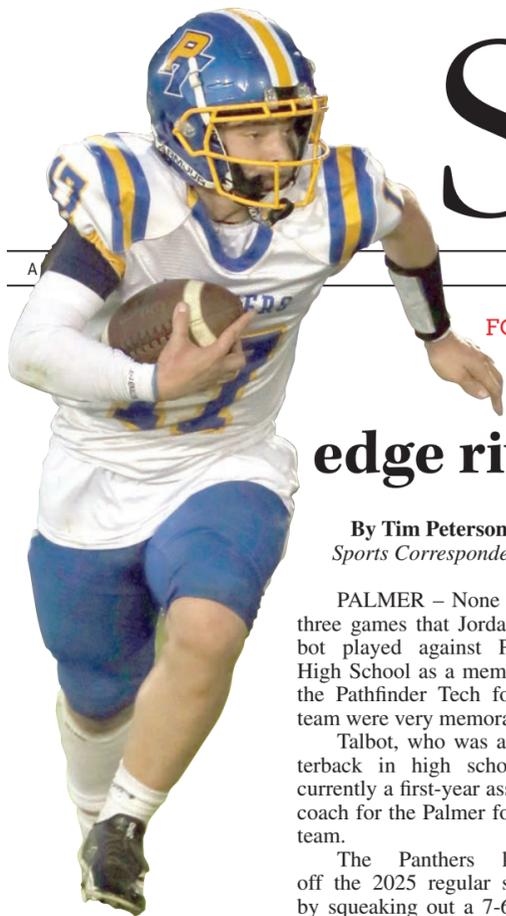
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Grayson Griswold heads toward the sideline.

FOOTBALL

Panthers edge rival Pioneers

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER – None of the three games that Jordan Talbot played against Palmer High School as a member of the Pathfinder Tech football team were very memorable.

Talbot, who was a quarterback in high school, is currently a first-year assistant coach for the Palmer football team.

The Panthers kicked off the 2025 regular season by squeaking out a 7-6 non-league victory over the Pioneers before a large crowd at historic Legion Field in Palmer, last Friday night.

“It feels good to finally win a game in this series,” said Talbot, who graduated from Norwich University last spring where he was a member of the baseball team. “The boys have been practicing very hard during the past couple of weeks preparing for this game.”

Jordan Talbot isn’t the only member of his family who’s a member of the Panthers coaching staff.

His father, Jason, who graduated from Palmer High School in 1992, is beginning his second season as the defensive coordinator under head coach Matt Marciniac,

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SOCCER

Palmer suffers road shutout

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE – Emma Simkewicz won her first career game as the Chicopee High School girls’ varsity soccer coach in a home match versus Palmer last September. The 2-1 come-from-behind victory also snapped the Lady Pacers 23-game losing streak.

The Lady Pacers began this season with a pair of road losses before posting a 6-0 win in the home opener against the Lady Panthers, last Tuesday night.

“Anytime that you can win a game against a league opponent, it’s always a good day,” said Chicopee

assistant coach Miguel Ribeiro. “We’re a very young team this year and we’re going take it one game at a time.”

Simkewicz was

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Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Kylee Lukas surrounds the ball.

SOCCER

Mustangs make it three straight

MONSON – Last Wednesday afternoon, Monson’s offense got off to a great start, and did not look back. The Mustangs defeated Mahar 7-0 at home to improve to 3-1 on the season. Jake

Beaupre notched a hat trick and Brennan Peterson, Benjamin Pignone and Samuel Hudak IV all had goals. Monson next faces Pathfinder in a rematch at home at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19.



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Isaac Somers is pressured.



Brennan Peterson concentrates on the ball.



Kreselen Casseus goes for the ball in close pursuit.



Brady Ronaldson elevates for a header.



Jake Beaupre gets around the loose ball.

CROSS COUNTRY

Palmer cross country in action

GRANBY – Last Wednesday afternoon at Dufresne Park, Granby High School cross country hosted

Palmer. Both the boys and girls teams took part in races, though the final scores of the meet were not reported

as of press time. Colby Carleton of Granby was the top finisher in the meet.



The boys cross country race begins. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



The girls cross country race gets underway.



Jack Maficeau crosses the finish line.



Liam McKee was Palmer’s top male finisher.



Madelyn Roy was the second female finisher for the Panthers.

SOCCER

Tantasqua Warriors boys soccer ties Wachusett Mountaineers

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

HOLDEN – The Tantasqua boys’ varsity soccer team will finish the 2025 regular season with at least one scoreless tie for the third consecutive year.

The Warriors dominated the first 40 minutes of their non-league road match against Wachusett Regional on Saturday, Sept. 6, but they

couldn’t put the ball into the back of the net.

Neither team scored after halftime and the contest, which was held at Hal Lane Field in Holden, ended in a 0-0 draw.

“We had a lot of scoring chances in the first half. One of our shots hit off the post. We also had a direct kick which went straight to their goalie,” said Tantasqua head coach Matt Guertin. “You’re

never satisfied unless you win, but I thought the boys played very hard in today’s game.”

During the 2023 regular season, the Warriors played a scoreless tie at home against Nipmuc Regional in a non-league match. They also played a 0-0 tie at Millbury last September.

Tantasqua finished the first week of the 2025 regular season with a 1-0-1 record.

The Warriors kicked off the new season by posting a 4-0 shutout victory at Shepherd Hill on September 2.

The Mountaineers (0-1-1) lost, 1-0, in their season opener at Shepherd Hill two days later.

“When I looked at the score from Wachusett’s game against Shepherd Hill, I thought we would have a little bit of an advantage coming into today’s game,” Guertin

said. “They’ve always been a very good soccer team, so I knew that this was going to be a hard fought battle.”

Because the Wachusett boys’ soccer team competes at the Division 1 level and Tantasqua is a Division 3 team, the tie should give the Warriors extra points in the power rankings.

“Whenever we play teams like Wachusett, it makes us a much better team,”

Guertin added. “We’re hoping to qualify for the Division 3 state tournament and win a league title.”

The Warriors used to be members of the Southern Worcester County League.

The SWCL, along with the Colonial Athletic League, Dual Valley Conference, Inter-High, and Worcester County Athletic Conference,

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Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Bondsville League

WARE – It is week two of the Bondsville candlepin bowling league at Roll-A-Way Lanes.

During week two, Sandri bowled against Fire Mountain on lanes three and four. In game one, Fire Mountain defeated Sandri by a score of 450-430.

In game two, Sandri and Fire Mountain tied with a score of 429-429. Sue Horton of Sandri bowled a 105 in game two. As a result of the tie, each team receives one point.

In game three, Sandri was victorious by a score of 453-417. Ron Gouin of Sandri finished with a 109 during his team's victory. Sandri won total pinfall with a final score of 1312-1296.

Team UMass bowled against Zeke's Freaks in week two. In game one, Zeke's Freaks won by a score of 449-407. In game two, Team UMass defeated Zeke's Freaks by a score of 463-455. Pete Ducharme had a good game of 109.

In game three, Team UMass won the last game by a score of 499-450. The final score was 1369-1354 in favor

of Team UMass.

The Ironmen bowled against Nighthawks during week two. In game one, Nighthawks defeated Ironmen by a score of 480-458. Darryl Sinclair of Nighthawks started the match with a 121. His son, Gavin Sinclair, began with a 116. Billy Brunk of Ironmen started off strong with a 131.

In game two, it was a close match as Nighthawks won again by a score of 478-477. Gavin Sinclair had the highest game of 132 in game two.

In game three, Ironmen won the last game by a score of 538-474. The Ironmen team had scores of 105, 137, 138, and 124 during their third game victory. Brunk had the highest three-game series with a 365. G. Sinclair had a 116 in game three and a series of 364.

Ironmen won total pinfall by a final score of 1473-1432. The Cannonballs bowled against the Snappers in week two. In game one, Snappers won by a score of 358-344. Sally Czarniecki of Cannonballs had a good game with a 108.

In game two, Snappers won again by a score of 363-357. Glen Goodwin of Snappers had a good game with a 107. Keith Marchesalt of

Cannonballs bowled well with 110.

In game three, Snappers won again by a score of 421-337. Kevin Krasnecky of Snappers finished strong with a 138.

The Flaming Bowling Balls bowled against Fabulous Four. In game one, Fabulous Four won by a score of 374-357 (scratch totals). Kristy Temple of the Fabulous Four began the match with a 118.

In game two, Fabulous Four won by a score of 393-367. Paige Stabach of Fabulous Four had a good game of 122. In game three, Flaming Bowling Balls won by a score of 402-387. The final score (scratch) was 1154-1126 in favor of Fabulous Four. The handicap scores will be configured soon.

Another match during week two was between Slow Burners and a newly introduced team, Spare Parts. The results of who won each game are to be determined due to figuring out handicap. As for single games, John Jebb of Spare Parts had a good game during game two with a 107.

In game two, three members of Slow Burners broke the century mark with scores of 113, 111, and 102. Scott Radisic of Slow Burners finished the match with a 108 in the final game.



Anabelle Ladue tries to outrun an opponent.

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efforts," Ribeiro added. "We always want to spread things around offensively."

The Lady Pacers took a 2-0 lead eight minutes later when junior Ivette Burgos Vellon put a breakaway shot into the left corner past Palmer eighth grade goalie Cora Lachance, who was the starting keeper for the j.v. team as a seventh grader.

Chicopee's third goal was scored by sophomore Cayla Ribeiro, which was

assisted by her classmate Sophia Moreira.

Palmer's best scoring chance of the opening 40 minutes came on a shot attempt from freshman Anabelle Ladue, which was saved by Lapierre.

Holding a 3-0 halftime advantage, Pytel fired a shot into the back of the net two minutes into the second half for an unassisted goal.

In the 59th minute, the Lady Pacers were given a penalty kick following a foul in the box.

Sophomore Sydney Germain stepped up to the spot and put the ball into the upper left corner giving the Lady Pacers a comfortable 5-0 advantage.

The final goal of the contest was scored by Stefanelli on a breakaway shot with twenty minutes remaining in regulation.

The second meeting of the regular season is scheduled to take place at Duke Field, which is located on the hill behind Palmer High School, at 4pm on October 2.



Jillian Holbrook sends a pass ahead of pressure.



Harper Brouillette winds up for a pass.



Adelynn Allard watches her dribble.

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Athlete of the Week

Jimmy Sem

Palmer High School

Sem scored the lone touchdown for Palmer in their 7-6 win over rival Pathfinder.

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is unavailable following the Pioneer North match-up, which took place at Captain John W. Mahoney Memorial Field located behind Chicopee High School.

The two girls' soccer teams were members of the Central Division a year ago before moving to the Pioneer North Division this fall.

Chicopee only won four games a year ago. Three of those victories took place on their home turf field.

The only senior listed on the Lady Pacers varsity roster

is Magdalena Lapierre, who's the starting goalkeeper.

Lapierre is also a tri-captain, along with junior Cassidy Pytel and sophomore Louisa Stefanelli.

The Lady Panthers, who kicked off the 2025 campaign with a 2-0 shutout win at Greenfield, also won four games in 2024 and are very young squad. Eleven of the 14 players listed on the Palmer varsity roster are either freshmen or eighth graders.

"This is the youngest team that we've had in the seven years that I've been the head coach Celso Sandoval.

"Despite the outcome, there were a lot of positives in tonight's game. They did put a lot of pressure on our defense in the first half, but we played much better during the second half."

The Lady Panthers captain is junior Addyson Petraszewicz, who's a starting defender.

"Addy is our only upperclassmen," Sandoval said. "She always expects a lot from her teammates. She's also our starting center back."

After falling behind in their first two road games, the Lady Pacers took a 1-0 lead against the Lady Panthers following a fluke goal ten minutes into the first half.

A Palmer defender tried to clear the ball out of the box, but the ball went off the side of her foot and bounced into the net for an own goal.

"We were trailing at the half in our first two games, so it felt very nice to finally take the lead for a change," Ribeiro said. "We received an early break which gave us some momentum."

Five other players scored a goal for the home team.

"It was nice to see those five players rewarded for their



Shiloh Kibbe chases after a loose ball.

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who also graduated from Palmer High School.

"When I was asked to join this coaching staff, I jumped at the opportunity," said Jordon Talbot, who coaches the quarterbacks and defensive backs. "It's an honor for me to coach on the same team with my dad. He coached me growing up."

Another first-year Palmer assistant coach is Jeff Pardo, who never lost to Pathfinder on the gridiron while he was wearing a Palmer uniform.

The Panthers, who lost their final four games a year ago, have only lost one game in the cross-town rivalry series with Pathfinder Tech since 2015.

"Anytime that you can win a rivalry game, it's very important," Marciniec said. "I really enjoy coaching this group of players."

One of the Panthers leading players was junior Griffin Nawrocki, who received the game ball from the coaching staff following the game.

Palmer senior running back Dylan Doherty had surgery on his right thumb last Friday afternoon. He was standing on the sideline a couple of hours later.

"Dylan and Ryan McCarthy are two of the toughest football players that I've coached," Marciniec said. "We're hoping Dylan will be able to play in a couple of weeks."

McCarthy will be inducted into the Palmer Athletic Hall of Fame in October. The other individual Hall of Fame inductees are Charlie Lanzetta, Carl Santos, Joe Ferry, Halie Laviolette, and Brittany North.

While it was an enjoyable evening for the Panthers players and coaches, it was a very different story on the visiting sideline.

Pathfinder Tech, who dropped to 0-2, defeated the Panthers, 33-6, two years ago. They began the 2025 regular season a week earlier with a 35-8 non-league loss to Bishop Guertin (NH), which was also held at Legion Field. The Panthers aren't playing their home games at St. Joe's Field



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Jarett Skowrya and Griffin Nawrocki vie for the ball.

this fall.

"We made a couple of costly mistakes, which allowed them to take the lead late in the first half," said Pathfinder Tech head coach Bill Darling, who also graduated from Palmer High School. "We battled back in the second half and had the opportunity to win the game."

After both teams exchanged punts, the Panthers offense, which is led by sophomore quarterback Grayson Griswold, put together a drive that lasted more than six minutes.

On the second play of the second quarter, Palmer junior Dylan Holbrook recovered a fumble at his 16 yard line.

Led by senior QB Matt Santos, the Panthers marched down the field into Pathfinder territory.

That series came to an end following an interception at the Pioneers 14 by senior Jarett Skowrya.

Griswold completed a couple of passes to sophomore Caleb Crum before the Pioneers were forced to punt for the second time with 3:50 left in the first half.

Starting from their own 35, the Panthers put together

a six play scoring drive, which was capped off with a four yard touchdown run by freshman Jimmy Sem with 31 seconds remaining on the scoreboard clock.

"Anytime that we can score a touchdown, I'm happy," Marciniec said. "I was very excited when I saw Jimmy score his first touchdown. He spent a lot of time in the weight room during the off-season. He's learning how to play at this level."

Holbrook made the extra point attempt, which wound up being the difference maker in the outcome.

Eighth grader Kenith Brown also contributed offensively for the home team during the first half with a couple of runs and an outstanding 19-yard catch.

Palmer received the second half kickoff, but Pathfinder senior Nick Pfister recovered a fumble on the play at the Panthers 22.

The Pioneers were forced to turn the ball over on downs on fourth down.

Holbrook came very close to sacking the quarterback, who threw an incomplete pass.

The score remained 7-0



Matthew Santos scrambles around.



Caleb Crum heads around tacklers with the ball.

until late in the fourth quarter.

Pathfinder Tech sophomore Trevor Alexander scored a 19-yard rushing touchdown with 2:51 left in regulation. The Pioneers attempted a two-point conversion and Brown broke up a pass attempt, which enabled the Panthers to keep the lead.

"We just wanted to take the lead with the two-point conversion play," Darling said. "It just didn't turn out in our favor."

The Pioneers did have

one final chance to take the lead, but they wound up turning the ball over on downs. Santos took a knee on the final play, which sealed the Panthers season opening victory.

Pathfinder Tech will be looking to get into the win column when they travel to Westfield High School, who's a Division 4 team, on Friday night.

Palmer will be hosting the David Prouty Panthers for the first time on Friday night.



Jimmy Sem heads to the side.



Landon Couture and Kenith Brown combine for a tackle.

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disbanded at the end of the 2024-25 school year. The 34 high schools from those leagues have joined the newly created Central Massachusetts Athletic Conference. It's very similar to the Mid-Wach League, which is made up of several different Divisions.

The Warriors boys' soccer team are members of the CMAC A. The other four

teams in the CMAC A are Worcester South, Doherty, Sutton, and Blackstone Valley Tech.

"All of the teams in our new league are very good," Guertin said. "It's a powerhouse Division. We'll be playing the other teams in CMAC A twice."

The other teams listed on the Warriors regular season schedule are Leicester, Nashoba Regional, Auburn,

Nipmuc, Grafton, Worcester North, Marlborough, and Northbridge.

In last Saturday's match, Tantasqua sophomore goalie Brayden O'Keefe only had to make six saves in posting his second consecutive shutout.

"Brayden plays for a high level club team during the off-season," Guertin said. "He always makes very good decisions. This is his second shutout of the season. He played

very well in today's game."

O'Keefe, who became the Warriors starting goalie during the middle of last season, plays for a Western United Pioneers soccer team, which is based in Ludlow.

The Warriors senior captains are Randy Guzman-Perez, Andrew Ticlea, Cole Pattee, and Logan Oko.

The other senior listed on the Warriors varsity roster is Todd Derose.

One of Tantaqua's best scoring chances against Wachusett took place during the 14th minute of the opening half. Sophomore Jake DeLong fired a wide open shot attempt that deflected off the left post. Wachusett senior goalie Noah Miller tried to make the save, but the ball bounced over the end line resulting in a corner kick.

The Warriors failed to convert on all eight of their

corner kicks during the opening half.

A little more than ten minutes into the second half, a free kick taken by Pattee sailed high over the crossbar.

During the 63rd minute, Oko made a crossing pass to Pattee, who put a low shot on goal which was saved by Miller.

Neither team could break the deadlock during the final 15 minutes of regulation.

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Palmer Police Logs

The Palmer Police Department reported 207 incidents on its logs from Sunday, Aug. 24 through Saturday, Aug. 30.

Sunday, Aug. 24.

1:44 a.m. – An officer responded to Thorndike Street for a motor vehicle stop. As a result, Rosario Fatima Bernitez Fell, 47, of 305 Washington Street was arrested on charges of possession of class B drugs, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle and a motor vehicle lights violation.

Andrew Fell, 51, of 305 Washington Street, Cambridge, was arrested on charges of possession of class B drugs.

3:09 a.m. – An officer responded to the Massachusetts Turnpike for a report of a motor vehicle violation.

11:55 a.m. – An officer responded to a Thorndike Street business for a report of a disturbance.

1 p.m. – An officer responded to Thorndike Street for a report of an animal complaint.

4:31 p.m. – An officer responded to assist another police department.

7:41 p.m. – An officer responded to State Street for a trespassing complaint.

8:05 p.m. – An officer responded to Laurel Road for a report of a suspicious person.

11:14 p.m. – An officer

responded to Breckenridge Street for a report of a suspicious auto.

Monday, Aug. 25

8:25 a.m. – An officer responded to South Main Street for a report of a suspicious person.

9:43 a.m. – An officer responded to Sykes Street for a report of a disturbance.

1:03 p.m. – An officer responded to Wright Street for a report of a disturbance.

1:14 p.m. – An officer responded to Wilbraham Street for a report of a motor vehicle violation.

2 p.m. – An officer responded to Chestnut Street for a report of trespassing.

2:03 p.m. – An officer responded to Central Street for a report of a drugs/narcotics violation.

3:27 p.m. – An officer responded to a Park Street business for a report of an accident with property damage.

5:38 p.m. – An officer responded to Washington Road for mutual aid.

7:02 p.m. – An officer responded to the Massachusetts Turnpike for a report of a motor vehicle violation.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

1:34 a.m. – An officer responded to Flynt Street for a report of a suspicious person.

10:13 a.m. – An officer responded to South Main Street business for a report of

a hazmat spill/leak.

12:20 p.m. – An officer responded to Old Warren Road for a report of a suspicious person.

12:35 p.m. – An officer responded to a Main Street location for a report of an investigation.

1:11 p.m. – An officer responded to River Street for a report of a trespass complaint.

2:33 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud from a Michael Drive resident.

2:36 p.m. – An officer responded to a Wilbraham Street business for a report of larceny.

5:21 p.m. – An officer responded to Palmer Street for a report of a motor vehicle violation.

6:40 p.m. – An officer responded to Springfield Street to deliver a warrant. Paulette Fisher, 61, of 119 Springfield Street, Three Rivers, was arrested on a warrant.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

7:59 a.m. – An officer responded to Main Street for a report of suspicious activity.

9:54 a.m. – An officer responded to a Thorndike Street business for a report of an animal complaint.

9:58 a.m. – An officer responded to North Main Street and Wright Street for a report of a hit and run accident.

10:07 a.m. – An officer responded to Squier Street for a report of a person in need of

medical assistance for a mental health crisis.

10:43 a.m. – An officer responded to Thorndike Street for a report of an animal complaint.

11:02 a.m. – An officer responded to Main Street for a report of an animal complaint.

12:04 p.m. – An officer responded to Shearer Street and Longview Street for a motor vehicle stop. As a result, Diamon Breckerfield, 27, of 23 North Street, Apt. B, Three Rivers was arrested on charges of operating with a suspended registration, uninsured motor vehicle and speeding.

12:18 p.m. – An officer responded to Oak Street for a report of a threat.

4 p.m. – An officer responded to a North Main Street business for a report of an accident with property damage.

4:16 p.m. – An officer responded to South Main Street for a report of an accident with personal injuries.

6:01 p.m. – An officer responded to Taft Street for a report of larceny.

6:22 p.m. – An officer responded to Stony Hill Street for a report of mutual aid for a fire.

6:52 p.m. – An officer responded to Wright Street for a report of an accident with property damage.

7:42 p.m. – An officer responded to Main Street for a report of harassment.

Thursday, Aug. 28

9:52 a.m. – An officer took a report of illegal dumping.

10:21 a.m. – An officer responded to Thorndike Street for a report of fraud.

12:37 p.m. – An officer responded to Three Rivers Road for a report of an animal

complaint.

2:28 p.m. – An officer responded to Breckenridge Street for a report of an accident with property damage.

2:45 p.m. – An officer responded to Sykes Street for a report of a missing person.

4:14 p.m. – An officer responded to Three Rivers Road for a report of hazardous conditions.

7:52 p.m. – An officer responded to Flynt Street and Thomspon Street for a report of an intoxicated/incapacitated person.

8:14 p.m. – An officer responded to a Thorndike Street business for a motor vehicle stop. As a result, Jordan Ray Jones, 40, of 12 Waterford Circle, Springfield, was arrested on charges of a violation to conceal the identity of a number plate, uninsured motor vehicle and unregistered motor vehicle.

9:08 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of something suspicious on Converse Street.

Friday, Aug. 29

7:09 a.m. – An officer responded to Thorndike Street business for a report of an accident with property damage.

12:40 p.m. – An officer responded to a Thorndike Street business for a report of a suspicious auto.

1:13 p.m. – An officer responded to Piney Street for a report of an animal complaint.

2:54 p.m. – An officer responded to a South Main Street business for a report of hazardous conditions.

7:16 p.m. – An officer responded to a Depot Street business for a report of an accident with hit and run.

9:52 p.m. – An officer responded to West Ware Street for a report of an accident with personal injuries. As a result, Devan Hawk, 24, of 17

Old Thompson Street, Palmer, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, a marked lanes violation and speeding.

Saturday, Aug. 30

9:50 a.m. – An officer responded to Sykes Street for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

9:56 a.m. – An officer responded to Main Street for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

10:10 a.m. – A, officer responded to Town Farm Road for a report of a disturbance (loud noise).

12:05 – An officer responded to Laurel Road for a report of fraud.

1 p.m. – An officer responded to Emery Street for a report of trespassing.

1:20 p.m. – An officer responded to River Street for a report of trespassing.

2:36 p.m. – An officer responded to Park Street for a report of an accident with property damage.

6:36 p.m. – An officer responded to South Main Street and Dublin Street for a motor vehicle stop. As a result, Robert Pimentel, 39, of 1663 Carew Street, Springfield, was arrested on charges of operating with a suspended license and speeding.

9:58 p.m. – An officer responded to Pine Street for a report of a fire.

10:14 p.m. – An officer responded to Wilbraham Street for a motor vehicle stop. As a result, Thomas Mendrala, 33, of 23 Norma Street, Palmer, was arrested on charges of a second offense of operating under the influence of drugs, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, motor vehicle lights violation, motor vehicle breaks violation and miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violations.

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Palmer Police Logs

The Palmer Police Department reported 126 incidents on its logs from Sunday, Aug. 31 through Saturday, Sept. 6.

Sunday, Aug. 31

4:50 a.m. – An officer responded to Second Street for a report of an intoxicated/incapacitated person.

11:23 a.m. – An officer responded to North Street for a report of a harassment order violation.

11:32 a.m. – An officer responded to Shearer Street and Longview Street for a motor vehicle stop. As a result, Christopher Prevost, 47, of 309 Sturbridge Road, Brimfield, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding.

11:34 a.m. – An officer responded to Reservoir Street for a report of an animal complaint.

1:50 p.m. – An officer responded to South Main Street for a report of an accident with property damage.

2:31 p.m. – An officer responded to Allen Street for a report of larceny.

3:34 p.m. – An officer responded to a Thorndike Street business for a report of shoplifting. As a result, Karisha Benitez, 27, of 1282.5 South Main Street Apt. 2R, Palmer, was arrested on charges of shoplifting by asportation.

3:39 p.m. – An officer responded to a North Main Street business for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

Monday, Sept. 1

5:10 a.m. – An officer responded to a Boston Road business for a motor vehicle stop. As a result, Mariela Gorritz Guzman, 24, of 469 Westfield Street, Apt. C3, West Springfield, was arrested on a warrant.

6:58 a.m. – An officer responded to Bridge Street for a report of an animal complaint.

9:25 a.m. – An officer responded to Pleasant Street for a report of an animal complaint.

11:03 a.m. – An officer responded to Palmer Road and Old Belchertown Road for a report of a fire.

1:06 p.m. – An officer responded to Boston Road business for a report of something suspicious.

3:22 p.m. – An officer responded to a Thorndike Street business for a report of trespassing.

6:54 p.m. – An officer responded to Burlingame Street for a report of an animal complaint.

9:38 p.m. – An officer responded to South Main Street and Oak Street for a motor vehicle stop. As a result, George Mabrey, 55, of 9575 South Evans Lane, Mohave Valley, Arizona, was arrested on a warrant as a fugitive from justice.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

7:48 a.m. – An officer responded to Gates Street for a report of illegal dumping.

8:59 a.m. – An officer responded to Second Street, for a report of a structure fire.

9:15 a.m. – An officer responded to Stimson Street for a report of an animal complaint.

10:31 a.m. – An officer responded to Sibley Street for a report of fraud.

10:40 a.m. – An officer responded to Wilbraham Street for a report of a structure fire.

10:57 a.m. – An officer responded to Main Street for an animal complaint.

12:22 p.m. – An officer responded to Park Street for a report of an accident with property damage.

12:52 p.m. – An officer responded to Main Street for a report of a threat.

3:33 p.m. – An officer responded to a Main Street business for a report of something suspicious.

6:36 p.m. – An officer responded to State Street for a report of an unwanted person.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

7:31 a.m. – An officer responded to Springfield Street for a report of an accident with property damage.

12:18 p.m. – An officer responded to a local business for a report of larceny.

5:45 p.m. – An officer responded to Center Street for a report of medical assistance for a person having a mental health problem.

5:51 p.m. – An officer responded to Ware Street for a report of an animal complaint.

7:10 p.m. – An officer responded to Pine Street for a report of an accident with property damage. As a result of the incident, Deborah Nichols, 54, of 4009 Pine Street, Apt. C, Thorndike was arrested on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle and failing to yield at an intersection.

Thursday, Sept. 4

6:41 a.m. – An officer responded to North Main Street and Roosevelt Street for a motor vehicle stop. As a result, Amanda Marie Gonzalez, 37, of 109A North Ballely Road, Pelham, was arrested on charges of no inspection sticker, unregistered motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

10:31 a.m. – An officer responded to High Street for a report of something suspicious.

10:56 a.m. – An officer took a report of fraud.

11:29 a.m. – An officer responded to Sasur Street for an animal complaint.

11:33 a.m. – An officer responded to Ford Street for a report of a suspicious person.

12:15 p.m. – An officer responded to Robbins Road for an animal complaint.

8 p.m. – An officer responded to the Massachusetts Turnpike for a report of an accident with property damage.

9:10 p.m. – An officer responded to Main Street for a motor vehicle stop. As a result, Byron Fonville, 63 of 314 Old Warren Road, Palmer was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and failure to dim headlights.

Friday, Sept. 5

10:40 a.m. – An officer responded to a Main Street building for a report of a water leak.

12:22 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud.

2:38 p.m. – An officer responded to Old Warren Road and St John Street for an animal complaint.

3:39 p.m. – An officer responded to South Main Street for a report of a death.

4:02 p.m. – An officer responded to High Street for a report of an accident with property damage.

4:17 p.m. – An officer responded to a South Main Street business for a report of a larceny.

4:25 p.m. – An officer responded to a West Ware Street business for a report of a disturbance.

4:30 p.m. – An officer responded to Springfield Street for a report of an accident with property damage.

9:28 p.m. – An officer responded to Main Street for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

11:38 p.m. – An officer responded to Main Street for a report of an assault and battery.

Saturday, Sept. 6

1:10 a.m. – An officer responded to Central Street for a report of an assault and battery. As a result, Brad Grzywna, 21, of 6 Dale Street, Ware, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct.

10:43 a.m. – An officer responded to Church Street and Main Street for a report of vandalism.

12:11 p.m. – An officer responded to Thorndike Street business for a report of a hit and run accident.

Beginning at 3 p.m. and ending around 4 p.m. the department received about 20 calls reporting hazardous conditions throughout town.

5:05 p.m. – An officer responded to Ware Street for a report of an accident with property damage.

7:32 p.m. – An officer responded to the Ware for a report of an animal complaint.

10:58 p.m. – An officer responded to a Fairview Street residence for a report of a breaking and entering/burglary incident.

Obituary

Kenneth F. Quinn

PALMER – Kenneth F. Quinn, 63, passed away on September 5, 2025.

He was born on May 6, 1962. A graduate of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, Kenneth worked as a polisher for Viant Medical in Brimfield. He is

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Helen of Rindge, NH; and his sister Cathy Quinn of Ludlow. He also leaves behind his special fishing friends Chris, Jerrid, Paul, and Kenn who will cherish his memory. All services will be private at the convenience

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