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PALMER

Eagle service project soars to new heights

Scout completes mission with flag-raising

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PALMER – Community members came together at St. Paul's Church of Palmer to celebrate the completion of an Eagle Scout service project.

On Nov. 1, church members gathered to dedicate a new flagpole erected by Carl Wright for his Eagle Scout project.

A member of Troop 64 based in Palmer, Wright spent over a year bringing the project from the planning stages to a finished flagpole ready for its dedication.

"I knew I wanted to do something for my church. After speaking with the church board, who gave me some ideas of projects they wanted done, I chose to put up a flagpole so that the church could fly the American flag," said Wright, of Palmer, who has attended services at the church since he was five years old.

Now 17, Wright attends Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School. He has been involved in Scouting since the first grade, when he began as a Tiger in Pack 164, of Palmer.

After crossing over to Troop 164, Wright eventually helped start Troop 64 in town. During the Nov. 1 dedication and flag-raising ceremony, Scouting leaders praised Wright's progression over the years, emerging as a leader with a passion for service.

"I've been with Carl since he was five – he is very hard-working and responsible," said Troop 64 Scoutmaster Pierre Chevalier. "This

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Eagle Scout Carl Wright (middle) raises the flag with help from fellow members of Troop 64. Inset, Beneath cloudless skies, the flag soars at the church for the first time.

VETERANS DAY

Local events to honor veterans

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REGION – Officials in area communities are looking forward to holding events that celebrate those who served.

In Palmer, a Veterans Day parade will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The parade will line up at 11 a.m. at Amvets Post 74 (2150 Main Street, Three Rivers).

The parade will kick off at 11:45 a.m. before proceeding to Springfield Street, then continuing on to Hryniewicz Park.

A ceremony will take place immediately following the parade. Local officials and community members will unite to offer their thanks to veterans.

"Veterans Day is an opportunity for our community to come together and honor the men and women who have served our nation," said Eric Segundo, the Director of Ludlow-Palmer Veterans Services. "Attending a ceremony or lining the streets during a parade is a simple but powerful way to show our veterans that their service and sacrifices have not been for-

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MONSON

Town officials join HALLOWEEN FUN

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MONSON – Kids got an early start to their Halloween activities this year, as town departments and businesses on Main Street once again offered trick-or-treating.

Held on Oct. 30, the event welcomed youngsters into town offices and businesses to collect candy and show off their costumes ahead of the big night.

The program is embraced each year by the downtown community, with several town leaders and business owners dressing up in costumes of their own.

"The early trick-or-

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Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz, left, is joined by Rebecca Morse, Executive Assistant to Town Administration.

MONSON

Town officials recognized by Select Board

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MONSON – Last week's Select Board meeting presented an opportunity to recognize two members of the municipality.

At the meeting of the Select Board on Oct. 27, the town heard statements from the Town Administrator and the Conservation Agent about their work for the community.

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz announced that her contract has been renewed through June 30, 2030. She noted that this renewal coincides with her 21st anniversary of public service.

"Since beginning this journey in 2005," Wolowicz said, "I have remained committed to the values of public service, collaboration, accountability, and making a positive difference in the communities I serve. I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue that commitment here in Monson."

Wolowicz thanked the Select Board for its confidence, and for the opportunity to continue serving the community.

"Public service is both a responsibility and a privilege," Wolowicz said. "I remain committed to working collaboratively, addressing the needs of our community,

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PALMER

Scarecrow Contest brings community together

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PALMER – The Domestic Violence Task Force is holding its annual Scarecrow Contest this season, as a way to bring families and community together.

The Domestic Violence Task Force is an organization dedicated to promoting education and awareness in the community while empowering, educating, and providing resources to those who have been affected by Domestic or Intimate Partner Violence. Coordinator Crystal Rondeau said that she hears heartbreaking stories of abuse and works to connect individuals and families with the emotional, physical, and financial support they need.

"The organization has found many ways to connect with area residents," Rondeau said. "One of the most anticipated traditions, however, is a little more colorful, and a lot more fun."



Submitted photo

A young patron at the Palmer Public Library wore a feathered mask to build a scarecrow.

The Domestic Violence Task Force describes its annual Scarecrow Contest and Build-a-Scarecrow events as a "favorite tradition for local families." Rondeau described watching the events grow since she accepted the position of Coordinator five years ago.

"What began as a fun community activity has become an annual opportunity for families to gather, get creative, and enjoy time together," Rondeau said.

The recent Build-a-Scarecrow event at the Palmer Public Library was attended by 15 kids and their

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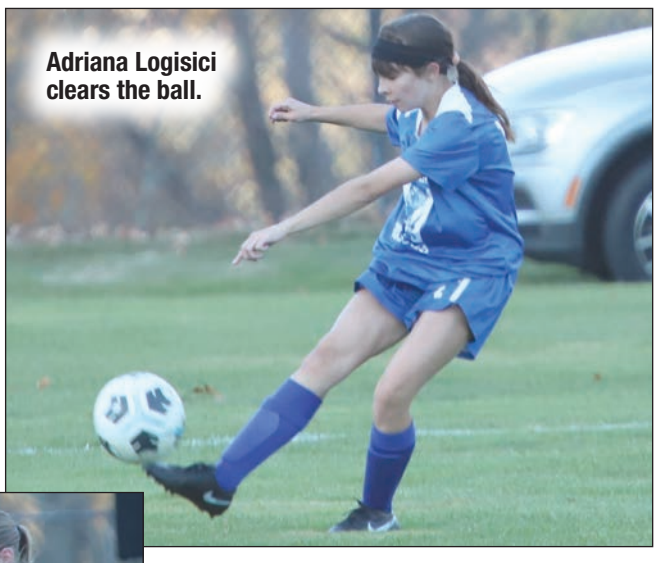
Mustangs enjoy tournament success

MONSON – Last week, the Monson High School girls soccer team qualified for the Western Massachusetts Class C Tournament once again. The Mustangs did so despite a 2-14 record thanks to what was ranked as an extremely difficult schedule. Most of Monson's schedule is against teams in higher divisions. Monson is in Division 5, and went to the state finals last year. The Mustangs were the top seed in the sectional tournament, and it showed as they defeated Athol in the quarterfinals 4-0 followed by a 1-0 win over Smith Vocational in the semifinals. Monson was scheduled to face Drury earlier this week in the finals, then get set to begin the Division 5 State Tournament.



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Lylia Ellis sends a free kick away.



Adriana Logisici clears the ball.



Ada Wojcik makes a kick.



Avery Beaudoin advances past midfield.



Jordyn Szado tries to steal the ball.



Mackayla St. George goes for the goal.



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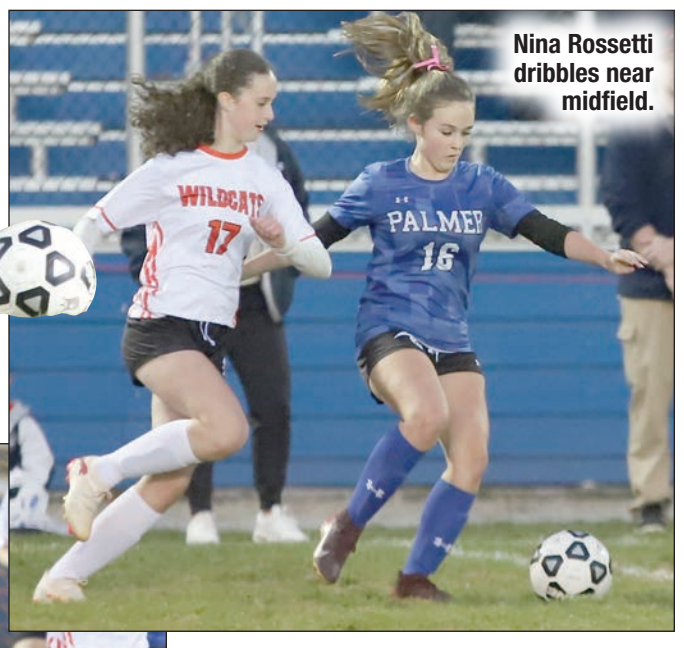
Palmer advances to semifinals

PALMER – Last Monday night, Palmer High School girls soccer defeated Lee in the Class D quarterfinals of the Western Mass. tournament. Lillian Pronovost, Aria Nompleggi, and Nina Rossetti had goals for the Panthers.

Palmer advanced into the semifinals of the tournament last this week.

Palmer has also qualified for the Division 5 State Tournament this year. That tourney was scheduled to begin late this week.

Jillian Holbrook goes for a ball near the sideline.



Nina Rossetti dribbles near midfield.



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Aria Nompleggi tries to re-direct the ball.



Anabella Ladue goes after a loose ball.



Jaclyn Swiatlowski sends a corner kick away.



Addy Petrashewicz socks a free kick away.

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Mustangs boys win

HADLEY – Last Tuesday afternoon in Hadley, Monson High School boys soccer defeated the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School 2-1 in overtime. Kreslan Casseus and Brennan Peterson had the goals for the Mustangs. Monson was scheduled to face Gateway in the Western Massachusetts Class D Tournament semifinals later in the week.



Mason Murphy punts the ball away.



Caleb Becker settles the ball.

Jack Szado tries to steal the ball.



Niko Matthieu gets a touch on the ball.

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ssac Somers heads the ball forward.