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Girl Scout teaches about climate change

Adi Woods is working toward a Gold Award

By Dalton Zbierski
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SOUTH HADLEY – A South Hadley High School student is traveling from library to library to raise awareness about climate change and encourage youths to make a difference.

Adi Woods, 16, is a member of South Hadley's Girl Scout Troop 12948. Woods has been a Girl Scout since she was in kindergarten and is pursuing a Gold Award, the most prestigious honor in Girl Scouting.

Hoping to earn the award, Woods created a display and designed a program to educate the community about climate change and what residents of Western Massachusetts can do to help. She's already presented at libraries in multiple counties.

"I've always been really interested in climate change and how it affects us," Woods said. "It's scary to me that this climate change exists, and as a young person, I think it's my responsibility to make a change. Trying to do small things like participating in a program like this and creating my Gold Award (project), the goal is to bring hope."

This week, Woods brought her program to the Holyoke Public Library and South Hadley Public Library. Next week, she will present at the Hubbard Memorial Library in Ludlow.



Girl Scout Adi Woods led a craft at the South Hadley Public Library on Feb. 20.

morial Library in Ludlow.

To achieve a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must dedicate at least 80 hours to a solo project, and

it must include community engagement and research. Before going after the award, Woods spent several years collecting

numerous badges she had to earn first.

In middle school, Woods was a member of a climate ac-



Paper seed hearts were made by children led by Girl Scout Adi Woods in the South Hadley Public Library on Tuesday.

tion group. As a Girl Scout, she earned a Silver Award after completing a recycling project, which inspired her current project.

"For my Gold Award, I wanted to take that a little bit further and do a little bit more personal research. And that personal research led me to decide to share that with the community, and this is how I'm doing that," Woods said.

Woods discussed several ways ordinary residents can help battle climate change. They can plant gardens, increase green spaces, purchase wisely, support companies that use safe practices and reach out to lawmakers, encouraging them to vote for laws that will protect the earth.

Woods said the specific targeted age range for her project is fourth through seventh grade

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SHHS Harlequins present

'The Wedding Singer'

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - The auditorium at the high school will be rocking next weekend, as the South Hadley High School Harlequins present "The Wedding Singer", a musical based on the 1998 movie by the same name.

"The primary difference between the movie and the musical is the music," explained Beth Ayn Curtis, musical director for South Hadley High School and one of the musical's directors. "While the movie features several hit songs from the 1980's, the musical has all original music. The two original songs that were in the movie are in this musical."

The musical, like the film, tells the story of wedding singer Robbie Hart, his breakup with his fiancée and his budding romantic relationship with new



The cast of "The Wedding Singer" takes a break.

friend Julia. Julia is planning her own wedding to Glen, who may not be the best husband material.

Season Harlequins actors fill the cast with seniors Griffin

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Carey announces candidacy for Clerk of Courts

By Nick Boonstra
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NORTHAMPTON — State Rep. Dan Carey (D-2nd Hampshire) formally announced his candidacy for Hampshire County Clerk of Courts in an event at the Hotel Northampton on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Carey's decision to run came in the wake of the news that incumbent Clerk of Courts Harry Jekanowski, Jr., would be retiring after nearly three decades in the role.

"Harry's 40-year professional career has been marked by competence, integrity and kindness," Carey said.

Carey told attendees that he had grown up with "the lucky experience of watching many people very close to me engage

in careers of public service."

He shared that this motivated him to pursue his own career in politics, first as a member of the Easthampton School Committee, then the City Council and most recently the state's House of Representatives.

At one point, Carey drew from across the political aisle for inspiration.

"The late U.S. Sen. John McCain once said, 'Nothing in life is more liberating than to fight for a cause larger than yourself,'" Carey said, adding that the statement resonated with him in his own experience as a public servant.

Carey also shared that the law had been a longtime passion of his, another interest that he had gleaned from family members.

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State Rep. Dan Carey

Photos courtesy of SHHS

► South Hadley

Library offers unique slate of adult programming

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SOUTH HADLEY – The range of adult programming at the South Hadley Public Library can seem endless, and residents of all ages and interests are invited to visit one of the town’s most beautiful, state-of-the-art buildings.

Each week, Adult Services Librarian Desiree Smelcer brings something new to the table. Whether it be presentations by professors, events led by medical professionals or literally watching an eclipse, which will occur April 8 between 2 and 4:30 p.m., the library features programs that can interest individuals of all different tastes.

“I absolutely love my job. I’ve done this particular job for 15 years. I’m trying to help people find what they’re looking for,” Smelcer said. “Sometimes my ideas may be a little quirky, but if people are willing to give them a try, I can guarantee it will be fun.”

Over the next several weeks, numerous authors will speak to library audiences about their work.

Next Wednesday, author Kim Scott will present on her book “Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity: An Author Talk” via Zoom. Login information is available on the library website.

Scott, a former CEO coach and employee at Google, will discuss why feedback is so difficult and what can be done to make it easier. She’ll offer practical and tactical tips on how to solicit criticism, give praise and criticism, gauge how what you’re saying is landing and build a culture of Radical Candor.

On March 6, another author, Nina Totenberg, will appear on Zoom and discuss her book “Dinners with Ruth”, an account of two women who paved the way for future generations by breaking professional and legal barriers. Totenberg is an NPR award-winning legal affairs correspondent.

Author Christopher Paolini will present on Zoom on March 14, discussing his book “Murtagh”, the story of Dragon Rider Murtagh and his dragon Thorn. Together, the two characters must pay the price for the role they played in a toppled king’s reign of terror.

Smelcer also has regularly recurring programs scheduled.

“The first Wednesday of the month for three months, we have the VNA from Cooley Dickinson coming and doing about Hospice 101. Little things like questions you want to know but were afraid to ask. We have navigating grief and loss. We have making the right choices,” Smelcer said.

Speaking to her creativity, on the first Saturday of May, Smelcer will introduce a



Adult Services Librarian Desiree Smelcer leads the way for adult programming at the library.



The South Hadley Public Library features a state-of-the-art space open for adults.

Turley photos by Dalton Zbierski

new game called “Fast Friends”. She noted that loneliness is a big epidemic that began during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Over the past couple of years, people have been finding that they’re spending more and more time alone and not so much time with others or with family,” Smelcer said. “I thought it would be fun to do a program where you think of it like speed dating, but you’re trying to find people with similar interests. I’m thinking that could be a lot of fun.”

This summer, the theme will be “Read, Renew, Repeat”, taking on a conservation angle. Employees from the Department of Public Works will talk about recycling from start to finish.

“I don’t think people realize the full path that recycling takes, especially from South Hadley. I think that’d be interesting,” Smelcer said.

Smelcer also noted that the Conservation Commission will do a talk on why it’s important to have spaces available in town for animals and plants, and the Connecticut River Conservancy will speak about cleaning up the wastewater on the river.

In March, Professor Andrew Lee from Mount Holyoke College will lead a presentation relating to Women’s History Month on 19th Century women impressionists, “a smaller group of artists that worked really hard to beat up that glass ceiling and get in, especially in France, and be able to present their specific style of art,” Smelcer said.

Next month, local historian Robert Coe will teach South Hadley and Granby history, and a professor from Mount Holyoke College will later talk about the XO solar planets and how more planets are being discovered around other solar sys-



Adult Services Librarian Desiree Smelcer keeps the upstairs of the library very organized.

tems.

“This particular professor, Thomas Burbine, he actually helped pioneer how to find XO planets around other suns,” Smelcer said.

On April 8, a total solar eclipse will pass over South Hadley, and it will be an anticipated event at the library.

“I know we’ll have sunglasses available for a couple weeks prior to the eclipse for people to come in and pick up, and we’ll reserve some for people to come that day and look up at the sky from the library because we have a good space for that,” Smelcer said.

Smelcer is currently working on a quiet reading group where patrons would sit for about an hour and read before discussing what they read with group members afterwards.

When scheduling programming, Smelcer is always trying to think about what is available and free for patrons. She noted that the library has no fines

and everything except faxing or printing is free.

“I’m always surprised when people say, ‘I love free things,’ and they don’t have a library card. If people are having a hard time in this economy because, face it, things are expensive, if you want to save money, you should come see us,” Smelcer said.

The library is open at 9:30 a.m. every day but Sunday, when it is closed. From Monday to Wednesday, it is open until 8 p.m.; on Thursday and Friday it is open until 6 p.m. and on Saturday it closes at 1 p.m.

Smelcer encourages people to take the time to visit the library, even if it is just to enjoy the scenic view.

“You get to see four seasons out of those huge windows along the river, and it changes every season,” she said. “You get to see the beautiful greenery during the summer, the flowers in spring, the way the light shines off the leaves during fall and the craziness of winter with the ice falling from the dam. We’ve seen squirrels run out onto the ice to try to get away from eagles. It’s really cool to see. It’s definitely worth just looking if you like nature.”

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Know Your Town event

Event to occur in library Community Room at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 29

SOUTH HADLEY – Know Your Town of South Hadley will host a program by the Town Meeting Review Committee at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 29, in the Community Room at the Main Public Library.

It will also be broadcast live on Cable Channel 12.

The presentation by the Town Meeting Review Committee will follow this format:

Know Your Town Member Linda Young will open the program.

Overview of the TMRC

- The charge of the committee
- How members were appointed
- Introduction of committee members
- What the committee has done
- Number of meetings
- Town Meeting Member survey
- This forum
- Election survey
- Town Meeting 101
- Town Meeting survey results

The program will then open up to questions from the audience at the microphone.

The members of the committee are:

- John Hine, Chair
- Carlene Hamlin
- Nicole Casolari
- Ira Brezinsky
- Michael Davis
- Rudy Ternbach
- David Solender
- Meghan Bristol
- James Everett
- Larry Dixon

The program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Please come to learn all about this very important committee in South Hadley.

'Is a Heat Pump Right for You?'

SOUTH HADLEY – "Is a Heat Pump Right for You?", presented by South Hadley's Sustainability and Energy Commission, is Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. An earlier version of this article had incorrect information about the Zoom address. To attend the meeting, you may either go to the South Hadley Sustainability and Energy Commission's website (south-hadley.org/533/Sustainability-Energy-Commission) or type tinyurl.com/shheatpump.

Women in Community presents 'The Joy in Jesus' on Feb. 24

SPRINGFIELD – Women, high school age and above, are invited to attend Women in Community's "The Joy in Jesus" on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., hosted by the Evangelical Covenant Church at 915 Plumtree Road, Springfield.

You must pre-register for this event. The registration deadline is Feb. 14. Childcare is available on the premises free of charge. The cost to register is \$25 and includes a welcome coffee and muffin, discussion groups, breakouts, and a luncheon. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. There will be an offering to support Christina's House, in Springfield. Brochures: www.eccspringfield.org/adults, "Women Ministries". For questions, please email Nan Lingenfelter, nlingenfelter@charter.net.

School Committee votes to end high school accreditation

By Nick Boonstra Staff Writer nboonstra@turley.com

SOUTH HADLEY — The School Committee voted in favor of withdrawing South Hadley High School from accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges during its meeting on Thursday, Feb. 15.

The motion passed 3-1, with Chair Eric Friesner, Vice Chair Danielle Cooke and Daniel Vieu, Jr. all voting in favor of withdrawal, while Lawrence Dixon cast the lone dissenting vote. Lynda Pickbourn was not present for the meeting but had expressed support for withdrawal previously.

The vote came after Interim Superintendent Mark McLaughlin and SHHS Principal Elizabeth Wood made the case at the board's Feb. 1 meeting that NEASC membership was too costly compared to the oversight provided by the commonwealth's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which they argued was more stringent and responsive than that of NEASC. Wood had been present as a guest for the committee's previous meeting and



Turley photo by Nick Boonstra

The School Committee voted on Feb. 15 to withdraw the high school from accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

was not present for this meeting.

There is no state or federal requirement that public schools participate in private accreditation.

Prior to the vote, Dixon expressed concerns about the potential unknown consequences of withdrawal, such as the impact to the competitiveness of SHHS graduates in college admissions. He also cited Burl-

ington as an example of a Massachusetts town that withdrew its high school from NEASC accreditation only to meet with backlash from local parents and decide to regain membership.

McLaughlin responded by positing that some schools and districts "lack a vigorous internal monitoring system" and over-relied on NEASC for that reflection, though he did not know if

Burlington fell into such a category. "We don't want an outside entity like that to tell us what we should be telling ourselves," he said.

He responded to the question of potential disadvantage to students by saying that it was "one that I think probably we can't answer 100%."

"Might there be a college somewhere in the United States that would look at a transcript poorly because it comes from a school without NEASC accreditation? I think the possibility exists," he said. "Is it a great possibility? I think no."

McLaughlin assured the board that this was not a matter that he or Wood would have brought forward if they had not been confident in its benefit.

"There's nobody I know who would want to put a student at risk less than Liz Wood," McLaughlin said.

After the vote to withdraw from NEASC passed, McLaughlin thanked committee members for the dialogue and assured them that he, Wood and Assistant Superintendent Jenn Voyik would begin work on a communication plan for families "tomorrow."

Approvals and Appropriations

Selectboard met on Feb. 20

By Tina Lesniak Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - In a lengthy meeting on Feb. 20 that included a tri-board meeting with the appropriations committee and school committee, the Selectboard provided several approvals to move projects forward and appropriated funds for various projects.

The board approved an application for a Community Development Block Grant for up to \$950,000 for multiple improvements in the Center Street neighborhood. The improvements would include new stormwater drainage and sewer lines, as well as resurfacing of the street and sidewalks and new traffic signs and line striping. The project has been estimated to cost \$800,000.

This is the second part of the project that began with CDBG funding in FY20 for the design portion of the project. Due to many issues with delays and availability, many pandemic-related, that project has not met the threshold of expended funds that the organization requires for ap-

plying for another grant. Therefore, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, who managed it and will manage the new one, will file a request for waiver so that it can apply for new CDBG funding to finish the project.

Town Administrator Lisa Wong presented a \$75,000 state earmark that the town has received to improve the Leaping Well Trail area. The funds will be used to improve the parking lot, create an accessible seating area with four benches, removal of invasive species and new plantings, as well as new signage.

The project will go out to bid, but the department of public works will also perform some of the work "to make that \$75,000 go as far as possible," said Wong.

The board also approved a new policy that would require, in most situations, the town to purchase environmentally friendly vehicles, such as hybrid police cars, in the future.

"We're trying to become a green community," explained Wong, who noted that such designations can help to fund these policies.

She did also recognize that the town does not currently have the infrastructure for charging all

these vehicles and that actually purchasing them is very difficult right now. They simply aren't widely available.

The board also approved \$10,000 for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry. John Hine, president of the pantry's board, explained that the pantry has seen a significant increase in both the visits to it and the cost of the food the pantry provides. In 2021, the pantry had 7,000 visits, giving out 151,000 pounds of food that cost \$16,000. Last year, in 2023, the pantry had 19,000 visits, giving out 248,000 pounds of food that cost \$85,306.

"We've been tremendously supported by people in the community," said Hine, "but we need help."

The pantry initially asked for \$30,000 but Wong explained that the town doesn't have that amount left in its ARPA funds because it's wrapped up in the Judd Brook project. After that project is completed, if there are leftover funds, then the board could look at offering more money to the pantry.

The Selectboard meeting began with 40 minutes in executive session to discuss several legal matters for the town.

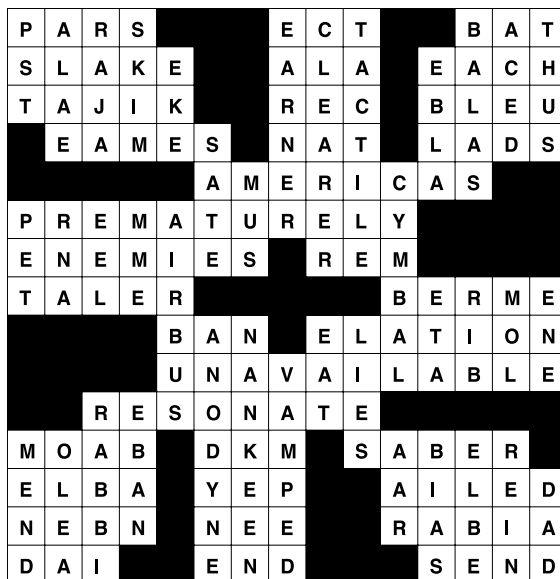
Lenten Lunches return to All Saints Church

SOUTH HADLEY – Celebrating its 54th year of serving lunches, All Saints Church Lenten Lunches will again be available this year from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church parking area behind the church off Rt. 116 and Dunlop Place. First Come! First Served! Make your advanced reservations for lunch by emailing the chairperson, Laura Marsh, at l.marsh1250@yahoo.com

Lunches are conveniently offered "grab and go," and will be ready for pickup on three Fridays: Feb. 23, March 8 and March 22, prepared and served by the "lunch bunch": Laura Marsh, Marietta Campbell, Cammie Daigle, Sue Frazier, Marilyn Gass, Dee Martin, Marilyn O'Connor, Mary Alice Osgood, Michele Pietras, Carol Reynolds, Annie Spinks and Emily Young.

This year the menu will include two choices: a complete lunch of the famous

All Saints' lobster rolls, a cup of vegetable soup or clam chowder, chips and a dessert brownie. The smaller lunch includes a cup of soup or chowder and a dessert brownie.



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Opinion

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

More questions for the Garden Lady

Eleanor wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady regarding amaryllis bulbs: "I have three bulbs from last year that have been hibernating and now they are in the sun and have produced long green leaves but no buds. I read it somewhere that if you let them dry out, no more water, but keep them in the sun they will send out buds, but I cannot find where I read that. I hope it is true...so I can still get flowers this year before I have to repeat the whole process (by putting them back in dormant condition in August for a few weeks). I do have one more bulb from last year that did give me a flower...but these other three ones are not showing me any prospects. Can you help?"

Without seeing your bulbs and the foliage, my best guess would be that they will likely not flower this year. What leads me to that conclusion is that one other bulb you have already flowered.

If they were on the same timeline, then probably the other bulbs did not have enough strength to send up a flower stalk. I would not let them dry out, but continue to water and fertilize monthly so that the foliage will grow strong, and be able to make enough energy for blooms next year, after a period of dormancy in the fall.

I know this is upsetting after all of your hard work. Re-bloom is often an experiment.

Sadly, sometimes it happens and sometimes it doesn't. It may not be anything you did wrong – it could be that the one bulb that did flower was a bigger bulb to begin with or was from healthier stock initially.

Meredith, who gardens in Wilbraham, posed this question to the Garden Lady: "As I look at all of the seed packets strewn before me, what your best advice would be for starting seeds indoors?"

Ah-hah! I have been itching to talk about this, so your timing is perfect.

Although we are excited to get the season started, the biggest mistake people make is starting seeds too early. Always research the varieties you want to grow in a good seed catalog.

Johnny's Selected Seed and Fedco come to mind as having great advice on how many weeks prior to the last frost seeds should be sown. For example, tomato seeds should be planted indoors the last week of March or first week of April.

Although that seems late (we want to do it now), we don't want root bound transplants come May.

While average household temps will still result in seeds sprouting, bottom heat by use of heat mats will aid in germination because it will keep the seed bed a constant temperature.

Plants usually suffer without enough light – placing seedlings in the window usually results in seedlings that stretch to the sun. A simple shop light with fluorescent bulbs set a couple of inches above growing plants works out great.

Think about the soil you are using, too.

A soilless mix is far superior to regular potting soil or garden soil. It's milled a little finer, and is made to be well-drained weed and pathogen free.

Moistening it to the consistency of a wrung out sponge before use is perfect. Don't bury small seeds too deep. Tiny seed should simply be pushed into the soil surface and not covered.

Hardening off the seedlings you grew before planting them in the ground is very important. Start acclimatizing them to the great outdoors slowly, first by putting them in the shade for a few hours, working up to full sun over the course of a week's time.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A vote for Bob Authier

To the Editor,

Especially during this day and age, it is essential for voters to make informed decisions based on what the policies, track record and integrity of candidates are. I believe that Pauline McClaffin lacks all of these components.

I believe Bob Authier, is the person for

the job. His steady leadership as Chief of Fire District 1 has resulted in many improvements to the District. I wholeheartedly support his candidacy and feel he can bring accountability and transparency lacking with this current board.

Thank you,

Bruce C Forcier,
South Hadley



I received an email from a Brimfield resident who counted 36 plus American goldfinch in his yard during a snow storm. The next day he saw about a dozen.



American Goldfinch winter plumage

with juncos and sparrows from time to time, but not this many. In winter, they are found in flocks that wander in search of food.

The American goldfinch is five inches long. The male during breeding season has a bright yellow body and black cap, wings and tail. The wings also have white bars. The female is yellowish, green overall with black wings and tail.

In winter, the male looks more like the female with a yellowish brown, yellowish wash on the face and chin and black wings with white wing bars. The female in winter is grayish brown with a little yellow and dark brown wings with white wing bars.

Goldfinch feed on the ground, on weed stalks, thistles and foliage. At feeders, they prefer hulled sunflowers and thistle (Niger) seeds.

The female lays three to seven light, blue eggs in a nest of strands from weeds and vines, downy elements from wind-dispersed seeds such as thistles bound with caterpillar webbing placed in a shrub or tree.

Bluebirds

A flock of about eight male and female bluebirds continue to come to my raisin suet cake and the feeder with mealworms. I fill it once or twice during the day as I enjoy

watching them as I work at my desk. During the snow on Tuesday, they visited the mealworm feeder and suet feeder frequently. The blue against the white snow was almost as striking as the red of the cardinal against fresh snow.

Bald eagles

I received a photo of a pair of bald eagles taken by a Palmer resident at Forest Lake in Palmer. They were in the top of a pine tree by the lake.

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident sends emails of the birds in his yard on a regular basis. He said, "One day last week a Carolina wren showed up for a day. The warm brown coloration of the bird caught my eye when I glanced out at the feeders. It was feeding on the suet cakes and the 'log' made of suet, berries and mealworms."

He counted 36 plus goldfinch in the yard during a snow storm. The next day there were over a dozen still about. Usually it is three or four goldfinch that show up.

He shared an email from a friend in Belchertown, "We had a female redwing at the seed trays today. It's unusual to get one here this early. We also had four bluebirds show up and munch on the suet. They seem to make a visit when the weather is crappy."

The Belchertown resident also said, "We're inundated with goldfinch. The thistle seed bag is covered with them. I had to fill the hearts feeder three times today due to the numbers of goldfinch around."

The Brimfield resident reported a large number of juncos, four white-throated sparrows and come house finch. He said, "A pileated woodpecker did a fly by the other day. That is how we most often see then although a few years ago a male was coming to our suet feeders. The female came close to the feeders but never feed that I saw." His wife drove past Wheeler Pond in town and was surprised to see the pond was not completely frozen and that there were two pair of hooded mergansers on the pond.

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OPINION PAGE/ LETTERS POLICY

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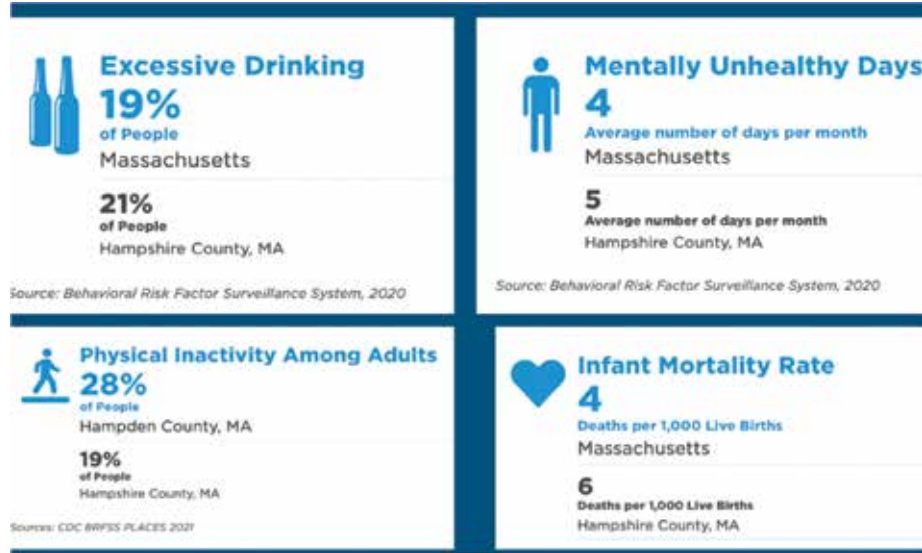
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Lisa Wong's Weekly Wrap Up

SOUTH HADLEY – Town Administrator Lisa Wong submitted the following as part of her Weekly Wrap Up.

Human Services Department Proposal



TriBoard (Selectboard, School Committee, Appropriations Committee) will discuss the proposal for a new Human Services Department. The image above is a snapshot of statistics from the Holyoke Medical Center Community Health Needs Assessment.

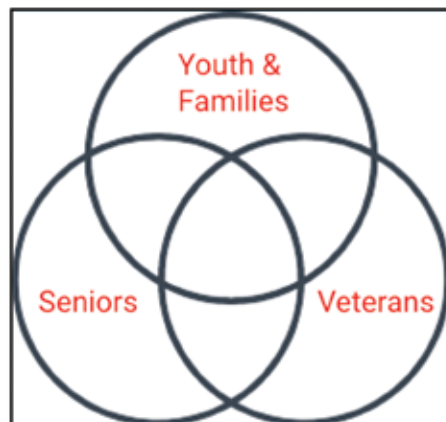
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Collaborate and Consolidate for greater impact. The proposal merges three departments into one. The full presentation is at www.southhadleyma.gov.

The Mission of the Human Services Department is to serve the well-being of all residents by promoting independence, personal enrichment, community connectedness and enhanced quality of life for residents of all ages through a variety of programs, advocacy, collaboration, education, inclusivity and services.

Register to Vote

The last day to register to vote for the upcoming election is Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in person at Town Hall or online at www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR.



Library

If you missed Professor Hashmi's talk on the Israeli-Hamas conflict at the library, it will be airing later on SHCTV15. Shadleylib.org shctv15.com

Mail-in Ballots for March 5 elections have been mailed

SOUTH HADLEY – Mail-in ballots for the March 5 elections have been mailed to those who requested them. If you selected "all elections" or March 5, 2024, on your vote-by-mail application, you will receive one Town Election ballot and one Presidential Primary ballot.

Please read the enclosed instructions carefully and sign where indicated before returning your ballots to the Town Clerk's office.

Ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on March 5. There are several ways to return your ballots:

- Mail it back postage-free
- Use the Dropbox located behind the police station
- Hand-deliver to the Town Clerk's office during our office hours (Mon.-Thurs.

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 8:30 a.m. to Noon)

Voters still have time to apply for a mail-in ballot for the March 5 elections. The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Learn how to apply here: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/vote-by-mail.htm>.

You can track your ballot online: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoVoteMA/TrackMyBallot>.

For more information on Elections in the Town of South Hadley, please visit <https://www.southhadley.org/620/Elections>.

Please contact the Town Clerk's office with any questions at 413-538-5030, ext. 6183, or elections@southhadleyma.gov.

Irish Night with Dierdre Reilly set for March 9

HOLYOKE – St. Jerome Parish Fundraiser presents Irish Night with Dierdre Reilly

At Our Lady of Guadalupe Community Center (secured parking) at 340 Chestnut St., Holyoke, on Saturday, March 9. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The menu includes corn beef sandwiches, potato balls, refreshments, a cash bar, chips, popcorn, soda, coffee and water.

Admission cost \$16 for adults, \$7

for children seven to 12 years old, and ages six and under are free.

Enjoy the Black Rose Academy of Irish Dance, which will be performing at 6:30 p.m. The event will include a 50/50 raffle and raffle prizes.

Tickets can be purchased at the end of all weekend Masses beginning Feb. 10 and 11, and tables of eight may be reserved in advance by contacting Jennie McGiverin at 413-250-2093 or John Kelley at 413-650-0493.

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Birds on Feb. 13

The Brimfield resident observed ten species of birds in his yard during the snow on Tuesday, Feb. 13. He counted five mourning doves, one downy woodpecker, one hairy woodpecker, two black-capped chickadees, three tufted

titmice, two house finches, one American goldfish and 80 dark-eyed juncos.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

GARDEN from page 4

By taking my advice into account, you will be well on your way to growing healthy seedlings indoors.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at

the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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The craft in the Children's Room on Tuesday afternoon involved making paper seed hearts.

GIRL SCOUT from page 1 students, but she's interacted with people ranging from preschoolers to high school students. She discussed how she changes the presentation to cater to the audience's age range.

"For elementary schoolers and little kids, it's not really a great idea to talk about climate change as a significantly scary thing because that can be really difficult or scary for them, especially being so young," Woods said. "So, the way I introduce it to the younger kids is more as 'we're helping the earth,' and a little bit less as 'there's a lot of problems and they all really, really need to be solved.' For the older kids, I stayed focused on my original plan."

On Tuesday, Woods led a craft at the South Hadley library. She and a group of children made paper seed hearts with native seeds that can be planted this spring.

Woods is thankful that the libraries have been receptive to having her present in their respective spaces. She had kind words for the South Hadley library specifically.

"The public libraries are a great place to host programming and also a great place to attend programming. I've been connected to the South Hadley Public Library since I was a little, little kid so I already knew the librarians there pretty well, so that was a place I felt comfortable being able to reach out to. (Teen Program Coordinator) Bethany (Roberts), especially, I've known since I was very young, and she was so helpful with it," Woods said.

Part of earning a Gold Award is creating something that can live on after the Girl Scout completes the project. Woods hopes that a museum or library can use her display to educate youths on the importance of being aware of climate change.

Woods, a junior at SHHS, hopes to one day study environmental science and



Girl Scout Adi Woods brought her presentation to the South Hadley Public Library on Tuesday.

botany in college. As she continues her journey to make a change, she reminds all residents that they can do the same.

"Climate change is a really important issue that affects everyone on earth," she

said. "One person can make a difference. If every person takes a small step, that's one really, really big step combined. Every little thing helps."

PLAY from page 4

Blackburn and Emma Yee playing the lead characters, Robbie and Julia.

"Griffin, he has done a great job creating a character the audience wants to root for," Curtis said. "Emma has been able to bring Julia to life by showing how she cares about her friends in the show."

The characters of Robbie and Julia are supported through the musical by their friends Sammy and Holly, played by junior Michael Beauchemin and senior Sarah Cormier, respectively.

"While they play characters who are more bawdy and blunt, Michael and Sarah have been able to allow the good-natured hearts of these characters to shine through," noted Curtis.

Rounding out the main cast are junior Xavier Golden as George, based on 80's icon Boy George; senior Caleb Cox as



The cast of "The Wedding Singer" preps for opening night.

narcissistic Glen Guglia, the fiancée of Julia; and senior Rylee Moore as Robbie's supportive grandmother. Curtis praised all

three actors for the way they've embraced their characters.

"The audience will appreciate Xavier's sincerity, which amplifies the comedy in the scenes he is in," Curtis said. "While the audience is meant to dislike Glen as a love interest for Julia, they are meant to find him funny through how seriously he takes himself. Rylee has done a great job of aging herself through her voice, posture and physicality."

The thespians initially started rehearsing twice a week at the end of December and added another voluntary rehearsal at the end of January. The shorter timeline is not something the actors are used to. Previous musicals have had about four months to prepare.

"As a director, I prefer a much shorter timeline. When the kids saw my 11-week timeline, I think they were surprised and a little nervous," recalled Curtis. "But they have risen to the

challenge. When we had our first off-book run-through, they were much more prepared than I expected, which meant the directing team was able to start working on details much sooner than expected."

The directing team, Curtis, Satchel Harp-Monseau and Sarah Rose Stack will guide the cast through three productions. The show will run on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 3 at 1 p.m. Tickets will only be sold at the door: \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. The South Hadley Music Parents Association will sell concessions and actor and crew roses that audience members can send backstage.

"This musical is absolutely hilarious, but it is important to know that it is without a doubt PG-13 due to adult language and situations," Curtis said.



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"By watching and listening to my lawyer relatives, I came to appreciate the critical role of the law in our society, and the importance of respect for the rule of law in our democracy," he said.

Carey felt that running for Hampshire County Clerk of Courts would allow him to "join my love of public service with my profound respect for the rule of law, and to ensure that the Hampshire County Superior Court remains among the very best in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

He added that his decision to run for Clerk of Courts was not a decision he took lightly.

"Tragically, in some parts of our country, our core institutions of democracy are under attack through threats against election officials, intimidation on court clerks and the attempted subversion of the rule of law by violence," Carey said. "We cannot and will not allow that here."

Carey's next step will be to gather signatures to get his name on the Democratic primary ballot. Primaries for Massachusetts elections are scheduled for Sept. 3 of this year.

SPORTS

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Drew Alley passes on the run.



Cianna Gurek fakes than goes for the short-range jumper.

South Hadley girls win finale

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON—While the South Hadley girls' varsity basketball team has qualified for the Western Mass. Class B tournament and the Division 4 state tournament during the past couple of years, they hadn't won a league title until this season.

The Lady Tigers locked up sole possession of the Suburban League crown with a 61-35 victory over the Monson Lady Mustangs before a large gathering at Michael J. Kane Gymnasium, last Monday night (Feb.12).

"We haven't won the league title since 2019, which is something very special. It's one of our goals every year," said South Hadley head coach Paul Dubuc. "We've been playing very well since the beginning of January. Everyone has been contributing and we just want to keep getting better in every game that we play."

South Hadley (15-3, 11-1), who swept the season series with Monson for the third consecutive year, ended the regular season with a 12 game winning streak. Their last loss was at Northampton (44-37) on December 29. They also lost at home to Chicopee Comp (59-55) in the season opener and to Hoosac Valley (48-42) on the road in the middle of December.

"It feels great to win the league title for the first time," said Drew Alley, who's the only senior listed on the Lady Tigers varsity roster. "We're hoping to carry the momentum into



Kate Phillips goes for the layup.



Cara Dean looks to make a long pass.



Caitlin Dean eyes a shot.

Turley photos by Sofia DiGrande

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Rams make Western Mass.

GRANBY – Last Wednesday night, Granby girls basketball fell to Hampshire Regional 49-36 in its regular season finale. The Rams finished at 10-8 with Kalli White leading the team with 20 points. The Rams will make the state

tournament, but also qualified for Western Mass. this year. They participated in the Class D tournament quarterfinals against the Pioneer Valley Christian Academy earlier this week. The state tournament begins next week.

Tigers win regular season finale

EASTHAMPTON – Last Wednesday night, South Hadley boys basketball played its final game of the regular season. The Tigers faced off with rival Easthampton and picked up a 64-54 win on the

road. The Tigers would win their 10th game of the season, guaranteeing a spot in the state tournament. For the Tigers, Jack Loughrey had 15 points to lead the team. Owen Dawson contributed 12 points

and Brady Currier and Tim Loughrey had 10 points each. The Tigers were scheduled to open the playoff season in the Western Mass. quarterfinals against Pittsfield. The state tournament begins next week.



Kalli White goes for the layup.



Aubrey Parent heads up to shoot.



Autumn Sicard makes her way down the court.



Sophia Gagnon starts her way up the court.



Breanna Moreno shoots in traffic.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Sports

Railers fall in shutout to Bears

ORLANDO, FL — The Worcester Railers HC (21-20-4-2, 48pts) got shutout by the Orlando Solar Bears (24-16-6-2, 56pts), on Thursday night by the final score of 4-0 in front of 5,684 fans at the Kia Center.

Orlando struck first with two quick goals late in the first period from Mitchell Hoelscher (1-1-2) and Alex Frye (1-0-1). Tanner Schachle (1-0-1) added one more in the second to push Orlando ahead 3-0 going into the third. Jimmy Mazza (1-0-1) ripped a shot down-ice off of the draw in the third period into an empty net to give Orlando the final goal of the game and a 4-0 victory over Worcester.

The Railers started off the first period strong. During the first ten minutes, the Railers utilized a two-man forecheck which led to some great chances down low and keeping both the puck in their offensive zone and the tired Solar Bear players on the ice. Despite their efforts early, the Solar Bears would light the lamp first.

A shot from the point by defenseman Zachary Massicotte was initially blocked out in front but found its way to an open Mitchell Hoelscher (22nd) who was sitting on the doorstep. The Solar Bears piled on the goal scoring just two minutes later with a 2-on-1 rush. Hoelscher would drag Railers Defenseman Ryan Dickinson to the far side boards to allow Forward Alex Frye (10th) to capitalize on the doorstep with a backhand shot to beat the outstretched John Muse. The Solar Bears outshot the Railers, 12-6.

The second period was a quiet one for the Railers. They would lead the period with shots on goal but none would result in a goal. The Railers had some great opportunities on their first power play of the game late in the period and built some strong momentum for them to carry into the third. However, the Solar Bears would continue to deal damage to the Railers with another late-period goal. Solar Bear forward Tyler Bird would enter the

Railers defensive zone from the far side and send a quick pass to the high slot. The puck bounced to forward Tanner Schachle (2nd) who picked up the loose puck and backhanded a shot through Muse. The Railers led the period and game with shots on goal 14-5 and 20-17.

The third period provided a mix of chances and physicality from both sides. John Muse did a great job shutting down an odd-man rush and breakaway opportunity just a few minutes into the period. Shortly after, the Railers would get their chances on net during their powerplay chance. Tension throughout the game built up to the point where Railers Forward Jack Quinlivan dropped the gloves against Solar Bear Defenseman Jérémie Biakabutuka. The game was capped off with an empty net goal scored by Solar Bear Defenseman Jimmy Mazza with a final score of 4-0 in favor of Orlando. The Railers outshot the Solar Bears in the third and in the game, 16-8 and 36-25.

Charlotte Checkers get best of Thunderbirds

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- The Springfield Thunderbirds (23-20-3-2) were unable to complete a third-period comeback attempt, as they fell by a final score of 5-3 against the Charlotte Checkers (24-20-5-0) on Sunday inside Bojangles' Coliseum.

The Checkers carried much of the offensive play in the opening 10 minutes, making Malcolm Subban work a lot in the first period. Moments after a Springfield delay-of-game penalty ended, Charlotte maintained offensive pressure and got on the board as Gerry Mayhew found open ice in the low slot and one-touched a pass from Casey Fitzgerald through Subban at 9:22. The Checkers hit two other posts in the period on their way to outshooting Springfield 17-7 in the first frame.

Springfield had its own chance clip iron in the early stages, as Jakub Vrana narrowly missed giving the T-Birds a 1-0 edge when he one-timed a Ryan Suzuki saucer pass off the pipe behind Spencer Knight. Despite the disparity in shot attempts, the T-Birds still found a way to get the game evened up when Zach Dean deflected a Leo Loof shot from the left circle all the way to the crease and through Knight's legs with just 1:09 left in the first, tying the game, 1-1.

The tying marker, however, proved to do little to quell Charlotte's offensive mojo in the second period. Another lengthy defensive zone sequence for the T-Birds ended in a Ryan McAllister one-time goal at 2:13 of the middle frame. Springfield's penalty kill then got dented for the first time in the season series at 10:49 when Zac Dalpe found a loose puck deep in the blue

paint before Subban and the defense could clear it away. The Checker captain's 12th goal of the season upped the lead to 3-1, which would stand through the end of the second. Charlotte outshot Springfield 33-12 through 40 minutes.

Springfield threatened another third period comeback just 41 seconds into the third as Joey Duszak wristed a shot over Knight's blocker to make it a 3-2 game off assists from Matthew Peca and Adam Gaudette. Despite a heavy presence in the Charlotte zone in the opening half of the final frame, the score stayed 3-2 until Justin Sourdif guided a Mayhew centering pass through Subban to restore the two-goal cushion for the Checkers at 12:04.

Still undeterred, Peca and the T-Birds responded in kind just 48 seconds later, as the captain circled the offensive zone before elevating a wrist shot through traffic and over Knight's glove to cut it down to a 4-3 score.

With 2:51 remaining, the Springfield power play was given a grand opportunity following a tripping penalty on Sourdif, but the Charlotte penalty killers answered the call, and another Springfield minor penalty nullified the power play and spoiled any chances of a tying goal. Mayhew finished his three-point night, finding the empty net with just over 30 seconds to play.

It marked Charlotte's first win in four tries this season against the Thunderbirds. Springfield returns home to begin a three-game weekend on Friday as the I-91 rival Hartford Wolf Pack comes to town. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. at the MassMutual Center this Friday night.

Miracle League to receive Doyle Award

SPRINGFIELD — The Miracle League of Western Massachusetts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing inclusive baseball opportunities for individuals with disabilities, have been selected as the recipient of the Ryan Doyle Courage Award by the Western Mass Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Ryan Doyle Courage Award, named in honor of the late Ryan Doyle, a courageous young athlete who battled cancer, recognizes individuals or organizations that demonstrate exceptional courage, resilience, and dedication to the sport of baseball in Western Massachusetts. The Miracle League of Western Massachusetts was chosen for their unwavering commitment to creating an inclusive environment where all individuals, regardless

of ability, can experience the joy of playing baseball.

Founded in 2015, the Miracle League of Western Massachusetts has been providing accessible baseball programs for children and adults with disabilities. Through their adaptive facilities and volunteer support, they ensure that every player has the opportunity to participate in America's favorite pastime. The organization has positively impacted the lives of countless individuals, fostering camaraderie, self-confidence, and a sense of belonging within the community.

The Miracle League of Western Massachusetts will be formally presented with the Ryan Doyle Courage Award at the Western Mass Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony on March 7th 6pm at Twin Hills

Country Club in Longmeadow. This event brings together Western Mass baseball legends, enthusiasts, community leaders, and former MLB players to celebrate the accomplishments of the inductees.

For more information about the Miracle League of Western Massachusetts, their inclusive baseball programs and to volunteer, please visit <https://miracleleaguewestma.com/> or contact Brian Feeley at brian@miracleleaguewestma.com.

To Learn more about Ryan's story: Please visit the Ryan Doyle Foundation at <https://rd26.org/>.

For tickets to attend the induction dinner on March 7th please go to www.valleybluesox.com or email WMassHOF@valleybluesox.com

Team Mass. holding tryouts for AAU season

STURBRIDGE — Why play for Team Mass? Affordable/competitive AAU Basketball program. Teams could potentially travel to tournaments in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine or New York (coach dependent). Program is run on principle to teach the kids to be respectful on and off the court, and to learn the game of basketball with skills needed to be competitive while still having fun. Any questions, contact Chris Siniscalchi 413-539-1548 Email: teammassbasketball@gmail.com

Boys tryouts: Saturday, March 2 (Tantasqua Junior High School)

Grades 4/5/6: 8 to 9:25 a.m. and grades 7/8: 9:25-10:50 a.m.

Grades 9/10/11: 10:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. *Grades

9/10 and 11 if in districts, just sign up

Girls tryouts: Saturday, March 2 (Tantasqua Junior High School)

Grades 4/5/6: 12:15 to 1:40 p.m. Grades 7/8: 1:40 to 3 p.m. Grades 9/10/11: 1:40 to 3 p.m. Grades 9/10 and 11, if in districts just sign up

Players only need to make one tryout, but try to make both as it gives coaches a better look.

Tantasqua Junior High School is located at 320 Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale.

There is a \$20 tryout fee (covers all tryout dates). Please arrive 15 minutes early for registration. Please bring copy of birth certificate (needed for age/grade verification). Must be accompanied by parent/guardian to fill out and sign registration form.



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the postseason tournament."

South Hadley will be trying to win the Western Mass. Class B championship title this week after losing in the quarterfinals and finals the past two years. They'll also be one of top ten seeds in the Division 4 state tournament, which begins next week.

Alley, who's a co-captain, along with junior CC Gurek, scored nine of her 13 points against the Lady Mustangs during the second half.

South Hadley's other double digit scorers were freshmen Kate Phillips (team-high 15 points) and Cara Dean (12 points).

Gurek just missed reaching double figures with nine points.

"We've been working very hard as a team this season and we played very well in tonight's game," Gurek said. "Being the league champs for the first time is very exciting."

Junior's Ava Asselin and Caitlin Dean each scored five points for the visiting team, while junior Maddie Soderbaum added two points.

Monson (7-9) was scheduled to wrap-up the regular season with a non-league game at Chicopee Comp two nights later.

Despite having a below .500 record, the Lady Mustangs will be competing in both the Western Mass. Class D and the Division 5 state tournaments.

Monson's only two Division 5 opponents during the regular season were Hoosac Valley, who's also a member of the Suburban League, and the Springfield International Charter School.

One of the highlights in last Monday's game for Monson was the pregame ceremony honoring seniors Delianah Wolf (6 points) and Aniah Myrie (2 points).

"I was an assistant basketball coach at Pope Francis and Delianah was one of the players there. She has been an important player for us this year," said Monson first-year head coach Walt Jackson. "I was able to watch Aniah play a few games last year and she's improved a lot."

Jackson wasn't very pleased with his team's overall performance in the final home game of the regular season.

"I'm very disappointed with my team's performance in tonight's game," Jackson said. "We made a lot of turnovers, and we just didn't play very well."

Monson junior Olivia Chrzan, who became the school's all-time

leading scorer a week earlier, added 22 points to her career totals.

Later in the opening quarter, Chrzan made a free throw, a lay-up, and a foul-line jumper, which gave Monson an 11-10 lead. It wound up being their only lead of the ballgame.

South Hadley held an 18-11 advantage at the end of the first quarter following two 3-pointers by Cara Dean, which were sandwiched around an Alley lay-up.

The Lady Tigers outscored the Lady Mustangs, 21-6, during the second stanza.

Alley began a 9-0 run by hitting a base-line jumper. Phillips made three foul shots before back-to-back inside hoops by Gurek and Cara Dean, which built the Lady Tigers lead to 34-15 with 1:28 remaining in the first half.

Chrzan scored five of the Lady Mustangs second quarter points. Junior Emily Provost (3 points) added a free throw.

South Hadley only outscored Monson, 23-18, in the second half, but their lead never got below twenty points.

Chrzan scored eight of her team's final twelve points in the fourth quarter. Wolf made two free throws and sophomore Sedona Arbour hit an outside jumper.

COA welcomes Occupational Therapy students from WNEU

SOUTH HADLEY – The Doctor of Occupational Therapy program at Western New England University, located in Springfield, is designed to prepare students for entry level practice in the field of occupational therapy.

Since the inaugural cohort began the program in 2017, OTD coursework has focused on developing advanced clinical skills, leadership abilities, and evidence-based practice expertise. Students are encouraged to develop specialized skills in areas such as pediatric occupational therapy, geriatrics, mental health and physical rehabilitation for individuals with disabilities or other diverse needs. Overall, the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program at WNEU provides a comprehensive and dynamic educational experience for aspiring occupational therapists seeking to advance their careers and make a meaningful impact in the lives of others.

As part of the innovative OTD curriculum offered at WNEU, students gain practical experience at the BEAR PAW Center, one of the first student-run occupational therapy pro bono centers in the country. Students involved in the BPC have the unique opportunity to give back to the Greater Springfield community by providing hands-on occupational therapy services under the direct supervision of a licensed occupational therapist. This is an integral part of the WNE OTD curriculum because we believe that ample opportunity for hands-on, experiential learning allows our students to apply their classroom knowledge in real-world settings, preparing them for successful careers in the field.

Starting Tuesday, Feb. 20, Occupational Therapy students from Western New England University are joining the South Hadley Council on Aging to offer educational programming. Emily (Blackstone, MA), Joe (Longmeadow, MA), and Chelsea (Chippewa Falls, WI) are second-year students in the OTD program at WNEU and are eager to share their knowledge and company with the members at SHCOA. Students will be there for six weeks providing OT consultations every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. They will also hold a weekly interactive presentation on topics relevant to seniors on Tuesdays from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. OT students Emily, Chelsea, and Joe are excited to meet you! Look for them in their blue polo shirts on Tuesdays!

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Subsidies, tax credits, and rebates will be available over the next few years to help homeowners afford heat pumps. Subsidies of up to \$10,000 are available for people now heating with gas through the Mass Save program. Smaller heat pumps that are located in the rooms people spend the most time in during the day can make a huge dent in your bills with a lower up-front cost than a whole-home heating system.

On Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m., South Hadley's Sustainability and Energy Commission is presenting a live web talk by Green Energy Consumers' Loie Hayes titled "Heat Pumps Save You Money". To register and receive the Zoom link, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84143414151> or check the South Hadley Sustainability and Energy Commission's website <https://www.southhadley.org/533/Sustainability-Energy-Commission>.

The Big Broadcast returns for 19th Year

SOUTH HADLEY – If it's March, it must be time for The Big Broadcast, the popular annual event that, this year, will be held Saturday, March 9 in Chapin Auditorium on the campus of Mount Holyoke College. There will be two performances - at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Big Broadcast is a unique recreation of a 1940s-style radio show, complete with news, commercials, popular songs and a radio play in the detective serial style. Mount Holyoke has designated the yearly concert as a Signature Event.

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22News meteorologist Brian Lapis returns to The Big Broadcast in his role as the show's emcee "Fred Kelley." Mark Gionfriddo, director of the Jazz Ensembles of MHC, is the show's creative director.

Gionfriddo noted that this year marks the 25th anniversary season of the jazz program at Mount Holyoke. The Big Broadcast is a production of the college's Big Band, Jazz Vocal and Chamber Jazz ensembles.

"There's really nothing else like it," Gionfriddo said, about The Big Broadcast. Part concert, part theater, the show is produced by students with Gionfriddo playing the role of "Matt Morgan," who conducts the fictional WJAZ Big Band and is Fred Kelley's musical sidekick.

This year's selections include "The American Patrol" from the Glenn Miller Orchestra; Rodgers & Hart's "This Can't Be Love"; "Romberg & Hammerstein's "Lover, Come Back to Me"; the iconic Gene Krupa drum feature "Sing Sing Sing;" and Cole Porter's "Don't Fence Me In" as popularized by Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters.

Tickets are available locally at the Odyssey Bookshop in South Hadley and online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/the-big-broadcast-2024-2pm-show-tickets-800425964607>. More information is available on the Facebook page of the Jazz Ensembles of Mount Holyoke College and on their web page at www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/music/big-broadcast.

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EVENTS and announcements

SOUTH HADLEY – The following announcements pertain to events that will be occurring in and around South Hadley.

Free movie for seniors at Tower Theaters

SOUTH HADLEY – The Friends of the South Hadley Seniors are sponsoring a free showing of the movie "Something's Gotta Give" at Tower Theaters on Monday, Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. Call the South Hadley Senior Center to reserve a seat, as seats are limited. Along with the free movie, moviegoers will receive a free small popcorn and drink.

Plains School Kindergarten packet pickup for residents

SOUTH HADLEY – Plains School will be having Kindergarten and Grade One students new to South Hadley pick up packets from March 1 – 29.

Please stop by the school between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to pick up your packet. Any questions please call the main office at 538-5068.

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Spring session III classes at HCC start March 18

HOLYOKE – Prospective students still have one more opportunity to sign up for spring 2024 classes at Holyoke Community College.

Spring session III classes at HCC begin Monday., March 18, and run for seven weeks, concluding by Thursday, May 2.

Students who enroll for spring session III have the opportunity to take a variety of classes in a wide array of academic areas and can earn as many as four credits per course for a lab science, such as biology or forensic science.

These accelerated spring courses are being offered in person and online in accounting, anthropology, biology, business,

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To get started, please go to: hcc.edu/flexible-spring-starts

The HCC Admissions and Advising offices are located on the first floor of the HCC Campus Center and are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. (4:30 p.m. on Fridays).

For more information, please contact HCC Admissions at 413-552-2321 / admissions@hcc.edu or visit us online at hcc.edu.

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Mount Holyoke College Department of Film Media Theatre Presents: 'Marisol' by José Rivera

SOUTH HADLEY – The Mount Holyoke College Department of Film Media Theater invites you to experience the disintegration of urban society in America with José Rivera's Obie Award-winning dark fairytale, "Marisol."

In a dystopian world where apples are extinct and people turn into mounds of salt, the angels plot an epic battle to save the human race. Marisol, a Puerto Rican woman from the Bronx, embarks on a journey through the apocalypse to survive on her own, facing the possibility of her death amongst chaos and crisis.

The two-act play provides an atmosphere of human vulnerability that raises the existential questions of homelessness, ecological disaster, paranoia, mental illness, theology, sexuality and civil disorder.

Mount Holyoke's production is directed by Liz Almonte '24, featuring Set Design by Lee Heintzelman '24, Costume Design by Jensen Glick, and Lighting & Sound Design by Lara Dubin.

"Author Franny Choi says, 'By the time the apocalypse began, the world had already ended.. This play makes me envision tomorrow even when my eyes are clouded by fear. Fear and destruction seep into every crevice and corner of our lives. Hope is not a feeling, but a state of being that fuels revolution. Marisol forces us to embellish destruction with hope. To fuel our pain with as much hope as possible so as to relinquish it. What is pain without hope and vice versa? How do we begin again if hope is lost?'" - Director Liz Almonte '24

Performance Dates and Times:

Thursday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 10, 2 p.m.

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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING Zoning Bylaw Amendment Request

The South Hadley Planning Board will hold a virtual public hearing on **Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** to discuss a petition filed by SAI Shyam LLC c/o Himanshu Patel, a South Hadley property owner, to amend the South Hadley Zoning Bylaw (Chapter 255) to allow multifamily residences within the Business A-1 Zoning District.

This petition is being filed pursuant to M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 5 and proposes amendments within the following sections of the Zoning Bylaw: Use

Regulations Schedule; Article VII Supplemental District Regulations; and Section 255-10 (Terms Defined). This petition would affect all properties within the Business A-1 Zoning District.

The materials relative to the petition are available on the Town's website at the following link: <https://www.southhadley.org/1390/Request-for-Zoning-Amendment--Business-A>. Alternatively, hard copies of the documents may be viewed at South Hadley Planning and Conservation Department office.

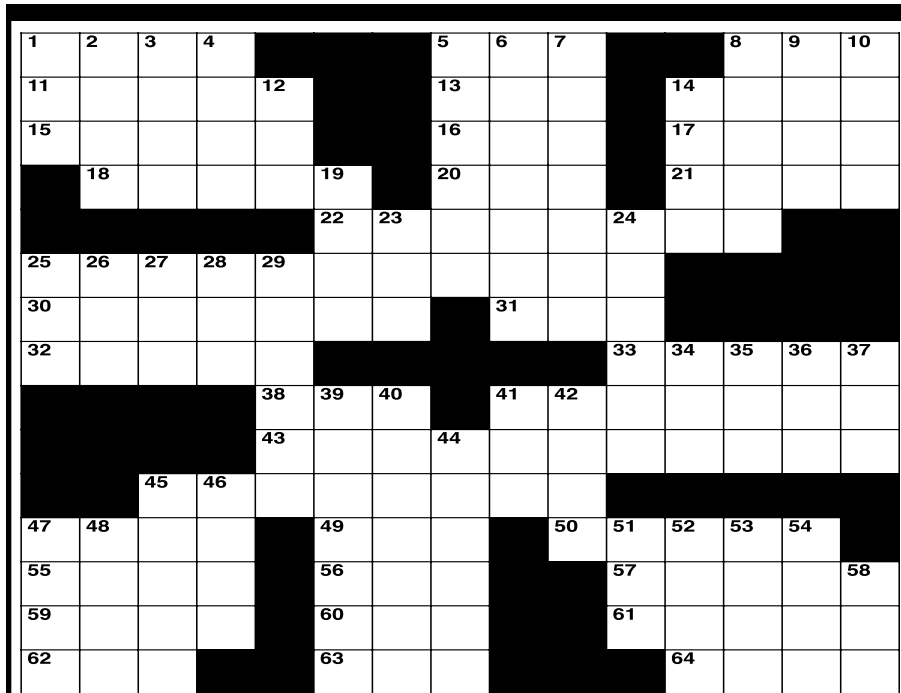
The public hearing will be conducted virtually on Zoom. Persons may join as follows: URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85653125096?pwd=bWF5eWhRNnhUOFprMkJKYXFxVUxiUT09>

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Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated. This meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 which extends the March 2020 Governor's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL Ch. 30A Sec. 20 until March 31, 2025.

Joanna Brown, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Golf scores
- 5. Shock therapy
- 8. Ballplayer's tool
- 11. Quench one's thirst
- 13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
- 14. Every one of two or more things
- 15. Member of Muslim people
- 16. Play
- 17. Type of cheese
- 18. Type of lounge chair
- 20. ___ King Cole, musician
- 21. Fellows
- 22. North, Central and South
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Georgia rockers
- 32. Cryptocurrency
- 33. Narrow path

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pacific Standard Time
- 2. Protruding ridge on
- 38. Disallow
- 41. Joyousness
- 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Evoke emotions
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
- 50. Sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
- 63. Extremity
- 64. Post

CLUES ACROSS

- 3. Indian king
- 4. Type of milk
- 5. One who brings home the bacon
- 6. More comprehensible
- 7. Connected with sense of touch
- 8. Red mineral
- 9. Breezed through
- 10. Therefore
- 12. Supplement with difficulty
- 14. Early kingdom of Syria
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Domesticated animal
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Snake-like fish
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Economically-minded aircraft
- 34. When you hope to get somewhere
- 35. Tease
- 36. Actress Gretchen
- 37. Midway between northeast and east
- 39. Inoffensive
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Consume
- 42. Does not tell the truth
- 44. Improved something
- 45. Spiritual leader
- 46. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 47. Fix
- 48. Evergreen tree genus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Major C. European river
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Local farmers begin recovery after fire

By Nick Boonstra
Staff Writer
nboonstra@turley.com

GRANBY — Ryan and Sarah Voiland of Red Fire Farm are still reeling from the tragic fire that took their barn and farm store on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Fortunately, nobody was hurt in the blaze, and the farm's fields and greenhouses were also kept safe thanks to the response of the Granby Fire Department with assistance from several surrounding communities. A GoFundMe emergency fundraiser has been set up to help the farm begin the process of rebuilding.

Speaking at the farm on Wednesday, Feb. 21, the Voilands said they hoped to reopen in April or May selling garden plants, blueberries, strawberries and other products, but they will be closed for the remainder of the winter outside of farmers' markets.

Ryan spoke of the beautiful barn's Amish construction out of chestnut wood, calling it an "ode to the history" of the farm, but said that he knew it would be almost impossible to truly replace it.

"It's probably going to be hard to rebuild a building of the size" of the old one, the two added.

Red Fire Farm's name is not only an allusion to a favorite kind of lettuce of Ryan's, but also a reference to a previous barn fire over 100 years ago caused by a lightning strike. He said he never thought another fire would hap-

pen at the farm. Red Fire Farm is a participant in Community Supported Agriculture, a program that allows community members to pay a bulk rate for produce early in the year and pick up products weekly throughout the season. Sarah said that this system helped in an industry where the costs mostly come up front at the start of the season.

Ryan has been involved in farming for most of his life and said there are "so many reasons it's important to me."

He cited good nutrition for the community, climate change and the health of the environ-



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A car destroyed by the fire at Red Fire Farm.

The aftermath of the fire at Red Fire Farm.

tions with their insurance company had not been promising thus far. They said they would be open to any sort of help, including financial donations, in-kind donations, grants and other forms of assistance.

Aside from the barn itself, the supplies being stored inside were also lost, and Ryan said it was fortunate that their tractors had not also been in the barn at the time of the fire like they normally were.

Sarah said that the signs they would set up around the area each year when the season started up were also lost. She specu-

lated that an event might be held at the farm in the coming months to allow volunteers from the community to help create new signs.

Anyone interested in supporting the farm at this time can visit their GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/4c80a4e9>, or by mailing a check to the office at Red Fire Farm, 184 Meadow Road, Montague, MA 01351. The farm also has an email newsletter available for sign up on their website, <https://www.redfirefarm.com>, which will provide updates about the rebuilding process.

CAMPUS NOTES

South Hadley residents named to RIT Dean's List

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The following South Hadley students were named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the fall semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Clayton Koppi and Tom O'Neill of South Hadley are in the electrical engineering program. Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

South Hadley students named to UMass Amherst Dean's List

AMHERST — Below is a list of South Hadley students who were named to the Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2023 semester.

To qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale. South Hadley: Eric Joseph Bergeron, Sarah Rose Bisson, Isabella Marie Bonavita, Raeghan Ariaunna Brouseau, Charity Ann Semaj Brown, Robert, Francis Canavan-Gosselin, Lindsey Erin Colby, Katherine Marie Corriveau, Xavier Francis Doisneau, Della Gan Feng Froeberg, Rachel ZiQi Gao, Emma Haley Kelly, Ethan Nelson Kennedy, Colin LaCombe, Timothy Daniel Laporte, Cael Leonard, Kacie Grace Levrault, Adam Longpre, Moira Grace Mackey, Sujal Manandhar, Alyssa M Mazza, Matthew James McDermott, Samuel Grey McIntosh, Anna Dorothea Murphy, Susan Marie Nadeau, Caroline Candace Pare, Emily Remillard, Katherine Sarah Rose, Jayna Belle Schaarschmidt, Alexis Carmel Scott, Hamin H Song, Halena Irene Theroux, Shaye Madison Walker and Edward David Wykowski.

South Hadley residents named to Clark University's Dean's List

WORCESTER — The following South Hadley residents were named to Clark University's Fall 2023 Dean's List: John G. Parrish was named to first honors, and Henry R. Strand was named to second honors.

Marjanski named to College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List

WORCESTER — Lindsay Marjanski, of South Hadley, was named to the College of the Holy Cross Fall 2023 Dean's List.

A member of the Class of 2024, Marjanski was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2023-24 academic year.

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