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Capital Planning Committee looks ahead

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - At its Nov. 2 meeting, the town's Capital Planning Committee finalized most of its recommendations for the special town meeting on Nov. 15 and then spent some time considering the future of the committee and the town's capital plans.

The committee recommended several items for the town to approve at the special town meeting, including: a new street sweeper, contingency funds for the upcoming large sewer project at Judd Brook, elevator upgrades, a new scoreboard at the South Hadley High School turf field, and funds for the statement of interest and possible feasibility study for a new Mosier Elementary School.

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'A Place at the Table' brings seniors, veterans together

SOUTH HADLEY - "A Place at the Table" was created by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors to bring the town's seniors and veterans together for a community meal.

There was no set price; instead, it was a "pay what you can meal," according to event organizers.

"We wanted to offer a meal where all would feel welcome and cost would not be a barrier to attend," said Kim Prough, president of the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors.

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Submitted
Photo

'A Place at the Table' creates community.

Transitional therapeutic classrooms experience issues

By Jim Russell
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Information provided by school department and town administrator's offices during the Nov. 2 School Committee meeting indicate recent violence at the high school stems from problems directly involving management at two transitional therapeutic classrooms.

Those two classes have a total 18 students, out of 523 pupils in grades 9-12.

The officials said the TTC students are supposed to be segregated from other students until they "are ready to transition to more typical programming," but that this is currently not always manageable. One reason is inadequate staff, they said.

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Officers teaming up with Home Base Program in November



Courtesy Photo, South Hadley Police Department

Throughout the month of November, as part of #HomeBaseNoShave, the South Hadley Police Department is joining forces with the Home Base Program.

SOUTH HADLEY - Throughout the month of November, 17 members of the town's police department are joining forces with the Home Base Program to heal the invisible wounds of war for veterans, service members, and their families.

"We have lost thousands of veterans to suicide since September 11, 2001, and 22 years later, we are still losing 20 veterans to suicide each day," the police department released. "Please consider supporting our efforts with a donation by Nov. 30."

This year, the department shared that 17 officers will be taking part in this fundraising event. Support for the cause can be made at: because.massgeneral.org/fundraiser/5068379

Girl Scout Troop welcomes new girls



SOUTH HADLEY - Girls in grade five are invited to join Girl Scout Troop 65184.

The troop meets from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in South Hadley.

"Register now to claim her spot as troops fill fast. Annual membership cost is \$35 and financial assistance is available," a press statement reads. "See for yourself what Girl Scouts have to offer. Girl Scouts is the premier organization for girls to learn about leadership, financial literacy, life skills, science and technology, the outdoors, and community service."

Previous Girl Scout experience is not necessary.

Register at bit.ly/troop65184. Questions may be directed to info@gscwm.org or 413-584-2602.

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Questions were asked about a business or person sponsoring the new scoreboard, which is estimated to cost \$43,000, but no sponsor has come forward yet. The committee discussed that if a sponsor came forward in the future, then the sponsorship fee would go back to free cash to compensate for some of the scoreboard's cost. The new scoreboard will be much larger than the current one, which currently doesn't display the numbers correctly.

Scott Moore, facilities director for the town of South Hadley, provided updates on current projects in town and his vision for what capital projects will be needed over the next five years.

Many of the current projects involve the schools, including efforts to stop mold development and mitigate wetness at the high school. Split units are

also going in at the town hall for heating and ventilation.

In the coming years, Moore noted that the town needs to streamline the processes for diagnosing and fixing problems at its building. He spoke about how some systems, such as the HVAC system at the high school, are proprietary which limits who can work on them. He added that many of the buildings in town are old and require updates to keep them functioning. In particular, he mentioned the age of the town hall and the windows that need to be replaced, and the age of the Department of Public Works building that has the original roof, windows, and doors.

The turf field at the high school will also likely need replacing as it reaches the end of its life. Committee members expressed hopes that it would be replaced with a more environmentally-friendly material.

The committee extended its

discussion of the five-year plan to its December meeting. It will also discuss possible changes to the committee at that meeting.

The committee will consider how members are appointed. Right now, the committee consists of three members appointed by the Select Board, three from the Appropriations Committee, two from the School Committee and one from the Planning Board. Members will discuss if the last three boards and committees should recommend members and the Select Board would officially appoint them. Some concerns have come up when members are no longer on the board or committee they represent as to whether or not they should remain on the Capital Planning Committee.

Members may also officially add to their duties that they must report back periodically to their boards or committees.

A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting God and His power. **D.D.**

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One position open on the Human Rights Commission

SOUTH HADLEY - An opening on the Human Rights Commission needs filling.

“The HRC aims to develop community awareness and education about human rights and promote understanding of the diverse cultures within our town and surroundings,” the town released on its website.

The commission will serve “as a resource with respect to issues that challenge any individual or group’s enjoyment of their basic human rights in our community, and promote cooperation between organizations and agencies to cultivate and encourage an atmosphere of mutual understanding and harmonious intergroup relationships.”

The HRC is a nine-member board with two representatives from the South Hadley Select-board, two from the Commission on Disabilities, two from the School Committee, one from the Council on Aging, one from the Cultural Council, and one from the Board of Health.

This open position is appointed by and representing the South Hadley Commission on Disabilities.

Additionally, the South Hadley Human Rights Commission is looking for local artists, art

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Courtesy Photo, South Hadley Fire District 2

FD 2 takes delivery of 22 SCBA air packs

South Hadley’s Fire District 2 has recently taken delivery of 22 MSA G1 SCBA air packs, which were purchased through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. These packs will be placed in service later this month, replacing the district’s current packs which are reaching the end of their life cycle. In addition to the packs, the district has received 22 spare bottles and assorted small, medium, and large masks.

Veterans Day Ceremony tomorrow

SOUTH HADLEY – A Veterans Day Ceremony will be held tomorrow at Town Hall.

The public is invited to the event, planned for 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 116 Main St.

“South Hadley American Legion Post 260, Sons of the American Legion, and VFW Post 3104 [will] honor all who have served and defended our Nations freedom in both war and peace,” said Brian Willette, Commander of South Hadley American Legion Post 260. “The public is welcome and encouraged to attend as an expression of appreciation and support for our veterans.”

The event will begin at 10:45 a.m. with the Invocation, Presentation of Colors, and Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the reading of the Veterans Day proclamation and a recognition of Veterans in attendance.

“As we have since 2018, the Bells of Peace will ring at 11 a.m. coinciding with the Nationwide 11 a.m. Bells of Peace, followed by a wreath laying, rifle salute, and the sounding of Taps,” event organizers released. “This is a family-friendly ceremony and your presence will be appreciated by our Veterans.”

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Happen again
- 8. Large flightless birds
- 13. A type of account
- 14. Beyond what is natural
- 15. Beloved comfort food
- 19. Rural delivery
- 20. Belonging to us
- 21. Typical
- 22. Pie ___ mode
- 23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 24. Not us
- 25. Discharge
- 26. Made empty
- 30. Fishing net
- 31. Fast-moving, harmless snake
- 32. Analyzed into its parts
- 33. In a way, chilled
- 34. Hindu queen

- 35. Circles around the sun
- 38. Used for embroidery
- 39. Reactive structures
- 40. Recommendations
- 44. Feel intense anger
- 45. Puke
- 46. Rural Northern Ireland community
- 47. Naturally occurring solid material
- 48. British watch brand
- 49. Toddler
- 50. Integrated circuit
- 51. Being revered
- 55. “Pets” you can grow
- 57. Continual
- 58. Puts together in time
- 59. Houses temporarily

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vital public document
- 2. Disinter
- 3. Musical performances
- 4. After B
- 5. Every body has one (abbr.)
- 6. Utilize
- 7. In a way, disproved
- 8. Fisherman’s tool
- 9. Of she
- 10. Trauma center
- 11. Commercial flyer
- 12. Administered medicine to calm
- 16. Popular R&B performer
- 17. Regretted
- 18. Leg (slang)
- 22. “Night Train” author
- 25. More supernatural
- 27. Baltimore ball-player

- 28. Shoe parts
- 29. Scores perfectly
- 30. More lucid
- 32. Trim by cutting
- 34. Disreputable people
- 35. Dramatic behaviors
- 36. Disorder
- 37. Private box in a theater
- 38. More dried-up
- 40. Raw
- 41. In operation
- 42. Pillager
- 43. Butterflies with brown wings
- 45. Disallow
- 48. Own up
- 51. Hungarian city
- 52. A way to condemn
- 53. Tax collector
- 54. Lease
- 56. Not out

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Opinion

GUEST COLUMN

• STATE AUDITOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE •

Reforms sorely needed at the Sex Offender Registry Board

By Diana DiZoglio,
Massachusetts State Auditor

Serving as Massachusetts State Auditor doesn't just mean reviewing finances.



A big part of my role, as I often speak about with folks across the state, is reviewing the performance and efficacy of the Commonwealth's agencies and entities. A great example of the responsibility to look beyond number crunching is our office's recently released audit of the Sex Offender Registry

Board.

People are familiar with the concept that Massachusetts registers convicted sex offenders, maintaining a database of where such people live and work in an effort to maintain public safety. This system of public safety is maintained by SORB, a seven-member board appointed by the Governor and staffed by more than 70 individuals.

Our recent audit looked at SORB's operations from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021. Covering that two-year period, my team honed in on whether SORB classified sex offenders at least 10 days before they were released from custody, thus ensuring they were assigned an appropriate level.

Further, we looked at whether SORB used all the resources at their disposal to accurately identify sex offenders who were in violation of maintaining their registration.

I was disappointed to find that SORB underperformed in a way that could have a negative impact upon the public.

While incarcerated sex offenders are supposed to be assigned a classification at least 10 days prior to their release, per state law, SORB failed to do so with approximately 1/3 of those released during our two-year review window. More concerning, 77 offenders didn't receive their classification until after they were released.

This lax approach to the law meant those sex offenders' names, addresses, offenses, and registration statuses were not appropriately posted to SORB's website for level 2 and 3 sex offenders and were not otherwise available to the public.

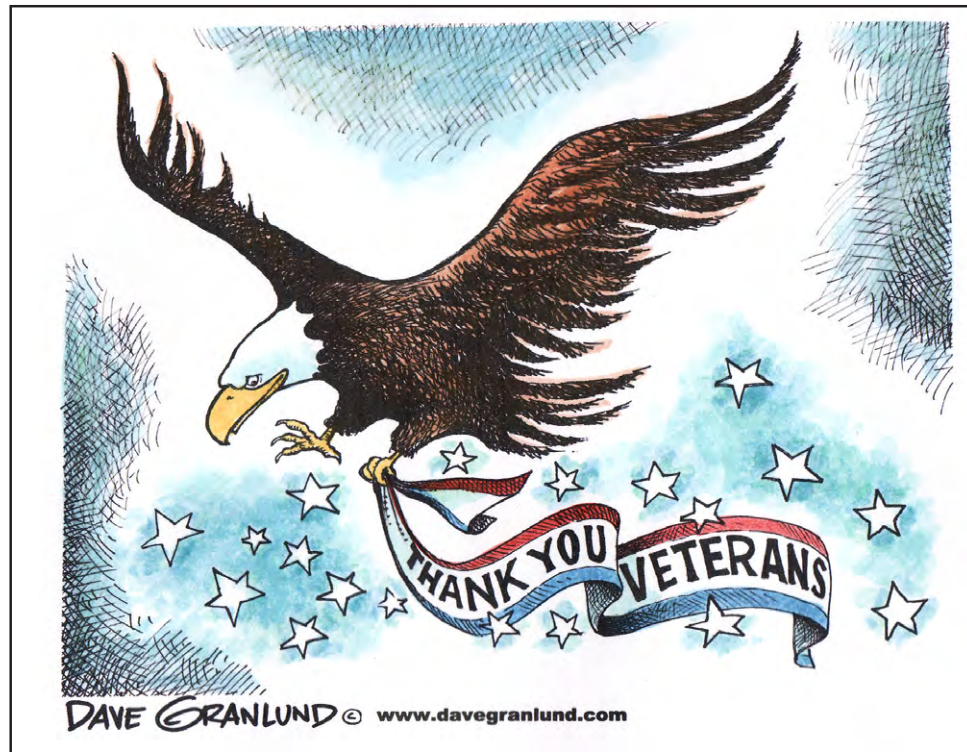
Our audit team also identified other vulnerabilities regarding how SORB tracked offenders who have been released from incarceration. Namely, SORB's database was not kept up to date in all situations, with approximately one out of five offenders showing incorrect addresses when compared against records maintained by other state departments (such as the addresses the Department of Transitional Assistance records).

Part of the benefit of SORB is that it tracks the location of high-level offenders. By not ensuring that it has the current addresses of sex offenders considered in violation, SORB is not able to consistently communicate information about sex offenders' whereabouts, their offenses, and their classifications to local law enforcement agencies and the general public.

What's disturbing is that some of these issues were identified the last time my predecessor audited SORB. These issues must be immediately addressed.

Our office has recommended that SORB increase their collaboration with correctional facilities to establish more reliable procedures for providing anticipated release dates for incarcerated offenders. We've also recommended the implementation of a tracking process that identifies any delays or issues that may arise, to ensure that all sex offenders are assigned final classifications prior to each offender's release.

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Two ways to enjoy bulbs next spring

My spring bulbs are almost all in the ground.

That is saying a lot, considering at work I plant over 2,000 of them! Daffodils, tulips and hyacinth will all welcome visitors to the museum in April and May.

Bulb planting is a ritual that I have come to love. I think in part because the process assists Mother Nature in her efforts to usher in springtime and all of its glorious color!

Did you ever wonder why certain bulbs bloom in the spring? Once you understand the life cycle of specific bulbs you can succeed with bulbs outdoors as well as inside.

Most spring flowering bulbs are native to areas of the world where the fall and winter is cool, and rainfall is abundant. Summers are typically hot and dry.

During the summer bulbs lie dormant, but when temperatures drop and rain moistens the soil each fall, they are awakened and begin to grow new roots and mature their flower buds. Roughly three months later, as soil temperatures rise, bulbs send up foliage and flowers.

When spring rains cease and the soil dries out, bulbs are cued into dormancy once again - their foliage yellows and disappears and the bulbs wait out the arrival of fall to start the cycle all over again.

What this tells us is that we should plant our bulbs before the mercury dips too low. This will give them a chance to root.

Soil temperatures of 50-55 degrees are ideal. If the fall is dry, providing supplemental watering is also a good idea to encourage the rooting process...this year we don't have to worry about that.

What do roots do exactly? You know that they provide food and water to the bulb, but in addition, they anchor it into the soil - very necessary during the freeze/thaw cycles of winter and early spring.

We also learned that there are two times when the bulb is in active growth - when it is rooting, and again in the spring when it sends up its leaves and flower stem. Feeding during these periods is most effective.

I generally broadcast a small amount of organic, well-balanced granular fertilizer into the garden, turn over the soil and plant my bulbs, usually in clumps of at least five bulbs, two-three times their width apart and the same for depth. If you are careful about marking where you've planted them, a top dressing of fertilizer can be added in early

spring.

Likewise, you could also wait until you see the first stems poke through the ground and feed them.

I'm sure many gardeners never even thought about what flower bulbs did during the summer months. Now that we understand that they are dormant, merely waiting, we can plant them accordingly, away from spots that pool water and that stay as dry as possible.

Now that we understand a bulb's life cycle, how can we use it to ensure some indoor cheer?

Bulbs need anywhere from 11-20 weeks of chilling and a few more thereafter to bloom. This guide can be used: Crocus require 15 weeks of cold; hyacinth 11-14 weeks, daffodils 15-17 weeks and tulips 14-20 weeks (depending upon season of bloom).

Pick a date which you'd like the bulb to bloom and count backwards. Hypothetically if I want hyacinths to bloom in time for Valentine's Day, planting them within the next week or two would be right on target.

Bulbs can be planted quite close to one another in regular potting soil and your choice of pot. Clay is not recommended because it will dry out readily.

Water lightly to settle the soil, then place the container in a cold, dark location where temps fall between 38 and 45 degrees. One year I used an old refrigerator; another year the crawl space under our office.

I even tried placing pots of bulbs under the bottom steps of my bulk head. Each worked at maintaining low temps, but did have its own idiosyncrasies.

Keep bulbs away from fruit in storage- especially apples, whereby ethylene gas could disfigure the bulbs, and also be on the lookout for rodents looking for lunch.

Daffodils and hyacinth are usually unappetizing.

Check bulbs often, especially as the chilling period draws to a close. You will know the bulbs are close to being ready to move to a new location when sprouting occurs and roots are visible through the drainage holes; soon after, the top will start to grow as well.

After the top has put on an inch of growth, move it to a cool, bright location, about 50-55 degrees. Stems will elongate and flower buds will form after a few weeks.

When in flower, keep the plants cool to prevent legginess - consider enjoying them in your living spaces during the day, but moving them to a cooler climate at night for increased longevity.

It's about now when the garden centers begin their mark-down of spring bulbs. Try your hand at forcing once and it will become your annual ritual!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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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Granby resident celebrates 100 years

Longtime Granby resident Alice Bronner celebrated her 100th birthday on Nov. 4. She wished for “100 more birthdays,” according to family. Something Special Cafe and Catering in Granby held the party for her on Saturday evening; she goes there every morning for an egg and chocolate milk.

Granby Veterans Memorial nearing ‘soft opening’

By Kimberly Palmucci
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GRANBY – The Home Depot Foundation has partnered with the Friends of Granby Veterans to help complete a Veterans Memorial ahead of Veterans Day.

“The Granby Veterans Memorial has been in the works for more than a decade and is nearing completion,” the Home Depot Foundation released in a press statement. “Fundraising for the project began in 2011 and, since then, all labor has been done by volunteers.”

Once complete, this “impressive memorial” will honor the residents of Granby who have served the country in time of war.

“The Granby Veterans Memorial Committee is hoping to have the memorial 90 percent completed in time for

a soft opening on Veterans Day. They will finish the final 10 percent for a full grand opening on Memorial Day 2024,” the press statement reads.

As part of The Home Depot Foundation’s national Operation Surprise campaign, Team Depot—Home Depot’s associate volunteer force—is working to help reach these goals.

“Volunteers will spend Friday landscaping the memorial, adding trees, shrubs, and perennials to the property to help beautify it for the soft opening on Veterans Day,” the foundation released.

The Home Depot Foundation’s annual Operation Surprise initiative aims to provide “life-changing moments of surprise through service to our nation’s veterans.”

From Nov. 1 through Nov. 20, Team Depot will complete hundreds of ser-

vice projects in honor of Veterans Day, providing moments of surprise along the way.

“Giving back to veterans is personal to The Home Depot, as more than 35,000 of the company’s associates are veterans or military spouses,” the press statement reads.

Since 2011, The Home Depot Foundation has invested \$475 million in veteran causes and helped renovate and enhance more than 55,000 veteran homes and facilities, according to reports, “ensuring more of our nation’s heroes have a safe, comfortable place to call home that fits their individual needs.”

Volunteer projects will include landscaping the Veterans Memorial ahead of Veterans Day and take place from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, at 257 East State St., in Granby.

Small engine workshop this weekend

BELCHERTOWN – The NESFI is hosting a workshop titled “Small Engine Repair and Maintenance,” on Saturday, Nov. 11.

“New England Small Farm Institute [NESFI] continues its Education Series with the workshop from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 11, at 275 Jackson Street, Belchertown,” a press statement reads. “The staff of Devon Lane Power Equipment will lead a hands-on workshop covering the fundamentals of maintaining and repair-

ing small gas-powered machines such as mowers, chainsaws, tillers, blowers, etc.”

Topics will include performing regular maintenance steps, essential tools and supplies, diagnostics and troubleshooting, basic repairs, and more. All are welcome, but “space is limited so best to register early,” event organizers released.

There is a \$20 registration fee; register via email at info@smallfarm.org or by phone at 413-323-4531.

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students, or other media creators to design images or logos that represent its mission in the community, the town released.

“The design images or logos would be used for advertisement and awareness about the Commission.”

Members “would be happy to endorse recommendation letters for resumes/portfolios for artists that submit work,” according to the town’s press statement.

Submit letters and resumes to selectboard@southhadleyma.gov.

CLASSROOM from page 1

“On Monday, Oct. 23, and Wednesday, Oct. 25, incidents involving students in the Transitional Therapeutic Classroom at South Hadley High School resulted in significant injuries to multiple staff members and some students,” the officials wrote in a memo to the School Committee and Select Board.

“From the start of school through this week, high school administration has spent most of their time during a ‘typical’ school day addressing and attending to the needs of four percent of the high school population, limiting time available to support growth in curriculum, instruction, educator professional development and related typical school site responsibilities,” the Oct. 27 memo states.

It was written by South Hadley Superintendent of Schools Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Voyik, Town Administrator Lisa Wong, and Assistant Town Administrator Chuck Romboletti.

The officials say hiring a second assistant principal at the school is the most efficient, cost-effective means to reduce violence at this time and better manage the problem. The Nov. 15 Special Town Meeting will decide whether to fund the

proposed \$61,000 assistant principal position. It is scheduled to be held on from 6-9 p.m. at the South Hadley High School, 153 Newton St.

“This position will assist and support students and colleagues during times of acute crisis thus containing and minimizing school-wide impacts,” the four officials said.

“Related to the mental health crisis, the assistant principal is tasked with: searching bags, implementing disciplinary measures, bullying investigations, Title IX investigations, communication with parents on behavioral issues, establishing and running behavior hearings, attending all IEP meetings, enact school improvement plan, run school council, coordinate Chapter 74 programs, and run restorative practices throughout the day,” the officials said.

The emergency action plan also envisions hiring “an additional teacher and support personnel.”

The officials said this would “allow the high school to reduce the number of students in each [TTC] classroom and will also give the district the ability to keep this program completely separate from the larger school population, as it is intended to be, until such time as students are ready to transition to more typical

programming.”

The third pillar of their emergency action plan is fortified “clinical support.” There is need for more “social and emotional support for students that are dysregulated or need someone to talk to during the day. A school adjustment counselor would provide support not only to the TTC classroom, but also to students that are in our Zen Den and Restorative Justice classroom,” they said.

The McLaughlin, Voyik, Wong, and Romboletti memo said: “This additional support will help reduce the frequency and severity of incidents like those experienced” in late October, “and which have occurred with greater frequency over the past few years.”

“Current staffing also does not allow for students in the TTC program to be separated from students in the behavior program, resulting in frequent triggering behaviors adversely impacting students with discrete needs and program requirements,” they wrote.

At the Nov. 2 South Hadley School

Committee meeting, administrators said there were a total of 21 bullying investigations at the high school during last year. There are 12 so far this year, two months and a week into the current academic year. At the middle school, there are six bullying investigations so far, compared to 19 during the previous year, officials said.

School district’s such as South Hadley that employ a school resource officer, according to state law, by Aug. 1 of each year “shall report to the department of elementary and secondary education and publicly present to the relevant school committee: (i) the cost to the school district of assigning a school resource officer; (ii) a description of the proposed budget for mental, social, or emotional health support personnel for the school; and (iii) the number of school-based arrests, citations, and court referrals made in the previous year dis-aggregated as required by the department of elementary and secondary education.”

THANKSGIVING REVIEW
“Hi Paul, she was great! Lots of plump meat and just enough fat to help prevent her from drying out. We will be having leftovers for a very long time.”
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Seniors

Senior Center's November events

SOUTH HADLEY - The town's Senior Center announced that it will be closed on three days in November, including today, Nov. 10, and for the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday Nov. 23, along with Friday, Nov. 24.

Additionally, for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the item being collected at the Senior Center throughout the month of November is Soup.

Here are the highlight events for November:

Movie at the Tower Theaters

Monday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m.
The Friends of the South Hadley Seniors invite others to join them at the South Hadley Tower Theater for a free movie.

"The delectable film being shown is 'Chocolate,' starring Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp," the COA released.

Call the Senior Center, 413-538-5030, to reserve a theater seat and schedule a ride if needed. Limited seats available. All attendees will receive a free small popcorn and drink.

This is Your Life: Senior Wisdom Podcast

Monday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m.
(In-person and Virtual)

Hosted by Jan Lucier.
"Like the TV Show you remember, but with an updated twist," the COA released. "Jan hosts this inspirational hour of sharing with a SHCOA member. We invite you to attend and contact the Senior Center if you want to register to view this program virtually."

Birthday and Anniversary Social

Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m.

Free; join for cake and ice cream with the students from

MacDuffie School and entertainment by Harmonicx as the COA celebrates all the November birthdays and anniversaries.

"Stop by the center and enter your name in our birthday club jar for a chance to win a gift at our birthday party."

"Picture This: The Perfect Gift" With SHPL Children's Services Librarian Jenny Arch

Thursday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m.
"Everyone knows books make wonderful gifts, but if you haven't been in the children's section of a library or bookstore lately, you might want to brush up on kids' recent favorites. Jenny will bring a selection of picture books that would make wonderful gifts for the little ones in your life."

Holistic Health Series: Combatting Stress through the Holidays

Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 5 p.m.
"As the season changes and the holidays approach, some people feel overwhelmed with stress. In this one-hour stress management session, Jeffrey Wyda, RN NH-BC, H.S.M.I. will provide tools for both coping and relaxing."

BFF (Best Friends Forever) Thanksgiving Dessert Social and Bake-off

Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 1 p.m.

Entertainment by Richie Mitnick and Friends. Celebrate friendship with desserts, entertainment, and free gift basket raffles.

"Have a special dessert recipe? Enter into our Bake-off for a chance to win a gift certificate to Big Y," the COA released. "Judged by Chef Maggie, Friends of the South Hadley Se-

niors members and some of our supper clubbers."

Entry form/info sheet at the front desk.

"We want to thank Barstow's Longview Farm, The Atrium at Cardinal Drive, Loomis Communities, Assisted Living Locators, RSVP, and Daybrook Village for donations of gift baskets and desserts."

Lifelong Learning Series returns

An informative and timely collaboration between Mt. Holyoke College and the SHCOA begins this month and will continue each month until June 2024.

AI and You. Navigating the Presence of Artificial Intelligence in Our Lives

Nov. 28 at 5 p.m.

Speaker: Lindsey Freer, Head of Educational Technology at MHC.

"Ms. Freer has led the Educational Technology team at MHC since 2018. Her team partners with faculty in the selection and use of a broad array of technologies to enhance teaching and learning and advises the MHC community on emerging technology and their impact."

This event will describe some of the different ways Artificial Intelligence (AI) is at work in our daily lives. There will be opportunities for questions, conversation, and hands-on exploration.

Senior Safety with Ray Gouley of SHELD

Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m.

Gouley will talk about electric safety; he will be giving away five \$50 gift cards from Stop and Shop for South Hadley residents and Table Talk pies for everyone.

Next week's events at the COA

SOUTH HADLEY - Here are the events at the town's Council on Aging for Nov. 13-17.

Monday, Nov. 13

10:30 a.m. - Diabetes Talk
Presented by Jennifer Jernigan, South Hadley Assistant Public Health Director.

"Learn about healthy eating, environmental factors, and changing your lifestyle," the COA released. "Free blood sugar testing by South Hadley's Public Health Nurse, Maureen Couture, RN. Diabetic foot care segment provided by Dr. Wolf, Podiatrist."

1 p.m. - New: Live Podcast
"This is your Life: Senior Wisdom" (in-person and Virtual); hosted by Jan Lucier.

"Like the TV Show you remember, but with an updated twist. Jan hosts this inspirational hour of sharing with a SHCOA member. We invite you to attend and contact the Senior Center if you want to register to view this program virtually."

Tuesday, Nov. 14

11:30 a.m. - Big Y shopping trip

"Let us do the driving...call or stop in to sign up."

3:30 p.m. Murder Mystery event

Presented by the South Hadley Travel Club.

"Mystery, intrigue, and murder with the Murder Mystery Co. of Boston and a grand buffet dinner catered by Hamel's Catering," the COA released. "Check out our Facebook page or flyers in the building for more details."

Wednesday, Nov. 15

9 a.m. - noon and 1-4 p.m. - Tech Time with Sandy

Sign up at the Welcome Desk.
9 a.m. - noon - Nutrition by Appointment

Individual Nutrition Counseling with Jennifer, a Registered Dietitian (RD), who will be offering individual nutrition counseling for people 60 and older.

"You must complete an application located at the front desk. Appointments are tailored just for you and customized to fit your specific needs and goals."

10 a.m. - Caregiver Support Group

This group is facilitated by Ann Andras, Social Service Coordinator.

"Are you a caregiver of a spouse, parent, or sibling living with a Dementia-related disease? Please join us as we support each other along this journey."

2 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Party

Join for cake and ice cream with the students from MacDuffie School and entertainment by Harmonicx for a celebration of all the November birthdays and anniversaries.

"Stop by the center and enter your name in our birthday club jar for a chance to win a gift at our birthday party."

2 p.m. - Ann's outreach

Ann, the Social Service Coordinator, will be at Newton Manor this month. Stop by with any questions.

Thursday, Nov. 16

11 a.m. - Pet Therapy with Riley

1-3 p.m. - Public Nurse office hours

Maureen Couture, RN, South Hadley Public Nurse office hours. Sign up for appointments.

2 p.m. - Picture This: The Perfect Gift

"Everyone knows books make wonderful gifts, but if you haven't been in the children's section of a library or bookstore lately, you might want to brush up on kids' recent favorites. Jenny Arch, Children's Services Librarian, will bring a selection of picture books that would make wonderful gifts for the little ones in your life."

Friday, Nov. 17

8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
"This monthly gathering is free to all men. Please sign up," the COA released.

10 a.m. - Town Clerk Office Hours

Join Sarah Gmeiner, South Hadley Town Clerk, and learn what's new in town.

10 a.m. Genealogy classes with Mt. Holyoke College students

1:30 p.m. - Aldi shopping trip

"Let us do the driving," the COA said. "Shopping at Aldi in Chicopee. Call or stop in to sign up."

AUDITOR from page 4

For ensuring residential address accuracy, SORB needs to not only work more closely with other state agencies to verify addresses - SORB must also make a point of updating those addresses in their system when they are found.

We will continue to work

with SORB and encourage their adoption of practices that maximize public safety.

As always, please feel free to contact my office at any time for more information at auditor@sao.state.ma.us and 617-727-2075.

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Education

Middle school drama club to perform 'A Christmas Carol'

SOUTH HADLEY - The Drama Club at Michael E. Smith Middle School has announced performances of "Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol," a holiday ghost story.

The cast of more than sixty students range in age from 10-14 and have been working weekly as part of the after-school program at the middle school.

"On Christmas Eve, Ebenezer Scrooge (seventh-grader Josie Seborowski) is visited by a series of ghosts, starting with his old business partner, Jacob Marley (seventh-grader Grace Proulx). The three spirits which follow, the Ghosts of Christmas Past (sixth-grader Charlotte Bagg), Christmas Present (sixth-grader Jogi Renze), and Christmas Yet to Come, show Scrooge how his mean behavior has affected those around him,

including his nephew Fred (eighth-grader Wyatt Estes), Bob Cratchit (fifth-grader Lexi Richi), and his family, and his former beau, Belle (seventh-grader Elena Carpenter)," the Drama Club released.

"At the end of the story, he is relieved to discover that there is still time for him to change and we see him transformed into a generous and kind-hearted human being."

Three shows will be held in the Michael E. Smith Middle School Cafetorium, including: Friday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.

General admission tickets are available online at mesms-drama.ludus.com/200444733 or at the door (\$5 each or \$3 with a canned good). Physical and monetary donations will be accepted for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.

Granby High holds 2023 Principal's List Dinner

GRANBY - The Granby Jr. Sr. High School held its Principal's List Award Dinner on Oct. 24 in the Edward Sullivan Gymnasium for students currently enrolled at or who recently graduated from GJSHS.

"This is one of Granby Jr/Sr High School's most prestigious academic awards and is attained by earning maximum or high honors in at least three of the four marking periods during the previous school year," the school released.

Seventy students were recognized for this award at this event, with 180 guests in attendance. Dinner was provided by Chartwells; the event was hosted by Principal Alison Jordan and Assistant Principal Juan Rodriguez was the guest speaker.

Grade 8

(achieved in Grade 7)
Lauren Barlow, Gianna Capone, Noah Chambers, Ralph El Aouji, Vitaly Gavel, Wyatt Kennedy, Sophia Labonte, Abigail LaDuke, Anthony Miaszek, Emma Murphy, Kaelynn Slapski, Richard Sweet, Isabella Tetreault

Grade 9

(achieved in Grade 8)
Meredith Bartosz, Lyla Bergeron, Daniel Brown, Sydney Chateaufneuf, Parker Dufresne, Kyrsten Gaj, Tessa Healey, Madelyn LaPointe, Brenna Moreno, Lauren Piercey, Lydia Pike, Audrey Pleisch, Jaidyn Roberge, Ania Scott, Eleanor Szlosek, Kalli White, Mckenna Zumbruski

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Officer Tebo, along with Dave Fenton from the Hampshire County Sheriff's Office, South Hadley Fire District 2 Chief Calkins, and Firefighter Maclean distributed buckets of sand for senior citizens living in South Hadley.

Buckets of sand delivered to seniors

SOUTH HADLEY - The police department's Officer Tebo, along with Dave Fenton from the Hampshire County Sheriff's Office, South Hadley Fire District 2 Chief Calkins, and Firefighter Maclean recently distributed buckets of sand for senior citizens living in South Hadley.

"If you did not get a bucket of sand and want one, please contact the Council on Aging at 413-538-5030," the police department released in a statement on social media.

This event is held annually by the TRIAD S.A.L.T Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together).

"Sand is distributed to those seniors in town who request it in an effort to make their walkways safer during the winter months," police said. "This great event is just one of the programs that is put on by the TRIAD program in South Hadley."

The TRIAD S.A.L.T. Council is a way for seniors to "get involved with the community and connect with local law enforcement in a meaningful way."

"If you have any questions or would like to attend a TRIAD meeting to see if you might want to join this great group of people, please contact Officer Emily Tebo at the South Hadley Police Department for more information."



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Rams capture Western Mass. title



Colin Murdock makes his way up the field.



Triston Moe makes his way down the right side.

Granby boys soccer captured the Western Mass. Class D Championship.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD—Many talented players have worn the Granby boys' varsity soccer uniform over the years. None of them achieved what the members of this year's squad did.

The seventh-seeded Rams captured the Western Mass title for the first time in school history by defeating the fourth-seeded Monson Mustangs, 2-1, in the Class D finals, which was held on a chilly evening at Berte Field located on the Springfield Central campus, last Tuesday.

"It's hard to put into words," said longtime Granby head coach Todd Dorman. "All the great teams that I've had in the past have just come up a little

bit short. Our message to these players has been to control our season, and that's what they did. Monson put the pressure on, and we just did what we could to control the game and control the season."

The MIAA power rankings were used to determine the seedings for the Western Mass. tournament.

The Rams (13-1-6 overall record) finished the regular season in first place in the Schmid Division standings with a 10-0-4 mark. They advanced into the Western Mass. finals following a 2-1 win over second-seeded Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School in the quarterfinals, and a 1-0 victory over sixth-seeded Smith Academy in the semifinals.

"The way that the power rankings work, it didn't really favor us, but we like being the underdogs," Dorman said. "Anything to motivate the boys, we'll take it."

Granby entered the Division 5 state tournament as the 39th-seeded. The Rams lost 5-2 to 26th-seeded Upper Cape Cod RVT in a preliminary round match.

It was the final high school soccer game for Granby seniors Colin Murdock, Spencer Labonte, Ben Berger, and Nicolas Grandmont.

The Mustangs (8-10-1), who didn't win any games in 2021, just missed qualifying for the state tournament as the 33rd

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Jake Gagnon makes a powerful throw-in.

Tigers defeated in Class B finals

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Following a hard-fought overtime victory over Belchertown in the semifinals of the Class B Western Mass. Tournament, South Hadley was dealt with an unfortunate had of playing on back-to-back nights and fell to Pope Francis 2-0 in

the finals last Tuesday night at West Springfield High School. South Hadley allowed a pair of goals in the second half and just could not find the goal despite a number of chances later in the game. It was South Hadley's second loss all season. The other came in the

regular season against Pope Francis. The Tigers do have one 4-0 victory over Pope Francis on Oct. 16 this year. The Tigers are the top seed in the Division 4 State Tournament and won their first matchup against Saint Paul last Monday night 4-1.



Margo Watkins and an opponent chase after a loose ball.



Abby Gelinas makes her way down the right side.



Katherine McArdle tries to kick the ball up the field.



Cianna Gurek tries to keep the ball from going out of bounds.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Owls reach conference finals

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University men’s soccer team appeared in their first conference title game since 2017, falling to top-seeded Bridgewater State 5-0 in the 2023 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship game from Mazzaferro Field in Bridgewater, Mass. on Sunday.

The Owls conclude a successful season campaign as Westfield (7-8-2) increased their season win total by four games from last year, securing the second overall seed in the MASCAC Tournament.

The Owls run to the title game included a memorable penalty-kick shootout victory over Salem State in the league semifinals to advance to today’s conference title game with a relatively short turnaround given the effort and intensity of Friday night’s match.

In just his second season as Westfield’s head men’s soccer coach, Dr. Christopher Streeter led the Owls back to the conference championship match for the first time in six years, coaching a group that was comprised of experienced upper-classmen and impact rookies.

Bridgewater quickly opened the scoring 4:28 into the match with Nicholas Ribeiro (Bellingham, Mass.) potting his sixth goal of the season to put the Bears ahead 1-0. From that point forward, senior David Nelson (East Bridgewater, Mass.) took control of the contest, scoring the

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Thunderbird fall to Islanders in finale

BRIDGEPORT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (6-5-0-0) could not withstand a late rally by the Bridgeport Islanders (3-5-1-0) in a 3-2 defeat on Sunday afternoon at Total Mortgage Arena.

For the first time in three games this weekend, it would be the T-Birds to get the 1-0 lead in the opening period. Operating a man down at the 8:40 mark, Nathan Walker picked up a feed from Calle Rosen and raced into the Islanders zone on a 2-on-1 with Matthew Peca. The captain served as a decoy and Walker wristed a try through the stick side of Ken Appleby, giving Springfield the 1-0 edge. The goal was Walker’s seventh of the season and an AHL-best third shorthanded tally.

Walker’s goal gave Springfield the lead, but the T-Birds had a difficult time generating much else in the opening 20 minutes, getting outshot 13-5 by Bridgeport in the first frame. While Springfield did successfully kill off nearly a minute of 5-on-3 Bridgeport power play time, the Islanders were able to parlay that offensive momentum into a tying strike by ex-Providence Bruin



Sam Asselin at 16:44, when he grabbed a puck neatly off the right-wing wall, spun toward the faceoff dot, and snapped a shot through Vadim Zherenko to deadlock the game, 1-1, heading into the intermission. Asselin’s goal marked the third straight Islanders goal scored by the top-line winger dating back over a four-game span.

The T-Birds’ power play did not get a chance until the 4:52 mark of the second period, and Springfield did not wait even 10 seconds to get a man-advantage marker for the sixth time in seven games. After Peca won a faceoff, he moved the puck to Joey Duszak at the line, and the veteran defender lifted a wrist shot toward the net. Walker found himself in the middle of the action again, as he deflected it through Appleby’s equipment to restore Springfield’s lead, 2-1, at the 5:00 mark of the second.

The T-Birds kept on dealing with a relentless flurry of pressure from the Islanders, but Zherenko and the Springfield defense held the fort to take the

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Papermen to join Union Hockey League

HOLYOKE – This week, Brian Pratt, president of the Holyoke Papermen Hockey Club, announced his team’s participation in the newly-formed Union Hockey League. The UHL consists of 16 teams in the northeast and Midwest and is a senior level semi professional league. Pratt said the Papermen are putting together their roster at this point.

“We have 14 skaters and two goalies signed, looking to add about 8 more players,” Pratt said. “We have four pre-season games in December and 20 regular season games starting Jan 5.”

The schedule for the league has not been released yet and Pratt did not say where the Papermen would be playing their home games. Closest to Holyoke are Fitzpatrick Rink, state-run facility right in Holyoke next to Holyoke High School’s Roberts Sports Complex, and nearby is Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield. More information will be forthcoming about the team and the new league as the Papermen prepare to participate in the new league. For more information, go to: <https://www.union-hockeyleague.com/>.

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seed. The top 32 ranked teams automatically qualify for the state tournament. All the other teams with a .500 or better record also qualify for the state tournament.

Monson head coach Peter Beaupre isn’t a fan of the MIAA power ranking system.

“I hate the power ranking system because it really doesn’t help the Western Mass. teams,” Beaupre said. “You can’t tell me that Granby is the seventh seed, and we are the fourth seed in the Western Mass. tournament. Duggan Academy, who went 1-13 during the regular season, was the fifth seed in this tournament. I just think the MIAA needs to redo the whole power ranking system. We play against Division 1,2, and 3 teams during the regular season and our strength of schedule is still low. It’s an awful system. I liked the old system a lot better.”

The Mustangs beat Duggan, 12-0, in the quarterfinals before upsetting top seeded Hoosac Valley, 3-1, in the semifinals.

The five seniors listed on the Monson roster are Alex Young, Ethan Thurston, Sebastian Nava, Thomas Payne, Brady Ronaldson, and Colin Beaupre.

“We’ll be losing five seniors this year and it’s a very special group,” coach Beaupre said. “Alex, Ethan, and Colin



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Gavin Moreno gets the header.

were members of the varsity soccer team as eighth graders. Colin was one of the starters that year. It has been a lot of fun coaching both of my sons.”

Jake Beaupre is a member of the sophomore class.

The 2019 Monson squad lost to Lenox, 2-0, in the Western Mass. Division 4 finals. It was the final year of the old playoff format.

A year ago, Granby defeated Monson, 1-0, in the Western Mass. Class E semifinals before losing to Smith Academy, 1-0, in the Western Mass. finals.

The Rams took a 1-0 lead in this year’s Western Mass. finals when junior Gavin Moreno received a pass from classmate Riley Goodhind before putting a shot into the left corner past sophomore goalie Austin Meacham for his 19th goal of the season. “Shifting Gavin around on the field really opened him up,” Dorman said. “He was able to become the player this year who he wants to be and who we want him to be.”

Late in the first half, Granby sophomore goalie Dan Santiago made the save on a line-drive shot taken by Colin Beaupre.

“Dan controlled his area very well in tonight’s game,” Dorman said. “He also has a lot of support around him. It’s a whole team defense.”

Then a free kick taken by Monson

sophomore Shane Szado was headed away by a Granby defender.

The Rams entered the second half holding onto a slim 1-0 advantage.

Ten minutes into the second half, Colin Beaupre had a breakaway shot opportunity, but Granby junior Cody White was able to break up the scoring chance.

The Rams scored a corner kick goal during the 66th minute.

Junior Jaxton Roy booted the ball into the box from the right corner and Grandmont finished off the play with a shot into the right corner.

The Mustangs also got on the scoreboard with a corner kick goal eight minutes later.

Eighth grader Trey Dillahunt sent the ball into the box from the right corner where Beaupre fired a low shot into the left corner slicing the deficit in half.

“I thought we played a lot better in the second half than we did in the first half,” coach Beaupre said. “Collin’s goal was scored with his left foot. I think it’s the first time he’s done that during his high school career. I wish we could’ve scored a couple more goals, but Granby is a very good soccer team.”

Monson had several more scoring chances during the final six minutes of regulation, but they couldn’t score the tying goal.

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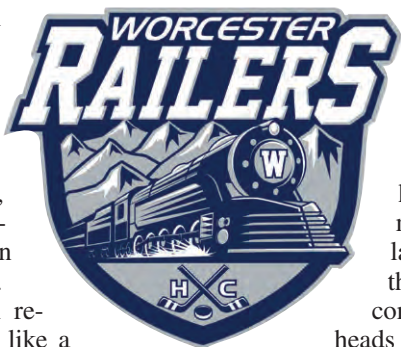
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Sports

Railers drop OT thriller to Adirondack

WORCESTER – Worcester dropped a 5-4 overtime decision to Adirondack, allowing four power play goals along the way. The overtime goal, scored by Matt Stief, was a 4-on-3 goal with Railers forward Zach White in the penalty box for tripping.



From close up, and on replay, it did not look much like a trip and the Railers were careful not to be critical of the call. That could cost them money. They were not happy, but White stood up and took the blame.

“It wasn’t a good play,” he said. “I was trying for the puck and then he fell...that was terrible by me.”

Coach Jordan Smotherman discreetly not critical of the officiating. Neither was he critical of his player.

“That’s just the kind of guy he is,” Smotherman said of White taking the blame.

There was plenty of blame, but plenty of credit in what turned out to be a terrific game after a sluggish first period. After scoring two goals in the game’s first 40 minutes the teams combined for seven in the last 23:16.

The overtime loss earned the Railers one point and after the last two seasons when they missed the playoffs by a point, they can understand the value of that. The problem is that in the third pe-

riod they blew a 3-1 lead and 4-3 lead before the game went into overtime.

“That can’t happen,” Smotherman said of the late lapses, “especially their fourth goal. We completely lose our heads and five guys wind up in the corner. That can’t happen in small margin games.”

The fourth Adirondack goal was scored by Riley Smith with just 2:34 left in the third period. He drilled a 25-foot shot past Tristan Lennox’ blocker. What made it worse was that while it was not officially a shorthanded goal, Thunder defenseman Tristan Thompson had been injured near his own net and was still in the defensive zone trying to get off the ice when Adirondack scored.

The Railers goals were scored by Andrei Bakanov, Ashton Calder and Brendan Robbins. Bakanov had two goals to register the first multi-goal game of his Railers career. Anthony Callin, once again a key offensive player for Worcester, had three assists.

The score after the first 20 minutes would have been about 7-6 if icings had counted as goals. As has been traditional in hockey, they did not. Thus it was a 0-0 game going into the second period.

About seven minutes into the period the Railers were whistled for icing three times in the span of a minute but as things progressed the teams began to generate more offense but could not score.

The Railers and the Thunder traded power play goals in the second period with Adirondack scoring first. Thompson gave his team a 1-0 lead at 9:32 by drilling a 55-foot slapshot home from the right point.

Bakanov tied it at 1-1 at 17:59 with his first goal of the season. It was on the power play as he converted a nice goal-mouth pass from Callin. Bakanov gave Worcester the lead at 1:55 of the third period, again on the power play, with a sizzling high wrist shot from between the circles.

Calder scored a marvelous shorthanded goal at 5:45 to make it 3-1. He was sent free on a breakaway when Jake Pivonka batted the puck out of mid-air and sent it directly to his streaking teammate. Calder beat Jeremy Brodeur with a backhand from in close.

Erik Middendorf tied it for Adirondack with goals at 7:29 and 8:57, both on power plays, the first with the Railers too men short. Robbins banged in a rebound off the back wall at 14:26, Callin having taken the original shot, but Smith scored that crucial tying goal exactly three minutes.

From there it was on to overtime and the 5-4 final.

T-BIRDS from page 9

2-1 advantage into the third. Zherenko made 27 saves through the first two periods alone.

After a quiet first half of the third period, the T-Birds’ defensive levee finally came apart at the 12:02 mark when Matthew Maggio cleaned up a rebound from a Robin Salo shot that had glanced off a T-Birds defender. Maggio tied the score at one apiece, and not even three minutes later, Salo joined the scoring fun, pumping home a rebound off a Karson Kuhlman net drive at 14:25 to give the Islanders their first lead, 3-2.

The T-Birds’ offense could not find another tally before time ran out, and thus brought an end to the club’s five-game win streak. Zherenko finished his night with 32 stops, while Appleby got his first win despite only needing to block 17 Springfield offerings.

Springfield returned home for the annual T-Birds School Day Game on Wednesday.

OWLS from page 9

next three goals to complete the hat trick, ultimately securing the conference title for a Bears team that suffered just two regulation losses all season.

The Bears outshot the Owls 20-9 in the game as Westfield rotated all four goalkeepers into the match. Luke Theroux (Chicopee, Mass.) wrapped up an impressive first season with the Owls, starting the match and picking up one save.

Senior Drew Adams (North Attleboro, Mass.) stopped all four shots faced while first-year Berto Truoiolo (Springfield, Mass.) got his first taste of postseason play, securing two saves. Senior Collin O’Brien (Windsor Lock, Conn.) also saw playing time in net for Westfield. Coleby Andrade (Falmouth, Mass.) led the Owls with two shots.

DINNER from page 7

Grade 10
(achieved in Grade 9)
Emma Beaulieu, Lea Charest, Kaitlyn Curran, Benjamin French, Braeden Gallagher, Daniel Hackett, Maxwell Kennedy, Braydon LaDuke, Mylin Laliberte, Allison Maslak, Julia Ricardi, Stephen Szlosek

Grade 11
(achieved in Grade 10)
Jena Abbott, Nathan Benson, Mabel Carillon, Margaret Crawford, Cassandra Flaherty, Cole Fuller, Gavin Kennedy, Alexis Lapite, Cheyenne Laramee, Cameron LeBlanc, Ava McFarland, Justin Merced, Gavin Moreno, Olah Roller, Ava Saunders, Austin Smith, Stewart Szlosek

Grade 12
(achieved in Grade 11)
Zachary Auclair, Chloe Castro, Ciara Charest, Rhea Gagnon, Nicolas Grandmont, Jessica Holubowich, Peyton Justin, Cindy Kusumo, Sara Lessard, Neil Lindberg, Corey Rondeau, Phillip Silchuk

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Public Safety

Granby Police

Editor’s Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 105 calls for the week of Oct. 27 through Nov. 2. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Oct. 27

10:12 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 53MPH in 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and it was discovered that the vehicle was not registered and the operator did not have a valid license. The operator was issued a criminal citation for speeding, unregistered motor vehicle, and operating without a license.

Saturday, Oct. 28

9:33 p.m. – A motorist reported strik-

ing a deer with their vehicle. There were no injuries. An officer responded and completed an accident report.

10:17 p.m. – The Belchertown PD called our station to pass on a report of an erratic operator traveling into Granby on Route 202. Officers located the vehicle and after observing erratic operation, a motor vehicle stop was conducted. See following call entry.

10:40 p.m. – Derrick Whitley, 32, of Holyoke was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, crossing marked lanes, and possessing an open container of alcohol.

Monday, Oct. 30

1:37 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle crossed marked lanes and to be traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 60MPH in 35MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for crossing marked lanes and speeding.

1:33 p.m. – A resident reported that someone opened an unemployment claim in their name. An incident report was completed.

8:41 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 55MPH in 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

2:01 p.m. – A motorist reported being involved in a minor accident at the school parking lot. An officer responded and completed an accident report.

Thursday, Nov. 2

12:52 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 60MPH in 35MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

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media. Toys can be dropped off at any time. "We thank all of you who have donated in the past. We hope that you and others will be able to make a donation again this year. Thank you in advance for your generous support to this cause," police said. Questions may be directed to Sergeant Pollender, Officer Tebo, or Detective Romanovicz at 413-538-8231.



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The meal served nearly 100 seniors and veterans with some of the meals being delivered to those who physically were not able to attend.

"The goal was to get people together and that is exactly what happened. People met new friends and enjoyed a good meal," said Mary Lou Guanera, Executive Director of Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry.

It was a community theme, both in providing and planning the meal, as the event brought together the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors, South Hadley's Veteran Services, South Hadley's Council on Aging, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Iona's Kitchen, the South Hadley Cultural Council, and Scout Troop 303.

"We hope to repeat this event a few times a year, as we know there are seniors and veterans who are feeling isolated and we want to provide another opportunity to help them stay connected to their community," Prough said.



Submitted Photos Adrian Day and Matthew Brown from Scout Troop 303 deliver meals to homebound seniors and veterans.



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