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By Tina Lesniak Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Led by the South Hadley American Legion Post 260 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 260, local veterans and residents came together to recognize Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

David Jubinville from Sons of the American Legion Squadron 260 served as Master of Ceremonies. The South Hadley Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts served as color guard and laid the ceremonial wreath, followed by the ringing of the Bells of Peace, honoring all who served our nation in both war and peace.

The South Hadley VFW also participated with the sounding of

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Wastewater

Plan will be topic of concern

By Tina Lesniak Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Despite raising the sewer rates this past spring, the budget for the town's wastewater management will likely require raising those rates in the coming years.

The town is currently in the process of creating a master plan for the wastewater treatment plants and pump stations in town so that it can better understand what needs must be addressed to keep the plant and stations working properly.

Although the town recently had \$785,000 certified for retained earnings, increased operational costs and significant maintenance costs are expected to use up that amount quickly.

The equipment is failing and failing more frequently,' said Melissa LaBonte, water pollution control superintendent, at the Nov. 7 select board meeting.

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STM approves additional **SHHS** assistant principal

Mosier Elementary School feasibility study funded

> By Jim Russell Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Special Town Meeting voters said "yes" Wednesday to appropriating money to hire a second assistant principal at the high school, and fortified an account set up to fund a possible feasibility study at the aging Mosier Elementary School to determine whether it can be repaired or a new building is needed.

The body approved \$61,000 requested by the School Department, which represents a pro-rated salary for an assistant principal, from December until June 30, 2024, when the next fiscal year begins.

Following the meeting, South Hadley Superintendent of Schools Mark McLaughlin and Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Voyik said the position



Turley photo by Jim Russell

South Hadley Superintendent of Schools Mark McLaughlin and Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Voyik at South Hadley's Special Town Meeting held Wednesday, Nov. 15.

will be posted this week.

At recent School Committee and Select Board meetings, and voiced again by McLaughlin at the Special Town Meeting, hiring a second assistant principal at the school is the most efficient and cost-effective means to reduce violence at the high school and support students and staff.

Problems have occurred with greater frequency this academic year at the high school's Transitional Therapeutic Classrooms; school official describe this, in part, as a "mental health crisis" as well. The crisis resulted in significant injuries to multiple employees and students in

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Winter ready fair held at COA

By Samuel Gelinas Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY The town's Council on Aging recently hosted a winter preparedness fair, which included guest speakers Brian Lapis, Channel 22 meteorologist, and Todd Zukowski, coordinator for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

Zukowski reminded people of routine ways of staying safe and being prepared for

"Snow squalls don't happen often around here, but when they do, they hit everyone blindsided. Inches pop up quickly...usually before the roads have been salted," Zukowski said. "Business will get out early, and there is even more of a mess."

In short, the advice he had is to "have meds, food, food for your pets, a plan, and a generator."

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Community

Quabbin Art Association hosts Pioneer Valley artist Tina Addison

BELCHERTOWN - The Quabbin Art Association will host local artist Tina Addison of South Hadley at its November meeting.

Addison moved back to "The Happy Valley" after forty-six years of practicing nursing in Boston, according to a press statement.

"After twenty-plus years of taking watercolor classes, she now teaches at local senior centers. Having grown up with arts and crafts, Addison incorporates many of these techniques into her paintings," the Quabbin Art Association (QAA) released. "She will demonstrate the 'Pour & Paint' technique and invite the audience to share in the experience."

The meeting will be held on Nov. 16 at St. Francis Parish Hall, 12 Park St., Belchertown. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with a business meeting at 7 p.m. followed by Addison's presentation.



Artwork by Tina Addison.

CLOSED 11/24-11/25



Artist Tina Addison

"With the rise in COVID, attendees please consider wearing a mask or face covering if you have been exposed or consider joining us at another time," the QAA added.

Funding for this program is supported in part by a grant from the Belchertown Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

The QAA encourages the public to join its "lively art group and meetings." For more information, visit quabbinartassociation. com or email info@quabbinartassociation.

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 Carpentier)," the Drama Club released.

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.

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"It's been one thing after another."

The board suggested that a maintenance line item be included in the department's budget, but Labonte and John Broderick, director of public works, noted that it's difficult to predict maintenance costs. The treatment plant is more than 40 years old, so finding parts is extremely difficult and even when they're found, there aren't always technicians capable of fixing them. In addition, it's not just maintenance costs that are taking up the budget.

"The cost of doing business every day is off the charts," Broderick said.

Both operational costs and the costs of needed equipment have soared in recent years, with some pieces doubling in cost over the last 10 years.

"That plant needs a full rehab," said Jeff Cyr, a member of the select board.

A full rehab of the plant would be very costly but may become necessary.

"We will likely need another rate hike," said Lisa Wong, town administrator for South Hadley. "These are tough decisions we're going to have to make soon."

In other news, the board once again continued the license hearing for 3 Corners Package Store, owned by Hamid Habib and located at 460 Amherst Rd. Habib could not attend due to a family emergency, so Wong provided an update. The owner is currently waiting for a food permit, but cannot get one until he takes care of a fire alarm issue. Wong also noted that Habib is currently behind on property taxes and a trash bill. Cyr added that the for-sale sign is still on the business despite Habib saying multiple times that he would take it down and expressed concerns about the viability of the business.

Michael Slater, veterans' agent for the town, also provided an update on the proposed veterans district that would increase the services available to local veterans. Slater will hold a meeting on Nov. 17 with local legislators to discuss the needs and concerns of the veteran population.

"We're really shaping what veterans' services will look like," Slater said. "We want to change as many lives as possible."

Wong noted that Slater has really been "able to build the quality and quantity of services" that are offered to veterans and that regionalization will ensure that there are people always available with the skills needed to assist the veterans.



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Seniors

Senior Center's November events

SOUTH HADLEY - The town's Senior Center announced that it will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24.

The COA thanked its Travel Group for a check for \$500.

"The Travel Group planned, organized, and facilitated a Murder Mystery Event with the Murder Mystery Co of Boston," the COA released. "Sixty people attended and were treated to great food from Hamel's and a wonderful evening."

The Travel Club also sponsors the Tuesday night Lifelong Living Lecture Series with Mt. Holyoke College. Those programs run monthly through to May.

"Thank you Susan Canedy and Huguette Sapinski," the COA added.

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:

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series

Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 5 p.m.

Presentation by Lindsey Freer, head of education technology at Mt. Holyoke College. "AI and You: Navigating the Present of Artificial Intelligence in Our Lives."

Senior Safety

Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m. Senior Safety with Ray Gouley of

"Ray will talk about electrical safety." He will be giving away five \$50 gift cards from Stop and Shop for South Hadley residents and Table Talk pies," the COA released.

Mt. Holyoke College Art Museum tour

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Emily Wood, assistant curator, will give a tour of this 147-year-old building, the Mt. Holyoke College Art Museum. Sign up at the Welcome Desk for this transportation.

"We can also meet you there," the COA released. "Thank you to the Travel Club for sponsoring this program."

December Supper Club Demo: Get ready for the Holiday Rush

Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. Free and open to all.

"Using ideas from the new Supper Club Cookbook, Chef Maggie will show you speedy, delicious entertaining ideas for your holiday table. Don't let your cheese slide off your cracker when things get crazy."

Demo includes recipes and samples; sign up for December culinary lessons, or email Maggiev06021@gmail.com. Limited number of cookbooks available—firstcome, first-serve and \$8 per book.

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 Seniors members and some of our supper clubbers."

Entry form/info sheet at the front desk. "We want to thank Barstow's 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.

"Check the monthly SHCOA flyer for an updated list of events you can attend. An event at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, Conn., 'A Carpenters Christmas,' is scheduled for Dec. 13."

WEEK OF NOV. 20-24 Monday, Nov. 20

2 p.m. - Supper Club Prep: Crust and filling prep. 2:30 p.m. - Flower Arranging

Tuesday, Nov. 21

10 a.m. - Brown Bag for Seniors 11:30 a.m. - Big Y Shopping. Let us do the driving.

2-7 p.m. - Supper Club Fire.

3 p.m. - Caregiver Information

"Are you a caregiver for a person wo has dementia? South Hadley COA will offer an info session about the progression of symptoms, caregiver strategies, self-care, advance care planning and local resources. Sessions will be led by Heidi Haghighi, RN MSN. Register at the South Hadley COA."

5 p.m. - Holistic Health. Combatting Stress through the Holidays.

"In this one-hour stress management session, Jeffrey Wyda, RN, HN-BC, N.S.M.I will provide tools for both coping and relaxing to help this holiday season feel less stressful."

5 p.m. – Board And Brush. Choose from four different single board signs, choose your stain, and then put the stencils on and paint them with instructions from Board and Brush. Limit 20.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

9 a.m. - noon & 1-4 p.m. - Tech Time with Sandy. Sign in with the folks at the Welcome Desk.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Bake Off

"Celebrate friendship with desserts, entertainment, and free gift basket raffles. Bake off contestants will be judged."

Thursday, Nov. 23 Closed for Thanksgiving. Friday, Nov. 24 Closed for Thanksgiving.

BAIL COMMISSIONERS NEEDED event and let the COA know if you need Longview Farm, The Atrium at Cardinal **HOLYOKE DISTRICT COURT**

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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 web-

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 Selectboard, 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 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.

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.

SOUTH HADLEY COUNCIL ON AGING

YOUR VIBRANT CENTER

CALL TO REGISTER FOR THIS AMAZING PROGRAM.

Lifelong Learning Series AI • Al and You: Navigating the Presence of Artificial Intelligence in Our Lives. Tuesday, November 28th at 5:00p.m.

Speaker: Lindsey Freer, Head of Educational Technology at Mount Holyoke College

This event will describe some of the different ways artificial intelligence is at work in our daily livés. There will be opportunities for questions, conversation, and hands-on exploration.

MONDAY- FRIDAY 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM
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Social Security Disability vs. Spouse Benefits vs. **Survivor Benefits and COLA**

Dear Rusty:

I retired from working in June but will not sign up for Social Security until age 70 and, to do that, I plan to draw from my IRA for the next three years. My wife is receiving Social Security disability benefits and will reach her full retirement age in March of next year.

I know that my wife simply reaching her full retirement age will not mean an increase to her benefit except for Cost Of Living Allowance. What I'm wondering is, can my wife get spousal benefits of any sort based on my Social Security benefits either before I draw or after I am drawing apart from her benefits at my death? Her Social Security disability amount is only a fraction of my maximum benefit.

Signed Baffled Husband

Dear Baffled:

Looks like you're confused about your wife's Social Security disability benefits, retirement benefits, spousal benefits, and survivor benefits. Here's what you need to know:

When your wife reaches her Full Retirement Age next year, her current Social Security Disability Insurance benefit will automatically convert to become her regular SS retirement benefit at the same amount she was receiving on SSDI (disability). The amount stays the same because your wife's SSDI amount is based on her FRA entitlement.

Your wife cannot get any spousal benefits from you until you claim your own Social Security retirement benefit. Since you plan to delay claiming until you are 70 several years from now, after your wife's SSDI converts to become her regular retirement benefit at her FRA next year, she will continue to receive her own SS retirement benefit until you claim. At that point your wife will get a "spousal boost" added to her own SS retirement benefit. The amount of her spousal boost will be the difference between her FRA entitlement (same as her SSDI amount) and 50% of your FRA entitlement (not half of your age 70 amount - spouse benefits are always calculated using FRA amounts, regardless of when Social Security is actually claimed).

Your wife cannot get a spousal benefit from you until you start your Social Security, but after you claim she will receive her higher spousal benefit, her own SS retirement benefit plus a spousal boost, for the rest of her life or until you predecease her. If you die first, your wife will get 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death (e.g., your age 70 amount), instead of the smaller amount she was receiving as your spouse while you are both living.

Regarding COLA, after becoming eligible for benefits, everyone gets the annually awarded COLA increase whether they are already collecting SS benefits or not. The next annual COLA increase will be added to your wife's SSDI at the end of this year and added to her SS retirement amount each year thereafter, and then to her higher amount as your spouse after you claim.

And even though you are waiting until age 70 to claim, the annual COLA will still be added to your Primary Insurance Amount each year, and you will receive that past COLA in your monthly payments after you later claim.

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received an email from a reader, who had a Cooper's hawk in his yard for two days. He said, "The barred tail was distinctive flying through the yard ... and looked like a dart with the tail straight out. Many people don't realize they, like the Peregrine Falcon, were decimated by DDT and pesticides."



Cooper's hawk

The Cooper's hawk is 16 inches long and as the reader said in his email they have a long tail with barring. They also have fine streaking on the breast. They are gray above with reddish brown barring. Their crown is darker than the back. The immature Cooper's hawk is dark brown above and light below with thin streaking. Immature plumage is kept for one year.

During the breeding season, these hawks have a regular feeding route where it hunts for common medium sized birds such as mourning doves, blue jays and starlings.

The female lays three to six pale blue green eggs with dark marks in a platform nest of sticks place in a tree ten to 70 feet

Cooper's hawks may show up at bird feeders especially during the winter months, when it roams a wider area for food. Cooper's hawks inhabit mixed forests and open woodlands. They make a loud repeated "kek kek kek kek" call given during alarm or

during pair interaction. As mentioned in the email above, the Cooper's hawks were decimated in the 1950s and 1960s due to the use of DDT.

Other birds by the lake

He lives on a lake and said, "There is an old pine the Bald Eagles love to fish from. There are two Red Shouldered Hawks' nests within three or four hun-

dred feet of each other and when the young start yelling for food the other nest invariably starts and I have them in stereo. Last year a pair of Blue Heron nested, but this year there is only one who patrols the cove shoreline alone. The eagles seem to ignore the adult." He also sees Golden eagles as well.

Bird tally

I received an email from a reader, who visits ponds in Warren. He sent a tally of bird observed on Nov. 2, 3 and 4. They included on Nov. 2 46 Canada geese and again the same number on Nov. 3 and six on Nov. 4; one pied-billed grebe on Nov. 3, four great blue herons on Nov. 2, two on Nov.. 3 and 3 on Nov. 4; a red-tailed hawk on Nov. 2 and one bald eagle on Nov. 3.

He also reported seeing two American crows on Nov. 2, a yellow-bellied sapsucker on Nov. 2, two blue jays on Nov. 2, a titmouse on Nov. 2, one bluebird on Nov. 2 and two on Nov. 3, six robins on Nov. 2, two yellow-dumped warblers on Nov. 2 and again on Nov. 3 and three song sparrows on Nov. 2. Yellow-bellied sapsuckers, yellow-rumped warblers and bluebirds were eating poison ivy berries.

Canada geese

This weekend my granddaughter and I saw about two dozen Canada geese fly over her house. They were honking as they flew overhead. They headed for a beaver pond across the street.

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.

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South Hadley held a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 15, during which voters approved money to hire a second assistant principal at the high school and put money toward a feasibility study of the Mosier Elementary School.

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late October on two different days.

The two Transitional Therapeutic Classrooms have 18 students, out of 523 total students in grades 9-12.

"This has been an issue for some time," McLaughlin said at Wednesday's

He said the current "resources are not enough. I'm just trying to tell you what [the] reality is."

Mosier Elementary School

Opened in 1969, the 57,788-squarefoot Mosier Elementary School, for grades two to four, was last renovated in

The School District submitted a Statement of Interest (SOI) to the Massachusetts School Building Authority earlier this year, in hopes that the state would consider South Hadley's request that the MSBA would pay at least half the cost of any renovation or potential new building.

The school's SOI refers to "the very urgent need for a new Mosier Elementary School building."

The statement says: "Particularly in the winter months, but also on colder days in the fall and spring, the custodian must decide each day [to] which parts of the building he must direct heat in order to avoid over-taxing the system. During the many cold months of the school year this daily decision, and accompanying discomfort, creates significant adverse and tangible impacts on students and staff."

It says: "Since most of the problems/ issues facing the Mosier School facility relate to the structural integrity of the building itself, every identified item significantly does, or will, adversely impact educational delivery for every student and staff member in the school."

The town's Capital Planning Committee estimates a feasibility study would cost between \$1.5 to \$2 million.

With \$550,000 appropriated by the STM Wednesday for the feasibility study account, the total now available is \$1.4 million.

McLaughlin and Voyik said they are likely to know by year's end whether the MSBA will invite the district into the multi-step program, which could result in financial assistance.

According to town clerk's office, 81 of the 120 South Hadley Town Meeting Representatives attended Wednesday's meeting.



"Plein Air Oils" by Bev Phaneuf, Plein Air Coordinator.

Submitted Photos

Quabbin Art Association opens annual Plein Air Exhibit in Palmer

BELCHERTOWN - The Quabbin Art Association opened its Annual Plein Air Exhibit at the Palmer Public Library on Nov. 1.

The exhibit runs through the end of the month and features artwork painted "en plein air" in various mediums including oil, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, pencil, and pen & ink. The exhibit is located at the Meeting Room during regular business hours.

'Many of the pieces are for sale and can be purchased directly from the artists," the Quabbin Art Association (QAA) released.

An Artists' Reception was held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the library. The QAA's Plein Air Coordinator is Beverly Phanuef.

Now in its eighth year, the Belchertown-based Quabbin Art Association promotes "community interest and appreciation in the visual arts by providing education, support, and opportunity for local artists.'

To learn more about the organization or to become a member, visit quabbinartassociation.com.

Holiday wreath sale Thanksgiving weekend

BELCHERTOWN - The Belchertown 4-H and Boy Scout Troop 507 Annual Wreath Sale will be held on the Belchertown Common, Thanksgiving weekend, Saturday, Nov. 25, and Sunday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The price of wreaths starts at \$20. Deluxe wreaths, which include ornaments, are pre-order only and supplies are limited; please text 413-210-0990.

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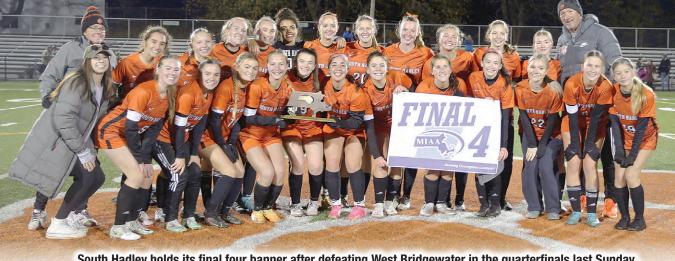
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Alley nets game-winner in PK's



South Hadley holds its final four banner after defeating West Bridgewater in the quarterfinals last Sunday.

SOUTH HADLEY – The top-seeded South Hadley High School girls soccer team defeated Lynnfield in the semifinals of the Division 4 State Tournament on a cold Tuesday evening. Drew Alley scored the winning penalty kick for Tigers after the game remained

tied 3-3 after two overtimes. Lauren Marjanski had the other three goals for the Tigers. In the quarterfinals, South Hadley defeated West Bridgewater 6-3 on Sunday afternoon. The score was tied 2-2 at halftime before South Hadley exploded for four goals in the second half. Marjanski scored four of the Tigers six goals while Cianna Gurek and Maddie Soderbaum had the other goals. South Hadley is set for the state finals this Saturday, though a time and location for the game was not available as of press time.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Maddie Soderbaum chases down a ball.



Margo Watkins sends a pass away.



Allison Fluery clears the ball downfield.



Cianna Gurek fights an opponent to get to the ball.



past an opponent with the ball.

South Hadley looks for another win on Thanksgiving

HOLYOKE - The Tigers and Knights will matchup in the final game on Thanksgiving for the sixth time since developing the new holiday rivalry.

Last Thanksgiving, the South Hadley finished off the 2022 season with a huge offensive performance, defeating Holyoke 60-36. The Tigers exploded for four touchdowns in the second quarter to go up 38-14 at halftime. South Hadley did not let up, grabbing three more scores in the second half. Owen Dawson capped his season with 300 yards on the ground and five touchdowns for the Tigers. Noah Marion had a big game with 148 yards. Holyoke's season finished at 2-9 while South Hadley went 4-7.

This year, Holyoke is coming off a tough season. The Knights won just one game during the regular season against Chicopee Comprehensive. The Knights did win once more against Commerce in Week 10 and will enter the holiday game with a 2-7 record.

South Hadley has a 7-3 record going into this year's game, and made the state tournament for the second time in three years. The Tigers faced West Bridgewater and lost 39-8 in that matchup. They faced Amherst in a consolation game in Week 10

This year's matchup takes place at Holyoke High School with kickoff set for 10 a.m.



Staff photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Brady Murphy heads off to the left side during last year's game.

Volleyball All-Star Showcase set for next Tuesday

HOLYOKE - The 11th Star Game also includes a free All-Star Showcase will feature the top players in Western Massachusetts in two showcase matches. The event will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the Holyoke Community College Bartley Center located at 303 Homestead Avenue, Holyoke.

The event will start with a 3-set Second team all-star match at 6 p.m. followed by the award presentation and a 3-set First team match at 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10, Seniors 65-and-over are \$5 and Students/Children are free of charge. Admission to the Allof charge future admission pass to the International Volleyball Hall of Fame Museum.

"The IVHF is very proud to have its home in Western Massachusetts and we are very excited to again recognize the top players in our area." said IVHF Executive Director George Mulry.

Selected players are chosen by vote of the Western Massachusetts girls high school

For more information on the Hall of Fame Girls All-Star Volleyball Showcase, contact events@volleyhall.org.



Rams fall in Class D championship game

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD—The difference in the Western Mass Class D championship soccer match between Granby and Palmer was postseason experience.

Six of the players listed on this year's Palmer varsity soccer roster were also members of the 2021 squad, which celebrated a 2-1 overtime victory against Mount Greylock in the Western Mass. Class C finals at Agawam High School.

Led by sophomore Charlotte Theriault, the top-seeded Lady Panthers captured the Western Mass. title for the second time in the past three years with a 3-1 victory over the second-seeded Lady Rams at Berte Field located on the Springfield Central campus, on Oct. 31.

"This is the second time that we've won the Western Mass. since I've been playing for the varsity soccer team," Theriault said. "I won my first title with my older sister (Maddy) two years ago and I just don't know how to explain my feelings right

The other Palmer players, who won their second Western Mass. title, are senior Vanessa Baer, senior Jordan Bigda, senior Grace Burke, junior Loretta Petrashewicz, and junior Ava Przybycien.

A year ago, the Lady Panthers (11-7-1) lost to rival Monson in the Class D semifinals.

The last time that the Lady Rams (9-10) made an appearance in the Western Mass. finals was in 2019. They lost to Lenox, 3-0, in that contest, which was also played at Berte Field. It was the final year of the old playoff format.

"This is the first time that any of my players have played in the Western Mass. finals. We have six or seven freshmen who played a ton of minutes this season. They got a taste of it tonight," said Granby head coach Bob Weaver. "We lost to Lenox here in 2019, but we won three straight Western Mass. titles before that."

Both girls' soccer teams are members of the Central Division.

"We joined the Central Division this season and we faced some pretty tough competition during the regular season," said Palmer head coach Celso Sandoval. "Winning our second Western Mass title in the past three years is a very good thing for our program."

Palmer won the first meeting of the regular season, 7-3, at Legion Field on September 12.

Granby evened the season series at 1-1 with a 5-1 home win on October 4.

"It's very difficult playing the same team three times in the same season," Sandoval added. "Both teams scored eight goals against each other during the regular season. The margin of victory was four goals. Granby is a very young squad, and this probably won't be the last time we play them in the tournament."

Both teams also entered the champion-



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Molly Zumbruski sends a long kick away.



Kelly Lynne Kennedy heads the ball

ship having won their previous four match-

The Lady Panthers took a 1-0 lead during the third minute of the opening half.

Junior Gianna Perry began the scoring play by delivering a pass towards the goal between a couple of defenders. Theriault completed the play with a low shot that deflected into the net after hitting off the

'It was a beautiful pass by Gianna," Theriault said. "I was feeling very good after I watched the ball bounce into the net. It's always very important to take the lead in every game."

In the middle of the first half, a free kick



Rhea Gagnon is closely pursued by an opponent.

taken from about 35 yards out by Granby junior Molly Zumbruski was saved by Palmer junior goalie Aubrey Boucher.

With five minutes remaining in the opening half, Theriault, who's closing in on her 100th career goal, scored her second goal on a corner kick. Petrashewicz was credited with the assist.

Just like in the first half, the Lady Panthers scored their third goal three minutes into the second half on a breakaway shot into the upper right corner by senior Fallon Lynch.

standing saves on free kicks by junior Lyd- Legion Field on Monday night.



Olyvia Redmond passes the ball ahead of pressure.

The Lady Rams ended Boucher's shutout bid in the 78th minute when freshman Brenna Moreno blasted a shot into the back of the net.

Granby junior Maggie Crawford also had a shot on goal in the final minute, but Boucher made the save.

Both soccer teams also qualified for the Division 5 state

Granby, who's the 20th-seeded, was scheduled to play at 13th-seeded David Prouty in the round of 32 on Sunday night.

Palmer is the 12th-seed hosted 21st-seed-Then Boucher made a couple of out- ed Hopkins Academy in the round of 32 at

Sign up for the Wilbraham Turkey Trot

WILBRAHAM – Please join us on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 23 for the Wilbraham Turkey Trot - a five-mile road race up Monson Road now in its 44nd year. The annual tradition, started in 1980, has grown in recent years selling out at 500 runners the past several years. This year, the maximum has been increased to 550 participants.

The race returned successfully returned last Thanksgiving morning for the annual tradition benefitting the Community Survival Center.

There is no vaccination requirement this year. The course starts in Woodland Dell Cemetery just up from race headquarters at the Wilbraham United Church. Runners then make a left onto Main St. and head up Monson Road. Once summited, runners turn left and enjoy scenic views of the valley from atop Ridge Road and enjoy the downhill along Mountain Road before turning back on Main Street to the church. The race starts at 8:30 a.m. with bib pick-up beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the church.

The race focuses on providing a classic New England Turkey Trot with chip timing, race swag, and one big hill. Awards will be given for the first male and female runners to the top of Monson

Registration is only \$20 and available online at www.RunReg.com/wilbrahamturkeytrot

Alumni game at Chicopee Comp

CHICOPEE - All Chicopee Comprehensive High School football alumni are invited to participate in the 6th annual CCHS Alumni Football Game. The game will be taking place on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. at Chicopee Comp

High School, 617 Montgomery Street, Chicopee. All proceeds will benefit the Chicopee Comprehensive football team.

For more information, please contact Tammy Martin-Griffin at tmg811@ya-

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Construction started this summer on a yearlong project that aims to improve indoor and outdoor amenities and add living spaces.

Loomis Village, Applewood see \$12.4M in capital improvements

REGION - The Loomis Communities has begun a \$12.4 million total capital improvement construction project that will expand and add amenities to its Loomis Village Independent and Assisted Living community in South Hadley and its Applewood Independent Living community in Amherst.

Improvements currently underway at Loomis Village include the renovation of the community's library, sunroom, and improvements to its Village store, concierge desk, and lobby, according to reports. The \$4 million construction project also includes renovation of the main dining room, a redesign of Phylly's Café that will incorporate a small outside dining space, and the conversion of an existing private dining room into the Sanborn Billiards Room.

"The plan also includes the development of a 'flex bar' space outside of the Loomis Village auditorium," a press statement reads.

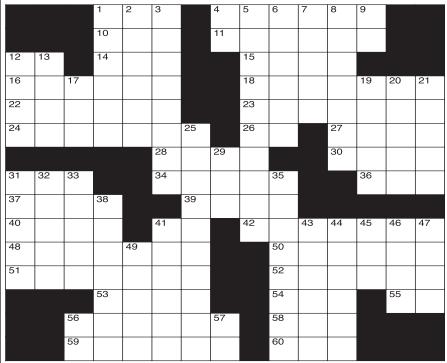
Construction and improvements are expected to be completed by the spring of 2024.

A corresponding \$8.5 million capital improvement project is also underway at The Loomis Communities' Applewood Independent Living community. Nine new apartments will be added at Applewood, new meeting spaces will be created, and the community's library will be expanded. "A new Courtyard Garden beautifying the existing space will also be added," the organization released.

Construction completion is expected by the spring of 2024.

"These capital improvements underway at our Loomis Village and Applewood communities represent significant upgrades designed to serve our current and future residents at these communities," said Marge Mantoni, President and

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- flowers 11. Not chained to
- 12. Metric ton
- 14. Tall, rounded
- 15. Musical composition
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- 36. Downwinds equal parts of a
- divisible whole 39. Italian archaeological site
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- discolor 46. Shouts of welcome or farewell
- 47. Pharrell's group 49. Red fluorescent dye
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Granby Police Logs

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 149 calls for the week of Nov. 3 through Nov. 9. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Nov. 3

7:53 a.m. - Belchertown PD reported a call they received for a car vs pole near Chicopee Street and Route 202. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

Saturday, Nov. 4

9:58 a.m. - A motorist reported a minor two-car accident. No reported injuries. Granby Police responded and an accident report was completed.

11:15 a.m. - An officer discovered that a traffic light pole was struck near five corners. Mass State Highway has been notified an accident report was completed.

Sunday, Nov. 5

1:42 p.m. – A motorist reported they

struck a deer. There were no injuries and only minor damage to the vehicle.

23-6811 5:47 p.m. - An employee at Cumberland Farms reported a shoplifting that just occurred. The party left in a vehicle prior to police arrival. An incident report was completed.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

11:32 a.m. - A motorist reported that they struck a tree and a guardrail. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. The road had to be closed for a short time to recover the vehicle from its location down a hill.

Thursday, Nov. 9

11:07 a.m. – A resident reported that a package was stolen from their doorstep. An incident report was completed.

2:04 p.m. - A resident reported that a sedan struck their rock wall and did not stop. The vehicle was located a short distance away by an officer. There were no injuries. An accident report was complet-

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"Winter damage is up over a billion dollars a year annually, and my guess is that most of that is due to damage from ice," Zukowski said, adding that this is an important factor to consider, especially while driving.

Household chores to be done include clearing storm drains and downspouts to prevent basement flooding. Chimneys should be inspected once a year, and cleaned if there is a need. Woodburning stoves should also be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce creosote buildup. To use them safely, it is important to make sure they are of good quality, and never used with liquids to accelerate

It is also important to note that a range or oven is never a safe way of heating, and to use an extension cord with enough voltage for electric space heaters.

The fair highlighted the different levels of forecasting alerts that may be issued. These definitions come from national weather service, and alerts are issued by them.

Winter weather advisory

Disruptive, but not crippling weather. "It does not take a lot of snow to issue a weather advisory, the same way that it does not take a lot of snow to change the way you plan your day"

Winter storm watches

Watch out, based on the forecast and ingredients that may come together to cause a winter storm.

"We try our best to not make decisions for you, but to give you information to help you make your own decisions when reporting the weather," Lapis said.

No need to wait for the groundhog-Lapis and the predictions of the National Weather Service already predict this winter to be warmer and drier than the aver-

The climate as a whole has seen more precipitation and warmer weather than in years past.

"We are certainly warming globally and locally," Lapis said, adding that it has been the "warmest September getting ready for warmest year on record."

How do these changes in the climate impact us?

According to Lapis, there is a "ripple effect of changing climate.'

For one, New England was "built" to have cold winters, and the lack of cold temperatures allows for the growth of disease vectors, including ticks and mosquitos. Poison Ivy also thrives with more density of CO2, according to reports.

Statistics also show that "the wettest storms are getting wetter."

"Our average hourly rainfall is on the



Brian Lapis, 22 News Meteorologist, pointing out the trend of warmer winters with fewer cold snaps.

day where it just rains lightly and we have no impact from those events."

This increase in precipitation is caused by the increasingly warm atmosphere.

Among the benefits of climate change is that the growing season is getting lon-

"Especially in the spring we can have a series of warm days.'

However, even the increase of warm days can present a negative for growing, since these warm days are followed by 25-degree nights, which may wipe out entire apple supplies, for instance.

Winter weather also impacts the winter economy, Lapis shared. For example, the ski industry.

"Ask anybody who runs a ski area; the ski economy is getting tougher and tougher, and those whole nights that they can use to make snow are getting shorter."

Regarding winter weather, Lapis said that the average snowfall at Westover Air Force Base is 49.5 inches.

"Last year, we faced below average amounts of snowfall, and a similar winter is predicted coming into this season."

A moderate to strong El Niño will be impacting this year's climate.

'El Niño is a multi-month weather pattern that involves warming of water in the Pacific off the coast of South America. When this happens, it changes weather patterns especially on our side of the world, here in the northern hemisphere."

The National Weather Service is showing chances that the odds of us having a warmer than average winter are very

"We'll have to see" was the final word on the predictions for this year.

"I'd like to say that snowfall is a game of inches," Lapis said, and continued by saying that in just one storm we can receive 15 inches, or even half of the expected snowfall amount.

"I try not to get into the business of forecasting exactly how much snow were going to get."

Dr. Zesiger named Medical Director at Hospice of the Fisher Home

Submitted Photo

Dr. Jeffrey Zesiger

Home, has announced the appointment of Dr. Jeffrey Zesiger as Medical Director of the Amherst-based hospice.

"Jeff is a well-known and respected palliative care doctor in Western Massachusetts, and I am thrilled to have him on the Fisher Home team," Rivera said. "He brings a wealth of experience and expertise in

hospice care. He is very familiar with the Fisher Home, having had patients here."

In addition to his role as medical director at the Fisher Home, Zesiger is part of the palliative care team at Baystate Health. Previously, Zesiger was the Hospice Medical Director at the inpatient Hospice Care Center for Providence Healthcare in Everett, Wash.

"I am happy about reconnecting with the five-college area after being away in Washington for two years," Zesiger said.

For many years, he directed the Palliative Care program at Cooley Dickin-

AMHERST - Maria Rivera, exec- son Hospital in Northampton where he utive director of Hospice of the Fisher was also Medical Director for the VNA

Hospice. He was on the team that developed the VNA Palliative Care Program, which received the 2015 Homecare Alliance of Massachusetts award for best team, according to a press release.

Additionally, Zesiger had a private internal medicine practice in Northampton from 1998-2007.

Zesiger received his medical degree from the

University of Vermont Medical School and did his residency at Baystate Medical Center. He is a well-known speaker on the difference between palliative care and hospice, as well as advance care

Zesiger said he is looking forward to being a part of expanding the Fisher Home's ability to take care of people in the community.

"A hospice team is made up of special people that give their best for people in great need. I am proud to be part of the Fisher team," Zesiger said.



CEO of The Loomis Communities. "We take to heart our reputation as a leader in the senior living arena and know that improving and creating new and innovative living and common spaces is necessary. These revitalized common spaces, living spaces and new dining facilities will improve the quality of living for all those we serve."

Construction services are being provided by C.E. Floyd Company. The company has "extensive experience in building and remodeling spaces in senior living, hospitality, and health care" and has offices in Bedford and in Con-

"Loomis Village includes Indepen-

dent Living and Assisted Living homes. Applewood provides Independent Living," a press statement reads. "Residents of both communities have priority access to skilled nursing care, should it ever be needed, at the sister community, Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing in Springfield."

The Loomis Communities is "the longest serving, most experienced provider of senior living in the Pioneer Valley."

"As a not-for-profit organization, Loomis' mission is to open doors to worlds of positive aging, serving residents on three campuses-Applewood in Amherst, Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing in Springfield, and Loomis Village in South Hadley—and through home and community-based services."

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The Selectboard as Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on said application on Dec. 5, 2023 at 6:35 p.m. at 45 Dayton St. The hearing will be held in a hybrid fashion with the opportunity for both in-person attendance and remote. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest

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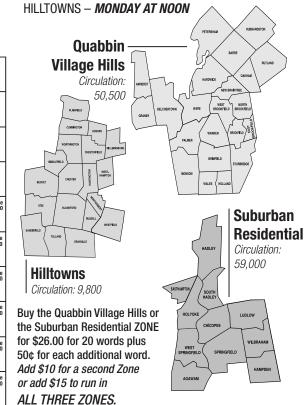
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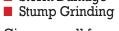


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Veterans Day 2023 celebrated



Local scouts participated in the Veterans Day ceremony.



Local scouts lay the ceremonial wreath.



A veteran participates in the ceremony.



The playing of Taps.



A recent ceremony was led by the South Hadley American Legion Post 260 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 260.



Quabbin Photo Group to host underwater photographer

BELCHERTOWN – The Quabbin Photo Group will host underwater photographer Norm Vexler, a resident of Amherst, at an upcoming meeting.

The event, "Another World," will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, in the lower level of the Hope Methodist Church, 31 Main St., Belchertown.

Vexler has been involved with underwater photography for the past 33 years, according to a press statement from

Underwater Photography by Norm Vexler, "Another World."

the photo group.

"His extensive travels around the world have taken him to some of the most remote and beautiful locations on the planet, including Micronesia, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, The Maldives, The Red Sea, Fiji, The Galapagos Islands, and many locations of Indonesia," the group released. "His love of nature is reflected in his art as a photographer, and his images capture the essence of the beauty of the underwater world."

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