

TOWN Reminder

FREE
December 8, 2023
Vol. 54, No. 32

INDEX

South Hadley	2
Viewpoints	4
Seniors	5
Granby	6
Classifieds	10
Notices	11

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

Serving the town of South Hadley

www.townreminder.turley.com



Students
help kick
off the
Holiday Season

MacDuffie student volunteers serving refreshments following the concert.

Cultural Council moves forward with 2024 grants

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - It's the busy season for the town's Cultural Council as they process and assess dozens of grant applications for local artists, musicians, and performers.

At its most recent meeting on Nov. 27, the council finalized the list of those who will and won't receive funds for its 2024 grant cycle and assigned liaisons to those whose projects were funded for next year.

Among the roughly five dozen applicants, 16 were denied funding for various reasons. Mostly, the council denied funding for two main reasons, including that some of the programs or events would not have a significant enough impact on the South Hadley community. These were mostly events that would take place outside of the town of South Hadley. The other main reason was that the application didn't meet local council standards. Some didn't have specific venues chosen or didn't have letters of support. Others asked for more than 50 percent funding of the project or were proposed by people who had previous projects funded but had yet to use those funds. Some others had programs that had already happened or were scheduled to happen outside of the

2024 calendar year, which was a requirement of the local council.

"We try to be clean with our funding requests," said John Anz, chair of the South Hadley Cultural Council.

The information about which projects will not be funded will first go to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which will then generate letters to those people or groups. Anyone who had an application denied then has 15 days to respond and possibly provide more information. The local council may then re-assess and either confirm the denial or decide to fund the project.

Letters for those projects that have had their funding approved will be notified by Jan. 17. They will receive notification from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and then from the South Hadley Cultural Council. The information from the South Hadley Cultural Council will include important paperwork and information for which member is the project's liaison and how to proceed.

The projects currently approved for the 2024 grant year include presentations about history, tourism, and aging, workshops for dance, a wide range of concerts and theater presentations, as well as many

Please see **2024 GRANTS**, page 5



ERA Laplante
REAL ESTATE

Happy Holidays!

(413) 536-9111
eralaplante.com
2 Lyman Street, South Hadley

AT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, OUR THOUGHTS TURN GRATEFULLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE OUR PROGRESS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS FROM THE TEAM AT ERA M. CONNIE LAPLANTE REAL ESTATE.


STEVEN LAPLANTE


GERRY CODERRE


ERIN HOULE


BONNIE ROUX


BERNIE MAROIS


CAROL WHITE


JONI FLEMING


MARIA CHILDS


DAISY PENNELL


DAKOTA RICHARDS


DAPLENE FORGET


DEB WALKER


BETTE LORD-HESS


SHARON NIEDBALA


ENRIQUE PACHECO


JANICE CULLEN


SHORRIE HUNTER


JENNIFER PICARD


JOAN MCKENNA


RHYTHM PATEL


JOSEPH LORENZATTI


SAMANTHA DONNELLY


KATIE ORSZULAK


LAURA STAMBORSKI


MADELINE FLOOD


MARCIA PETRI-FLEMING


MARIA BONDE


MEREDITH KUCZYNSKI


MELISSA WHITELOCK


NADINE WILLIAMSON


ADRIANE RACINE


TINA SULLIVAN


KATE BEDARD


PATRICIA HAMEL


KATHLEEN OS


SELINA ORTEGA


JENNIFER LEWIS


ERIC MERULLO


YEKATERINA ALEKSEYEVA


A. CYNTHIA BAKER


JAMESON GLANVILLE


JOEL RODRIGUEZ


ONNA DOWNEY


KRISTIN ALLARD


MARIA LAPLANTE


CANDICE ROSADO-CUOCO


RYAN KILPATRICK


CHRISTINE CURTIN


CYNTHIA GROSPITCH

▶ South Hadley

Public Hazard Mitigation Plan update set for December 14

SOUTH HADLEY - Residents, businesses, and surrounding community members are invited to learn about and provide input on the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal St.

The Public Forum will include an overview of the hazard mitigation plan, the risks from natural hazards and climate change impacts in South Hadley, and previous mitigation actions, according to a press release. Food will be provided, and there will be giveaways of South Hadley T-shirts and bicycle helmets.

"The Forum is an opportunity for you to share your opinions and participate in the mitigation planning process," a press statement reads. "Municipal officials and PVPC staff will be available to answer questions about the project. All members of the public, representatives from surrounding communities, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend. Public participation and

input are essential."

The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to assess South Hadley's vulnerabilities from natural hazard and climate change risks and to identify actions to reduce the risks.

"A mitigation action is any action that reduces or eliminates the risk to human life and property from natural hazards," the press statement said.

The plan is being updated by the town with assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

Upon completion, the plan will be submitted to MEMA and FEMA for review and approval. A FEMA-approved plan makes the community eligible for federal and state mitigation grant funding.

For more information, contact PVPC's Mimi Kaplan at mkaplan@pvpc.org or 413-285-1188.

Local Newspapers are **IMPORTANT** Any Way You Look At It

Dan Kane and Freddie Marion kick off the holiday season

SOUTH HADLEY - Last Sunday, the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors hosted Dan Kane, Freddie Marion, and their friends for an inspirational holiday concert at St. Theresa's Church.

This is the third year the Friends have hosted this free event, according to reports, and many of the 350 people in the audience have attended all three years.

"We love hosting this event for the community. Dan and Freddie put a lot of time into creating a wonderful and inspiring musical experience," said Kathleen Kennedy, a member of the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors and one of the event organizers.

Cookies and hot cocoa were served following the performance by MacDuffie students, who were on hand as volunteers to help serve the refreshments. In a press statement, the Friends released that they would like to thank St. Theresa's Church for providing the venue for this event and the South Hadley Cultural Council for their support in helping to fund this program.



ABOVE: The Earls and the Pearls were on hand to sing with Dan Kane and Freddie Marion.



RIGHT: Freddie Marion dazzled the crowd with his voice and his festive holiday suit.

Submitted Photos



Warm up to Assisted Living

Come cozy up to the idea of assisted living!
Learn more about senior living options and get a taste of The Arbors lifestyle!

Monday, December 11th
4pm-6pm
929 Memorial Drive
Chicopee, MA 01020

RSVP to reserve your cup today!
413-593-0088
kbruno@arborsassistedliving.com

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY

2024 REFUSE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

HOLIDAYS: The following six holidays usually affect the collection schedule. These are the only Holidays which will alter curbside pickup. The following are the six holidays in 2024:

1. **New Year's Day, Monday January 1st**
2. **Memorial Day, Monday May 27th**
3. **Independence Day, Thursday July 4th**
4. **Labor Day, Monday September 2nd**
5. **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28th**
6. **Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25th**

When a holiday falls on a collection day, there is no service that day, and the week's schedule is moved to the following day. Each route will be pushed forward one day following the holiday, with Friday's pickup occurring on a Saturday.

Please note: The Police Department accepts unwanted medications and medical sharps in special kiosks in the lobby 24/7.

Route #4 – Monday 2024	Route #5 – Tuesday 2024	Route #6 – Wednesday 2024	Route #7 – Thursday 2024	Route #8 – Friday 2024
January 2 (Tuesday), 15, 29 February 12, 26 March 11, 25 April 8, 22 May 6, 20 June 3, 17 July 1, 15, 29 August 12, 26 September 9, 23 October 7, 21 November 4, 18 December 2, 16, 30	January 3 (Wednesday), 16, 30 February 13, 27 March 12, 26 April 9, 23 May 7, 21 June 4, 18 July 2, 16, 30 August 13, 27 September 10, 24 October 8, 22 November 5, 19 December 3, 17, 31	January 4 (Thursday), 17, 31 February 14, 28 March 13, 27 April 10, 24 May 8, 22 June 5, 19 July 3, 17, 31 August 14, 28 September 11, 25 October 9, 23 November 6, 20 December 4, 18	January 5 (Friday), 18 February 1, 15, 29 March 14, 28 April 11, 25 May 9, 23 June 6, 20 July 5 (Friday), 18 August 1, 15, 29 September 12, 26 October 10, 24 November 7, 21 December 5, 19	January 6 (Saturday), 19 February 2, 16 March 1, 15, 29 April 12, 26 May 10, 24 June 7, 21 July 6 (Saturday), 19 August 2, 16, 30 September 13, 27 October 11, 25 November 8, 22 December 6, 20
Abbey St Greenacre Rd Abbey Ln Harvard St Old Willimansett Ann St Helm St Plainville Cir Apple Rd Hickory Pl Pond Rd Bengier Av Karen Dr Ridge Rd Benoit Ln Lawler Dr Sunset Av Brigham Rd Lois Ave Victoria Ln Brook St Lombard St W Cornell St Carol Anne Dr Loretta St Willimansett St Carriage Ln Lyman Ter Yale St Charles St Lyon Green Columbia St Margaret St Cornell St McDowell Dr Dartmouth St Memorial Dr Eagle Dr Miller Av Easy St Mt. View St Forest Dr New Ludlow Rd Glenn Dr Oak Av Granby Rd Oakwood Cir (Plains Sch to Old Lyman Rd Granby Line)	Baker St Lawrence Av Bombardier Av Lorraine Av Central Av Los Angeles St Cote Blvd Ludlow Rd Douglas Av Malcomb Grace St Marion St Granby Rd Miami St (Plains Sch to Michael Dr Newton St) Pasadena St Grandview St Paul St Hillcrest Av Pine Hill Rd Hillcrest Pk Ralph Av Hillside Av Shadowbrook Est Hollywood St Stewart St Jacob's Way Susan Av John Ln Tampa St Lakeview Av Wellington Av Laurie Av	Alvord Pl Newton St Berwyn St (Lyman to Rt. 202) Berwyn St Ext Overlook Rd Broad St Park Av Camden St Perkins St Foch Av Pershing Av Haig Av Queen Cir Hunter Ter Ranger St Joffre Av Roosevelt Av Landers St Viviani St Lansing Av Washington Av Lawn St Wilson St Lincoln Av Wood Av Lynch Pl Maria Dr McKinley Av Mountain Av	Bolton St Main St Bridge St (Smith to Bridge) Carew St North St Center St Parker St East Carew St Pine Grove Dr East School St Pleasant St Elm St Prospect St Gaylord St (#8-#16) Grant St School St Graves St Smith St Harlow St South St Hartford St Spring St Ingram St Walnut St Lamb St Warner St Lathrop Vlg Lesperance Ct	Applewood Ln Main St Bardwell St (Bridge to N.Main) Canal St Maple St Carlton St North Main Cordes Ct (Main to Rotary) Cottage Av Oakley Dr Crescent Ln Prospect St Cross St (#24-#57) Crystal Ln Scott Hollow Dr High St Summit St Kimberly Dr Taylor St Lathrop St West Main St Linda St West Summit St Linden Dr Young Cir Magnolia Ter
Route #9 – Monday 2024	Route #10 – Tuesday 2024	Route #1-Wednesday 2024	Route #2 – Thursday 2024	Route #3 – Friday 2024
January 8, 22 February 5, 19 March 4, 18 April 1, 15, 29 May 13, 28 (Tuesday) June 10, 24 July 8, 22 August 5, 19 September 3 (Tuesday), 16, 30 October 14, 28 November 11, 25 December 9, 23	January 9, 23 February 6, 20 March 5, 19 April 2, 16, 30 May 14, 29 (Wednesday) June 11, 25 July 9, 23 August 6, 20 September 4 (Wednesday), 17 October 1, 15, 29 November 12, 26 December 10, 24	January 10, 24 February 7, 21 March 6, 20 April 3, 17 May 1, 15, 30 (Thursday) June 12, 26 July 10, 24 August 7, 21 September 5 (Thursday), 18 October 2, 16, 30 November 13, 27 December 11, 26 (Thursday)	January 11, 25 February 8, 22 March 7, 21 April 4, 18 May 2, 16, 31 (Friday) June 13, 27 July 11, 25 August 8, 22 September 6 (Friday), 19 October 3, 17, 31 November 14, 29 (Friday) December 12, 27 (Friday)	January 12, 26 February 9, 23 March 8, 22 April 5, 19 May 3, 17 June 1 (Saturday), 14, 28 July 12, 26 August 9, 23 September 7 (Saturday), 20 October 4, 18 November 1, 15, 30 (Saturday) December 13, 28 (Saturday)
Bara Ln Main St Bayon Dr (West end) Brainerd St Normandy Rd (Alvord to N.Main) No. Main St (West Summit to Brainerd) Brittany Rd Cedar Ridge Rd Pheasant Run Chestnut Hill Rd Pynchon Rd Cove Island Rd River Rd Davina St (Lower end) Dover Rd Searle Rd Frederick Pl Strong Farm Ln Harwich Pl Tigger Ln Highland Av Valley View Dr Ivy Ln Waite Av Judd Av White Brook Ln LeBlanc Dr	Alvord St Jewett Ln Ashfield Ln Leahey Av Brainerd St Meadowood Dr (Newton to Alvord) Misty Ct Briar Spring Ln Pheasant Ln Bridgeman Ln Pine St Brock Way Promenade Way Brockway Ln River Crest Way Buttonfield Ln River Lodge Rd Chateau Dr Riverboat Vlg College St San Souci Dr Doane Ter Skyline Dr Dove Hill Spring Meadows Edgewater Ln Steven Dr Faculty Ln Stonegate Dr Fernandes Dr Sunrise Cir Ferry St Upper River Rd	Amherst Rd Priestly Farms Rd Atwood Rd Red Ledge Rd Bach Ln Roundelay Rd Birch Hill Rd Silver St Camp Perkins Rd Silverwood Ter Chapel Hill Dr Skinner Ln Chatham Way Skinnerwoods Wy Chileab Rd So. Sycamore College View Hts Knolls Dickinson Farm Rd Sorbi Cir Ethan Circle Sullivan Ln Greenwood Ln Sycamore Knolls Hadley St Sycamore Pk Lithia Springs Rd The Knolls Meadow Ln The Meadows No. Sycamore Knolls Titans Pier Rd Old County Rd Wellesley Cir Pearl Ln Woodbridge St Pearl St Woodbridge Ter	Ashton Ln Morgan St Bartlett St Mosier St Birchwood Pl Newton Manor Blueberry Bend Ohm Cir Burnett Av Park St Charon Ter Parkview Dr Church St Red Bridge Ln Country Ln Saybrook Cir Cypress Dr Stanton Av E. Parkview Dr Virginia Dr E. Red Bridge Ln Westbrook Rd East St W. Parkview Dr Edison Dr Wright Pl Julia Way Mary Lyon Dr Minden Pl	Art St Lexington St Belmont Av Lloyd St Boynton Av Lyman St Bunker Hill St Marcel St Dale St Midway St Dayton St Newton St Enterprise St (Mosier to Lyman) Fairlawn St Noel St Fairmont Av Olde Plains Hollow Fairview St Pittroff Av Fulton St Richview Av Garden St Rita Cir Glen St Stony Brook Vlg Grove St Wildwood Ln Henry Rd Woodcrest Ln Hildreth Av Woodlawn St Joan St Kendrick St

Opinion



We're planning to claim at 62; what do we need to know?

Dear Rusty:

My wife (born May 1962) and I (born April 1963) are retired and will soon be looking to start collecting our Social Security as we each hit 62. As this is new to us, I'm wondering what things we may need to be aware of or consider as we get closer to her 62nd birthday in May. Any advice or information will be appreciated.

Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning:

If you and your wife are both retired from working and have decided to start your (reduced) Social Security as soon as you are eligible at age 62, then there is nothing you need to do in advance of applying. The Social Security retirement benefit amount for each of you will be determined by your individual lifetime earnings record and your age when you claim. If either of you will be eligible for a spousal boost from the other, that will be automatically applied when both of you are collecting.

If your wife plans to claim her Social Security as soon as she is eligible, she should apply for her benefits about three months in advance and choose the option on the application which states "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction."

For information, an applicant must be 62 for an entire month to get benefits, so your wife's first month of eligibility will be June 2024. Social Security deals only in whole months and pays benefits in the month following the month earned; so if your wife's birthday is between the 11th and 20th of the month her first Social Security payment will be received in her bank account on the third Wednesday of July. All subsequent payments will be on that same schedule.

Then, when it's time for you to claim, you should follow the same process as your wife and, if either of you is entitled to a higher amount as a spouse, it will be automatically applied when your benefits later start.

Applying for benefits is a relatively simple process if done online at www.ssa.gov/apply. Note that to apply online your wife will need to first create her personal "my Social Security" account, which is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

To prepare for applying later, you can also create your personal online account now (it's required to apply online), at which you will see what your estimated benefit will be at different ages. Of course, your wife first (and later you) can also call Social Security at 1-800-7721213 to request an appointment to apply for SS retirement benefits in person. Applications which are not done online are usually taken over the phone vs. requiring a visit to your local Social Security office, but applying online is, by far, the most efficient method; you can link to the application process from your online account.

One important thing to be aware of: By claiming at age 62, the monthly payment for each of you will be 70% of what it would be at your Full Retirement Age and that is a permanent reduction.

If you expect at least average longevity about 84 for you and 87 for your wife and if it is financially feasible, then waiting longer to claim would yield a higher monthly amount as well as the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. For those with an FRA of 67, SS retirement benefits claimed at FRA are 30% higher than at 62 and, if claimed at 70 are 75% more than at 62. And, although the decision on when to claim is always personal, a married couple should also evaluate their joint needs when deciding.

One final word of caution: although you and your wife are now retired from working, be aware that if you claim SS benefits before your FRA and return to work, Social Security has an earnings test which limits how much you can

Please see **SOCIAL SECURITY**, page 5



Seventy-five years and going strong

I was opening the curtains in my bedroom this morning to find that my Babci's Christmas cactus had burst into bloom!

How exciting for an indoor plant to live for seven plus decades, never mind that the last two have been under my care. It's no secret that I am not an indoor plant aficionado, but I do have my favorites, and this is one of them.

Read on to learn about this beloved plant, straight from the archives.

One horticulture related Christmas memory involves my mother's Christmas cactus. I remember the arching, woody stemmed plant on an iron stand in her bedroom; before that it lived in my Babci's house.

Every year, just in time for the holiday, it would flower, putting on quite a show, beautiful and exotic in hot fuchsia-pink.

Today, only five original branches remain. But if you look closely within the base of the plant, you'll see lots of new growth.

Perhaps if I follow the advice, I have outlined below this heirloom will be blooming in the home of my future grandchildren!

The Christmas cactus (*Schlumbergera bridgesii*) is an epiphyte, native to South America where it happily grows hanging from trees in the jungle. Inside, it prefers a location with indirect light. Positioning it in front of a north or east facing window is best.

During the summer months many people prefer to move the plant outdoors. I have had good luck placing it under the shade of a tree; too much sun will burn its leaves.

When night temperatures begin to dip into the forties it is time to bring the Christmas cactus indoors. Gradually acclimate the plant to its winter home by increasing the number of hours spent inside each day.

It is very important that the Christmas cactus be planted in a well-drained growing medium. For this reason, either coarse sand or perlite should be added to any homemade potting soil.

A recipe that combines equal parts of either of these along with garden loam and leaf mold or compost should work out just fine. Christmas cactus like to be somewhat pot bound, but if the plant has been growing

in the same pot for several years its soil is likely exhausted of nutrients.

Repot by gently teasing away some of the soil from the plant's roots. Replace it with the new soil mixture. Choose a pot that is a single size bigger than the existing root ball, or reuse the old pot.

Many people hear "cactus" and think that the plant is drought tolerant. With the Christmas cactus this is only partly true.

Although its leaves are succulent and can retain a fair amount of water, it is not a true cactus. As a general rule you should water Christmas cactus when the potting soil is dry to the touch.

Adequate moisture is especially necessary during the spring when it begins its growth and once buds are set. A diluted amount of liquid fertilizer can be added then as well, especially if the soil hasn't been refreshed in many years.

When the plant is done flowering, it will go into a period of rest; almost no water is necessary for nearly two months. Just prior to bud set it will rest again but this time the soil shouldn't dry out completely.

Two environmental factors are responsible for coaxing a plant into bloom. The first is temperature and the second is light.

If temperatures at night range between 55 and 60 degrees for a six week period, the plant will set buds regardless of day length. If temperatures run higher than that, thirteen hours of uninterrupted darkness will bring about buds.

Simply put the plant to bed each night from 6 p.m.-8a.m. until buds form. My luck has been temperature related; because I leave the plants outside until early fall its temperature requirements are met and I am delighted with blooms come Christmas time.

If your plant sets buds and then drops them prior to full bloom it is likely due to overwatering or exposure. For this reason, keep it away from drafty windows, doorways or radiators.

If you don't already own Christmas cactus, consider purchasing one this holiday. Better yet, start a plant.

Simply get a leaf - no longer than two or three segments, from a friend. They are easy to root in regular potting soil.

Two or three of these per four-inch pot is perfect. By year two you should be delighted with some beautiful flowers and maybe the start of your own family tradition.

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.

OPINION PAGE/ LETTERS POLICY

Letters to the Editor have a maximum of 350 words. We require writers to include their name, address and phone number in order for our office to authenticate authorship prior to publication. Addresses and phone numbers are not published.

Unsigned or anonymous letters will NOT be published.

We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions. Libelous, unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks or defamation of character are not allowed. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

Please email (preferred) letters to townreminder@turley.com. Mailed letters can be sent to Town Reminder, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

Visit us at
www.turley.com

TOWN
Reminder
TEAM

EDITORIAL
townreminder@turley.com



ADVERTISING SALES
Maureen
McGarrett Hall
mmcgarrett@turley.com



SPORTS EDITOR
Greg Scibelli
sports@turley.com

The *Town Reminder* is published every Friday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977.

SOCIAL MEDIA



@TownReminder

WEB

www.townreminder.turley.com

PATRICK H. TURLEY
CEO

KEITH TURLEY
President

DEANNA SLOAT
Graphics Manager

Turley
Publications, Inc.

www.turley.com

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

Seniors

Senior Center's December events

SOUTH HADLEY - The town's Senior Center has announced its upcoming December highlights.

Additionally, the SHCOA will be closed Dec. 25 for the holidays.

"Please also note there will be no evening programs Tuesday, Dec. 26. We will close at 4:30 p.m." the COA released.

The Café will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 26, and Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Holiday Bingo

Dec. 12 and 19, at 1 p.m.

For the month of December.

"Thank you to the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors for these special prizes," the COA released.

Cheesecake Prep and First Fire

Monday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m.

Cheesecake Decorating

Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m.

Cheesecake decoration is \$8 per cheesecake/person. Limit of 24 bakes; participants must have registered by Dec. 6.

This is Your Life:

Senior Wisdom Podcast

Monday, Dec. 11, at 3:15 p.m.

In-person and virtual.

"Like the TV show you remember but with an updated twist. Jan hosts this inspirational hour of sharing with one of our SHCOA members."

Contact Kathy Florence for zoom link at Kflorence@southhadley.ma.gov

"Her Majesty" showing

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 5 p.m.

The Queen comes to the SHCOA as Sheryle Faye presents a brand-new show, "Her Majesty." Register to save a seat.

"Sheryl Faye is a full-time actress, a goal she has worked her whole live to achieve. Besides performing a variety of

historical women for schools, libraries, historical societies, senior centers, and others, she also writes and performs with Stagecoach Improv. Thank you to the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors for this unique presentation of live theater," the COA released.

How to Avoid Scams this Holiday

Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 2:30 p.m.

Rachel Senecal presents practical tips to be safe this holiday season.

What are Graphic Novels (and why are they so great?)

Thursday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m.

"In a nutshell, they're books that tell a story using sequential art, a combination of pictures and words. They can be for kids, teens, or adults and they can be of any genre," the COA released. "Come learn more and see lots of examples with Jenny Arch, Children's Services Librarian at the South Hadley Public Library."

Gift Wrapping Help

Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m.

Cost: Donation. Bring items to be wrapped by the expert holiday helpers.

Handwashing event

Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m.

Join Maureen Couture RN, South Hadley Public Health Nurse, as she presents the GLO Germ handwashing technique.

"The Glo Germ technique will show you all those spots you missed and reinforce how hand washing is the first line of defense when caring for ourselves as go through the flu and COVID seasons."

Free holiday lunch

Wednesday, Dec. 20, at noon

Holiday Lunch by Loomis with entertainment by The O-Tones. Pick up tickets at the Welcome Desk to ensure seating.



Polish food sale

HOLYOKE— On Saturday Dec. 9 and Dec. 16, Our Lady of the Cross Parish in Holyoke will be selling frozen pierogi, golumbki and kapusta. The food sale will take place in the vestibule of the church from 2 to 4 p.m. Cabbage, apple and potato/cheese pierogi will be on sale for \$10.00 a dozen. Quarts of kapusta will be available for \$5.00 and golumbki will be sold for \$3.50 each. Please call the parish office at 413-532-5661 for more information.

SOCIAL SECURITY from page 4

earn before some benefits are taken away. The earnings test lasts until you reach your full retirement age.

The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

NEED EXTRA CASH FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

HANNOUSH JEWELERS® CHICOPEE

WE BUY Gold

Present This Coupon for **10% more** on your unwanted gold.

Expires 12/31/23

704 MEMORIAL DRIVE, CHICOPEE, MA • 413-377-1433
www.hannoush.com

South Hadley

Bike/Walk Comm. to offer free bike lights this weekend

SOUTH HADLEY- On Saturday, Dec. 9, volunteers from the town's Bike/Walk Committee will be distributing free bike lights to South Hadley area cyclists as part of MassBike's Lights Brigade program.

Free sets of lights will be available near the Log Cabin at Buttery Brook Park from 5:30-7 p.m. during Santa's Land, or until the supply runs out, according to a press statement.

"Stay safe. Stay legal. Use lights at night," the Bike/Walk Committee released. "Having front and rear lights on your bike is crucial. Without working lights, you are practically invisible to vehicles. All bike riders in Massachusetts are legally required to have front white lights, red rear lights, and rear and side reflectors when riding anytime from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise."

MassBike's Lights Brigade program supplies volunteers with free bike lights to distribute to cyclists in their community.

"Many riders find themselves out at night without the required lights to help them stay visible to drivers and others on the roads and paths, while being in

compliance with the law," the press statement reads. "The #LightsBrigade program by MassBike engages riders using community paths and roads and provides free bicycle lights."

Learn more at massbike.org/lights-brigade.

MassBike is the statewide bicycling advocacy group for Massachusetts. A member-supported non-profit, MassBike works to create "a state that is safe and welcoming for all bicyclists whether experienced or just getting on a bike for the first time." Programs include promoting bicycle-friendly legislation; improving bicycle access and safety on roads and public transportation; educating bicyclists, motorists, police, and children about bicycling. MassBike's vision encompasses bicycling as transportation, recreation, and a lot of fun.

For more information about South Hadley Bike/Walk, visit us on the town website at southhadley.org/bikewalk.

Should inclement weather force the cancellation of Santa's Land, the Lights Brigade event will also be canceled. Check facebook.com/butterybrookpark or facebook.com/southhadleyrecreation for weather notices.

2024 GRANTS from page 1

programs for the Council on Aging.

The South Hadley Cultural Council will next meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the Trustees Room at South Hadley Public Library. At that meeting,

the council expects to discuss the approved applications and assign liaisons to the last few on the list. Town Administrator Lisa Wong is also scheduled to join the council to discuss different cultural events that the town could host or create in the future.

Gifts of Good Taste!

Fruit & Specialty Gift Baskets
Wine Baskets • Gourmet Chocolates
Homemade Fudge • Chocolate Platters
Cookie Platters • And more!

LOCAL DELIVERY & SHIPPING Nationwide

Gift Cards Make A Great Holiday Gift!

Shop Local. Eat Local. Be Local!

ATKINS Farms

at the CORNER OF RTE. 116 & Bay RD.
South Amherst, MA 01002
(413) 253-9528
www.atkinsfarms.com

Please call or order online • Shipping orders must be received by December 1st

▶ Granby

STM asks voters to decide on \$5.3 million restoration project

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY – In order to get its municipal offices under one roof, the town of Granby is requesting voters to approve a \$5.3 million restoration project of the former West Street School building at a Special Town Meeting next week.

The Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the East Meadow School gym. The vote on funding the West Street building project is the only item on the warrant.

One of the reasons for the project is due to the fact that the town is renting the Town Hall Annex building for \$25,000 annually and has 18 months to determine what to do with the offices within the building since the property owner is seeking to sell it.

Granby Town Administrator Chris Martin explained the funding sources for the project in a STM information session held last week.

The town proposes to use \$1.8 million in ARPA funds, \$1.4 million in unspent prior general fund articles, and \$2.3 million in unspent capital project articles.

The cost of the project includes installation and/or repairs of a sprinkler/fire protection system, windows and doors, the HVAC system, a water system, and

PCB and asbestos removal. The funding also covers Owners Project Manager's fees, designer/engineer fees and contingency, according to the future of the West Street building document on the town's website.

The West Street building committee, appointed in January of this year, was assigned the task of determining the best course of action for the use of the building, which has been largely vacant since 2018. The town currently maintains the building for \$23,000 a year.

The committee determined the best use of the property was to renovate it.

Committee Chair Lynn Mercier explained the building would be able to accommodate current municipal offices, the senior center, as well as room for more in the future.

"As the structure of the building was sound, the roof was relatively new, and the existing 44,000 square feet of space would be more than adequate for the town's needs," she said. "The space as it exists, is capable of conducting town meetings, town elections and has the potential for a community recreational center in the future."

One of the major priorities of the project for the town is the removal of a single-wall oil tank, which was supposed to be removed, but wasn't, according to

Martin.

"The concern we have is that we know it's a single wall. We don't know if its leaked. That's the first thing before we even go forward with that building," he said.

He said the town must determine whether the tank has leaked into the soil and to remove it before any work is done on the West Street building.

"If we find out there is a leakage and there's contamination of the soils, we know that \$116,000 is not going to cover it. You're talking up to \$1 million and if surrounding wells aren't contaminated," Martin said.

If that is the case, the town would need to address remediation and requirements from the Department of Environmental Protection, Martin added.

The plan is to move to a propane mini split for the heating and cooling of the building, following the removal of the tank.

Finance Committee Chair John Libera Jr. said he supported the allocation.

"When you look at the long-term picture of it," he said. "The fact that there is \$5 million in other funds, including ARPA funds, if you took all that money and put it back into the stabilization fund...then you'd have a big pile of money in that fund. You'd still have the same question

of 'what do we spend money on?'"

He said having the municipal offices in one central location is a good use of the funds.

He added that if the town needs to address the oil tank and unforeseen issues with it, that the town will decide what to do from there rather than simply proceed forward with the West Street building project.

Selectboard member Glenn Sexton said he wanted to remind people if the ARPA funding given to the town was not used, they could potentially lose it.

"It's a benefit to us to move forward with the project. It's taxpayer money that the federal government gave us, and I'd hate for them to take it back," he said.

If the voters approve the expenditure, the committee plans to continue working on the project, with the oil tank being the first matter addressed. Barring any issues, the project has an estimated completion date of December 2024, according to the future of the West Street Building information sheet on the town's website.

If the voters do not approve the article, the town will continue to pay for general maintenance on the building until it is decommissioned. The estimated cost of decommissioning due to asbestos abatement and demolition would be about \$2.5 million.

Adorable Mini Goldendoodles

Reserve yours now for the Holidays!



Family Raised

Affectionate and Playful

Hypoallergenic

Vet Checked

Limited Supply



Call or Text
413-345-8173

Granby Town Clerk offers community reminders

GRANBY – The Town Clerk has offered reminders for the community about the upcoming Special Town Meeting, which will be held on Monday, Dec. 11, at the East Meadow School in the gymnasium at 7 p.m.

"All residents participating must be registered voters. Eligible voters will receive a card when checking in, the doors will open at 6:15 p.m. for check in," Katherine A. Kelly-Regan, Granby's town clerk, released. "Please park in between the two schools near the softball fields."

Residents may view the warrant for this meeting at the following public build-

ings: Town Hall Annex, 215 B West State St.; Select Board's office at the COA Building, 10 West State St.; Granby Post Office; Public Library; Public Safety Complex; Florence Bank; and Polish National Credit Union.

The warrant can also be viewed on the town's website at granby-ma.gov.

"If you are not sure on your voter status, please call the Town Clerk's office for verification."

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Kathy Kelly-Regan at the Granby Town Hall, 413-467-7178.

GFPL announces nature story time

GRANBY – The town's library has announced an upcoming nature story time and fun with Ranger Tasha.

The event is for ages three and up, and homeschoolers are welcome, according to the library.

Animal Tracking
Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 10:30 a.m.

"How do you know what animal track you see in the snow? Make a track mold, identify some skulls and pelts."

All library programs are free of charge and open to the public. The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 East State St., Granby. Call the library at 413-467-3320 during open hours for more information.

please recycle this newspaper

SERVICE DIRECTORY

To advertise on this page call the Town Reminder at 283-8393

ELECTRICIAN

GAGNON ELECTRIC
All Types Of Electrical Work.
Fully Insured.
All Work Fully Guaranteed
Free Estimates. Lic. #14960A
533-8867

TFN

TREE SERVICES

EDGE TREE SERVICE, INC.
Tree Removal, Trimming,
Land Clearing, Stump Grinding.
Fully Insured. Free Estimates.
Peter Edge **532-5764**
www.edgetreeservice.com

TFN

TREE SERVICES

LUCCHESI TREE SERVICE
AND LANDSCAPING
Lot Clearing, Retaining Walls,
Mowing, Pruning, Stump Grinding,
Irrigation. Insured
534-1002

TFN



Granby library to host pastel workshop

GRANBY – The town’s public library will soon host an upcoming Georgia O’Keeffe-inspired pastel workshop for adults and teens entitled “The Rose.”

Award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack will present the workshop from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16.

“This is a pastel painting workshop designed for both sheer beginners to advanced participants,” the library released, adding that space is limited. “Please call 413-467-3320 to pre-register.”

In this new two-hour workshop, participants will produce their very own personalized and original pastel based on Georgia O’Keeffe’s rose.

“Maichack guides everyone in drawing, blending, and layering. Mr. Maichack has been asked over the years to offer a rose workshop, the most popular of flowers, and a symbol of love. Here it is,” the Granby Free Public Library released in a press statement.

All materials will be supplied, including pastels, paper, and blending materials, and all will keep their 12x18 painting while entertained by anecdotes on Georgia O’Keeffe’s flower painting and her life.

“Maichack will bring his Georgia O’Keeffe rose pastel painting to the presentation to help give close detail in pastel, supplement our creations, and unveil the process. All will be broken down into easy steps and methodically planned out to make it so easy,” the library released.

Maichack is an award-winning artist, twice Mass. Cultural Council Gold Star Award Program nominee, a seasoned professional from instructing at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, colleges, and hundreds of libraries. Maichack lives in the Berkshires and is a portraitist and painter working primarily in pastels.

“Winner of the Award of Merit from the Bennington Center for the Arts: Impressions of New England Show 2003, he also was awarded the Savoir-faire Pastel Award from the Great Lakes Pastel Society,” the library shared. “Maichack was commissioned by Westfield State College to paint the pastel portrait of the past president of Westfield State University, Doctor Frederick Woodward, which was unveiled at the dedication of the Woodward Center; and pastel painted dictionary great Charles Merriam, unveiled by Merriam-Webster Co. at Merriam-Gilbert Library. He has been in many national juried shows and was awarded numerous Massachusetts Cultural Council grants. In addition to portraiture, his still life [art] and landscapes are represented by galleries from Kennebunkport, Maine, to San Francisco, Calif.”

Maichack is accepting requests to do various commissions to do pastel paintings; email him at EmJay7@aol.com or visit his new web site at GregoryMaichack.com. According to the press statement, he has been a faculty member of the Museum Studio School in the Fine Arts Museum Quadrangle in Springfield and taught at Holyoke and Greenfield Community Colleges, Westfield State University, East Works, the MFA Boston, and The Guild, Northampton. “Maichack’s pastel paintings have been selected twice for the Annual National Exhibition of the Academic Artists Association and as a result Maichack was invited to be a member of this prestigious organization.”

This project is supported in part from a grant from the Granby Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

‘Tis the season for giving at the South Hadley Public Library

SOUTH HADLEY - During the month of December, the main library at 2 Canal St. will be accepting more than just book donations.

“For those that are feeling generous or want to help out locally this holiday season, we are accepting food and toiletry donations for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc.,” the library released. “They are a client-choice food pantry in South Hadley that serves over 150 families in South Hadley and Granby.”

“With more and more people experiencing economic hardship and needing food assistance, please consider donating.”

NHN is seeking much needed soup, hot and cold cereal, canned meat, tomato products, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant and women’s hygiene products—drop items off in the gift boxes under our tree by the elevator.

“You may also make monetary donations instead by clicking the ‘Donate’ button on nhnfoodpantry.org or their Facebook page. Please, no expired items,” the library added. “Take advantage of our convenient open hours for your holiday giving this season.”

Granby Police Log

Editor’s Note: Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Monday, Nov. 13

9:21 a.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident. Granby Police responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

1:07 p.m. – A resident reported receiving a phone call regarding shutting his electricity off if they did not pay with gift cards. The caller knew it was a scam and wanted the department to know.

5:09 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

Thursday, Nov. 16

2:05 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident with airbag deployment. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

3:46 p.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident in the parking lot. Granby Police responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

Friday, Nov. 17

5:06 p.m. – A motorist flagged down an officer to report that they had just struck a deer with their vehicle. There were no injuries, and an accident report was completed.

Saturday, Nov. 18

5:23 p.m. – A motorist reported that they had just struck a deer with their vehicle. There were no injuries, and an accident report was completed.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

7:01 a.m. – Motorists reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. One operator was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. An accident report was completed.

10:32 a.m. – A motorist reported a disabled vehicle at this location. The tire fell off the vehicle, causing it to be disabled and damaged. An officer responded the vehicle was towed, and an accident report was completed.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

6:49 a.m. – A motorist reported that a utility pole appeared to be leaning toward the roadway on Porter St. near Easton. National Grid was notified.

5:11 p.m. – Several motorists reported a three-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries, and an accident report was completed.

Thursday, Nov. 23

7:47 p.m. – A motorist stopped at the station to report that they had just struck a deer in front of the public safety complex. There were no injuries, and an accident report was completed.

Saturday, Nov. 25

10:50 p.m. – A motorist reported that a vehicle struck a deer. There were no injuries. An officer responded and completed an accident report.

Monday, Nov. 27

7:38 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer performed a random license plate query and discovered that the vehicle had not been inspected since 2019. The vehicle was stopped and it was discovered that the operator had a suspended license and an active warrant for their arrest. The operator was placed under arrest.

7:46 p.m. – Sarah Karriker, 46, of 68 Montgomery St., Springfield, was placed under arrest due to an active arrest warrant, operating a vehicle with a suspended license, and failure to inspect.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

5:41 p.m. – A motorist reported striking a deer. There were no injuries and an accident report was completed.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

5:35 p.m. – Two motorists reported striking the same deer on Amherst St. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

Thursday, Nov. 30

9:29 p.m. – A customer reported that a vehicle hit a safety bollard in front of the main entrance to Cumberland Farms twice. Officers responded and after an investigation placed the operator under arrest.

9:48 p.m. – Roland Monfette, 65, of Granby, was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, second offense.

Holiday pop-up on Dec. 9

HOLYOKE— The St. Patrick’s Committee will host it’s Tartan Holiday Pop-Up event on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Holyoke Merry Go Round, 221 Appleton St.

This festive shopping experience will feature the perfect holiday gifts and decor, a unique selection of Holyoke Tartan items and a magical photo opportunity with Santa.

The 71st Holyoke St. Patrick’s Parade will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2024 and the 47th St. Patrick’s Road Race will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

For more information, please visit our website at www.holyokestpatricksparade.com.

CHECK OUT ALL THE

Turley Publications

www.turley.com



**CENTER STREET
AUTO PARTS OF
CHICOPEE, INC.**

We will pay you top dollar for your car
AND we will pick it up! Call us for a price!

- Top-Of-The-Line Auto Salvaging Services
- First-Rate Used Auto Parts
- Top-Grade Auto Body Parts
- Sell Your Old or Used Car to Us

“Serving all of Western Mass.”

centerstreetautoparts.com
651 Center St., Chicopee **413-733-2778**

**WE CARRY A WIDE VARIETY OF FROZEN TURKEYS,
TURKEY BREAST, DUCKS, CORNISH HENS AND
FRESH PORK & RED MEAT ROAST FOR YOUR HOLIDAY NEEDS!**

USDA INSP. FROZEN PORK SHOULDER PICNIC...	\$1.49 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF TENDERLOIN	\$8.88 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH WHOLE CHICKEN TWIN PAK	\$1.44 lb
USDA INSP. FROZEN BONE-IN CENTER CUT PORK LOIN CHOPS	\$2.49 lb	CUT FREE		USDA INSP. FRESH CHICKEN WINGS 10 LB BAG.....	\$1.79 lb
USDA INSP. FRESH COUNTRY STYLE PORK RIBS	\$2.59 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONE-IN BEEF CHUCK ROAST or STEAKS	\$4.77 lb	USDA INSP. FROZEN CHICKEN DUMPLINGS	\$2.99 lb
SLICED IN OUR DELI TURKEY BREAST	\$3.99 lb	TAILGATE SPECIALS		USDA INSP. IQF FROZEN 26/30 COUNT RAW SHRIMP 2 LB BAG	\$7.99 ea
USDA INSP. STORE MADE BONELESS CAROLINA GOLD MARINATED CHICKEN THIGHS	\$2.99 lb	USDA INSP. GROUND FRESH DAILY 90% DIET LEAN GROUND BEEF	\$4.99 5 LB BAG		
USDA INSP. STORE MADE FAMILY PAK ALL VARIETIES ITALIAN SAUSAGE	\$2.77 lb	USDA INSP. FULLY COOKED HEAT & EAT BBQ MARINATED BBQ RIBS	\$3.99 lb		

SALE DATES: 12/7/23-12/13/23 BUY DIRECT FOR SAVINGS • SELECTION • SERVICE

Season's GREETINGS

Gift CARDS Available

90 Meat Outlet

HOURS: Mon. - Wed. 8-4
Thurs. 8-6 • Fri. 8-6 • Sat. 8-3

90 Avocado St.
Springfield
413-737-1288
www.90meat.com

We reserve the right to limit quantities.

sports@turley.com

@turleysports

facebook.com/turleysports

SPORTS

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

SEND US YOUR SPORTS SUBMISSIONS

www.sports.turley.com

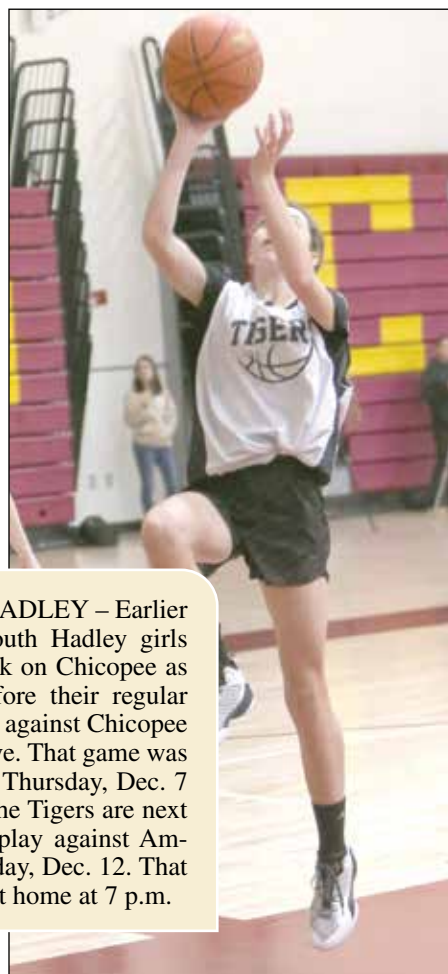
Tigers scrimmage Pacers before season opener



Kiki Ramos hooks a shot.



Taylor Bullough heads for the hoop.



Ryley McMahon gets the layup.




Drew Alley goes high for a shot.

SOUTH HADLEY – Earlier this week, South Hadley girls basketball took on Chicopee as a tune-up before their regular season opener against Chicopee Comprehensive. That game was scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7 at home and the Tigers are next scheduled to play against Amherst on Tuesday, Dec. 12. That game is also at home at 7 p.m.


Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

South Hadley boys get set for new season

Brady Carrier shoots in a scrimmage earlier this week.



SOUTH HADLEY – Earlier this week, South Hadley boys basketball continued its preparation for the start of the 2023-2024 season. The Tigers faced Chicopee in a scrimmage and now look forward to their regular season opener on Friday, Dec. 8 at home against Amherst Regional at 7 p.m.



Isiah James squares up a shot near the arc.



Jack Loughrey is covered closely in the paint.



Noah Hambley makes his way down the court.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

PVSOA presents year-end awards

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The Pioneer Valley Soccer Officials Association (PVSOA), which was formed in 1946, held its annual banquet at the Polish American Citizens Club in Ludlow on Dec. 1.

One of the highlights of the evening was the buffet catered by Tony & Penny's Restaurant.

There was also an awards ceremony.

Ludlow junior Thomas Wadas is the 2023 George E. Russell Award (Boys Large School MCP award) winner.

"Thomas falls in line with all our former Ludlow players who have won the George Russell Award," said longtime Ludlow boys soccer coach Greg Kolodziej, who won his 200th career game this fall. "He's a very talented player who has worked extremely hard to get what he has achieved."

Wadas is the 24th Ludlow boys' soccer player to receive the Russell award, which is named in memory of the former Ludlow High School principal, since 1965. The first Ludlow boys' soccer player to win the prestigious award was Bob Duarte.

Wadas, who's a three-year

varsity starter, didn't attend this year's PVSOA banquet because the Ludlow High School soccer banquet was held on the same night.

In his first three seasons as a member of the varsity soccer team, Wadas, who's a midfielder, scored 15 goals and 15 assists. He also helped the Lions (18-2-2) capture the Western Mass. Class A title for the third consecutive year. The Lions also competed in the Division I state tournament.

Pathfinder Tech senior Riley Sanderson received the Henry O. Holly/Dave Grieve (Boys Small School MVP award).

"I received an email from my soccer coach (David Wilson) telling me that I had been selected for the MVP award for small schools," said Sanderson, who led his team with 11 assists this past fall. "We weren't able to win any banners this year, but this is a nice way to cap off my high school soccer career."

Sanderson, who missed his junior season due to an injury, also scored 11 goals as a senior.

"Riley has an outstanding right foot, and he could've taken a lot more shots on goal for us, but he would always

Please see **AWARDS**, page 11

T-Birds grab OT win over Penguins

WILKES-BARRE, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (11-8-2-0) got the last laugh in a wild, back-and-forth game, 4-3, over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (10-8-3-0) in overtime on Saturday night inside Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza.

As was the case in each of the first two games in the season series, the first period came and went with goaltenders remaining perfect. On this night, Vadim Zherenko and Joel Blomqvist turned in all the stops, with Zherenko the busier of the two with nine first-period stops, while Blomqvist stopped six. Zherenko had the two best saves of the frame in two minutes, denying both Sam Houde and Jagger Joshua with the leg pad on in-tight scoring chances. Each team also had two power plays in the first period, but the man-advantage units could not generate much offense, and the 0-0 deadlock remained into the intermission.

After quiet opening periods, the power plays came to life in the second, and it took the Penguins just 1:14 to get on the board first. Sam Houde got his stick on a loose puck in the slot and bounced a fluttering shot toward Zherenko's cage, getting a helpful tip from Peter Abbandonato for the game's opening goal, which doubled as Abbandonato's first as a Penguin.

Despite the deficit, the T-Birds rallied on a chance of their own after two penalties in a 1:16 span were called against Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. With the 5-on-3 advantage, rookie Zach Bolduc took advantage, rifling home a one-time slapper through Blomqvist, tying the game at 7:49. Calle Rosen and Hugh McGing earned the helpers on Bolduc's fourth goal of the season.

After the equalizer, both teams had more power play chances to take leads, but the penalty killing strengthened, along with continued good work from Zherenko and Blomqvist.

The game took on a truly chaotic feel in the third period. After the T-Birds failed to convert on two separate power play chances, it was the fourth line that got Springfield its first lead. Mathias Laferriere deked around a fallen defender and took a shot from the left circle that plopped down behind Blomqvist. Drew Callin was in the right place to tap it across the line for his third of the season, giving the T-Birds the 2-1 lead at 4:31.

Unfortunately for the T-Birds, it was just the beginning of a see-saw 20-minute period, as the Penguins equalized during a delayed penalty just 1:05 later, as Valtteri Puustinen rammed home a loose puck after Zherenko and the defense made two sprawling saves earlier in the sequence.

With the game back even, 2-2, the T-Birds faced their toughest challenge of the night when Hunter Skinner was ejected and given a match penalty for a hit to the head of Penguins' forward Sam Houde. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton had three minutes of uninterrupted power play time, but could not solve the PK nor Zherenko.

After surviving the major, the T-Birds then got their power play chances as the Penguins took a too-many-men minor, as well as a tripping call to Jack St. Ivany. With time waning on the club's 8th power play of the evening, the T-Birds finally broke through as Matthew Peca snapped a wrist shot through Blomqvist at 16:38 to make it a 3-2 game. Once again, though, the Penguins had a rebuttal, as Abbandonato scooted into the slot, took a pass from Will Butcher, and slipped it through Zherenko's legs to tie the game, 3-3, with just 1:39 to go in regulation, setting the stage for the second overtime in as many nights between the division foes.

Overtime was a riveting, back-and-forth affair with both goaltenders answering the bell on multiple occasions. Adam Gaudette had a breakaway with the game on his stick, only to see Blomqvist turn him away, while Ty Smith had perhaps the Penguins' best chance with the T-Birds' defense out of sorts, but Zherenko had the denial.

At last, with less than a half minute left separating the teams from a shootout, Laferriere circled the offensive zone to the right side before slipping a puck near the crease. Matt Kessel had moved up on the play and put himself in the perfect position to get a piece of it and beat Blomqvist, giving Springfield the 4-3 overtime triumph. It was just Kessel's second goal of the season, and it gave the T-Birds their first home win since Oct. 29.

The T-Birds get some time to rest before a rare single-game weekend next Saturday as they welcome the Bridgeport Islanders to the MassMutual Center for the annual Teddy Bear Toss.

2023-2024 Winter Varsity SCHEDULE

South Hadley High School

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Dec. 8	Home	Amherst	7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 11	Away	Baystate Acad.	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 13	Away	SICS	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18	Away	Monument Mtn.	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21	Home	Easthampton	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 4	Home	Belchertown	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 8	Home	Baystate Academy	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10	Away	Frontier	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Away	Easthampton	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 19	Home	Monument Mtn.	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 23	Away	Belchertown	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26	Home	Nantucket	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 30	Away	Renaissance	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Away	Hoosac	7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2	Home	Greenfield	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7	Home	Granby	7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 9	Home	Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 12	Home	Hoosac	7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 7	Home	Chicopee Comp.	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12	Home	Amherst	7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15	Away	Hoosac	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19	Home	Hampshire	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21	Away	Taconic	6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 29	Away	Northampton	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 5	Away	Wahconah	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10	Away	Quaboag	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12	Home	Monson	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Away	Pope Francis	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 18	Away	Amherst	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 22	Home	Hoosac	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 25	Away	Hampshire	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 29	Home	Belchertown	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Home	Drury	7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 1	Home	Taconic	6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 5	Home	Wahconah	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 12	Away	Monson	7 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY (CO-OP)

Saturday, Dec. 9	Away	Southwick	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16	Home	Easthampton	5 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18	Away	Amherst	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Away	Apponequet	4 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 23	Away	Agawam	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 27	Home	Chicopee Holiday Tournament	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 28	Home	Chicopee Holiday Tournament	TBD
Saturday, Dec. 30	Away	Taconic	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 3	Home	Ludlow	4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6	Away	Saint Paul	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13	Away	Fitchburg	1 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 15	Home	Taconic	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 17	Away	McCann Tech	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20	Home	Amherst	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 24	Home	Agawam	4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 28	Home	Peabody	1 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3	Home	Oakmont	5 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 8	Away	Ludlow	8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10	Away	Gardner	1 p.m.

SWIMMING (CO-OP WITH HOLYOKE)

Friday, Dec. 15	Away	Turners Falls	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19	Away	Minnechaug	4 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21	Home	Hampden Charter	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2	Home	Easthampton	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 5	Home	Monson	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12	Home	Chicopee	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Home	Hampden Charter	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 23	Home	Turners Falls	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26	Away	Renaissance	4 p.m.

WRESTLING

Saturday, Dec. 9	Away	West Springfield	10 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 13	Away	Duggan	7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16	Away	Knight-Hawk	9 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Home	Southwick	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 27	Away	Mahar	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10	Home	Frontier	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Away	Franklin Tech	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 18	Away	Mohawk	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20	Away	Granby	9 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 24	Home	Athol	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27	Away	Mt. Greylock	9 a.m.
		Invitational	

Granby High School

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 11	Away	Ware	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 14	Away	Southwick	7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16	Home	Hopkins	11 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 18	Home	Renaissance	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21	Away	Palmer	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 27	Home	Belchertown	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2	Home	Gardner	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 4	Home	Monson	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 8	Home	Ware	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12	Home	Southwick	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Away	Renaissance	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 19	Home	Palmer	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 23	Away	Monson	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26	Away	Easthampton	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Away	Baystate Academy	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 5	Away	Hoosac	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7	Away	South Hadley	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 13	Home	Duggan	7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 12	Away	Easthampton	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 14	Home	Mt. Everett	7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16	Home	Hopkins	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19	Home	Ware	7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 22	Away	Renaissance	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 4	Away	McCann Tech	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 8	Away	Ludlow	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 11	Away	Southwick	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 15	Away	Lee	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 18	Away	Mt. Everett	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 22	Home	Renaissance	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 25	Home	Baystate Academy	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 29	Home	McCann Tech	7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 1	Home	Ludlow	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 5	Home	Southwick	7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 8	Home	Lee	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 12	Away	Smith Academy	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Home	Hampshire	7 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY (CO-OP)

Saturday, Dec. 9	Away	Southwick	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16	Home	Easthampton	5 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18	Away	Amherst	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Away	Apponequet	4 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 23	Away	Agawam	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 27	Home	Chicopee Holiday Tournament	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 28	Home	Chicopee Holiday Tournament	TBD
Saturday, Dec. 30	Away	Taconic	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 3	Home	Ludlow	4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6	Away	Saint Paul	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13	Away	Fitchburg	1 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 15	Home	Taconic	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 17	Away	McCann Tech	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20	Home	Amherst	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 24	Home	Agawam	4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 28	Home	Peabody	1 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3	Home	Oakmont	5 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 8	Away	Ludlow	8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10	Away	Gardner	1 p.m.

WRESTLING

Saturday, Dec. 9	Home	Quad-Meet	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12	Away	SICS	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Away	Smith Vocational	6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 22	Away	West Springfield	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10	Away	Athol	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 17	Home	Mahar	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20	Home	Team Tournament	9 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 24	Home	Franklin Tech	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27	Away	East Hartford	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Home	Northampton	7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3	Away	Marlborough	10 a.m.

UMass hosting Pioneer Valley Tip-Off, Dec. 9 and 10

AMHERST – The Pioneer Valley Tip-Off is a student-run high school basketball showcase featuring some of the best talent in Central and Western Massachusetts. The PVTO was started in 2011 by Scott Moses and Pat Salle, both students at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and it continues to be entirely student-run by the McCormack Student Leaders Club today. The PVTO is held each December on the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus, where we strive to create a professional environment for fans and players alike. This year's event will be held on Dec. 9 and 10 and will feature teams from throughout the region. A schedule is online at www.pioneervalleytip-off.com. All games will be held at the Mullins Center on the UMass-Amherst campus.



Send Us Your Sports Photos!

sports@turley.com

Classifieds

12 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS | SERVING 50 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Call us at 413.283.8393

FOR SALE

FIREWOOD

FIREWOOD
Fresh cut & split \$200.00
Seasoned cut & split \$300.00
All hardwood.
Tree length available
*Also have seasoned softwood for outdoor boilers (Cheap). Quality & volumes **guaranteed!** New England Forest Products (413)477-0083

MORE HEAT LESS WOOD. Central Boiler Classic Edge HDX Outdoor Wood Furnace. EPA Certified. Titanium Stainless Steel. 26% Tax Credit. Call (508)882-0178

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. JUDE THANK YOU for answering my prayers. PF

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY

ANTIQUES AND OLD STUFF WANTED BUYING Bottles, Crocks, Jugs, Pottery, Costume Jewelry, Toys, Games, coins, sterling, Glassware, Silver-plated items, watches, Musical instruments, typewriters, sewing machines, tools, radios, clocks, lanterns, lamps, kitchenware, cookware, knives, military, automotive, fire department, masonic, license plates, beer-cans, barware, books, oil cans, advertising tins, hunting, fishing, signs, and more Donald Roy (860) 874-8396

JUNK REMOVAL

A Call We Haul FAST REMOVAL
Junk, Appliance, Cleanouts.
We load it & take it.
413-531-1936
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

SERVICES



2***A & B HOUSEHOLD REMOVAL SERVICE*******
Cellars, attics, garages cleaned, yard debris. Barns & sheds demolished. Swimming pools removed. Cheaper than dumpster fees and we do all the work. Lowest rates. Fully insured. (413)283-6512, cell (413)222-8868.

BILODEAU AND SON ROOFING. Established 1976. New re-roofs and repairs. Gutter cleanings and repairs. Licensed/ insured. Call (413)967-6679

CHAIR SEAT WEAVING & refinishing - cane, fiber rush & splint - Classroom instructor, 20+ years experience. Call Walt at (413)289-6670 for estimate.

DRYWALL AND CEILINGS, plaster repair. Drywall hanging. Taping & complete finishing. All ceiling textures. Fully insured. Jason at Great Walls. (413)563-0487

SERVICES

CLEANING SERVICES

LIBERTY MAID SERVICE Save time while adding a little luxury to your life. Affordable. Reliable. High quality. Personalized/ always have the same person who you can trust! Residential and/or business cleaning. Debra (413)-592-4925

ELECTRICIAN

MG ELECTRICAL SERVICE All electrical work, new construction, additions, service upgrade, emergency generators. Free estimates. Insured/ Licensed. Lic.# 16979-A
Call Mike (413) 896-1346

HOME IMPROVEMENT

HOME IMPROVEMENTS. REMODELING Kitchens, baths. Ceramic tile, windows, painting, wallpapering, siding, decks. Insurance work. Fully insured. Free estimates. (413)246-2783 Ron.

HOME REPAIR & REMODELING for all your interior & exterior needs. Carpentry, woodworking, porches, patios, windows, doors, painting, drywall, siding, landscaping, clean-outs. Competitive pricing. References. Please call Brendan (413)687-5552

LANDSCAPING

****ALL SEASON**** Specializing in shrub trimming, pruning, design, deliveries, loader, backhoe, insured. Professional. Please call Bob (413)537-5789 (413)538-7954.

SERVICES

MASONRY

STOP WET BASEMENTS

ABC MASONRY & BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
All brick, block, stone, concrete. Hatchway doors, basement windows, chimneys rebuilt & repaired, foundations repaired, basement waterproofing systems, sump pumps. BBB+ rating. Free estimates. Lic #14790. Call (413)569-1611, (413)374-5377

PAINTING

FORBES & SONS PAINTING & STAINING Interior, residential, commercial and new construction, wall-paper removal, sheetrock and plaster repairs. Quality products. Since 1985. Free estimates. Fully Insured. Call Brad Forbes at 413-887-1987.

PLUMBING

GREG LAFONTAIN PLUMBING & HEATING Lic #19196 Repairs & Replacement of fixtures, water heater installations, steam/HW boiler replacement. Kitchen & Bath remodeling. 30 years experience. Fully insured. \$10 Gift Card With Work Performed. Call Greg (413)592-1505

RUBBISH REMOVAL

BOB ROBILLARD'S RUBBISH REMOVAL Attics, Cellars, Garages cleaned, Pools/Hot Tubs Removed. Family owned/operated since 1950 (413)537-5090

SERVICES

SNOWPLOWING

RESIDENTIAL Snowplowing Service. Wilbraham residential only Call or Text now. Limited space available. 413-519-5439

TREE WORK

DL & G TREE SERVICE- Everything from tree pruning, tree removal, stump grinding, storm damage and brush chipping. Honest and Dependable. Fully insured. Now offering a Senior Citizen and Veteran discount. Call today for free estimate (413)478-4212

TUNE-UPS

SNOWBLOWER & LAWNMOWER TUNE UP & REPAIR
A&M TUNE-UPS
Push Lawnmowers, Riding Mowers and Small Engine Repair.
Work done at your home.
Call Mike (413) 348-7967

STUMP GRINDING

DL & G STUMP GRINDING Grinding stumps of all sizes, insured & certified. Senior discounts. Call Dave 413-478-4212

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES

QUABBIN & SUBURBAN FRIDAY AT NOON
HILLTOWNS MONDAY AT NOON

SERVICES



SAW STUMP GRINDING
Call for a Free Estimate, Veteran Owned, Fully Insured
413-213-5470

HELP WANTED

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN/ FIELD INSPECTOR EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS

The Town of Wilbraham is now hiring! For application and more information please visit www.wilbraham-ma.gov. EOE. Open until filled.

AUTO

CASH FOR JUNK AND REPAIRABLE CARS
FREE TOWING FAST SERVICE CASH PAID AS IS CALL OR TEXT 413-219-6839

REAL ESTATE

FOR RENT



ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

LUUDLOW: \$925, quiet 1 bedroom, 2nd floor, open kitchen/living room. Parking, on-site laundry. Utilities not included. No smoking, no pets. 413-543-3062.

FOR RENT

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status (number of children and or pregnancy), national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, or any intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.
This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertising in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain about discrimination call The Department of Housing and Urban Development "HUD" toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. For the N.E. area, call HUD at 617-565-5308. The toll free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

Post your job openings in our classifieds. WE GET RESULTS!

\$12.50 Each Digital Photos
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC.
Purchase a photo that recently ran in one of our publications. Go to newspapers.turley.com/photo-request

FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS MONEY MAKER

MAIL TO: Classifieds, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 DEADLINES: QUABBIN & SUBURBAN – FRIDAY AT NOON
or call: 413-283-8393 HILLTOWNS – MONDAY AT NOON

CATEGORY:			
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40

Quabbin Village Hills
Circulation: 50,500

Hilltowns
Circulation: 9,800

Suburban Residential
Circulation: 59,000

Buy the Quabbin Village Hills or the Suburban Residential ZONE for \$26.00 for 20 words plus 50¢ for each additional word.
Add \$10 for a second Zone or add \$15 to run in ALL THREE ZONES.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Number of Weeks: _____ X per week rate = \$ _____
Credit Card: MasterCard VISA Discover Cash Check# _____
Card #: _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV _____
Amount of charge: _____ Date: _____

First ZONE base price _____ Includes additional words
Add a second ZONE **\$10.00**
Add a third ZONE **\$5.00**
Subtotal _____
x Number of Weeks _____
TOTAL Enclosed _____

Run my ad in the following ZONE(s):
 Quabbin
 Suburban
 Hilltowns

OUR CLASSIFIEDS REACH 50 COMMUNITIES EVERY WEEK!

Mont Marie Rehab supports animal shelters

HOLYOKE— Mont Marie Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, where residents often benefit from animal-assisted therapy visits, launched Operation Santa Paws to collect pet supplies and donate them to a local animal shelter.

Through Dec. 22, the skilled nursing facility at 36 Lower West-

field Road, welcomes donated items such as blankets and towels, dog and cat beds, unopened pet food/treats, pet toys, grooming products, collars and leashes, and food/water bowls.

Therapy animals play a vital role in long-term care residents' lives, particularly those living with

dementia and Alzheimer's. Benefits of animal therapy for seniors include emotional uplift, increased self-esteem, improved social skills, and reduced risk of depression and anxiety.

For more information, visit MontMarieRehab.com.

AWARDS from page 8

pass the ball to one of his teammates," Wilson said. "He always plays the game very hard and I'm very proud of him."

Junior Evan Costa led the Pioneers with 34 goals.

The Pioneers, who qualified for the vocational, Western Mass. Class C. and Division 5 state tournaments, finished the 2023 campaign with a 15-5 overall record.

The only other boys' soccer player from Pathfinder Tech to receive the MVP award was Josh Sikorski in 2010.

Minnechaug senior Kylie Ray received the John Kalloch Award (Girls Large School MVP award).

"This is a very special award, especially from the referee's association," said Ray, who'll be playing college soccer at Seton Hall University next year. "I was teammates with Reighan Demers, who received this award last year. It's nice to join her and the other previous MVP award winners from Minnechaug."

Ray is the seventh Minnechaug girls' soccer player coached by Nundi Goncalves to be selected for the MVP award since 2005.

"I've been fortunate to coach many talented soccer players at Minnechaug," Goncalves said. "Kylie is one of them."

The Lady Falcons, who qualified for the Western Mass. and state

tournaments, finished their season with a 13-5-2 overall record.

Pope Francis senior Isabella Meadows, who didn't attend the banquet, received the Robert C. Smith/ Stan Berntowicz Award (Girls Small School MVP award).

Minnechaug Regional also received the Bob McIntyre Sportsmanship Award (Girls Large School).

The Lady Falcons have only received two yellow cards during the past two seasons.

"It always feels good when your teams gets recognized for doing something well," said Minnechaug sophomore Ava Kearney. "Coach Goncalves never wants us to get a yellow card during the game."

Palmer High School received the John Kurty/Benny Santos Sportsmanship Award (Girls Small School)

"It feels very nice to receive the sportsmanship award from the referees," said Palmer senior Grace Burke. "We're always very respectful to the referees and to our opponents."

Burke attended the banquet with teammates Nyela Dupre, Vaness Baer, and Jordan Bigda, who are also members of the senior class.

It was the first time that the Palmer girls' soccer team has received the sportsmanship award.

"I was very surprised when I was informed that my soccer team has been selected for the sportsmanship award," said Palmer head

coach Celso Sandoval. "We only had a couple of yellow cards this season and I'm very happy that the soccer officials recognized us. We had a great season and I'm looking forward to doing it all over again next year."

The Lady Panthers (12-8-1) defeated Granby, 3-1, in the Western Mass. Class D finals.

The Pathfinder boys' squad, which co-ops with Palmer, received the Carl Erickson Sportsmanship Award (Boys Small School).

The Bruno Rumpal Sportsmanship Award (Boys Large School) was given to Westfield High School.

The MISOA PVSQA inductee is Alex Goncalves, who's from Ludlow.

The Paul Bogan Service Award was given to Peter Manolakis, who's from Wilbraham.

The Jimmie Downie Award recipient is Tomasz Ludkiewicz, who lives in Granby.

The Larry E. Briggs Award winner is John Voight, who currently lives in East Longmeadow, but grew up in Hampden. He graduated from Minnechaug Regional.

Former Ludlow girls' varsity soccer coach Jose Anselmo, along with Chris and Diane Kolodziej, who do an outstanding job of running the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League, received Letters of Commendations.

The association is always looking for new referees.

Notices

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY OFFICE OF TAX COLLECTOR NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

To the owners of the hereinafter described land and to all others concerned, you are hereby notified that on **December 18, 2023 at ten o'clock AM** at 116 Main Street, South Hadley, pursuant to the provisions of General Law Chapter 60, Section 53, and by the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of South Hadley the following parcels of land for non-payment of taxes, liens and/or betterments, due thereon with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

LIST OF PARCELS TO BE TAKEN

GRANDVIEW LUMBER COMPANY, INC. f/n/a GRANDVIEW VILLAGE, INC: A certain parcel of land situated at Grandview Street containing 12,076 SF of land more or less as shown on South Hadley Assessors Map 0016-0174-0000 and as described in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 1183, Page 181.

FY2004 Real Estate Tax-\$41.64
FY2004 Fire District #1 Tax -\$4.84

GRANDVIEW LUMBER COMPANY, INC. f/n/a GRANDVIEW VILLAGE, INC: A certain parcel of land situated on Hillside Ave containing 1.36 acres more or less as shown on South Hadley Assessors Map 0006-0019-0000 and as described in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 1183, Page 181

FY2004 Real Estate Tax - \$61.75
FY2004 Fire District #1 Tax -\$7.18

GRANDVIEW LUMBER COMPANY, INC. f/n/a GRANDVIEW VILLAGE, INC: A certain parcel of land situated on Grandview Street containing 23,021 SF more or less as shown on South Hadley Assessors Map 0006-0008-0000 and as described in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 1183, Page 181

FY2004 Real Estate Tax - \$50.26
FY2004 Fire District #1 Tax -\$5.85

GRANDVIEW LUMBER COMPANY, INC. f/n/a GRANDVIEW VILLAGE, INC: A certain parcel of land situated on Grandview Street containing 15,473 SF more or less as shown on South Hadley Assessors Map 0006-0004-0000 and as described in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 1183, Page 181

FY2004 Real Estate Tax - \$44.52
FY2004 Fire District #1 Tax -\$5.18

GRANDVIEW LUMBER COMPANY, INC. f/n/a GRANDVIEW VILLAGE, INC: A certain parcel of land situated on Grandview Street containing 1.5 acres more or less as shown on South Hadley Assessors Map 0016-0171-0000 and as described in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 1183, Page 181

FY2004 Real Estate Tax - \$109.14
FY2004 Fire District #1 Tax -\$12.69

Donna Whiteley
Collector of Taxes

12/01, 12/08/2023

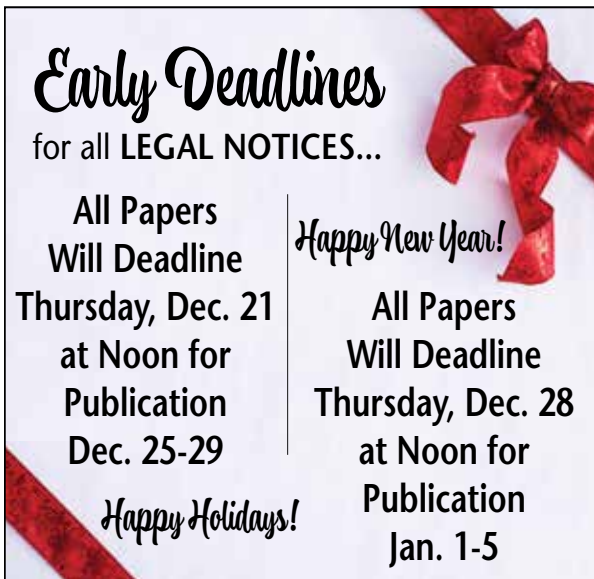
TOWN OF GRANBY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Granby Selectboard TAX CLASSIFICATION

The Selectboard will hold

a public hearing on **Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:01 p.m.** at 10-B West State Street, COA Building, to decide whether or not all classes of property should be taxed at the same rate.

Glen N Sexton
Crystal A Dufresne
Richard K Beaulieu
Granby Selectboard
12/08/2023

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.



Early Deadlines
for all LEGAL NOTICES...

All Papers Will Deadline Thursday, Dec. 21 at Noon for Publication Dec. 25-29

Happy New Year!

All Papers Will Deadline Thursday, Dec. 28 at Noon for Publication Jan. 1-5

Happy Holidays!

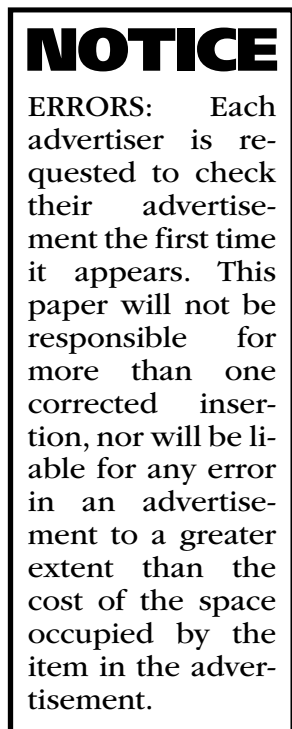


PUBLIC NOTICES ARE NOW ONLINE

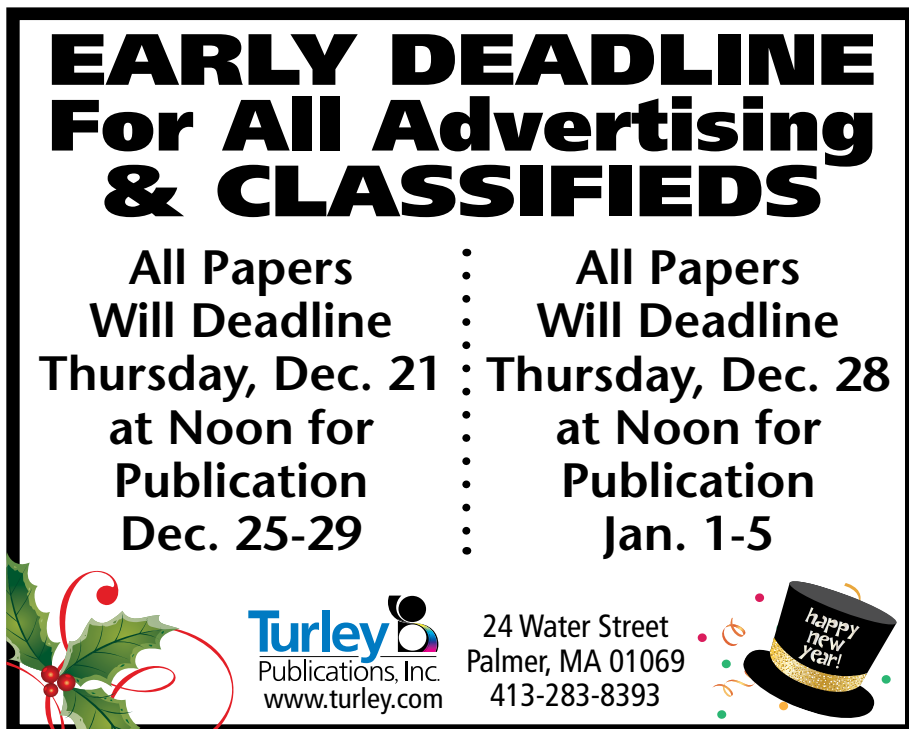
- 1 Email all notices to notices@turley.com
- 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts' public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

Public notice deadlines are Mondays at noon, Fridays noon for Monday holidays.

visit www.publicnotices.turley.com



NOTICE ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.



EARLY DEADLINE For All Advertising & CLASSIFIEDS

All Papers Will Deadline Thursday, Dec. 21 at Noon for Publication Dec. 25-29

All Papers Will Deadline Thursday, Dec. 28 at Noon for Publication Jan. 1-5

Turley Publications, Inc.
www.turley.com

24 Water Street
Palmer, MA 01069
413-283-8393

happy new year!



READING NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST LIKE NO OTHER

PICKLEBALL HOLIDAY CHEER



Submitted Photos

Heather Lavigne and Lori Mortimer enjoying some hot cocoa.

SOUTH HADLEY - The South Hadley Pickleball community, together with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolf, and one of Santa's elves, recently enjoyed some holiday cheer while rallying to support the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.

The South Hadley Picklers, as they call themselves, according to a press statement, collectively donated more than 400 reusable bags and a box filled with peanut butter jars to the pantry at their first annual Holiday Cheer.

"South Hadley Pickleball has grown into one of the largest and most vibrant pickleball communities in Western Mass," a press statement reads.



Julie Gentile, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Volunteer Coordinator, with Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with some of the many bags and jars of peanut butter collected for the pantry.

Come Visit Santa, Mrs. Claus and his elves at his cabin in Buttery Brook Park

**Dec. 7, 8, 9, 10
Dec. 14, 15, 16, 17
5:30 - 7 p.m.**

Free Hot Chocolate and a Cookie

Brought to you by The Friends of **BUTTERY BROOK PARK**

Donations Welcome

Happy Holidays

PREMIUM Balsam & Fraser Fir Trees

ALWAYS FREE DELIVERY TO SOUTH HADLEY

GREEN OAK FARM

101 Hadley Street, Rte. 47
South Hadley • 533-9391
June & Lindy Bagg

Brighton.

Tis the season to SHINE

Come let our style experts curate your gift list and accessorize your holiday looks.

Artu **ARTS UNLIMITED**
The Village Commons
25 College Street, South Hadley
(413) 532-7047
www.arts-unlimited.com

CHRISTMAS AT THE BOATHOUSE WITH FREDDIE MARION & LAUREN FLEIT DAD & DAUGHTER DUO

DEC 3, 10 & 17 FROM 5 TO 8PM

**CALL TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE
413- 536- 2342**

BOATHOUSEDINING.COM

To advertise your business on the Town Reminder HOLIDAY PAGE, call Maureen at 283-8393 or email: mmcgarrett@turley.com

Give the Gift of Music Gerry's Music shop

Holiday Savings Too Big to Advertise on In Stock Items!
Acoustic Guitars • Electric Guitars • Amplifiers • Drums
Keyboards and Digital Pianos • Electric Basses
Band and Orchestral Instruments and Accessories!
Music Lessons Are the Gift That Keeps on Giving!

80 Lamb St., Rte. 116, So. Hadley, 534-7402
1-800-724-7402 OR 1-413-534-7402
www.gerrysmusicshop.com