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School administration addresses public concerns

By Nick Boonstra
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SOUTH HADLEY – Superintendent Mark McLaughlin and Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Voyik gave a presentation during the School Committee meeting on April 4 to respond to concerns made during the public hearing on the school budget two weeks prior.

The presentation went over expected ratios between paraprofessionals and students in the wake of proposed staff cuts, as well as to state that accusations of a bloated administration were unrealistic. Committee members discussed how best to keep the public informed, with some members feeling more needed to be done while others felt there were plentiful resources already available.

McLaughlin began the supplemental presentation by highlighting why he felt that giving it was necessary.

“Two weeks ago, we had a

budget hearing at the town Senior Center,” he said. “I must say that, in retrospect, I was in many ways taken aback by, not that there was comment, but at the tone of the comment, and the statements that were made that suggested things that were either really exaggerated or just not actually accurate.”

He continued, “I think the issues that we have to face in our district are great enough that it warrants a closer look at what this FY25 budget (for the 2024-2025 school year) proposes, and what it’s based upon.”

McLaughlin did make clear that he did not have any issue with the act of debating these important issues, and in fact welcomed discussion.

“I think that I have said on many occasions that I love debate,” he said. “I expect debate...But I do not apologize for resisting debate that is based on misstated facts and dramatic exaggerations to prove some sort of point. I don’t tolerate that.”

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the presentation the specific concerns he wanted to address that night. Concerns that he listed included perceived lack of prior planning and public dialogue, fears over services and programs being cut as a result of staff reductions, and the accusation that the district administration was “top heavy.”

This last claim was one that McLaughlin and Voyik addressed strongly during the

meeting.

“Of all the things that really surprised me in their vehemence on that night, the idea that an individual with considerable authority in the district would stand at a microphone and name a position for cutting really does not advance our cause,” he said. This comment was made in reference to South Hadley Education Association President Amy Foley’s suggestion during the public budget hearing that the position of Assistant Director of Student Services be eliminated.

“That was a, one could say almost a humiliating experience for the person — there is only one person in that particular position,” he said. “And this had not been shared with me prior.”

As a response to concerns about insufficient planning in the budgeting process, Voyik outlined how the district administration had begun the process of discussing the next budget in September, with initial budget requests sent out to all schools and departments in October.

She also specified that the Governor’s budget is not released until January, after which point members of the administration have a better idea of how much aid funding the district will be receiving from the state.

“It’s usually the third week of January, and that’s where we have an idea of where our Chapter 70 funds are going to fall,” she said, referring to state aid funding. “That gives us a better idea, in continued discussions with town administration, about what they’re seeing on the town side and what the town can afford for the schools.”

She then detailed how there are public discussions of the anticipated budget at School Committee meetings in February before the public presentation and hearing are held in March. She also explained that further meetings with the School Committee and Appropriations Committee take place before the proposed budget is ultimately voted on at

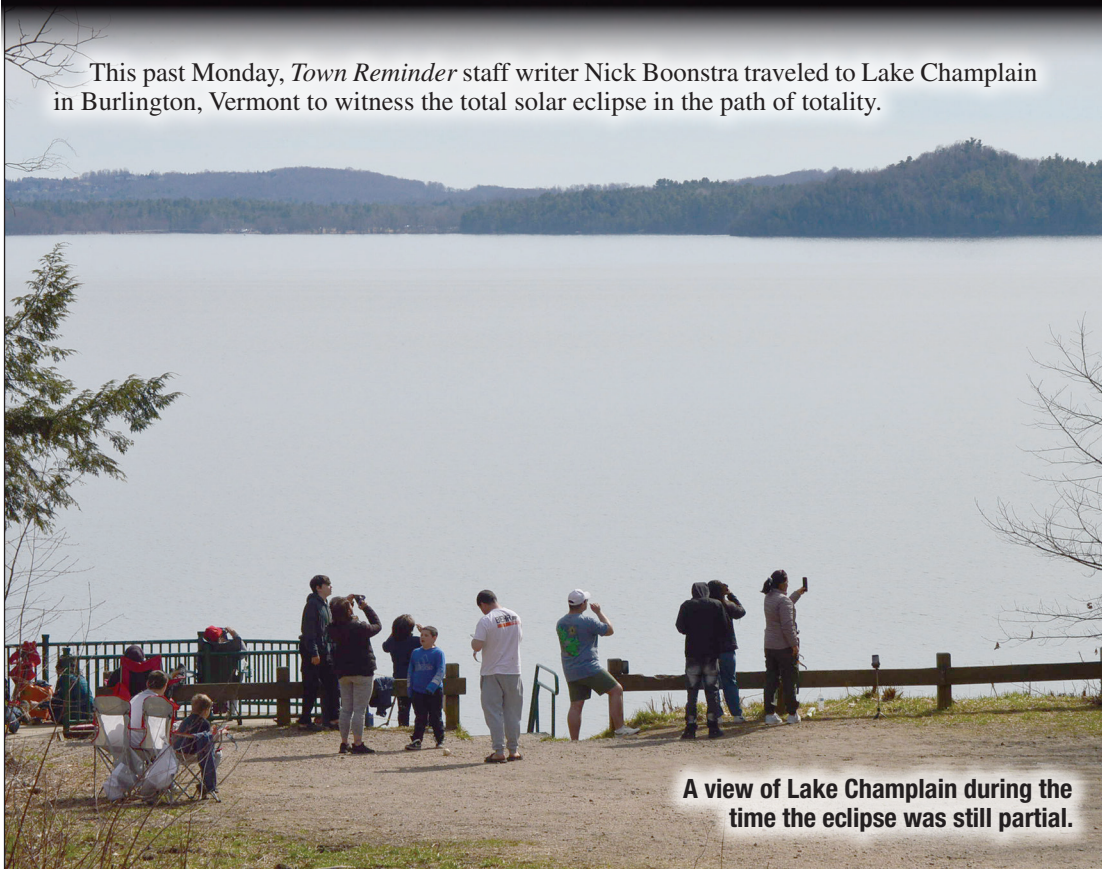
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Town Reminder TRACKS THE ECLIPSE

Views of the total eclipse from Burlington, Vermont. The red dots visible around the Moon are solar prominences that formed in the Sun’s corona.



This past Monday, *Town Reminder* staff writer Nick Boonstra traveled to Lake Champlain in Burlington, Vermont to witness the total solar eclipse in the path of totality.



A view of Lake Champlain during the time the eclipse was still partial.

Turley Photos by Nick Boonstra

Town Administrator discusses budget

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SOUTH HADLEY — Town Administrator Lisa Wong outlined her thoughts around the town’s budget at a meeting of the Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, April 4, devoting a significant amount of attention to the impact that the ongoing wage and classification study will have on salaries and budgeting in town.

As part of her presentation, Wong also touched on her expectation for there to be a level of reorganization within certain departments, with the primary example being the combination of two Senior Center director positions into a single Senior Service Coordinator. Members of the committee opted to take more time to review budget items in-depth before voting to approve specific line items as presented.

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Rep. Aaron Saunders speaks about need for Quabbin bill

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BELCHERTOWN — State Rep. Aaron Saunders (D-Belchertown) spoke at a meeting of the Friends of Quabbin on April 7, to promote a bill that aims to improve regional equity for the communities that host the Quabbin Reservoir.

House Bill 897, also known as An Act Relative to the Quabbin Watershed and Regional Equity, would create a trust fund to benefit Quabbin Reservoir Watershed Communities, which would be funded by a fee based on the amount of water used by supplied municipalities.



Turley photo by Nick Boonstra

State Rep. Aaron Saunders spoke at a meeting of the Friends of Quabbin held at the Belchertown United Church of Christ Fellowship Hal.

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Last concert of the season

SOUTH HADLEY— Norwottuck Chamber Concerts announces its upcoming concert “Fauré: 100 Years Later” as the concluding event of the 2023-2024 concert series. The recital will take place on Sunday, April 14, at 4 p.m., at All Saints’ Episcopal Church in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

The performance will feature Cinq mélodies de Venise for soprano and piano, the first Violin Sonata, and vocal selections by Fauré’s contemporaries: Saint-Saëns, de Grandval, Chausson, Duparc, and Dubois, promising an enchanting afternoon of French musical exploration. The concert features soprano Mary Hubbell, pianist Jingjing Wan, and violinist Amanda Stenroos.

Mary Hubbell, acclaimed soprano and voice faculty member at UMass Amherst, brings extensive experience in art song and chamber music to the stage. Her performances have graced prestigious venues such as Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival

in Charleston, SC.

Pianist Jingjing Wan, recognized for her virtuosity and musicality, has garnered accolades from competitions worldwide. She has performed as a soloist with Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts in Lee Foundation Theatre, Singapore Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra at National University of Singapore, and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra at the Hill Auditorium.

Violinist Amanda Stenroos is a local arts administrator, teacher and performer. She is the General Manager of the Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival in Colchester, VT and Norwottuck Chamber Concerts and is co-founder and Producer of the UMass Amherst Bach Festival and Symposium. Norwottuck Chamber Concerts is dedicated to providing musical enrichment for the All Saints’ congregation and greater Western Massachusetts community. Through intimate performances and opportunities for in-person interaction between



Submitted photo

Mary Hubbell, Jingjing Wan, and Amanda Stenroos will be performing in the concert “Fauré: 100 Years Later” as the concluding event of the 2023-2024 concert series.

performers and listeners, the series aims to foster a deeper appreciation for classical music among its performers and guests. Following the performance, all are invited to enjoy a reception of French-themed delicacies and an opportunity for commu-

nity and to meet the performers. Tickets for “Fauré: 100 Years Later” are available for purchase online at <https://www.allsaintsallwelcome.org/season-schedule>. Early booking is recommended to secure a place at this concert; tickets will be

available at the door on the day of the performance starting at 3:15 p.m.

For more information and ticket purchases, please visit the website or contact Norwottuck Chamber Concerts directly: norwottuckchamber@gmail.com.

Road closure for 3 months

SOUTH HADLEY— Attention South Hadley residents who travel on Main Street to Chicopee. Beginning Friday March 29, James Street hill from Syrek Street in Chicopee moving up the hill will be closed to thru traffic during work hours, Monday-Friday, 7a.m. to 5 p.m. This area will be closed to truck traffic completely, 24/7, during the duration of the work, estimated at this time

to be 3 months. Trucks will be asked to seek alternate routes during this time. Note that both Britton Street and New Ludlow/Ludlow Road which connect Chicopee to South Hadley do not allow truck traffic.

Regular vehicular traffic can access Britton Street Chicopee via Spring Street and Smith Street in South Hadley. Detour signage will be placed.

Bread & Puppet Theater comes to UMass Amherst April 19

AMHERST – Bread & Puppet Theater is excited to return to Massachusetts with a brand-new show created for this exact moment: “The Hope Principle Show: Citizens’ Shame and Hope in the Time of Genocide” on Friday, April 19 at UMass Amherst.

Of the show, Director Peter Schumann said, “With mother dirt prologue, citizen despair gymnastics, mass murder victim’s traditional dance of death celebration, absentee humanity dance. Featuring a flock of disaster ravens and hope principle caribou and exorcism rites for the genociders.”

After the show Bread & Puppet will serve its famous sourdough rye bread with

aioli, and Bread & Puppet’s “Cheap Art” – books, posters, postcards, pamphlets and banners from the Bread & Puppet Press will be for sale.

Tickets vary by location but as with all Bread and Puppet shows, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. The full tour schedule available at BreadAndPuppet.org/Tour.

Founded in 1963 by Peter Schumann on New York City’s Lower East Side, the theater has been based in the North East Kingdom of Vermont since the early 1970s and is one of the oldest, non-profit, self-supporting theatrical companies in the country.

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Rabies Clinic scheduled for April 27

The South Hadley Board of Health will be holding a rabies clinic for cats and dogs. The clinic will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the District 1 Fire Station, 144 Newton Street.

The clinic is for South Hadley residents only. No pre-registration is required. The cost is \$15 per animal to cover the cost of the vaccine. Cash only will be accepted.

Vendors wanted for Relay for Life craft/vendor fair

BELCHERTOWN – Crafters and vendors are sought for the American Cancer Society, Quaboag Relay for Life's 3rd Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Fair to be held on Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the Common, Routes 9 and 202.

All proceeds from the fair will benefit the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life.

For crafter/vendor selling information, please contact Vicki McAndrew by email at sv_jewelry@charter.net.

BBP 2024 events

SOUTH HADLEY— Buttery Brook Park is going to be hopping in 2024 having just finished our Easter Egg Hunt and hat contest. A Pickleball Tournament and Rays of Elvis Concert, will be held on the weekend of May 3-5.

Cruise Nights featuring vintage vehicles will begin on Friday, May 17. Besides the regular nights, special nights for Fords, Chevys, Mustangs, GTO's, Corvette/Mustang Shoot-Outs, etc. will have their own place alongside of at least 8 bands for the community to enjoy.

The Farmer's Market is coming back for its second year at the Park with its delicious and fresh offerings on June 5 and the Hiway Circus will be returning on June 25 and June 26. Children's Concerts are being planned for Wednesday mornings in July and the Recreation Dept. is scheduling soccer and summer programming for our younger kids.

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One of the most fun days of the year is Big Rig Day which is scheduled for July 18 starting at 10 a.m. Come see dozens of big rigs including fire trucks, police and construction vehicles, tow trucks of all sizes and many more.

The year will finish up with Santa Land held on Thursday to Sundays, Dec. 12 through Dec. 22.

Rentals for both pavilions and the log cabin for parties are ongoing from the Recreation Department website. The spray park will open for weekends on May 18, and will open on weekdays in June on the first day of summer vacation.

The Friends & Rec Dept. are working on some other exciting programs as well so stayed tuned and mark the calendars now for these mainly free events.

Taxes due in May

SOUTH HADLEY— 2024 quarter for real estate and personal property bills as well as

FY 2024 second half sewer bills were mailed out to residents on April 1.

The due date for real estate and personal property bills is May 1. The due date for sewer bills is May 15.

If households have not received their bills, please email our office at collector@south-hadley.ma.gov or call 413-538-5030, ext. 6189 and the office

can mail out a new bill.

Bills can also be viewed/printed through Invoice Cloud which can be accessed from the website.

Bills can be paid online through the Town of South Hadley's website, southhadley.ma.gov, by mail, dropped in the dropbox located behind the Police Department on Bridge Street or can pay in person

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration pick up in April

SOUTH HADLEY— Plains Elementary registration packet pickup for Pre-K, K and

1st grades will be during the month of April. Please stop by the office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Yard waste collection schedule

SOUTH HADLEY— The South Hadley DPW will begin curbside spring yard waste collection on April 1 through April 26. Paper bags or open containers only. The waste must be curbside by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Each route will

have two collections. Brush must be tied in bundles (no metal) of not more than four feet in length. Leaves, grass and brush only, Pno plastic bags. For any questions or more information please contact the DPW at 413-538-5030.

Family & Beginner Bird Walk

US Fish & Wildlife Service and the Allen Bird Club of Springfield, MA invite beginning birders of all ages to participate in a free, introductory bird walk to be held Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Springfield's Forest Park.

Geared toward those curious about birding, this introductory walk will focus on common local birds, identification tips, and appreciating

the joy of birding. Participants must be able to walk 1.5 - 2 miles on even footing with one, moderately steep hill. Please bring water, bug repellent, and comfortable footwear. Spare binoculars will be available for those who need them.

The Family Bird Walk will begin at the Picknelly Field parking lot at Forest Park's Route 5/Longmeadow entrance and will take place rain or shine.

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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The Belchertown Public School District is now accepting applications for the following School Choice openings for the 2024-2025 school year:

Grade K	7	Grade 6	2
Grade 1	10	Grade 7	10
Grade 2	6	Grade 8	10
Grade 4	3	Grade 9	5
Grade 5	5	Grade 10	5

The Belchertown Public Schools combine innovation and tradition to provide positive educational experiences for all of our students through quality programs, dynamic teaching and healthy relationships.

The deadline for submitting a **complete** application is 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, May 10, 2024.**

The selection of non-resident students for admission will be in the form of a random drawing when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces. There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place on May 10, 2024, and in the event of unexpected additional openings, a second drawing will be conducted on August 9, 2024.

The application and guidelines can be downloaded at **www.belchertownps.org** or picked up at 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA 01007.

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Opinion

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



Transplanting your homegrown seedlings

I bet there are a few garden enthusiasts out there with seedlings up and growing indoors.

My tomatoes are just poking through, but my peppers are ready for transplanting. Why transplant you ask? It's important that we give our young plants room to spread out!

If seeds were sown in rows, chances are that several seedlings have sprouted and are now growing within a close proximity to one another. They are competing for nutrients and moisture.

Even if two seeds were sown in a single cell of a six-pack and both germinated, they too are competing with one another in that tiny of a space. So, if we want garden center quality seedlings, we must transplant them to their own cell or small pot.

You know a seedling is ready for transplant when it has its "true leaves," not the cotyledon leaves that were first to sprout from the seed, but those that come right after. At this point in growth plant roots aren't tangled up and therefore transplant shock can be kept to a minimum.

Although the seedlings may be tiny and appear fragile, transplanting them is quite simple.

First, take a wooden plant label or dull butter knife and "cut" into the row of seedlings. Then, use your implement "spatula-style" to remove a small cluster of plants from the bottom up.

I always tell folks to "think brownies!" Be careful to get as many roots as you can.

Once you've done this it is time to separate them from one another. Gently pull on a leaf, not the stem, to pry them apart.

Think of it this way: the plant has two leaves but only one stem. If it should snap, that's it! Leaves on the other hand, can and will be replaced if accidentally torn off.

Individual seedlings can be planted in small containers or cell packs filled with soil-less growing medium. We steer clear of garden soil because of the pathogens and weed seeds it may contain as well as its tendency not to drain very well.

Soilless mix is sterile, and has the ability to retain moisture yet drain freely- just what the young seedling needs as it grows additional roots and top growth.

Make a hole in the moistened growing medium with your finger, a pencil or wooden dibble. Insert the seedling to the correct depth then firm around it with your fingers.

Most are transplanted to the same depth they were growing in the pack.

One exception is tomatoes; they can be buried deeper than they started out. This is because tomatoes have the ability to make roots along the length of their stem.

Another exception are marigolds. More roots mean healthier shoots!

Water the transplants well with a gentle spray. They can now be put back under the artificial lights you've rigged up.

Continue to keep the lights within inches of the plants for the stockiest growth. Or, if you're lucky enough to have a sunroom or hobby greenhouse, the seedlings will thrive there!

Shade them from direct sun for a few days after transplant to prevent wilting. Soon the roots will recover from the shock of transplant and will again be able to sustain the plant.

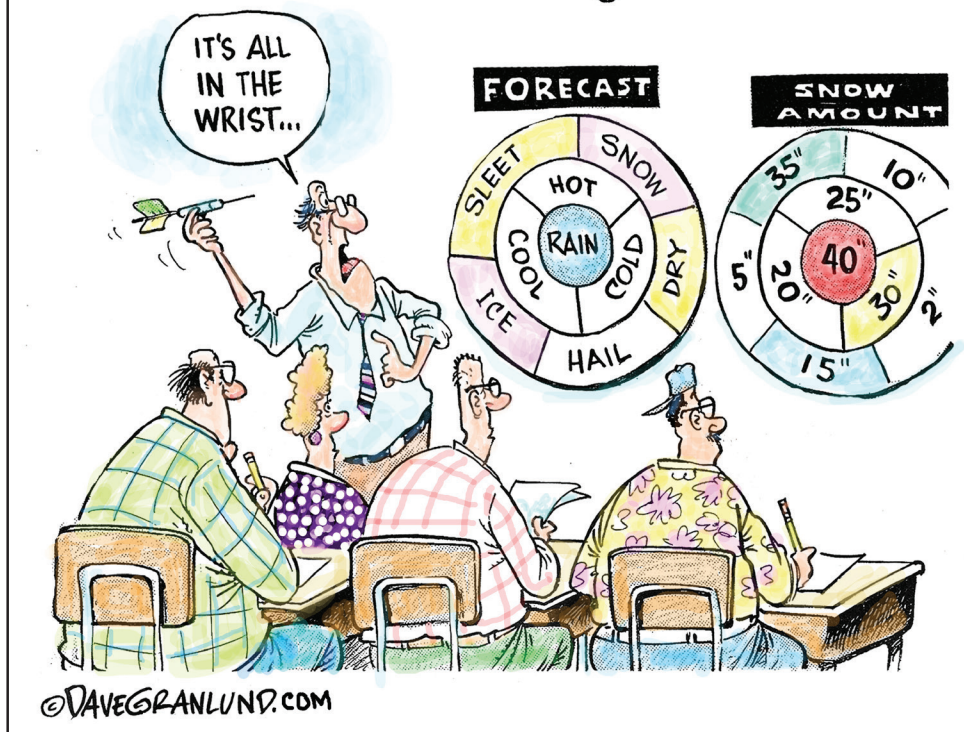
Night time temperatures can dip as low as 50 degrees for most plants. In fact, lower night temps will help to ensure the stocky specimen we desire.

Fertilize with half-strength liquid plant food every 10 days to two weeks. Begin to "harden-off" your transplants a couple of weeks prior to putting in the ground.

Thus far they have been kept in a carefully

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Refresher course for meteorologists...



in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer



Northern Flicker

A Blandford resident saw a male northern flicker during the April 4 snowstorm among other birds at her snowbound feeding station.

I saw a male northern flicker before the snow storm last week near the Barre line. The day after the snow, I saw one by the edge of the road at the ball-field in the center of Oakham, the only bare spot.

The northern flicker is about 13 inches long. Distinguishing marks include a black band or necklace under its throat, black spots on its breast, gray head and long beak. The male has a black line at the base of its bill, which the female lacks. Both have a red patch on the neck and a white rump, clearly visible in flight.

The flicker is the only ground feeding woodpecker. Ants make up almost half of its diet. It also catches insects in the air and eats fruit, berries and seeds. It will come to feeders like the one in Blandford.

Flickers are cavity nesters and excavate a hole in a tree, fence post or cactus. They will use a nest box. The female lays seven to nine white eggs. They make a loud "kekekeke" for territorial display and a "woikawoikawoka" during courtship. They also do muffled volleys of drumming.

Flocks of robins

The Blandford resident also had a flock of about 25 robins in her yard. She said they departed before she could shovel clear strip of grass for them and put out mealworms. I saw many robins along the side of the after last Thursdays snowstorm and the day after as there was no other area clear of snow.

Pileated woodpecker holes

I received a photo from a Charlton resident showing a tree with numerous holes

made by a pileated woodpecker. It was impressive.

I usually hear the pileated woodpecker more than I see them. Recently, I heard one and looked for it in the area of its hammering. I saw this one and it kept up its excavating as I watched it.

More snowstorm bird

A Brimfield resident, who sends me frequent bird sightings, said, "During the snow storm last week in addition to the usual suspects we had a field sparrow, a Carolina wren and about 36 goldfinch visit the yard. Some of the male goldfinch were beginning to show some yellow plumage."

Black vultures

The Brimfield resident said his wife saw two black vultures in the center of Brimfield feeding on a dead opossum. He said, "They are showing up in western Massachusetts more often recently."

Turkey vultures

A favorite roost for turkey vultures is near the transfer station in Barre on Depot Road. I saw several vultures circling over the area, several perched on lamp posts and a shed at the transfer station. One on the lamp post had its wings spread out. It was quite a sight to see.

I saw a turkey vulture spreading its wings like that several years ago on one of the high tension line poles in Oakham. It almost looked like it flew into the post.

Ospreys and herons

This Brimfield resident makes regular trips to several ponds. He said in his most recent email, "In Warren at the pond on South Street the osprey pair that have nested there the past three years have returned. Last year there were three great blue heron nests there that produced young. This year only one pair of herons has returned so far. At my last visit it looked like a heron was incubating eggs or maybe just sitting down?"

He also said, "At the great blue heron rookery at Conant Brook Dam in Monson there are four nest this year. On a visit last week the four nests had birds incubating eggs. There were six nest here last year but one of the trees with a nest looked like it was in danger of falling over, guess it did. And another nest has disappeared." He said there is an osprey pair at the playing fields in Wilbraham by the YMCA/Spec Pond. He saw one of osprey bring sticks to the nest and another visit one was sitting on the nest.

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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Granby library offers April school vacation fun

GRANBY – Stop by the Granby Free Public Library, 297 East State St. during school vacation week for a number of fun activities.

Lego Free Build

A Lego Free Build will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 11 a.m. Bring your imagination and build away with our extensive collection of Lego. This drop-in activity is for ages 4 and up.

Spring Scavenger Hunts!

Try the library's "I Spy" Mini Fairy Garden Tank through April. During the week of April 17-19 join the "Outdoor Fairy Find" and find four fairies hiding in outdoor garden and fill out their names on the find sheet.

The form you fill out from

each activity is a raffle ticket for a fairy garden basket.

Puppet show

Fairies of the Season Puppet Show Thursday, April 18 at 11 a.m. Every season has unique qualities: the trees look different, different kinds of plants are growing, and people wear and do different things.

In this magical show, each season has its own fairy that takes care of changing the natural world accordingly. This puppet show is for ages 2-7 and pre-registration is required.

All library programs are free of charge and open to the public. Call the library at 413-467-3320 during open hours for more information and to pre-register for programs.

Upcoming CFCE Preschool Programs at the library

GRANBY – CFCE Preschool Playgroups are held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Granby Free Public Library, 297 East State St.

Drop in and join this free playgroup, where you and your child (birth to 5 years old) can enjoy playtime, an activity and story circle time with Marti.

There is no Playgroup when Granby schools are closed, including school vacation weeks. Saturday Playgroup is held

once per month.

On April 12 at 11 a.m. join the drop-in Family Friday program during The Week of the Young Child. Meet friendly Granby Firefighters and create your own family fire safety plan with their help.

Climb on the firetruck too (if the truck is available).

A Pre-K and Kindergarten Readiness Event with the CFCE will be held on April 24 from 2:30-4 p.m. There will be information tables and

activities (2:30 p.m.) that will help prepare your children for preschool and kindergarten. Followed by lively songs with Liam Hurley (3-3:45 p.m.) No registration required.

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The fee proposed by the bill would be set at five cents per 1,000 gallons drawn and would be expected to raise \$3.5 million for the fund, according to a summary document for the bill provided by Saunders. The bill also proposes to adjust how communities would be paid from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, basing payments on total state land acreage as opposed to acreage above the high-water mark as is currently mandated.

Additionally, the bill would ensure that three members on the MWRA Board of Directors were residents of Connecticut River Basin communities. Currently, Monson Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz is the only one of the board's 11 members representing a community outside of the I-495 corridor.

Saunders explained that this bill, the first of its kind to be introduced in the House, was one that he proposed with a focus on

the future of the region, rather than its past. However, he made clear that it was the history of the region and its stewardship of the reservoir that made a bill like this necessary.

"When the Quabbin was built, when the four towns were taken from us, there were a number of communities that were also impacted forever," Saunders said.

Saunders went on to detail how many of the towns that contain the reservoir are left to rely primarily on property taxes over commercial development for raising municipal revenues, leading to both buildings and services that were beginning to degrade as a result of those lower figures. He said that this state of affairs was directly a result of the fact that these communities host the reservoir for other parts of the state.

"The lands that we protect for the Quabbin have foreclosed the ability for these communities to do anything else that may generate the type of revenue that funds public safety, that funds basic services that we expect from our



A bald eagle is shown flying over the Quabbin Reservoir.

communities," Saunders said.

Providing one example of suffering public facilities, Saunders said, "There is one usable room in the New Salem Town Hall; it's in the basement. The rest of the building is not fit for human consumption."

He said that this bill was not concerned with seeking repayment for these impacts historically, but rather was merely an attempt to recognize the worth of the region's protection of the reservoir, as well as to assure that the region will continue to be able to protect it going forward.

"The water provides such innumerable value to the people and the businesses and the communities of eastern Mass that

there ought to be some consideration given to the communities that steward this resource," Saunders said.

He added that this consideration would come at a minimal cost to MWRA ratepayers, providing an estimated figure of an additional six cents per month for the average Boston water and sewer customer.

Saunders also said this proposed bill was coming at a time when the burden placed on the Quabbin Reservoir may soon be increasing.

"There are a great number of communities in the eastern part of the state who are dealing with very serious water quality issues," Saunders said. "These are communities that need a reliable source of water, and they are looking to us to provide that."

He later added that he also wanted to make sure there would still be water left should communities in western Massachusetts also show an interest in joining the MWRA system.

Saunders admitted that he had encountered difficulty in try-

ing to help those from different parts of the state understand why a bill like this would be so important.

"Oftentimes, the initial response I get back is, 'Yes, it's sad that four towns were drowned, but it was a necessary step in the Commonwealth's future' - so on and so forth," Saunders said. However, he stated that it was possible to push back against this line of thinking.

"The way this is combated is through the voice of the folks who live here in the region," Saunders said. "Not only recounting the past, but talking about what life is like in western Mass now."

For this reason, Saunders emphasized the importance of individuals to speak out about the matter of regional equity as well as related topics such as water quality and public access to natural resources.

"The more that we can have these voices heard outside of just rooms like this, the more effective it is," Saunders said.

BUDGET from page 1

The town is currently undergoing a full-scale wage and classification study in conjunction with the University of Massachusetts Boston Edward J. Collins Center for Public Management. The study is aimed at establishing a concrete system for determining salaries and salary increases for town employees, as well as uniformly defining up-to-date job descriptions for all town employees, which Wong said were missing from many positions.

"We're starting from scratch," Wong said during the meeting. "It's very helpful to have Collins because we don't have job descriptions for a lot of positions."

Wong explained that the establishment of a transparent wage and job classification system will not only help the town's employees to feel valued for the work they do, but will also aid the town

in writing future budgets by setting reliable year-over-year expectations.

"People's salaries are what they are, and there's nothing in writing or structured," Wong said of the existing norm in town, explaining that the lack of organization and regularity can make budgeting future salaries difficult, especially when annual negotiations over salary increases lack a uniform structure for evaluation. She said that putting a system in place would instead make future budgeting processes more consistent and simpler.

While discussing this wage and classification study, Wong stated that she was actually opting for a pay cut in the coming budget, with a reduction in her salary of roughly three percent from \$175,000 to \$170,000.

"I had told people specifically that, as part of this wage and class (study), no one is going to get a pay cut," she said. "I lied. I'm the

only one who's going to get a pay cut."

She went on to explain that this was a decision she was voluntarily and willingly making with the town and its employees in mind.

"I don't think I'm necessarily being overpaid, I'll just say that," she stated. "But I do believe that this is incredibly personal. As much as this is political, as much as this is economic, you know, my staff are real people... I care very much about the workforce here."

As part of her presentation, Wong did say there would be a certain amount of reorganization within town, with the primary goal being to increase efficiency and reduce unnecessary redundancy between departments.

She said this mindset had already been crucial in saving the town money after efforts to devote additional resources to the town's building inspection services yielded strong results.

As one example of this, Wong said, "We have been using a particular elevator company, multiple departments in the town, multiple departments in the school department, using an elevator company, paying a monthly elevator maintenance contract, no one even knowing, 'Oh look, they haven't even been showing up.'" Wong said that having a dedicated individual to oversee these issues had already helped to significantly reduce these issues in town.

With that strategy having been successful, Wong said she wanted to apply the same line of thinking to the town's Council on Aging and Recreation Department.

"You also have recreation staff that are doing newsletters and calling the same vendors and using the same custodians and filling out the same volunteer liability forms," she said. "They're doing it in recreation. They're doing the same processes in Council on Aging. So why not combine

and say, 'Do I really need eight people all dealing with different vendors and social media and putting flyers together?'"

As part of this reorganizational line of thinking, Wong did say that she intended to combine a Director and Assistant Director position at the Council on Aging into a single Senior Service Coordinator position. Additionally, Wong referenced at different points during the meeting the expected gain from subsuming some of these redundant functions into a single Human Services department in town.

The next meeting of the Appropriations Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, where they will be alongside both the Selectboard and the Capital Planning Committee to further review the proposed budget ahead of Town Meeting in May.

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South Hadley track competes in first meet

WILBRAHAM – Earlier this week, Palmer track faced off with South Hadley. The Panthers held their meet at Minnechaug Regional High School in neighboring Wilbraham. Palmer’s track is being renovated and will not be ready until next season. Results of Monday’s meet were not made available as of press time.



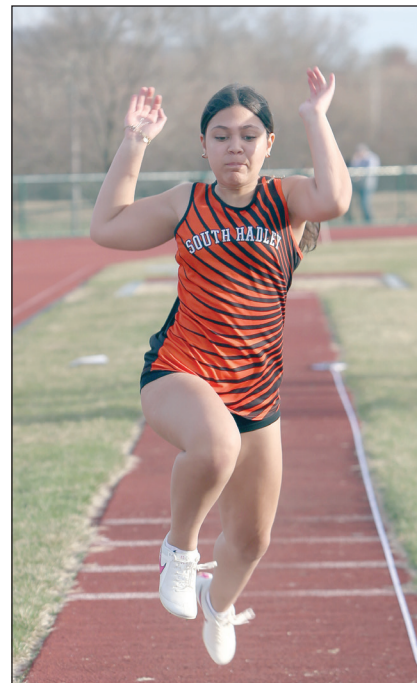
Mikay LaWeaver manages to get over high jump bar.



Arianna Melendez looks for a soft landing in the long jump.



Gwen Marion looks to clear the high jump.



Kayla Rivet competes in the long jump

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Tigers comeback falls short at Agawam

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM—Following a disappointing end to the 2023 regular season, the members of this year’s Agawam girls’ varsity lacrosse team were looking to begin this season with a victory.

Senior tri-captain Emma Murray contributed offensively with a hat-trick and four other players scored two goals, as the Brownies posted a 12-7 season opening non-league victory over South Hadley on a damp and chilly afternoon at Harmon A. Smith Field, last Tuesday.

“It wasn’t a pleasant day weather-wise, but this is a very nice way for us to start the regular season,” said longtime Agawam head coach Carla Lemnah-Warner. “We graduated five starters, who were all key players for us last year. We do have some big shoes to fill. Our three captains have stepped up so far this season.”

Agawam’s other two senior captains are Angelina Kozhenevsky, who scored a pair of goals, and Alexis Hurley.

The Brownies, who lost their final six games a year ago, has now won the last six matchups against South Hadley (0-2). The last time that the two squads faced each other was in 2021.

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Connor McDonnell advances up the field.



Stewart Szlosek meanders around an opponent.



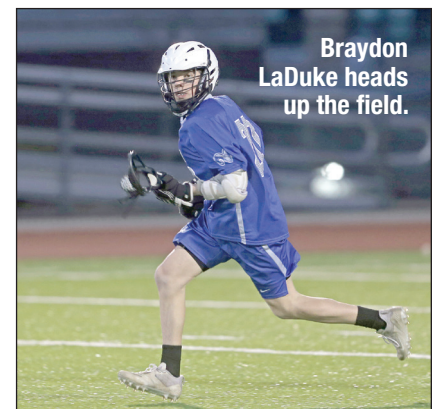
Riley Goodhind heads down the sideline.



Triston Moe makes a run up the field from the defensive end.



Jordan View Reed winds up for a pass.



Braydon LaDuke heads up the field.

Granby boys lacrosse edged by Colts

CHICOPEE – Last Monday night, Chicopee Comprehensive boys lacrosse, which co-ops with Chicopee High, defeated Granby 11-10. Granby was on the comeback trail, but came up just short as time expired in the game. Granby is 0-1 this season while Comp has jumped out to a 2-0 record.

T-Birds suffer loss against Laval

LAVAL, QC – The Springfield Thunderbirds (29-33-3-2) witnessed history from their leading scorer, but an offensive surge from the Laval Rocket (32-28-6-2) was too much, as the home team emerged with a 7-4 win on Saturday afternoon inside Place Bell.

The matinee affair doubled as a day at the fights in the first 2:45 of the game, as two separate scraps elevated the temperature on the two benches and throughout the Place Bell crowd. First, Sam Bitten came to the aid of his brother Will after the elder Bitten took a sturdy check from Tobie Bisson. Six seconds after Sam and Bisson scrapped, Brayden Guy made an impression in his second Thunderbirds game as he scored a winning decision in a tussle with Laval penalty minute leader Riley McKay.

Things did not get off on the right foot for the T-Birds, as a net-mouth scramble just 4:04 into the contest saw Mitchell Stephens open the scoring, jamming a forehand through Vadim Zherenko and giving Laval the 1-0 edge. That goal came moments after Zherenko made a marvelous sliding blocker save on a Stephens one-timer in the opening minute.

The Rocket and their raucous crowd were hoping to run Springfield out of the rink just 3:17 later when 2023 fifth-overall pick David Reinbacher stepped up in the offensive zone to the right circle and uncorked a post-ringer under

the bar to make it a 2-0 game on the rookie's second AHL goal.

Despite the early stumbles, the T-Birds stayed with the program. At 11:06, with an abbreviated power play, Mikhail Abramov connected from the low slot off a centering feed from Hugh McGing, cutting the Laval lead in half. Ryan Suzuki nearly equalized the game just seconds later when he slipped behind the defense, but Rocket netminder Jakub Dobes stood up to Suzuki with a sturdy blocker save.

Despite the Suzuki chance at Dobes' end of the rink, Zherenko continued to have a far busier period than the Laval goalie. To his credit, the T-Birds' second-year backstop stabilized and helped Springfield kill off a pair of abbreviated Rocket man-advantages to keep the 2-1 score intact after 20 minutes.

The T-Birds began the second period on another power play, and after a brief 5-on-3 ended, Adam Gaudette got the game evened up with a wrister from the right side just 1:03 into the middle period. The goal, his 39th of the season, brought him back into a tie with Samuel Fagemo of Ontario for the AHL goal-scoring lead.

Springfield, however, could not vault to the lead, and before long, the Rocket had scored two more to take a 4-2 advantage on goals 1:06 apart from Arnaud Durandeu and Philippe Maillet.

Down but unfettered, the T-Birds again showed resolve. Gaudette drew a penalty shot

after being held on his way in on goal on a breakaway. With a chance to become the first man in the AHL to reach 40 goals this season, Gaudette made no mistake, deking to the backhand and roofing a shot over Dobes to make it 4-3 at 11:40. The sharpshooter's 40th goal also marked the first time since 1990-91 that a Springfield AHL player recorded 40 goals in a single season.

Gaudette's marker also lit a fire under his team. Just 45 seconds later, Abramov whistled a cross-seam pass to a crashing Joey Duszak, who beat Dobes to tie the game, 4-4, at 12:25.

The 4-4 tie carried into the third, but an unfortunate break wound up putting Laval back in front for good. After Leo Loof fearless blocked a shot up near his face, the loose puck landed flat at the feet of Durandeu, who snapped it into an open net before Zherenko could locate it, and the Rocket lead was restored, 5-4, at 6:37 of the third.

This time, a third comeback was not in the cards for Springfield, as Stephens added his second and third goals of the night with a power-play redirect at 10:25 and an empty-netter with 1:11 remaining to finish the scoring. Stephens finished the night with three goals and two assists.

The T-Birds are next in action on Friday, April 12, when they begin a three-game weekend in Hartford against the Wolf Pack. Puck drop is set for 7 p.m. at the XL Center.

Registration now open to take part in Bay State Games

WOBURN – Registration for the 42nd annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2024 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from May 11 – July 27 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and North Star Ice Sports in Westborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Seven high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page

for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

Returning in 2024, Table Tennis will take place on June 1 at PingPod in Boston after a 5-year hiatus from the Summer Games sport lineup. New venues include Babson College, which will host the Girls Basketball Showcase, and North Star Ice Sports, which will host Figure Skating and the Girls Ice Hockey Showcase. Game On in Fitchburg will serve as a hub venue for eight sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July.

For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

Registration now open for Quabbin Valley baseball

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to infuse new talent into its league for the 2024 season.

Registration for the 2024 season is now open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

There are many open roster spots available in the league for the 2024 season, which is tentatively scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 21. The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South

Hadley normally used.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertaining taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league. Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team.

The league is currently in the process of preparing for the 2024 season and held a meeting on March 24 to discussion plans for the upcoming season. The next meeting will be held after the league's open practice for all players, including players interested in joining the league. The open practice will be at Beachgrounds Park in South Hadley at 10 a.m. on April 14.

Calder's five goals score huge win

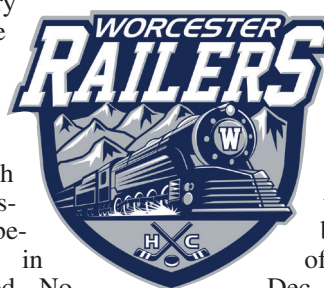
WORCESTER – It is hard to separate the various histories that were made in the Railers' 9-5 victory over Maine at the DCU Center Sunday afternoon but let's give it a try.

The triumph came after Worcester had fallen behind, 4-1, early in the second period. No Railers team in a history that dates back to 2017-18 had ever even earned a point, let alone won a game, after trailing by three goals.

Five Worcester goals were scored by Ashton Calder. That set a Railers record, established an individual league high for the season and was the first five-goal performance by a Worcester player of any uniform since the IceCats' John Carter scored five versus Cape

Breton here on Jan. 4, 1995.

Do the math. It last happened 29 years ago.



Calder also had two assists for a seven-point day. That set a team record and tied the Worcester pro mark set by Jim Campbell of the IceCats on Dec. 28, 1999 in a 9-4 victory over Saint John. He had three goals and four assists.

Finally, the nine goals were the most ever in Railers history. They had scored eight four times before including Saturday night.

After taking two of three from the Mariners this weekend, Worcester is in position to win itself into the playoffs. The Railers play three games at Trois-Rivieres next week-

end. Two victories and they are in. Worcester still has a chance to finish third, as well.

Maine has four games left, all versus first-place Adirondack.

Calder was plus-5, tying a Railers record. He has a four-game points streak during which he is 6-5-11. He has six goals in the last two games after enduring a stretch where he had six goals in 33 games.

"Basically," Calder said, "I just play the game the right way whether that means I score or make plays. Lately my linemate (Jake Pivonka) has been hot shooting the puck so I try to find him a lot, and when I have a pass I'm a passer, when I have a shot I'm a shooter."

"I don't try to think about it too much. I just play my game and go from there."

As has happened through-

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LACROSSE from page 7

The Lady Tigers, who lost at West Springfield in their season opener on March 29, played a game at Smith Field last May. They captured the Western Mass. Class B championship title for the first time in school history with a 13-5 win over Belchertown.

"It was nice playing another game on this field against a very good Agawam team," said South Hadley head coach Danielle Miele. "I'm happy with the way that we played, but we just made a couple of mistakes that we'll need to fix. We also got a little bit tired in the second half."

Prior to this season, a varsity girls' lacrosse match consisted of

two 25 minute halves. There are now four 12-minute quarters.

"It's probably going to take a couple of games for us to adjust to playing four quarters," Lemnah-Warner said. "I think the next thing they'll add is a shot clock. It'll prevent the stalling and it'll keep the game moving."

Following a turnover on the opening possession, South Hadley junior Margaret Watkins scored the first of her game-high four goals. It gave the visiting team a 1-0 lead with 10:32 remaining in the first period.

The Brownies responded with back-to-back goals by junior Gabby Cosentini and Murray, who recorded a hat-trick in a varsity game for the first time.

With 37.1 seconds left in the first period, Kozhenevsky scored a free position goal giving her team a 3-1 lead.

While Agawam sophomore goalie Kaylin Barna didn't make any saves during the first twelve minutes, South Hadley freshman goalie Riley Nestor made five saves. She finished her second varsity start with ten saves.

"Riley is only a freshman, but she made some big saves for us," Miele said. "It was an awesome performance by her."

After stealing a pass, Murray netted her second goal with 4:41 remaining in the first half.

The Lady Tigers was trailing, 4-1, before storming back.

Their comeback began with a

goal from senior Elliana Britton, which was assisted by junior Ava Asselin with 2:26 on the scoreboard clock.

Less than a minute later, Britton netted a free position goal closing the gap to 4-3.

The Lady Tigers won the ensuing draw and a shot attempt by Asselin was deflected away by Barna, who was credited with a total of five saves. She was replaced by freshman Paytyn Burke (6 saves) early in the fourth quarter.

With 47.3 seconds left in the first half, the Lady Tigers tied the score for the second time when Watkins fired a bounce shot into the cage.

A little more than three min-

utes into the second half, it looked like the Lady Tigers had taken a 5-4 lead, but the go-ahead goal was disallowed by the official because of a crease violation.

The Brownies entered the final period holding an 8-5 lead. Senior Isabella Castro scored two goals in the third period, while junior Isabella Spaulding and Murray added the other two goals for the home team. South Hadley's only goal of third period was scored by senior Rachel Yabra.

While Watkins scored a pair of goals during the final quarter, goals by the trio of Kozhenevsky, Spaulding and sophomore Sarah Kriebel helped the home team keep the lead.

SCHOOL from page 1

Town Meeting in May.

Massachusetts law stipulates that districts that are unable to approve a budget will receive sufficient appropriation from the state's Department of Education until a budget can be passed. If a school district fails to pass a budget by Dec. 1 of any year, the Department of Education assumes operation of that district, and the corresponding town or towns will have the funding needed for the school deducted from local aid.

McLaughlin also responded to assertions that budget discussions were not being had publicly or in a timely manner. Speaking in the context of discussions around decreasing reliance on School Choice funds, the Superintendent gave the reminder that public meetings are being held whether community members are choosing to watch them or not.

"I can't control who tunes in," he said. "But to suggest that those conversations haven't been had or weren't had in a timely manner is just contra-

dicted by the fact. Those agendas are publicly posted, as are the meeting notes and minutes."

The Superintendents confirmed that ratios between students and teachers as well as between students and paraprofessionals would still be well within ideal ranges after accounting for staffing cuts, while still leaving room for additional enrollments and inbound School Choice students for the coming year. Voyik specifically stated that any students requiring one-to-one support according to their Individualized Education Plan would continue to receive that level of support going forward.

The two also spoke at length about special education in the district, discussing their intent to implement an approach that seeks to reduce unnecessary referrals for special education while ensuring students in need of IEPs are receiving the appropriate service and attention they need, with keeping special education students in-district identified as a top priority.

After the Superintendents had completed their presenta-

tion, School Committee member Larry Dixon spoke up to voice his discontent over its considerable length.

"I appreciate all the information you're giving, but an hour-plus long presentation is hard to comment on when we're sitting and listening," he said. "There's some aspects here that I did want to comment on, but sitting and listening for an hour-plus is quite tough to really then have discussion."

Dixon went on to express his concern that difficulty with reaching and engaging with the public might be the most significant hurdle facing the committee and the administration in dealing with the issues discussed.

"I think the key challenge that I see here is really around this awareness raising, and how do we get this message out," he said.

He went on to say, "The impression I'm getting from individuals is that this is all kind of a surprise to them. And, you know, that's not a surprise because there's so few people that attend these meetings. So I think

in many ways the system is kind of broken."

Other members of the School Committee pushed back on these statements from Dixon.

"South Hadley cable TV here has these meetings posted publicly," said committee member Daniel View. "You could find them very easily. You could sift through these meetings and hear verbatim the conversation that we had today on multiple occasions."

View later added, "I don't think it should be the Superintendent's responsibility to spoon-feed that information to people who are now suddenly paying attention."

Vice-Chair Danielle Cooke felt that she fell in the middle of the two opinions. "I appreciate the presentation so much because I think it answered all of the critiques that we've had in the last few weeks," she said. "But I also empathize because it is a repeat of the things that we just did all year."

GARDEN from page 4

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RAILERS from page 8

out the season the Railers started slowly. That translated into a big early deficit and with the talented Brad Arvanitis in goal for Maine, that deficit looked like Mt. Katahdin.

"I wasn't thinking good thoughts," coach Jordan Smotherman said of that bad beginning, "but we have a resilient group and they did not let down."

The Railers argued that the Mariners' fourth goal by Sebastian Vidmar was directed in off his skate. That was at 3:24. They lost the debate but Calder scored his second of the game at 5:10 and the mood changed.

"As soon as we scored the second goal everything on the bench shifted," Smotherman said. "It got everybody's attention. The shoulders all came back from a slouch."

Calder made it 4-3 at 6:50 on what might have been the pass of the year from Joey Cipollone. Reece Newkirk tied it at 10:42 and Christian Krygier put Worcester ahead for good at 11:11. It was Krygier's second goal of the season, first since opening night.

Calder got his fourth at 18:14 with the Railers on a power play.

Tyler Drevitch got Maine back on the board at 1:43 of the third period making it a one-goal with lots of time left. Calder got his fifth at 4:48, though, to restore some scoreboard space.

Brendan Robbins hit an empty net at 18:17 and Ryan Verrier got his fourth of the season at 18:37 to set the franchise record.

Henrik Tikkanen got the win with 22 saves on 27 shots. Arvanitis was replaced by Shane Starrett for the third period and he made two saves.

Public Notice

Town of Granby Board of Appeals/Planning Board

The Granby Board of Appeals along with Granby Planning Board will hold a joint Public hearing on Monday, April 29 at 5:35 P.M. at 1 Library Lane, Old Carnegie Library, top floor, to consider the petition of Jeremy Lapointe seeking a Special Permit under Section 6.2 and Site Plan Approval under Section 6.3 of the Granby Zoning By-Laws, and applicable of Section III- Regulations, 3.7.5 - Accessory Uses, regarding a private garage or stables

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In addition to the above hearing, the Board of Appeals and Planning Board intend to conduct public meetings following said hearings as time permits. This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 40A and Chapter 39, Section 23B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Kathleen Bronner, Chairman Granby Board of Appeals James Trompke, Chairman Granby Planning Board 04/012, 04/19/2024

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