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Planning Board says goodbye to retiring member

By Nick Boonstra
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SOUTH HADLEY – The Planning Board bade farewell to Mike Davis, who is retiring and did not seek reelection, at the end of their meeting on April 9.

He said that he wanted to pivot his focus and “complete a few scholarly projects” in his time in retirement. He and Planning Board Chair Diane Mulvaney said they hoped they would continue to run into each other on

campus at Mount Holyoke College.

“It’s certainly been a real education for me to jump into the deep water of town planning,” Davis said of his time on the board. “I just have nothing but respect for the amount of work that goes into planning for the town, and the breadth and extent of what’s involved.”

Mulvaney shared her appreciation for Davis’s service on the Planning Board.

“Thank you very much for stepping up to the plate and do-

ing this,” she said. “It’s not an easy task. There aren’t too many people around who will step up to say, ‘Gee, that’s something I want to do.’”

Joanna Brown also shared her thanks to Davis for his time on the board.

“I want to thank you, Mike, for your service to this committee, and wish you well in all your future academic and other projects,” she said.

Rob Watchilla was elected to Davis’ seat unopposed in the town’s elections last month, and

is slated to begin his term on the board at their next meeting.

During the meeting, the board approved a site plan review from Karyna Rondeau to operate a small bakery out of her home on Meadow Lane.

Rondeau said this venture would be new for her, but that she had been receiving positive feedback about her baked goods and wanted to take this next step. She expected to be operational only on Fridays and Saturdays,

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MIKE DAVIS
PLANNING BOARD

Package store gets final chance to reopen

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Selectboard decided to delay taking action on the potential revocation of a liquor license for 3 Corners Package Store, located on Amherst Road, during their meeting on April 16.

The board had the opportunity to revoke the license from Hamid Habib, the package store’s owner, on the grounds of alleged non-operation of the business for nearly two years, but opted to delay making a final decision for six months on the advice of Town Counsel. Habib was present for the meeting virtually, and said he intended to lease

reopening if the business remained continuously non-operational for two straight years due to the zoning of the parcel on which 3 Corners Package Store sits.

Habib explained during the hearing that he had intended to have the package store reopen sooner, but that the business partner he had been working with had come to suffer under poor health, and recently passed away. Now, Habib had identified a new partner, Rajesh Kumar J. Patel, to whom he would lease the property, and he said he was intent on transferring his liquor license to Patel.

Patel was present for the meeting in-person and confirmed that he intended to assume operation of the package store from Habib as it had been operated previously.

Town Counsel Matthew Provencher helped to contextualize the situation with 3 Corners Package Store for the Selectboard, distinguishing between a revocation hearing held last year and the one currently at hand.

“I’m aware from a review of the history of the case that the was some notice provided to Mr. Habib last year that arose out of his non-use of the property,” he said. “And that towards the end of last calendar year, he made efforts to bring the business back into operation. I think we’ve heard here tonight that those efforts,

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Turley Photo by Nick Boonstra

Gabrielle Benoit of Belchertown and Riku Mizoguchi of Tokyo, Japan were excited ahead of the MacDuffie School’s 13th Annual Run for Hope. Mizoguchi went on to win the Men’s Under-20 division of the race.

SB approves sewer, trash rate increases

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - At its April 16 meeting, the South Hadley Selectboard unanimously voted to increase both the sewer and trash fees for fiscal year 2025, with the rates going into effect on July 1. The sewer fee will be \$450, up from \$360 this year, and the trash fee will be \$225, up from \$125 this year.

The increases are likely the first in regular yearly increases over the next several years that will cover expected improvement costs at the wastewater treatment plant and a change in service to the trash services.

The votes came after numerous public presentations about

the need for fee increases, discussions at multiple selectboard meetings and a packed public hearing on April 13. Many residents have spoken of the hardship of increased fees, particularly on the senior citizen population, but many residents and selectboard members also noted that they knew the increases had to happen.

The increased trash fee for FY25 will be a bridge to a new automated trash collection system, from the current manual collection, which will start in FY26 and build up the enterprise fund to buy the carts necessary for that switch. The rate is part of new negotiations with the town’s current trash collector, Republic Services, for a five-year contract

with the first year being manual collection and then a shift to automatic collection.

Residents will take an additional hit for the first year because they will still need to buy green bags until the switch to automation and carts in FY26. Department of Public Works Director John Broderick and the selectboard recognized this, but noted that the increase should be balanced out by not needing to buy green bags in the future.

The increase in the sewer fee is also preparation for the future costs of improvements and maintenance. If the rate had stayed at its current level, then the department would likely

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Community

Artists needed

EASTHAMPTON— CitySpace is thrilled to announce the launch of its 2024 Pay It Forward program, aimed at supporting artists and organizations across Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. This initiative provides free access to CitySpace’s Blue Room, a dynamic performance and incubator space situated in the historic Old Town Hall of Easthampton.

Interested applicants can submit their proposals via cityspaceeasthampton.org/pif until May 6, at 11:59 p.m.

Pay It Forward offers artists short-term residencies and access to the venue for public performances and rehearsals between July and December 2024. Selected artists will receive a stipend of up to \$1,000, along with proceeds from ticket sales generated by their public performances. Moreover, recipients will benefit from workshops, peer-learning cohorts, and personalized coaching sessions aimed at enhancing their artistic practice, fostering new skills, connections, and innovative ideas.



Grupo Mambique, 2023 Pay It Forward Recipient.

Submitted Photos



Alex Paquin, Falling in Love During a Pandemic and Waking Up to Reality, 2023 Pay It Forward Recipient.

Open to performers of all disciplines. Pay It Forward seeks to empower the vibrant artistic community within Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. While open to all artists and creative organizations in the three counties, Pay It Forward focuses on supporting under-resourced artists and encourages BIPOC artists, LGBTQ+ artists, artists living with disabilities, and organizations that serve such artists, to apply.

Having piloted the Pay It Forward program alongside the unveiling of the Blue Room, CitySpace has witnessed the impact of the program firsthand. Kim

Chin-Gibbons, a 2022 pilot program recipient with her progressive rock band Sunset Mission, and recently appointed CitySpace Artist Advisory committee member said, “This program allowed us the time to really develop everything, not just to our liking but the necessary whole of what we are trying to do. We got to have rehearsals all day long, run tech, and shoot a music video. It was wonderful.”

Officially launching the program in 2023, Pay It Forward offered over 1250 complementary hours last year to artists for theater performances, concerts, rehearsals and more. Queer Com-

munity Theatre founders and 2023 Pay It Forward recipients, Emily Fuller and Erin F., attest to its significance to their sold out production of Bar Dykes, stating, “Without the Pay It Forward program, we absolutely would not have been able to make this production the success that it was.”

Pay It Forward 2024 is made possible by the generous funding from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts’ Valley Creates, Greenfield Saving Bank, Peak Performance Roofing, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Delap Real Estate, Finck and Perras, and Tandem Bagel.

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have been operating in the red within a couple of years. The raise to \$450 per year will allow for all operations expenses, in

addition to the capital purchase that the department will be asking for at the May town meeting and the special town meeting in the fall.



At the May town meeting, the department will ask for some


immediate needs. Those included \$500,000 for a bypass system for the Main Street station and \$52,000 for a transformer upgrade and a \$50,000 channel grinder for that station.

At the special town meeting

in November, there will be warrant items for a \$660,000 sewer vacuum truck and \$60,000 for a pickup truck. The current pickup truck is 15 years old and the current sewer vacuum truck is 24 years old.

The wastewater treatment plant is currently undergoing a comprehensive plan study that will outline the plant and station’s needs in future years.



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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@southhadleyma.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, southhadleyma.gov, by mail, dropped in the drop-box 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.

Spring 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.

Jazz concert to support Music & Arts South Hadley, Center Church

SOUTH HADLEY – Music at the Center and JAZZ Productions present a concert event on Saturday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Center Church, 1 Church St.

A five-member band of New York City-based jazz artists will present an evening of the music of late composer Johnny Anz. The concert is produced by the composer's son and South Hadley resident, John Anz.

The band features leader Benny Benack III on trumpet and vocals, Miki Yamanaka on piano,

Alex Claffy on bass, Joe Peri on drums, and special guest vocalist Anaïs Reno.

Advance ticket sales are \$25 and VIP packages are \$95 for this performance. Tickets are available on Eventbrite through June 13. General admission will also be available at the doors the night of the event for \$30.

Any net proceeds from the performance will be donated to Music & Arts South Hadley and the Center Church outreach team.

Critical and generous in-kind support has been provided by Music & Arts South Hadley, PIP Marketing, Signs & Print of East Longmeadow, the Residence Inn in Chicopee, SHCTV 15 and the Yarde Tavern in South Hadley.

Firehouse Museum open every fourth Sunday

SOUTH HADLEY -- The Firehouse Museum is located at 4 North Main St. is open to the public on the fourth Sunday of each month from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

There is no charge to visit this museum and it is appropriate for all ages. Knowledgeable docents are always ready to answer questions.

The museum is not handicapped accessible.

The exhibits, on two floors, cover a broad range of South Hadley's history, including the historic navigable canal, which is the oldest in the country, industries and agriculture, military history and everyday life.

The South Hadley Historical Society always welcomes donations of any memorabilia related to South Hadley history.

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preparing decorated cakes and cupcakes for graduation parties and other special events.

Rondeau initially was unsure about what sort of volume to expect for her in-home bakery. "I don't know how many people [to expect] right now because I'm just starting out, so it's hard to

say," she said.

However, after further conversation with the board, she agreed that she would not expect more than three or four orders in a single day.

Some neighbors of Rondeau's appeared at the public hearing to ask if there would be any new construction associated with this project. When

it was clarified that there would be no new construction, they expressed their full support for Rondeau and her venture.

"We wish you the best of luck, and a very successful business, and look forward to meeting our neighbor sometime," the neighbor said.

The Planning Board also discussed the Business A-1 Zoning

Amendment report that they will be sending to Town Meeting as a result of the successful petition of the board from Himanshu Patel, owner of Liquor Town on Granby Road, during a previous meeting. Approval from Town Meeting would allow for multi-family residential developments in the Business A-1 zone under certain conditions and with ap-

proval from the Planning Board.

No discussion was held on the Special Permit application for a short-term rental that was initially addressed during the board's previous meeting on March 25. The agenda for this April 9 meeting indicated that the public hearing for the application had been canceled as the application had been withdrawn.



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Opinion



Blueberry propagation experiment

A reader from Hardwick wrote in asking how to propagate blueberry bushes.

I've never tried to propagate blueberry bushes myself, but have always thought that it would make good sense, especially if you have a limited pocketbook and a few productive plants on hand already, or at least you know someone that does.

Obviously, you would not want to replicate a plant that doesn't produce well or one that turns out berries that aren't to your liking.

In researching this skill, I found there to be two schools of thought on the matter: propagation by either softwood cuttings or hardwood cuttings.

Softwood cuttings are taken when the bush is in active growth, usually late June through early July, roughly about two months after spring growth began. The growth is new, not woody, but should not be super pliable or light green in appearance either, nor should it contain any flowers or immature fruit.

A stem should be cut about 5-8 inches long and the leaves should be pinched off of the last couple of inches. Fill a 4 inch or slightly bigger pot with a material that will drain freely but not be too fertile.

You are mainly looking for anchoring material; good options being equal parts sand and peat moss or sand and perlite. I've even heard of people using bark mulch.

Some experts employ a rooting hormone; others say the cutting will root regardless. I will use it because I have some on hand.

You will notice that there are different types of rooting hormone. Usually, it will say whether it is the type for softwood or hardwood cutting right on the container.

I'll dip the bottom of the stem into the hormone. Using a pencil, I'll make a hole in the material I've chosen to root the cuttings in and insert the cutting into the hole so at least those two or three nodes from where the leaves were, are covered.

I set the pots in the shade, and I mist them a few times daily so that they will not wilt and die before they form roots. Experts say that this method will yield roots in 2-7 weeks.

Some challenges include keeping the media wet enough to prevent wilting, but not so wet that you end up with fungal problems.

Hardwood cuttings, in contrast, are taken during the dormant season, usually around the time that you are pruning. One expert actually recommended using stems from branches that are pruned away.

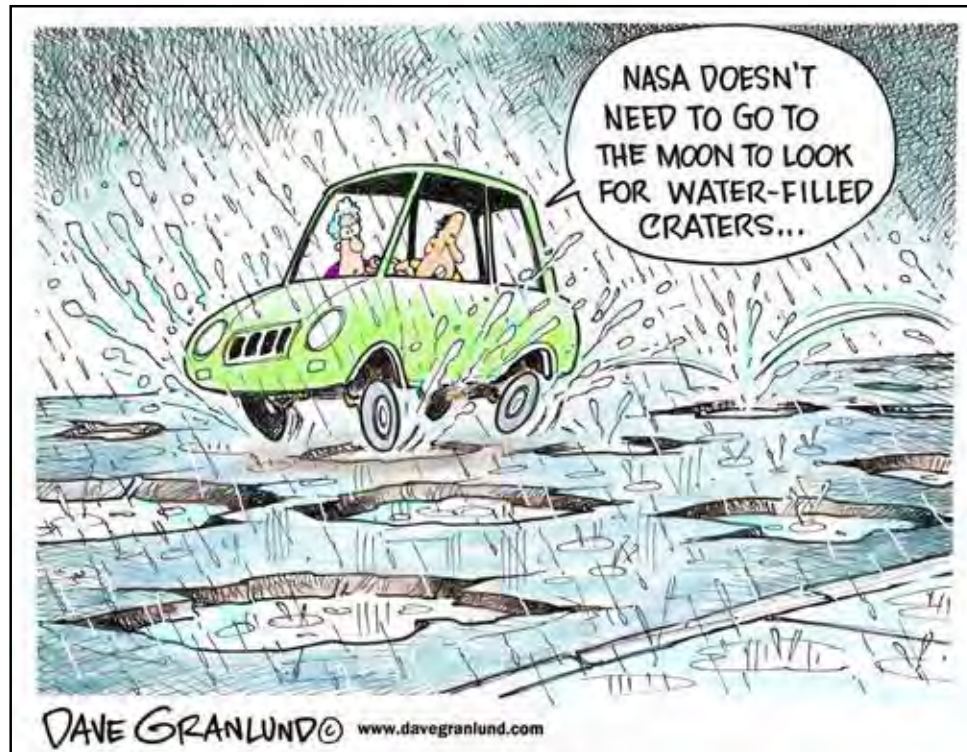
The stems should be green or red in color and diameter-wise just smaller than that of a pencil. Much narrower stems seem to produce good results as well. It's important to cut off the tips of branches that contain any buds that look like flower buds - they are a little rounder in appearance.

The same pot size and anchoring material is recommended but you would use a rooting hormone geared towards hardwood cuttings; it is a bit stronger. Hardwood cuttings are handled the same way - placed in the shade and misted, but because they have to "wake up" then callus and root, they take a few weeks longer to show results in at least two months, maybe 3-4.

No matter which way you take your cuttings, it's important not to tug on them or disturb them in any way in their pot, even though you may be anxious to see how successful you've been. You will know they are rooted by the quality of new growth you'd see; maybe even a new branch coming from the base.

Once sufficiently rooted the cuttings can be transplanted into a more fertile media and a larger pot or into a nursery area in your garden.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank You to our incredible volunteers!

We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our exceptional team of volunteers at the senior center! Their unwavering dedication and selfless commitment have truly made a monumental difference in the lives of our community's seniors.

Over the past year, our remarkable volunteers have collectively contributed an astounding 7,616 hours of their time. Their tireless efforts have enriched countless lives, bringing joy, companionship, and support to those who need it most.

In addition to their invaluable time, our volunteers have also helped us save a remarkable \$13,963 in operational costs. Their willingness to lend a helping hand has not

only lightened the workload but has also allowed us to allocate resources more effectively, ensuring that we can continue to provide essential services to our seniors.

To each and every one of our volunteers: your compassion, generosity, and dedication do not go unnoticed. You are the heart and soul of our senior center, and we are endlessly grateful for all that you do. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. Together, we are truly making our community a brighter and more compassionate place for all!

South Hadley Council on Aging



Can I claim Social Security and still work?

Dear Rusty:

I will be turning 63 soon. Can I apply for Social Security and continue to work?

Would I be limited to how many hours or how much I could make? I know my monthly SS amount would be cut by 30% or somewhere around there, but how would working affect me? I was trying to read up on this, but the \$1 and \$2 thing confused me. I have an offer to take a work-at-home position and need to decide soon, but it is a cut in income. The cut would be okay if I could draw my Social Security too.

Signed: Wanting Work at Home

Dear Wanting:

If you claim your Social Security to start in the month you turn 63, you'll be claiming 4 years before your Full Retirement Age of 67, which means your monthly benefit at 63 will be about 25% less than it would be if you claimed SS at age 67. And if you are working before your FRA, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test."

The 2024 earnings limit for those collecting early Social Security benefits is \$22,320 (this limit changes annually). If your annual earnings exceed the limit, Social Security will assess a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. They will recover that penalty amount by withholding future benefits until they recover what you owe.

If your work earnings are under the annual limit, you will get all your monthly SS

benefits. But if you exceed the limit, they will find that out after you submit your income tax return (the following year) and issue you an overpayment notice, telling you how much you owe for exceeding the limit last year.

They will then withhold your benefits until they get back what you owe or you can repay them in a lump sum. To avoid the overpayment notice, it is best to inform Social Security in advance that you will exceed the annual earnings limit and they will simply withhold your monthly SS benefits during the year for enough months to avoid overpaying you.

So, what you should do depends largely on how much your earnings from your new work-at-home position will be. If your earnings are below the annual limit, no penalty will be assessed. If you only exceed the annual limit by a little bit, then you can still work and earn and simply repay them what is owed for exceeding the limit or have your SS benefit temporarily withheld.

If you only exceed the earnings limit by a little, you'll still get benefits for most months of the year. But if you significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, you could even be ineligible to receive SS benefits until you either earn less or reach your full retirement age, the earnings limit goes away at your FRA.

So, what you should do depends on what "a cut in income" means in terms of your expected annual earnings amount. If your total annual earnings will be under the annual limit, your SS benefit won't be affected. If you only exceed the limit by a little bit, then you will get SS benefits for most months of the year. But if your annual earnings are significantly over each year's annual earnings limit, then you won't get SS benefits for most months of the year and may even be tempo-

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An icy hike at the Holyoke Range

By Julie Midura
Correspondent

“GET OUT OF THE WAY!” Tom yelled as the thunderous sound of splintering wood filled the space between us and sent my heart racing with fear.

We arrived at the Seven Sisters trailhead at the Holyoke Range at 10am on a recent Sunday morning. Our plan was to do a ten mile out and back hike along the ridge. The previous day’s heavy rain combined with the frigid overnight temperatures caused a thick coating of ice to cling to the trees. As we moved upwards toward the summit of Bear Mountain in the midmorning sunshine, we were awestruck from the dazzling brilliance of the ice-encased trees.

Ten minutes into our hike, we encountered two women who were descending. They warned us that there was an overwhelming number of downed trees that were blocking the trail; so prolific that they feared losing their way and decided to turn back. Tom and I continued on, and within minutes, we encountered our first blowdown. As we scrambled over a patchwork of twisted limbs and bent branches, we wondered how many more fallen trees we would encounter. We reached the summit of Bear Mountain without incident, and stopped to marvel at the view before continuing along the ridge.

Soon we were pushing through the ice-coated branches of trees bent in half from the weight of the ice. It was both exhausting and exhilarating at the same time. The experience was similar to walking through a crystal chandelier, with the gentle sound of twinkling glass echoing all around us.

However, our delight eventually turned to shock as we encountered more and more blowdowns strewn haphazardly along the trail. Trees ranging in size from a mere fifteen feet to what had to be a hundred-foot tall behemoth lay scattered and splintered like giant toothpicks thrown from the heavens. Tom and I had never seen so much devastation on a hiking trail before. I felt saddened by the destruction, yet also in awe of the raw power of what nature has the ability to unleash. Dozens of trees and limbs littered the earth, unable to withstand both the weight of their ice-laden

branches and the blowing wind that ensued.

Our progress was slow, the result of wading through an ever-growing accumulation of ice chunks below our feet that the trees began shedding when the sun rose high enough to kiss the treetops with sunlight. By early afternoon, the sound of large chunks of ice crashing to the ground became a constant melody.

There is a sound that a tree makes as it releases ice from its branches. It’s quite distinctive; similar to the sound of twisting an ice cube tray in order to free the ice from its trappings. Nothing to worry about when you’re in your kitchen filling your glass, but a sound that instills fear when it’s coming from directly above your head in the middle of the forest. For that is when the ice becomes NOT a chiller of drinks, but a projectile.

Three-and-a-half miles into our hike, having dodged wayward ice chunks for the better part of an hour, we decided that we’d had enough fun for one day and turned to make our way back to the trailhead. And that is when a nearby tree decided to shed MORE than just ice.

We were stopped on the trail. Tom was about twenty feet ahead of me. We were talking about how unsettling it was to hear the ice breaking away from the treetops and crashing to the ground all around us. But the sound of ice hitting the earth paled in comparison to this new sound that suddenly came from behind me. The source of the sound was unmistakable, and the decibel level told me that this was no small branch that was breaking off of a tree trunk. A tree was coming down. And based on Tom’s scream to get out of the way, I was in its path.

Now, prior to that moment, I assumed that all of the trees and limbs that were going to fall had probably already fallen. The rest of the trees were likely strong enough to withstand the onslaught of ice and wind. If they were not, they would have fallen already. Right?

WRONG!
Now it’s cataclysmic moments like this when you begin to second guess your decisions. Like perhaps taking a hike on a trail that was littered with fallen trees immediately following an ice event wasn’t such a good



idea after all. Especially since the reason for the destruction was still very much in evidence on every tree in the vicinity. But there would be time to question

my life choices later. Right now, there was just one thing to do. RUN!

When I heard the explosive crack of splintering wood and

simultaneously heard Tom yell, “GET OUT OF THE WAY!” I knew that I had, at best, two seconds to get out of the trees path. With my heart exploding out of my chest, I sprinted towards the largest tree nearest me and leapt behind it for cover. A millisecond later, the ground shook as the tree struck the ground.

I remained motionless, trying to comprehend what had just happened while waiting for my racing heart to return to its natural rhythm. I peered around the tree I had taken shelter behind and looked at Tom with my mouth hanging open. The top of the tree was no more than twenty feet from where I was standing. With enormous relief, I looked up to the heavens and said, “Thank you.”

As we walked away from what had been the scariest experience we had ever been through on a hiking trail, I thought to myself, ‘I really need to rethink my life choices.’

See you in the wild places, my friends! But perhaps not in conditions such as the ones described here.

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Prep & Culinary Lesson:

Mon., April 22 2 p.m.

Final Firing & Meal:

Tuesday, April 23 2:00 p.m.

Traditional meatloaf, South African Boboti, and Cajun Shepherds pie.

Tuesday, April 30 at 5:00 p.m.

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Applications will be collected during the months of April and May. Weekly delivery to the Senior Center from the farm will begin in mid July. Applications are available at the Senior Center or by emailing Ann at aandras@southhadley.ma.gov. On June 1, thirty (30) names will be randomly drawn and those applicants will be notified. You must be 60 years or older to qualify. In addition, you must be able to answer yes to one of the four criteria:

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YWCA Golf Tournament supports youth programs

SPRINGFIELD – YWCA Board Chair Kim Casineau has announced the hosting of the YWCA Golf Tournament to be held at the Springfield Country Club in West Springfield on Monday, May 6 with registration now open online at ywworks.org.

Proceeds of the charity golf tournament will go towards support of the Children Who Witness Violence program that offers therapy for children who have witnessed or experienced abuse and violence. The Healthy and Empowering Relationship Education program of the YWCA, that supports Springfield middle and high schoolers to learn about healthy relationships and friendships, will also benefit from proceeds raised at the tournament.

According to Casineau, organizer of the event, "the leadership work the YWCA is doing in addressing domestic and sexual violence is critically important. These two youth-oriented programs are providing much needed support and resources in our community. I encourage all who are interested in supporting our event to contact me at kcasineau@thecoatinghouse.com or register on the website. We need golfers, cash donations and donations for our raffle. My goal is to raise awareness to all the

great work the YW does for our community in a fun way. Please join us on May 6 in support of these very worthy programs."

The cost per golfer to participate in the tournament is \$155, and includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, and a quarter zip jacket. There will be a raffle and cash bar at the country club.

Individuals or organizations interested in registering or sponsoring the event can go online to ywworks.org.

Headquartered in Spring-

field, the YWCA also provides services

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Calendar raffle benefits Amherst Senior Center

AMHERST – The Friends of the Amherst Senior Center is selling tickets for its first calendar raffle.

The raffle tickets cost \$5 each and the action will begin May 1 at the offices of the Senior Center at the Bangs Community Center, Boltwood Walk. There will be a raffle for every day of May.

Winners will also have their tickets returned to the spinning drum for even more chances to win.

The raffle is being held to benefit the programs at the Amherst Senior Center.

Tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center office and also at the Amherst Farmers Market on Saturday, April 21 and April 27 where Friends members will have a table to also distribute literature about the many senior services available.

People can also contact Dennis Vandal for tickets by emailing dennisvandal@gmail.com.

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SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Public Library is hosting a Fast Friends program on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Community Room at 2 Canal St.

One of the hardest things to do as an adult is make friends. Whether it is someone who also enjoys the same hobbies or has the same sense of humor, come on down and get to know people in two-minute timed meetings, and find a new friend or arch enemy, the possibilities are endless. For ages 18 plus. Questions for the event will be provided. Coffee and tea will be available. Also, craft supplies to make bad art will also be available during a time to hang out after the event and chat. No sign-up needed. Any questions please call Desi at 413-538-5045.

South Hadley High School Band reunion planned

SOUTH HADLEY – If you were a member of the South Hadley Marching 100 during Roger Farnworth's tenure from 1965-1980 you are invited to a three-day celebration of the band and its accomplishments.

Events include:
Aug. 16, casual gathering, with place

and time to be determined.

Aug. 17, SHHS Meet and Greet: Donuts, coffee and photo-op will be provided. Place and time to be determined.

Aug. 17, Main Event held at The Elks Lodge in Holyoke at 5 p.m.

Aug. 18, Breakfast at the Boathouse in South Hadley at 9:30 a.m.

Join the reunion for all the events or any of your choice to make new memories and celebrate the old. For tickets or more information visit: The South Hadley Tiger Marching 100 on Facebook or by emailing Karen Kawalec Quinn at jkequinn@gmail.com or Craig Parker at craig1414p@gmail.com.

Rabies clinic set 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.



Friends of the South Hadley seniors' annual meeting on April 22

SOUTH HADLEY – Any to learn more about the Friends of the South Hadley seniors and the good work this nonprofit does for seniors in town? Join the Friends on Monday, April 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a free lunch at Iona's Kitchen. Email southhadleyseniors@gmail.com or call Janet at 413-534-5886 to reserve a seat as seating as limited. Reservations must be made ahead of time.

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rarily ineligible to receive benefits.

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I'm excited to try taking cuttings of my blueberry bushes. I may even take some from my mom's plants.

What a nice memory it would be to have the descendants of my childhood blueberry bushes growing on my own property.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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though they were made at the time, were ultimately not successful, and what's before the board is still a continued non-operation of the business."

Provencher also explained that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission historically had favored a six-month window between initial notice and revocation for cases such as this.

"What I would recommend under these circumstances is that, in light of the ABCC's previous decisions, and the fact that Mr. Habib has come and Mr. Patel, his potential business partner, is before you about a contemplated transfer of the license, that you take the position that a six-month notice period should run from the March communication that you pro-

vided to him," he said.

A number of individuals from the community appeared at the public hearing the voice their displeasure with the extended non-use of the 3 Corners Package Store property.

Marc Desrosiers felt that the situation had been one of consistent excuses without results.

"It's been over two years, at least, that we've been hearing this story of, 'My dog ate my homework,'" he said. "And we're continuing tonight with the same story."

Joanna Brown addressed the appearance of the building specifically.

"I travel the Route 116 path from South Hadley Center to Amherst very frequently and back again," she said. "And I remember being present in one of these

meetings last fall when the current owner of the store promised that he would go there directly and take down the 'For Sale' sign that was on the store. It's been at least four months, and the 'For Sale' sign never came down."

She added that she worried that the appearance of the building set a poor first impression for anyone coming into town from that direction.

"So I would like to see there be some commitment on the part of the current owner to make sure that there's rapid, immediate improvement in the way the building and the property around it looks at present," she Brown said.

Selectboard Vice Chair Jeff Cyr echoed Brown's concerns as well.

"I hope that, much like Joanna said,

that there are strides made to improve the appearance of that property," he said. "And I hope the town enforcement is right up to snuff if, in fact, they do go ahead and open, to be sure they're within the guidelines."

Habib said that he understood the concerns being raised and would be making sure that they were addressed quickly, and that the urgency of the matter was not lost on him.

"I completely understand this is going to be my last chance to have that place come back to life," he said.

The Selectboard voted 4-1 in favor of providing Habib the six-month continuance, to the Selectboard meeting on Sept. 17 at 7:05 p.m. Cyr provided the lone dissenting vote.



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RUN 4 HOPE *combines community & service*

By Nick Boonstra
Staff Writer
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GRANBY – The MacDuffie School held their 13th annual Run for Hope on April 13, raising funds for charity and bringing the community together for fitness and for fun.

The 5K race was run by over 40 participants, including both MacDuffie students and residents from the surrounding area, who turned out despite the overcast and at times wet spring weather. Winners in their respective age and gender categories were awarded prizes including passes to Six Flags, and funds raised were donated to Food for the Hungry, an international Christian charity.

The MacDuffie School is a private, nonsectarian school for students in grades six to 12, with students from more than a dozen nations in attendance, according to Head of School Steven Griffin.

The school's diversity was on display during the race.

"Just today I see students from the USA, Vietnam, Japan, China, Turkey, Spain," he said.

Griffin said that he had worked to start the charity race when he first came on as Head of School 13 years ago, but that he was happy to have seen it become a student-run effort in more recent years. He said he had wanted to create an event



The group of over 40 runners set off for the race while Benoit and Head of School Steven Griffin watch along.

that got students focused on international service while also engaging with each other and the community.

Gabrielle Benoit of Belcher-town oversaw the organization of the run this year, after having helped as a volunteer previously, and said she felt it was good to get involved more directly in the event.

Griffin said after the race that about \$1,500 had been raised to support Food for the Hungry. Additional information about the charity is available online at <https://www.fh.org/>.



Amherst's Koby Gardner-Levine won the race with a time of 20:05. He said after the race that he was happy to be able to get involved with community events.



Pablo Guillaumet of the Dominican Republic makes a final push with a shirt decorated by the "color run" portions of the race.



The international makeup of the MacDuffie School was on display during the race, as demonstrated by students Valeria Gonzalez (left) of the Dominican Republic and Zahwa Benyahya of Spain running together.

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South Hadley scores shutout on Monson

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY—Whenever Ella Schaeffer is standing in the middle of the pitcher's circle, the South Hadley varsity softball team has a very good chance of winning a game.

The hard throwing junior righthander came very close to hurling a perfect game, as the Lady Tigers defeated Valley Wheel League rival Monson, 9-0, in the home opener, last Monday afternoon (April 8).

"I've coached a lot of very good pitchers during my coaching career, but Ella is probably the best. She's always in control out there," said South Hadley varsity softball coach Junior Perez, who was previously the junior varsity softball coach at Chicopee High School for 15 years. "If we're able to score a couple of early runs, it's like having a seven or eight run lead."

In the Lady Tigers first meeting of the regular season against the Lady Mustangs, Schaeffer allowed two infield hits and didn't issue any walks.

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Isabella Shaeffer pitches for the Tigers against Monson last Monday afternoon.



Ryley McMahon squares around to bunt.

Carillon pitches Granby past Ludlow

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

GRANBY—In a span of a couple of hours last Wednesday afternoon, Mabel and Brandon Carillon were the winning pitchers for the Granby varsity softball and varsity baseball teams.

Brandon Carillon, who's a freshman right-hander, and his teammates celebrated a 13-5 home victory over Suburban Central League rival Ludlow. It was the first meeting on the baseball diamond between the two neighboring high schools.

"It just feels great winning my first varsity baseball game," said Carillon, who lives in the shadows of the Granby High School baseball field. "I was a little bit nervous when coach (James) Woods told me that I was going to be the starting pitcher in today's game. We did fall behind early in the game, but my teammates helped me out a lot."

Brandon's sister is a junior member of the varsity softball team, who defeated Smith Academy, 21-8, in five innings.

Carillon, who was a member of the Rams j.v. baseball team last year, pitched three innings in the season opener against Smith Academy, which was



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Brodie Funk sends a throw to first.

a 15-4 win. He hurled the first five innings against the Lions allowing four runs on four hits. He walked seven batters and had four strikeouts.

"Brandon was a little bit shaky on the mound in the first inning, but he quickly settled down after that," said Granby assistant coach Matt Misiaszek. "He got out of a second inning

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Karli Carmody goes for a slap hit.



Erin Bullough makes an easy throw to first base.



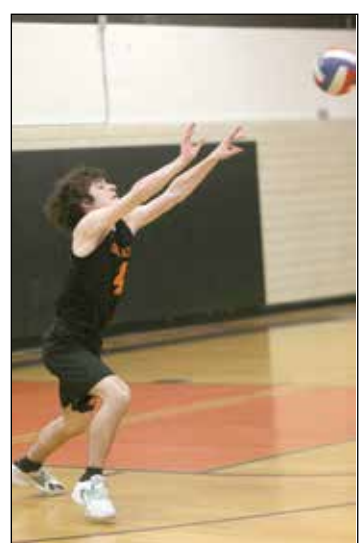
Sophia Butler gets a lead off first.



Spencer Labonte catches a throw to third.



Colin Murdock backhands a grounder.



Kayden Avisata-Taylor looks for a set.



Beau Briere squares up a bump.

Pacers take down South Hadley

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Thursday afternoon, Chicopee boys volleyball defeated host South Hadley 3-0. The Pacers improved to 2-3 on the year with the win, winning straight sets 25-17, 25-11, and 25-18. South Hadley, which is a new varsity program this year, fell to 2-3 on the year. South Hadley won its first two games of the season, but have lost their last three during the past week.

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Sam Morozov jumps as he bumps from the back line.



Junoon Giridhar sets the ball over the net.

Win keeps playoff hopes alive for T-Birds

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (30-35-3-2) snapped their six-game slide with a 4-2 comeback win over the Providence Bruins (40-20-6-3) on Sunday afternoon inside a sold-out Mass-Mutual Center, the 19th such crowd this season.

The afternoon started rocky, as Patrick Brown connected on a forehand from the slot area on the day's first shot to give Providence a 1-0 lead 46 seconds into the contest.

T-Birds starting goaltender Colten Ellis put himself into a pickle at 9:24 of the first when he mishandled a puck to the side of his net. After a pair of Bruins dislodged it, the third man on the attack, rookie Jaxon Nelson, deked to the backhand to beat Ellis and give Providence a 2-0 advantage. It was Nelson's first professional goal.

Brandon Bussi drew the net for the Bruins, and after shutting out the T-Birds on March 10, he had his sights on duplicating the feat on Sunday, hold-

ing the T-Birds off the board past the midpoint of regulation.

With their backs against the wall, the T-Birds leaned on their Man of the Year to jumpstart the squad. Off a draw at 13:08 of the middle stanza, Drew Callin pushed past his opponent to hack a shot toward Bussi's crease. The normally stout netminder sprung a leak this time as the puck sneaked under his legs to get Springfield on the board, cutting the lead to 2-1.

Following matching minors and another penalty to the Bruins, Springfield's man advantage earned a 4-on-3 opportunity, and the AHL's leading goal scorer made his presence known as Adam Gaudette rifled a one-time snapper over Bussi's glove at 14:40, tying the score off a perfect cross-ice setup by Jakub Vrana.

Special teams proved paramount for Springfield, as the penalty kill went a perfect 5-for-5, including two clutch

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HoopHall announces unique exhibit for summer

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced another brand new exhibit coming to the museum this summer titled The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked. This innovative and immersive experience will be unlike anything the Basketball Hall of Fame has previously produced. The Hall of Fame has collaborated with the NBA's most storied franchise to present this inaugural installation of The Vault.

"We are excited to launch another state-of-the-art space in the world's finest sports museum," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. "The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked is a limited engagement that will feature a finely crafted experience that

will capture the imagination of sports fans and speak to the heart of what makes basketball the world's most popular game."

Matt Zeysing, Vice President of Curatorial for the museum, began working on The Vault concept more than a year ago. "We knew we wanted to create something spectacular, something that basketball fans had never seen before. The Boston Celtics represent a winning tradition that is second to none and that tradition still continues today. To that end, our team has carefully curated and brought together the most sought-after Celtic memorabilia in the world."

Set in an immersive bank vault, Celtics legends from the past and present will take visitors on an epic journey to discover

the true meaning of Celtic Pride. The Vault will feature authentic game-worn jerseys, championship rings, the original '81 NBA championship trophy, long-lost footage, and much more.

"The Boston Celtics are honored to bring their history and tradition to life with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked," said Boston Celtics Team President Rich Gotham. "We hope fans enjoy this immersive experience, which will showcase unique memorabilia and celebrate the Celtics' storied legacy."

Visitors will enjoy an exclusive display of Celtics memorabilia for a limited period. Tickets for the museum can be purchased online at etix.com or at the door.

Roster spots still open in Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League

Rosters spots are dwindling, but there are still some spots available as the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League prepares for its season opener on Sunday, April 28 featuring three games.

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.

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 used as well some expansion to the surrounding area this season. The league does not play on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

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.

GRANBY from page 9

jam without allowing any runs, which was huge for us. Brandon is a talented pitcher, and he knows the game of baseball very well."

Woods, who's the longtime Granby varsity baseball coach wasn't available following the game, which was called due to darkness with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Granby sophomore righthander Anthony Santiago, who replaced Carillon on the mound in the top of the sixth, allowed an unearned run and a hit.

The home victory evened the Rams overall record to 2-2. The Lions fell to 1-3. It was the first league game for both teams.

"We're a young team," said Ludlow head coach Aaron Patterson, who was the boys' basketball coach at the McDuffie School "We're going to continue



Brandon Carillon fires a pitch to the plate for the Rams.

to play hard in every game this season. I just love coaching this

group of players."

The Lions did take a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Freshman Christian Kochanek, who was the Lions starting pitcher, doubled to left leading off the frame. He scored when freshman DH Nicholas Dion (2-for-3) lined a single into left field. Senior first baseman Stephen Goodreau, who drew a two-out walk, scored the Lions other run on a wild pitch.

Kochanek stranded a pair of runners in scoring position in the bottom half of the inning.

Then sophomore shortstop Mason Morace and sophomore centerfielder Alex Spurlock drew back-to-back walks leading off the top of the second inning. The Lions failed to add to their lead in that inning, as Carillon struck out the next two batters before catching a pop-up.

Ludlow made a costly throwing error in the bottom of the sec-

ond leading to five unearned runs.

Four of the Rams runs scored on RBI singles by senior second baseman Colin Murdock, senior catcher Nik Misiaszek, Santiago, and Carillon. Misiaszek scored the fifth run of the inning on a wild pitch.

The Rams added four more runs in their next at-bats with the help of two run singles by Santiago and Carillon.

Overall, Kochanek allowed nine runs (two earned) on seven hits with two walks and two strikeouts during the first three innings. He was replaced on the mound by freshman righty Luke Stejna before the bottom of the fourth inning.

Granby sent ten batters to the plate in that frame and four of them scored. Junior first baseman Gavin Kennedy drove home two runs with a single to left. The Rams other two runs scored on a throwing error, which made the

score 13-2.

Had the Rams been able to keep Ludlow from scoring two runs in the top of the fifth inning, the game would've ended at that point due to the ten-run mercy rule.

The Lions first run of the frame scored on a Dion RBI single to right field. Stenja, who walked, scored the second run on a wild pitch keeping the game going a little bit longer.

Ludlow scored another run in the top of the sixth.

With two outs in the home half of the frame, Misiaszek and Carillon, who both had two hits apiece, hit back-to-back singles.

At that point, the umpires decided to stop the game, which began at 5pm, due to darkness.

The Rams are scheduled to make the short trip to Whitney Park to battle the Lions for a second time on April 30.

SOFTBALL from page 9

"The South Hadley pitcher throws the ball very hard. She'll probably be the best pitcher we're going to face this season," said Monson head coach Jill Carneglia. "We just couldn't get our bats on the ball against her in today's game."

Schaeffer also had 18 strikeouts in the Lady Tigers home opener, which raised her career total to 496.

"I can't wait until I reach 500 career strikeouts," Schaeffer said. "My next goal is to break the school strikeout record." That record is currently held by Courtney Kapinos, who finished her varsity softball career with 531 K's.

The state strikeout record is 1,002, which is held by Emma Mendoker, who played softball at Amherst Regional.

Schaeffer opposed Monson

junior righthander Molly Szado for the fifth time in a varsity softball game.

Szado and her teammates swept the season series two years ago.

Szado struck out 19 batters in the first meeting of the 2022 regular season, which was a 7-2 victory.

The Lady Mustangs posted a 1-0 shutout win in the second meeting.

Schaeffer and her teammates swept the season series a year ago. The final score of both games was 3-0. Schaeffer also had 19 strikeouts in the two games.

"Molly and I have played basketball together for the South Hadley DARE Organization," Schaeffer said. "She's a very good pitcher and it has been a lot of fun facing her."

Both teams had a 1-0 record entering their first meeting of the 2024 regular season.

The Lady Tigers put a lot of pressure on Szado during the first two innings, but they failed to score.

Senior shortstop Jenna Bobrowski drew a leadoff walk in the bottom of the first inning before stealing second base. Following a strikeout, a groundball out by senior catcher Ara Powers moved Bobrowski over to third base. Szado ended that threat with another strikeout.

South Hadley junior first baseman Sophia Butler began the second inning with a walk. Then back-to-back bunt hits by junior centerfielder Karli Carmody and freshman third baseman Ryley McMahan loaded the bases with no outs.

Once again, Szado escaped the jam with a force out at the plate and two more K's.

The Lady Tigers loaded the bases again in their next at-bats and they wound up scoring three runs.

Powers, who grounded a single up the middle into centerfield, scored the game's first run on a fielder's choice play by Carmody. Freshman left fielder Grace Matyszewski drove home another run with a bases loaded walk. Then Carmody crossed the plate on a wild pitch.

With one-out in the top of the fourth inning, Monson junior shortstop Natalie Hull ended Schaeffer's perfect game bid with a bunt hit. She then stole second base, but Schaeffer retired the next two batters.

Schaeffer drove home one of her team's three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning with a flyball double to left field. The Lady Tigers other two runs crossed the plate on a Butler groundout and a wild pitch.

"We did all of the little things offensively. We put down bunts and ran the bases," Perez said. "We played very well today."

Szado changed places with

freshman first baseman Chelsea Hull at the start of the fifth inning.

"We do have two very good pitchers this year," Carneglia said. "We were expecting another pitching duel. We're hoping to play a little bit better when we face South Hadley again."

Szado allowed six runs on five base hits with five walks and eight strikeouts.

The Lady Tigers plated three more runs on two base hits against Hull, who's a lefty.

After Schaeffer retired ten consecutive batters, junior centerfielder Ella Corthell beat out an infield hit to the shortstop with two outs in the top of the seventh inning.

Schaeffer then ended the ballgame with her 18th strikeout.

Monson is scheduled to host South Hadley in the second meeting of the regular season on May 11 at 2 p.m.

Public Notices

Sale of Motor Vehicles Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A

Notice is hereby given by Hampshire Towing, 650 New Ludlow Rd., South Hadley, MA 01075, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that a SEALED BID auction with bids due Monday, May 06, 2024 at 9 a.m. Vehicles can be viewed Mon-Friday 9am-4pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY starting April 22, 2024. Call 413-534-5373 to make appointment

The following motor vehicles will be sold to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles:

2018 Chevrolet Silverado 1500
VIN: 1GCVKPEC0JZ243610
Benjamin Hart
115 Chute Rd.
Windham, ME 04062

1997 International Trailer Utility
VIN: 1ZFUF1215VB004676
Elisha Hutchinson
28 White Birch Ave.
Greenfield MA 01301

2005 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM56845A006611
Waleska Santos
88 Tyler St., Apt 2
Springfield MA 01109

2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee
VIN: 1J4GW48S8YC225524
Wendi Matt
90 Rosedell Dr., Bldg Home
Westfield MA 01085

2013 Kia Optima
VIN: 5XXGN4A70DG113454
Maxwell Jones
143 Blanan Dr., #0
Chicopee MA 01020

2015 Ford Fusion
VIN: 3FA6P0H93FR202225
Andrea Machabee
101 Bradway Rd.
Monson MA 01057
2010 BMW 3 Series
VIN: WBAWV5C53AP082022
Alexander Bonilla
53 Empire St., Apt. A
Chicopee MA 01013

2006 Ford F-350 Super Duty
VIN: 1FDWF37P46EB14717
Luz Ortiz
26 Forestdale Ave., Apt 1
Holyoke, MA 01040

2009 Nissan Murano
VIN: JN8AZ18W49W148580
Yamaries Rivera
296 Canon Cir.
Springfield, MA 01118

2008 Chrysler Pacifica
VIN: 2A8GF68X58R144199
Katrina Savage
544 Nassau Dr., #1
Springfield, MA 01129

2009 Mercedes-Benz C-Class
VIN: WDDGF81X99F210362
Aron Tito
69 New Bridge St., Apt. 1
West Springfield, MA 01089

2012 Ford Focus
VIN: 1FAHP3F29CL229388
Katherine Austin
41 Colonial Ave., Apt. 1
Agawam, MA 01001

1999 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 2T1BR12E6XC240991
Katherine Jones
10 Sparkill St.
Watertown, MA 02472

2009 Scion TC
VIN: JTKDE167690291056
Jeamy Maldonado Estela
4 Crescent Dr.
Chicopee, MA 01013

2005 Chrysler Sebring
VIN: 1C3EL66R05N705711
Angel Torres
1328 Memorial Dr., Apt. 5C
Chicopee, MA 01020

2006 Acura TSX
VIN: JH4CL96876C034335
Josue Ruiz Caballero

1024 W. Becher St.
Milwaukee, WI 53215

2019 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGFC2F81KH553007
Honda Lease Trust
11675 Great Oaks Way #200
Alpharetta, GA 30022

2008 Volkswagen Jetta
VIN: 3VWRZ71K78M188978
Johnathan Digennaro
561 State Rd.
North Adams, MA 01247

2010 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL2AP4AN439635
Zbigniew Gola
12 Bullens St.
Chicopee, MA 01013

2004 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM66514A035283
Natasha Rivera
324 Hampden St., Apt. 2R
Holyoke, MA 01040

1988 Star Onvoy Motorhome
VIN: 17N630123JW009575
Ford Ivey
9 Patten Ct., Apt. 3
Nashua, NH 03060

1995 Toyota Tercel
VIN: JT2EL55D8S0004220
Shawn Bryant
1 French Ter., Apt 2
Clinton, MA 01510

1998 Dodge Ram Pickup 1500
VIN: 3B7HF13Z6WG160325
Suellen Thornhill
16 Clyde Ave.
West Springfield, MA 01089

2007 Nissan Murano
VIN: JN8AZ08W37W655302
Kevin Paul
4 Elliot St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2004 Acura TL
VIN: 19UUA66264A014822
Xavier Nieves
1071 Main St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2010 Volvo XC60
VIN: YV4992DZ9A2126569
Latisha James
270 Main St., Apt. 2L
Holyoke, MA 01040

2003 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 1NXBR32E33Z187834
Karla Velazquez
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Tulsa, OK 74105

2000 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCG6690YA120809
Dustin Wright
PO Box 511
Bondsville, MA 01009

2006 Chevrolet Equinox
VIN: 2CNDL73F266126325
Christoph Castellanosfonseca
26 Beatty St.
Trenton, NJ 08611

2007 Honda Odyssey
VIN: 5FNRL38787B434650
Angelica Perez Rivera
111 Totowa Ave.
Paterson, NJ 07502

2013 Mazda Mazda 6
VIN: 1YVHZ8BHXD5M12360
Jamie Cottingham
262 Lyman St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2009 Hyundai ACCENT
VIN: KMHCN36CX9U128510
Shaunna Battaini
88 Summer St., Apt. 2B
Adams, MA 01220

2006 Mitsubishi Eclipse
VIN: 4A3AK24F36E034113
John Warnick 4th
113 Easton Court
Williamstown, NJ 08094

2009 Chevrolet Cobalt
VIN: 1G1AK18H997208535
McGee Cumings
310 Forrest Ave.
Clinton, TN 37716

1989 Ford Bronco II
VIN: 1FMCU14TXKUC38747
James Corbett
60 New Bridge St., Apt 1
West Springfield, MA 01089

WDBRF61J51F119093
Wilfredo Cotto
225 Converse St.
Longmeadow, MA 01106

2009 Dodge Grand Caravan
VIN: 2D8HN54159R615734
No records found

2008 Infiniti G35
VIN: JNKBV61F98M270900
Tyrone Battle
32 Blake Hill St.
Springfield, MA 01108

2015 Nissan Versa
VIN: 3N1CE2CP7FL392315
Carol Ann Williams
6605 Elmwood Rd.
North Port, FL 34287

2005 BMW X5
VIN: 5UXFB53505LV11706
Tamicha Luna
9 Shelby St., Apt. 7D
East Boston, MA 02128

2003 Chevrolet Malibu
VIN: 1G1ND52J93M676708
Susan Spagnolo
33 Norman Ter., Apt. 8
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

2002 Chevrolet Tracker
VIN: 2CNBJ634426944347
Kelly Connor
1477 Main Rd.
Stamford, VT 05352

2008 Lincoln MKX
VIN: 2LMDU88C28BJ06026
Arthur Jones
207 Pomeroy Ave
Pittsfield, MA 01201

2007 BMW 3 Series
VIN: WBAVC73547KP30549
James Bregianes
9 Margaret Dr.
Wilbraham, MA 01095

2008 BMW 3 Series
VIN: WBAVC93598K040163
Roxanne Roman
76 Elmwood Ave.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2002 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGES16562H525606
Alejandra Anglada Lopez
236 Worthington St., Apt 6
Springfield, MA 01103

2008 Ford Edge
VIN: 2FMDK46C18BA26214
Dawn Lord
119 Mohawk Trail, Trlr A
Florida, MA 01247

2008 Mercury Mariner
VIN: 4M2CU97128KJ07789
Kimberly Davis
490 Irish Hill Rd.
Shelburne, VT 05482

1999 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BG22K8XU610810
Luis De Leon Alamo
18 Mount Carmel Ave. Apt. A
Chicopee, MA 01013

2004 Dodge Ram Pickup 1500
VIN: 1D7HU18NX4J287852
Allen Wright
24 Pearl Ln.
Springfield, MA 01129

2005 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL11DX5N472273
Luis Enrique De Leon Alamo
3535 Cortland Dr.
Davenport, FL 33837

2011 Hyundai Accent
VIN: KMHCN3AC0BU192202
David Starkey
PO BOX 191
Pownal, VT 05261

2015 Ford Fusion
VIN: 3FA6P0T96FR230303
David Jackson
95 Ridge Trail Rd.
Westfield, MA 01085

04/19, 04/26, 05/03/2024

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a virtual public hearing on **Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** to consider an application for Site

Plan Review filed by Mary Callahan to establish an owner occupied Short Term Rental at 5 Pine Street Assessor's Map 40 Parcel 10, pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw 255-51 (Residential short-term rentals); Article XII (Site Plan Review); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

The public hearing will be conducted virtually on Zoom. Persons may join as follows:

URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82552476966?pwd=Z2JSMTVWYnYwQ0pyWWtTVh4Zz09>

Or join by phone: +1 301 715 8592 US **Webinar ID:** 825 5247 6966 **Passcode:** 083510

The property is located within the Residential A-1 zoning district and is an existing single-family home.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Site Plan Review' under section 'Pine St (5) - Short Term Rental' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1179/Site-Plan-Review>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated. This meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 which extends the March 2020 Governor's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL Ch. 30A Sec. 20 until March 31, 2025.

Joanna Brown, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
04/19, 04/26/2024

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a request for an Order of Conditions filed by Eva Dion for the installation of a new Title V Septic System and razing of dilapidated cottage within the Riverfront Area of the Connecticut River. Located at 34 Upper River Rd (Parcel 43 Map 15).

The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, May 1 at 6pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the request is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday. Plans are also available online at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Neva Tolopko
Conservation Chair
04/19/2024

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 exceeding Twelve Hundred (1200) square feet in area to be located at 70 Chicopee Street, Granby, MA, known as Map 15-B-7.2

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

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a virtual public hearing on **Monday May 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by Teachin Beag, LLC c/o Sean and Joanne Cleary to establish a non-owner occupied Short Term Rental at 112 River Road Assessor's Map 22 Parcel 2, pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw 255-51 (Residential short-term rentals); Article IX (Special Permits); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

The public hearing will be conducted virtually on Zoom. Persons may join as follows:

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Or join by phone: +1 301 715 8592 US **Webinar ID:** 825 5247 6966 **Passcode:** 083510

The property is located within the Residential A-2 zoning district and is an existing single-family home.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Special Permit' under section '**River Road (112) - Short Term Rental**' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1181/11213/Special-Permits?activeLiveTab=widgets>

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Joanna Brown, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
04/19, 04/26/2024

to consider a request for an Order of Conditions filed by the Town of South Hadley for The project proposes an in-kind repair/replacement of a collapsed outlet structure that conveys Buttery Brook where the stream daylight south of Joffre Avenue. Located within the Haig Ave right-of-way and 40 Joffre Ave (Map 25 Parcel 55).

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 1 at 6pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

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Healing from the inside out

Holistic nursing becoming a way of life for nurses at Baystate Health

SPRINGFIELD – Holistic nursing is becoming a way of life for many nurses providing care at Baystate Health, where some patients have been benefiting from a holistic approach to nursing practice.

“The nurses of Baystate Health are dedicated to the co-creation of a caring and healing environment for the health and well-being, care, and comfort of our patients, team members, families, and community,” said Cidalia Vital, RN, program director, Nursing Research and Holistic Nursing at Baystate Health.

“With the challenging and difficult times healthcare has seen over the past three years, nurses are looking to get back to the basics of nursing that includes healing the whole person,” she added.

Yet it is not everyone who is familiar with the term “holistic nursing.”

Holistic nursing is defined as “all nursing practice that has healing the whole person as its goal,” according to the American Holistic Nurses’ Association. Florence Nightingale, who is considered to be the founder of holistic nursing, taught nurses to focus on the principles of holism: unity, wellness and the interrelationship of human beings and their environment.

“Holistic nursing is not merely something we do. It is also an attitude, a philosophy and a way of being that requires nurses to integrate self-care, self-responsibility, spirituality, and reflection in their lives. This often leads the nurse to greater awareness of the interconnectedness of self, others, nature, spirit and relationship with the global community,” said Vital.

“Baystate Health has spent the last six years on a holistic journey to improve holistic care at the bedside as well as improve staff resilience and promote self-care,” she added.

And their efforts are being recognized.

Baystate Medical Center holistic nurses attending the recent American Holistic Nurses Conference in Orlando, Florida, accepted the Institution Excellence in Holistic Nursing Practice Award. The award recognizes

an organization for incorporating holistic nursing practice and demonstrating the core values of holistic nursing.

“Holistic nursing is the artful blend of the art and science of nursing. Thanks to the extraordinary support from the Baystate Health Foundation and our generous donors, Baystate Health now has a total of 1,170 team members trained in holistic modalities. I am proud of our extraordinary nurses and caregivers for their commitment to lifelong learning, nursing excellence and for creating a healing environment for themselves, each other, and for our patients and their loved ones,” said Joanne Miller, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Nurse Executive, Baystate Health and Chief Nursing Officer, Baystate Medical Center.

The Baystate Medical Center Nursing Model of Care, founded on Swanson’s Caring Theory, utilizes a holistic approach to promote quality care to nurture the body, mind, and spirit. The journey to incorporating holistic nursing into practice started in 2017 with the training of staff on M technique®. M technique® is a form of gentle touch performed on the hands and feet of recipients using a set sequence of varying pressure and completed in three to five minutes. The “M” in M technique® stands for “mindful” and is appropriate for the most fragile patients, including terminally ill cancer patients, the elderly, critically ill, and surgical patients.

“One of our nurses, Magdalena “Leny” Barranda, RN, has performed M technique® on many of her coworkers. The nurses who received M technique® from Leny reported feeling relaxed, a release of tension, and overall reduction in stress. Additionally, Leny kept a log of patients with whom she provided M technique®, and overwhelmingly, patients reported a decrease in anxiety, a sense of relaxation, and the ability to sleep. Both our patients and our caregivers, nurses, patient care technicians and operations associates, receive the therapeutic benefits of M technique®,” said Vital.

She noted as an organization, Baystate is striving for all nurses to understand how holistic nursing is a foundational element of their profession. The holistic approach draws on nursing practice, knowledge, and expertise to facilitate healing. Baystate

has trained nurses in its holistic model of care, including training on M technique®, aromatherapy, and foundational elements of holistic nursing through the Integrative Healing Arts Academy by the BirchTree Center, and Reiki.

“Holistic nursing is a way of being and many nurses at Baystate may be practicing holistic nursing without even realizing it. We have a dedicated committee of holistic nurses who have further defined for Baystate what it means to be a holistic nurse,” said Vital.

Examples of what defines a holistic nurse include in their words:

“Compassionate presence including authentic presence that describes a staff member who is consciously being in the moment while creating a trusting relationship. Through listening and viewing the patient as a human being instead of an object, we honor the patient’s belief system and enable them to expand their own sense of faith/hope.”

“From authentic presence, one can provide a caring presence which is caring for another person and it is the essence of our clinical practice. It begins with being fully present in compassion, gentleness and kindness with ourselves, our colleagues and the patients we serve. This method potentiates states of wholeness and aligns mind, body and spirit to promote a healing environment.”

For those interested in learning more about holistic nursing, Baystate Health holistic nurse Caitlyn Waddell, RN, BSN, HN-BC developed a podcast called Elemental Healing (Baystate) on Spotify. The podcast focuses on holistic and self-care practices and ways to incorporate them into work and personal life. Listeners will learn about the many initiatives Baystate is making toward the shift to holistic practice and opportunities to get involved and learn from the holistic community.

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Train show in April

WEST SPRINGFIELD— On Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, children 15 and under will have an opportunity to be part of two make-and-take model railroad programs.

The first is Build a Flatcar Load. Which gives kids an opportunity to take a G-scale flatcar and build a load for the car using a variety of materials provided by the Amherst Railway Society. The program runs for about an hour, after which all the flat cars are run together as a train on one of the G-Scale railroads at the show. The flatcars and the loads the children build are theirs to keep.

The second program is Decorate a Building. Which gives kids an opportunity to decorate a G-scale building using paints and other materials provided by the Amherst Railway Society. The program runs for about an hour and a half, and the buildings the children

decorate are theirs to keep. There are four programs scheduled:

Saturday, April 27: 11 a.m. to noon – Build a Flatcar Load
Saturday, April 27: 1 to 2:30 p.m. – Decorate a Building

Sunday, April 28: 11 a.m. to noon – Build a Flatcar Load
Sunday, April 28: 1 to 2:30 p.m. – Decorate a Building

There is no charge for the programs, but each session is limited to (15) children. Children must be registered to participate. A parent or guardian must be present with their child for the entire program.

To register for a Kids ON TRACK program at the Large Scale Train Show, <https://amherst-railway-society-store.myshopify.com/>.

The Northeast Large Scale Train Show takes place at: Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave.

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 bird-

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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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successes in the final period. Gaudette provided more heroics at 10:32 of the third when he skated in on the right wing on a 2-on-1 and blistered a wrist shot over Bussi’s blocker to give the T-Birds a 3-2 lead on his 44th goal of the season. The two-goal day for Gaudette was his 12th such game this season.

With Providence clamoring for an equalizer in the final

minute, Callin, rookie Dylan Peterson, and Kean Washkurak gutted out a defensive zone sequence to clear their end. Washkurak capped things off with an empty-netter from the red line to give the T-Birds the victory.

The T-Birds look to earn a second straight win over the Bruins when they travel to Providence for a rematch on Friday night at the Amica Mutual Pavilion at 7:05 p.m.

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Jesse Stears of Granby, MA, was named to the Champlain College President's List for the Fall 2023 semester. Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher during the semester. Stears is currently enrolled in the Computer Forensics & Digital Investigations program.

**John Odell named to the
Champlain College Dean's List**

John Odell of South Hadley, MA was named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester. Odell is currently majoring in Game Design.

CAMPUS NOTES

Emily Chartier performed in Spring Musical the Rocky Horror Show at Western New England University

South Hadley resident Emily Chartier performs in spring musical The Rocky Horror Show at Western New England University on April 12-14. In this 1975 cult classic that features memorable raunchy rock ballads such as "Time Wrap," "Damn It Janet," and "Science Fiction Double Feature," the audience is offered a wild and electrifying journey filled with audacious plot twists and infec-

tious energy. In her second year at WNE, Emily Chartier took on the Makeup Coordinator role. Drawing from her extensive theater experience, she aspires to pursue a career in television as a special effects makeup artist. Outside of her theatric endeavors, she dedicates her time caring for her two pet rabbits, Chili and Pepper. Emily is pursuing a degree in Marketing and Theater.

**Baeden Blackburn of performs in
McDaniel College Choir
Spring Concert**

Baeden Blackburn of South Hadley performs in the McDaniel College Choir Spring Concert on Sunday, April 21, at McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, Maryland. Blackburn is a junior Psychology major. The McDaniel College Choir performs works by Gjiello, Runestad, Rosephane Williams, and Mozart. The choir is under the direction of Kyle Engler, senior lecturer of Music, who said, "The program is intended to make our audience feel the power and ecstasy of music that deals with loss and life."



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