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Guys and Dolls take to the stage

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - The South Hadley High School Harlequins group is set to immerse itself in Depression-era Times Square as it stages the musical Guys and Dolls next weekend.

"Guys and Dolls is an older show, but a lot of its humor still holds up if the delivery by the performers is spot-on. We have the cast to hit the spot on the delivery of those jokes," praised Matt Garrity, co-director and music director for the show. "The songs are catchy, the story is lighthearted and it is an overall good time."

Guys and Dolls follows the story of a couple of big-city gamblers who make a bet between each other and the women who love them. It's a fairly large undertaking for the group, especially because of the tremendous amount of dancing in the show. Harlequins members have a wide range of theater and dancing experience, from those in their very first musical to those who've been doing it for

years, but they've come together to make an amazing production.

"I have been blown away by how quickly the cast has been able to pick up the dancing in this show. There is a lot of dance in the show and only a few members of our cast are experienced dancers," said Garrity.

"When you watch the show, I doubt you'll be able to spot anyone looking like they haven't danced before."

This dedication to learning something new and to the production are just one indication of the types of students in the play.

"The students have worked hard, but have also made the auditorium into a rehearsal space that is supportive of everyone who is there. These kids are there for each other and even ask me how my days are," explained Garrity. "Of course, I am proud of what they will bring to the stage, but I am more proud of who these students are and who they continue growing towards being as people."

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New faces, familiar stances for South Hadley

By Ben Hernandez
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - With the recent resignation of Allison Schlacter as South Hadley School Committee Chair, the district found itself in want of a new star. However, as one sun sets on the region, two more rise to the occasion.

"I appreciate heavily Eric's background," advocated Danielle Cook during her nomination of the then vice-chair. "I think he got a great preview of the role of the chair."

There was no argument from Cook's peers. With a unanimous vote, Eric Friesner was elected to office as the new acting Chair. Friesner accepted his updated role with characteristic grace and poise, thanking his fellow members and reflecting on his new responsibilities.

"I'm honored and nervous," replied Friesner. He elaborated on his intentions for the upcoming year, as well as expectations for the committee moving forward. The Chair assured that his intention was to continue with the work established prior to his rise in office.

"I don't think this should come as a surprise," he commented regarding potential policy changes. "My goal, going

"I think we've made strides as a district, [Strides] that I'm proud of."

ERIC FRIESNER

forward, is to continue doing exactly what we've been doing for the last year."

With the vice chair position vacated, the committee went to work on filling the position. Lynda Pickbourne, re-elected as committee member, was quick to express her opinion on who should fill the role.

"[Danielle Cook] has a lot of experience working with the committee in different capacities," said Pickbourne. "I think she would make a fine vice chair."

The committee agreed. Elected to the position by a unanimous vote, Cook appeared energized and motivated by her new responsibilities. She expressed her excitement for the role, stating how great it will be to work alongside Friesner. The

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Off the beaten book track

Independent bookstores thriving

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Before the arrival of Amazon in 1995, with its new model of online retail shopping, independent bookstores were already struggling to hold their own against the big box chain stores such as Barnes & Noble, and Borders.

These two giants had established their own niche by pushing out smaller national discount book chains such as Waldenbooks and B. Dalton Bookseller, which had become fixtures in shopping malls across the U. S. Throughout the 90s, the big-box bookstores thrived while many independent booksellers simply went out of business.

In spite of such tumultuous times for booksellers, central and western Massachusetts are home to several thriving independent bookstores that

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Odyssey Bookshop in South Hadley has several reading clubs and hosts frequent author visits.

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Registered voters needed for TM Review Committee

SOUTH HADLEY — Residents are encouraged to apply for up to four positions on the South Hadley Town Meeting Review Committee.

The committee is tasked with improving the effectiveness and efficiency of Town Meeting and making formal recommendations to improve the event's function and format.

According to a news release, the Town Meeting Ad-Hoc Review Committee was established as a standing committee in 2010 to study ways to improve practices and procedures associated with Town Meeting.

The first committee appointed in 2009 made numerous valuable recommendations, including establishing a Town Meeting Electronic Communications Advisory Committee to recommend ways to improve electronic communications and requiring that minutes of all boards and committees be posted to the town's website, the release states.

To ensure that the process of reviewing Town Meeting operations is ongoing, Section 419 of the General Bylaw calls for a new Town Meeting Review Committee to be appointed every five years. It began in 2015. The committee consists of the Town Moderator, one representative each of the Selectboard, School Committee, Appropriations Committee and Planning Board, three Town Meeting members and up to four registered voters who are not Town Meeting members.

The Selectboard seeks registered voters who are not already Town Meeting members to volunteer for the committee. Anyone interested in appointment is asked to apply online at southhadley.org under the "Boards & Commissions" section of the "I Want To" dropdown menu.



Photos courtesy of Dawn Beard

SOUTH HADLEY — A-Ray Of Elvis, an Elvis Presley tribute by Ray Guillemette Jr. had the crowd upon its feet and rocking during a May 5 performance during a Cinco de Mayo celebration at Buttery Brook Park. The "King of Kountry" as the performer is known, according to his website, also took time to mingle with his fans.

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Cultural cookout at Mount Holyoke College

By **Matty Anderson**
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SOUTH HADLEY— Mount Holyoke College held a Cultural Cookout at the Language Building, on Friday afternoon following Panga Day celebrations.

The cookout was organized by the leader of the events task force, Julia Berestecky, a senior double majoring in Psychology and French and Dr. Jean Janecki, the Language and Culture Commons Director. The idea for the event came from a student who is currently studying abroad, in her absence Berestecky worked hard to make it happen.

Berestecky said “it’s like a cultural clash but in a positive way, people coming together from various language departments to share a taste of their culture, sparking many interesting conversations.” The League of Philipena, Italian, French, Japanese, Spanish and Korean departments all participated.

The diversity brought so much life to the cookout by sharing music and snacks from their respective cultures.

The students participated in activities like making poems with magnets on the whiteboard. Many who attended the event enjoyed relaxing in the lounge area, sharing laughs and learning about each other’s rich culture.

Language Consultants Yeslee Neris, who speaks Spanish, and Sarah Cohan, who speaks Swahili, collaborated to make pins for the event. They said “This has been really fun, a lot of people showed up with great food and the beautiful weather really raised the vibe in here.”

Sylvia W, a Sophomore and student supervisor practiced her Chinese writing skills with a brush and water-activated canvas that clears as the water dries. She said “I really love the LCC. I think that people forget about us because we are in the basement, but when people get a chance to stop by they always say how nice this space is.”

Colin Giles, a Japanese program first-year student said, “I love it here. The LCC is like a second home for me.” Berestecky added, “It’s so cool to see these events become a reality; I’m hoping this could become an annual event.”



Julia Berestecky enjoying the event that she worked so hard to organize.



(Turley Publications photos by Matty Anderson)

Sylvia W practicing her Chinese character writing skills.



Dr. Jean Janecki working on a poem.

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two have a long history working together in community service, with a long background in subcommittee work.

“I’m into it,” said the new vice chair on accepting the nomination. “You know me. You see the need and you say ‘hey, Danielle’ and it’s usually a yes [from me], right?”

In addition to the restructuring of power, the school committee now has fresh new faces. Larry Dixon and Dan View have signed on as full committee members. Time will tell what perspectives they will bring to the positions, but for now the future appears bright.

“I think we’ve made strides as a district,” said Friesner. “[Strides] that I’m proud of.”

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In addition to the work of the high school students, the entire production is the sum of many people coming together. Aria Frehn, a dance major at Mount Holyoke College, has served as choreographer for the bigger dance numbers. Shawn Chartier helped build the sets. South Hadley High School alumni Stephanie Craven and Satchel Harp-Monseau have stepped in to assist Garrity. The South Hadley Music Parents Association has also been crucial in fundraising and financing the show. South Hadley High School seniors Moira Doolittle and Emma Currier act in the show but also are in charge of all of the costumes.

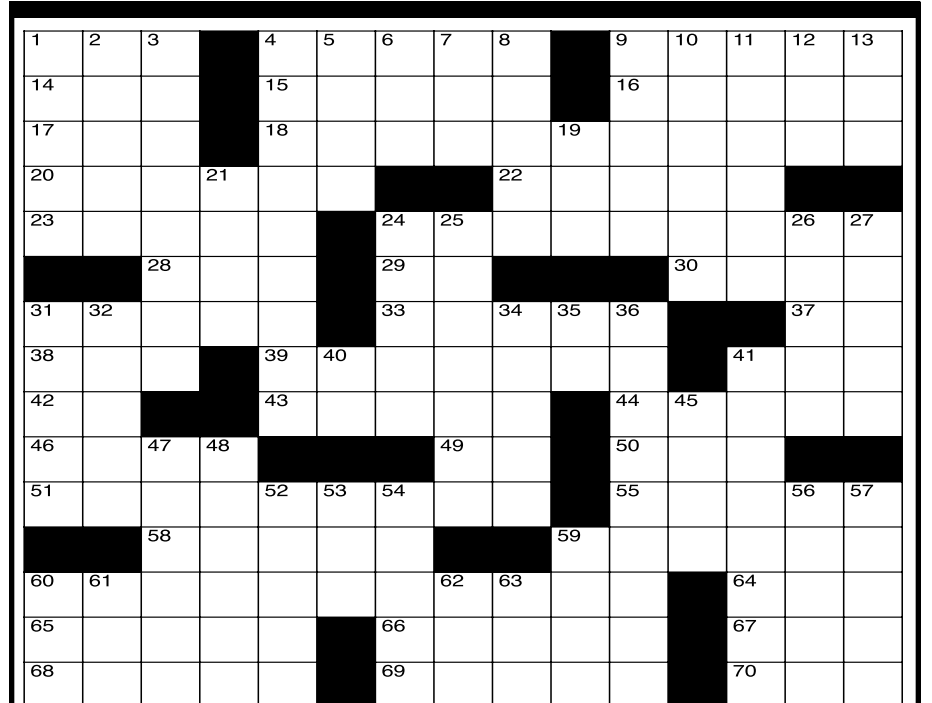
“Due to the mold last year, our costume closet is still very lacking, but Moira and Emma have stepped up to make sure

the show looks incredible,” said Garrity. “Thanks to Stefani Holmes with Michael E. Smith Drama Club as well for lending parts of their costume closet, and helping with tickets.”

The combined work of so many students, alumni, and adults is creating a truly special musical.

“What makes any production special is the people in it. I am particularly proud of our full ensemble numbers that feature the whole cast,” said Garrity. “I think music and theater is for everyone and seeing the whole cast rocking it out there makes me proud.”

Tickets are available at MESMSdrama.ludus.com and cost \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors, South Hadley staff and students, and children. Showtimes are May 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. and May 21 at 3 p.m., all at South Hadley High School.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Midway between south and southeast
- 4. Fathers
- 9. Wine grape
- 14. Al Bundy’s wife
- 15. Organic compound
- 16. Venezuelan state
- 17. Interest term
- 18. Experts
- 20. Central cores of stems
- 22. Smooth and glossy
- 23. One-time S. Korean city
- 24. One from Damascus
- 28. Short message at the end of an email
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Oh, God!
- 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Men
- 37. Popular English soccer team (abbr.)
- 38. Former CIA
- 39. Arrange in steps
- 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

CLUES DOWN

- 42. The Great Lake State
- 43. Dog-___: to mark a page
- 44. Stop moving
- 46. Ancient Dead Sea region
- 49. Of I
- 50. Clerical vestment
- 51. Songs sung to a lover
- 55. Charges
- 58. Popular design program manufacturer
- 59. Where to park a boat
- 60. One who values reason
- 64. Slang for cigarette
- 65. Sailboats
- 66. Actress Zellweger
- 67. Screen material
- 68. Country music legend Haggard
- 69. Puts together in time
- 70. When you hope to arrive

- 1. An involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction
- 2. Philly’s rail service
- 3. Leaves a place
- 4. No longer be a part in
- 5. Guitar players use them
- 6. Cease to exist
- 7. General’s assistant (abbr.)
- 8. Shaking of the earth
- 9. Strong winds
- 10. For each one
- 11. A bog
- 12. The creation of beautiful or significant things
- 13. Affirmative
- 19. Pie ___ mode
- 21. Nonclerical
- 24. Inspirational football player Hamlin
- 25. Learning environment
- 26. Khoikhoi peoples
- 27. Bring out or develop

- 31. Shows up
- 32. Theatrical device
- 34. Loads
- 35. Popular Hollywood alien
- 36. Distinguishes
- 40. College dorm worker
- 41. Secondary or explanatory title
- 45. Resembling wings
- 47. One who delivers a speech
- 48. In the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot
- 53. Airborne (abbr.)
- 54. Beloveds
- 56. Ordain
- 57. Breed of small cattle
- 59. Very small period of time (abbr.)
- 60. Revolutions per minute
- 61. They ___
- 62. Longtime ESPN anchor Bob
- 63. A place to stay

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Viewpoints



Survivor benefits and spousal benefits are not the same

Dear Rusty: I will be 70 in August and will file my application for benefits in May. I know I'll get my maximum possible amount at age 70, but I need you to clarify things I have read. Per an award-winning TV host, author, and host of a money podcast "if the higher-earning spouse delays until age 70 to claim Social Security, that guarantees the survivor the biggest possible benefit." But then I read in a different article that if a person delays beyond their full retirement age to obtain a higher personal benefit like I have, my spouse's benefit would still be based on my FRA benefit amount. I am confused about which statement is the correct version. *Signed: Confused About My Spouse's Benefit*

Dear Confused: I'm not surprised that you are confused about these seemingly contradictory statements. It is, indeed, quite logical and common for a widow or widower to think they must apply for a "spousal benefit" from their deceased spouse.

While that's technically true, those of us who live in this often confusing world of Social Security jargon would say the widow or widower is applying for a survivor benefit, not a spousal benefit. What's the difference? Well, when you're speaking with a Social Security representative or an advisor, the term "spousal benefit" means something entirely different than the term "survivor benefit."

The two articles you mention are, I believe, referring to two different types of Social Security benefit. The term "survivor benefit" is typically used to describe benefits available to a surviving spouse when the higher earner dies, but the term "spousal benefit" is typically used to denote benefits available to a lower earning spouse when both partners are still living. I agree this is confusing and that distinction was apparently not clear in the articles you read. Therefore, to clear your confusion:

If the higher earning spouse dies and has delayed claiming until age 70, that does, indeed, "guarantee the surviving spouse the biggest possible benefit." The survivor's benefit is based on the full amount the deceased was receiving at death.

If both spouses are living and the higher-earning spouse delayed until age 70 to claim, their living spouse's benefit, when the higher-earning spouse claims, will be a maximum of 50% of the higher-earning spouse's Full Retirement Age amount. A living spouse's benefit is based on their partner's FRA amount, regardless of when their partner actually claimed.

So, in your case, your wife's spousal benefit from you while you are both living will be based on your FRA entitlement, even though you waited longer to claim. But if you die first, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will be based on 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death.

In effect, both statements you referred to in your question are true considering that they refer to two different benefit types. It is a terminology distinction which frequently causes misunderstanding.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Art Squad' Exhibit at the library 'Gift to the Community'

I had a chance yesterday to visit the new exhibit by the "Art Squad" on display in the Community Room at the South Hadley Main Public Library (2 Canal St.). The "Squad" is composed of South Hadley residents and artists Liz Austin, Lucia Foley, Abby Jaffe, and Marion Pascone, who've been meeting to work and paint together for the past several years.

My reaction to the exhibit was "Wow!" I was amazed by the talent in our own backyard; the impact of that talent collected all

in one place was almost visceral. I plan to visit the exhibit multiple times to experience it again, and I encourage everyone in South Hadley to do the same.

The exhibit is a real gift to the community and will be showing through June 28. Check the library calendar before you go to ensure the room isn't being used for a meeting at your planned time.

Susan Newton
South Hadley



Mid-spring questions for the Garden Lady

Lisa, who has a beautiful daffodil collection in Palmer, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "I planted a Rugosa rose bush that has encroached on a planting of 'Barrett Browning' Daffodils. For the first year in over a decade, I had no blossoms at all! I want to move them out of the way of the rose bush but I don't know if it is the right time or not. Can I lift and divide them now or should I wait?"

Thank you for your question! It is the perfect time to move your daffodils!

One thing to keep in mind, however, is that the bulbs will likely be in the ground deeper than you think. I actually use a spade when I have to dig mine up, so that is it a straight, up and down slice.

I start four or five inches all the way around the clump and then carefully lift it out entirely, foliage intact.

Usually, it is pretty easy to tease the bulbs apart by hand, separating them by size. The biggest ones I replant at the same depth they were planted prior, with ground level at the point where the foliage turns pale.

The general rule of thumb for distance from one another is twice the width of the bulb apart. This can vary depending on the variety.

A sprinkling of balanced fertilizer mixed in with the soil in the planting hole and thorough watering will get them off to a great start, hopefully with flowers for many years to come!

A question about sowing annual flowers came in from Melinda, who is introducing her young daughters to flower gardening. "I have never had much luck planting flower seeds directly in the ground. Either the rain washes them away or they come up too close. Is it too late to start a few easy flowers indoors?"

I love that you are sharing your love of gardening with your children! My mom did that with me and it shaped my career path, for sure.

I would so eagerly anticipate planting our garden every year! (Happy Mother's Day, mom!) Certainly it isn't too late to get a head start. I would recommend sowing easy to handle annuals, plants like zinnia, marigold, calendula and bachelor's button.

They don't take long to germinate and would be a handleable size by the end of the month, ready to be moved into the garden after the danger of frost has passed.

Generally, I fill up six-packs with moist potting soil and press two seeds per pack into the soil and cover slightly.

I like to keep them warm to start, but once the seeds sprout, I try to have them outside for most of the time, so that they don't get too leggy in the house. If both seeds sprout, I'll separate them at planting time.

One variety that does not need to be started indoors is the sunflower, if you try, usually the plants will end up spindly and tall and difficult to transplant. Simply sow these in place, thinning to at least a foot apart.

My friend would always allow the seeds to mature on the plant and let them fall where they may, creating a colorful and eye-catching vegetable patch!

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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CAMPUS NOTES

Resident performs in McDaniel College shows

Baeden Blackburn of South Hadley, a student at McDaniel College, recently performed in the a cappella ensemble at the school's Baker Chapel in Westminster, Maryland.

The group, called the TerrorTones, is the premier vocal ensemble at McDaniel College. They perform under the guidance of senior lecturer in music Kyle Engler with Peggy Brengle serving as collaborator. The singers are selected from the membership of the McDaniel College Choir and perform exclusively unaccompanied vocal music, including a wide variety of world music and vocal jazz.

Among the program's selections were "Se Equivoco la Paloma" by Carlos Guastavino, "Gaelic Song of the

Boatman" by Jean Finlayson, "A Quiet Place" by Ralph Carmichael, "TaReKi-Ta" by Reena Esmail, "My Romance" by Rodgers and Hart, "Almost Like Being in Love" by Lerner and Loewe, "What a Wonderful World" by Weiss and Thiele, "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond, "Love Shack" by The B-52's, and "Take Me Home" by Pentatonix.

That show was performed May 1.

Last month, Blackburn sang with the Concert Choir under the direction of Kyle Engler, senior lecturer in music, with accompanist Peggy Brengle along with music faculty member Mike Hirsh on percussion.

The concert included music from diverse locales and historical eras.

Holyoke Community College

The following local students have been accepted for membership into the Alpha Xi Omega chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society at Holyoke Community College:

Jan Ashley Masse of Granby, Grace Koehler of Hadley, and Emma Boryczka, Alice Ladley, Cat Long-

pre and Sthela Sibley-Welch, all of South Hadley.

Students are invited to join Phi Theta Kappa when they have completed at least 15 college credits while maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher. HCC's spring 2023 inductees will be recognized in a virtual ceremony on Thursday, May 18.

ACADEMIC CAMP:

High school students can explore health careers at WENU

SPRINGFIELD — The Western New England University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences invites high school students to the Golden Bear Summer Camp to explore careers in pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, neuroscience or occupational therapy.

"We are delighted to offer this unique summer camp experience for high school students who are interested in pursuing careers in pharmacy and occupational therapy," Dr. John Pezzuto, dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, said in a recent press release.

"Our goal is to provide hands-on learning experiences that will give students a better understanding of these fields and the skills and knowledge needed to be successful. Many student participants have benefitted from the camp in the past. It is wonderful that we can now re-institute the in-person hands-on experience."

A five-day day camp for high school juniors and seniors will take place 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 26-30 and will offer hands-on learning experiences, lab sessions and demonstrations for participants, the release states. A two-day camp for high school freshman and sophomores will be held concurrently 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 29-30. Both camps are held on the WNE campus and

are free-of-charge for all participants.

The Golden Bear COPHS Summer Camp is designed for students who demonstrate strong academic skills and have an interest in pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, neuroscience and/or occupational therapy. It will cover a wide range of topics including an introduction to pharmacy and occupational therapy, compounding lab, simulation man, mock pharmacy, ambulatory care, DNA extraction, sterile products, mock patient care experiences, mental health, Q&A with current students and undergraduate admissions

During the camp, participants will have the opportunity to work with current students and faculty members, learn about different career paths and receive tips on how to prepare for a career in these fields.

The Golden Bear COPHS Summer Camp is supported by the WNE Alumni Association.

Students can apply online at wne.edu/pharmacamp. Enrollment is limited and based on first-come first served. For more information, contact the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Western New England University, located at 1215 Wilbraham Road in Springfield at healthprofessions@wne.edu or 413-796-2528.

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Selectboard seeks citizens with diverse interests, abilities

SOUTH HADLEY — Volunteer opportunities are available on town boards and committees.

A total of 16 boards and committees have at least one position with a term expiring in June and nearly all boards and committees have vacant positions needing to be filled. Boards and committees with expiring terms and/or vacancies include:

- Bike Walk Committee
- Bylaw Review Committee
- Canal Park Committee
- Capital Planning Committee
- Commission on Disabilities
- Conservation Commission
- Council on Aging Board
- Cultural Council
- Historical Commission
- Historic District Study Committee
- Master Plan Implementation Committee
- Recreation Commission
- Sustainability & Energy Commission
- Tree Committee

- Trustees of the Old Firehouse Museum
- Zoning Board of Appeals

The Selectboard is seeking citizens with diverse interests and abilities to apply for these positions. There are no special requirements for any of the boards and committees other than a willingness to serve.

The Selectboard interviews and appoints candidates three times a year and at their June meetings. The terms of these new appointments begin July 1.

Those wishing to apply to serve on a board or committee must do so online at southhadley.org by June 9.

These positions are not automatically filled by incumbent reappointments. However, incumbents with expiring terms who wish to continue serving will be given all due consideration.

Address any questions to Kristin Maher, executive assistant to administration, at kmaher@southhadleyma.gov or 538-5030 ext 6135.

Senior Center celebrates Older Americans Month

SOUTH HADLEY — Established in 1963, Older Americans Month is celebrated every May and the South Hadley Council on Aging is taking part.

Led by the Administration for Community Living, OAM is a time to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of older Americans, highlight important trends, and strengthen our commitment to honoring our older citizens, a press release from the Council on Aging states.

This year's theme, Aging Unbound, offers an opportunity to explore a wide range of aging experiences and to promote the importance of enjoying independence and fulfillment by paving our own paths as we age. Here are some ways everyone can all participate in Aging Unbound at the South Hadley Council on Aging:

Embrace the opportunity to change. Find a new passion, go on an adventure, and push boundaries by not letting age define your limits. Invite creativity and purpose into your life by trying new activities in your community to bring in more growth, joy, and energy.

Explore the rewards of growing older. With age comes knowledge, which provides insight and confidence to un-

derstand and experience the world more deeply. Continue to grow that knowledge through reading, listening, classes, and creative activities.

Stay engaged in your community. Everyone benefits when everyone is connected and involved. Stay active by volunteering, working, mentoring, participating in social clubs, and taking part in activities at your local senior center or elsewhere in the community.

Form relationships. As an essential ingredient of well-being, relationships can enhance your quality of life by introducing new ideas and unique perspectives. Invest time with people to discover deeper connections with family, friends, and community members.

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SOUTH HADLEY — A free Community Shredding will take place 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, in the parking lot of the Second Baptist Church at 589 Granby Road.

This annual event is sponsored by

the South Hadley SALT Council, which brings citizens and law enforcement together to work on community outreach.

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Church tag sale May 20 and 21


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In the Classroom ◀



MacDuffie School students Alexa Wiesel (Granby), Gabby Benoit (Belchertown), Brianna Zhang (New Jersey), Liam Davis (Maine), Romare Wilson (New York), Hengzhi Cai (California), Harry Zhou (China), Cecilia Yang (Mongolia) and Maria Zhou (China).

Students organize 'Run for Hope'

GRANBY — The MacDuffie School recently hosted the 12th annual 5k run/walk, also known as the Run for Hope, on its 250-acre campus.

This year's charity run was in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. It was a beautiful spring day for a race and a celebratory barbecue lunch. Students, parents, faculty and staff dusted off their



Brooklynn Moore (East Longmeadow), Sophie Griffin (South Hadley), Clara LaChance (Belchertown) sign in the runners for this year's Run for Hope fundraiser.



International students Maren Oral (Turkey), Valentine Torres Mendes (Brazil), Eleanor O (Wilbraham) and Giorgia Torretta (Italy) carry U.S. flags on the annual 5k run/walk course.

running shoes and had a great day of fun, community involvement – and hope.

The event was organized by a group of tireless and passionate students: Sophie Griffin (South Hadley), Clara LaChance (Belchertown), Alexa Wiesel (Granby), Davin Francis (Brooklyn), Gabby Benoit (Belchertown), Vossk (China), Brooklyn Moore (East Longmeadow) Giuseppe Pilia (Italy), Leo Li (China).

MUSIC SHOWCASE:



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PVPA's Pop R and B Band with Musical Director/PVPA teacher Rahul Roy. The school's showcase is May 19-20.

PVPA Music Department presents Echoes of Spring

SOUTH HADLEY — The Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School Music Department will present Echoes of Spring, a Spring Music Showcase, May 19-20 in the main stage theater at 15 Mulligan Drive.

Both performances begin at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are as follows: \$10 general admission; \$7 military and seniors; \$5 PVPA alumni, and \$3 students and are available at the door, or online at pvpa.org/shows.

Under the direction of Rahul Roy, PVPA's Spring Music Showcase features the sounds of the school's premier ensembles as well as some of its up and coming musicians. Both nights will feature different groups and different material, making for two unique musical performances, according to a press release.

Performances will include student second semester showcases from PVPA's Concert Band, String Ensemble and Instrumental Evolution students

under the direction of Jeremy Milligan, as well as performances from the seventh and eighth grade Chorus, and Complete Vocalist students under the direction of David Cavallin. Saturday evening's show will feature offerings from PVPA's musical ensemble groups, including the A Cappella Ensemble and PVPA's Gig Band, directed by Cavallin, and the Pop R & B Group, directed by Roy.

PVPA's music department works diligently to provide students the opportunity to explore music in a variety of formats, play for different audiences, experience the demands of professional musicians, and encourages creativity in the musical process both on and off stage, the release states.

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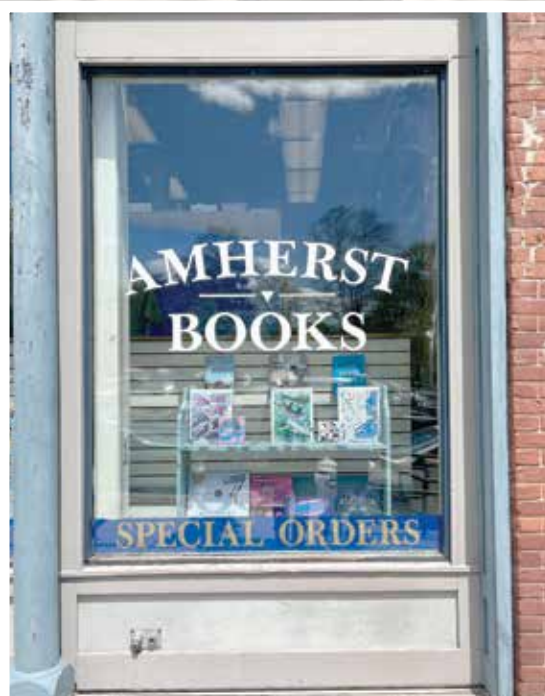
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Yet amidst the turmoil, they have figured out how to remain relevant by anchoring themselves dynamically to the communities in which they are based. They offer book clubs with live discussion groups, frequent author visits, book signings, and poetry readings.

Odyssey Bookshop in South Hadley is a prime example of the new civic role of bookstores that have taken on some of the activities long associated with public libraries.

The Odyssey opened as a drug store owned by Romeo Grenier, a pharmacist who immigrated to Holyoke in the early 1920s from the province of Quebec. With a passion for literature, Grenier managed to acquire his fluency in English by reading the Penguin Classics.

That is also where Grenier's book-selling began. Among the pills and prophylactics, he brought in a collection of 500 Penguin titles to sell in his pharmacy. Gradually Grenier's store became a gathering place for author readings and book clubs. Its transition into a bona fide bookstore in 1963 seems an organic outcome of its natural drift.

In 1991, Grenier's daughter, Joan, took over the helm, and the store relocated to its current spot across the street from Mt. Holyoke College.

Today Odyssey has four book clubs: the Open Fiction Book Group, the Crime Club, the Active Citizen Book Group, and the Poetry Book Club. Owner, Joan Grenier, who leads the Active Citizen group, said, "It's been going for seven years now. People contribute what they've been doing and how it fits in with what we're reading. We have read all of Carol Anderson's books."

According to Jesse Hassinger, who



Max Turlove enjoys working in the charming old gristmill-turned-bookstore.

heads the newest club, the poetry group, they focus on modern poetry and poets, and books actually being released now. "The theme is life in late capitalist society, and the voices of previously marginalized groups," said Hassinger. The bookstore also has a good rapport with Holyoke College for whom they provide textbooks and art supplies.

The Odyssey is located at 9 College St., South Hadley. It is open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Sun. noon-5 p.m. For more information visit their website at odysseybooks.com, or call 413-534-7307.

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They are especially unique in the region for stocking many contemporary literary journals such as Meat for Tea, Pop Shot, Massachusetts Review, Paris Review, Fence, Breathe, Parabola and Oxford Poetry.

Broadside is located at 247 Main St., Northampton, and is open everyday, Mon.–Wed. 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m., Th.–Sat. 9:30 a.m.–9 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m.–6 p.m. For more information call 413-5864235 or visit broadsidebooks.com.



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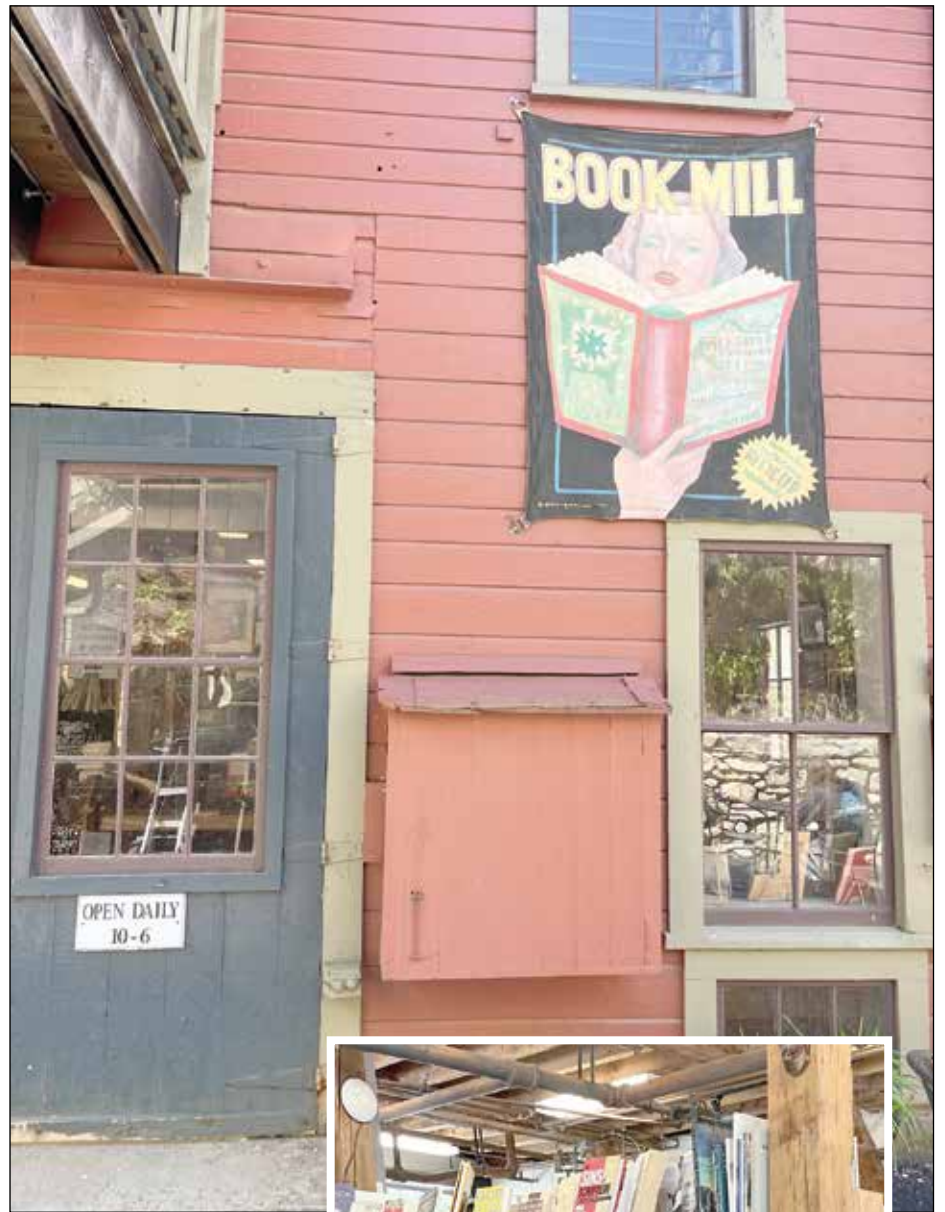
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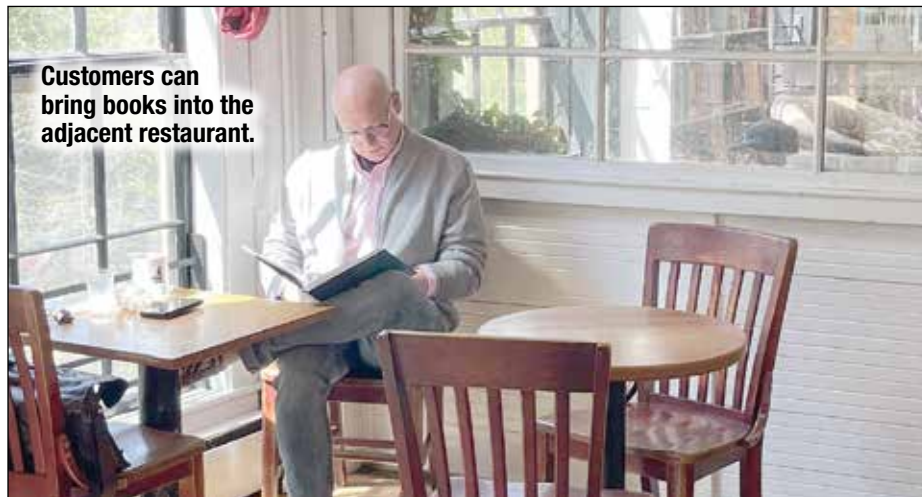


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Tigers snap losing streak

Owen Dawson makes a windup to shoot.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown Orioles are the only Division 4 opponent listed on the South Hadley boys varsity lacrosse schedule.

Junior Ethan Roy and his Tigers teammates probably wouldn't mind facing the Orioles a few more times this spring.

Led by Roy, who scored a career-high six goals, the Tigers snapped a six-game losing streak with a 17-6 non-league road victory over the Orioles, last Friday. The 17 goals were a season high for the Tigers.

"We haven't won a game in a very long time, so this is a very big win for us," said Roy, who netted five of his six goals during the first half. "We played very well as a team."

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Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Avery Haber heads up the field.



Chase Mathers looks to make a long pass.



Ethan Roy makes his way across the middle of the field.

Pioneers U19, U15 take part in tournament

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Two girls soccer teams representing the Western United Pioneers had the opportunity to compete in the third annual USL Academy Cup, which was held at the Tournament Sportsplex in Tampa Bay, Florida, from March 30-April 2.

It was the first time that the Western United Pioneers participated in the event.

"The tournament was run very well, and it was a great experience for our girls," said Joe Ferrara, who's the Director of Soccer Operations for the Western United Pioneers. "I've received a lot of positive feedback from both the parents and the players."

The Western United Pioneers U19 and U15 soccer teams took part in this year's Academy Cup matches because the Western Mass. Pioneers, which is a semi-pro men's team, is a member of the USL (United Soccer League).

"The USL Academy is a youth platform for professional teams within in the USL system," said Ferrara, who's also the Pioneers General Manager. "Having the Pioneers gives us the rights to have the USL Academy teams."

Federico Molinari coached both the U19 and the U15 teams at the USL Academy Cup. He has been coaching the Pioneers men's soccer team for the past ten years. He's also the club's Director of Coaching.

"It was a great experience coaching the two soccer teams. The players worked very hard at the Academy Cup," Molinari said. "It was also the first time that we combined two age groups together. We really didn't know how the other teams down there

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Michael Swanigan gets a side bump.

Granby volleyball outlasts Commerce

SPRINGFIELD – The boys volleyball program at Granby High School is still very young, but has made huge strides since becoming a varsity sport. Last Monday, the Rams defeated host Commerce in five sets 3-2. Michael Swanigan had an impressive 25 kills in the long match. Jake Gagnon had 37 assists and Braeden Gallagher and Nathan Walsh had 15 digs each. Granby will qualify for the state tournament with a 10-4 record with a few games remaining.



Jake Gagnon sets up a possible spike.



Nathan Walsh sets for the Rams.



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Braeden Gallagher gets a bump from the back line.

Brian Robie takes modifieds win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Modified super star Brian Robie won Sunday's 80-lap NHSTRA Modified feature at Monadnock Speedway, first setting fast time in time trials, and then leading the final 54 laps of the afternoon's main event to top the second annual Duel at The Dog biggie.

Other winners on 2023 opening weekend at the storied quarter-mile speedbowl included Tim Wenzel after a post-race inspection was concluded awarding him the win in the NHSTRA Late Models, Cole Littlewood, who wired the Outlaw main, and Gordon Farnum, who rocketed to victory lane in the Mini Stock feature, something he did a dozen times a summer ago. On Saturday's event, Colton Martin took the Pure Stock victory. Owen Zilinski led all the way to score the Young Guns victory. Steve Miller, last summer's Six Shooter champion at Claremont, led all the way Sunday to earn his first career Monadnock victory.

Sunapee's Robie a former track Modified champion here set fast time with a blistering circuit of 12.660 seconds Sunday, the fastest of four sub-13 drivers in the 18-car field. By virtue of a top-four redraw, Sammy Rameau and Aaron Fellows sat on row one as the 80-lap main went green.

Rameau, who like Robie has impressed in past victories here, jumped all



Submitted photo

Brian Robie took the win in last Sunday's modified event.

over the opening lead and set fast time the first 25 times around. But then Robie, from row two, took control and never looked back.

Fellows, strong in third until the vic-

tim of the second – of five – cautions, would return to notch a top ten finish, but with Robie and Rameau setting a blistering pace, it was Kimmy Rivet, methodical all afternoon as she marched forward from row five, earning an impressive third-place finish.

Kenny Thompson led the first 20 rounds of the Late Model feature but Ryan Bell, firing from row three, then took charge and outran 2022 Monadnock champ Tim Wenzel and Thompson into victory lane. In a post-race inspection, Wenzel was awarded the win.

Farnum, who sold his championship Mini Stock ride only hours before Sunday's feature gave it one last dash to victory lane. Cole Littlewood led all the way to win Sunday's Outlaw main just ahead of Steve Bly. Littlewood's brother Justin won the same event a year ago.

Monadnock Speedway will return to action on May 20, when it begins its 2023 Saturday night racing series as it hosts Military Appreciation Night, with a seven-division card of racing.

RESULTS:

May 6 event

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May 7 Event:

Young Guns: Owen Zilinski, Adrian Smith, Emma Blake, Markus O'Neil, Kailyn Hubbard, Hunter Douglas

Six Shooters: Steve Miller, Michael, Yraton, Jacob Scott, Steve Miller Jr., John Thibodeau, Zach Zilinski, Andrew Scott, Tyler Scott, Garrett Barry, Rozwell Mason

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NHSTRA Outlaws: Cole Littlewood, Steve Bly, Phil Meany, John Meany, Leighton Lutz

NHSTRA Late Models: Tim Wenzel, Kenny Thompson, Hillary Renaud, JD Stockwell, Chris Emerson, Isabella Minchella, Kevin McKnight, Dan Robinson, Chris Castor, Robert Hagar

NHSTRA Modifieds: Brian Robie, Sammy Rameau, Kim Rivet, Tyler Leary, Geoff Rollins, Scott Zilinski, Jeff Battle, Adam Lapoint, Eric Leclair, Aaron Fellows, Nathan Wenzel, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Brian Chapin, Cole Littlewood, Josh Carey, Blair Culhane, Cory Plummer, Joel Belanger

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The Tigers (3-8, 1-6 Valley Wheel) hadn't celebrated a victory since defeating league rival East Longmeadow, 13-10, in another road match on April 6. They also posted an 8-5 non-league road win versus Amherst Regional three days earlier.

Because they play a very difficult regular season schedule, the Tigers were ranked 20th in the latest MIAA Division 4 power rankings. The top 32 teams in each Division automatically qualify for the state tournament.

"It was a lot of fun playing a game against a Division 4 team for a change," Roy added. "It should give us a lot of confidence in our next game."

South Hadley's other league opponents besides East Longmeadow are Longmeadow, Minnechaug Regional, Westfield, and Pope Francis.

"Playing the higher Division teams does help us become a better team," said first-year South Hadley head coach Jeff Marion. "We've been improving in every game that we play. It also helps us in the power rankings."

The Tigers are also battling for a berth in the upcoming Western Mass. Class B tournament. Only the top four teams qualify for that tournament.

The Orioles, who lost, 16-1, at South Hadley in last year's match-up, had a 3-6 overall record following last Friday's home loss.

"We played at South Hadley in a scrimmage before the start of the regular season, which was a competitive game" said Belchertown head coach Nick St. George. "I thought we matched up well against them. South Hadley played with a lot more emotion than we did in this game. It was a very disappointing performance by my team. We just struggled to match their intensity."

The Orioles, who were ranked 40th in the Division 4 power rankings, will probably need to finish the regular season with a .500 or better record to qualify for the state tournament.

Roy began his memorable afternoon against the Orioles by scoring a goal less than a minute into the opening period giv-



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Charlie Anischik heads up the field.

ing his team a 1-0 advantage. Junior Owen Dawson was credited with the assist.

"I have to give a lot of the credit to my teammates," said Roy, who joined the varsity lacrosse team as a freshman. "They were able to draw the defenders and I was usually wide open when they passed me the ball. It was very easy to score goals."

Roy previous career-high was five goals, which he accomplished in a 5-1 home win over Agawam a year ago.

Roy scored another goal during the first twelve minutes of last Friday's contest, which was assisted by senior captain Charlie Anischik, who's planning to play soccer at Westfield State University in the fall.

Anischik, who recorded a hat-trick in the Division 4 state soccer finals last November, is also an outstanding lacrosse player. He contributed with a pair of goals and had two assists in the only meeting of the regular season against Belchertown.

Junior Sly Curto scored the Tigers other first period goal, which was assisted by his classmate Jack Sullivan. Curto wound up scoring four goals.

South Hadley was leading 12-0 at half-time, as they scored eight goals during the second period.

"We do play a tough league schedule and we were able to score a lot of goals," Anischik said. "We moved the ball well which created a lot of scoring opportunities. We can take a lot of positive things from today's game and I'm very proud of the boys."

The other Tigers senior captains are Chase Mathers, Jack Sullivan, Eddie Wykowski, and Timmy Laporte.

Roy scored three more goals during the second period, while Sullivan added a pair of goals. The visitors' other three second period goals were scored by sophomore Avery Haber, Dawson, and Anischik.

Goals by Anischik, Dawson, and Curto gave the Tigers a commanding 15-0 lead five minutes into the second half.

"It was very important for us to build a first half lead," Marion said. "We were able to play a lot of our younger players during the second half."

With 2:53 left in the third period, the Orioles finally got on the scoreboard when senior Brady Moreau fired a shot into the cage past junior goalie Bennett Allen.

Belchertown junior Landon Andre also netted an unassisted goal during the final seconds of the third period.

Two more goals by Moreau and another one from Andre sliced the Orioles deficit to 15-5 with seven minutes remaining in regulation.

A couple of minutes later, Roy scored his sixth and final goal of the match.

The Orioles final goal was scored by senior Jeter Marques.

Curto netted his fourth goal, which was assisted by Dawson, just before the final horn sounded.

The Tigers, who have won three road matches, would like to win a home match before the end of the regular season.

Run for Rice's 5K Road Race set for June 3

WILBRAHAM – The 11th annual "Run for Rice's 5K Road Race" will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m. This popular, family-friendly 5K road race begins at Christ the King – Epiphany Church, 758 Main Street, Wilbraham, and winds through a flat, fast course in surrounding neighborhoods, ending at Rice Fruit Farm across the street from the start. Pre-registration fee for runners and walkers is \$20, while day-of-race registration is \$25. Ages 18 and under registration is \$15 including day-of registration. The first 150 registered runners by May 20 will receive our famous race t-shirt featuring the "Running Apple" logo, and all registered runners will receive a free Rice Fruit Farm ice cream with their bib number on day of race only. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories, and all proceeds benefit the Rice Nature Preserve maintenance fund of the Minnechaug Land Trust. Race day registration will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. Online registration now available at RunSignUp.com, and paper registration forms can be downloaded at the Minnechaug Land Trust website www.minnechauglandtrust.org.

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Sports

Registration open for 2023 Bay State Games

WOBURN – Registration for the 41st annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2023 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from June 3 to July 29 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and New England Sports Center in Marlborough. 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.

Eight high school showcase sports will take place for a va-

riety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, 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, archery, judo, 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 girls lacrosse, rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

The 2023 Summer Games will feature Game On in Fitchburg as the host venue for 8 sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July. “We are excited to expand the roster of sports being held at Game On this year,” said Kevin Cummings, Executive Director of the Bay State Games. “This state-of-the-art facility allows us to enhance the athlete and spectator experience and provide a true Olympic-style multi-sport atmosphere for our participants.”

An additional feature in 2023 is that in over a dozen sports, athletes who win a gold, silver, or bronze medal at the 2023

Bay State Games will qualify to participate in the 2024 State Games of America in San Diego, California. The State Games of America feature more than 8,000 athletes from over 30 different state games programs nationwide. To see the list of qualifying sports, please visit www.stategamesofamerica.com.

In addition to sports programming, Bay State Games offer college scholarships, a sportsmanship initiative, college internship opportunities, and a High School Ambassador program.

For more information on all sports in the 2023 Summer Games, links to online registration, and information on other programs, go to www.baystategames.org.

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

Roster spots remain open in Quabbin League

More players are needed for the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League as it seeks to infuse new talent into its league for the 2023 season.

The league recently held its open practice, but still has plenty of open roster spots remaining to fill for the 2023 season.

Registration for the 2023 season remains 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 season is scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 23. 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 2023.

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were going to be, but both of our teams competed very well against them.”

The U-19 girls’ team, which was made up of players born in 2006 and 2007, finished with a 1-2-1 record.

“Players who were born in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 were eligible to play for the U19 team,” Ferrara said. “Our U19 team was one of youngest teams down there. We played mostly against 05 players. Our club currently doesn’t have a 05 team and the majority of the 04 players are in college and they would be ineligible to play in the tournament.”

The U19 team lost their first two matches 1-0 against teams from West Virginia and Tennessee.

“We hit the post three times in our first two games,” Molinari said. “The other team had a shot hit off the post, but the ball went into the net.”

After playing a 1-1 tie against

a team from Miami, Florida, the Western United Pioneers finished the tournament by posting a 4-3 victory over a team from New Jersey.

“Overall, the U19 team had a very good showing,” Ferrara added. “We played against older teams from the south, who have been playing together for a few years. Our two teams only had five or six training sessions.”

Twelve of the U19 players attend a high school located in the region.

Those players are Mia Carvalho (Ludlow), Sophia Scyocurka (Ludlow), Calleigh Foley (Ludlow), Emma Ellis (Ludlow), Brianna Ribeiro (Belchertown), Fallon Clancy (Belchertown), Brooke Burrows (Belchertown), Christina Ritter (Agawam), Ava Chevalier (Tantasqua Regional), Tess Chevalier (Tantasqua Regional), Claire Poindexter (Minnechaug Regional), and McKenzie Murray (Minnechaug Regional).

The U15 team, which was made up of players born in 2008 and 2009, finished the tourna-

ment with a 0-1-3 record. All three of their draws were scoreless.

Twelve members of the U15 squad also live in the Turley Publications coverage area.

They are Audrey Afonso (Ludlow), Aneysa Donais (Ludlow), Kacie Klimek (Ludlow), Valentina Molinari (Ludlow), Payton Dersarkisian (Ludlow), Ava Friese (Ludlow), Zorih Wray (Minnechaug Regional), Madison Boulanger (Chicopee), Maeve Carter (Chicopee), Makenna Sacco (Hampden), Carson Humphries (Hampden), and Isabel Moreau (Belchertown).

“I’ve coached the 09 players in the past,” Molinari said. “The 09 players had to adapt to playing with the 08 players. It was also the first time that the U15 team played in a tournament outside of New England. They got to see a different style of soccer.”

Because the Academy Cup matches took place in the afternoon, the Western United Pioneers players didn’t have a lot of time for sightseeing while they were down in Florida.

“Our games were in the middle of the day, which made it difficult to do anything else,” Ferrara said. “We did go out to eat together as a team a couple of nights. It was a fun experience for the players.”

Ferrara is also the League Commissioner of United Women’s Soccer and is the owner of the New England Mutiny.

Both the Pioneers and the Mutiny play their home matches at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

Ferrara is hoping a few of the Western United Pioneers girls’ soccer players join the Mutiny in the coming years.

“That’s our plan,” he said. “I’m always looking for the local soccer players to play for the Mutiny.”

Rich Friese, who’s from Ludlow, was also a member of the coaching staff at this year’s Academy Cup.

Ferrara is looking forward to having several of the Western United Pioneers teams compete in the 2024 USL Academy Cup.

Springfield Symphony Chorus to perform a benefit at St. Peter’s Church

HOLYOKE — The Springfield Symphony Chorus will perform a benefit concert titled “Sing, Praise, Light,” at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 34 Jarvis Avenue.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

In addition to chorus recitals, the Springfield Symphony Chorus collaborates and performs with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra each concert season. During the 2022-’23 concert season, the Chorus performed during the Holiday Pops concert at Symphony Hall.

Tickets for the May 20 concert are \$10, cash only, and are available at the door. Doors open at 3:15 p.m. The Chorus will perform eclectic choral works based on themes of “Sing, Praise, Light.”

The Springfield Symphony Chorus is an unpaid professional group of singers

from throughout the greater Connecticut River Valley. Auditions for new chorus members typically take place in September and January. Those interested in becoming part of the Springfield Symphony Chorus should contact Chorus president Claire Folini at sschoruspresident@gmail.com.

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Wings of Song sail our 'Blue Boat Home'

By Paula Ouimette
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Get ready to set sail as Wings of Song embarks on a musical journey on a "Blue Boat Home" with three multi-media performances meant to bring awareness to climate change.

Led by Music Director Nym Cooke, the 40-member community chorus will perform songs spanning decades, cultures and genres, accompanied by a backdrop of images and readings of poignant texts.

The images projected in a slideshow are both beautiful and sad, showing views of Earth, along with endangered and extinct animals. The slideshow is run by 15-year-old Bella.

While views on climate change differ (even within the chorus), all agree that Earth needs to be cared for.

"It is good to acknowledge that we're scared about what's happening with the climate," Cooke said. "We don't have to agree but we still work together."

The performance is named after the theme song, "Blue Boat Home" by Peter Mayer and comes from the line "and the Earth is my blue boat home."

"Blue Boat Home" will be a mix of chorale pieces, vocal solos and audience sing-alongs.

Joining the chorus is Tim Loftus on rhythm guitar and flute and Brooks Milgate providing piano accompaniment.

"Brooks is a key part of the success of our sound," Cooke said.

Loftus plays a Native American-style flute, and was inspired by Choctaw music to write his own tune.

"We have several Native American songs, including a Navajo round," Cooke said.

There's also a blend of pop music by Neil Young, John Lennon and Elton John, as well as folk music by Pete Seeger, Jean Ritchie and even some rhythm and blues by Marvin Gaye.

The performance begins and ends with Mayer's "Blue Boat Home", and it also features original pieces written by chorus members.

Terry McGinty of Warren wrote "The Shadows", which is an elegy for extinct and endangered species.

"It's not only our species being affected by this [climate

change]," Cooke said. "We're all in this together."

The second piece was written by Donna Dufresne of Pomfret, Connecticut.

Cooke said Dufresne is a singer/songwriter and actually wrote this piece three years ago when Wings of Song first planned to premiere the performance.

She presented "Wake Up" to Cooke, who made a chorale arrangement of it.

"It's powerful," he said.

Cooke said "Blue Boat Home" is made in a framework to respect and celebrate Earth.

"The whole program is about honoring a planet...our only home," he said.

Using his love of music to bring awareness to climate change, just seems natural for Cooke, who has been immersed in music his entire life.

"I grew up in a household surrounded by music" Cooke said.

Both of his parents were classically trained, and his father was a composer.

While his youthful musical interests were more focused on rebellion and rock and roll, Cooke dedicated his professional career to the early New England sacred chorale music of the 1770s-1820s.

"You had literally hundreds of self-taught composers teaching singing schools. Teaching young people to sing and read music," Cooke said.

These singing schools turned into supply for church choirs and were run only by men, Cooke said, although he will continue searching for women composers.

"I'm looking all the time," he said,

These composer arranged songs in four-parts like traditional chorale music, but with more of a folk-like feel.

"They started writing by instinct," Cooke said.

The songs were written with tenor carrying the melody, before adding in the bass, soprano, and lastly, alto.

"They didn't test them out," Cooke said of the arrangements. "That's what give the music a cool flavor...it's linear."

Unlike the choirs that sang those early composers' pieces, Wings of Song has had three years to test out "Blue Boat Home" as they had originally prepared to



(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)

Music Director Nym Cooke directs the 40-member chorus, Wings of Song.

perform it at this time back in 2020, but were unable to due to the pandemic.

"My hope is this will raise people's awareness, and encourage them to do a little bit more for the planet," Cooke said.

About 'Blue Boat Home'

People will have three opportunities to experience "Blue Boat Home," with the first being on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Chapel, 16 Church St., Fiskdale.

The second will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (the "Hill Church") in Woodstock, Connecticut.

The final concert will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m., in the auditorium of the Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley. Students at the school, under the direction of music teacher Becky Bussiere, have been learning sing-along melodies to join the chorus during the concert.

A special feature of that concert will be some brief remarks delivered by Massachusetts's "Climate Chief," Melissa Hoffer, who was appointed to her newly created position by Gov. Maura Healey on the Governor's first day in office.

Admission to all the performances is free, and people are invited to make a freewill offering at intermission.

All concert venues are hand-



A slideshow projects images related to climate change during the performance.

icap accessible. Doors will open half an hour before each concert; in Fiskdale and Woodstock, Connecticut, people are advised to arrive early in order to be sure of a seat.

Anyone wishing for more information on these concerts or on joining Wings of Song, whose fall rehearsal season begins Monday, Sept. 11, is encouraged to email Cooke at nymcooke@gmail.com, or President Carol Curtin at carolcurtin77@gmail.com.

A portion of what is collect-

ed during the concerts will be donated to a leading organization working to combat climate change. After the concerts, the chorus will announce the amount of its donation, and the recipient.

"Blue Boat Home" is supported in part by a grant from the Sturbridge Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Poster artwork for "Blue Boat Home" was designed by chorus member Cindy Young.



Members of the chorus hail from all over central Massachusetts and parts of Connecticut.



Tim Loftus, left, provides rhythm guitar and flute accompaniment and Brooks Milgate, right, plays piano.

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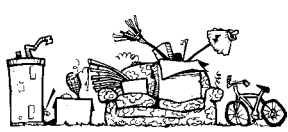
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2005 Lexus ES 330
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2005 Chevrolet Venture Blue
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2016 Kia Optima
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2001 Jeep Cherokee White
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2003 Saturn L-Series
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Angel L. Cruz
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2010 Dodge Avenger Beige
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Marcia A. Cassidy
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Holyoke MA 01040

05/12, 05/19, 05/26/2023

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a virtual public hearing on **Monday May 22, 2023 at 6:45 p.m.** for a Special Permit application filed by Baltazar Dental to expand a non-conforming structure for the purpose of establishing a dentist office at 2078 Memorial Drive, and is identified on Assessor's Map 7 Parcel 123, pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw 255-7 (existing uses, building and structures; nonconforming uses); Article IX (special permits); and the Zoning Dimensional Regulation Schedule.

The public hearing will be conducted virtually on Zoom. Persons may join as follows:
URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89942201273?pwd=cUo5UGl6YlNOTmMyTONjRzFBNFNoZz09>
Or join by phone: +13052241968, Webinar ID: 899 4220 1273 Passcode: 689595

The property is located within the Residence A-1 zoning district and is an existing office building.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and posted at www.southhadley.ma.gov under 'Permit Applications' - Special Permit' under section 'Memorial Drive (2078) - Dentist Office' or viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>.

Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated. The public hearing is being conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40-A, Section 11, Massachusetts General Laws and the enacted House Bill 58 as filed on March 1 2023, an Act making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023.

Joanna Brown, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
05/05, 05/12/2023

DEPARTEMNT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS 401 Water Quality Certification Application Public Notice

Pursuant to 33.U.S.C.1341 and MGL c21 §43, notice is hereby given of a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) application for Buttery Brook Watershed Restoration at Newton Street (42.2340105° N, 72.5837336° W) by the Town of South Hadley (116 Main Street) on property owned by the Town of South Hadley. The Town proposes to permanently drawdown Titus Pond and restore the area to a natural stream/wetland system. Additional information may be obtained from David Wong.

Written comments on this 401 WQC Application may be sent within 21 days of this notice to:

Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Wetlands and Waterways
100 Cambridge Street
8th floor
Boston, MA 02114
Attn: David Wong (MassDEP, Division of Wetlands and Waterways)

The Department will consider all written comments on this 401 WQC Application received by the Public Comments Deadline.

Any group of ten persons of the Commonwealth, any aggrieved person, or any government body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that has submitted written comments may also appeal the Department's Certification and that failure to submit comments before the end of public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

05/12/2023

GRANBY PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, Sec. 11, the Granby Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **May 22, 2023, at 5:15 PM**, at 1 Library Lane, Old Carnegie Library, Top Floor, Granby, MA. The nature of the hearing is to consider the petition of Jason Aller (Applicant) / 185 West State Street LLC (Owner), seeking Special Permit under Sections 6.2 of the Granby Zoning Bylaws and applicable of Section III - Regulations, 3.5.10 - Sale of used motor vehicles at 185 West State Street, and known as Assessors' Map 3-D1-1 in the town of Granby, MA.

The complete applications and plans are available for public inspection during regular business hours (9:00AM - 3:00 PM, Monday-Thursday, and 9:00AM - 12:00 PM Fridays) at the Selectmen's Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street, Granby, MA 01033.

Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

James Trompke, Chair
Granby Planning Board
05/05, 05/12/2023



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Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor
24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
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