

More than 100 golfers play in memorial tournament

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SOUTH HADLEY – The sixth annual Michael Ahearn Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Ledges Golf Club.

This year’s tournament featured 28 four-person teams and was the first year being played at Ledges Golf Club. The tournament was named after Michael Ahearn, a former president of the St. Patrick’s Committee of Holyoke.

Ahearn ran the tournament for many years until his passing about seven years ago. The golf tournament is one of many community events the committee hosts throughout the year to benefit the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Holyoke.

The tournament used to be held at the Northampton Country Club and was known as the Scottish Open. The committee also hosts a road race, JFK Dinner and

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Left to right stands Nick, Mike, Todd and Tony of Team Hurt.

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Planning Board supports zoning bylaw amendment

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Planning Board discussed a proposed zoning bylaw amendment related to the transferring of special permits.

Director of Planning & Conservation Anne Capra said during the recent review of the proposed zoning map amendment for 129 College St., town counsel Attorney Lisa Mead identified a significant flaw in the zoning bylaw related to the transfer of special permits.

The existing bylaw, Chapter 255 states that applications for a special permit may be made by a person or corporate entity and, if approved, shall be granted to said person or entity.

No special permit approved by the Special Permit Granting Authority, the Planning Board, in accordance with this section may be transferred or conveyed to any other person or entity other than the original grantee.

The proposed amendment reads that applications for a special permit for use may be made by a person or corporate entity and, if approved, shall be granted to said person or entity.

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Select Board discusses police staffing with chief

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Select Board heard a report from Police Chief Jennifer Gundersen on police staffing.

Gundersen attended the Oct. 6 meeting to address the Select Board and also seek input on the changes that have happened and the potential changes that could happen with the Police Department.

Gundersen addressed the staffing study that was done a few years ago and provided some recommendations.

Historically, the Police Department has been funded for 29 police officers in the department. With reductions recently happening, Gundersen said the department has been reduced to 27 police officers.

She said the dispatch center is also in the process of closing.

Gundersen said reducing staff does make an impact on the department and the community.

In the data review, calls for service are still at the same level. Gundersen listed all the calls that have

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Children sing along with Mr. Liam

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SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Public Library hosted music with Mr. Liam.

Liam “Mr. Liam” Hurley is a children’s musician and singer based in Holyoke and has been playing children’s music for about 13 years.

Before his solo music program, Hurley was a drummer for Josh Ritter and the Royal City Band.

His first experience of performing in children’s shows was when he was a member of the children’s music band the Big Littles. The group was based out of Brooklyn, New York.

In his music programs, Hurley still plays original songs from the Big Littles. The most popular one is called, “I Want it, I Don’t Want it.”

Music with Mr. Liam performs in multiple libraries throughout the region. Hurley works with the group Pathways for Parents to schedule his program with libraries.

During his show at the South Hadley Public Library on Oct. 10, Hurley performed covers of classic nursery rhymes, including the alphabet song and “Wheels on the Bus”.

His shows involve audience participation from both children and parents. The ukulele and drums are his go-to instruments during Music with Mr. Liam.

Throughout his show, Hurley gets his audience to partake in a 10-second

dance party. His music program is catered to children ages 0 to 6.

The first time he began to sing in front of an audience was inspired after he received his first ukulele as a Father’s Day gift in 2013.

Hurley also has a month-

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Liam Hurley, known as “Mr. Liam” is a singer and musician who puts on music shows for guests of all ages at the South Hadley Public Library.

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Church holds annual craft fair, bake sale

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GRANBY – The annual Craft Fair at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church featured over 50 vendors from all over the region.

What began as an indoor craft fair soon expanded to more space outdoors as vendors set up in the parking lot of the church. The craft fair is usually held every November and was moved a month earlier to Oct. 12.

Proceeds from the craft fair go to benefit the church.

Jeff Lussier is the president of the Men’s & Women’s Club at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and was cooking in the kitchen to provide breakfast and lunch for guests. Members of the church also offered a bake sale and raffles during the craft fair.

Kim Marion of Kim’s Kreations served as the co-ordinator of the craft fair and is a regular vendor during the event.

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Shown from left are Donna Pike and Judy LaPlante, the owners of D & J Country Crafts. They are regulars at the annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Craft Fair.

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Election letters must be received by Oct. 21

The Town Reminder welcomes readers to participate in this year's state election by writing letters to the editor for publication.

Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to Town Reminder, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to townremind-

er@turley.com by noon on Wednesday, Oct. 21 to be published in the Friday, Oct. 23 edition. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

Letter writers need to provide their name and the town they reside in.

Please include a daytime telephone number (for verification purposes only) when submitting your letter. Your phone number will not be printed.

Vision screening begins Oct. 26

GRANBY – The Granby Lions Club will be performing vision screenings at various Granby and South Hadley pre-schools.

This is our 3rd year with this program, the screening

is scheduled for Oct. 26 through Oct. 29.

This free program is sponsored by the Granby Lions Club. The motto of the Lions Clubs is: "We Serve".

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ly family show at Iron Horse in Northampton. The program is known as Mr. Liam and Friends, a show where he has additional performers in his show.

These are family friendly shows with several themes, including a 90s show where Hurley performs covers of notable songs from the 1990s.

During his shows, Hurley loves bringing comedy

to his performances.

Hurley will return to the South Hadley Public Library on Nov. 21 at 10:30 a.m. The library is located at 2 Canal St.

Music from the Big Littles can be heard on all listening and streaming platforms. Type in "the Big Littles" in the search.

More information about Music with Mr. Liam can be found on Instagram, @mrlIAMmusic.



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Mr. Liam played his ukulele and sang the alphabet backwards.



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Chicopee Galaxy Youth Assoc. Coach killed in Holyoke shooting

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HOLYOKE/CHICOPEE - Ricky Arroyo, a coach for the Chicopee Galaxy Youth Athletic Association, has been identified as the victim shot and killed in a shooting near the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke on Oct. 11.

According to the Hampden County District Attorney's Office, the Holyoke Police Department responded to the scene on Nick Cosmos Way at approximately 1 p.m. "for a report of a man down."

"Responding officers determined that the incident involved a shooting. The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he later died. The victim has been identified as Ricky Arroyo, 35, of Chicopee," it reads.

During the response, Holyoke Police officers located an adult male suspect and took him into custody.

"The defendant, Craig Jones, 37, of South Hadley, was arraigned Tuesday, Oct. 13 in Holyoke District Court on the following charges:

murder, carrying a firearm without a license, carrying a loaded firearm without a license, and discharge of a firearm within 500 feet of a building. His next date in court is scheduled for Nov. 13. Jones is presumed innocent of all allegations until proven guilty," it reads. "This remains an ongoing investigation being conducted by the Hampden District Attorney's Office State Police Detective Unit, in conjunction with the Holyoke Police Department. Hampden District Attorney Gulluni expresses his sympathies to the victim's family."

Jones has pleaded not guilty and is currently being held without bail.

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke said that none of its members, participants, staff, coaches or officials were injured in the shooting, sharing this statement with local media on Tuesday.

"The safety and well-being of the young people, families and dedicated staff we serve are always our highest priority, and we take any incident that could impact their sense of safety very seriously.

ly. The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke is deeply saddened by the loss of life following an altercation between adults that occurred outside of our facility after a basketball event held in our gymnasium last weekend. Our thoughts are with the family and loved ones of the individual who lost their life, as well as all those affected by this heartbreaking incident," they said. "While the individuals involved were not associated with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke, Club staff were present to monitor the event and immediately activated emergency protocols to help ensure the safety of those in the building. We are not aware of any young people who witnessed the shooting. As this remains an active police investigation, we are unable to provide further comment at this time. Our commitment to the safety and well-being of our members, families, staff and community remains unwavering."

Chicopee Galaxy Youth Athletic Association Statement and Vigil

The Chicopee Galaxy Youth Athletic Association

tion remembered Arroyo in a statement posted on its Facebook page on Monday, Oct. 12, saying that he was "forever in our hearts" and a coach, mentor and inspiration to the community.

"It is with a heavy heart that we make this post, but Chicopee Galaxy lost a member of our family yesterday. Coach Ricky put his heart and soul into teaching the game of basketball to the youth of our community. He was a great mentor to his players and we couldn't have asked for a better coach to be part of Galaxy," it reads. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this time. He will be missed and always be remembered. We love you Coach Ricky."

A day later, on Oct. 13, family members, friends, former players and community members gathered at Szot Park in Chicopee with flowers and balloons for a candlelight vigil in Arroyo's memory, paying tribute to a beloved community member and coach gone too soon.

The Holyoke Sun and the Chicopee Register will continue to follow this story as it develops.

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No special permit for use approved by the Special Permit Granting Authority in accordance with this section may be transferred or conveyed to any other person or person or entity other than the original grantee without prior approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority.

The recommendation from town counsel is to propose this amendment for the town meeting on Nov. 9.

Capra gave an example of what the Planning Board would do, which would be to review the application for a transfer between two parties.

Conditions of the special permit would be recognized and upheld. An application would come back before the board if another party came after the previous party moved on.

"Whoever owns the property would be the one that requests the transfer of the special permit," Capra said.

The special permit has to be transferred to a specific entity. Capra said this is something that has been odd and unusual for years.

The Planning Board moved to recommend to town meeting the adoption of an amendment to the South Hadley zoning bylaw, Chapter 255, Section 128(H) to allow the transfer of a special permit granted for use upon approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority.

Sign bylaw amendment

Capra talked about another proposed zoning bylaw amendment regarding signs.

This was brought up considering comments from the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General regarding their review and denial of certain provisions of Section 255-85.

The Attorney General disapproved the proposed sign bylaw section on fines and enforcements stating that it conflicts with state law.

The town may not impose a fine greater than \$300 for zoning bylaw violations in order to enforce the bylaw.

The revision must be made so the maximum penalty is \$300 for the third offense and \$300 for fourth and subsequent offense. In the columns,

the town had \$500 listed as the maximum penalty.

The Planning Board recommended the proposed amendment with the revision of the third offense with the minimum fine of \$100 with a maximum of \$200. Making the fourth offense the minimum of \$200 with a maximum of \$300.

Public hearing continuations

The Planning Board continued the public hearing for the application for special permit filed by Aya Custom Homes Inc for the construction of a new duplex located at 144 East St.

Andree Bazukin attended the meeting with a revised map that was made in response to the comments from the previous Planning Board meeting. There were prior concerns regarding screenings and possible stormwater runoff.

Capra reviewed the map and highlighted the changes including an additional fence.

Planning Board Chair Diane Mulvaney read through all the standards and criteria

the application meets.

The board approved the special permit with the revised site plan as presented.

The next public hearing was for an application for special permit filed by LCR Builders. Applicants Leah Spring and Cory Whelihan are seeking a special permit for the development of a flag lot located at 134 Ferry St.

A revised plan was presented with a new zoning district delineation. The plans had a zoning line placed on the parcel. The plan does meet the RA-1 standards. The other zoning is in the agricultural district.

Mulvaney read the conditions to see if there were any comments that members of the board may want to make. The site plan met the requirements that were requested and meet the flag lot dimensional standards.

The proposed flag lot exceeds the required 50-foot access strip off Ferry Street and provides ample emergency access.

The Planning Board approved the special permit with conditions stated.



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HCC culinary arts student awarded national civic fellowship

HOLYOKE – A Holyoke Community College culinary arts student has been awarded a national Newman Civic Fellowship for the 2026-2027 academic year.

As one of this year’s Newman fellows, Tiff Mackey, a 44-year-old Texas native who now lives in Holyoke, joins a cohort of more than 170 college students from 39 states who have excelled academically while demonstrating a commitment to community service.

“My commitment to civic engagement is rooted in the belief that food is one of the most powerful tools for building connections across differences,” Mackey said in her Newman Civic Fellowship statement. “Feeding people affirms dignity, fosters belonging, and offers the comfort of common ground.”

Newman Civic Fellowships are awarded annually by Campus Compact, a national coalition of colleges and universities working to advance the public purposes of higher education. The Newman Civic Fellowship is a year-long program that recognizes students who stand out for their leadership potential and commitment to creating positive change in their communities.

The fellowship provides students with educational programs, workshops, and networking opportunities to help nurture their development as civic leaders. With the help of a campus mentor, each fellow takes on a community-based project of their design.

“This group of exceptional students from campuses across the country is such a welcomed addition to the Newman Civic Fellowship,” said Campus Compact President Bobbie Laur. “Now more than ever, it is an honor to recognize student leaders who are applying themselves as changemakers and creating positive impact in their communities.”

Now a second-year student in HCC’s culinary arts associate degree program, Mackey has distinguished herself in the classroom and as a member of the Culinary Arts Club at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute. Among its community



Submitted Photo
Tiff Mackey, a culinary arts student at Holyoke Community College, received a Newman Civic Fellowship for the 2026-2027 academic year.

activities, the club prepares monthly, full-course family dinners-to-go for people who use the United Way food pantry there. Beyond that, Mackey worked over the summer as a supplementary instructor for the HCC summer youth program and had a volunteer internship with Nuestras Raices, the nonprofit Holyoke

Tracy Carter, chair of the HCC culinary arts program and adviser to the Culinary Club. Carter will serve as Mackey’s fellowship mentor.

“Tiff is always the first person who wants to help others,” said Carter. “She is really passionate about public health and food security.”

Food, in one form or another, has been at the heart of Mackey’s life for a long time. After dropping out of college in her early 20s – she was studying business and computers – she left Texas and “bounced around a bit,” working for organic farms, growing lettuce, raising ducks, and volunteering at food banks. She settled in western Massachusetts about 10 years ago and has worked with CSAs (communities for sustainable agriculture) at farmers markets in Easthampton, South Hadley and Amherst, while immersing herself in the books of food writer Michael Pollan and feeding her interest in food politics and accessibility.

“Going back to school in my 40s,” she said, “I’m just getting to a place where I

can complete what I couldn’t so many years ago. Going to culinary school is something I’ve wanted to do for a long time.”

Mackey now lives on a homestead in Holyoke’s Rock Valley neighborhood where she raises chickens and maintains a robust vegetable garden.

“It’s too small to call it a farm,” she said, “but I am trying to build it up into a sustainable, closed loop system.”

For her Newman Fellowship project, Mackey is working on sustainable soup, which would entail turning knife cuts and other extra items from the culinary arts classes into a dehydrated, nutrient dense, bagged soup that could be prepared by simply adding hot water, with the soup bags provided to Holyoke residents who use the food pantry at the culinary arts institute.

“The goal is also to incorporate the sustainable soup project into our nutrition class this semester and even into our food styling and marketing classes next semester,” she said.

HCC annual ‘Trunk or Treat’ set for Friday, Oct. 23

HOLYOKE – Visitors to Holyoke Community College on Friday, Oct. 23, can expect to see witches, ghouls, ghosts and an assortment of characters from popular children’s movies, games, books, and TV shows as the college celebrates Halloween with its ninth annual Trunk or Treat event.

Every year, the event draws thousands of children and their parents to the HCC campus for a fun, safe, and early Halloween celebration as dozens of HCC departments, programs, and student clubs, as well as community

groups and area businesses, decorate their cars and trucks with a wide assortment of themes.

Trunk or Treat runs from 5 to 7 p.m. in Parking Lot M by the Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation on the main HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave.

Last year’s trunk themes included Disney’s Cars, the Wizard of Oz, Minions, Dr. Seuss, pirates, a haunted vet clinic, aliens, Jurassic Park, Shrek, the Adams Family, witches, The Nightmare Before Christmas, cartoons, pumpkins and ghosts, Harry

Potter, Scooby Doo, Bob’s Burgers, fun at the farm, Irish dancing fairies, haunted house, brains, aliens, and Bluey, among others.

Prizes are awarded to vehicle sponsors in various categories including best executed theme, scariest trunk, best costumes, and most original.

Each vehicle will be handing out free Halloween treats and have non-food items for children with dietary restrictions.

Trunk or Treat at HCC started in 2017 as a safe, fun, and early alternative to traditional trick-or-treating on

Halloween night. Rather than going door to door seeking Halloween treats, children go “trunk to trunk” to collect their candy, visiting cars decorated with seasonal themes and familiar stories and characters.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held outdoors, rain or shine. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

To sponsor a vehicle, please contact Student Engagement at studentengagement@hcc.edu. The deadline is Monday, Oct. 19.

Fall fun with the bike/walk committee

SOUTH HADLEY – The bike/walk committee is having a Lithia Springs Vernal Pool Trek on Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. meet at the hikers lot next door to 502 Amherst Rd. in South Hadley. Join them for an Autumn trek to the Vernal pools.

There will be a Halloween Bike ride on Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. to McCray’s Farm for a spooky Halloween treat. Meet at the South Hadley Center Pavilion across the street from The Village Commons. Costumes must be safe to ride in and helmets must be worn.

On Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. join the bike/walk committee for a day of walking at the Ashley Reservoir. This will be a 2.3 mile walk with a 3.5 mile walk option as well.



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Matters

By Russell Gloor

Does a Veteran who uses VA Healthcare need Medicare at age 65?

Dear Rusty:
I'm not yet old enough, but must I enroll in Medicare at age 65?
I am a disabled military veteran with VA benefits, so must I still take Medicare when I turn 65?
Signed:
Disabled Veteran

Dear Disabled Veteran:
First, please accept my gratitude for your military service to our country. And please also know that if you now rely 100% on the VA for all your healthcare needs and you expect that to continue for the rest of your life, then you have the option to decline enrolling in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. However, if you believe that using healthcare providers from outside the VA may someday be in your future, you should enroll in Medicare when you are first eligible.
Although you are required to enroll in Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services) if you collect Social Security after age 65, enrolling in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient medicals services) is always optional because there is a monthly premium for Part B (\$202.90 for 2026 - changes yearly).
So, as a military veteran using VA healthcare, you have a choice to either enroll in Medicare Part B at age 65, or not if you get all your healthcare services from the Veterans Administration.
Just be aware that VA healthcare is not considered "creditable" for Medicare purposes, so if you do not enroll in Medicare Part B during your Medicare Initial Enrollment Period and later choose to enroll in Medicare Part B, there will be a permanent Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling in Medicare Part B outside your initial enrollment period (your Medicare IEP is three months

on either side of the month you turn 65).
So, the decision you will need to make as you approach 65 years of age is this: will all of your healthcare needs always be provided through the VA? Or do you want the convenience (and flexibility) to know you can use any healthcare provider anywhere the U.S. or its territories, whenever and wherever you wish.
If the latter is true, then you should likely enroll in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. You can still use the VA for some services if you are enrolled in both, but there is no coordination of benefits (e.g., the VA will not make copayments if you use Medicare services, and vice versa).
Which means that you may also wish to also consider a Medicare Advantage plan or a Medicare Supplement plan to go with Medicare Part B if/when you enroll.
I hope this answers your question, but please don't hesitate to contact us again if needed. And, importantly, thank you for your service to our country.

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Every fall I look for the return of the dark-eyed juncos, also known as "snow birds" in the middle latitudes.
Over most of the eastern United States, they appear as winter sets in and then retreat northward each spring to breed. Other juncos are year-round residents, retreating into woodlands during the breeding season or, like those of the Appalachian Mountains, moving to higher elevations during the warmer months.
I have not seen any yet, but I keep an eye out for them. Often my first sighting of the year is along the side of the road when I spot their white tail feathers as they fly.
Dark-eyed juncos are little sparrows with gray plumage and white

outer tail feathers and white underneath. Females and juveniles are slightly browner and duller.
They breed in forests including coniferous and deciduous types and can be found at elevations from sea level to over 11,000 feet. Typically, the female lays between three to six eggs per clutch. She usually lays one egg per day until the clutch is complete.
Their diet primarily consists of seeds and insects, adapting to available food sources throughout the year.
Juncos are social birds, often seen in flocks during winter and they exhibit a



Dark-eyed junco

in my

BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer



Sparrow

When to wash and when not to wash

This is one of my more funnier titles, isn't it?
It occurred to me that not everyone knows which fruits or vegetables should be washed prior to storage.
Just yesterday I was pondering this topic myself, wondering if my fresh picked apples should be washed before I stored them away in the fridge.
Read on to learn the answer to that question as well as the same for other crops. While we're at it I will provide additional tips to help achieve lengthy storage.
Apples should not be washed prior to storage. There is a protective waxy covering over the fruit that helps to increase its shelf life.
Experiments prove that washing it off caused the apples to spoil much more quickly. Placing unwashed apples in a plastic bag that is either left open or has perforations in it then putting the bag in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator will give them the best chance at longevity. This method provides both air flow and humidity.
Want to store carrots or beets? Use the same method. You will have to cut back the greens first, however. If you leave them on they will pull moisture from the roots rendering them limp. Cut back to a half inch or so.
If your carrots or beets are super muddy it's best to let them air dry briefly to get some of the extra dirt off, but just like apples, that protective waxy layer should not be

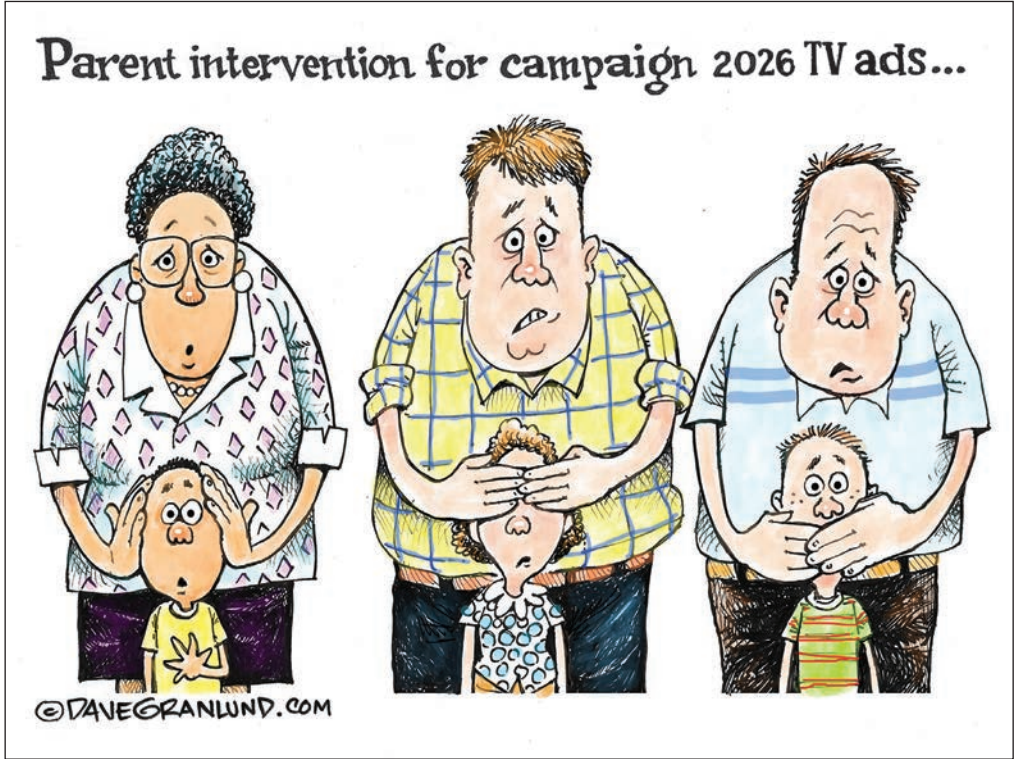
washed off. If you are hoping for a long storage life, it makes sense to go through your bags of produce to remove any that begin to rot so that they won't infect their neighbors.
There is something to be



gleaned from the old adage "one bad apple spoils the whole barrel."
Likewise, never wash potatoes before putting them in storage! Gently brush off dirt and store them in a single layer in the darkness around 55 degrees.
Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Potatoes should not be stored in the refrigerator. It changes their texture and makes them prone to rot.
I think it's safe to say that we would never consider washing onions or garlic prior to storage. We should, however, gently brush off the dirt near the roots and bottom portion of the bulb. After onions are properly cured, store them at temperatures close to 40 degrees.
Place apples, bananas, and tomatoes away from onions, these vegetables excrete ethylene gas as they ripen, causing onions to sprout pre-

maturely. Ethylene will also encourage potatoes to sprout.
Use onion bulbs that have two centers first; they won't store well. Garlic stems should be cut back to a couple of inches before storing for the winter in a cool and dry location in mesh bags or on slatted trays etc.
Softneck types of garlic have pliable foliage that lends itself well to braiding. In any case, allowing for good air circulation will ensure a long storage life.
Keep your garlic fists intact; once broken apart, individual cloves do not keep as long.
Gently wash winter squash in a 10% bleach solution prior to storing at temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees; in this case it will help prevent rot.
The flavor of many of our favorite squashes only improves with age. The same advice for washing prevails for pumpkins and gourds.

As the harvest season continues, may these tips help to ensure that you get the longest possible storage life. A much deserved reward after all of your hard work!
Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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.



distinctive hopping behavior on the ground. They flit about forest floors of the western mountains and Canada, then flood the rest of North America for winter.
They are among the most abundant forest birds of North America. They come to feeders and like many sparrows feed on the ground to glean seeds dropped there by other birds.
They prefer open, partially wooded areas with understory for cover. They also have a twittering call or trilling song. If flushed from the ground, they appear gray or dark brown overall with visible white outer tail feathers.
The dark-eyed Junco is one of the most common birds in North America and can be found across the continent

from Alaska to Mexico, from California to New York. A recent estimate set the junco's total population at approximately 630 million individuals.
The oldest recorded dark-eyed Junco, originally banded in 1991, was at least 11 years, 4 months old when it was recaptured and rereleased during banding operations in the same state of West Virginia in 2001.
Large flock of sparrows
Recently, while driving to the bus stop to pick up my grandson, I flushed a large flock of sparrows along the side of the road. A large number of them flew across the road in front of the car. It happened quickly so I was not able to identify them. They

were not juncos as they did not have white tail feathers
New bird feeder
A man, who attends meals at the Oakham Senior Center, built a feeder from tubing someone gave him.
He filled it with seed and put it outside. It took a few days for the birds to arrive, but he has a lot of birds coming to it now.
eBird sightings
Recent eBird sightings included a Cape May warbler on Oct. 6 in Belchertown and an American redstart and a black-bellied plover, both spotted in the northeast Quabbin area on Oct. 6.
People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowne@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

Food pantry wish list

SOUTH HADLEY—Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry wish list for food donations. As the weather turns a bit cooler the food pantry is looking for some basic staples. Any amount of donations would be greatly appreciated. The food pantry is located at 30 Carew St., in South Hadley, Mass.
Items on the wish list include soups, tomato

products, canned meats, chilis & stews, condiments, cold cereal, oatmeal, pasta (any kind), personal hygiene items (bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo) and pet food.
The pantry provides nutritious food to those in need while building strong relationships with local neighbors. With your help, they can create a better future for everyone.

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Legislators, local leaders speak against MWRA request

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BELCHERTOWN – A public hearing was held by the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission to discuss a request from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to transfer an additional 20 million gallons of water per day from the Quabbin Reservoir to the eastern Massachusetts communities the reservoir serves.

The reason cited is to accommodate the expansion of its service area.

Legislators and local officials, along with residents spoke strongly in opposition of this request at the Sept. 30 hearing, citing fairness, equity and history, among other themes. State leaders in attendance included Rep. Aaron Saunders, Sen. Jake Oliveira, Sen. Jo Comerford and Sen. Peter Durant.

Saunders spoke of the history of the Quabbin, saying “The Quabbin is not merely a distant water source.”

He spoke about how it displaced residents and reshaped the region of the state for the benefit of millions of people in metro Boston, and how to this day, the residents and communities protect and steward the water. He said the lands of the Quabbin are taken from the tax bases of communities and residents live with water restrictions to preserve the water, but they cannot access it when their own wells run dry.

“This is the context in which I urge the commission to reject the MWRA’s application as presented,” Saunders said.

He also noted that the re-

quest of 20 million gallons is the largest request ever made in 40 years of the interbasin transfer being law.

Saunders also spoke about the interbasin transfer act, which is the legal process for the request being made. He said under the statute, the donor and receiving communities need to have access to the same information to weigh their decisions, but in this case, the donor communities are not being told what the need for the water is, which communities will be getting it, and how much water is going to each individual community.

He said the eastern Massachusetts communities will have all that information.

“The MWRA’s attempt to leverage the very law designed to protect our communities to instead deprive us of basic information about a proposed transfer adds immeasurable insult to generations of injury,” he said of the request.

“Quabbin region residents are being asked to comment on the extraction of 20 million gallons of water per day without knowing where the water will go, who will receive it, how much each community needs, or what public benefit supposedly justifies the burden,” he said.

Oliveira spoke about the levels of the Quabbin being the lowest they have been in his lifetime.

“If you go to the Quabbin Reservoir right now, you can see how low the water is,” he said.

He said the request of 20 million gallons is equivalent to one John Hancock building in Boston, and there is no clear guidance on who will



Turley Staff Photo

Representatives from the communities surrounding the Quabbin Reservoir attended a public hearing on Sept. 30.

receive the water. He urged the commission to hold a future hearing on the decision in western Massachusetts so people from the region can attend.

Oliveira also spoke about the interbasin transfer law, saying “the spirit of the law is intentionally being broken right now, and if this makes its way to a court of law, I guarantee that they would probably side with the legislators.”

Comerford spoke about the commission’s responsibility to safeguard the water future for the entire commonwealth, and spoke about how the Quabbin towns face restrictions on economic development while getting little payment in return.

“Your decisions today have generational impacts...I urge you to reject the MWRA’s application,” Comerford said.

She also recommended against future water trans-

fers until fundamental questions are answered, saying, “I ask the commission today to recommend against any future water transfers from the Quabbin until the commonwealth has resolved fundamental questions of equity, stewardship and a common water future for all in Massachusetts.”

She said the region has chronic population decline, limited infrastructure and a dearth of economic activity, and asked what would happen when the region runs out of resources to protect the water.

Comerford said the towns took formal votes during town meetings and select board letters asking for more representation on the MWRA board of directors, since the region has no seat, and for more payment in lieu of taxes funding.

“The MWRA and its advisory board responded negatively with disinterest, disinformation and even open disdain,” Comerford said.

Durant said the water system is under stress and extracting with no compensation is not good, and he also spoke of the proposed battery energy storage system in Oakham.

Stephen Garabedian of the Belchertown Conservation Commission said he believes the application is a done deal, saying the governor wants this water to develop a former naval base and turn it into 6,000 housing units. He said since there are no resources for water near Boston, they are turning to the Quabbin.

“Water flows toward money,” he said.

Some leaders, including Patty Gamborini of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Sue Cloutier of New Salem asked about desalination plants, and whether one could be built on the coast of Boston. Cloutier said when she was in eighth grade, she did a study on desalination happening in Florida, saying

the technology is there.

Matthew Broderick of the Oakham Planning Board said a third of their town was taken for the watershed, and the town takes its stewardship seriously, and they are also in support of protecting their self interests and the reservoir from the BESS facility.

“Our confidence in the stewardship of the MWRA has been severely eroded,” he said, and noted there could be severe impacts if the BESS system experiences an accident.

Ed Comeau of Belchertown said the Quabbin is 12 feet below capacity, and the Quabbin/Wachusett system is still a good reserve, but with climate change and changes in precipitation, it could take years to build back to the levels the reservoir was once at.

The commission will make a decision about this request at a future public hearing, which is yet to be scheduled as of this publication.

South Hadley COA lists upcoming events

October Happenings

Van Trip to Skinner Mountain and Barstow’s Dairy Store and Bakery Wednesday, Oct. 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join us on a fall trip to the Skinner Mountain State Park and the Mt. Holyoke Summit House for some breathtaking fall scenery overlooking the CT River Valley. We will stop at Barstow’s Dairy Store and Bakery on the way back. Cost of the trip is \$3.00 with purchases at Barstow’s being on you! Registration Required. Please prepay.

Book Reading with Author Laura Bellusci Friday, Oct. 23, 12:30 p.m. Join Laura Bellusci for a

reading of her novel, The Eternal Pine. A historical novel told within the framework of a fairy tale, the tale encompasses orphans, church rule, and a villainous king in 18th century Naples, Italy. Laura lives in Northampton, Mass. and teaches Italian in the community. For a reader’s guide to The Eternal Pine, see laurabellusci.com Registration is required. Light refreshment will be provided.

Intro to Smartphone Photography Friday, Oct. 30, 9:30 a.m. Interested in learning more about you smartphone camera? In this lecture, we’ll discuss common camera icons on Android and iPh-

one devices, simple editing tools, managing and sharing your photos, and editing date and location details on your phone. Registration required.

Health & Wellness

South Hadley Walking Club Mon, Wed Fri, 9 to 10 a.m. Join your friends for some exercise while enjoying a self-guided walk around Woodlawn Park.

Meditation w/ Lewis & Richard Instructors: Lewis and Richard; Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. FREE Class includes different meditation techniques. Not affiliated with any religious or spiritual tradition.

Granby Free Public Library’s new afternoon book club

GRANBY – Join us for a friendly, relaxed, afternoon book club at the Granby Free Public Library. The group will meet monthly, every third Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. to discuss various genres of fiction.

Group members will vote on titles they would like to read in advance.

Upcoming books are made available at the library in multiple formats - regular print, large print and audio-book. For the Oct. 20 meeting, the book choice is “The Briar Club” by Kate Quinn, stop by the library for a copy.

Afternoon book groups combine the joy of reading with the benefits of conver-

sation, community, and personal enrichment, making them a rewarding way to spend time and connect with others.

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Tigers football routs Pathfinder's team

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – Since the MIAA implemented its current postseason format in 2021, the South Hadley Tigers have played two road games in the state football tournament.

In 2021, South Hadley dropped a 35-0 decision at Winthrop High School in a Division 6 first-round state tournament game. Two years later, after moving down to Division 7, the Tigers suffered a 39-8 first-round loss at West Bridgewater.

The members of this year's South Hadley football team are determined to secure a home game for the first time in the state tournament.

The Tigers improved to a perfect 5-0 following a convincing 34-0 non-league home victory over the Pathfinder Tech Patriots, last Thursday night.

"One of our goals this season is to host a playoff game," said South Hadley



Noah Hambley takes the ball on a long run.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Micah Litovich makes a good block.

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Rams defeat Smith Academy, Ware



Gage Carter slings a throw to a teammate.

Ralph El Aouji heads up the field with the ball.

Gabe Helbok tries to settle the ball.

GRANBY – It was a busy week for Granby High School boys soccer as they scored wins over Smith Academy and Ware, but

suffered a 3-0 loss against Westfield Tech. Heading into the final stretch of the season, Granby is 5-5 and needs to stay at .500 to qual-

ify for the state tournament. They are currently out of the top 32 in the Division 5 state power rankings.

Pacers take down South Hadley boys soccer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY— Only one boys' soccer team from the Holley Division has defeated the Chicopee High School Pacers since the start of the 2024 regular season.

Powered by the senior tandem of Abdulwahhab Alnuaimi and Griffen Wrisley, the Pacers rolled to a 5-0 shutout road win over the South Hadley Tigers last Thursday afternoon to extend their league unbeaten streak.

"The past two years, we've had a really good team," said Wrisley, who recorded a hat-trick in his final regular season appearance against the Tigers. "This year is more of a rebuilding year. Having these results in the league really means a lot to us. It shows that we're still here and we're still ready to give that fight and win everything for the school."

The road victory improved Chicopee High's record to 8-2 overall and 8-0 against league opponents, while officially wrapping up a third consecutive Holley Division title.

"One of our goals was to clinch the Holley Division title," said Chicopee head coach Hugo Destapado. "We now want to finish the regular season with a perfect league record."

The last Holley Division team to beat the Pacers was Frontier Regional, who squeaked out a 2-1 win at Szot Park last October.

Besides being league champs again this fall, the Pacers will be looking to defend their Western Mass. Class B title in a couple of weeks.

One thing that the current Chicopee players have yet to accomplish is winning

the Division 3 state championship title. A year ago, the Pacers lost, 3-1, at Greater New Bedford Regional Voc/Tech High School in a Division 3 Elite 8 contest.

"Winning the Division 3 state championship is our ultimate goal," Wrisley said. "We just have to stay focused and take it one game at a time."

It was also the third consecutive shutout and the fifth overall recorded by Chicopee junior goalie Zachariah Yarovoy (4 saves).

The Pacers starting defenders are sophomore Peter Morozov, junior Xavien Zayas, and senior Matheus Callegari.

"The guys in the back have been doing a great job so far this season," Destapado said. "Peter is only a sophomore, but he's become of leader of that unit, which is pretty impressive."

The Pacers began this week's action as the sixth ranked team in the MIAA Division 3 state power rankings.

The Tigers (6-2-3, 5-2-2), who captured the Moriarty Division title in 2024, entered last Thursday's home match with an outside chance of tying South Hadley for the league title.

"We still had a shot mathematically to finish in first place," said South Hadley head coach Byron Joy. "Chicopee is a very talented soccer team. We played much better against them in our first meeting. We were expecting a much better result in today's game. We would welcome another chance to play them again in the West Mass. tournament."

The South Hadley seniors, who are also hoping to face the Pacers again, are Daniel Beaulieu, Spencer Parsons, Jaxon Pueschel, Martin Dixon, Matt Butler, Nolan Masse, Rehan Shahid, Ryan Trudel, and Kaysen

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Brandon Carillon makes his way up the field.



Conor Gallery plays the ball off his foot.



Logan Carmody sprints up the field.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

T-Birds earn point against Charlotte

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-1-0-1) received another terrific netminding performance, but it proved not to be enough in a 2-1 shootout loss at the hands of the Charlotte Checkers (2-2-0-0) on Sunday afternoon inside the MassMutual Center.

Springfield starting goalie Will Cranley was the far busier netminder in the opening 20 minutes, as the Checkers outshot the T-Birds by a 13-3 margin through the first period, while Kirill Gerasimyyuk had little action in the Charlotte goaltender’s crease.

For a second straight night, the T-Birds’ short-handed unit chipped in on offense, as Alek Kaskimaki and Otto Stenberg worked a beautiful give-and-go, with Kaskimaki cashing in from

the left-wing side at 10:46, giving Springfield the 1-0 advantage. Kaskimaki has now registered points in each of the season’s first four games.

Cranley’s excellence continued, as he and the Springfield penalty-killing unit went a perfect 3-for-3 on the day, improving to 18-for-19 on the season.

After going the first 103 minutes of his season without allowing a goal, Cranley finally succumbed to a strike from Cole Schwindt at 3:44 of the final period, which brought Charlotte back even, 1-1.

The goaltenders’ duel carried through the end of regulation, and in the 3-on-3 overtime, Gerasimyyuk received some luck from the iron as Kaskimaki hit the post on a breakaway backhand that

would have sealed the game for Springfield.

The shootout followed, and Angus Crookshank opened the festivities with a forehander past Cranley’s glove, which proved to be all Gerasimyyuk would need, as Justin Carbonneau, Kaskimaki, and Nikita Susuev all failed to get one behind the Checker backstop.

Despite the loss, Springfield has earned five points over its first four games of the season, allowing just eight goals to their opposition in regulation time.

The T-Birds continue the homestand next Friday and Saturday with back-to-back meetings with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, with puck drops set for 7:05 p.m. on Oct. 16 and 6:05 p.m. on Saturday.

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Gauthier.

The Tigers, who were ranked 16th in the Division 4 power rankings, also lost to the Pacers, 3-1, at Szot Park on September 18. They could meet for the third time during the Western Mass. Class B tournament.

It didn’t take very long for Chicopee to take a 1-0 lead in their second meeting against South Hadley.

During the fourth minute of the opening half, Wrisley, who has scored 119 career goals, fired a low shot that deflected into the net off the

glove of junior goalie Xzavies Rosario (6 saves).

“It was very important for us to take any early lead,” Wrisley said. “It also gave us the momentum.”

Wrisley hasn’t made his college decision yet, but Destapado believes he’ll be an outstanding player at the next level.

“It’s still early in the recruiting process,” Destapado said. “He’s a very talented player and he can play at that level. It’s been a tremendous ride with him during the past couple of years.”

Rosario made a key save on a shot attempt by Callegari following a corner kick in the

25th minute.

The home team’s four shots on goal during the first half were taken by junior Chris Sotiropoulos, Butler, Parsons, and Trudel.

The score remained 1-0 until Alnuaimi put a low shot into the left corner for an unassisted goal in the 28th minute.

Then Wrisley scored the Pacers final two first half goals and recorded his fifth hat-trick of the regular season.

The only goal of the second half was scored by Alnuaimi. Morozov was credited with the assist.

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sophomore quarterback Nolan Soderbaum. “We take practice seriously, and we’re a confident team. We know that we can beat these teams.”

Soderbaum is following in the footsteps of his older brother, Griffin, who was the Tigers starting quarterback a year ago.

South Hadley, who has outscored its first five opponents, 203-14, were ranked fifth in the MIAA Division 7 power rankings that was released on October 9. It puts the Tigers in position to potentially host a state tournament game.

Unlike the soccer or field hockey state tournaments, only the top 16 teams in each of the eight football divisions qualify for the state playoffs.

“We still have a long way to go,” said South Hadley head coach Brian Couture. “We’re going to be playing a road game against a tough Holyoke team next week. We then play at Lee, who’s undefeated, before hosting a very good Easthampton team. We don’t finish the regular season with an easy schedule.”

Despite dropping to 3-2 overall, Pathfinder Tech was ranked 14th in the Division 8 power rankings.

“Regardless of what the scoreboard says, the kids kept battling until the end,” said Pathfinder Tech head coach Bill Darling. “This is also a very good learning experience for us. We still need to get to a level where we can compete against very good football teams like South Hadley.”

The Pioneers four seniors, who are hoping to play in a

state tournament game for the first time, are Peyton Kularski, Franklin Webster, Chase Fett, and Emerson Boronski.

The only other meeting on the gridiron between the two squads was a non-playoff game in 2024. The Tigers posted a 27-9 win in that contest.

The Tigers won the coin toss in last Thursday’s game and deferred until the second half.

South Hadley senior Brody Keller recovered a fumble at the Pioneers 22 yard line on the second play of the game.

It looked like the home team had scored a touchdown on a 15-yard dash into the end zone by senior Lincoln Belsky, but it was nullified due to a holding penalty on the home team.

The Tigers wound up turning the ball over on downs.

Belsky finished the game with 109 rushing yards on 13 carries. He did cap off a quick five play scoring drive, which covered 44 yards, with a one yard rushing touchdown with 4:48 left in the opening quarter.

The extra point attempt was no good.

A little more than a minute later, the Tigers had another rushing touchdown called back due to a holding penalty.

“Our offense struggled a little tonight, but hey, hopefully this is our bad game of the season,” Couture said. “Every team has one and we got fortunate tonight.”

With 27 seconds left in the first quarter, senior Chase Pecia scored a 23-yard rushing touchdown giving the Tigers a 13-0 lead. Senior Co-

per Wall made the extra point attempt.

The Pioneers offense, which is led by junior quarterback Grayson Griswold, was forced to punt three times in the second quarter. They didn’t pick up a first down until the third quarter.

Soderbaum, who has thrown 13 touchdown passes this season, connected with Keller for a 24-yard TD reception with 9:52 remaining in the opening half.

“Nolan is only a sophomore,” Couture said. “From what we thought at the beginning of the year and what we have right now with him is incredible. It looks like he’s been playing on this team for four years. He has great leadership.”

The Tigers held a commanding 27-0 halftime lead following an eight yard touchdown run by senior Noah Hambley with 14 seconds left in the second quarter.

Hambley is also a guard on Tigers basketball team. He only needs 16 more points to join the elite 1,000 point.

Belsky took the direct snap on the two-point conversion play and walked into the end zone.

The South Hadley defense set-up the only touchdown of the second half.

With 3:37 left in the third quarter, sophomore Ryder Mayer tipped a pass, and it was picked off by junior Adrian Garcia at the Pioneers 34.

Four plays later, Soderbaum threw his second TD pass to Pecia for 12 yards.

It was an enjoyable evening for the home team and its supporters.

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come in, including the rise in juvenile calls.

Gundersen is applying for a grant to partially fund a School Resource Officer program. The grant requires a 50% match.

Another grant Gundersen could apply for is to specialize in work with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

One of the things the staff reduction has caused is an increase in the number of overtime hours worked. Gundersen said the overtime is 17% higher than the same time last year.

Calls for mutual aid have gone up recently for South Hadley seeking assistance from other communities.

Gundersen said these grants would be a benefit for both the Police Department and the town.

Select Board Chair Jeff Cyr said he’s all for supporting the police.

“We definitely need to support our Police Department based on what we’re being told from the chief,” Cyr said.

Priscilla Marion of the Select Board said she appreciates what the chief reported and is a good way for residents to understand what is going on in their town.

The report helped the board understand that there are safety concerns for not only the town but for the police officers who are responding to some of the calls.

The Select Board called for two votes. The first was to support the hiring of an additional police officer if the town receives the Department of Justice grant in the fall and the second was to support the application for the Violence Against Women Act grant.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Listening session

During a listening session, the Select Board members discussed both food trucks and data centers.

Town Administrator Lisa Wong said the board received multiple emails about both topics.

Many of the emails have been in favor of eliminating the 14-day restriction per month on food trucks. These operations are regulated and some brick and mortar restaurants also have a food truck component to them.

Wong will review the town meeting when the 14-day restriction passed for more information.

When it comes to data centers, Wong said there is opposition to the large, disruptive and resource-eating data centers. The town does have smaller data centers in place for backup.

Wong said the town may want to do a lot more research on data centers.

Carol Constant of the Select Board read a suggestion from a resident that the town could do a one-

year moratorium while they study the details.

Based on research, Cyr said the resources that data centers consume the most are water and electricity.

1 West Main St.

Wong spoke about property located at 1 West Main St. This property near the library has collapsed, and a memo from the Director of Planning and Conservation and the Building Commissioner gave a recommendation to the board to pursue demolition and cleanup of the site. The recommendation is that the Select Board pursue action under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 143, Section 5, and appoint a three-member board to initiate the process. The members of the board would be the Fire Chief, Surveyor and a “disinterested” person appointed by the Building Commissioner.

The Select Board voted to create the three-member board for this property.

Recognition

The Select Board held a special citation announcement for the recognition of Police Sergeant Douglas Percy. Percy was recognized for his honorable and dedicated service to the town of South Hadley upon his retirement from the Police Department.

Cyr presented the citation to Percy and thanked him for his 35 years of service.



Nolan Soderbaum takes the snap.



Joe Quatacker locks up with a Pathfinder defender.



The South Hadley offense starts a play.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Elizabeth J. Wark of Shrewsbury, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Elizabeth J. Wark of Shrewsbury, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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Battle of the Bars.

2027 will mark the 74th year of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. There is an average of 15,000 marchers per year.

Marc Rogers of the St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke said the parade started back in 1952.

The committee has around 120 active members who help with event planning and parade coordinating.

The golf tournament had a good turnout with a sold-out year. The golfers were

playing not only for bragging rights but also for pro shop credit at Ledges Golf Club.

Each team played 18 holes of golf and hoped to be as under par as possible.

Players also participated in a raffle which featured over 60 prizes. Ticket purchasers got a chance to win certificates, liquor and gift baskets.

Breakfast and lunch were provided by Sunset Grille at Ledges Golf Club. Hot dogs and hamburgers were on the menu for lunch.

Prior to the tournament,

Rogers shared a few announcements and thanked all 28 teams for their participation. Members of the committee also thanked their sponsors and supporters.

Before teeing off, the golfers waited to hear the sound of a shotgun fire which is a ceremonial tradition during the golf tournament. The shot was fired by Jim Wildman.

More information and events can be found at www.holyokestpatricksparade.com. Events are also posted on the Facebook page, Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Golfers made their way to the course at Ledges Golf Club in South Hadley.



Marc Rogers of the St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke welcomed all the golfers who participated in the sixth annual Michael Ahearn Memorial Golf Tournament.



2026 St. Patrick's Committee President Jim Wildman fired the ceremonial shotgun shot to officially start the golf tournament.



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HCC receives \$1.25 million grant to expand childcare options

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College has been awarded a federal grant worth nearly \$1.25 million to expand services at its on-campus, Itsy Bitsy Child Watch program while also providing subsidies for student parents who might require additional off-campus childcare.

The four-year Child Care Access Means Parents in School grant totaling \$1,247,520 comes from the U.S Department of Education, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

HCC will receive \$311,880 per year for fiscal years 2027-2030. Out of that, \$225,000 will be allocated to student parents through a new student childcare subsidy program. Grant funds will also be used to hire a part-time staff person to manage the subsidy program.

Itsy Bitsy Child Watch is available as a drop-in center for student parents while they are on the main HCC

campus. The addition of the subsidy program will create additional on-campus childcare seats by freeing up more “as-needed” capacity at the Itsy Bitsy Child Watch center for students who need short-term care to attend classes, meet with professors, advisors, tutors or other similar academic activities. The subsidies will help address what is sometimes a long waitlist for Itsy Bitsy Child Watch services.

“Since it opened, Itsy Bitsy Child Watch has provided free, intermittent care for more than 225 HCC families,” said Itsy Bitsy Child Watch Director Emily Webber. “Now we will have the ability to connect students with community-based childcare that can support longer care needs. Itsy Bitsy is perfect for many parents who need childcare on campus while they are in class, but others need off-campus childcare for longer days, additional days per week, or at a location that is

more convenient for their individual needs.”

Itsy Bitsy Child Watch opened as a pilot program in fall 2022 and moved to a larger space in 2025. A \$245,000 grant awarded earlier this year from the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation allowed the child watch center to add staff and additional hours, including hours in the evening for students taking night classes.

According to the Department of Education, HCC was one of only three Massachusetts colleges or universities to receive this funding and one of only 40 nationwide out of 300 campuses that applied. The other Massachusetts schools to receive grants were Quinsigamond and Mount Wachusett community colleges.

“This will allow Itsy Bitsy to meet the needs of more students,” said Webber. “We’re thrilled to offer this opportunity to parents and see the impact it will have.”

4th Annual Movie in the Park Oct. 24

GRANBY – The Friends of Granby Parks is hosting our 4th Annual Movie in the Park on Friday, Oct. 16, the rain date: Saturday Oct. 24. The event is held in Dufresne Park in Granby, Mass.

Trunk or Treating will begin at 5 p.m., and the movie, “Minions and Monsters” will begin around 6:30 p.m.

There will also be free balloon creations by Brie’s

Balloons and glitter tattoos by Western Mass Face Painting from 5 to 7 p.m. The suggested donation per car is \$5.

All are welcome to participate in the festivities.

Forum addresses state election ballot questions

SOUTH HADLEY – Know Your Town of South Hadley will sponsor a forum on the nine questions that will be on the Nov. 3 state election ballot.

The forum will be held at 6 p.m. in the Senior Center Community Room on Thursday, Oct. 15. Know Your Town member Ira Brezinsky will moderate the program.

There will be a speaker for almost all the Vote Yes on and Vote No on sides of each ballot question. Some speakers will attend in person, others will attend virtually.

Light refreshments will be served at the end of the program.

The event is free and open to the public. Please attend to learn about the ballot questions on which you will be voting on Nov. 3.

Unveil history in South Hadley Falls on Oct. 17

SOUTH HADLEY – Join the South Hadley Historic District Study Committee on **Saturday, Oct. 17, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.** at the Old Firehouse Museum located at 4 North Main Street in South Hadley to celebrate the dedication of

South Hadley’s first Local Historic District and the unveiling of a new historic kiosk highlighting the district, the Canal, and Canal Village.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held from 2 to 3 p.m.

Enjoy live music, light refreshments, a dessert truck, and tours of the museum and historic district. All are welcome! Come celebrate this exciting milestone in South Hadley Falls and explore the history of our community.

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This was the first year the church expanded their craft fair to the outdoors to welcome more vendors to set up. A total of 53 vendors arrived this year.

The holidays are fast approaching and there were plenty of vendors that were accommodating holiday shoppers.

D & J Country Crafts had plenty of fall and Christmas items for sale during the craft fair. The business is operated by Donna Pike of Southwick and Judy LaPlante of Granby.

These two crafters make a little bit of everything out of former wood and household structures.

“We repurpose, recycle and reuse,” Pike said.

Many crafts were made out of wood, bed slats, shutters, clothing racks and many household items that were nearly thrown in the trash. For example, the shutters were turned into decorative snowmen.

This was the 10th year D & J Country Crafts attended the Craft Fair at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Attending the Craft Fair for the first time is Gracie’s Creations of Ludlow. Gracie is in eighth grade raising money to go to dance nationals at Disney next year.

Gracie’s Creations offered bracelets, earrings, shell creations, diamond dot stickers and other creative crafts. Gracie has been crafting for a couple years.

If shoppers were shopping for their pets, they could visit Stay Cozy of Wilbraham. This crafter makes pet beds, microwave cozies, scarves and hats.

Virginia Weiner of Granby is the founder of Gourds by Virginia. Her work involves collecting local gourds and applying paint.

It all started with decorating three gourds and now, 15 years later, there are hundreds of decorated gourds in all shapes and sizes.

It was the holiday season, so Weiner had snow people and caroler gourds available during the Craft Fair. Weiner’s favorite decorations for her gourds are flowers.

One Eye Wanda Coffee Roasters of Wilbraham attended the Craft Fair provid-

ing samples of coffee and selling a variety of roasted coffee.

The name was inspired by founder Michael Branchesi’s adopted cat Wanda. While in operation, One Eye Wanda supports local animal shelters throughout Massachusetts.

“The more we grow, the more we want to give,” Branchesi said.

Throughout the year, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church hosts a Veteran’s Dinner, chicken dinner and a summer festival. More information can be found on the Immaculate Heart of Mary Facebook page and www.ihmparishgranby.org.



Decorative gourds for the holiday seasons were painted by Virginia Weiner of Gourds by Virginia of Granby



Do not disturb the napping kitty relaxing in a pet bed crafted by Stay Cozy of Wilbraham.



Members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church ran a bake sale during the Craft Fair, which included brownies with decorative marshmallows.



Gracie, left, and her mother, Charlene, represented Gracie’s Creations.



Quilts and blankets of all styles were made by Deb Quilts.



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Unique Halloween figures were spotted during the Craft Fair.



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