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CPC reviews five-year capital plan

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Capital Planning Committee met to review the fiscal year 2027 five-year capital plan.

The committee went over updates and to see if there were any significant costs down the road for any projects.

One item that was brought up in the review was the zoom upgrades for the Council on

Aging. According to member Ira Brezinsky, this project for some reason didn't make it to Capital Planning.

This project is for IT upgrades and Brezinsky said the contracts have already been awarded for the project.

"It's going to happen regardless," he said.

A copy of the draft was shared during the hybrid meeting on Oct. 6. Brezinsky made some additions with specific columns to the sheet.

The request amount is one

column that will feature an estimates cost. There is also a surplus or overage column added. Columns for grants, free cash and enterprise funds were added to see if any capital project on the capital plan will have some sort of funding source.

The Capital Planning Committee intends to update this list annually to keep up with the numbers, estimates and what the final balances are.

The committee will also

share the status of the project to be aware of what stage the project has reached.

Members recommend they should use a worksheet to determine the debt. The committee will work on the updates for the worksheet and will review it again at their next meeting.

Potential reallocations for STM

The Capital Planning Committee discussed potential reallocations for the spe-

cial town meeting.

Two boiler projects came up in the discussion. One is for the library and the other for the Police Department.

Green Communities notified the town that it's no longer going to fund any fossil fuel projects.

The special town meeting is Monday, Nov. 9. The Capital Planning Committee will meet again before the Special Town Meeting and will talk more and possibly vote on the five-year plan.

Forum explains state election ballot questions

By Ryan Drago
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SOUTH HADLEY – A Ballot Question Forum was held at the South Hadley Senior Center for residents to learn more about the nine questions on the Nov. 3 state election ballot.

The forum was organized by Know Your Town with guest speakers speaking in favor and against most of the nine ballot questions. There were speakers attending both in person and virtually.

Carol Constant of the Select Board served as the moderator for the forum. Each speaker had four minutes to discuss their opinion of the ballot questions.

Speaking on Question 1, expanding the public records law, was Matt Barron.

A "yes" vote would make most records held by the Legislature and the Office of the Governor public records under the Massachusetts Public Records Law. A "no" vote would not make any changes to the current Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Barron said making these records accessible is needed to bring transparency.

Constant read the "no" vote perspective for the public's awareness since there was no speaker against supporting Question 1. According to the website of the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, there is no organized group urging a "no" vote on Question 1.

Question 2 speaks on collective bargaining for Committee for Public Counsel Services employees. Speaking in favor of Question 2 was Adam Caldwell, who works as a public defender.

Many public defenders work for a state agency that is currently not allowed to engage in collective bargaining. Caldwell said there are surrounding states near Massachusetts that allow public defenders to unionize and try to negotiate their terms of employment.

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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Members of the South Hadley Historic District Study Committee, town officials and state legislators cut the ribbon as part of celebrating the town's Local Historic District.

Local Historic District celebrated

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SOUTH HADLEY – The history of South Hadley was celebrated at the site of the town's Local Historic District.

Members of the South Hadley Historic District Study Committee gathered on site near the Old Firehouse Museum on Oct. 17, for a series of celebrations, tours and social gatherings.

Chair of the Historic District Study Committee Melissa Taylor said the committee was formed back in 2013 to help the town and fellow community members to establish a 40C Local Historic District in the town.

The town has four listings

on the National Register of Historic Places and two of them are districts. There is the Canal district and Woodbridge Street.

The celebration took place on the property featuring the Old Firehouse Museum which was built in 1889 and the Fred M. Smith Memorial Green which was dedicated in 1930.

After completing the Local Historic District, the committee wanted to place a three-panel kiosk that shares the history of the site.

The committee also partnered with members of the former Canal Park Committee to include the legacy of the South Hadley Canal and Canal Village.

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The 1926 Dodge Fire Engine is parked inside the Old Firehouse Museum in South Hadley.

South Hadley hosts PICKLEBALL Jamboree

The South Hadley Pickleball Jamboree was held on Oct. 19 and was hosted by the SHHS Slammers Pickleball Team. Five schools in total were represented at the jamboree including South Hadley High School, Westfield Technical Academy, Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School, Springfield International Charter School and Pope Francis.

This is the 3rd season for the SHHS Slammers coached by Paula Lonergan. This is the first year South Hadley has been able to host the jamboree thanks to the recently completed additional pickleball courts.



Submitted photo

SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

Did I understand you right - I won't get all my SS benefits immediately?

Dear Rusty:
I was a little confused with one of your past articles.
This September I hit my full retirement age and for every month I continue to delay, my SS benefit goes up a little more. But reading your article sounds like the extra benefits are only added at the end of the year.
For example, let's say that at my full retirement age in September I get \$3,524, and in January 2027 I would get \$3,619.
According to the Ask Rusty article I read, if I start my benefits in June of 2027, I will have earned \$3,735, but it sounds like I would only get \$3,619 up until the end of the year, and then they would adjust it.
If this is the case, would I get retroactive money back for the 6 months I did not get the correct amount?
Signed: Seeking Clarification

Dear Seeking:
Thanks for your inquiry. Your understanding of the previous Ask Rusty article is correct.
If you start your benefits in June 2027 (10 months after your Full Retirement Age or your FRA, in September 2026), you will initially only get the Delayed Retirement Credits you earned through the end of 2026.
The DRCs you earned from January 2027 to June 2027 would not be credited until January 2028 and you would not get any retroactive benefits for the DRCs earned during the January – June 2027 timeframe.
SSA's reasoning for this is somewhat confusing but has to do with your ability to claim retroactive benefits when you claim after reaching your full retirement age.
When claiming after reaching your FRA you have the ability to claim benefits retroactively for up to six months. So, to avoid potentially overlapping benefit payments, SSA defers applying your current year's DRCs until January of the following year.
Thus, you essentially lose the extra 2027 DRC money for the remainder

of 2027. And, FYI, the one exception to this rule is that when benefits are claimed mid-year at age 70, all DRCs are immediately paid.
Please understand that I'm not endorsing this SSA rule; only trying to explain how it works and why. Like many SSA rules, there are nuances to how benefits are paid. And this is a classic example. And just remember, as attractive as taking 6 months of retroactive benefits may sound, it also means your monthly amount would be reduced by about 4% for the rest of your life.
As you contemplate when you should claim your Social Security retirement benefits, you should always keep in mind your anticipated life expectancy when making that decision.
If you expect to live at least to the "average" life expectancy for those in their mid-60s (about mid-80s for someone your current age), then waiting longer to claim is usually a better long term financial decision (even considering the DRC issue described above). But if your life expectancy is less than "average," claiming sooner is usually a better choice.
If you have further questions about when to claim Social Security, please contact us at SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org or 1-888-750-2622. There is never a fee for our advisory service because we are a non-profit organization.

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The next steps for frost tinged dahlias and glads

I finally came inside at 6:45 p.m. with a flashlight in hand.
It was my own fault. I started a project much too late in the day for the work that it entailed.

You see, we had a frost last night. The first one of the year, for me, anyway.
The temperature just hit the 32-degree mark, so the tips of certain plants were hit. Leaves that were under the cover of other plants looked pretty good.

I probably could have left the gladiolus and dahlias in the ground for a bit longer based on the upcoming, warmer forecast, but I decided to seize the moment and get them dug up and moved indoors.

Read on to learn the specifics of how to overwinter these summer loving, tender bulbs.

As mentioned, dig up dahlia tubers either just prior to or soon after frost hits. I typically use a shovel or pitchfork, starting a foot or so away from the stems.

Once the soil is loosened up a bit, the stem should lift up easily with the tubers intact.

Soil should be eased off the tubers with a spray of water before placing in storage. Leave a small portion of stem attached to the tubers – it is a great place to adhere a label.

Once the tubers have air-dried for a bit, you can even write on the tubers themselves with a permanent marker. Take it from me – it is easy to forget a name over the winter months!

Placing tubers in damp peat moss, saw dust, shred-

ded leaves, or even ventilated plastic bags will help to prevent shriveling.

Choose a location to overwinter your tubers that main-

tain 40-50 degrees temps and 90% humidity. These conditions will keep them dormant and healthy until it is time to replant.

Many people have good luck using a cold basement or root cellar; small quantities of tubers can be stored in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator. Be sure to check on your tubers every couple of weeks throughout the offseason.

Should you see shriveling, mist them with clean water and re-dampen the medium in which they were placed. If you see mold, bring down the temperature and humidity level.

Some growers like to get a jump-start on the season by pre-starting dahlias indoors.

We have done this occasionally at Old Sturbridge Village and I am always amazed at just how fast the plants grow, and how quickly they outgrow their pots and become leggy. If you attempt it, four weeks prior to the last spring frost would be soon enough.

Similarly, around the time of our first frost gladiolus corms should be lifted from the ground with a spading

fork or shovel. Never just yank the plant out by pulling on the stem!

Once out of the ground, cut the stem from the corm as closely as possible. Rinse under running water and allow to dry in a frost-free airy location for two-three weeks.

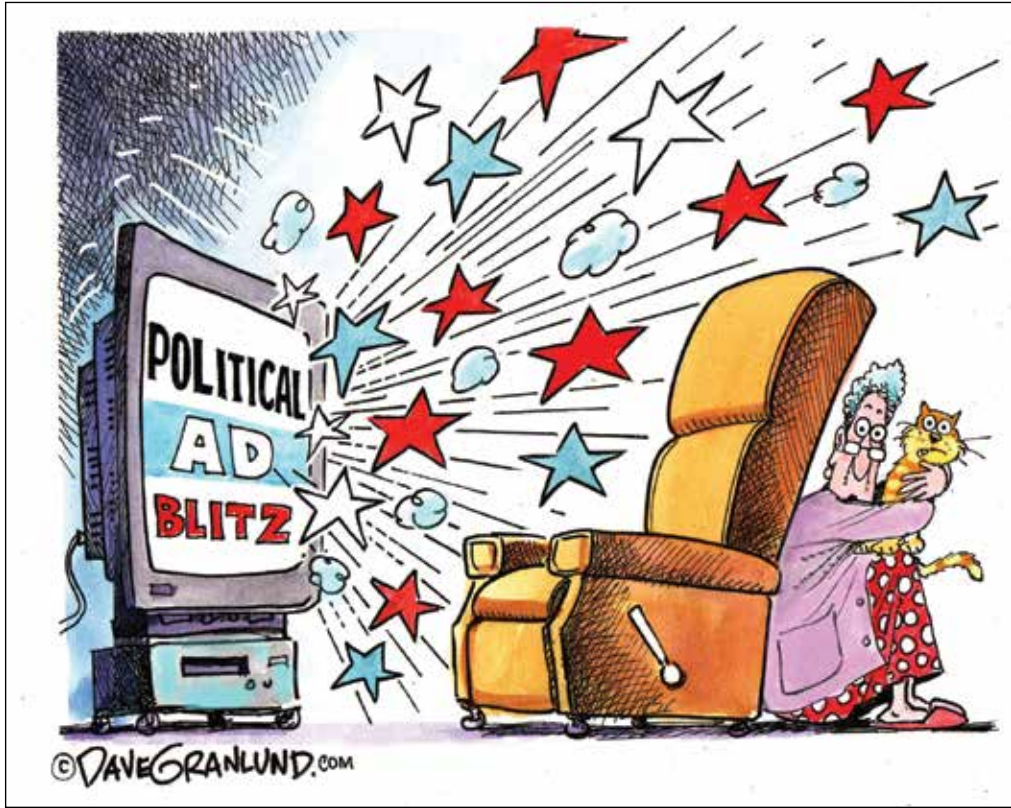
Check the corms regularly, and when a corky area develops between the mother corm and the new corm break off and discard the mother. After drying is complete, store on trays or in mesh bags in a well-ventilated area at temperatures between 38 and 58 degrees. The lower the temp, the better.

Inspect throughout the winter months and throw away any corms that begin to rot.

Typically glads are planted directly in the ground, with no pre-starting needed. You can stagger when you plant, though, so that all of your flowers are not borne at once. Plant a few every week of June for color throughout the late summer through frost.

By harvesting your bulbs now, you are protecting your investment for years to come! Only get out there and do it before you run out of daylight!

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.



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Unsigned or anonymous letters will NOT be published.

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

Turley Election Policy

This newspaper will print free self-submitted statements of candidacy only four weeks or more out from the election. All candidates running in both contested and uncontested races are asked to submit their statements to the editor to include only biographical and campaign platform details. Total word count for statements is limited to between 300-500 words maximum. Please include a photo. We will not publish any statements of candidacy inside the four weeks from election threshold. To publish any other campaign publicity during the race, please contact our advertising representatives. We also do not allow personal attacks against other candidates or political parties in statements of candidacy, nor do we publish for free any information about key endorsements or political fundraisers.

Letters to the editor of no more than 250 words from supporters endorsing specific candidates or discussing campaign issues are limited to three total per author during the election season. No election letters will appear in the final edition before the election. We reserve the right to edit all statements of candidacy and letters to the editor to meet our guidelines.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A protest vote against the advantages of incumbency

To the Editor:
In her recent letter to the editor of the Town Reminder, Marie Rohan urges readers to write in the name of Jeromie Whalen for the U.S. House of Representatives' 1st Congressional District. I support this gesture. What Richard Neal and many other incumbents fail to realize is that public service was never meant to be a sinecure. Unfortunately, it has become just that: a position to be held indefinitely, until the incumbent decides to step down.
Neal receives more special-interest money than any other member of Con-

gress-more than \$1.5 million from corporate political action committees (PACs), according to the Federal Election Commission. Another "advantage" of incumbency was evident when Neal limited Whalen to 15 minutes of debate near the end of the campaign, when any misstep by Neal would have hurt him least. This gave Whalen too little time, too late in the contest, to present his agenda to a broader audience.

I will write in Jeromie's name as a protest vote against the advantages of incumbency on Election Day. I hadn't heard of him before the cam-

paign began, but over the past year I have discovered how much the residents of South Hadley admire him. We missed a great opportunity here in the Pioneer Valley to bring about the progressive "generational change" that America sorely needs.

Who ever said politics-or the world, for that matter-would be fair? On the other hand, we can still believe that the world is what we make of it!

Sincerely,
Chevy (M. P. Chevrette)

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 prod-

ucts, 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.

Salute to Veterans Dinner to be held Nov. 14

GRANBY—On Saturday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 9 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Granby will be celebrating Veterans with our annual Salute to Veterans Pork Roast Dinner.

Take out and dine-in available. Cost per ticket is \$15 and includes pork roast, mashed potatoes, vegetable,

salad and dessert.

Whether you are a Veteran, know a veteran, or just want to celebrate our heroes, all are welcome. Tickets are available at the parish office or after all weekend masses. Immaculate Heart of Mary located at 256 State St. in Granby, Mass. For more information call 413-467-9821.

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Notice of public comment period extension for MWRA application

The Massachusetts Water Resources Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to MGL Chapter 21 Sections 8B - 8D, and 313 CMR 4.00, Interbasin Transfer Act and Regulations, that the public comment period for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Regional Water Supplier Donor Basin Application is being extended to Oct. 28.

Section 4.10 of the Interbasin Transfer Act regulations enables a Regional Water Supply System to file an application that allows the Water Resources Commission to evaluate and approve criteria applicable to the Donor Basin separately from criteria applicable to the Receiving Area.

MWRA, as a Regional Water Supply System, has filed a Donor Basin application pursuant to section 4.10 for the supply of an additional 20 million gallons per day on average to accommodate the expansion of its service area to multiple public water systems. The MWRA's sources are located in the Chicopee River and Nashua River Basins.

Copies of the application are available for review at the Clapp Memorial Library in Belchertown, the Bigelow Free Public Library in Clinton, and on the Interbasin Transfer Act applications webpage. Copies of the application may also be obtained by contacting Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov.

The Commission will be accepting comments on the substance of the application (whether the application is consistent with the environmental criteria set out in the

Interbasin Transfer Act, such as impacts on the fisheries, recreation, and the aquatic ecosystem of the donor basin). The Commission will also be accepting comments on the process by which a regional water supplier may apply to the Water Resources Commission for an Increase in the Present Rate of Interbasin Transfer under section 4.10.

Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Oct. 28.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic submittal, via email to Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov. Written testimony may also be mailed to: Water Resources Commission, Attention: Vandana Rao, EOEEA, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.

The deadline to register to vote is Saturday, Oct. 24th

SOUTH HADLEY—The last day to register to vote in the November 3rd State Election is Saturday, Oct. 24. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for in-person registrations. Online registrations must be submitted by 11:59 pm.

You can register to vote in Massachusetts if you are:

- A U.S. citizen
- A resident of Massachusetts
- 18 years or older
- Not currently incarcerated by reason of a felony conviction.

Check your voter registration online at any time here: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/>

Please direct any questions, comments, or concerns to the Town Clerk's office at 413-538-5030, ext. 6183, or elections@southhadleyma.gov.

The Next Generation of Jazz benefit concert Nov. 1

Proceeds to support South Hadley Music Parents Association and Center Church outreach team

The performance will feature award-winning artists Caelan Cardello on piano, and vocalists Julia Danielle, Kate Kortum, June Cavlan, and Joie Bianco.

The concert will also include performances by the vocal jazz trio The Sunhouse Singers (Kortum, Cavlan, and Bianco) and the South Hadley High School Jazz Band.

Advance ticket sales (\$30 adults / \$15 students) and VIP packages (\$100 for 2) for this performance are available on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-next-generation-of-jazz-tickets-1998429584684>) through October 30th. If not sold out in advance of the show, admission will also be available at the doors the night of the event for \$40. Net proceeds

SOUTH HADLEY—Music at the Center and Jazz Productions present a community and benefit concert event on Sunday, November 1st at 3 p.m. at Center Church located at 1 Church Street, South Hadley.

This piano & voice concert will present 5 of the bright, young, rising stars of this music to support the South Hadley Music Parents Association (SHMPA) and the next generation of performing arts students here in South Hadley.

South Hadley Council on Aging

October Happenings
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.

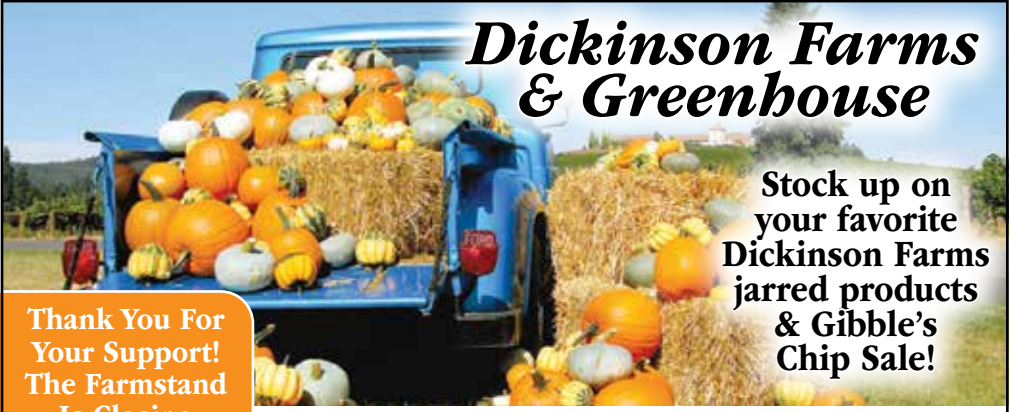
Interested in learning more about your smartphone camera? In this lecture, we'll discuss common camera icons on Android and iPhone devices, simple editing tools, managing and sharing your photos, and editing date and location details on your phone. Registration required.

HEALTH & WELLNESS
South Hadley COA Walking Club
Mon, Wed Fri, 9 to 10 a.m.

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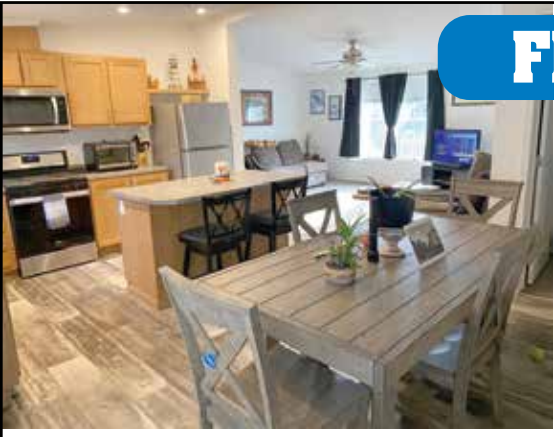
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Free vision screening to begin Oct. 26

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".



OCTOBER IS Breast Cancer Awareness Month



On average, every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States. **Join Holyoke Medical Center oncologist and hematologist Dr. Renuka Dulala** as she discusses the importance of breast cancer screening, early detection, and new treatments available.

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Time: 10am
Location: Chicopee Council on Aging, 5 West Main Street, Chicopee, MA 01020
Please register by calling (413) 534-2789.





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Tigers avenge loss to Orioles



Ella Haber winds up for a long hit.



Amanda Stevenson progresses toward the opposing goal.

SOUTH HADLEY – This season, rivals South Hadley and Belchertown field hockey have now had two big battles. Belchertown owns the lone victory over South Hadley earlier this season. But last Wednesday afternoon, South Hadley scored the only two goals in the game for a 2-0 shutout of the Orioles. The Tigers have qualified for the state tournament at 9-1-1 while Belchertown is also headed for the state tournament this year, but fell to 8-3-3 on the year with the playoffs nearing.



Tegan Cavanaugh looks to send a pass forward.



Nora Vaughn tries to move past a Belchertown defender.



Anna Vazquez tries to clear the ball away.



Sami LaFlesh clashes with an opponent.

Tigers take first meeting with Knights football



Lincoln Belsky takes off on a carry.

HOLYOKE – Last Thursday night, Holyoke and South Hadley football battled in the first two meetings between the teams. The two teams are currently in the same conference, but are also Thanksgiving rivals. South Hadley scored early and often and took the game easily 55-0. The Tigers would lead 47-0 at halftime. Noah Hambley scored five touchdowns, three on interceptions. South Hadley is a perfect 6-0 this season while Holyoke is now 2-4.



Ryder Mayer looks for a block.



Joe Quatacker dives for fumble recovery.



Noah Hambley carries the football after making an interception.



Micah Litovich goes after a punted ball.



Brody Keller picks up a fumble.



Cooper Wall kicks a point-after.

Granby girls remain undefeated



Meredith Bartosz goes after a high shot.



Bri-Anne Kraus advances the ball up the right sideline.



Eleanor Szlosek takes the goal kick.

GRANBY – Last Saturday, the Granby High School girls soccer team battled the cold and win and defeated Monson for the second time in two weeks, winning 3-1 at home. Kalli White, McKenna Cudworth, and Marcela Tapia all scored goals for the Rams, who now an impressive 10-0-3 on the regular season. With that record, not only are the Rams headed for the state tournament, they are currently seeded No. 1 in Division 5. Despite a 1-13 record now for the Mustangs, Monson actually holds the No. 5 position due to having a significantly more difficult schedule than many other teams in Division 5.



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McKenna Cudworth tries to settle the ball off her knee.



McKenna Zumbruski tries to get a pass by a Monson defender.

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Bondsville League

WARE – The Wednesday Night Bondsville League has been dominated by Spare Parts after six weeks of bowling.

The team has a commanding lead in both the overall standings and the west division with a record of 32-10. The Pincesses are leading in the east division with a record of 26-16.

Spare Parts bowled against Rollies during week six on Oct. 14. In game one, Spare Parts and Rollies had a close game, but Spare Parts prevailed with a score of 455-453.

Jared Demitri of Spare Parts began with 108 to outscore Sue Horton of Rollies. Rich Picotte of Rollies had the highest game of 110.

In game two, Spare Parts won again by a score of 493-449. Steven Daniel of Spare Parts scored 136, while Demitri scored 109.

In game three, Spare Parts won by a score of 490-475 to complete the three-game sweep over Rollies. Demitri finished the match with 145 for a three-game series of 362. Ron Gouin of Rollies had a strong game of 133 for a series of 341.

The final score was 1438-1377 in favor of Spare Parts.

Fire Mountain bowled against

the Pincesses during week six. In game one, Pincesses defeated Fire Mountain by a score of 474-437.

In game two, Fire Mountain won by a score of 509-477. Rick Trott of Fire Mountain scored 122 to get his team back in the match. Shawn Ross of Fire Mountain had a good game of 126.

In game three, Keith Ferenz scored his best game of the season, 127, to help his team win 522-433.

The final score was 1473-1379 in favor of Pincesses. Ferenz had a series of 322 with scores of 93, 102 and 127.

The Night Hawks bowled against the Flaming Bowling Balls during week six. In game one, Flaming Bowling Balls by a score of 491-465.

Joe Mullen of FBB scored 116 to start the match. His teammate Don Paulus scored 118. Dave “Smigs” Smigiel, Lee Robinson and Darryl Sinclair of Night Hawks had scores of 113, 106 and 106.

In game two, Flaming Bowling Balls won again by a score of 476-470. Brandon Haley of FBB scored 121 and Sinclair scored 118.

In game three, Night Hawks managed to win the last game 462-446. Smigiel finished with 118 for a series of 326. Mullen scored 108 for a series of 313.

The final score was 1413-1397 in favor of Flaming Bowling Balls.

Zeke’s Freaks bowled against

P&J Meats. In game one, P&J Meats won by a score of 493-452. Shaun Midura of P&J Meats started with 118. Kevin “Kras” Krasnecky of Zeke’s Freaks started with 122.

In game two, P&J Meats won again by a score of 488-460. Krasnecky scored 125 in a losing effort. Midura scored 124 and hist teammate Paige Stabach scored 108.

In game three, Zeke’s Freaks won by a score of 500-444. Krasnecky finished with 116 for a three-game series of 363.

Pete Ducharme of Zeke’s Freaks finished strong with 112. Stabach finished with 106 and a series of 323.

The final score was 1425-1412 in favor of P&J Meats.

The Cannonballs bowled against Slow Burners during week six. In game one, Slow Burners won by a score of 487-457. Jody Orszulak of Slow Burners started off with 114.

In game two, Slow Burners won again by a score of 467-466. Dean Koczur of Slow Burners scored 115 to help lead his team to another win.

In game three, Slow Burners completed the three-game sweep by winning the last game 476-468. Nate Orszulak of Slow Burners finished strong with 125.

The final score was 1430-1391 in favor of Slow Burners.

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.

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.

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.

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

Craft & Vendor fair to be held Oct. 24

BELCHERTOWN - Pine Valley Plantation Mobile Home Community is preparing for their upcoming, annual Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This will be the 8th year for this popular fair, with over 30 crafters and vendors coming together to display (and sell) their Fall and Holiday items. Held both indoors and outdoors, there’s a huge assortment of “Must Haves” and great gift ideas for

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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.

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

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