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SOUTH HADLEY - Wednesday's rain called for umbrellas which plenty of Mount Holyoke College students brought out when walking to class. The day's temperature reached 50 degrees - warm weather for winter.

Town looks at new Sheld payment

By KRISTIN WILL
Editor

SOUTH HADLEY - A new way to calculate a payment in lieu of taxes [PILOT] from the electric light department to the town is under consideration.

On Tuesday the Selectboard discussed a letter from Municipal Light Board Chair Anne S. Awad in which she asked for Town Administrator Michael J. Sullivan's thoughts on the annual PILOT proposal.

With the PILOT, Awad and the SHEL D board propose making payments to reimburse the town for costs incurred in providing services to SHEL D. The payment would be reduced by costs SHEL D incurred in providing service to the town.

This proposal appealed to the SHEL D board, Awad wrote, "as it provides a very transparent and justifiable basis for making such a payment."

Sullivan on Tuesday said the proposal was not an actual PILOT.

What is proposed is similar to what occurred in the past, he said, and while it may be considered by

some to be a PILOT, "my experience is this is not a PILOT. What's being suggested is a payment in lieu of services you rendered back to the town," he said.

If tax payers were treated in the proposed way, "and they only had to pay for the police services they used, there would be some that wouldn't pay anything and others that would pay massive amounts," Sullivan said. The costs, he said, need to be distributed equitably.

Sullivan reiterated he has "great respect for the SHEL D board and chair of the SHEL D board." He is "not condemning the SHEL D board," he said.

Though what was presented is a "recovery of costs and not a PILOT," said Sullivan, "I think everybody wants to be fair."

Boston, Westfield and Littleton were cited by Sullivan as municipal examples with PILOT equations that worked well. Sullivan asked the Selectboard to give him a direction that would allow him to review the examples more in depth "and say, 'Look at how this

Please see **SHEL D PAYMENTS**, page 5

Leap Year celebrations sought

Leap years happen about once every four years, which means we're due for an extra day this month. Were you or your children born on Feb. 29? Is it a special anniversary date?

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Donations are accepted Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m. as well as Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Weekly Wish List for Feb. 5

- Mushrooms • Whole tomatoes
- Pureed tomatoes • Sloppy Joe mix
- Canned salmon
- Canned clams • Juices
- Shopping carts for those who walk to the pantry

SET OF SEAGULLS



SUBMITTED PHOTO / KEN ROGERS

SOUTH HADLEY - Seagulls float along the waters of the Connecticut River, photographed here by South Hadley resident Ken Rogers. Wild about wildlife? Send your snapshots to kwill@turley.com. Be sure to include your name, hometown and location of your subject.

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Voting registration deadline of Feb. 10 nears

SOUTH HADLEY - Town Clerk, Carlene C. Hamlin reminds residents that Wednesday, Feb. 10 is the deadline to register to vote if they want to participate in the Massachusetts Presidential Primary on March 1.

Feb. 10 is also the deadline for registered voters who wish to change their party enrollment either to another party or to "unenrolled," which is commonly referred to as "independent." This should not be confused with the United Independent Party (UIP); a

party that will have ballots available but with no candidates printed on them. Voters registered in UIP will NOT be eligible to take a Democratic, Republican, or Green-Rainbow ballot.

With spirited contests in both parties, pervasive advertising and intense coverage in early primary states, some voters may want to vote for a candidate in a different party from the one they are registered in now.

To do that, however, the voter must switch to the other party or to "unenrolled"

status by 8 p.m. on Feb. 10.

Unenrolled voters or voters enrolled in political designations can ask for any party ballot on Primary Day, but someone registered in a party can only vote on that party's ballot. A Democrat cannot take a Republican ballot, and a Republican cannot take a Democratic one.

Town hall will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Feb. 10 for voters who wish to change their party registration status or for persons wishing to register for the first time.

Persons who are United States Citizens, residents of Massachusetts, and who will be at least 18 years old on or before March 1 are eligible to register. Those meeting these qualifications who have a Massachusetts Driver's License can submit their registration online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com. Those registering by mail should have their form hand-canceled to ensure it is post-marked before the deadline.

Candlelight rosary offered at Saint Theresa's

SOUTH HADLEY - During this Lenten Season and Year of Mercy, the Spiritual Life Team at Saint Theresa of Lisieux Church is hosting a Candlelight Rosary at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Please join us for a special evening of prayer, reflection and song, with fellowship and refreshments to follow in our Atrium. We are located at 9 East Parkview Drive and the church is wheelchair accessible.

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Search for missing Chicopee girl continues

BY KRISTIN WILL
Editor

SOUTH HADLEY - Possible sightings of missing teenager Brianna Cuoco have been reported to the South Hadley Police Department but as of press time, the 18-year-old has yet to be found.

Cuoco, a Chicopee resident, was first reported missing to South Hadley police by an acquaintance on Jan. 17, said South

Hadley Police Lt. Steven Parentela.

Last week, South Hadley, Chicopee and Holyoke police were joined by the South Hadley and Holyoke fire departments, Massachusetts State Police Air Wing, the Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit and the Massachusetts State Police Dive Team in searching the Connecticut River and surrounding area for Cuoco.

This week, Parentela said, there aren't any large searches scheduled, but police will

follow where any leads take them.

"Some people have reported they think they've spotted her," he said. South Hadley police have investigated these leads, but "they haven't panned out to be anything," said Parentela.

Cuoco is described as 5'4 and approximately 100 pounds. She has blue eyes and dyed blonde hair with red streaks, said South Hadley Detective McClair Mailhott.

Local police are continuing to follow all leads, and "the air wing is still actively

searching the sky," said Mailhott.

Both he and Parentela encourage residents to contact their local police departments if they believe they've seen Cuoco or have any information about her whereabouts.

"We've had a fair number of calls on it, that they thought they've seen her," said Parentela.

Cuoco was last seen on Bridge Street in South Hadley.

The South Hadley Police Department can be reached at 538-8231.



SUBMITTED PHOTO / KEN ROGERS

Area police officers and members of local agencies search the Connecticut River last week.



SUBMITTED PHOTO / KEN

The Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit flies over the Connecticut River between South Hadley and Holyoke last week.

Disaster planning public meeting welcomes resident input

SOUTH HADLEY - The Town of South Hadley is currently engaged in a planning process to become less vulnerable to disasters caused by natural hazards, and public participation is essential!

Join the Hazard Mitigation Committee at the Planning Board Meeting on Feb. 10 from 6 to 7 p.m. to share your ideas for reducing risk and becoming less vulnerable to natural hazards such as floods, hurricanes and winter storms. The meeting will be held at the South Hadley Town Hall, 116 Main St., Selectboard Meeting Room.

The meeting provides an opportunity for you to share your opinions and participate in the mitigation planning process.

The purpose of the 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is to identify and assess the community's natural hazard risks and determine how to best minimize and manage those risks. Upon completion, the plan will be presented to the Town of South Hadley for adoption and submitted to Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) for review and approval. A FEMA approved plan makes the community eligible for federal and state mitigation grant funding.

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) was awarded a grant from MEMA to develop the 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update; the previous plan was developed in 2007. The PVPC hired Jamie Caplan Consulting LLC to work with

them and the Town to develop the 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, or would like to learn about more ways you can participate in the development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, please contact Sharon Hart, Emergency Management Director/Health Director, South Hadley, MA at 413-315-7307 or shart@southhadley-ma.gov.

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School Committee backs capital project plan

Supports Mosier renovation, district-wide improvements

BY WALTER HAMILTON
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – A plan to address longstanding school maintenance issues, including improved security and an effort to renovate Mosier Elementary School, won the support of the School Committee Tuesday.

The committee supported a six-year plan of capital projects compiled by Superintendent Nicholas Young that is divided into two sections: the Mosier renovation that would be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for possible partial reimbursement; and projects at Michael E. Smith Middle School, South Hadley High school and security at Mosier Elementary that would be financed through town borrowing.

Young said experts from various trades,

such as electricians and plumbers, will be paid this spring to inspect the Mosier school and list its deficiencies to create a “self-study plan.” That plan would form the basis of a “Statement of Interest” which would be prepared by January 2017, and would require approval by the School Committee, Selectboard and Town Meeting before it could be submitted to the MSBA.

The MSBA would then send its own experts to evaluate the needs of the school, which were first documented in a 2006 report and have grown in the years since. The MSBA application process could then begin, with the goal of securing state reimbursement for a portion of its cost.

Young said the known Mosier deficiencies already total \$2.36 million, and predicted the costs will be much more once the self-study is completed.

Projects at the middle and high schools would be financed through town bonding, which would require approval in a vote by Town Meeting. A total of 16 projects costing

\$1.74 million were listed according to their priority and, if funded, would be funded and completed over the next six years, ending in fiscal 2022.

School Committee member Christine Phillips strongly urged the committee to push efforts to immediately improve security at Mosier and the High schools. A \$149,000 security upgrade at the Middle School has been funded, but not until recently when the Selectboard added \$80,000 to the original appropriation to do the work.

Bullet-resistant glass will be installed, as will advanced monitoring systems to view and contain visitors inside the school’s front vestibule. The work will begin this month.

“Safety is number one,” Phillips said. “I want it to be a priority,” she said.

Under the capital projects plan, the security upgrade at the High school would cost \$225,000 and be funded during the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2016. The Mosier

security upgrade would cost \$150,000 and would be funded in the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2017.

Young said security procedures are now being negotiated with school staff, but could not comment further.

Other items on the capital plan and the fiscal years they would be funded are: High school chimney repair \$50,000, 2020; High school flooring \$150,000, in six \$25,000 increments 2017-2022; High school dishwashers \$63,000, 2017; High school steam table lines \$37,000, 2018; High school ovens \$23,000, 2019; High school lockers \$140,000, four \$35,000 increments 2018-2021; High school oil tank pipeline \$35,000, 2018; High school road \$40,000, 2019; Middle School generator \$50,000, 2018; Middle School stairs to fields/landing \$80,000, 2022; Middle School lockers \$60,000, 2019; Middle School pool decking \$500,000, 2017; Middle School bleachers \$40,000, 2022; and Mosier School playground blacktop \$100,000, 2017.

Making sure the show goes on

Black Cat Theater looking to fill positions

BY SCOTT FELDMAN
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SOUTH HADLEY - A local theater group is looking for a few talented individuals to fill some crucial positions to make sure the show can go on without a hitch.

The Black Cat Theater, a community theater group based in South Hadley, is seeking letters of interest and resumes for the positions of director, producer and stage manager for its late spring comedy, “Moon Over Buffalo.”

Rehearsals will be held on Mondays and Thursdays. Show dates will be in early June. Email a letter of interest and resume to blackcattheater@gmail.com by Friday, Feb 12.

The group started as the South Hadley Community theater renamed to be the Black

Cat Theater in 2006. All told, Black Cat Theater has been running shows for 29 seasons, said Dawn Larder, secretary of the Board of Directors at the Black Cat Theater.

Larder described the role of each position. She said the director makes the decisions regarding the artistic and staging of the show.

The stage manager makes the artistic director’s vision a reality by being responsible for all prop sets as well as assisting with costume design, although everyone involved in the show works on costume design, she said.

Finally, the producer handles logistics, such as making sure the space is secure, preparing the tickets, programs, other hard copy materials and assisting with the publicity.

“Experience in this position is the most

important qualification we are looking for,” she said. “We would like to see what other productions a prospective candidate has been involved in, where they have actually worked, as far as management goes.”

The show Moon over Buffalo will be performed from June 9-12. The venue has yet to be determined.

“All three jobs are paid positions,” Larder said. “We consider ourselves to be one big theater family and we’re always looking for new family members. The atmosphere is fun, relaxing and puts on fun performances for the community at reasonable rates.”

— Dawn Larder

Rehearsals will begin after these critical behind the scenes positions are filled, she said. Some rehearsal dates are reserved, but the director will have final say when rehearsals take place.

“We consider ourselves to be one big theater family and we’re always looking for new family members. The atmosphere is fun, relaxing and puts on fun performances for the community at reasonable rates.”

Bishop to visit South Hadley congregation

Biannual visitation fosters relationship and dialogue

SOUTH HADLEY - The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher will preach and preside at All Saints’ Episcopal Church, South Hadley on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. Bishop Fisher visits all of the fifty-five plus congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts once every two years. This will be his second “visitation” to All Saints’ since his consecration Dec. 1, 2012.

The Bishop will be greeted by the Rev. Tanya R. Wallace, rector of All Saints. During the Sunday celebration Bishop Fisher will confirm two teenage members of the congregation. Following the liturgy the Bishop will visit with members at the coffee hour and then meet privately with the vestry – the leadership of the congregation – to discuss hopes, dreams and concerns.

A special addition to this visit is the burying of the Alleluia banner in preparation for Lent. The children of the congregation do this as a reminder that during the 40 days of Lent, the word, “Alleluia” is not spoken. It is held until Easter when the whole Church proclaims: Christ is Risen! This is one of the many exciting things happening in this vibrant, faithful parish.

Granby Lions Club establishes Groundhog Fuel Assistance Fund

GRANBY - Once again this winter heating season, the Granby Lions Club has established an Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund for Granby residents. This fund, titled the “Groundhog Fund,” will enable residents of Granby to obtain needed assistance for fuel to help them through the next six weeks of winter.

The Lions Club Groundhog Fund will begin helping residents the first week of February and will continue until mid-March. Residents who would like to apply for needed assistance area asked to complete an application. These applications are available in the Senior Center/Council of Aging Office at 10 West State St., Granby.

Other residents or businesses who would like to contribute to this fund are asked to send their donation to the Granby Lions Groundhog Fund, P.O. Box 195, Granby, MA 01033.

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Lenten mission at St. Patrick's

SOUTH HADLEY - A Lenten mission is scheduled at St. Patrick's Church at 30 Main St. in South Hadley. Fr. Warren Savage has chosen the theme "Merciful like the Father" which will focus on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The dates are Feb. 15, 16 and 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. A penance service with individual confession will take place on the final date. All are welcome.

Women's club program focuses on elder abuse

SOUTH HADLEY - The South Hadley Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 1:30 p.m.

Lois Pare' will introduce Chris Geffin from the Northwest District Attorney's Office. The topic of the program is elder abuse.

The Tea Chairman Elinor White and her hostesses Barbara Brown and Mary Zamarripa will provide refreshments following the program. Members are asked to bring a non-perishable item for Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

The executive board will meet at 1 p.m.

The South Hadley Women's Club welcomes new members. The club meets monthly at the Lutheran Church at 1:30 p.m. and you do not have to live in South Hadley to become a member. If you are interested in learning more about the Women's Club, contact Lu Dachos, membership chairman at 532-7661.

You are welcome to attend any of the monthly meeting to see what we are all about.

Granby player triumphs at Pokémon City Championships

BELLEVUE, WASH - After a full day of head-to-head Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG) battles, Gabe Shumway, of Granby, took first place in the Senior Division at the 2015/2016 Pokémon City Championships in Watervilet, NY. Along with the coveted title and City Championship trophy, Gabe earned valuable Championship Points that count toward a potential invitation to compete at the 2016 Pokémon World Championships in San Francisco next summer. In addition, players that achieve a top Championship Points ranking after the 2016 Spring Regional Championships in May will

earn Travel Awards to compete at the 2016 Pokémon U.S. National Championships.

"The Pokémon City Championships are some of the most unique and inspiring set of tournaments that take place each year. Bringing together both new and more experienced players over a game they enjoy, the City Championships provide a stage for Pokémon players of all ages and skill levels to participate in premier events and hone their skills," said J.C. Smith, senior director of Consumer Marketing for The Pokémon Company International. "We're excited to continue watching these local players as they

battle throughout the season, including at the upcoming Pokémon State and Winter Regional Championships, and perhaps making it 2016 Pokémon World Championships."

Players of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to participate in Organized Play events that guarantee competitors the opportunity to play in multiple rounds, no matter what their win-loss record is.

For more information on future tournaments including dates, locations, prizes, and tournament rules and regulations, visit www.pokemon.com/play.

Babysitters Academy scheduled for Feb. 19

HOLYOKE - Are you already a babysitter looking to further your skills, or considering becoming a babysitter to earn extra money?

Baystate Medical Center will hold a Babysitters Academy on Feb. 19 and April 21 to prepare area youth for their babysitting responsibilities.

The one-day program will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baystate Health Education Center, 361 Whitney Ave.,

Holyoke. Participants should bring their lunch.

Babysitters Academy is a certified babysitter program for young adults ages 11 to 15. The session offers potential babysitters instruction in baby care, first aid, CPR, fire safety, home security, child behavior, and accident prevention.

Participants will also receive a course booklet containing helpful tips and other

information, as well as a graduation certificate upon completion of the course.

The program, offered by the Parent Education Department at Baystate Medical Center, costs \$75. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by calling Baystate Health Link at (413) 794-2229.

For more information on Baystate Medical Center, visit baystatehealth.org/bmc.

SHELD PAYMENTS

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community's doing it and this is why," he said.

The Selectboard gave Sullivan that direction.

Selectboard member John Hine said as a board, "we agree with the direction you set out here." What need to be separated are the reimbursements, "specific services

that they would have to spend money doing with another party," said Hine, and what SHELD would be taxed if they were a for-profit business. "Then that's the start, and you have some place to take that discussion," he said.

Sullivan said they don't want to seem antagonistic. "If we come to a term, we should consider some discounted value that solidifies the fact that municipal light operation is valuable to the community," he said.

Selectboard member Ira Brezinsky suggested those involved in a larger discussion about this should be Sullivan, Selectboard Chair Frank DeToma, Awad and someone on the business side of SHELD.

"I think this conversation is good," said Selectboard member Sarah Etelman.

The goal is to create a simple formula the town can apply to SHELD every year that is fair to both parties.



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OPINION

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Guest Column

KYT spotlight event a perfect way to learn future South Hadley plans

BY MARIANN MILLARD
Guest Columnist

Two years ago I went house-hunting for a week in Western Massachusetts, looking for that Goldilocks-perfect, future retirement place for my husband, Jeff, and me in returning to our New England roots. When I arrived in South Hadley, I knew I had found it. Simple as that, a done deal. Doubts trickled in that week, though – was I really sure we could be happy and feel engaged here? As in forever? Because I definitely wasn't keen on packing up and moving again if I'd made a mistake!

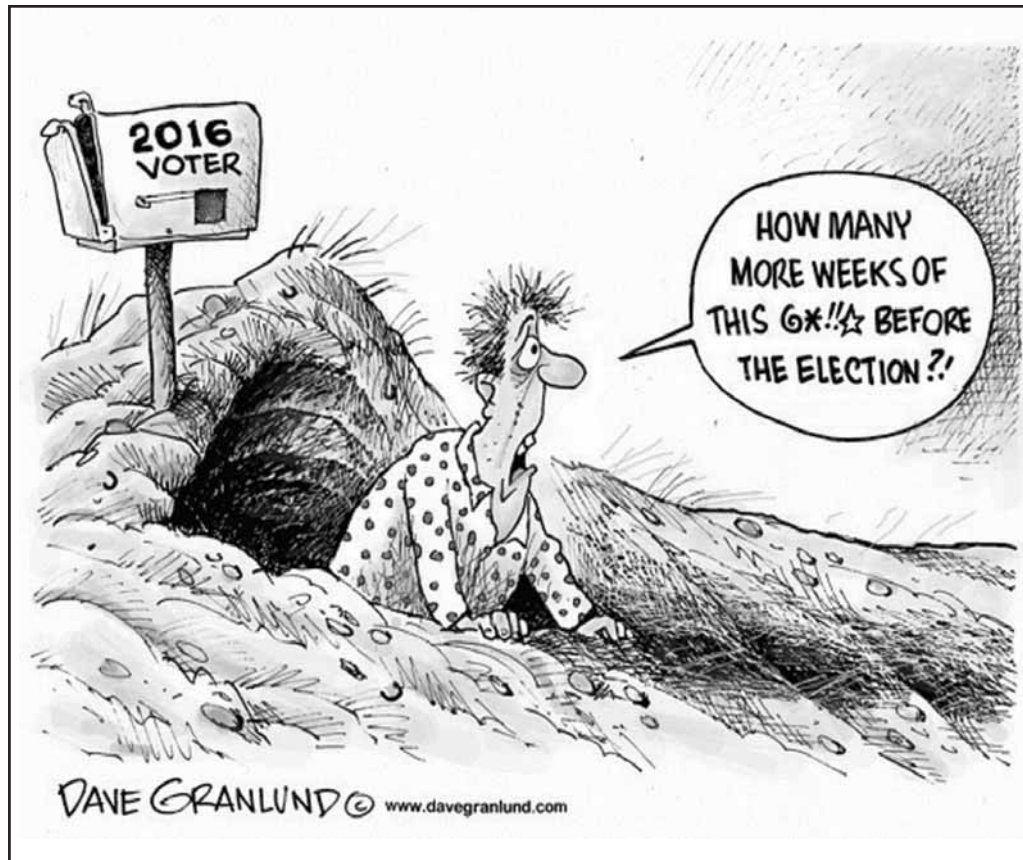
Then one evening during that week I was here, I wandered into a Know Your Town event at the town hall on ecological committees such as the Community Garden, the tree committee, the farmer's market, etc. I sat in the back, trying to remain "non-resident incognito," but oh, by the time the committee panel members were finished, I was soundly hooked on this little burg. I was delighted to witness their passion and enthusiasm in updating residents on their plans, projects and programs. And how lucky for the town to also have a volunteer group like Know Your Town to promote awareness and knowledge about its community such as this event. I snuck away, smiling, fully convinced we'd made the right choice about South Hadley, a unique and diversified village if ever I saw one, and one well worth making a good life here.

On Thursday, Feb. 11 from 7-9 p.m. in the high school library, I invite you to witness that passion and enthusiasm, this time with many more of our town's volunteer/appointed committees and commissions. Know Your Town (KYT) is sponsoring a "Spotlight Event" to highlight these various groups that currently serve our town in a variety of important and wonderful ways.

We're making this a fun evening to better inform you of their purpose and current/future doings, first via the "forum" and then afterwards via the "fair" to give you a chance, per your interests, to individually meet and chat with committee/commission members – your fellow citizens – in a relaxed, informal setting. Light refreshments will be served during the fair. Don't forget to take home your "souvenir" – a program hand-out briefly describing the participating committees and commissions to follow along during the forum presentations and a great reference tool for you after the evening is over.

As we've all experienced here in town, volunteers positively impact and enhance our lives and these committee/commission members excel at this too for South Hadley! Curious about what's affecting your neighborhood? Want to know about a "big picture" plan for the town? Have questions about a project you've read about in the Town Reminder? Thinking about joining a committee or commission that addresses a pet cause or interest of yours?

Come hear and support your fellow residents in their endeavors and at the same time, enjoy an informative social event by KYT. You too will leave with a smile on your face, fully convinced yourself how terrific a place South Hadley is for all of us.



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Letter To The Editor

South Hadley Bynan Conservation area in the usual "rut"

To the Editor,

Recent articles (Town Reminder, Jan. 14) describing "damage" to the Bynan Conservation Area in the Town of South Hadley are sad because there was and is a simple way for the town to have avoided this problem.

I believe the word "destroyed," as in an analogy to war, was used numerous times in describing the activities at Bynan. This "demonizing" of one segment of our population is a very one-sided and unbalanced argument and it originates from the "If I (we) don't like something, then let's just ban it" mentality, without regard to our neighbors, relatives, friends or friends of friends who enjoy this activity.

It would help to realize that there are always two ways to address problems such as this. The town or society in general could extend a little more effort to arrive at a solution that meets

the needs of both sides as opposed to the punitive approach which makes criminals out of a segment of our population. As a good parallel, in the late '90s there was a loud outcry against skateboarders in town who did not have a place to enjoy their sport. Then, the town banded together and built a skate park – problem solved.

The solution here is also simple – if the town will create a "park" (in partnership with Granby?) allowing OHV use, then people would not seek out other areas. I would like to suggest that the State has made funding available to towns and municipalities for this purpose. More information is available by searching "Mass. OHV Riding Area Grant" on google. Let's hope South Hadley can get out of this "rut."

Lawrence Tucker,
South Hadley

Guest Column

Upcoming election candidate positions explained

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth in a series of in-depth explanations by KYT member Linda Young of positions on the upcoming April 12 election ballot.

BY LINDA YOUNG
Guest Columnist

Here are the first of several of the offices on the ballot with descriptions taken from our town website:

School Committee

Our School Committee has five members who are elected for three-year terms on a rotating basis.

Did you know that between 55-60 percent of our town's annual operating budget is designated for our schools? While School Superintendent Dr. Nick Young really oversees the preparation of and the budget itself, you, as a School Committee member, work closely with him to further a good school experience for each student and staff member. Policies need to be examined and addressed and sometimes hard decisions have to be made, BUT if you are open minded, you will do fine. A wide perspective needs to be expressed so that rational decisions can be made. Students come to school for a variety of reasons, but why they stay at South Hadley Public Schools depends in large part on the School Committee.

A Quote OF NOTE

“ I think everybody wants to be fair. ”

MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN, IN THE ARTICLE, "TOWN LOOKS AT NEW SHELD PAYMENT."

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CIRCULATING IN SOUTH HADLEY

Events and activities held at the town's two libraries

Gaylord Library

47 College St., South Hadley, 538-5047
www.gaylordlibrary.org

- **FAMILY FROLIC STORY TIME.** Every Friday at 10:30 a.m. a program filled with stories, poems, songs, crafts and instrumental play. Free. Appropriate for preschoolers of all ages.

- **ONGOING BOOK SALE.** Gaylord Library has a used book sale on the lower level that you can visit any time the library is open. There are books for adults and children, movies, and music. Great deals - price is by donation. You might find a treasure!

- **SEEDY SOCIAL.** Gaylord Seeds and Stories - South Hadley's Seed Lending Library invites all gardeners to a SEEDY SOCIAL Saturday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. Free and open to all gardeners. Join us for coffee, tea, and biscuits. Share your knowledge, stories, and enthusiasm for gardening with other gardeners and urban farmers. Discuss the opening of the seed lending library, logistics of the library, and volunteer opportunities. Input and energy needed to make this new seed library work. For more information, call the library at 538-5047, web: www.gaylordlibrary.org

South Hadley Public Library

2 Canal Street South Hadley, 538-5045
www.shadleylib.org

- **RHYME TIME.** Babies and toddlers are welcome at our weekly Rhyme Time on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Each session includes songs, stories and interactive dance for our youngest patrons.

- **TODDLER TIME.** Every Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m., the youth services department will offer a story time followed by a craft appropriate for preschool-age children.

- **ADULT CRAFT TIME.** Old Fashioned Valentines. Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Learn a bit about the history of the Valentine Card and make one for someone you love. Pre-registration required.

- **AMHERST METHOD WRITER'S GROUP.** Every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. And Saturday, Feb. 13 and 27 at 10 a.m. Mandrachia Room, 2nd Floor. This Writer's Group is open to all levels and styles. Writers are encouraged to read their writing in

a supportive environment. This group is led by Linda Rowland-Buckley and Richard Buckley.

- **BOOK GROUP.** Outlander by Diane Gabaldon. Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mandrachia Room. All new members welcome!

Books available at the Reference Desk.

- **BASIC AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE.** Wednesday, Feb. 24 and March 2 at 6:30 p.m. Community Room. Learn some of the basics of ASL (American Sign Language), such as the alphabet (to fingerspell), colors, numbers, and animals. This program is open to all ages. Children must be with an adult. Materials will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

- **CHESS CLUB RETURNS!** Beginners through experienced chess players are welcome to join the chess club with chess master Andy Morris-Friedman. Sessions will be on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 17, 24, and March 2 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Sign ups begin half an hour prior to the start of each session. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Black Cat Theater calls for staff

SOUTH HADLEY - Black Cat Theater, a community theater group based in South Hadley, is seeking letters of interest and resumes for the positions of director, producer, and stage manager their spring comedy, "Moon Over Buffalo!"

Rehearsals will be held on Mondays and Thursdays. Show dates will be in early June. Email a letter of interest and resume to blackcattheater@gmail.com by Friday, Feb. 12.

Roast beef dinner to support Veterans Memorial planned

GRANBY - The Granby Veterans Memorial roast beef dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary hall, located at 256 State St.

Tickets are \$13. For tickets call Jason Richard at 413-246-9386 or Mike Pandora at 413-205-6646.

All proceeds from this event will go towards the Granby Veteran's Memorial.

Attend an American Girl tea party Feb. 20

GRANBY - An American Girl tea party will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Tickets are for sale at the library.

Bring your daughter, niece, granddaughter or favorite girl and her favorite doll! Participate in a doll parade and make some great crafts. Check out our American Girl doll raffle at the library.

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser to benefit Second Baptist Church mission

SOUTH HADLEY - Come out to eat for a great cause on Friday, Feb. 5. Second Baptist Church, 589 Granby Road in South Hadley will be having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help offset travel costs for the mission team of Tom Laughner, Theresa Yebernetsky and Jayde and Lori Thomas.

The team will be traveling to Kombolcha, Ethiopia in April for 10 days to conduct a Vacation Bible School for over 300 orphans. The dinner includes spaghetti with meat sauce

(vegetarian available), bread, salad, dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade. Tickets in advance are \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids age 6 to 12 and under 6 are free. Tickets at the door are \$9 for adults, \$6 for kids age 6 to 12. We'd love to have you join us for dinner! For tickets contact 536-0626 or lori@sbsouthhadley.com.

Can't make it but would still like to support them? Donations can be made to Second Baptist Church and mailed to 589 Granby Road, South Hadley, MA, 01075.

Valentine making workshop for kids at Granby Library

GRANBY - Come to the Granby Public Library on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 11 a.m. to make one-of-a-kind Valentines with stampers, stickers, ribbons, flowers and more. Children of all ages can make other Valentine theme crafts also. Younger children can make heart frames and lollipop flowers. In addition,

older children can make bottle cap Valentine pins. This workshop is free, all supplies are provided. Pre-register by calling the library during open hours.

Library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday 1 to 8 p.m.; Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday morning playgroup at the Granby Library

GRANBY - Are you the parent or caregiver of a child age birth to 5 years old? Head to a free parent/child playgroup, where you and your child can play, engage in early literacy activities, make new friends, share a snack and have fun with stories, songs and finger plays at circle time.

The playgroup meets at the library every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., no pre-registration is needed.

This program is made possible with

funding from a Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant from the MA Department of Early Education and Care, administered by the Collaborative for Educational Services.

For more information stop in or call the library during open hours at 413-467-3320. The library is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 1 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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ONGOING

PLAYGROUP - SOUTH HADLEY. Free drop-in playgroup for children up to age five and their caregivers at the South Hadley Family Center Monday through Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Stop in for open play, sensory crafts, circle time, stories and more from now through May. The Family Center is located in All Saints Episcopal Church at 7 Woodbridge Street South Hadley. For information, call 533-7096 or visit www.shfamilycenter.org

BOATING SKILLS & SEAMANSHIP CLASS - SOUTH HADLEY. USCG Auxiliary taught certificate satisfies all U.S. state requirements. Beginning March 7 at Mosier School in South Hadley. Material fee of \$35 and college registration fee only. For information call 533-3325 or flotilla97@hotmail.com.

LENTEN LUNCHESES - SOUTH HADLEY. Lenten lunches are available the Fridays of lent from Feb. 12 to March 18 at St. Patrick's Social Center on Main and School Streets. Homemade meatless soups, sandwiches, lobster rolls and salad, desserts and other food will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Takeout may be ordered by calling 534-7617.

FRIDAY, FEB. 5

WINE DOWN FIRST FRIDAY - SOUTH HADLEY. Enjoy wine, beer, soda, nibbles, and support the library! We always have a raffle for wine or another great prize. \$7 admission, must be 21 or older. Friday, Feb. 5 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Gaylord Library at 413-538-5047 or visit www.gaylordlibrary.org. Gaylord Library is located at 47 College St., South Hadley.

DINNER FUNDRAISER - SOUTH HADLEY. Help a team from Second Baptist Church go on a mission trip to Ethiopia! They will help conduct a vacation bible school for more than 300 orphans. On Feb. 5, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., the church will host a spaghetti dinner. Tickets in advance are \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids age 6-12 and under 6 are free. At the door \$9 for adults, \$6 for kids age 6-12. We will serve spaghetti with meat sauce (vegetarian available), bread, salad, dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade. For information contact, 536-0626 or lori@sbcsouth-hadley.com. Second Baptist Church is located at 589 Granby Rd., South Hadley.

DTC FIRST FRIDAY BREAKFAST - SOUTH HADLEY. The Democratic Town Committee (SH-DTC) invites South Hadley Democrats to join them for morning coffee and conversation at Tailgate Picnic, 7 College St., South Hadley, on Friday, Feb. 5, anytime from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The SH-DTC welcomes all South Hadley Democrats interested in assisting with political campaigns and fundraisers, and working on local issues.

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

CARD, COIN, COLLECTIBLE

SHOW. Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St., Chicopee. Admission \$1. Kids under 10 free. Over 40 tables featuring coins, sport and non-sport cards, sets, wax boxes, autographs, toys, magic cards, more. All proceeds benefit the Boys Club.

TUESDAY, FEB. 9

FRIENDS BOUTIQUE - SOUTH HADLEY. Open Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE - SOUTH HADLEY. Join the Hazard Mitigation Committee at the Planning Board Meeting on Feb. 10 from 6 to 7 p.m. to share your ideas for reducing risk and becoming less vulnerable to natural hazards such as floods, hurricanes and winter storms. The meeting will be held at the South Hadley Town Hall, 116 Main Street, Selectboard Meeting Room.

ELDER ABUSE PROGRAM - SOUTH HADLEY. South Hadley Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 1:30 p.m. Chris Geffin from the Northwest District Attorney's Office will present a program on elder abuse.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

KNOW YOUR TOWN - SOUTH HADLEY. KYT is hosting South Hadley's Volunteer / Appointed Town Committees / Commissions, to be held on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 7-9 p.m. at the South Hadley High School Library. This is an excellent opportunity to your knowledge and awareness of the various volunteer groups that serve South Hadley in a variety of ways during a planned "forum" and "fair". It's also an excellent way for the committees and commissions to "recruit" additional members if they need to do so.

I LOVE WINE - A TASTING BENEFIT. Wistariahurst Museum, 238 Cabot St., Holyoke; Friday, Feb. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. Annual wine tasting event returns Friday, Feb. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. Enjoy a sampling of delicious wines from around the world. Vendors will offer advice and suggestions based on your palette. Light refreshments served. Purchase tickets online at wistariahurst.org or call the Museum at 322-5660. Advance admission \$25 each; admission at the door \$30 each. Group rates available.

SATURDAY, FEB. 13

LOVE MONSTER AND THE LAST CHOCOLATE STORYTIME for Valentine's Day. Saturday, Feb. 13, at 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble Holyoke, 7 Holyoke St., Holyoke, 532-3200. Get ready for Valentine's Day with everyone's favorite monster! When Monster comes home from vacation and discovers a box of chocolates on his doorstep, he knows he should share it with his friends, but what if there's none left for him after everyone has a piece? There will be activities, coloring and tons of fun!

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

ALTERNATIVE VALENTINE'S VARIETY SHOW. Wistariahurst Presents: Love or Lack Thereof, An Alternative Valentine's Variety Show, hosted in partnership with MIFA on Sunday, Feb. 14 from 2 to 6 p.m. Do something different for Valentine's Day. Come enjoy an afternoon of music, poetry, snacks, and drinks in the one-of-a-kind Wistariahurst Museum Music Room. Music from: Ray Mason, Kevin



Volunteers are the backbone of many communities, and often they humbly stay under the radar. We're looking to highlight these individuals and the work they do in a feature called Citizen Spotlight. Nominate yourself or others for The Sun to profile. Contact us at kwill@turley.com with the name and contact information of someone who works to make a positive impact on the Town of South Hadley. Or, give us a call with your suggestions at 536-5333.

O'Rourke, Mark Schwaber, Matt Larsen and the Documents, Tommy Tisdell Jazz Trio and Miranda Brown. Tickets: \$8 advance, \$10 at the door. Presented by Wistariahurst Museum and the Massachusetts International Festival of the Arts.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

MINI CONCERT - SOUTH HADLEY. Abbey Chapel, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, 3 p.m. Hidden in Plain Sight: Medieval Manuscripts in the MHC Archives - A Public Event and Mini-Concert. Celebrate the three music manuscript leaves in LITS Archives/Special Collections, two of which are newly discovered. We will install a high-quality reproduction of the Interfaith leaf in the Sanctuary, debut the leaves' updated catalogue records, and describe how MHC students, faculty, and staff came together to identify and learn from these treasures. As a final treat, a small "schola" will sing the chants notated on the leaves.

FRIENDS BOUTIQUE - SOUTH HADLEY. Open Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street.

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

THE CLASSIC TALE OF PETER RABBIT. And Other Cherished Stories Storytime. Barnes & Noble Holyoke, 7 Holyoke St., Holyoke, 532-3200. Saturday, Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. Celebrate author Beatrix Potter's beloved and mischievous bunny with The Classic Tale of Peter Rabbit: And Other Cherished Stories. These adventure-filled stories are brought to life with vivid original illustrations from illustrator Charles Santore. Activities will round out the fun.

SUNDAY, FEB. 21

BREAKFAST BUFFET - SOUTH HADLEY. Saint Theresa's Parish will host its monthly breakfast buffet on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the church hall at 9 East Parkview Drive, South Hadley. Scrambled eggs, pancakes, muffins, bacon, sausage, home fries and coffee. \$5 per adult and \$2 per child.

MONDAY, FEB. 22

MUSIC MONDAYS CAFE: VIBES PIZZICATO - SOUTH HADLEY. Vibraphone player Jeannette Muzima and

bassist Wes Brown come together to create the duo Vibes Pizzicato, for an evening of eclectic rhythms and genres from jazz to pop and original music on Monday, Feb. 22 at the Gaylord Library, College St., South Hadley. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10, \$5 for students. Refreshments will be served.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - SOUTH HADLEY. South Hadley Historical Society's next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the South Hadley Public Library Community Room, 2 Canal Street, South Hadley. Dennis D. Picard, director of Storrowton Village Museum in West Springfield, will present "All to The Tune of a Hickory Stick: A Look at Education in the One Room Schoolhouse." Done in period attire and with accompanying artifacts, Dennis will share the history, legends and myths about what was called "District" school education. For more information, please call Desiree at the library, 538-5045.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY - SOUTH HADLEY. Saint Theresa of Lisieux Church, 9 East Parkview Drive, is hosting a Candlelight Rosary at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Refreshments to follow in the Atrium.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

FRIENDS BOUTIQUE - SOUTH HADLEY. Open Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street.

SATURDAY, FEB. 27

ROAST BEEF DINNER: The Granby Veterans Memorial roast beef dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary hall, located at 256 State St. Tickets are \$13. For tickets call Jason Richard at 413-246-9386 or Mike Pandora at 413-205-6646. All proceeds from this event will go towards the Granby Veteran's Memorial.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

CARD, COIN COLLECTIBLE SHOW. Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St., Chicopee, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$1, kids under 10 are free. Over 40 tables. All proceeds to benefit the Boys Club.

MEETINGS

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SATURDAY, FEB. 6

• 10 a.m. South Hadley Falls Neighborhood Association. South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal Street.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

• 6 p.m. Hazard Mitigation Committee at Planning Board Meeting. Town Hall, Selectboard Meeting Room.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

• 5:30 p.m. School Building Committee. Plains Elementary School Conference Room.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

• 7 p.m. South Hadley Democratic Town Committee Public Library

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College Notes

EDITOR'S NOTE: When a college official hasn't directly sent us notice of a student's achievement, we ask parents sending information about their student to include a photocopy of the college's letter regarding the achievement via fax, photocopy, email or photograph of the document. Our fax number is 413-536-5334 and our email is kwill@turley.com.

Notes should run within two to three weeks of receipt. We look forward to publishing your student's academic excellence!

Mielnikowski named to UMass Lowell Dean's List

LOWELL - Victoria Mielnikowski, of South Hadley, was recently recognized for achieving academic distinction at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Mielnikowski, majoring in exercise physiology, was named to the dean's list at UMass Lowell for the fall 2015 semester.

Hennessey named to University of New Haven Dean's List

SOUTH HADLEY - Elizabeth Hennessey, of South Hadley, was named to the dean's list at the University of New Haven for the Fall 2015 semester. Full-time undergraduate students must have a 3.50 or better cumulative GPA for the semester to be eligible for the Dean's List. Hennessey is studying for a Bachelor of Arts, Psychology.

Elms College names students to dean's list

CHICOPEE - The College of Our Lady of the Elms has named the following students to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester of the 2015-2016 academic year. To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes.

Granby: Erin Cooke 2016, Tessa Cote 2017, Hailey DuBois 2016, Krystina Garreffi 2017, Samantha Gilpatrick 2019, Joseph Mercier 2019, Madison Morse 2016, Naomi Poulin 2017, Stephanie Sweat 2017, Nicolle Walkowicz 2016.

South Hadley: Nicholas Bernard 2018, Kathryn Blanchard 2017, Tylar Cooper 2019, Jonathan Curtis 2016, Christopher Miele 2018, Katharina Neumann 2016, Mary O'Neill 2016, Lauren Picard 2017, Angela Thibault 2019, Charlotte Worthington 2018, Tyler Yvon 2018.

Baran named to NAC All-Academic Team

GRANBY - A total of 25 Castleton University student-athletes have been named to the 2015 North Atlantic Fall All-Academic Team, including Kiley Baran, of Granby.

Holyoke Catholic High School second quarter honor roll

CHICOPEE - Holyoke Catholic High School has announced the following local residents have been named to the second quarter honor roll:

Granby

First Honors

Grade 11 - Michael Dirkes

Grade 12 - Nathan Laprade Second Honors

Grade 10 - Aryann Mercado-Santana

Grade 11 - Lauren Brill.

South Hadley

First Honors

Grade 10 - Sophia Wong

Grade 11 - Daniel Fusari

Second Honors

Grade 9 - Rachael Dufault, Emma Mercier

Grade 11 - William Fontes, Jordyn Mercier

Grade 12 - Mary Lavallee, Kristyn Popowski

People of All Ages Read Newspapers

In a typical week two-thirds of young adults age 18-34 read newspapers in print or online. Especially given the fragmentation of other media, newspaper advertising is the best way for advertisers to reach a critical mass of young people in a market.

School vacation activities

SATURDAY, FEB. 13

PUBLIC SKATING. Fitzpatrick Arena, 575 Maple St., Holyoke from 12:40 to 2:30 p.m. Admission \$5, skate rental \$5, first-come, first-serve basis.

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

PUBLIC SKATING. Fitzpatrick Arena, 575 Maple St., Holyoke from 5:30 to 7:20 p.m. Admission \$5, skate rental \$5, first-come, first-serve basis.

MONDAY, FEB. 15 THROUGH SUNDAY, FEB. 21

- **MERRY-GO-ROUND.** Mark your calendars for school vacation week: the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round will be open from Monday, Feb. 15 through Friday, Feb. 19 from 12 to 4 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 15

PUBLIC SKATING. Fitzpatrick Arena, 575 Maple St., Holyoke from 12:30 to 2:20 p.m. Admission \$5, skate rental \$5, first-come, first-serve basis.

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

- **B-I-N-G-O.** Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to all game winners. No pre-registration is necessary. South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal Street.

- **43 FOOT INFLATABLE WHALE.** Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m. kids will have a whale of a good time, literally, when they meet and go inside Nile, the 43-foot inflatable humpback whale. Children are invited to sign up by either calling the library at 538-5045 or stopping in to the library located at 2 Canal Street. There is limited space at this program

so sign up early to reserve your spot. This is an educational program for school age children ages five and older only. To register call or visit the South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal Street, 538-5045.

PUBLIC SKATING. Fitzpatrick Arena, 575 Maple St., Holyoke from 12:40 to 2:30 p.m. Admission \$5, skate rental \$5, first-come, first-serve basis.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

- **STAR WARS JEDI KNIGHT TRAINING.** Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. Kids will be led through a series of challenges including Jedi Force Magic, Laser Balloon Barrage, Jedi Teamwork and a light saber duel with the Jedi Master himself. Come early for the best seats! To register call or visit the South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal Street, 538-5045.

PUBLIC SKATING. Fitzpatrick Arena, 575 Maple St., Holyoke from 10:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. and 12:20 to 2:20 p.m. Admission \$5, skate rental \$5, first-come, first-serve

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

- **AUTHOR KATHERINE KRAVER.** Children's book "It Was Just a House" author Katherine Kraver will be at the library Thursday, Feb. 18 at 4 p.m. With Katherine will be professional face painting from Luna Designs, coloring sketches to take home, along with other fun things to do. Copies of Katherine's book will be available for purchase and autographing. To register call or visit the South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal Street, 538-5045.

- **SCRABBLE WITH MISS MARY AND FRIENDS.** Gaylord

Library, 47 College Street. Thursday, Feb. 18 from 3-4:30 p.m. No registration. Refreshments. Ages 5 and up.

PUBLIC SKATING. Fitzpatrick Arena, 575 Maple St., Holyoke from 12:30 to 2:10 p.m. Admission \$5, skate rental \$5, first-come, first-serve basis.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19

- **SIGNS OF LIFE.** Children ages 7 through 11 can sign up to join Doug Fleury on Friday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. We'll be outside searching for animal tracks and other signs of what's happening during these cold months. Pre-registration is required BEFORE Feb. 19 by calling 538-5045 or stopping at the South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal Street.

- **FAMILY FROLIC STORY TIME.** Gaylord Library, 47 College Street. Friday, Feb. 19 at 10:30 a.m. Featuring the funny new picture book Ragweeds Farm Dog Handbook. No registration necessary. Open to all ages.

- **KNITTING KNOW HOW** Gaylord Library, 47 College Street. Friday, Feb. 19 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. For beginners and those with some skill. Bring your own needles if you have them. The library will supply the yarn. Space is limited, please register soon, 538-5047. The Gaylord Knitting Group will be on hand to share their knowledge and skill.

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

PUBLIC SKATING. Fitzpatrick Arena, 575 Maple St., Holyoke from 10:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. and 12:40 to 2:30 p.m. Admission \$5, skate rental \$5, first-come, first-serve

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Scholarships available for students with commitment to volunteerism

Berkshire Bank will honor 30 high school seniors in Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and Vermont for their volunteer service through their foundation's annual Scholarship Awards Program.

The program will award \$45,000 in total scholarship dollars to students who have exemplified community service through their volunteer efforts, have succeeded academically and demonstrate a financial need. Additionally, students must attend a high school that is located in a county with a Berkshire Bank office.

Through the program, 30 scholarships of \$1,500 will be awarded to high school seniors who will be attending a two or four-year college in the fall.

Applications are evaluated based on the student's record of volunteerism in the community, academic standing and financial need. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and a family household income under \$75,000 to be eligible to apply.

Students must apply online by Wednesday March 23. An independent team of more than 200 bank employee volunteers will review the applications

and select this year's recipients.

Scholarships will be awarded in the geographic regions where Berkshire Bank branches are located, with fourteen available in Massachusetts. Students may apply online through the bank's website at www.berkshirebank.com/scholarships. To be considered, all applications must be submitted online by March 23 at 4 p.m. Additional information about this year's program can be obtained through the bank's website or by contacting Berkshire Bank Foundation at scholarshipinfo@berkshirebank.com.

School Lunch Menu

Feb. 8 - 12

SOUTH HADLEY – Lunch prices are \$2.50 High School, \$2.25 Middle and Mosier Schools, and \$2 Plains School, per day. Lunch meals include milk and assorted whole fruit. Individual milk is 40 cents. Large salads, yogurt, and assorted sandwiches are available daily as a Type A meal alternative. The menu is subject to change.

Monday, Feb. 8: Tiger burgers, chips, seasoned veggies, diced peaches.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: Honey BBQ rib patties, potato rounds, herbed carrots, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: Orange chicken rice bowls, pop corn chicken, steamed rice and broccoli topped with orange sauce, slice of bread, cinnamon apples.

Thursday, Feb. 11: Whole grain rotini with meat sauce, green beans, bread, sliced pears.

Friday, Feb. 12: Assorted sandwiches, soup, black-eye pea salad, fruit, cookies. **MOSIER AND HIGH SCHOOL:** Fish sandwiches, tartar sauce, oven baked fries, veggies, cookies.

DCR announces Arbor Day poster contest theme

First place awarded tree planting at winner's school

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Leo Roy announced the theme of the 2016 Arbor Day Poster Contest: "Trees Grow with Us and for Us."

Fifth grade classes from both public and private schools across the state are asked to participate in this year's contest by having

the students create posters and then hosting a school poster contest.

The winning poster from each school can then be submitted to the agency for review.

"Whether rural or urban, trees serve as a vital natural resource that benefit us all," said Roy. "Trees can reduce energy consumption, clean air and water, reduce noise pollution, beautify communities, and provide habitats for wildlife, and it is important that we instill the importance of

trees within today's youth."

Each year, over 1,500 Massachusetts fifth graders participate in the Arbor Day poster contest. First place prizes include a tree planting ceremony at the winner's school, a certificate for art and science supplies, and more. Second Place, Third Place, and Honorable Mention winners will also receive art and science supplies.

"The Arbor Day Poster Contest is a fun way to help fifth graders become curious about and appreciative of trees," said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester. "I look forward to seeing how students will put their knowledge, imagination and creativity to work."

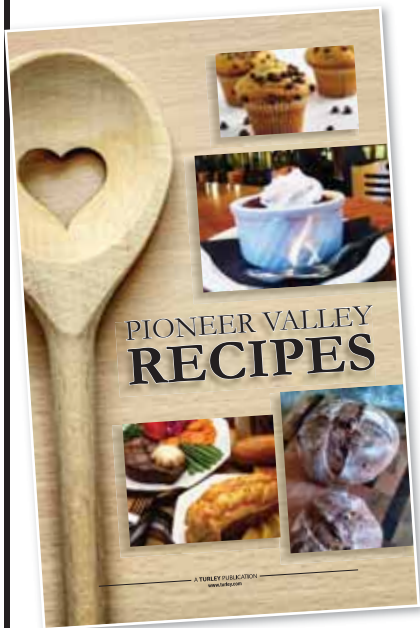
This year's theme, "Trees Grow with Us and for Us!" is designed to increase students' understanding of trees and the role trees play in their community and in the world around them. The DCR Urban and Community Forestry Program, with support from the U.S. Forest Service, sponsors the annual contest for fifth graders across the Commonwealth.

Posters must be submitted by April 1, 2016, and the contest is open to all students currently enrolled in the fifth grade. An Arbor Day Poster Contest Guide is available on the DCR website or can be obtained by contacting Mollie Freilicher, 413-577-2966 or mollie.freilicher@state.ma.us.

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Wear your heart on our page

Town Reminder seeks Valentine's Day poetry

SOUTH HADLEY - Valentine's Day is drawing near and we're asking our readers to take a step back in time with us and write their Valentine a good old-fashioned poem.

Pen a poem or short love letter to your Granby/South Hadley sweetheart and we'll print it on our Op/Ed page in our Feb. 12 edition.

It's the best kind of PDA!

Submissions should be no more than 350 words and sent to Editor Kristin Will at kwil@turley.com. Please include your name and hometown.

The deadlines for submissions into our Feb. 12 edition is Feb. 9.

We're sure we'll be smitten with your submissions!

SPORTS

Milestone nice, but Gatzounas wants more

Junior chasing Western Mass crown

By GREGORY A. SCIBELLI
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – Junior Sophie Gatzounas would trade all of her 1,000 points for a Western Massachusetts Championship.

And even more than the points and the wins, she simply loves being on a basketball court, and her performance reflects that.

But she scores when she is on the court and she achieved her 1,000th point milestone in the third quarter of last Thursday night's game against Monson High School on the road. It was the last thing on her mind and she is glad to have the achievement over halfway through the season.

"I look up in the stands and my friends have had the countdown and tell me how many points away from 1,000 I am," said Gatzounas. "But I am just out there trying to win games and get us to Western Mass."

Gatzounas burst on to the varsity scene as a role player during her freshman year. On a team full of senior starters, she received a lot of playing time and score more than 200 points that year.



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Sophie Gatzounas (second from right) stands at center court with (from left to right) with father Mark, mother Dawn and sister Madeline.

She then transitioned into being a starter last year, providing enough offensive to overcome the loss of six seniors. She would score more than 500 points and helped lead South Hadley to a semifinal appearance in the tournament, where they lost in the West/Central Massachusetts Division III semifinal against Hoosac.

That is her focus, and a title is what motivates Gatzounas when she is out on the court.

"It's really not about how many

points I score," she said. "I want to help my team win the game."

Coach Paul Dubuc agrees, and says Gatzounas not only scores baskets, but does all the other things well.

"She rebounds, she blocks, she plays good defense," said Dubuc. "She is not selfish with the ball. She is a good teammate, is one of the hardest workers on the team, and she is also a good student."

Gatzounas has also had great success in her high school career on the soccer field. She has



Sophie Gatzounas (middle) is the seventh member of the 1,000-point club at South Hadley. She was joined on the court by fellow 1,000-point scorers Patty Steffanelli (left) and Jess (Hambley) Rothen (right).

reached the tournament with the girls soccer team in each of the past three seasons. She has been the starting goalie the past two years and is one of the best keepers in Western Massachusetts.

Basketball is definitely her main sport, and Gatzounas said she will likely pursue playing basketball in college. She also plays AAU



A sign hangs congratulating Sophie Gatzounas on scoring her 1,000th point.

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South Hadley tips Granby



TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM
South Hadley's Maeve Fitzgerald (14) drives around a defender toward the baseline.

By TIM PETERSON
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - South Hadley junior forward Sophie Gatzounas joined the 1,000-point club in a road game against Monson on Jan. 21. She was honored during a ceremony held prior to the start of the Lady Tigers first meeting of the season against archrival Granby, last Friday night.

Gatzounas and her teammates also celebrated a thrilling 57-52



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South Hadley's Lexi Gawron (20) dribbles in the open court.

victory against the Lady Rams before a large crowd at Thomas B. Landers Court.

"This is definitely a very special night for me and my teammates," said Gatzounas, who's the seventh 1,000-point scorer in school history. "It's just an incredible milestone and it's also a huge win for us against one of our biggest rivals."

Gatzounas scored 23 of her career-high 35 points during the

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Lady Tigers tie for third at PVIACs

Dragon places first in high jump

By DAVE FORBES
Turley Publications
Sports Staff Writer

NORTHAMPTON – The Western Massachusetts high school indoor track and field season concluded with its penultimate event at Springfield College — the PVIAC Championships.

East Longmeadow took home the top spot on the girls side with 59 points, followed closely by Northampton with 55, and Westfield and South Hadley tied for third with 51 points.

On the boys side, Amherst captured the championship with 77 points. Northampton placed second with 72 points, followed by Minnechaug in third with 49.

South Hadley came in ninth with 27 points

For the girls, junior Morgan Harrington finished second in the 600 meters at 1 minute 45.36 sec-

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TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTOS BY DAVE FORBES
South Hadley guard James Foley (11) catches the ball in the low post.



South Hadley senior guard Joseph Militante-Advey (22) gets ready to shoot a free throw.

Tigers fall hard to Colts

By NATE ROSENTHAL
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - For a good part of the season, the South Hadley boys basketball team has been playing a solid game of basketball and have managed to stay around the .500 mark with the hope of qualifying for the postseason. With their 85-45 loss to Chicopee Comp, their path to the postseason just got a little harder.

It is true that it is only one game and Chicopee Comp is hot at this time, but this was a game that got away in a hurry. The Tigers trailed by just two points in the first minute of the second quarter. Three minutes later, they were down by 15. By the end of the third quarter, it was 32 and it ended at a 40-point difference.

The first quarter was a battle.

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SPORTS

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Western Mass honors its own

BY NATE ROSENTHAL
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD - In 2014, a new Hall of Fame was born. That was the first year for the Western Mass Baseball Hall of Fame that was to honor those baseball greats who graced the diamonds of the area. From those humble beginnings, all have gone on to greater heights in the world of baseball. This week, eight more inductees were honored at the La Quinta Inn in Springfield.

Hosting the show was the Valley Blue Sox led by Hunter Golden and his selection committee, which consisted of Clark Eckhoff, Mike Trombley, Vernon Hill, Ron Chimelis, Gary Brown and Joe McCarthy. Brown and Trombley were 2014 inductees themselves. McCarthy was honored last year.

The master of ceremonies was the estimable Scott Coen. He warmed up the crowd with a few stories before the keynote speaker, Bill Lee took center stage. Coen talked about how his life changed in 1975 when he was a college student at Emerson. He watched game six of that World Series, which in the minds of many is considered the greatest baseball game ever played. Coen became a Red Sox fan and set on a path that has made him a fixture out here. He pointed out that the difference between success and failure is small. He used the baseball example of 25 hits is the difference between batting .250 and .300 or one hit per week during a baseball season.

Golden was next to speak and he made a presentation to pitcher, Bryan Goossens as the MVP of the Blue Sox. Goossens, from Hampden, played his high school ball at Minnechaug Regional High School in Wilbraham. He first put on a Blue Sox uniform in 2013 and enjoyed a successful season here before moving on to the Cape Cod league the following season. He returned to the team in 2015 and went on to have a great season posting a 2.40 ERA in 48 2-3 innings pitched and fanning 37. Goossens earned a trip to the NECBL All Star game.

Then it was time for the show, that being the keynote speaker, Bill "Spaceman" Lee. For the next 44 minutes, Lee entertained the crowd with story after story about, what else, baseball. One subject to which he devoted some time was "the brawl" in 1976 with the Yankees. Following a collision at home plate between Carleton Fisk and Lou Piniella, Lee got into it with a couple of Yankees, Mickey



Darryl Beane Sr., (second from left) accepted the honor on behalf of his brother, Carl. Also pictured are: (from left to right) Darryl Beane Sr., Butch Beane, Matt Maynard and Pamela Maynard.

Rivers and Craig Nettles. Those watching the game at home on television would see him coming out of a crowd holding his left shoulder in pain. That is something many of us will never forget. Throughout his speech, one thing was abundantly clear, Bill Lee loves the game of baseball or as he put it so aptly, that is his "addiction."

Golden then reintroduced Coen, who would guide the crowd through the inductions.

The first inductee was Ray Fagnant from Chicopee. He made his mark as a player first at Holyoke Catholic in the early eighties and then at Assumption College in Worcester. Fagnant got to a shot at pro ball and made it as high as AA at New Britain, Boston Red Sox affiliate. Then in 1993, he was provided the opportunity to become a scout for the Red Sox, where he remains to this day as the head of the Northeast District. As a scout, Fagnant is on the go constantly and in though the baseball season may end in October, it is ongoing for scouts like Fagnant. He travels throughout the country to watch ballplayers develop. He may not be a household name in Red Sox Nation, but his role in "discovering" talent for the ball club is held in high regard by the organization. In his brief speech, Fagnant recalled his days at Holyoke Catholic and the people who influenced him, like Dan Dulchinos. He put in a big plug for Tri-County baseball in general and the Chicopee Falls Tigers. That is an ongoing outlet for baseball to this day.

Wayne Granger of Huntington was the

next honoree. He was a relief pitcher in the 60s and 70s. It was in 1969, with the Cincinnati Reds, that Granger set a major league record with 90 appearances. That record was broken five years later by Mike Marshall, but both happened in the National League. Back in high school, he once struck out 30 batters in a 14-inning game. One of his notable moments was throwing the final pitch at Cincinnati's Crosley Field in 1970. Granger could not attend and his award was picked up by Don Prohovich, who spoke on his behalf.

The third inductee was Carl Beane, of Agawam. Beane is a figure who is near and dear many a Red Sox fan, for he would become the public address announcer for their home games in 2003. He would remain a fixture at Fenway Park for the next nine years until his tragic death in 2012. Beane was a sports fan extraordinaire and he had a booming voice that was made for his role. The Red Sox had gone through a couple of people after the death of longtime announcer Sherm Feller and it may have been the fact that he sounded so much like Feller that he caught on quickly. Carl traveled around and made appearances where he would let fans wear his World Series rings from 2004 and 2007. He would also come out of the press box and greet people from time to time. Beane always seemed to know what he wanted to do and soon after high school, he went to the Career Academy Broadcasting School. After graduating in 1972, he had his first job in the field. Carl Beane's award was accepted by his brother, Darryl.

Next up was Howie Burns, who coached at Springfield Tech. Burns was also a fixture at Westfield State and in the Tri-County League. While Burns was in the audience, Richard Bedard, a 2015 inductee received his award and spoke to the crowd.

He was known as "Leo the Lip" and of the 23 managers who have made it to Cooperstown, Leo Durocher of West Springfield was the only one from Western Massachusetts. In his 25 years as manager, he won three pennants and one world championship.

From 1961 to 1964, Chicopee High dominated the high school baseball scene. Over that four-year span, they went 80-11 and won the state title three times. The team was coached by Bill Moge, a legend in Chicopee. And the assistant coach, Dan Dulchinos would go on to become a legend himself, when he took over the new program at Chicopee Comp. His teams won more than 600 games in his career than spanned more than four decades.

The next inductee was Dave Grills, who was a coach at Hampshire College for a great

Goals plentiful for Tigers

BY DAVE FORBES
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WESTFIELD - The South Hadley hockey team really put the scoreboard operator to hard work over the past week as the Tigers scored 14 goals and allowed 11 in their two games against St. Mary's and Easthampton.

South Hadley came up with a positive result in both games with an 8-5 win over St. Mary's at Amelia Rink on Wednesday, and garnered a 6-6 tie with Easthampton at Losone Rink on Saturday afternoon.

In the 8-5 win over the Saints, the Tigers got off to a fast start in the first period with four goals and finished things off with three more in the third.

Evan Sullivan finished with a hat trick, including two power play goals, and added two assists for five points. Sean Doherty helped out with two goals and an assist, while Will Hunter, Jim Mazza and Tim Sweeney each had a goal.

Corey Calkins and Alex Joao had two assists each. Trevor Ouimet and Nick Thibault each had an assist.

South Hadley had a chance at two wins for the week, but the Tigers squandered a three-goal lead in the third period and settled for a 6-6 tie.

Sullivan had his second hat trick of the week, this time with a short-handed tally, and an assist for four points to lead the Tigers. Andrew Brunette and Sean Doherty each had a goal and an assist, with Doherty's goal coming short-handed.

Tim Sweeney added a goal, while Ben Watkins finished with four assists.

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Murphy named to Fall MASCAC All-Academic Team

WESTFIELD - A total of 674 student-athletes have been honored by the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference with selection to the league's Fall 2015 All-Academic Team.

Student-athletes that compete in championship varsity sports offered by each of the MASCAC institutions during the course of the Fall 2015 athletic season and have achieved a 3.20 cumulative or semester-based grade point average during the semester are eligible for selection to the Fall All-Academic Team.

Westfield State University placed the most student-athletes on the Fall 2015 MASCAC All-Academic Team with 131 total, while Worcester State University (106), Bridgewater State University (90), Fitchburg State University (68) and Massachusetts Maritime Academy (64) followed.

"I want to congratulate all the MASCAC student-athletes on another solid showing on the Fall MASCAC All-Academic Team," Commissioner Angela Baumann said of this year's honorees. "The success of our student-athletes shows the importance of not only athletics but academics which is the cornerstone of the MASCAC and Division III philosophy."

One South Hadley resident was included on the list: Bridgewater State football junior Liam Murphy.

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basketball during the spring and summer months.

She most enjoys her "family" in South Hadley.

"Most of the girls on my team I have been playing with since I was little," said Gatzounas. "They are all my friends and I love getting to come practice and play games with them every year."

She is with those players for more than half of the year as South Hadley's girls basketball roster consists of many of her soccer teammates.

Gatzounas currently sits at 1,050 points as a junior. With half of South Hadley's season to go, the tournament, and next year with most of the lineup returning, her focus is solely on winning a championship. She is not worried about achieving 1,500 career points or any other statistical goal.

"When you look back and remember your days playing basketball, you don't always remember all the points you score," said Gatzounas. "But you do remember getting to celebrate a championship with your friends and teammates."

Gatzounas said the most important part of last Thursday's win over Monson was that South Hadley clinched a spot in the playoffs with a 10-1 record.

"She is the type of player every coach wants on their team," said Dubuc. "I'm glad she's not playing for someone else."

Gatzounas, an excellent student and member of the National Honor Society, said she has not started to consider colleges, but has received some minor interest so far this year.

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onds, senior Mackenzie Werenski placed second in the two-mile at 11:48.14, freshman Jocelyn Rondeau came in fifth in the 1000 meters at 3:16.90 and fifth in the mile at 5:29.97, sophomore Sarah Fudger placed sixth in the 600 meters at 1:46.92 and senior Katie Evans came in seventh in the 300 meters at 44.30.

South Hadley won the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 4:21.32, and placed second in the 4x800 meter relay with a time of 10:30.88 and fifth in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1:54.35.

For the boys, senior Alex Dragon won the high jump at 6-02 and finished second in the 1000 meters at 2:37.37.

Senior James Moriarty finished second in the shot put at 44-04, junior Jack Dawson placed eighth in the 300 meters at 38.04, and sophomore Evan Levreault came in ninth in the shot put at 38-07 1-4.

South Hadley also placed 10th in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1:39.06, 10th in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:49.96, and 15th in the 4x800 meter relay with a time of 10:04.52

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part of his seven decade long career. He was also the manager of Wayne Granger at Huntington High in 1962. Grills is the only coach in Western Mass to win sectional titles in three different sports. He had teams that won in basketball and cross country to go along with his 1986 baseball title.

The final inductee was Fran Healy from Holyoke. Healy was unable to attend in person, but he sent along a video to show his appreciation. Healy played from 1969 to 1978, starting with the Kansas City Royals and he finished with the Yankees as apart of the "Bronx Zoo" teams.

GRANBY GIRLS

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second half. She made a total of 14 field goals, including three 3-pointers.

"Good players make good coaches," said South Hadley head coach Paul Dubuc. "Sophie is one of the best high school girls basketball players that I've ever coached. She's also a great kid and a very good student. I'm very proud to be her coach."

The last South Hadley basketball player to score 1,000 points was Cam Earle, who graduated last June. Earle, who's currently a freshman member of the Westfield State University men's basketball team, finished his outstanding high school career with 1,015 points. The last Lady Tigers player to reach the elite milestone was Patty Stefanelli, who finished her high school career with 1,108 points. The school's all-time leading scorer is Jes Hambley with 2,069 points. Hambley also scored 1,000 career points during her collegiate career at St. Michael's College, which is located in Colchester, Vt. The only other Lady Tigers player to reach the milestone is Tiffany Kirk (1,152 points).

Last Friday night's home victory improved the Lady Tigers overall season record to 11-1 and they were also sitting in first place in the Central Division standings with a 2-0 mark.

"Every night is a battle in our league and it's always been a great rivalry game against Granby. This is the first time that we've defeated them in a couple of years," Dubuc said. "We just know everything that they're going to do against us and they know everything that we're going to do against them. The players on both teams also know each other very well."

The last time that the Lady Tigers players celebrated a victory against the Lady Rams was also following a home game on February 19, 2014 by the final score of 74-61.

Granby, who had a 10-3 overall record

and a 2-1 league record following the road loss, swept the season series against a year ago. They won the first meeting, 59-54, before squeaking out a 66-65 home win in the second meeting of the season.

"This has always been a fierce friendly rivalry game," said Granby head coach Tom Burke, who is friends with Dubuc. "We want our kids to give an all out effort on the court and play hard, but most of them are friends off the court. I just told my team that I'm very proud of the way that they played tonight."

The Lady Rams were led offensively by junior guard Kate Sullivan, who netted 20 of her game-high 36 points after halftime. It was also her career-high. Sullivan's previous career-high was 23 points in the one-point home win against the Lady Tigers a year ago. She also made a season-high six three-pointers in last Friday's game.

"It's always a lot of fun playing against South Hadley," said Sullivan, who needs about 320 more points to reach 1,000 points. "I also enjoy playing against Sophie because we're good friends. It's just amazing that she has already scored 1,000 points in the middle of her junior season."

Gatzounas and Sullivan have been teammates on the Mass Frenzy AAU basketball team during the past couple of years.

"Sophie is just a great basketball player," Sullivan added. "It's definitely a lot more fun playing with her on the AAU team than against her. Both of us stepped up for our teams in this game tonight."

Gatzounas, who's a third year member of the varsity basketball team, has the same amount of respect for Sullivan.

"As much fun as it is playing against Kate, I really prefer being teammates with her," Gatzounas said. "She can shoot the ball very well and also makes great passes. She's just a great kid."

Gatzounas scored nine points in the opening quarter, which helped the Lady Tigers build an 18-5 lead.

Just before the buzzer sounded, Sullivan,

who scored all of the Lady Rams points in the opening quarter, was fouled while attempting a three-pointer from the top of the key. She made all three foul shots cutting the Lady Rams deficit to ten points.

Sullivan would score eight more points in the second quarter, as the Lady Rams used a 17-8 run to close the gap to one point (26-25) at halftime.

Sullivan was helped out offensively by junior forward Kate Samacki, who scored seven of her nine points during the second stanza. Samacki should also be able to score 1,000 points before the curtain closes on her outstanding high school career next year.

In the middle of the third quarter, Granby sophomore forward Mallory Beaugard (four points) was fouled while making an inside basket tying the score at 31-31 for the first time in the game.

With 1:32 left in the quarter, Sullivan knocked down a 3-pointer from the right side, which gave the visiting team a 34-33 lead for the first time.

The Lady Tigers retook the lead following a runner in the lane by sophomore forward Abigail Edge (four points) and a Gatzounas layup. Another 3-pointer in the final seconds by Sullivan tied the score again.

The scoring duel between Sullivan and Gatzounas continued during the final 8:00.

The Lady Rams held a 44-42 less than 2:00 into the fourth quarter before Gatzounas scored her team's next six points.

A layup by sophomore forward Mikhaila Edge (10 points) increased the Lady Tigers advantage to 50-44 with 3:40 left in regulation.

A little more than a minute later, Granby tied the score for the final time at 50-50 after Sullivan banked home her final long bomb from the top of the key.

The Lady Tigers would outscore the Lady Rams, 7-2, during the final minute.

The second meeting of the season between the two rivals is scheduled to take place on Feb. 17 at Granby High School.

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While the Colts scored first and never trailed, they saw the Tigers close to within two points with 3:00 left. They led by five after one. South Hadley made it a two-point game seconds into the second quarter, but a 16-point run by Comp followed to open up a double-digit lead. The teams went back and forth over the final 4:00 of the half and the Colts led by 17 at break. It was in the third quarter that they really broke it open, reaching 20 points on their first possession. With 2:00 left, the margin was over 30. Throughout the fourth quarter, the difference remained in the mid 30s before finally settling at a 40-point final margin.

Ed Popovichenko got the Colts on the board 24 seconds into the game with a jumper. The next score did not come for more than a minute when Eric Perez buried a three with just over 6:00 to play. Matt Grocholowski got the Tigers on the board with a layup on their next possession. Kenny Mendez answered that with a three. Before the third minute was complete, Evan Petrosky hit one of two free throws for an 8-3 score. Popovichenko responded with a jumper, followed quickly by a put back from Grocholowski. When Calvin Bridges hit a three a minute later, South Hadley had

closed to two points at 10-8. Andrew Lebel answered that three with one of his own and a Perez basket made it 15-8. The battle of threes continued with one by James Foley and with less than 2:00 to go, it was a four-point game. A minute later Grocholowski's free throw cut it to three. The Colts got in the last score of the quarter, when with 2.9 seconds left, Bruce Carey was fouled. He hit both shots and it was 17-12 to end the first.

The second quarter would be even wilder. Joseph Militante-Advey hit a three just 13 seconds into the quarter and now it was a two-point game. That was as close as South Hadley would get. On their next possession, the Colts started a 16-point run with a jumper by Duane Miller. Three minutes later, Miller put them up, 33-15. During the run Perez scored five points and had a three, while Popovichenko also buried a three. It was a three by Griffin Fitzell that got the Tigers back on the board with 4:00 left in the half. Over the next minute, the Colts lead grew to 20 with basket by Perez and a three by Popovichenko. The Tigers got the margin back to 14 before Perez hit a three at buzzer. The teams went to their respective locker rooms with Comp holding a 43-26 lead.

It was the third quarter that Comp put this game away. Kenny Mendez who had a three early in the game as his only first half points, hit one 19 seconds in. He would

have two more in the quarter to give him 13 in the third. That three made it a 20-point game. Nate Poirier got two back seconds later, but after another minute, Perez hit his fourth trey of the night. After a Mendez field goal, Foley hit a three and the teams were back to 20. An eight-point run by the Colts with four from Perez made it 59-31. Bridges scored for South Hadley and then Mendez hit back-to-back threes. The teams traded points with Foley scoring at 33 seconds to leave the score at 69-37.

Miguel Morales opened the fourth quarter scoring for the Tigers in the first 30 seconds. Jalen Bruce answered that with a three. After a Bridges basket, the Colts scored six straight and led 78-41 with 6:00 to play. The lead got to 40 points by the end.

Bridges led the Tigers with 12 points. Second on the team was Austin Ford with seven all of which came in the second half. By contrast, the Colts had four in double figures.

The Tigers won their other two games this week, beating Ludlow, 71-40 and then Belchertown, 65-60. Grocholowski led South Hadley with 14 against Ludlow and had 13 against Belchertown. Fitzell had 15 in the Belchertown game, along with 14 by Militante-Advey. Bridges and Foley scored 12 and 11 against Ludlow.

The Tigers are 5-7 overall and 3-4 in Suburban action.

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The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, the nation's oldest Division III men's and women's playing conference, has a rich and storied tradition of

competitive success while celebrating excellence in the classroom. MASCAC member schools include Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, MCLA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salem State University, Westfield State University and Worcester State University.

Two other institutions, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Plymouth State University, are affiliate members of the conference in the sports of football and men's ice hockey, while Western Connecticut State University joined the conference as a football affiliate member in 2013.

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South Hadley Council on Aging calendar of events

SOUTH HADLEY - All activities take place at the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street (538-5042) unless otherwise noted. The COA office is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Lunch is served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

ONGOING

Fuel Assistance: For questions regarding fuel assistance, outreach, and available services call Ann Andras, 538-5042.

In Town Transportation: Available 9 a.m.-3 p.m. by appointment.

Computer Course: You must be 50 years of age or over. There is no residence requirement. Please call 533-6889 for more information.

UPCOMING

AMISH PA DUTCH. May 17 through 20. Cost is \$579 per person double /triple, \$729 per person single. Includes three nights hotel, three breakfasts, three dinners, sightseeing and admission. For more information contact Susan Canedy, 536-2106 or Judy Fortier, 534-3598.

TWIN RIVER CASINO: Tuesday, Feb. 16, with full casino package. \$26. Call Howie Walsh, 593-6286. Players card or picture ID required.

VISIT THE STATE HOUSE. Wednesday, March

23. A personal tour of the Massachusetts' State House hosted by Representative John Scibak. A box lunch of sandwiches, drinks, and chips will be provided in one of the State House rooms. \$40. Call Judy Fortier, 534-3598.

COA BOARD MEETING: Monday, Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.

FOOT NURSE: By appointment Monday, Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

SHINE: Tuesday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to noon, by appointment.

FRIENDS BOUTIQUE. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

AARP TAX ASSISTANCE: Wednesdays, starting Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon, by appointment. End date is April 13. Call the COA for an appointment, 538-5042.

DIABETIC SUPPORT: Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m.

VALENTINE LUNCH: Thursday, Feb. 11. Reservations needed!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING. With the nurse on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m.

FRIENDS BOUTIQUE: Located at the Senior Center, will be open between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Feb. 9, 17, and 25.

CLOSED VETERANS DAY. COA will be closed Monday, Feb. 15 for Presidents Day.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday, Feb. 8

9:30 a.m. Foot Nurse, by appointment
10 a.m. Music Appreciation
10 a.m. Tai Chi
1 p.m. Canasta
1 p.m. Pinochle
1 p.m. Mah Jongg
4 p.m. COA Board Meeting
Lunch: Shepherd's pie with gravy

Tuesday, Feb. 9

9 a.m. to noon SHINE, by appointment
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friends Boutique
10 a.m. Beginner Exercise
1 p.m. Bingo
1 p.m. Needlecraft
Lunch: Roast pork with gravy

Wednesday, Feb. 10

9 a.m. to Noon AARP Tax Assistance, by appointment
9:30 a.m. Grocery Shopping
10 a.m. Travel Club
10 a.m. Cars and Maintenance with Mark Whitney
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones and Balance

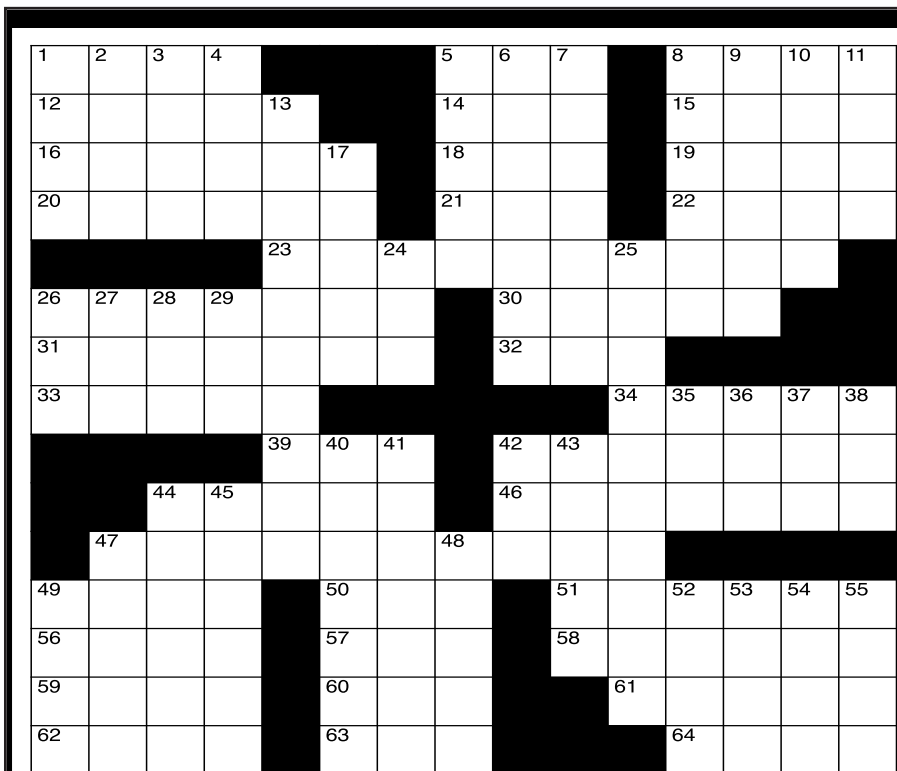
1 p.m. Choralites
1 p.m. Mah Jongg
1 p.m. Pitch
1 p.m. Diabetic Support Group
Lunch: Broccoli and cheese quiche

Thursday, Feb. 11

10 a.m. Beginning Exercise
10 a.m. Travel Club
10 a.m. Alzheimer's Support
10 a.m. Veteran's Group
1 p.m. Chip Poker
1 p.m. Golden Agers
1 p.m. Quilting
1 p.m. Scrabble
1 p.m. Valentine program with entertainment
Lunch: Valentine Lunch! Pot roast with gravy
- reservations needed

Friday, Feb. 12

9:30 a.m. Grocery Shopping
10 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
10:30 a.m. HB and Balance
1 p.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Canasta
1 p.m. Cribbage
1 p.m. Knitting
Lunch: Baked salmon filets



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Soybean paste
- 5. Unit of time
- 8. Watering holes
- 12. Joint
- 14. Certified public accountant
- 15. ___ Mater, one's school
- 16. Resells tickets
- 18. Batter's objective
- 19. Past participle of lie
- 20. State of Islands
- 21. Fed
- 22. Cause cell destruction
- 23. Daily Show host
- 26. Diagrammed
- 30. Cat sounds
- 31. Most sorry
- 32. Do wrong
- 33. Coral reef and lagoon island
- 34. That (Middle English)

- 39. Electrically charged atom
- 42. Nassau is the capital
- 44. Frogs, toads, tree toads
- 46. Marjoram
- 47. Where the Donald lives in NYC
- 49. Whale ship captain
- 50. A way to emit sound
- 51. Comparable
- 56. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
- 57. Businesswoman
- 58. A way to split up
- 59. Solo Operatic piece
- 60. No (Scottish)
- 61. In a way, tears
- 62. Bridge breadth
- 63. Single Lens Reflex
- 64. Thou ___ protest too much
- 63. Single Lens Reflex
- 64. Thou ___ protest too much

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Korean War TV show
- 2. South American Indian
- 3. Cape at tip of Denmark
- 4. A podrida cooking pot
- 5. Russian sourgrass soup
- 6. Perfect example
- 7. Supplier
- 8. Unhealthy looking
- 9. Spanish beaches
- 10. Am. follower of the Mennonite Bishop Amman
- 11. Well-balanced
- 13. Outer surface cells
- 17. Fathers
- 24. Sun up in New York
- 25. Dweller above the Mason-Dixon
- 26. Young women's association
- 27. Tell on
- 28. Bustle
- 29. Poundal
- 35. An ugly, old woman
- 36. Doctors' group
- 37. ___ Ling, Chinese mountain range
- 38. Volcanic mountain in Japan
- 40. Leaves parentless
- 41. Existing in or produced by nature
- 42. Inclination
- 43. Extents
- 44. Peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
- 45. Language of Nile
- 47. Twyla __, US dancer
- 48. Card game
- 49. River in E. Turkey to the Caspian Sea
- 52. Scored 100%
- 53. Tonight's former host
- 54. ___ and ends
- 55. Notable exploit

ANSWERS ON PAGE 16

Granby Council on Aging calendar of events

GRANBY All activities take place at the Granby Senior Center, located at 10 West State Street (467-3239) and are free unless otherwise noted. The COA is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No membership is required to take part in the activities and events. Anyone over 55 years of age is welcome. Lunch is served daily at 12 p.m. Reservations should be made by noon the previous day. The suggested donation is \$2.25. Anyone over 60 years of age is eligible. Call the Senior Center to make your reservation. 467-3239. Transportation is available to Granby residents for \$1 round trip.

ONGOING

COFFEE HOUR: Every weekday at 9 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation is available Monday through Friday for Granby residents. This includes lunch, medical, activities and shopping. Travel to Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton, Florence, Chicopee and all towns surrounding Granby. Call the Senior Center to make reservations, 467-3239.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY is ALWAYS looking for donations of protein products, like eggs, fish and chicken! The Food Pantry is closed during Foot Care appointments until 1 p.m.

SHINE COUNSELOR: Available by appointment. Please contact the Senior Center for assistance.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday, Feb. 8

10 a.m. Healthy Bones and Balance Exercise

Lunch - Sweet and Sour Meatballs

Tuesday, Feb. 9

12:30 p.m.: Quilting and Needlework
Lunch: Baked orange chicken

Wednesday, Feb. 10

9:15 a.m. Tai Chi
10:15 a.m. Ballroom Dancing
1 p.m. Fun Cards
Lunch: Macaroni and cheese

Thursday, Feb. 11

9 a.m. Foot Care by appointment
9:45 a.m. Healthy Bones and Balance
Lunch: Meatloaf with gravy

Friday, Feb. 12

9 a.m. Veteran's Agent
9 a.m. Stamp Collector's Group
Lunch: Salmon

Thursday, Feb. 11: Foot Care by appointment.

Monday, Feb. 15: Closed for President's Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Brown Bag pick up; Valentine's Day Celebration with Laurie Festa.

Thursday, Feb. 18: Blood pressure clinic; FOGIE Ice Cream Social at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall; Music by "The Chordsmen".

Friday, Feb. 19: Health New England informational.

Thursday, Feb. 25: Foot care by appointment; Berkshire Hill Music Academy performance.

Friday, Feb. 26: Movie - Woman In Gold.

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South Hadley Police Log: Jan. 25-31

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the South Hadley Police log and all arrests. The information was provided by South Hadley Police Lt. Steve Parentela and recounts based on his review of the detailed log summary included with each entry. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day.

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Editor

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Wednesday, Jan. 27

10:47 a.m. - The convertible top of a car parked on Rita Circle was vandalized overnight.

9:58 p.m. - David A. Weise, 64, of 37 Lawn St., South Hadley, was arrested by Officer Christopher Roberts and charged with speeding, a marked lanes violation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and operating under the influence of alcohol for a second offense. Roberts was traveling north on Lamb Street when he observed Weise's vehicle crossing lanes as it entered Newton Street traveling approximately 55 miles per hour in a 35-miles-per-hour zone. Wise was later released on \$200 bail.

Saturday, Jan. 30

6:25 a.m. - A Lyman Street resident in the 100 block reported someone overnight removed tools, a generator and an air compressor from the back of a pick-up truck.

Police ask if anyone saw or heard anything suspicious at that time to please contact their Detective Bureau at 538-8231.

4:14 p.m. - Police received a report from an individual who stated someone tried to rob him. The caller provided a description and police located two individuals in a motor vehicle on Willimansett Street. Police arrested Charles H. Bouley, 22 of 67 Forge Pond Rd, Granby, and charged him with assault with a dangerous weapon. They also arrested David N. Boivin, 23, of 76 Swanzy Factory Rd., Keene, N.H., and charged him with assault with a dangerous weapon and threat to commit a crime to wit murder. They were held on \$25,000 bail at the Hampshire County Regional Lockup.

Sunday, Jan. 31

10:23 a.m. - A 40-year-old Northampton man will be summoned into court by Officer Ben Tucker to answer charges of operating with a revoked registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle after Tucker saw the man's vehicle drive past him on the Veterans' Bridge with a revoked registration.

12:45 p.m. - Police arrested Matthew J. Labrecque, 30, of 28 Cottage Ave., South Hadley, and charged him with failure to keep right for oncoming traffic, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operating under the influence of alcohol and disorderly conduct after police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Cottage Avenue in which Labrecque's vehicle crashed into a fence. Labrecque was transported to the Hampshire County Regional Lockup.

Basic firearms safety course set for March

CHICOPEE - A basic firearms safety course will be held Saturday, March 5 at the Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Rd., Chicopee. Class is from 8:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m. The cost is \$85 per person which includes light refreshments

and lunch. This class is a prerequisite for those wishing to apply for a license to carry or FID card. Class size is limited. First come, first serve. Last date to reserve a spot is March 1. Please contact the course instructor, Kevin Joslyn at 543-3505.

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LEGAL NOTICES

February 2, 2016

Carlene C. Hamlin, Town Clerk Town of South Hadley 116 Main Street South Hadley, MA 01075

RE: South Hadley Special Town Meeting of November 18, 2015 - Case # 7820

Warrant Articles # 12 and 13 (Zoning)
Warrant Articles # 10, 14 and 17 (General)

Dear Ms. Hamlin:

Articles 12 and 13 - We approve Articles 12 and 13, and the map amendment related to Article 13, from the November 18, 2015 South Hadley Special Town Meeting. We will return the approved map to you by regular mail. Our comments on Article 12 are provided below.

Article 12 - Under Article 12, the Town voted to amend its zoning by-laws as follows: (1) amend Section 4, "Districts", Subpart E, "Overlay Districts," to add a new overlay district entitled "South Hadley Falls Smart Growth District;" (2) amend Section 4, "Districts", Subpart A, "Establishment of Districts," to provide a statement of purpose for the South Hadley Falls Smart Growth District; (3) amend Section 7, "Supplemental District Regulations," by inserting a new Subpart, "South Hadley Falls Smart Growth District".

Section 7 (B) is adopted pursuant to G.L. c. 40R, which encourages "smart growth" zoning. Chapter 40R establishes the procedure by which a municipality may establish a Smart Growth District. By-laws adopted pursuant to Chapter 40R must be approved by this Office and by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). We approve the amendments under Article 12. However, the Town must still comply with the provisions of G.L. c. 40R, § 4, by obtaining approval from DHCD. The Town may not be eligible for financial and other incentives until it receives final approval from DHCD. We suggest that you discuss this issue with Town Counsel.

We offer the following additional comments on the new Section 7 (B).

1. Section 7 (B) (2) - Definitions.

Section 7 (B) (2) defines "Family" as follows, with emphasis added:

One or more persons occupying a dwelling unit and living as a single housekeeping unit. For purposes of this Section 7 (B):

- a. a family shall not exceed four (4) persons not related by blood or marriage, or
- b. notwithstanding the above, a family shall be deemed to include a Group Residence, Limited, further defined as a premises licensed, regulated, or operated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or operated by a vendor under contract with the Commonwealth for the residential living, care, or supervision in any single dwelling unit of five or more mentally ill or mentally retarded persons or persons with disabilities.

The Town must ensure that Section 7 (B) (2) (b) is applied consistent with the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act, and/or the Massachusetts Zoning Act, G.L. c. 40A, § 3, even if such "Group Residence" is not licensed, regulated or operated by the Commonwealth or its vendor. Residential substance treatment centers, for example, are covered by the Fair Housing Act because federal regulations define "handicap" to include drug addiction or alcoholism that "substantially limits one or more major life activities." 24 C.F.R. § 100.201. In addition, individuals recovering from drug or alcohol addiction are protected by the ADA. See *Jones v. City of Boston*, 752 F.3d 38, 58-59 (1st Cir. 2014). Further, General Laws Chapter 40A, § 3, prohibits discrimination against disabled persons, as follows:

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, local land use and health and safety laws, regulations, practices, ordinances, by-laws and decisions of a city or town shall not discriminate against a disabled person. Imposition of health and safety laws or land-use requirements on congregating living arrangements among non-related persons with disabilities that are not imposed on families and groups of similar size or other unrelated persons shall constitute discrimination.

Therefore, even though a "Group Residence" may not be "licensed, regulated or operated by the Commonwealth" or its vendors, it is still entitled to various protections under the above noted statutes. The Town should consult closely with Town Counsel when applying Section 7 (B) (2) (b).

2. Section 7 (B) (5) - Allowed and Prohibited Uses.

Section 7 (B) (5) allows several uses as of right upon Plan Approval (as that term is defined in Section 7 (B), including institutional uses, but only as part of a mixed-use development as set forth in Section 7 (B) (7). Section 7 (B) defines "Institutional Use" as: "[a] non-profit or quasi-

public use or institution, such as a church, library, public or private school, municipally owned or operated building, structure or land, used for public purpose."

The Town must apply Section 7 (B) (5) in a manner consistent with the protections provided to religious and educational uses under G.L. c. 40A, § 3, as follows:

No zoning...by-law shall...prohibit, regulate or restrict the use of land or structures for religious purposes or for educational purposes on land owned or leased by the commonwealth or any of its agencies, subdivisions or bodies politic or by a religious sect or denomination, or by a nonprofit educational corporation; provided, however, that such land or structures may be subject to reasonable regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures and determining yard sizes, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements.

The Town should consult with Town Counsel to ensure that it applies Section 7 (B) (5) consistent with the protections given under G.L. c. 40A, § 3.

3. Section 7 (B) (10) - Affordable Housing.

Section 7 (B) (10) (e) (iv) provides that "[i]f approved by DHCD, pursuant to 40R, the housing marketing and selection may provide for local preferences in resident selection." Local preferences are permissible under the federal Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq., however, they must be applied in a non-discriminatory manner. See *United States v. Housing Authority of Chickasaw*, 504 F. Supp. 716, 731 (S.D. Ala. 1980) (although the "adoption and enforcement of a residency requirement is not a per se violation of the Act... [t]he problem with this facially neutral requirement is in its application"). The Town must administer any local preference in a manner consistent with the Fair Housing Act. The Town should discuss this issue with Town Counsel.

4. Section 7 (B) (16) - Decisions. Section 7 (B) (16) authorizes the Planning Board to require "the posting of a performance bond to secure and/or screen a Development Project site in the event that demolition is undertaken but subsequent work lapses..." Any bond proceeds must be applied in a manner consistent with state law. In the absence of any general or special law to the contrary, performance security funds of the sort contemplated here must be deposited with the Town Treasurer and made part of the Town's general fund, pursuant to G.L. c. 44, § 53. General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53, provides that "[a]ll moneys received by a city, town or district officer or department, except as otherwise provided by special acts and expect fees provided for by statute, shall be paid by such officers or department upon their receipt into the city, town or district treasury." Under Section 53, all moneys received by the Town become part of the general fund, unless the Legislature has expressly made other provisions that are applicable to such receipt. Therefore, bond proceeds do not become Town funds unless and until the applicant defaults on the obligation under the by-law. Moreover, if the Town must use the bond to secure and/or screen the development project site, an appropriation is required before that expenditure is made. The Town must then appropriate the money for the specific purpose of securing and/or screening the development project site. The Town should consult with Town Counsel on this issue.

Note: Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) general by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) zoning by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

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1. In a decision issued December 2, 2015, we approved Articles 10 and 17 and took no action on Article 14.

2. We note that although the vote at Town Meeting included a vote to add a statement of purpose for the SHFSGD under Section 4 (A), the incorporated text adopted by Town Meeting did not actually include the adoption of any new text under Section 4 (A). The Town Clerk has confirmed that the inclusion of the amendment pertaining to Section 4 (A) in the motion and vote at Town Meeting was inadvertent, as the text had subsequently been deleted from the Planning Report to Town Meeting (also available in the Town Clerk's

Office or at the Planning Department) which was incorporated into the vote under Article 12. The Town may wish to consult with Town Counsel to determine whether an amendment at a future Town Meeting is necessary to clarify this typographical error.

3. We further note that the vote at Town Meeting identifies the new subpart under Section 7 as "Subpart AA" but that this appears to be a typographical error because the incorporated text adopted by Town Meeting, as set forth in the Planning Report to Town Meeting (also available in the Town Clerk's Office or at the Planning Department) identifies the new Subpart as Subpart B. The

Town may wish to consult with Town Counsel to determine whether an amendment at a future Town Meeting is necessary to clarify this typographical error.

4. General Laws Chapter 40R, Section 4 (b), provides that "[a]fter issuance of a letter of eligibility and upon application of the town with proof of adoption of the smart growth zoning district ordinance or by-law included in the application for a letter of eligibility, along with any amendment required by the department in the letter of eligibility, the department shall confirm its approval within 30 days of receipt of the application.

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Dr. Gregory Giugliano, associate director of Cardiac Catheterization and Research in the Heart & Vascular Program at Baystate Health supports the claims that dark chocolate is better than milk chocolate.

"Various studies over the years have shown that eating as little as a quarter of an

ounce of chocolate each day may lower your risk of suffering a heart attack or stroke. But, to maximize the benefits, the chocolate should be dark," he said.

The same goes for wine when it comes to health.

Red wine is also a positive contributor to maintaining a healthy heart. Both dark chocolate and red wine contain antioxidants, which help protect the lining of blood vessels in the heart. However, like anything, these treats should stay a "treat" and be enjoyed in moderation, warned Dr. Giugliano.

"Too much alcohol can also be harmful, leading to high blood pressure, heart failure, some cancers, liver disease and other problems. But many doctors won't discourage someone from enjoying a glass of red wine if it's already part of their daily routine," he said. Registered dietitian Sheila Sullivan RD, a clinical dietitian in the

department of Food and

Nutrition Services at Baystate agrees. "When it comes to eating chocolate, we're talking an

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- Smoothie maker
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- Waterproof headphones for the sauna or running outdoors in the rain
- Healthy cookbooks
- Fitbit or other fitness trackers
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For more information on the Heart & Vascular Program at Baystate Health, visit baystatehealth.org/heart.

Consider volunteering with the Holyoke Tutor/Mentor Program

HOLYOKE – This New Year, consider a resolution to volunteer. Research published on Forbes.com (Mar. 19, 2015) has shown that volunteering leads to a host of personal rewards, including better health, the opportunity to develop skills and experiences valuable for career advancement, and even increased happiness.

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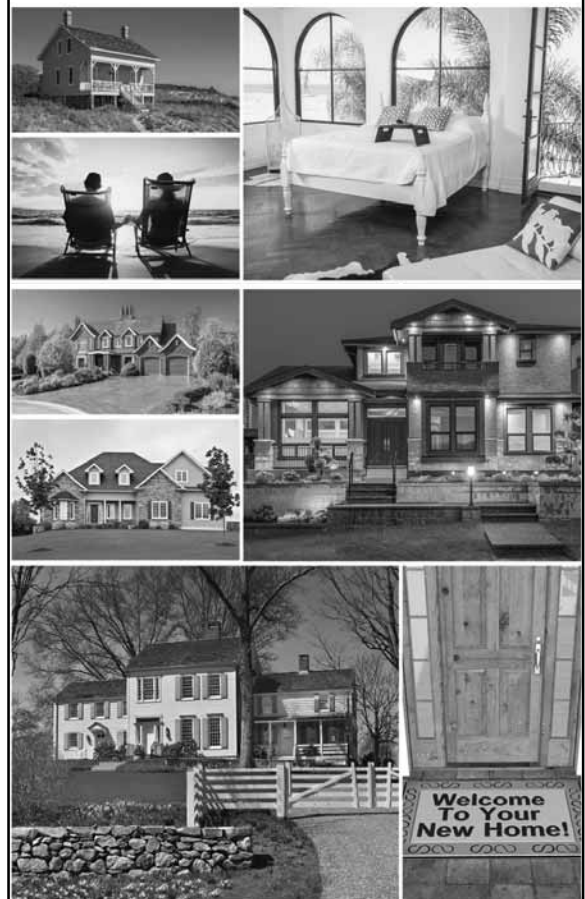
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Allen Bird Club hosts rare bird trip

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Anyone is invited to come. Participants should check the club web site at www.allen-birdclub.org for information on the leader and where and when to meet that day.

The group will car pool to places where these rare birds have been seen as determined through the various rare bird reporting sites. These can be found by visiting the Allen Bird club website and clicking on any

of the sites listed under "recent Sightings." These sites provide information on reported rare bird sightings and anyone can monitor them whether or not they are a reporting member.

Some rare birds sighted in January were a Red-headed Woodpecker in Longmeadow, Snow Goose, Lapland Longspur and Snow Bunting in Hadley, and Barrow's Goldeneye in Agawam.

The Allen Bird Club offers year-round activities open to anyone, all of which are detailed on its website.

The Town Reminder wants your winter reel



SOUTH HADLEY - From building snowmen and igloos to sledding and snowball fights, we want to see what our readers are up to during these wintry, snowy months.

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