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Iona's Kitchen kicks off the New Year

with free meals

SOUTH HADLEY – Iona's Kitchen prepared over 300 meals for seniors and veterans on New Year's Day.

Iona's Kitchen owner Kelly Dobbins worked with volunteers from Tapestry Health to package the meals and the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors and local Scouts helped to deliver meals.

"Kelly came to us asking for help to spread the word about the free meals he was offering on New Year's Day. This was a perfect opportunity for us to help to provide a great benefit to our seniors and veterans," said Kim Prough, president of the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors.

The meals were available for pick up to all seniors and veterans in South Hadley and surrounding communities. The Friends and local Scouts provided volunteer support to be able

to deliver meals to homebound seniors in South Hadley.

This is the third free meal offered by Iona's Kitchen which included A Place at the Table and the Thanksgiving meal, both offered last November.

"We want to take care of our vets for the sacrifices they have made for us along with our seniors as we know there are many seniors who are alone and do not have family members nearby to bring them a meal," said Dobbins about what drives his desire to serve these two populations.

"Kelly has a generous heart and is community focused, which are some of the many reasons we enjoy partnering with him to help serve our senior community," said Prough.

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Submitted Photo

Girl Scouts Corryn Roth (Troop 20331) and Nora Matzen (Troop 12948) are ready to deliver meals.



Turley photo by Tedy Makuch, CHS senior.

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts officially opened on Dec. 14.

Food Bank of WMass. debuts new facility

By Dalton Zbierski
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CHICOPEE – Dec. 14, 2023 was a banner day for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, as its newly constructed, state-of-the-art food distribution facility on Carew Street officially opened.

Food Bank employees showcased the 62,000 square-foot building during an evening ceremony attended by elected officials, donors, partners and invested residents from Chicopee and neighboring communities.

Since 1982, the Food Bank has been feeding neighbors in need in Berkshire, Hampden,

Hampshire and Franklin Counties, and the strategically located warehouse and office space will allow the operation to further pursue its mission of ending hunger.

"It's at the crossroads of the major interstates of Western Massachusetts, so we selected this location because it will really enable us to provide healthy food to anyone and everyone who needs it, when they need it, across all four counties in Western Massachusetts," Food Bank Executive Director Andrew Morehouse said.

The new structure is far larger than the food bank's previous home in Hatfield, enabling it to

serve more people than ever. Last year, the Food Bank distributed the equivalent of 11 million meals to about 107,000 people monthly, and Morehouse expects the number to rise, as residents battle inflation and the end of federal pandemic benefits.

"So, they turn to the Food Bank and our 175 partners, the local, frontline food pantries, meal sites and shelters, to seek food assistance so they can carry on with their lives and get ahead in life," Morehouse said.

The Food Bank employs 64 people, but that number could rise as management capitalizes

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SB discusses budget needs for Police, DPW

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The Selectboard discussed the budget for the Police Department and where the money will go into it including dispatch services, programs, and more.

At the Dec. 19 meeting, the Chief of Police, Jennifer Gunderson, was present to report on several members of the department being hired and strategies for hiring a diverse group of new officers and present.

"We acknowledge that police officers cannot do it all, so I would love to see a specialist in domestic violence be able to join", Gunderson said. She also brought up the concerns and discussion about officers having body cameras and ideas from the community on it alongside the realm of social justice.

"It's great to have the support, and the officers know that" Gunderson said of the community and her role as chief of police for the town.

For the Department of Public Works budget, Town Administrator Lisa Wong was joined by John Broderick, the Director of Public Works to go over the members needed to hire, and positions to fill. "It's been a fun ten months, I can say that" Broderick said.

The last part was the budget for the landfill. They discussed the ways the trash should be collected from the public, and how it should be disposed of at the landfills. Ideas surrounding



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CHIEF OF POLICE

recycling, and how to recycle were also discussed and how they can educate the community on the proper ways to dispose of garbage and recycling.

Traffic Review Committee report

The mid-year report was presented to see about changing the speed limit on a residential street to 25 mph signs in order to control speeding. The board will continue to discuss the pros and cons of the 25 mph change, and the difficulty or ease the change will have.

The Police Chief was present to discuss it.

On North Main Street from West Summit heading north near the rotary, a resident reached out to address speeding and reckless driving in the area. The board will continue to discuss this.

A stop sign was installed at Pitroff cul-de-sac.

There has been another request to put a "No Parking"

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Meet the Grand Colleen candidates



Mairin Frances Bresnahan
17, Holyoke



Blythe Grace Bullock
19, Holyoke



Farrell Jean Dawson
20, South Hadley



There are 18 contestants for the 2024 Holyoke Colleen Pageant.



Hunter Rose Edwards
19, Holyoke



Amelia Frances George
22, Holyoke



Rachel Elizabeth Gouin
19, South Hadley



Elizabeth Katherine Gourde
22, Holyoke



Sophia Grace Kennedy
19, South Hadley



Madelyn Faith McArdle
18, Holyoke



Megan McGuinness
22, Holyoke



Natalie Belle Morris
19, Holyoke



Lillian Bella Nadler
17, South Hadley



Caitlin Grace O'Brien
17, Holyoke



Johanna Marie Ross
21, Holyoke



Trinity Annabella Roy
17, South Hadley



Taryn Shaylene Ryan
21, Holyoke



Talia Taylor Uribe
19, Holyoke



Lauryn Kathleen Wresien
20, Holyoke

18 vie to be next Grand Colleen

HOLYOKE – This Saturday evening at Holyoke High School, 18 young women from Holyoke and South Hadley will look to be part of the 2024 Grand Colleen and Court. Judges will choose five from the 18 contestants to be part of this year's court. The Grand Colleen will be crowned in February, chosen from among the five finalists. The path to the Colleen Court will begin at 7 p.m.

Move to Heal Recovery Program opens at SVG Athletics

SOUTH HADLEY – Move to Heal, a non-profit that supports people who are facing mental health issues, addiction, and other life challenges by offering free group exercise, recovery meetings, nutritional coaching, and mental health counseling, is opening a location on Saturday, Jan. 6 at SVG Athletics, located at 749 New Ludlow Road.

No reservations or sign-ups are required.

Free group workout sessions, held every Saturday at 10 a.m., are open to anyone facing anxiety, depression, PTSD, addiction, post-partum, or other life challenges. Participants take part in a 30-minute workout catered to all fitness levels, followed by a one-hour support meeting.

Free individual therapy with a licensed therapist is also offered, by appointment. Those who attend regularly qualify for free gym memberships and free nutritional coaching, as Move to Heal believes that exercise, commitment, and repetition create healthy habits.

“For those healing from mental health or substance use disorders, lasting recovery is both physical and mental,” said Jay Paul, Kirsten Therrien, and Andy Powers, the owners of SVG Athletics. “We are proud to partner with Move to Heal to bring this vital program to South Hadley, and we encourage people to come out and take advantage of the program.”

Move to Heal partners with gyms to provide a comfortable and welcoming environment with free fitness classes, followed by non-denominational group recovery meetings. Participants bond on a physical level during workouts, and on an emotional level at meetings. They build strong, open relationships, feel safe, and receive support from others facing similar life circumstances.

Move to Heal also has 12 other locations in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

To learn more about Move to Heal or inquire about media coverage, visit movetohealct.org or contact:

MoveToHeal@svgathletics.com.

Local candidates ‘Meet + Sign’ event

SOUTH HADLEY – On Saturday, Jan. 6 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Community Room, South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal St., stop in and meet prospective candidates and be part of our local election process by signing some nomination papers.

To be on the ballot, candidates must collect signatures from local registered voters, who are not obligated to vote for that candidate. Enjoy coffee/tea and nibbles, and learn more about those running for town-wide offices or to be precinct-based Town Meeting Members.

St. Patrick’s Parade Committee looking for new members

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley St. Patrick’s Parade Committee needs new members so that they can continue to build floats, host South Hadley Irish Night and represent South Hadley in the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Parade.

The committee has always been a small group, but as things change in people’s lives or a member passes, they have become very small. Raising sponsorship money, building a float and putting on Irish Night has become difficult with such a small membership.

The committee does not have monthly meetings, there are no dues and float building takes place on Saturday mornings in a heated building. If you are interested in how a float is built, the committee would like to have you join their group.

For Irish Night, the committee could use help with organizing the raffle prizes and helping with reservations and seating.

Signage and float paper are two of the costliest parts of building the float. A business can be a sponsor for a little as \$50, their name would be part



Submitted Photo

The South Hadley St. Patrick’s Parade Committee is seeking members to help build floats and host Irish Night and more.

of the sponsors listed on the float and at least 100,000 people would see their business name at the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Parade on March 17, and also the East Longmeadow July 4th parade.

If there are high school students that have community service hours to perform, they are welcome and can learn how the

float is created and built.

South Hadley is one of eight regional committees that participates in the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Parade.

Each regional committee has a liaison to the St. Patrick’s Committee of Holyoke. That liaison provides help with organizing their committee before

and on parade day and makes sure that their regional committee has enough sign carriers for their division in the parade.

Please feel free to contact Jacki Reardon with questions and if you are interested in joining the committee by calling 413-536-7732 or emailing jr080645@comcast.net.

Council On Aging: January is ‘Diversity Month’

SOUTH HADLEY – The town’s Council on Aging has announced January as “Diversity Month” in addition to several upcoming events:

Diversity: Embrace it, share it, celebrate it!

Friday, Jan. 5, at 1:30 p.m.

Meet the Artist: Diego F. Salazar was born in rural Columbia in 1980. At the age of 18, he moved to New Jersey. Not knowing any English, he worked many jobs until in 2020, at which point a friend encouraged him to discover painting.

“Diego found his true passion for abstract-surreal art. He is inspired by many famous artists, such as Peter Max and Van Gogh,” the COA released. “He also credits many local artists for providing him the support and courage to show his work today.”

Low Vision group

Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.

The Low Vision group will meet.

Big Y shopping

Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Let the COA do the driving for a shopping trip to Big Y.

Embracing the Connecticut River

Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 3:30 p.m.

“Embracing the Connecticut River: A Discussion”. A discussion with Kari Kastango, the first person to complete the swimming of the entire length of the Connecticut River along with the folks from the Connecticut River Conservancy.

Connecticut River Valley Dinosaurs

Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 5 p.m.

Learn about Dinosaurs in the South Hadley area with Fred Venne, of Amherst College. He will discuss the scientist and professor from MHC, Mignon Talbot, who discovered a new species of dinosaur, *Po-dokesaurus Holyokensis*, our state dinosaur.

Veterans Social Hour

Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 9 a.m.

Veterans Social Hour with free pastry and coffee provided by VFW Post 3104 and American legion post 260. Visit with Mike Slater, Veterans Service Provider and your fellow veterans.

Northeast Woodland American Indian Culture: “yesterday and today”

Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 1:30 p.m.

Jenner Lee is enrolled with the Metis Nation of North America and the Northern Narragansetts. She grew up without knowledge of her Indian ancestry. She has spent her adult life learning and sharing the true history and culture of Northeast Woodland indigenous peoples.

Pet Therapy

Thursday, Jan 11 at 11 a.m.

Enjoy Pet Therapy with Riley.

Public Health Nurse

Thursday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m.

Maureen Couture, RN – Public Health Nurse will see folks as needed but best to make an appointment by calling our Welcome Desk 413-538-5030.

Craft Club

Friday, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m.

Craft Club - Illuminated Canvas (cost is \$7. Limited to 10 participants). Warm up winter nights with a beautiful handmade canvas that lights up. All supplies included.

PriceRite shopping

Friday, Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Let the COA do the driving for a shopping trip to PriceRite.

Puerto Rican cuisine

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 4:30 p.m.

South Hadley High School’s Culinary Department, under the direction of Chef

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Sponsored by the Western Mass Fly Fishermen, the Ludlow Elks Lodge 2448 and Turley Publications are starting January 11th, 2024.

Held at the Ludlow Elks Lodge located at 69 Chapin St. Ludlow Mass.

Thursday nights for eight weeks from 7PM to 9PM.

The classes are open to the public with children 8 years and up accompanied by an adult.

Classes are geared to the beginner or novice.

Course materials and tools will be supplied.

Should you have your own tools, feel free to bring them.

No Registration is Necessary!

Should there be Bad weather please contact the Ludlow Elks after 4:00 PM for any cancelations at (413) 583-2448 or check our website <http://www.wmffclub.org>

Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

If my wife claims now, will it hurt my Social Security Amount?

Dear Rusty:

I am 69 years old, and my wife turned 70 early this year. I am still working full time. My wife is not working, but she got a letter from Social Security saying she should take her Social Security as soon as possible.

My question is: since my wife has reached her full retirement age, can she take her SS without it affecting mine when I claim? I plan to work at least another year, depending on how the economy goes I may have to work longer if it doesn't get better. I have IRAs and a 401k to pull from when I retire.

Signed: Anxious Husband

Dear Anxious:

The reason your wife received a letter from Social Security suggesting she claims now is because her benefit reached maximum some time ago at age 70. Thus, there is no reason for her to wait beyond age 70 to claim. By delaying past age 70 your wife is losing money so she should apply as soon as possible.

I suggest your wife call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or your local office right away to request an appointment to apply for her benefits and she should be sure to request six months of retroactive payments. SS will pay up to six months retroactively.

If your wife has a "my Social Security" online account, she can also apply online at www.ssa.gov/apply, but she should be sure to request six months of retroactive benefits in the "Remarks" section of the online application. Because your wife is more than six months past age 70, getting six months retroactive benefits will not reduce her age 70 benefit amount. Nor will your wife claiming her benefits now negatively affect your Social Security when you later claim.

Even though you plan to continue working, likely beyond 70 years of age yourself, you should not wait beyond age 70 to claim for the same reason, your benefit will reach maximum when you are 70. You can apply for your benefits up to four months in advance and specify you want benefits to start in the month you turn 70.

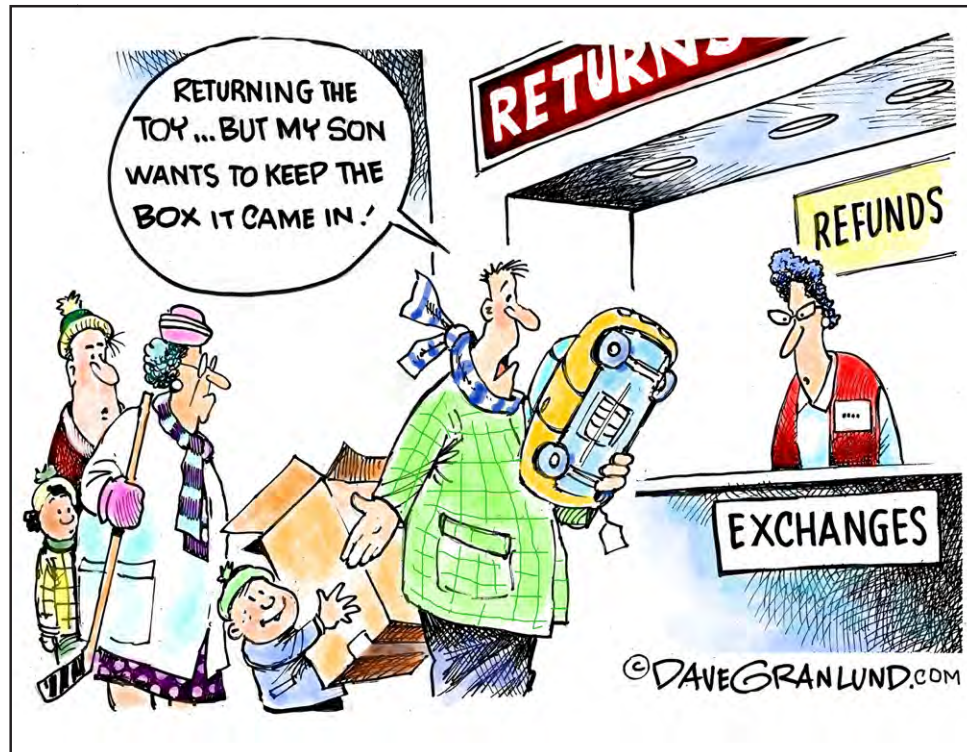
If you haven't already done so, you may wish to create your own "my Social Security" online account now at www.ssa.gov/myaccount, which will make it easier for you to apply online at www.ssa.gov/apply when the time comes next year. Applying online is, by far, the most efficient way, but you need to have your online account set up first to do so.

Just so you know, there is no need to worry that you won't get credit for work income earned after you have applied for your benefits. Even after you are collecting benefits, Social Security will automatically review your earnings each year when that information is received from the IRS, after you file your income tax return.

If your most recent earnings are higher than those in any of the 35 years of lifetime earnings used to calculate your benefit when you claim, Social Security will automatically increase your monthly payment amount. In other words, you shouldn't delay past age 70 to claim Social Security because you're working; you'll still get credit for those earnings, automatically.

So, I suggest that your wife take fast action to apply for her Social Security benefits to avoid losing any more money and that you plan to apply for your benefits to start when you turn 70. There is no financial advantage to waiting beyond age 70 to claim, even if you continue working.

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in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

Native plants often need to be coaxed into germinating

Are you interested in starting your own perennials from seed this year? This column, straight from the archives, will be of use to you! Sadly, not all seeds sprout as quickly and easily indoors as tomatoes do.

Some seeds can be a bit tricky to germinate, and we must go through extraordinary measures to get them to sprout. In the grand scheme of things, you will learn that this is actually a good thing.

Take the Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) for example, and imagine what would happen if this late bloomer dropped its seed on the ground in October and the seed came up immediately? Likely, the seedlings would be so small and tender that they would not survive the winter.

On the other hand, if germination occurred in early spring (and it does!), success could almost be guaranteed.

The Cardinal Flower, along with many other native plants, has a built-in dormancy that is broken only by a period of moist-cold. Until "winter" has passed – either for real or simulated by us, these plants will simply not sprout.

In addition to Cardinal Flower, Columbine, Delphinium, Gas Plant, Great Lobelia, Lupine, Iris, Monkshood, Border Phlox, Primrose, Purple Coneflower and probably more that I am unaware of, all benefit from what is called "stratification." The term, which admittedly sounds a bit intimidating, refers to the practice of "stratifying," or storing seeds in layers alternating with moisture-holding material and exposing them to cold temperatures.

This can be accomplished both indoors and out, and I will go through the pros and cons of each.

No doubt the easiest way to expose seeds to a period of moist-cold is to sow them outdoors in the fall in a nursery bed or cold frame. They will go through the winter and when conditions are right (cross your fingers!) germinate neatly in their rows.

But because you are outside, seeds can sometimes disappear thanks to ants, rodents and birds. Weeds can also pop up in the seed bed, making it hard to tell which plant is which!

The elements can likewise take their toll and unless the beds are protected, soil can ei-

ther dry out or get completely waterlogged.

Another way to stratify seeds outdoors is by using the milk-jug method. Taking a gallon size clear milk container and starting just below the handle, cut it almost all the way across.

If you begin just after the handle on one side and end up just before the handle on the other, you will make a hinge. Punch a few drainage holes in the bottom and a couple more on the sides, up and down from the cut so that you can "twist-tie" the jug shut after you are done.

Fill the bottom half with well-moistened seed starting mix and plant the seeds according to the directions on the packet – if they are tiny don't cover; simply press them into the soil. Connect the two halves of the jug with twist ties (or just use duct tape) and label with pencil.

Keep the cap off to provide ventilation, then place in a spot protected from hard winds. As seedlings emerge in the spring you can flip back the top on nice days, but remember to replace each night and water as needed.

If you prefer to start your seedlings indoors you can mimic winter by placing your seeds in the refrigerator to "chill." Don't put them in there in their seed packets, though, since they must also be kept moist.

If you have enough room in the refrigerator, you can simply sow them in their flats, cover the flat with a loose plastic bag and place it inside for the recommended length of time, usually anywhere from one to three months. Afterwards, set them out to germinate as you normally would, with supplemental light and bottom heat (in other words, fake spring this time around!).

Most folks don't have a spare refrigerator to fill up with seedling flats. In this case put a small amount of moist seed-starting medium in a tiny plastic bag and sprinkle in the seeds.

After "winter" has elapsed, sprinkle the contents on to the top of moistened soil in your container and firm down. Large seeds can be covered with an additional sprinkling of growing medium. Proceed as above to promote germination.

If you plan to order perennial seeds by mail, do so soon, so that you can stratify and have them sprout at the normal time. This may sound tricky, but it's really pretty simple, and the pay-off is lots of new plants for your perennial border!

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South Hadley Public Library lists upcoming January events

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal St., is starting the year strong with a full slate of programs for the month of January.

South Hadley Public Library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

For more information about the library, visit www.shadleylib.org/ or follow them Facebook.

Adult programs at SHPL

Are you a dissectionist - that is, a person who derives great pleasure in solving jigsaw puzzles? The SHPL has a Jigsaw Puzzle Swap on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. in the Community Room.

Starting Jan. 2, you can drop off your puzzles of 500 or more pieces and get a ticket for how many you dropped off. On the morning of the program, come and get

your new puzzles.

The schedule will be first come first served for those with tickets.

Online programs

Avoid the winter weather with virtual programs this month that you can participate in and watch from the comfort of home.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. via Zoom enjoy "Notre-Dame: Arising from the Ashes." Learn about the rebuilding of one of the most famous landmarks in Paris, the Notre-Dame cathedral. Follow the developments on the restoration efforts as they continue around the clock.

To receive the Zoom link, sign up on the library's website.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. via Zoom participate in "Reset Your Daily Schedule for Wellness." Kristen Herlihy is

a psychologist and health coach.

She will give you techniques and tools on how to integrate driven wellness into your day, while getting rid of emotional cluttering. This program is a benefit to anyone starting a new routine for the new year.

To receive the Zoom link, sign up on the library's website.

Teen programs at SHPL

This month SHPL continues its regular monthly programs with Crafternoon, Snackternoon and Xbox 1.

Crafternoon will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 4 p.m. and will feature button making and Snackternoon on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 4 p.m., will feature Breakfast Sundaes.

Thank you to the Friends of the South Hadley Public Library for sponsoring Teen Snackternoons.

The SHPL has brand new games for this month's Xbox in the Afternoon sessions happening on two Tuesdays, Jan. 9 and 23 at 3:30 p.m. Reach out to Bethany through email at broberts@cwmmars.org.

See the Teen Room door for more information.

Try Evening Craft sessionmaking DIY Clay on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. The library is also offering a new monthly Manga Club that will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m.

The Teen Advisory Board is making a comeback for the school year. Teens ages 13 through high school are welcome to get involved and have a say in all aspects of the Teen library experience. The next TAB meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m.

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sign on either side from Dayton to Garden in Fulton. The sidewalks have recently been completed, and the board will move to leave it as is for now as it doesn't cause any noticeable problems now that the sidewalks are in place.

The board moved on to discuss several other incidents of adding signage, lights, speed limits, and police reports about roads and the way they are travelled according to various reports. They also looked at the idea of reaching out to GPS applications like Google Maps and Waze to provide additional information about road changes and warnings in order to keep it up to date.

Commercials

A group posted videos to the chamber's website in order to create videos and commercials for businesses to use, and then use the rest of the funds in order to shoot individual commercials for businesses and have the media companies run the commercials.

The focus would be to make sure that it would benefit the community.

The board approved of the commercials and saw them as ways to help grow and support the local small businesses and make the towns of South Hadley and Granby, the towns the two commercials shown in the meeting, a place to go and visit.

An idea that came up from the committee and brought to the board was to strategically plan the areas to shoot content for the commercials, with a focus on the businesses. They brought to the board their ideas and the board moved to approve of the board's requests.

Liquor licenses

On the Consent Agenda, the board ac-

cepted a one-day Beer and Wine license request from Kathleen Van Winkle for an event on Jan. 12.

The 3 Corners Package Store is looking to open up with a renewal of his liquor license so that he can continue to move forward and open again.

"We are trying to take all of the cautious steps we can before bringing in the products," owner Hamid Habib said.

"I can't wait for you to open, my friend," Jeff Cyr said. "It's been a long road."

The store is expected to be up and running again the first week of the New Year, and the board all voted to approve the license renewal.

Mosier School update

Wong gave the board an update about the Mosier School.

"The applicants were invited for a site visit, and I think that really sealed the deal in terms of them being able to see what we needed and see what we needed to move forward," she said.

Many families have applied to the school, and the board is looking to address in the next town meeting the budget for supporting the school.

"We are certainly going to try our hardest," Wong said about the program and process. "I am looking forward to... beginning to hire a building committee. That means a lot more money, but also a lot more opportunity."

Wong emphasized the importance of creating a space for students to grow and learn.

"This is going to be a long and robust process and we want to hear from folks every step of the way," she said. The process has been going on for 10 years, and Chair Andrea Miles expressed her excitement to see the conversations and progress for the school and continued partner-

ship with the superintendent and updates on the school.

Buttery Brook Building Committee

"More good news," Wong said. The last town meeting voted in favor of moving forward to create a building committee of various boards and committees and town employees.

"I like the idea of it expanding," Cyr said. They discussed the matters of the grant and other means of funding the committee and project in order to create more Americans with Disabilities Act sponsored building additions including ramps and other accessible building accommodations.

"One of the things I want to do is see what their expertise is, and then go and recruit people with a specific expertise," Wong said.

MMA annual meeting

Wong discussed a conference coming up which the board is looking forward to. The Massachusetts Municipal Association will be hosting the MMA Annual Meeting and Trade Show on Friday, Jan. 19 through Saturday, Jan. 20.

Annual renewals

Kristin Maher joined the meeting on zoom to go over specifics of different kinds of alcoholic beverage licenses and the specific requirements for each business. The board brought up several of these requests for licenses from breweries, stores, and independent places and ruled that they would be approved upon completion of all required paperwork.

CDBG contract extension

Community Development Block Grants are grants that are given to communities in order to help build up areas of a community. Wong introduced projects that have CDBG Contracts and grants as well as holding performance meetings about these projects and how the grants are being used.

The board moved to accept the CDBG contract extension in order to complete their projects and goals.

Public hearing

The board moved to approve of the Housing Production Plan as the first public hearing conversation.

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Adam Popp, present a dinner of Puerto Rican cuisine with cooking collaborations from local chefs. There will be a performance at 5:30 p.m. by Bomba De Aqui, a music company that performs and teaches Afro-Puerto Rican traditions throughout western Massachusetts and central Connecticut.

"Bomba De Aqui is directed by Brendaliz Cepeda. Brenda is the granddaughter of the great Bomba performer Rafeal Ceped and learned the art and its history in her family, first appearing on stage at the age of five," the COA released. "Their musical director (and Brendaliz's husband), Saul Penalosa is a well-known percussionist. Other ensemble performers include professional musicians, teachers, and skilled community members."

Chinese Mahjong

Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m.

Learn some Chinese Mahjong with the students and join them for a cookie social.

Wofa Drum and Dance

Friday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m.

Join for "a wonderful performance by Wofa," a West African Drum and Dance Company founded in 2009 by Alpha Kabisko Kaba at PVPA in South Hadley.

Language with MacDuffie students

Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m.

Learn some conversational language from the international students of MacDuffie School in Granby and then socialize with them over ice cream.

New classes for the new year:

Beginning German Language: Mondays, 1 p.m.

Open Dance Party with Liz and Lucia: Mondays, 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Oil and Acrylic painting with Christiane: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Tech time with Sandy – Wednesdays and Thursdays by appointments 9 a.m.-noon

Genealogy Research and Discovery with Pat: Fridays beginning Jan. 12, 10:30 a.m.

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A classroom filled to the brink with volunteers pose for a picture during the 'Bag the Community' food drive.



Submitted Photos

The Brown family of South Hadley and friends traveled with the Town Reminder to the Florida Keys.

Traveling with Town Reminder

SOUTH HADLEY – Maggie and Rich Brown of South Hadley recently wrote to the Town Reminder, “Our daughter Molly a senior at South Hadley High School turned 18 on Dec. 29 so we got a limo and brought her, Amber Patruno, (also a senior at SHHS), Karsten Jubinville a junior at SHHS, her brother Richard and his friend Jett Sabourin both eighth graders at Michael E Smith Middle School and their dog Skylar to the Florida Keys during winter recess. What a great time we had fishing, swimming and enjoying the sites. Sending sunshine your way.”

RIGHT: South Hadley residents stand at the southernmost point of the continental U.S. with the Town Reminder.



GFPL lists upcoming events

GRANBY – The Granby Free Public Library, 297 East State St., offers free programs that are open to the public.

The Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information about the Library or any of its programs and services, call 413-467-3320 during open hours.

Nature Story Times & Fun with Ranger Tasha

Stop by the Library on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for Nature Story Times, Crafts & Hands-on with Ranger Tasha Daniels, Park

Ranger/Visitor Services Specialist at the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. This drop-in program is recommended for ages 3-5; siblings and homeschoolers are welcome.

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, learn about the magic of snowflakes and make some to take home.

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, learn about how animals deal with winter both over and under the snow, whether its migrate, hibernate, or insulate. For a few small mammals, survival depends on the snow itself, and the deeper the better, the subnivean zone.

Children will make a snowshoe hare puppet.

Baystate Wing honors Gift Shop and Auxiliary volunteer

Estelle Carbonneau recognized for 14 Years of Service

PALMER – Estelle Carbonneau was recently recognized for her many years of service as a member of the Baystate Wing Auxiliary and volunteer in the hospital’s gift shop.

“We are grateful for the many years of service Estelle has given to the gift shop and Auxiliary,” said Evelyn Glabicky, president of the Auxiliary at Baystate Wing Hospital in a press release. “She has served in many roles as the manager of the gift shop, helping with purchasing merchandise, and training new volunteers. Generously giving of herself and her time has been a way of life for Estelle and her connection to our hospital has always been extra special. A committed volunteer and member of our Auxiliary for 14 years, she now serves as trustee of the organization.”

Auxiliary members and volunteers help in several areas of the hospital including greeting and transporting patients as needed, welcoming patients, families and visitors arriving for appointments, providing directions for visitors on campus, operating the gift shop, and volunteering on the Med/Surg unit.

“Volunteers are extraordinary people who want to contribute to the greater good,” said Becky George, manager of volunteer

services for Baystate Health. “We have several opportunities open for individuals to share their talents and skills to support and assist our staff in creating wonderful experiences for our patients. Every hour and every minute that our volunteers serve makes a difference in the lives of our patients, families, and our team.”

Volunteers are currently being sought to fill positions in various departments, including greeters, patient-care areas, and the gift shop. Duties will vary depending on the volunteers’ interests and the needs of the hospital.

“During their service at Baystate Wing Hospital, we want to ensure that all of our volunteers are doing something that they enjoy,” said George.

The Volunteer Services program is open to anyone interested in giving back to their community. All potential volunteers must be age 16 or older and complete a volunteer application, submit to and pass a background check, and meet all vaccination requirements.

The program is an ideal opportunity for seniors and young adults who wish to volunteer in a healthcare setting. Volunteers will receive training and support and can receive credit for school (if they require it) and grow personally through service to others.

For more information or to fill out an application online, visit www.baystatehealth.org/about-us/volunteer or call Becky George at 413-370-5295.

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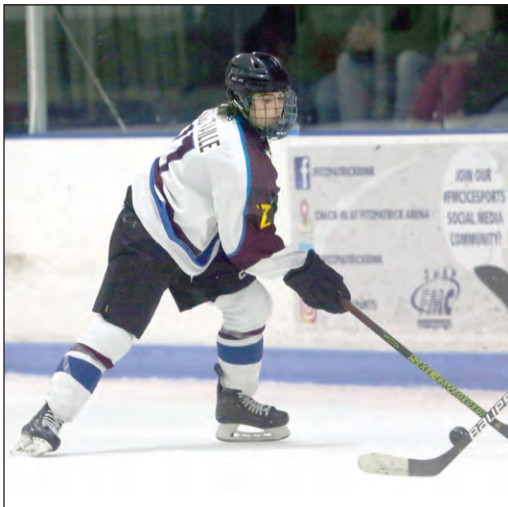
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Chris Walczak possesses the puck near the boards.



Connor McDonnell catches up with the loose puck.

Co-op remains winless



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Stephen Samson heads up the ice.



Braydon LaDuke, of Granby, tries to get around an opponent.



Caleb Lundgren looks to flick the puck into the offensive zone.

HOLYOKE – Last week, Chicopee’s co-op hockey team, which includes Granby among five teams as part of the team, hosted its Winter Holiday Classic mini-tournament. Unfortunately, the Pacers would lose consecutive games, falling to Agawam and Greenfield to suffer a sweep in the event. Both were 5-0 defeats. Following six days off, Chicopee returned to action to face Ludlow on Wednesday, and next faces Saint John Paul II on Jan. 6 at 3:30 p.m. on the road.



Nathan Robitaille heads up the side



Roberto Melendez goes for the pin in his match. Melendez finished third in the heavyweight division.



Jamie Medina starts off a match for the Tigers.

Granby edges rival Orioles

GRANBY – In a very close matchup last Wednesday night, Granby defeated Belchertown boys basketball 74-70. The game was close throughout and there was a lot of fast-paced action, especially during the second half. Colin Murdock had a big game with 20 points for the Rams while Sawyer Clarke had 13 points. Cal Orzech had 13 points to lead Belchertown while Jackson Couchon had 12 points. Belchertown dropped to 2-4 while Granby is now a perfect 5-0 heading into 2024.

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RIGHT: Cody White takes a shot near the free throw line.



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Gracyln Drew starts off match in the girls tournament.

Tigers compete at Agawam tournament

AGAWAM – South Hadley wrestling took part in Agawam’s Phil Tomkiel Holiday Tournament last Thursday. As a team, Agawam took the crown with an impressive 274.5 points. Natick placed second with 234 points. Also competing was Chicopee, which placed ninth with 68 points, South Hadley (12th) with 56 points, Holyoke (13th) with 53 points, and Quabbin Regional (14th) with 46 points. Agawam also placed a “B” squad in the

meet, and their squad came in eighth with 79.5 points. Agawam would crown three individual champions and five runner-ups. Holyoke had an individual champion as well. Holyoke’s Steven Santiago was a champion at 113 pounds, while Agawam was led by Jordin Agosto (120), Nicholas Ugolini (132), and Ilya Shlemanov (150) led Agawam. There was also a girls tournament that several teams sent competitors to.



Colin Murdock is covered closely.



Riley Goodhind eyes the opposition as he looks to drive the lane.

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Sports

T-Birds fall hard against Bruins

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (16-10-3-1) had few answers for a confident opposing attack, falling 8-2 to the Providence Bruins (17-12-2-2) on Saturday night in front of a sold-out MassMutual Center crowd of 6,793.

The Bruins were opportunistic off a self-inflicted T-Birds mistake to jump to a 1-0 lead at 3:44 of the opening period. Will Bitten directed a pass back toward the Springfield bench, where a pair of defenders were in the process of a line change. Out of the confusion, Anthony Richard jumped on the loose puck and quickly snapped a wrist through Vadim Zherenko to give Providence the game's opening goal.

Rookie Bruins blueliner Ethan Ritchie would add his first career AHL goal just 60 seconds later, jumping up into a 3-on-2 rush and ripping a shot through Zherenko at 4:44 off a drop pass from Jesper Boqvist.

Providence also made life difficult on the T-Birds' offense, as the Springfield attack mustered only five shots in the opening 20 minutes.

After going unsuccessful on a power play early in the second, the T-Birds saw a familiar bout of adversity when Justin Brazeau whipped a turnaround wrister through Zherenko at 6:21 to make it 3-0 for Providence.

The T-Birds gave the sell-out crowd a glimpse of another comeback bid when Jakub Vrana extended his point streak to four games with a beautiful wrist shot under the crossbar behind Brandon Bussi, cutting the lead to 3-1 just 18 seconds after the Brazeau goal.

The two-goal deficit proved only temporary, though, as Jesper Boqvist scored on the front end of a four-minute power play, one of his three points on the night, at 8:40 to make it 4-1.

Zach Bolduc had the opportunity to give the T-Birds an-

other jolt when he was awarded a penalty shot with Springfield down a man at the 10:46 mark. However, Bussi had the answer with the leg pad, shutting the rookie's bid down and keeping Providence ahead by three.

The Bruins rewarded their goalie in kind with back-to-back power-play goals from John Farinacci at 11:31 and Trevor Kuntar at 15:11, upping the margin to 6-1 before Bitten finally got Springfield on the board again with a power-play tip-in at 19:27 of period two.

Patrick Brown would add to the Providence lead with a rush up the left side at 7:17 of the third, and Jayson Megna capped off the scoring by netting the first shorthanded goal against Springfield all season at 18:00.

The T-Birds finish up the homestand as they begin a 3-in-3 weekend against the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins on Friday at 7:05 p.m. at the MassMutual Center.

New modifieds event announced for February

AUBURNDALE – After discussion with race teams, competitors and fans, Showdown Series officials have decided to update the schedule for the upcoming events at Auburndale Speedway in February during Speedweeks. With the new adjustments, the 602 Modifieds and Tour-Type Modifieds will compete in racing action at Auburndale on Thursday, Feb. 8 and Friday, Feb. 9 only.

The Tour-Type Modifieds will run two feature races - one Thursday and one Friday. Tour Modified events pay \$2,000 to win, \$1,000 for second and \$750 for third. The 602 Modified division will pay \$500 for the winner of each race, \$350 for second and \$300 for third. The 602 division will run double-feature events on Thursday and one on Friday. The 602 Modified features will be 30 laps and the Tour-Type Modifieds 50 laps.

"We're getting more and more phone calls and momentum is building surrounding these Modified races and we wanted to do everything possible to avoid conflicts with the New Smyrna Speedway Modified events," Brad Hockaday, owner of Professional Motorsports Solutions, said. "Seeing Modifieds on Auburndale Speedway is going to be something special that fans and competitors are not going to want to miss. Extending Speedweeks a few days earlier is a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy some more time in the sunshine state."

For the 602 Modified division, unlike some other events, there is no age limit on the races. Teams are asked to be responsible with their drivers age and experience level to compete in this event. No NASCAR licenses are required for either division.

New Smyrna Speedway has

also adjusted the times for their parking times for Modified teams. No Modified teams (excluding the Whelen Modified Tour) will be able to park until early on Sunday morning. This means that teams can compete in the Auburndale Speedway events and have plenty of time to make it across the state, which is just over a two-hour ride. The Tour-Type Modifieds have been adjusted to go out early in the schedule for Friday and will be able to exit the track by approximately 9 p.m. The 602 Modifieds will race earlier in the night.

The tire rule for the event is posted online. The rule will be six race tires for the 602 Modifieds with the F45 by Hoosier, and eight race tires for the Tour-Type Modifieds running the M20 & M30. Practice tires allotment is unlimited for the event, but teams need to let the management know in order for Hoosier to have a proper amount on site for the event.

Race teams with questions about the event are encouraged to email wntshowdown@gmail.com. There are practice nights available on Tuesday and Wednesday. Each night has a session from 4-7 p.m. and another from 7-10 p.m. Each session is \$50 per car running.

Teams are also encouraged to register as soon as possible so the promoters can prepare for the race. For more information on the Showdown Series events at Auburndale Speedway, everyone is encouraged to visit <https://linktr.ee/seriesshowdown>. There, you can find the event tickets, registration forms, event schedule, event flyers, technical rules, general information and more. Auburndale Speedway will see the rumble and roar of Modifieds in February for the first time in the history of the Florida oval.

Railers edged in one-goal loss to Reading

READING, PA – The Worcester Railers HC (12-11-3-2, 29pts) lost in a close one against the Reading Royals (11-13-1-1, 23pts), on Saturday night, Dec. 30 by the final score of 4-3 in front of 3,233 fans at the Santander Arena.

The game started right where they left off last night: physical. The Royals would do most of the heavy lifting in this department as they committed their 8th and 9th penalty of the weekend with a tripping minor penalty by Royals Forward Kenny Johnson (0-0-0) and a bench minor by Forward Tag Bertuzzi (1-0-1) committed while he was on the bench. The Railers offense would make them pay on the Bertuzzi minor penalty. Joey Cipollone entered the offensive zone with the puck in the middle of the ice where he found Zach White open on the right wing of their offensive zone. White

quickly sent a cross-ice pass to an open Daylan Kuefler on the left side dot and sniped it past Royals goaltender Parker Gahagen's blocker side. Bertuzzi came back the other way three minutes later for Reading and tied the game 1-1 going into the second period. The Railers led the period in shots on goal 13-11.

The Railers struggled to find many scoring chances in the second but relied on their defense and goaltending to get them through the period and deny the Royals from scoring. The Railers were disciplined and managed spacing well throughout the period until they would get a power play opportunity late in the second period. Towards the end of the power play, Copeland drove the puck past Gahagen in net for the Royals to put Worcester back ahead, 2-1. The Royals answered back not much later with a power play goal by For-

ward Shane Sellar to beat Fulcher and tie it 2-2. The Royals led shots on goal in the period, 12-5.

Reading grabbed their first lead of the night when Matt Brown shot one blocker side to beat Fulcher and make it a 3-2 game. Late in the third, the Railers got another power play and did a great job keeping the puck in the zone and battling down low. Jenkins quickly fired the puck past Gahagen's low blocker side to tie the game up once again. Both sides would get chances on the net but nothing came out of it in the box score where this game would head into overtime. The Railers led the period in shots on goal, 14-13.

In overtime, the Royals worked their way down ice in a 2-on-1 3:18 into the frame with Brown and Bertuzzi to score and give the Royals the 4-3 win at home.

Granby edges rival Orioles



Gavier Fernandez looks to pass inside the paint.



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Sawyer Clarke lifts a long shot.

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Children's programs at SHPL

It's a new year in the Children's Department and the theme is Families and Fun.

Join SHPL on Saturday, Jan. 6 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. to play board games in the Storytime Room. This event is also an opportunity to swap or donate games (please make sure all parts and pieces are included).

While you're here, borrow a book from our "All Kinds of Families" display, take a recipe to try, and vote for your favorite picture book in the library's Mock Caldecott.

Our regular weekly and bi-weekly programs - Rhyme Time, Storytime, Bright Spot Therapy Dogs, Comics Club, Lego Club, and Pajama Storytime - continue as usual, with special guest Little Roots joining us for Rhyme Time on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 10:30 a.m. The library is also adding Friday afternoon board games on Jan. 12, 19, and 26 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Chess Club for Kids is back with experienced teacher Andy Morris-Friedman will be here every Wednesday in January from 4-5:30 p.m. The first half-hour is instruction, followed by free

play; no registration required.

Questions, comments or suggestions for Children's Department, email Jenny at jarch@cw-mars.org.

Programs at the Gaylord Memorial Library

Gaylord Memorial Library, 47 Collee St., is kicking off 2024 with programs for all ages.

On Friday Jan. 5 at 3 p.m., the library will have a special New Year's edition of our Friday Afternoon Crafting Meet-Up, with an intro to using Craftsy, and a focus on starting new projects.

Look to the sky! All ages are welcome to join us and our neighbors at the Mount Holyoke College Observatory to look at the full moon on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to weekly story times and other children's programs, the library will also have Family Playtime with trucks and trains on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 10:30 a.m., and a Family Movie surprise on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 10 a.m.

Other regular weekly and monthly programming can be found on the Gaylord website gaylordlibrary.org/or on the SHPL calendar.

PVPA Music Department presents Winter Music Showcase 'Imbroglio'

SOUTH HADLEY – The Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School Music Department is pleased to present "Imbroglio", a Winter Music Showcase.

The show will run Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12 and 13, with performances beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the main stage theater at 15 Mulligan Drive.

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

Under the direction of Rahul Roy, PVPA's Winter Music Showcase features the sounds of our premier ensembles as well as some of our up and coming musicians. Both nights will feature different groups and different material, making for two unique musical evenings directed by Jeremy Milligan and David Cavellin.

Friday night performances will feature student first semester works from PVPA's Orchestra, Middle School String Ensemble, Concert Band and Chorus, as well as the High School ensemble Adagio. Saturday evening performances will showcase the



Submitted Photo

Pioneer Valley Performing Arts students rehearse for their upcoming Winter Music Showcase.

department's audition ensembles including A Cappella, Gig Band, Razz Da Roof, and Pop R and B.

PVPA's music department works diligently to provide students the opportunity to explore music in a variety of formats, play for different audiences, experience the demands of professional musicians, and encourages creativity in the musical

process both on and off stage.

About PVPA

Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School is a regional public charter school serving 400 students in grades 7-12, from over 50 towns throughout western Massachusetts. For more information about PVPA, or to apply www.pvpa.org/admissions.

PVPA's Sustainability Club hosted food drive for Survival Center

SOUTH HADLEY – Pioneer Valley Performing Art's Sustainability Club recently held a Food Drive to benefit the Amherst Survival Center.

Donations were accepted throughout December, as well as at the Visual Arts Department's recent Winter Art Gallery on Dec. 21. In total two large boxes and several bags of groceries were donated to the Survival Center.

The Amherst Survival Center's Food Pantry provides assistance to residents of Amherst, Belchertown, Deerfield, Granby, Hadley, Leverett, Pelham, Shutesbury, South Deerfield, South Hadley, Sunderland, Ware and Whately, and to those who are experiencing homelessness. For information on accessing services from the

Survival Center's Food Pantry, please email pantry@amherst-survival.org or call 413-549-3968 extension 104.

PVPA's Sustainability Club is one of over 30 student-led clubs and affinity groups at the public charter school. The Club focuses their work on protecting the environment through sustainability efforts.

Other recent projects have included a clothing donation drive that collected over 525 pounds of clothing.

The club then held a free thrift shop at PVPA's Unity Day celebration, where students were able to shop for free, taking home 340 pounds of "new to them" clothing. The remaining 185 pounds of clothing was donated to Margret's Pantry in Holyoke.

Local student makes Syracuse dean's list

SOUTH HADLEY – Resident John Gauthier, a sophomore at Syracuse University, has made the School of Engineering dean's list for the third straight semester.

Gauthier is majoring in

Aerospace Engineering with a minor in Math, and has a GPA of 3.938. He is also a member of the AIAA. Currently, he is pursuing internships for the coming summer.

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on the facility's "incredible" capacity. Morehouse said the staff is currently in a "learning mode," getting accustomed to the space and repeatedly rearranging inventory to maximize efficiencies and food flow.

Statistics are already proving the larger warehouse to be more effective than the previous site.

"In the last three months, we've provided 25% more healthy food than the same period last year, and we're confident we'll be able to sustain that growth moving forward," Morehouse said.

Being able to serve the community better than before is fantastic, said Director of Programs Christine Maxwell. She described the building's teaching kitchen.

"We'll be using that for community programming, for food demonstrations and for cooking classes and nutrition workshops. We weren't able to do that in our old building, so we're excited about that," Maxwell said.

Director of Development Jillian Morgan said moving into a facility that allows the Food

Bank to serve its communities at a higher clip is significant. She said the staff is dedicated to making sure food is delivered to as many people as possible who are facing food insecurity, and the larger warehouse pays dividends.

"This was a really important move for the food bank to be able to increase our capacity and efficiency," she said. "We already have distributed more food in this building, so we know that it's going to serve us for decades to come until we end hunger."

Farm Manager Lee Gadway estimated that the new warehouse can store twice as much food as the old one. He said even the parking lot is twice the size.

"This is amazing," Gadway said. "Just being able to warehouse this much food and being able to think of it as a hub and spoke system on a bicycle. Everything's brought in on the spokes to the hub, and then we deliver it back out."

Gadway said the larger space makes the operation more efficient, as the Food Bank delivers food to places that smaller farms are unable to reach.

Morehouse said people are



Turley photo by Dalton Zbierski

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts' new 62,000 square foot facility includes this state-of-the-art warehouse.

blown away when they enter the building and see its size and magnitude. He said the Food Bank looks to leverage the power of community to create a hunger free Western Massachusetts.

"The way we're going to do that is by talking to one another and cooking up new ideas, so this new facility and food distribution center has a lot of space for us to invite community

groups in, whether they want to volunteer or just collaborate and plan how we can work better together to get more done," Morehouse said.

Morehouse pointed out that the dream could not have become a reality without the assistance of state and federal legislators. The Food Bank raised \$30 million to build its new home, and about half of the money came from state and federal government.

He also expressed gratitude for private donors, as 246 businesses and individuals invested in the food distribution center.

"We couldn't have done it without them, large and small," he said.

Morgan said she is humbled by the amount that was raised, noting that it displays the community's investment in addressing the underlying causes of hunger and making sure that the operation can help alleviate hunger in the community or get rid of it entirely.

"(The \$30 million raised) is a real testament to how much people in this area care about addressing the needs of people who are facing hunger," she said.

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

2014 Hyundai Sonata
KMHEC4A40EA111506
Susan Kowinski
936 Grayson Dr., Apt 325
Springfield, MA 01119

1999 Honda Accord
1HGCG6671XA026404
Iris Marin
290 Oak St
Holyoke, MA 01040

2004 Volvo XC70
YV1SZ59H841135113
Justin Carlotta
51 Hamilton St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2013 Hyundai ACCENT
KMHC75AE1DU118967
William Plazas Jaramillo
536 Pleasant St., Apt. 3
Holyoke, MA 01040

2011 Nissan Altima
1N4AL2AP3BN500362
Dominique Dent
354 Hampden St., Apt. 1R
Holyoke, MA 01040

2000 Mazda Protégé
JM1BJ2224Y0243533
Barbara Rios
443 Tokeneke Rd.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2005 Chevrolet TrailBlazer
1GN4T13S52127910
Robert Cardinal
1370 Worcester St., Apt. 2L
Springfield, MA 01151

2004 Honda Civic
1HGEM229X4L013880
Lucy Alcantara
223 Drexel St.
Springfield, MA 01104

2006 Chevrolet Equinox
2CNDL73F166072600
Shannay Diaz
508 Grayson Dr.
Springfield, MA 01119

2006 Mercedes-Benz CLK
WDBTK56GX6T060169
Dakota Mullen
60 Skeele St.
Chicopee, MA 01013

2020 BMS 124
L5XBUMECOL1601075
Owner Unknown

2020 Tao DBX1 Dirt Bike
L9NYLXHC6L1010291
Owner Unknown

2016 Tao Tao AT125-F
L5NWAFTL1G1070338
Owner Unknown

2008 Chrysler PT Cruiser
3A8FY48B58T224761
Maria Colon
17 Ruskin St.
Springfield, MA 01108

2002 Hyundai SANTA FE
KM8SC73D32U178662
Robert Drew
332 Rowley St.
Agawam, MA 01001

1997 Chevrolet Camaro
2G1FP22K6V2134834
Kira Nadeau
102 Main St.
Somerville, CT 06072

Boat & Trailer
No VIN
Ramon Cordero Otero
657 State St., Apt. 1BB
Springfield, MA 01109

Boat on Trailer
No VIN
Owner Unknown

2020 Honda Grom Base
MLHJC7512L5202512
Owner Unknown

2007 Nissan Altima
1N4AL21E57C141680
Dhyon Moulton
202 Rockport St.
Meridianville, AL 35759

2005 Honda Accord
1HGCM55845A092374
Angel Alicea
24 Dwight St., Apt. 37
Agawam, MA 01001

2004 Lexus ES 330
JTHBA30G345022344
Ivonne Denizac
5 Madison Ave.
Springfield MA 01105

2002 Acura RL

JH4KA965X2C014257
Yolanda Laspina Santiago
419 Montcalm St., Apt. 318M
Chicopee, MA 01020

2004 Subaru Outback
4S3BH675147618592
Damarys Ruiz Guzman
560 S. Summer St., Apt 11F
Holyoke, MA 01040.

2004 Ford Crown Victoria
2FAFP74WX4X115912
Rita Parzych
44 Juniper Ct.
Greenfield, MA 01301

2009 Audi A4
WAUDF48H99K008128
Ryan Moores
507 Appleton St.
Holyoke MA 01040

KTM Dirt Bike
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Owner Unknown

2001 Toyota Corolla
2T1BR12E41C505740
Juanita Marrero
109 Maple Ave.
Uncasville, CT 06382

1992 Geo Prizm
1Y1SK546XNZ019054
Louise Richard
349 Haydenville Rd.
Leeds, MA 01053

1999 Ford F-150
1FTRX17W0XNC02093
Richard Leblanc
44 Pearl St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

Suzuki Quad Runner
1SAAJ49A912102286
Owner Unknown

2006 Hummer H3
5GTDN136668271088
Alan Hall
114 Brayton Hill Ter.
North Adams, MA 01247

2014 Chevrolet Traverse
1GNKVGKD2EJ326331
Timothy Cairney
212 Alana Dr.
Northbridge, MA 01534

2001 Jeep Cherokee
1J4FF48S11L563395
Autumn Brooks
48 Pine Lodge Park
Williamstown, MA 01267

2003 Mazda Mazda6
1YVFP80C435M02121
Bristol West
PO Box 258806
Oklahoma City, OK 73125

1999 Honda Civic
1HGEJ8246XL037498

Anna French
111 High St.
Gloucester, MA 01930

2014 Kia Soul
KNDJN2A28E7037782
Zulier Marquez Castello
308 Walnut St., Apt. 1L
Holyoke, MA 01040

1994 Toyota Camry
4T1SK12E6RU437102
Stuart Pierson
130 Merida St.
Springfield, MA 01104

2010 Audi A5
WAUCKAFR1AA060218
Robert Woodson
105 Dalton Ave.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

2004 Mercedes-Benz C-Class
WDBRF81JX4F46802
David Cabrera
118 Bradley St.
East Hartford, CT 06118

1997 Buick LeSabre
1G4HP52K4VH534374
David Harris
80 Florida St., 1st Fl
Springfield, MA 01109

2007 Honda CRF450R
JH2DE05807M505596
Jose Vega Lopez
91 Mosher St., Apt. 403
Holyoke, MA 01040

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GRANBY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND GRANBY PLANNING BOARD JOINT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, Sec. 11, the Granby Zoning Board of Appeals and Granby Planning Board will

hold a joint public hearing on **January 22, 2024, at 5:45 PM**, at 1 Library Lane, Old Carnegie Library, Top Floor, Granby, MA. The nature of the hearing is to consider the petition of Paul and Teresa Mason (Owner/Applicant), seeking a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval for an antique shop in an accessory barn building, under Sections 6.2 of the Granby Zoning Bylaws and applicable of Section III – Use Regulations, 3.7.3 Home Shop at 4 Porter Street, and known as Assessors' Map 9-B-A-3 in the town of Granby, MA.

The complete applications and plans are available for public inspection during regular business hours (9:00AM – 3:00 PM, Monday-Thursday, and 9:00AM – 12:00 PM Fridays) at the Selectmen's

Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street, Granby, MA 01033.

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

In addition to the above hearing, the Board of Appeals and Planning Board intend to conduct public meetings following said hearings as time permits. This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 40A and Chapter 39, Section 23B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Kathleen Bronner, Chairman
Granby Board of Appeals

James Trompke,
Chairman

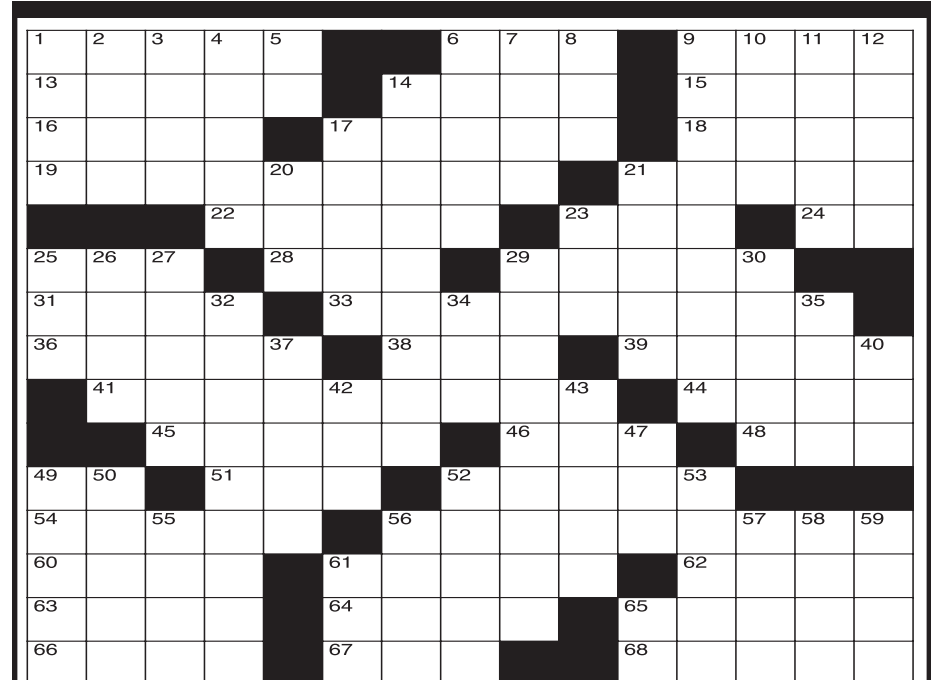
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- 1. Bleated
- 6. Snake-like fish
- 9. Database management system
- 13. Russian-American violinist
- 14. Wendy's founder Thomas
- 15. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 16. Negatives
- 17. Rescued
- 18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 19. Assigns tasks to
- 21. Island nation native
- 22. Trade
- 23. Detergent brand
- 24. Famed NY Giant
- 25. Before
- 28. Split pulses
- 29. Extremely angry; highly incensed
- 31. Body part
- 33. American state
- 36. David __, US playwright

- 38. Move one's head slightly
- 39. Secret rendezvous
- 41. Improved
- 44. A place to exercise
- 45. 18-year astronomical period
- 46. Automobile
- 48. You can take it
- 49. A radio band
- 51. Jaws of an animal
- 52. Short-billed rails
- 54. Chinese province
- 56. Shameless and undisguised
- 60. Horizontal passage into a mine
- 61. Adult males
- 62. Fail to entertain
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. City in north-central Utah
- 65. Southern U.S.
- 66. German river
- 67. Oxygen
- 68. Make law

- 1. Curved segment
- 2. Wings
- 3. From pentane (Chemistry)
- 4. Gradually gets into
- 5. Commercial document (abbr.)
- 6. Overhang
- 7. Christmas and New Year's have them
- 8. Type of bulb
- 9. Lacking a plan
- 10. Tattle
- 11. Rockers like it "heavy"
- 12. One who's been canonized
- 14. Indicate time and place
- 17. Nobel Prize winner in physics
- 20. The voice of Olaf
- 21. Fragmented rock
- 23. They __
- 25. Master of Philosophy
- 26. Backside
- 27. Landmark house

- in L.A.
- 29. An act of undue intimacy
- 30. From which a later word is derived
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Neither
- 35. Computer language
- 37. Sacred book of Judaism
- 40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- 42. A way to dedicate
- 43. Challenges
- 47. British Air Aces
- 49. Large, influential bank
- 50. Portended
- 52. Cavalry-sword
- 53. Vaccine developer
- 55. Napoleonic Wars general
- 56. Italian Seaport
- 57. Hip joint
- 58. __ Clapton, musician
- 59. Insect repellent
- 61. Decorative scarf
- 65. Delaware

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