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## SHHS commemorates the brave men lost in WWII

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – When it comes to honoring those who have fought for our country, it can be easy to thank the ones you came home to.

However, thousands have not come home and have become Prisoners of War or Missing in Action, forever lost, but never forgotten.

Brian Willette, an Army veteran who served in Afghanistan in 2010 and Post Commander of the South Hadley American Legion worked tirelessly to help the town of South Hadley remember those servicemen.

Over 81,000 Americans still remain missing in action since World War II, and out of that number, 2,800 are from Massachusetts. And from here in South Hadley, eight.

When Willette first learned about these eight men at the South Hadley Public Library, he knew he needed to do something in order to have these men be remembered and made sure of it.

“The motto of the POW-MIA movement is you are not forgotten, and this is proof that we have not forgotten tonight,” Willette said at the ceremony.

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BRIAN WILLETTE,  
Army Veteran

Submitted photo  
South Hadley Football Coach Brian Couture, Keith Buckhout, Christine Lupacchino, Rear Admiral Jennifer S. Couture, George Francis (holding flag), Brian Willette, Eric Segundo, David Jubenville Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, Chaplain Donald Lindsay of the Sons of the American Legion, Christopher Plotniak, South Hadley’s Director of Veterans Services, Senator Jacob Oliveira, and Selectboard member Nicole Casolari.

## SC reviews impact of support dog

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Oct. 3 meeting was held by Vice Chair Danielle Cooke, and she was accompanied by members Dan Vieu, Jack Witowski, and Jackson Matos.

Also in attendance were Superintendent of South Hadley Public Schools Mark McLaughlin, and Assistant Superinten-

dent of Finance and Business Operations Jennifer Voyik.

### Therapy Dog Mac

“We have to do tangible things... to create an environment where students feel safe and secure and happy in their learning,” McLaughlin said.

Pat Lemieux came in with Mac, a 6-year-old black lab from a New Hampshire location that breeds dogs to train and learn how to be a service and therapy animals in institutions.

Sandy Meadow Farm, obedience school, is looking for a school to enroll him for therapy training.

Students and staff at the schools sent in responses about how much of an impact that Mac has been able to make in helping with anxiety, stress, or just needing a hug or pet.

“His presence brings a sense of calm to the school communi-

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Submitted photo

The setup of vaccines and helpful information in order to help kids learn about vaccines and how they can help keep you safe from sicknesses.

## Local organization hosts vaccine clinic for community

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GRANBY – With flu season just around the corner, many people are looking to get their vaccines administered at the closest pharmacies and doctors to stay ahead of new flu strains.

However, with costs rising and more difficulty coming from rising prices, it may be more difficult for families to access these important vaccines.

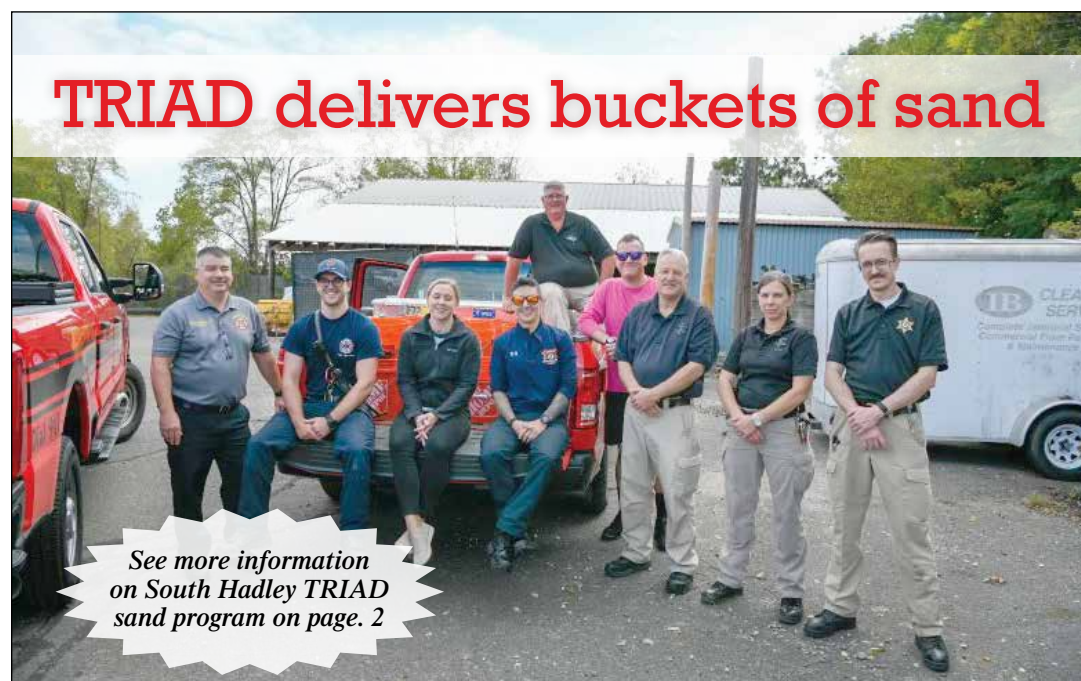
A team consisting of the Northampton Public Health

Nurses and the East Meadow School Nurse, Nancy Jenks, set up a table in the gym and gave out vaccines to all.

“This is our first community vaccine clinic since the end of the state of emergency,” Nancy Jenks, the East Meadow school nurse, said.

“During COVID, we worked with the Granby CVS in holding a student flu vaccine clinic and held eight COVID vaccine clinics for the community with MA DPH,” Jenks said. “We also hold

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## TRIAD delivers sand to residents

SOUTH HADLEY—Last week, members of SH TRIAD, including SHFD 1 and 2, SHPD, DA's office and the Sheriff's Office, delivered buckets of sand to dozens of residents of the Town of South Hadley.

This sand will help to maintain the safety of older adults in the community by lessening their risk of falls and subsequent injuries as the weather turns cold. Older adults in South Hadley can continue to obtain a bucket of sand until October 28, by calling the Senior Center at 538-5030 X 3, and asking to be placed on the list.

### Please help us to spread the word

SH TRIAD—SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement) offers numerous programs and services throughout the year that are focused on improving the safety and quality of lives in our local community. We are always looking for volunteers to join us.



Submitted Photos

## Town bills have been mailed out

SOUTH HADLEY—FY 2025 Qtr. 2 Real Estate, Personal Property and first half of FY 2025 Sewer bills were mailed out to residents on Oct. 1. The due date for Real Estate and Personal Property bills is Nov. 1. Sewer bills are due Nov. 15. If you have not received your bills, please email our office at: collector@southhadleyma.gov or call 413-538-5030, ext. 6189 and we can send you a new bill.

Bills can also be viewed/printed through Invoice Cloud which can be accessed from the website.

Payment can be made online through the Town of South Hadley's website, southhadleyma.gov, by mail, dropped in our Dropbox located behind the Police Department on Bridge Street or you can pay in person Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Drive-thru vaccine clinic

SOUTH HADLEY— On Oct. 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. there will be a drive-thru vaccine clinic at Beers and Story. The vaccines that will be available are SHINGRIX, TDAP, RSV, COVID, PEMOCOCCAL.

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# in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

**A** Brimfield resident recently visited a pond on New Reed Street in Warren where he saw a northern harrier “cruising” over the marsh.



Northern Harrier

He said in an email, “The bird (northern harrier) dove after something on the ground then sat for a couple of minutes before taking off to cruise over the vegetation along the far side of the pond.”

The northern harrier is 18 inches long. It feeds by coursing close to the ground and quickly swooping down on its prey.

This behavior is what the Brimfield resident observed. The male is grey above and white below. The female is larger than the male, common in many hawks, brown above and streaked underneath. The immature harrier is brown above, reddish brown to creamy below and streaking only on the chest. Harriers eat mice, rats, birds, snakes, frogs and other small animals. They inhabit open fields, grasslands, prairies and marshes.

The female lays three to nine bluish, white eggs in a nest of sticks and grasses lined with finer materials placed on the ground. Males are polygamous, mating with up to three females.

They often hunt at dusk and catch prey by sound as well as sight. Their owl like facial disk of feathers may function to help them locate sounds.

### Other birds in Warren

Other birds at the pond on New Reed Street in Warren beside the northern harrier were an adult bald eagle, adult osprey, four great egrets, a great blue heron and a belted kingfisher.

On another trip to to the ponds in Warren with his wife, the Brimfield residents saw two great egrets at one pond and one great egret at another pond. They also saw an adult osprey, a belted kingfisher, two great blue heron, three eastern phoebes and six mallards. The male mallards were in eclipse plumage.

### Unsuccessful hawk watch

He also did a mini hawk watch – an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon. He said, “Unfortunately, the hawks chose not to participate.” He did see a Carolina wren and two ruby-throated hummingbirds, one an immature male.

### Feeding peanuts

The Brimfield resident likes to feed the birds whole peanuts. He fills a tray feeder every day and by the end of the days, they are gone. Blue jays and tufted titmice are especially fond of them along with an occasional red-bellied woodpecker. This summer he has had up to eight blue jays at a time come for the peanuts. He said, “Lately the peanut tray has not been empty when I go out to take down the feeder and some days I only see one jay and most days and I did see three a few days ago.”

I feed shelled peanuts in the winter in a tray feeder and they are very popular. I’ve had up to ten blue jays at a time and the smaller birds like titmice and downy woodpeckers come for them as well

### Wild turkeys

I see wild turkeys almost daily when I travel around town. It is either a group of hens with almost grown poults or a smaller group of Tom turkeys.

The Brimfield resident saw a hen with four half grown poults while driving away from his house

He believes this is the group that was seen in the yard some time ago when the poults were about half the size they were when I saw them on the road. He said in the email, “Just after seeing these turkeys another hen flew across the road in front of my car.”

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

# Opinion



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Future Trash Barrels (Toters?) and plastic waste in South Hadley

As most of you probably know, next year South Hadley will switch from using regular trash barrels to ones that the trash truck can pick up and automatically dump. Hopefully, we can keep the amount of plastic thrown away in this changeover to a minimum. In talking with the DPW, I discovered that you cannot use any totters, except the ones that you get from the DPW. They’re doing this so that they will be sure that you have paid your yearly trash fee. Those of you who already have totters might lobby for some sort of sticker that proves that you paid the fee. It is, by the way, an annual fee.

If you’re wondering what to do with your old trash barrel, I have a successfully used

one to make a rain barrel. Rain barrels save on your water bill and let you get water to plants where your hose won’t reach. A cheap plastic garden hose faucet, a metal washer, a rubber washer, a coupling and some plastic cement allow easy access to the water. The barrel should be mounted 12 to 18 inches above the ground so you can put your bucket underneath the faucet. You do need a lid to keep the mosquitoes. You can just cut a hole in it for the drain pipe from a gutter to go in after you’ve cut the drain pipe length down.

John Howard  
South Hadley

### Chasing every trail in the wilderness

By Julie Midura

**I**t was a rough weekend in the Sandwich Wilderness. Three days, three nights, 19 trails, 38.6 miles, one black bear encounter, one startled partridge encounter, 168,952 mosquitoes (give or take a few), and a handful of curse words (give or take a few dozen).

It was a weekend when being taken out by a startled partridge who swooped out of the dense brush flapping its wings wildly while making what was assuredly an unintentional beeline straight to my face seemed like a far worse fate than encountering an enormous black bear at a stream crossing. I have no animosity towards the partridge. Based on the look in its eyes as I dropped to the ground to avoid the impending collision, the bird was just as terrified as I was.

As for the black bear, Tom and I approached a 30 foot wide brook that we needed to ford when we saw the enormous beast coming towards us from downstream. We were about twenty-five feet from each other when we caught sight of each other, which gave the animal the opportunity to size us up before deciding that we didn’t look very appetizing and we weren’t worth the effort. It charged up the embankment on the other side of the stream and disappeared into the woods...in the same direction that Tom and I were going.

It was a weekend of when the steep climbs came one after another after another. To the point that we made the questionable decision of dumping out a large portion of the contents of our backpacks and hiding them behind a truck-sized boulder so that we wouldn’t have to shoulder the heavy weight on the next uphill. We’d pick up everything on the way back down. Which inevitably



On the summit of Mt Paugus.

made us worry for the next two hours that we’d arrive back at the boulder to find that our tent and sleeping bags would either be gone or be ripped to shreds by the aforementioned bear looking for a soft place to lay his head.

It was a weekend when eating leftover pizza on a mountaintop with beautiful views almost made up for 72 hours of being tormented by every flying, buzzing, stinging insect imaginable, all of whom were intent on sucking every ounce of blood AND sanity from my body.

It was a weekend when you don’t want to use insect repellent because you know that there will be no shower at the end of each

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# Know Your Town, know the ballot questions

SOUTH HADLEY — Know Your Town of South Hadley will sponsor a forum on the five state ballot questions, on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Main Public Library on Canal Street.

There will be a speaker to the Vote Yes, and one for the Vote No, for each of the five ballot questions. Speakers will have up to 5 minutes to speak to their side of the question.

Audience members will then have the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers or to make public comments at the microphone.

Light refreshments will be served. The program is free and open to the public.

These questions will appear as follows on the November ballot.

Question 1: State Auditor's Authority to Audit the Legislature.

Question 2: Elimination of MCAS as High School Graduation Requirement

Question 3: Unionization for Transportation Network Drivers

Question 4: Limited Legalization and Regulation of Certain Natural Psychedelic Substances

Question 5: Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers.

## Trail of Screams starts Oct. 11

SOUTH HADLEY —South Hadley Scout Troop 303 will hold its annual Trail of Screams for children on the following weekends: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12, Oct. 18 and 19, and Oct. 25 and 26.

The trick or treat trail is open from 6 to 7 p.m., with a scarier version open from 7 to 9 p.m.

Admission is \$10 or with a canned good it is \$5.

The event is located adjacent to 502 Amherst Road (Route 116) in South Hadley.



## Handbag Bingo is back in town!

SOUTH HADLEY—Saturday, Nov. 9 marks the 4th year of South Hadley's Handbag Bingo. Every year this event sells out and this year will be no exception as only a handful of tickets remain. All of this year's proceeds will benefit the Buttery Brook Park improvement project. Tickets are \$40 per person. Contact Kim at [ksprough@me.com](mailto:ksprough@me.com) if you're interested in attending to confirm there are still tickets available.

## Associate Member vacancy on Planning Board

SOUTH HADLEY —Applicants are sought to fill an associate member vacancy on the Planning Board for a term ending in June 2026.

Due to a recent resignation on the South Hadley Planning Board, the elected body has a vacancy which needs filling. The position is generally a non-voting member.

All parties interested in applying for the position are asked to apply online here: <https://www.southhadley.org/FormCenter/Selectboard-4/Application-for-Appointment-to-Board-Com-44>

Applications and any additional documents must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24. Once received by Selectboard administration, a complete packet for each candidate's submission will be made publicly available.

The chairs of the Planning Board and Selectboard will decide on a suitable date to have a joint meeting of remaining Plan-

ning Board members and members of the Selectboard to conduct interviews. Board members will make an appointment at the public meeting scheduled for the interviews or a subsequent public joint meeting.

The joint committee, by way of nomination and subsequent vote to appoint, will fill the associate member vacancy on the South Hadley Planning Board for a term from the date of appointment to June 2026.

## Police Chief office hours

SOUTH HADLEY—South Hadley Police Chief Jennifer Gundersen will hold office hours out in the community. The Chief will be holding office hours at the following locations:

The South Hadley Council on Aging, 45 Dayton St. on Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The South Hadley Council on Aging, 45 Dayton St. on Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon.

## Public invited to review SHPD staffing study

SOUTH HADLEY— The public is invited to a forum to review and discuss the South Hadley Police Department Staffing Report produced by MRI, Inc of New Hampshire who was hired this year to conduct a staffing study of the department. The forum will be held Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at the South Hadley Senior Center at 45 Dayton St.

MRI performed a multi-year look-back at various aspects of the organiza-

tion including calls for service, staffing levels, budget and projected data into a reasonable future view to assist with identifying what the town should anticipate for staffing now and in the future.

Learn more and read the study here: <https://www.southhadley.org/1427/Police-Department-Staffing-Study>. Send comments and questions to [Selectboard@southhadley.ma.gov](mailto:Selectboard@southhadley.ma.gov).

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an annual staff flu clinic with the Belchertown Stop and Shop Pharmacy."

The Hampshire Public Health Shared Services Collaborative helped sponsor the vaccine clinic, and it was free to all aged six to 65 and older to get their vaccines.

"We offered the standard flu vaccine, the high dose flu vaccine for individuals ages 65 and older, [and the] Pfizer COVID pediatric and adult doses," Jenks said.

For the clinic, which ran from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., held appointment slots for families with children, but also welcomed

walk-ins to receive their vaccines.

"We had fifty-one appointments with some individuals getting more than one vaccine, like COVID and flu," Jenks said.

The town of Granby has a special partnership with the Hampshire Public Health Shared Services Collaborative, and that made it so that the school was able to offer the clinic to the community.

"Additionally, we were also able to provide written health educational materials in English and Spanish as well as free rapid antigen COVID tests to all interested individuals who attended," Jenks said.

They day was successful point of out-

reach in order to ensure that the community was able to access any and all vaccines they needed, regardless of their situation, in order to benefit from these vaccines.

"Our favorite part of the day was working with the Northampton Public Health Nurses and getting to meet everyone who came to be vaccinated," Jenks said.

Through the Public Health Excellence

Grant for Shared Services, the Northampton Department of Health and Human Services is hosting Flu and COVID vaccination clinics, as well as homebound vaccine visits.

For more information about these opportunities, you can visit their website at <https://northamptonma.gov/2476>, or call 413-587-1214.

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Players from South Hadley and surrounding communities compete in the Mixed Team Division.



Women from South Hadley and several surrounding communities participate in the Women's Advanced Division.

# Pickle Fall Fest

## raises funds for the Buttery Brook Park improvement efforts



Jeff Thibault, Davy Tob, Gavin Prough, and Joel Prough compete in the Men's Advanced Division.

SOUTH HADLEY — South Hadley Pickleball (SHPB) hosted their annual PickleFall Fest pickleball tournament to help raise funds to build four more pickleball courts as a part of the Buttery Brook Park improvement project. The tournament, consisting of 108 players from over 10 surrounding communities and 3 states raised \$4,000. This is one of the two annual tournaments SHPB has been running since the courts were opened in the summer of 2022. The existing four courts were funded with private donations from a fundraising campaign launched in the fall of 2021. At that time, \$100,000 was raised to build the courts at Buttery Brook Park. The South Hadley Recreation Department coordinated the building of the courts and the town's Parks department put on the finishing touches with a turf gathering/stretching area.



Millie Zewier, Adrienne Levine, and Susan Radtke have developed a friendship and participate in the Novice Division.

The pickleball community is again working on raising another \$100,000 to contribute to the building of four additional courts for the Buttery Brook Park project. "We have had a tremendous response from our pickleball community and have raised \$82,000 toward our \$100,000 goal," commented Kim Prough, who has led the fundraising efforts and is one of the SHPB coordinators. Since the courts were opened, they have seen an explosion in use. "The pickleball courts have put Buttery Brook Park back on the map," commented Jeff Labrecque, Chief Operating Officer of the Village Commons Center Redevelopment Corporation. The courts are continually in use and the popularity of the sport continues

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Sue Duda, Lynn Lapour, and Robin Randall medal in the Senior Division.



Jennifer Dzedzic, and South Hadley residents Taryn Canfield and Carol Thibault medal in the Women's Intermediate Division.



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The POW/MIA Chair, standing open and remaining empty in remembrance of those not with us.



Rear Admiral Jennifer S. Couture placed the spray of white roses upon the chair, and she and American Legion Commander Post 260 Brian Willette saluted the chair with the sounding of taps.



Rear Admiral Jennifer S. Couture (left) and Christopher Plotniak, South Hadley's Director of Veterans Services, removing the flag from the chair as Brian Willette gives a speech.

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At the Veteran's Day breakfast last year, Willette made a promise to those gathered after speaking these eight servicemen's names that he would do everything he could to learn about these men.

And he did. For the next year, he spent time tirelessly working to gather all the information he could on these eight men, remembering the creed "no man left behind".

He collected all the information he could about these men and brought it forward, and after partnering closely with South Hadley Football Coach Brian Couture, got the last of the steps put together to create something big.

"For me, it was a culmination of letting people know that they were real people, and three of them were graduates of South Hadley high school."

"We collaborated with and organized the ceremony alongside the parents and supporters of the South Hadley Tigers football team," Willette said.

"It was really the culmination of a multi-year process and project to make the community aware that they had servicemen missing in action and become aware of their sacrifice."

The ceremony at the sports stadium had an amazing tournament, with brothers and sisters in arms coming out to share their support and share words of remembrance for their fallen comrades.

"The chair remains empty as a reminder that there are people missing from our ranks and community and serves as a visual reminder that there are people not here," Willette said.

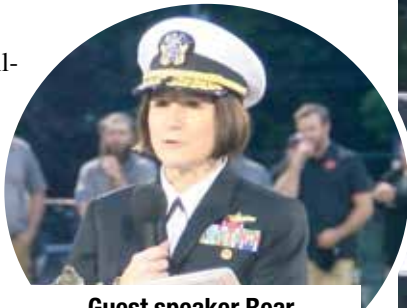
A Chair of Honor was installed at the South Hadley High School's turf field during the football team's Military Appreciation Night, and it was donated by the Hussey Chair Company in Maine.

The donation from Hussey is a part of their National Chair of Honor Program, which donates chairs to other stadiums and communities in order to remember all servicemen who were prisoners of war or went missing in action.

The South Hadley American Legion Post 260 paid for shipping and installation of the chair, and it stands there now, along with a sign also created by the Legion.

"One of the best parts for me was at the end when I had the football team shout 'missing in action, sir' really loud. I used the connection of the students and the pictures of our missing to really hit that moment home."

The ceremony closed with a special performance of "God Bless America" sung by Gina Willette, Brian Willette's wife, and the Chair of Honor will forever stand as a reminder for the brothers we lost, but the brothers never forgotten.



Guest speaker Rear Admiral Jennifer S. Couture sharing a few words about those lost.



The football team standing at attention holding a flag and standing at attention.



Senator Jacob Oliveira addressing the people and thanking the servicemen for their sacrifice.



The football and the girls field hockey team standing at attention with flags and photos of those who went missing.



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## Boys soccer wins sixth straight

SOUTH HADLEY – Two years removed from a state championship, the South Hadley High School boys soccer team is scoring goals with frequency and is headed back to the state tournament.

The Tigers have won six straight games, capped by a 4-0 shutout of Wahconah Regional this week.

Of the six wins in the streak, South Hadley has shutouts in five of the victories. The Tigers beat Mahar 9-0, Southwick 7-0, Mahar 4-0, and Wahconah 6-0 and 4-0.

The Tigers are 8-2-1 on the regular season and are a likely candidate to make the Western Mass. Tournament as well.

The Tigers next face Frontier Regional, one of two teams to defeat them this year. The match will be at home Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

## Tigers continue to post wins



Emma Levreault goes for a header.

SOUTH HADLEY – After a state finals appearance last year, the Tigers are poised for another deep run this year after winning four straight games and securing a spot in the Division 4 state tournament. The Tigers defeated Wahconah and Pittsfield during

the past week, both by shutouts. The Tigers had the first part of this week off before returning to action against Chicopee Comprehensive. The Tigers have a big rematch with Pope Francis on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. South Hadley is 8-2-1 so far this season.



Katherine McArdle starts to dribble up the field.

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Allison Fluery sends a corner kick away.

## Girls volleyball suffers pair of losses



Katie Grabherr gets the bump away.



GRANBY – Last week, Granby High School girls volleyball suffered another pair of sweeps. The Rams lost to Southwick and Commerce, both by 3-0 scores. The Rams are now 0-12 this season.

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Lea Charest goes for a spike.



Lyla Bergeron sends the ball back over the net.



Grace Pula keeps the ball in play.

## T-Birds fall in preseason action

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Springfield Thunderbirds dropped a 5-1 decision to the Providence Bruins in the preseason finale on Saturday at Amica Mutual Pavilion.

The Bruins' penalty-killing unit had to go to work in the game's opening minute, and the unit responded successfully against the Springfield power play. Just seconds after the penalty expired, Providence defenseman Mason Millman sneaked a wrist shot through the glove hand of Will Cranley to make it 1-0 for the home side at 2:38 of the first.

Cranley and Bruins goaltender Michael DiPietro each worked up a sweat in the opening frame as each netminder turned away a dozen opposition shots.

Trevor Kuntar emerged as the star of the night in the second, tallying a power-play marker at 3:15 to give Providence a 2-0 lead. Greg Meireles answered back for Springfield at 8:29, only to have Kuntar add his second of the period just 12 seconds later.

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Audrey Pleisch sets up a possible scoring play.



# Sports

## Castleton defeats Westfield St. football

CASTLETON, VT – Turnovers proved costly as Vermont State - Castleton downed Westfield, 24-10 in a MASCAC football game at Dave Wolk Field on Saturday afternoon.

Westfield is 2-3 overall and 2-2 in the MASCAC. Castleton is 3-2 overall and 2-2 in the MASCAC.

Castleton bookended the win with a pair of defensive touchdowns, the first on a fumble recovery and a 30-yard scoop and score with 6:55 left in the first half.

The Spartans' CJ Childs capped the scoring with a 50-yard interception return with 1:31 left in the game.

Westfield's offense couldn't get momentum all afternoon.

Westfield was limited to 82 yards of total offense (on 55 plays) on the afternoon and just 12 yards in the second half.

TJ Kiley made his first start at quarterback for the Owls. (His father Todd was a starting QB for the Owls in the early 1990's). Kiley handled the first couple series for the Owls before being replaced by Gabe Fernandez, with Kiley coming back in late in the game.

Castleton got on the scoreboard first when the Owls mishandled the center snap, and Ian DeTulleo picked up the fumble at the 30 and rambled to the end zone to give the Spartans a 7-0 lead with 6:55 left in the first quarter.

Westfield got a 35-yard kick return from Curtis Dion on the ensuing kickoff, but another bad snap gave the ball right back to the Spartans, and another fumble return set the Spartan up 1-and-10 at the Westfield 12-yard line.

The Westfield defense held on three plays, and the Spartans led 10-0 after a 27-yard field goal from Walter Luendstrom.

On the next series, Fernandez found Dylan Disbella for a big gainer (38 yards) down the middle to the Spartan 18-yard line.

Westfield's Sean Willis plunged in from 3 yards out to

trim the lead to 10-7 with 14:13 left in the second quarter to cap a 10-play, 67-yard drive.

Andrew Lovell picked off a pass at the four yard line to thwart a Spartans drive.

A short punt set the Owls up 1st and 10 at the Castleton 32. The Spartans had been pinned back on their own two-yard line after a third-down sack from Justyn Gardener. Cooper Harvey added a 25-yard field goal for the Owls with six seconds left in the half to send the game to halftime tied at 10-10.

Castleton marched down the field sharply to open the second half, completing five straight passes to march 80 yards, QB Wes Cournoyer found Wyatt Jackson on a 33-yard bomb down the left side to fuel the drive, which was capped by an 8-yard scoring strike to Caesar Williams to give Castleton a 17-10 lead.

From there, both teams largely stalled.

Westfield dodged several bullets, getting pinned back inside the five-yard line after a mis-communication on the kick return, then the Owls turned the ball back over to the Spartans on an interception, then the Owls defense forced a field goal miss to keep the lead at seven points. Despite the miscues, Westfield still had several possessions with a chance to tie in the fourth quarter.

A Castleton punt from their own end zone gave Westfield 1st and 10 on the Castleton 38 with just over 8 minutes left in regulation time. A sack and forced fumble by the Spartans' Mike Morrissey gave the ball back to Castleton as Ian DeTulleo recovered at midfield. Off the sudden change, Cournoyer hit the big hitter with a 37-yard completion to Leonard Brice at the Owls' 13 yard line.

But Westfield's D came up with another big play as Budder Ferriera and Eric Lovell combined to force a fumble from Christian Keeling at the goal line, Andrew Lovell recovered

the ball in the end zone for a touchback, giving Westfield a 1st down at their own 20 with six minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Owls went 3-and-out on that series, and with one last chance with less than two minutes left in the fourth

Castleton capped the game with the 50-yard interception return for a touchdown from CJ Childs for a 24-10 final.

Westfield's defense was led by six tackles and 2.5 sacks from Budder Ferreira, with Justyn Gardener adding six tackles and a sack. Andrew Lovell came up with three turnovers on the interception and a pair of fumble recoveries.

Willis carried 18 times for 56 yards. Owls qb's completed just one of 11 passes on the day.

Castleton was led by Cournoyer, who completed 20 of 29 passes for 206 yards. Brice finished with five catches for 84 yards. Westfield limited the Spartans to just 17 yards rushing on 27 carries.

Kevin McDonough led the Castleton defense with 16 tackles.

The two teams combined for eight turnovers on the day, five by the Owls and three by Castleton.

This was the first ever meeting between the two schools and the Owls first-ever game in Vermont. Castleton joined the MASCAC for the 2024 season. Through a quirk of conference re-alignment, the Spartans are slated to only be in the conference for this season, as the MASCAC and other Division III league's re-align for 2025. Anna Maria and Dean will join the MASCAC football slate next season.

The game started 15 minutes late due to a transportation issue for the Owls.

Westfield will be back in action on October 19, hosting Framingham State in Westfield's homecoming game.

## Railers expand preseason roster

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club, proud affiliate of the New York Islanders. and General Manager and Associate Head Coach Nick Tuzzolino, announced today forwards Dilan Savenkov, Nick Pennucci, and Anthony Callin have been released from their tryouts and returned to Worcester Railers training camp.

Savenkov, Pennucci, and Callin each played in the Springfield Thunderbirds game against the Providence Bruins on Saturday, Oct. 5 in Providence, RI. Callin had been with the Thunderbirds since the start of camp on Sept. 30. The Railers training camp roster is now up to 32 players.

Savenkov, 23, comes to camp after he split the 2023-24 season between four ECHL teams (Trois-Rivieres, Cincinnati, Orlando, Reading). He played in two seasons for the University of Alberta from 2021-23. Savenkov had seven points (3G, 4A) in 30 games played.

Pennucci, 25, comes to Worcester after attending the team's 2023 training camp and playing in two games for the team during the 2023-24 campaign. Pennucci grew up in Worcester and played hockey locally growing up, spending time at St. Peter-Marian

before committing to play at Worcester State University for the 2018-19 season. In five seasons with the Worcester State Lancers, the 5-10, 190lb forward scored 20 goals and 25 assists in 102 games played. He was a part of the Worcester State team in 2022-23 which went to the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference championship game for the first time in program history under current Railers Head Coach and former MASCAC Coach of the Year, Bob Deraney.

Callin, 25, joins the Railers for his second professional season. In his rookie year with the Railers, the 6'0", 205 lb. forward was third on the team in points (49), tied for first on the team in assists (35), and tied for second on the team in games played (67). Callin was 18th amongst all ECHL rookies in scoring, and second amongst all ECHL rookies in shots taken at 214. In his five seasons at Clarkson University playing collegiate hockey, the Middleton, WI native scored 70 points (34G, 36A) in 147 games played. Prior to collegiate hockey, Callin played three seasons for the Madison Capitols of the United States Hockey League, where he scored 39 points (19G, 20A) in 99 games.

### T-BIRDS from page 9

Jimmy Lambert logged the Bruins' second power-play goal of the evening at 11:10 before Kuntar completed a second period hat trick at 16:45 to make it 5-1 after 40 minutes. The two teams failed to add to their goal totals in the third.

The T-Birds now have a

week to prepare for the start of the 2024-25 regular season, which opens on Saturday, Oct. 12, against the Laval Rocket at 7:05 p.m. for Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield. The festivities begin with the Community Bank N.A. pregame Block Party from 4 to 6 p.m. at the MGM Plaza.

## Four new inductees for HoopHall's SuperFan gallery, Oct. 13

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the addition of four new SuperFans to its James F. Goldstein SuperFan Gallery. Billy Crystal, Alan Horwitz, Spike Lee, and Jack Nicholson will be recognized during the Hall of Fame's SuperFan Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m.

on the Jerry Colangelo Court of Dreams.

The event will be held as part of the Hall's Enshrinement Weekend festivities, at which a new class of Hall of Famers will be inducted during a ceremony beginning at 6:00 PM at Springfield's Symphony Hall.

"We are excited to welcome

Billy Crystal, Alan Horwitz, Spike Lee, and Jack Nicholson into our SuperFan family," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "These individuals have not only been passionate fans but have also significantly contributed to the rich culture of basketball. Their unwavering

dedication to the game and their ability to connect with fans make them truly deserving of this recognition."

These four celebrated SuperFans will join a group of basketball enthusiasts who have made a profound impact on the game through their loyalty, passion, and dedication. The Hall

of Fame has previously honored Jim Goldstein, the gallery's namesake, along with SuperFans Penny Marshall and Nav Bhatia. Both Goldstein and Bhatia, along with Crystal, Horwitz and Lee, will be in attendance during the SuperFan Celebration and the Hall's prestigious Enshrinement Ceremony.

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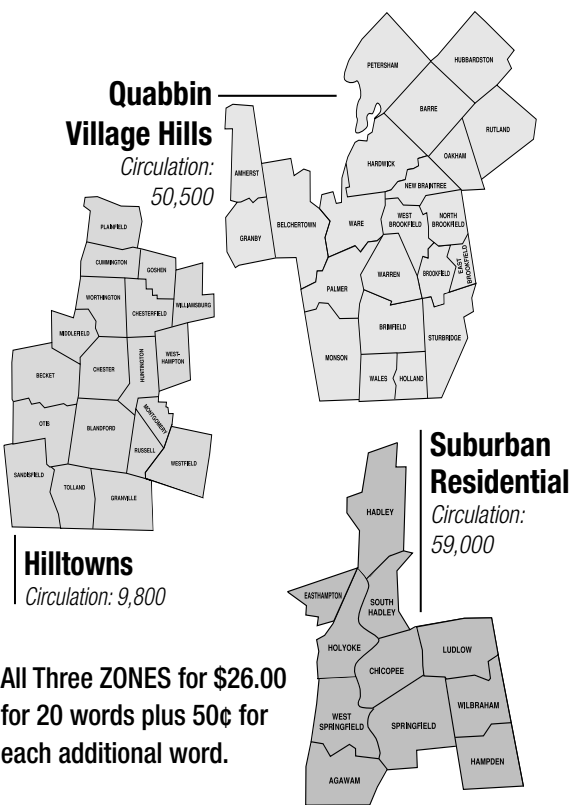
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## Barbara A. (Nicholoplus) Tetrault

GRANBY - Barbara A. (Nicholoplus) Tetrault, 70, died Oct. 4, at her home. She was a longtime resident of Granby, and was a paraprofessional in the Granby Public School System for 31 years. Her favorite moments were those spent putting in her garden, preparing seasonal pies for family gatherings, motorcycle rides through the countryside, sitting on the deck watching hummingbirds and wildlife in her yard, and spending time with loved ones. Barbara was selfless, caring, and a constant source of support and love for her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce Tetrault of Granby, daughter Heather Tetrault and her wife Sheri of Chicopee, daughter Kelly Tetrault of Granby, and her grandson Callen. She loved being his Yiayia. She also has a loving group of friends, "The Girls", who will also miss her dearly. Barbara is predeceased by her mother, father, and brother, Ruth, James, and Robert Nicholoplus, all of Granby.

Her family wishes to express their gratitude and thanks to the staff of the Hospice Life Care of Holyoke for all their support and compassion during this difficult time. The family requests any memorial contributions be made to: Hospice Life Care, 575 Beech Street, Holyoke, MA 01040. Beers & Story South Hadley Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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day and you hate how sticky the bug juice feels on your skin, but you spray yourself anyway, and so liberally that any self-respecting mosquito wouldn't be caught dead within a mile of you. But the bug juice ends up being more of an aphrodisiac than a deterrent, and at the end of the day, not only is your skin sticky from the bug spray, but you're covered in mosquito bites as well.

It was a weekend when you crawl into your tent at the end of the day after hiking for nine long hours in the scorching heat and oppressive humidity, and your long hair is plastered to your head and neck like a second skin and it takes Herculean effort to peel the clothes from your sticky body, and the baby wipes are no match for the stench from days of sweating profusely, no matter how many you use.

It was a weekend when hiking in the pouring rain is actually a welcome relief, even though the added weight from soaking wet gear makes your already heavy backpack feel like there's a baby elephant strapped to your back.

It was one of those weekends that made us ask ourselves if we really want to complete our goal of hiking EVERY trail in every Federally Designated wilderness area of the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Frankly, after all of the misery we endured on this backpacking trip, I have just one thing to say...

Follow more of our hiking adventures on Instagram @morethanthemountain

## DEATH NOTICE

**Barbara A. (Nicholoplus) Tetrault**  
Died Oct. 4, 2024  
Beers & Story  
Funeral Home

## Town Reminder OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

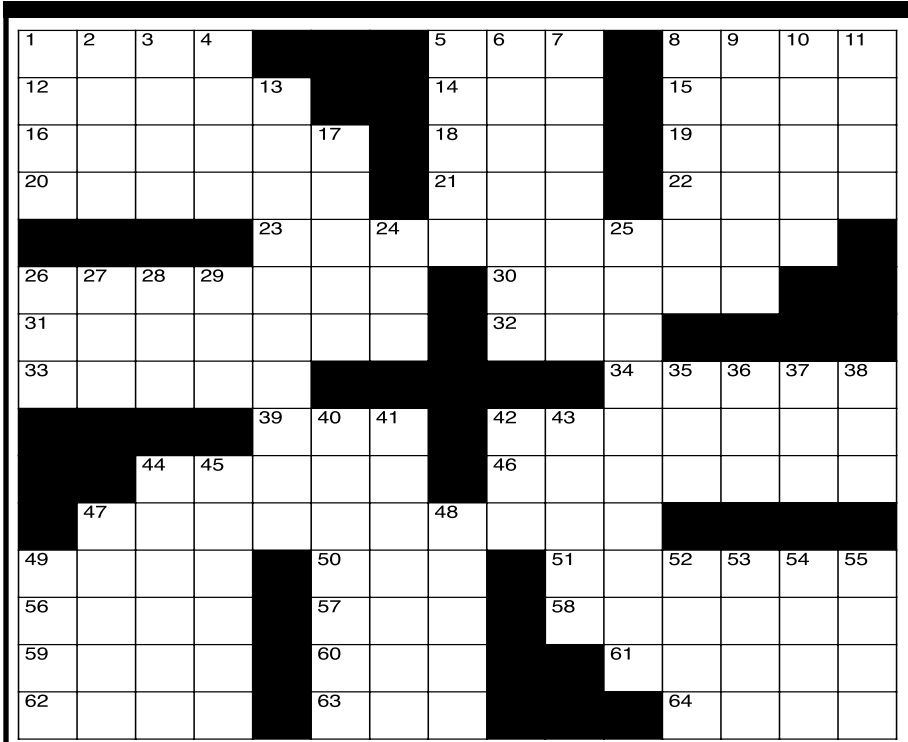
One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: [obits@turley.com](mailto:obits@turley.com).

*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Unsheared sheep
- 5. Rock TV channel
- 8. Streetcar
- 12. Concerning
- 14. Exclamation
- 15. Greek goddess of youth
- 16. Popular type of device
- 18. Alcoholic beverage
- 19. Ancient Olympic Site
- 20. Sharpshoots
- 21. Tyrion Lannister was characterized as one
- 22. Pointed ends of pens
- 23. Measuring instruments
- 26. Midsection body part
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Adjusted
- 32. "Partridge" actress Susan
- 33. Yell
- 34. Civil rights city in Alabama

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Works of body art
- 2. Israeli politician Abba
- 39. Young boy
- 42. Type of sea bass
- 44. To call (archaic)
- 46. Unfortunate
- 47. Separate oneself from others
- 49. Hero sandwiches
- 50. Spy group
- 51. Florida is famous for them
- 56. Irritating individuals
- 57. Luck
- 58. Hunting expedition
- 59. WWII diarist Frank
- 60. Peyton's younger brother
- 61. Type of wrap
- 62. Type of overseas tax or levy
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. Wake up

- 3. Renowned desert (abbr.)
- 4. Eat greedily
- 5. She didn't make it through the Fr. Revolution
- 6. Beat
- 7. Bloodsucker
- 8. From a place already noted
- 9. Counted on
- 10. Alberta Assn. of Baccalaureate World Schools
- 11. Something one can make
- 13. One who abstains
- 17. Wild ox
- 24. Type of student
- 25. Bacterial infection of the skin
- 26. Expresses surprise
- 27. What engaged couples ultimately say
- 28. Crony
- 29. Where one begins

- 35. Architectural designation
- 36. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
- 37. More (Spanish)
- 38. Autonomic nervous system
- 40. Indigenous peoples
- 41. Deflections
- 42. Circulating life force
- 43. Executes with a rope
- 44. Natives of an island nation
- 45. Girls
- 47. Logician and philosopher
- 48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
- 49. Relaxing spaces
- 52. From a distance
- 53. Form of Persian language
- 54. Amounts of time
- 55. Mathematical designation

## South Hadley to host community forum

**SOUTH HADLEY**— The Town of South Hadley is exploring new zoning options along Routes 202 and 33 to support appropriate growth and development along the 1-mile corridor. Potential rezoning under consideration is based on recommendations from a Corridor Study adopted in January 2022. This section of roadway links South Hadley to Granby in the north and Chicopee in the south and is the most heavily traveled route in town. The corridor contains a broad mix of residential, commercial, and open space and recreation uses.

The intersection of Routes 202 and 33 at the heart of the corridor is centered between the Plains Elementary School and the Big Y shopping Plaza. Zoning recommendations will be informed by public input at a series of four community forums, the first of which is on Monday Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. at the South Hadley Council on Aging at 45 Dayton St.

If individuals can't make the community forum, they can share their thoughts on the future development of the corridor on the interactive project website through the online mapping exercise: <https://community.innesassocltd.com/south-hadley>.

Funding for this project is provided by a Community Planning Grant from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. The Town has hired Innes Associates Ltd. as the project consultant. A five-member project advisory committee was appointed by the Selectboard in April. Additional community forums will be held Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 to 8 p.m., virtual, <https://bit.ly/4fPZM9P> Or Telephone: +1 646 558 8656 Webinar ID: 883 0895 6522 Passcode: 713870

Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 to 8 p.m. South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal St. and Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal St.

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# South Hadley COA

SOUTH HADLEY— Update on sand for seniors program. Distribution of sand will take place on Oct. 29. If individuals have an empty bucket, feel free to leave it to be picked up. Any questions about this program feel free to call the South Hadley Council on Aging at 413-538-5030.

Details for the programs listed can be found in the October newsletter or by calling the Welcome Desk

Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 12:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social with Mont Marie Rehab and Healthcare Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. New Senior Center Music Group.

Thursday, Oct. 17 at 5:30 p.m. Medicare Made Easy: SHINE Office Hours with Sue.

Thursday, Oct. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Continue the Conversation from Rebekah Cornell's August talk. Learn about the town's conservation area and the flora and fauna you will see on trails.

Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m. – Women's Network with Odyssey Bookshop owner Joan Grenier.

Refreshments supplied by Nic-Nat's, sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors.

Thursday, Oct. 24 at 5:30 p.m. Staying Safe Online. Maria will give a safety presentation. She'll assist you in creating strong passwords, shop safely online and protect your personal information.

Thursday, Oct. 29 1- 3 p.m. Halloween Bingo. Bingo Prizes and refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors. Costumes optional.

## Tag sale and soup event

SOUTH HADLEY— It's Fall and once again the famous All Saints' Church tag sale and delicious soups event will be on Monday, Oct. 14, open at 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Safe off-street parking, a

handicapped accessible building, great place for late brunch or an early lunch right inside the Church, and holiday shopping in the Parish Hall. Kidder Hall will be filled with books, plants, holiday decor, housewares and lots more to meet your shopping needs. This is a great opportunity for area college students to add to their dorm decor and all others to find items for their homes, and special toys and games for the younger set. All Saints' Church is conveniently located at 7 Woodbridge St. (Rt. 116) just a few steps across from the east side of the South Hadley Post Office.



## PICKLEFALL from page 6

to rise. According to the 2024 Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) Topline Participation Report, pickleball continues to be the fastest-growing sport in America, having grown 51.8% from 2022 to 2023, and an incredible 223.5% in four years since 2020.

"We have new people coming to play on our courts every week and even have regular out-of-state players who come home to visit family in South Hadley who then connect with our community when they are in town," said Prough. South Hadley's TeamReach, which is an app used to connect people to the South Hadley pickleball community, is the largest in Western Mass with over 1600 members. In addition to the two annual tournaments, SHPB hosts a youth night in the summer with music and food, is a sponsor of the new SHHS Pickleball Club, hosts an annual Pickleween event around Halloween and coordinates a holiday hot cocoa night with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The group has also coordinated benefits for Veterans, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the KEVS Foundation and local teachers. Carol Thibault, one of the SHPB coordinators and an organizer of the PickleFall Fest, sums up the essence of the sport and the focus of the SHPB community, "Pickleball brings people and communities together."

The Buttery Brook Park expansion project, with a budget of one million dollars, includes accessible trails and walkways, extensive new playground structures and pathways, a new performance stage, new landscaping and plantings, along with additional pickleball courts. Fundraising is ongoing to support all of these improvements. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to the Friends of Buttery Brook Park, PO Box 868, South Hadley. The Friends of Buttery Brook Park, which includes the South Hadley Pickleball community, are grateful for the incredible community support.



Jay Zucco, Adrienne Levine, Peter Wan, and Mary Welch all participated in their first tournament.



PickleFall Det gets kicked-off with a chili potluck.

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At Chicopee

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