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Sorority helps women in education nationally



Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

The group of women who are a part of the PEO Chapter AG of South Hadley, who come together to review how to help and support women in education.

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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SOUTH HADLEY – When it comes to education, it can oftentimes be a challenge to try and afford, especially nowadays where everything I rising in price makes budgets tighter.

However, there is an organization dedicated to making education possible for women.

The Philanthropic Educational Organization, or PEO, was founded in January of 1868 at the Iowa Wesleyan College by a group of young women with the goal to support all women in education.

PEO is still going strong today, and the sorority and its South Hadley Chapter have been meeting together once a month for the last 48 years.

The group has no specific faith background, and it is open

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ConComm hears Buttery Brook improvement plans

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Conservation Commission held a special open forum in order to hold two important public hearings.

Chair Neva Tolopko held the Oct. 16 meeting and public hearings, and she was accompanied by Vice Chair April Doroski, Bill DeLuca, Terry Rosenfeld, Kathy Davis, Tom Dennis, and Jessica Schoendorf.

Staff members Rekekah Cornell and Colleen Canning were

also in attendance.

Public Hearing Regarding Improvements to Buttery Brook Park

The beloved park, Buttery Brook, is looking to be improved and expanded in the coming months, and these improvements will move to make the park all

over more efficient and accessible.

The changes and improvements proposed include new pickleball courts, new disc golf course, a picnic and pavilion area, accessible walking paths, playground improvements, sidewalks and accessible parking

spaces, and replacement/relocation of the band shell.

Jeff Squire from Berkshire Design Group came on behalf of South Hadley Recreation Department to give a presentation about the extent of the upcoming

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Library celebrates 10 years in new building

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SOUTH HADLEY – One of the most beloved parts of our town is the library, and all of the different resources and events it provides for our community.

Joe Rodio, who has been library director for the past 18 years, held a special event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the library's new location Canal Street.

After 250 meetings, dozens of tours to other libraries, and hundreds of photos, the library then moved on to applying for and receiving a \$4.8 million grant to build their new location.

"The services we wanted to plan for the people of South Hadley were not possible in the old building," Rodio said.

The building committee formed in 2009 and worked tirelessly to put together the fi-

nal plans to get things rolling and the library built in order to host for the whole community a variety of events and beyond.

The original plans for the library to be built along the Connecticut River near the Falls met with some backlash initially, with concerns about the moisture from the river, and the sounds of the Falls being the most pressing.

However, all of these concerns ended up being unneeded, as the library stands ten years later, unbothered and unharmed by the moisture of the neighboring river or noise from the Falls.

"It was not easy, but we had a lot of people dedicated to this project," Rodio said. "The beauty of this space was that we now had room. We could have programs without affecting the rest of the library."

On April 27, 2013, people were invited to the empty parking lot to host a ceremoni-

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Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

The members of leadership who make the church run smoothly and welcome everyone with open arms.

Second Baptist Church commemorates 175 years with special service, missions

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SOUTH HADLEY – There are many churches in our town and surrounding communities, and all play a role in many people's lives.

For South Hadley's Second Baptist Church, that role has been momentous, as it reached

175 years old this October, and looks to be around for much longer.

The church, to celebrate this occasion, created a special ceremony, and several specially-themed missions having to do with the number 175.

For the month of September, they put together and donated 175 backpacks for school children, and in October they are

collecting 175 bags of food donations for Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

For the month of November, they will be preparing 175 meals to be brought to the Springfield Rescue Mission.

The church hosted its annual craft fair on Oct. 14, and had over 100 vendors in the fair,

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▶ South Hadley

South Hadley early voting

SOUTH HADLEY— All in-person early voting for the November 5th State/Presidential Election will be held in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall (116 Main St, South Hadley). The hours will be:

- Friday, Oct. 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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



Shown in the photo above (left to right) Nancy Wood, Auction Committee, Carol Reynolds, Auction Committee Chair, The Rev. Tanya Wallace, All Saints' Church Rector.

All Saints' Church auction Nov. 2

SOUTH HADLEY—Join your friends and neighbors and other treasure hunters at All Saints' Church, 7 Woodbridge St., South Hadley for an exciting day long Fall Auction on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 in Kidder Hall, the Church Parish Hall.

Arrive at 12 noon to preview the complete display of new, unused auction items, and be ready for the first bidding at 1 p.m. as the Guest Auctioneer raps the gavel to kick off this exciting event.

A sampling of the many items to be auctioned off are: tickets to the Majestic Theatre, a surprise "Stay at Home Basket", an Atkins fruit basket, gift cards from Big Y, Stop and Shop and local restaurants, a handmade quilt, knitted baby blankets and throws to keep you snug on the cool nights ahead.

A highlight item is the Tanglewood Basket which includes tickets for a concert in the 2025 Season, snacks, wine glasses and a bottle of wine. All in all

this Auction is a great way to begin your holiday gift shopping, while enjoying some famous All Saints' refreshments.

For your convenience two off street parking areas are located adjacent to the Church on the left side of Dunlop Place off Rt. 116, and the other in the parking area behind the Church.

Donations or questions? Call Chairperson, Carol Reynolds, at 413-593-9441.

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.



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Mail-in ballots for the State Election have been mailed

SOUTH HADLEY—Over 4,500 ballots have been mailed to registered voters who applied to vote by mail for the Nov. 5, 2024 State/Presidential Election.

If you are interested in voting by mail for the State Election, you have until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024 to apply.

In-person early voting will begin on Saturday, October 19, 2024, and run until Friday, Nov. 1, 2024 (excluding Sundays). All in-person early voting will be in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall, 116 Main St., South Hadley, MA. A full schedule is posted at www.southhadley.org/elections.

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

Once you have completed your ballot, please seal it in the "Early Ballot Envelope" yellowish/brownish envelope and sign where indicated before returning your mail-in ballot. If the envelope is not signed, the Town Clerk's office must reject it and mail you a new ballot.

There are several options for returning your completed ballot. You may return your ballot by:

Mailing it back using the envelope provided

Hand-delivering your ballot to our office located at 116 Main St.

Using South Hadley's ballot drop box located at 41 Bridge Street, behind the police station

Dropping your ballot off at the Clerk's office during early voting hours.

Winter Preparedness Mini Fair set for Nov. 1

SOUTH HADLEY—South Hadley Senior Center will be hosting the 2nd annual Winter Preparedness Mini Fair on Friday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 -10:30 a.m. Get ready for a snowy or not so snowy winter season.

We are excited to have Brian Lapis, Meteorologist, Channel 22, back again to update us on what we might expect during

this cold weather season. Brian will present from 9:30-10:30am.

We are also excited to have Sharon Hart, the South Hadley Emergency Management/Health Director, walk us through where we can find necessary information and learn what the town of South Hadley has in place and the many ways they provide weather related

support.

We will also have representatives from both Fire District 1&2, the South Hadley Police Dept and representatives from SHELd.

Feel free to call the Senior Center at 413-538-5030 with questions.

Trail of Screams final weekend

SOUTH HADLEY — South Hadley Scout Troop 303 final weekend for the annual Trail of Screams for children this Friday and Saturday, 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.

IHOMC Craft fair happening Nov. 2

GRANBY – Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Granby, will be hosting our annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall at 256 State St. Lots of vendors, crafters, raffles and more.

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ing projects in order to make improvements to Buttery Brook Park.

The basic plan is to make al of these improvements, but to also remove the old wooden pavilion that is falling apart, as well as removing the tight formation of trees in the picnic area that makes it difficult to access due to the roots.

"This is all in the spirit of trying to improve public access to the park, and improve the park, and the natural resources that it contains, including Buttery Brook and the wetlands," Squire said.

The largest part of the project is removing the various species of pine trees in the picnic area, which will be removed and dealt with by arborists, in order to start fresh and ensure the picnic area is safe.

Kim Prough, who is a part of the Friends of Buttery Brook, as well as the Friends of the Senior Center, came on to speak on the walkability between the trees around the picnic area.

The main reason the seniors have not had events at the park is because of the dangerous walking conditions for the seniors around the picnic area.

"That area is really not very friendly for picnics," Rosenfeld said.

"I really think it's going to be a net gain," DeLuca said. "Overall, I really think it would benefit from these plans."

The red pines currently in the picnic area not only cause a tripping hazard but are also old and dying. The plan to replace the trees on this site is to not use saplings, but other large trees and plants that will be able to make a positive impact on the park.

Andy Rogers, the Director of Human Services, came on to share that there are signs posted around the water there that it is polluted, and that the park is in compliance with ensuring that the body of water is maintained and kept

The board brought on community member Susan Sachs, who came on to address her concerns about the

destruction of these trees, as well as read her sister, Linda Sachs' comments.

The sisters shared that the destruction of these trees should be stopped because of the environmental effects that this removal will cause.

"It is how this planet got to the current climate crisis. Everything we do matters," Sachs said.

Sachs called for a new design that would value and protect these old trees, and presented an alternate choice in the use of these trees for something else that will allow for the trees to remain standing.

"This has been a public park for a number of years. It's gone through a multitude of renovations and improvements over the years, and this is just one of those improvements," Squire said.

Cornell shared the tree replacement guidelines, and wanted to ensure the calculations were made in order to remain within these replacement requirements and guidelines for tree removal and replacements.

Doroski shared her concerns regarding the construction taking place close to wetlands, and wanted to ensure that whatever measures are taken, are taken with these wetlands in mind.

The commission discussed the idea as well of going out to the property to see the site and walk it before making a final decision regarding final decisions.

According to Andy Rogers at the Nov. 13 town meeting, they will be asking for more money in order to fund this project.

The commission will hold a continuance in their next meeting on Nov. 6 at 6 p.m., which will take place after they were able to have a site visit.

Continued Public Hearing for SHELd

The board held over Zoom a continued public hearing from Sept. 4 to go over a request for an Order of Conditions filed by SHELd for a line replacement project between Woodbridge Street and the 6 Knolls.

The project is set to abandon an antiquated underground conduit and install a new underground conduit along the southern border of the property, as well as re-

locating the transformer.

Carlene Eaton came to the board to represent SHELd and shared her screen to show an overview of the project that SHELd is looking to complete.

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing conduit which has been in place since the 1980's and is currently the sole electric service wire to the customers' homes in the area.

The basics of the project will include installing a new utility pole, handhole, and a new underground conduit, and involve vegetation trimming and trenching. The project will begin this fall and be complete by the end of the year.

The total amount of space it would use would be within the 50-foot conservation zone, and the 100-foot buffer zone, with a total of 969 square feet of proposed alterations.

"I would recommend a couple of conditions," Cornell said. "The first being that an on-site pre-construction meeting before the construction commences... number two all disturbed areas shall be reseeded with New England conservation wetland mix... and number three all materials shall be stockpiled in upland areas."

The commission moved to approve of SHELd's construction project, considering that the three conditions brought by Cornell are followed.



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Opinion

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

Pretty leaves make great mulch and more!

Even though we thought it was going to be a year of drab fall foliage, the colors this past weekend surprised me.

I saw so many neat plants doing their thing in response to the shorter days. When chlorophyll is broken down as a result of less daylight, lots of other colors take the place of green in the leaves.



We have our oranges and yellows from the carotenoids, the purple and red shades from the anthocyanins and the rusts and browns from tannins, and then there are plants that look ghost-like because the green color is just plain gone!

Besides enjoying great foliage, I saw the start of some very large leaf piles. I know that raking up fallen leaves are not everyone's favorite task, but gardeners should rejoice!

Read on to learn about the many uses of leaves, straight from the archives.

Consider for a moment the forest, and how stands of trees grow successfully without any input from us. Why is that so?

It is thanks to nature's own process of decomposition. Leaves, branches, and pine needles, etc., fall onto the forest floor where microbes such as fungi and bacteria break them down into humus.

Humus works between the mineral particles and air spaces in the soil, helping it to retain moisture yet drain readily. It also helps to enhance overall soil fertility by making nutrients available to plants in a form they can readily use.

Worms and other macro-organisms aerate the soil and disperse the humus around plant roots, making a self-perpetuating system. We can apply this lesson from nature to our own situation, making for more successful gardens and healthier lawns, and all by the use of leaves!

Perhaps the easiest way to deal with a small amount of leaves is to mow over them several times with the lawn mower. Soon the tiny pieces will disappear into the soil adding valuable nutrients as they break down.

The lawn mower also comes in handy after piles have been made. Mow over low piles or chop them up with a shredder, then they can be used for a variety of purposes.

Once the soil has frozen, chopped leaves make an excellent protective winter mulch for any type of garden. They won't mat down and rot the crowns of your favorite perennials the way whole leaves might, but they will moderate soil temperatures enough to prevent them from being heaved out of the ground during normal cycles of freezing and thawing.

When spring arrives just pull back the mulch off the tops of the plants. It can stay in place covering bare soil, all the while conserving moisture, preventing weeds, and making humus!

If the "natural look" is unappealing to you apply a thin coat of bark mulch over chopped leaves to dress things up a bit. Repeat this drill every year for your own self-perpetuating garden.

You can also incorporate chopped leaves

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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Signing up for Social Security and Medicare Part B at 70

Dear Rusty:

I just turned 69 years old in August 2024 and am still working full time. I signed up for Medicare Part A but, it is my secondary insurance because I have great health insurance through where I work.

My wife is retired and has Medicare Part A but, is on my insurance also and she is taking Social Security.

Our plan is for me to work until August 2026 when I'll be 71. I'll file for Social Security when I turn 70 and bank all of it for a year until I retire. That is money we plan to use for travel and fun things. I have three questions: when should I file for my Social Security so it starts in September; when do my wife and I file for Medicare Part B with a supplement so it starts in September; and are there negative tax implications to this plan that I haven't thought of?

Signed: Needing Info

Dear Needing Info:

Sounds like you have a great strategy planned for your personal Social Security benefits and your Medicare Part B enrollment for both of you. To your questions:

If you will be 70 in August 2025, you can apply for Social Security about three months prior e.g., in May 2025. Just be sure to specify that you wish your SS benefits to start effective with the month of your 70th birthday.

Signing up a few months early is perfectly okay; you will indicate your desired benefit start date on your application and that is when SS will start your benefits. Remember, SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned, so your first payment will be received in September 2025 on the second Wednesday if you were born before the 11th of the month

As for Medicare Part B coverage for you and your wife, both of you can enroll in Medicare Part B a couple of months prior to you leaving work, but request that Medicare Part B coverage starts in the month your work coverage ends. In other words, you can enroll in Medicare before you retire from work, but request that your Part B coverage starts in the first month your employer coverage ends to avoid any gap in healthcare coverage. Obviously, you should begin your private supplemental healthcare coverage to coincide with the start of your Medicare Part B coverage.

Regarding the tax implications, just be aware that a portion of your received Social Security benefits become taxable income if your Modified Adjusted Gross Income as a married couple exceeds certain thresholds. FYI, "MAGI" is your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return plus 50% of your received SS benefits, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

If you file your taxes as "married/jointly" and your MAGI is more than \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you receive during the tax year becomes taxable income or if your MAGI as a married couple is over \$44,000 then up to 85% of the SS benefits received during the tax year becomes taxable income at your normal IRS tax rate. Income tax on SS benefits occurs when your MAGI is over the thresholds for your tax filing status, so you should plan accordingly.

If your MAGI will be consistently over these thresholds after you retire from working, you may choose to have income tax withheld from your SS benefits, which is easy to do by submitting IRS FORM W-4V to your local Social Security office.

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right into the vegetable garden each fall. The use of a rototiller makes this job a snap.

Most will have decomposed by spring, but till the garden again a month or so before planting to finish the job.

Chopped leaves make a great addition to the compost pile.

Layer brown, carbon rich ingredients (such as chopped leaves) with green, nitrogen rich ingredients (such as grass clippings, vegetable scraps, non-weedy plant parts) together to get the pile cooking. Add a shovel full of garden soil or finished compost per layer to inoculate it with microbes and water well.

Let the pile sit for a year or turn it frequently for faster results. Compost is a near neutral source of humus, a well-balanced fertilizer and soil tonic, good for all types of gardens and even the lawn.

If you are too busy to layer and shred-

ding sounds like a messy job, simply pile the leaves, moistening as you go. The resulting leaf mold is another healthy addition to the garden.

Research has proven that members of the cabbage family respond especially well to this type of humus. Keep in mind that oak leaves are more acidic than other leaves of trees native to our area.

If you use more of these in any of your gardening situations, adjust liming accordingly.

So get out the rake and improve your landscape!!

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to all women, regardless of their faith, and is instead focused on intellect and education, valuing that above all.

"It's not an organization that was exclusive, but inclusive to help women in their educational journey," said member Corinne Chartrand. "What this organization does supporting women educationally is absolutely astounding."

The PEO and all of its chapters internationally across both the United States and Canada is intrinsically dedicated to ensuring that women can take part in education without a financial burden.

"Everybody brings their history and their passions, and we'd love to grow it further," Chartrand said. "It provided me with a life-long group of project-oriented people."

It is truly a "women helping women" sort of organization and makes an effort every day to be there for women and support them.

They have several different grants that help women with their educational journeys, and women can apply for them and use them to go to school.

In 1985, the PEO introduced the educational loan fund, which supports women in undergraduate programs, and has given our 51,000 loans from the time it first originated.

In 1927, the PEO purchased a small college in Michigan, and it is supported by PEO, and Students in Massachusetts can receive a \$10,000 scholarship if they apply through PEO.

The South Hadley chapter itself especially enjoys awarding the international peace scholarship, which was created in 1941 after Pearl Harbor.

The South Hadley chapter helps to support this mission through hosting a special bed and breakfast for other PEO members who are traveling, and the money they pay for the room and board goes into funding these special scholarships.

Chartrand has been a member of PEO for 54 years and has enjoyed spending her time since her friend introduced her to the organization raising money for and assisting women with their education.

"I especially felt appreciative that as I moved around the country, there were chapters there that welcomed me," Chartrand said, sharing how her service has brought her all over the place.

The chapter does many things to raise money and held a clothing drive to bring to Savers to utilize their offer for nonprofits.

If you bring in a certain amount of clothing, textiles, shoes, towels, and other similar items, the business will pay by pounds for the clothing.

Last year, the chapter was able to donate about 3,759 pounds of textiles to Savers, and the money earned from the donation went towards assisting more girls in their quests for education.

"The sense of community and support, and the love that each member gives to one another is my favorite part," Chartrand said. "It's a shared mission, working together, and having each other for support."

Currently, the chapter is supporting five young women who are students at UMASS studying nursing and education.

The chapter does more and has a food pantry of homemade jams and mustards, and has cookies where you can build a box, and those proceeds go towards the mission as well.

The chapter will also have a table at the South Hadley First Congregational Church's Holiday Bazaar from November 23 to the 24 where you can learn more.

PEO is truly an organization that cares, and you can learn more about who they are on their website, and they are always looking for more women to join them in the quest to make education accessible for all women, no matter who they are or where they come from.

South Hadley Public Library

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

Book Clubs

Hello Sunshine Book Club

Wed., Nov. 6 at 6:30

First Wednesdays of the Month. A book discussion group focusing on selections from Reese Witherspoon's Hello Sunshine book club.

Between the Covers Romance Book Club

Tues., Nov. 12 at 3

Monthly get-together of romance novels that offer happy endings and often are part of a series. Books available to check out in the weeks prior to each meeting.

Crafts

Tuesday Night Knitters

Every Tuesday at 6

All skill levels are welcome.

Ongoing Events

Gatehouse Writer's Group (Online Writing Group)

Every Friday Online via Zoom from 10 - Noon

Contact Linda Rowland-Buckley (rowbuc1998@gmail.com) Our library writing group, the Gatehouse Writing group, is a supportive peer-led environment open to all levels and styles.

Spanish Conversation Corner

Nov. 16 at 10:30

An opportunity for Spanish speakers to practice their language skills.

Swap

Recipe Swap

Sat., Nov. 16 at 10 - 11

Drop off your favorite recipes between Mon., Oct.28 through Fri., Nov. 15.

On Sat., Nov. 16 take a copy of the recipes.

Evening Program

Adult Book Tasting

Sat., Nov. 13 at 6

Love learning about new authors and books? Come on down and enjoy being introduced to some new authors and books. (Sign Up Online)

Virtual Online Author Talks

A Navajo Investigator's Search for the Unexplained: In Conversation with Stanley Milford, Jr.

Thurs., Nov. 7 at 7

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Thurs., Nov. 14 at 4

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Native Rights and Culture in Fiction:

A Conversation with Mona Susan Power

Wed., Nov. 20 at 7

You're invited to join us as Mona Susan Power chats about her newest novel A Council of Dolls. This conversation highlights how her work explores Native Rights and Native American culture. Sign Up Here: <https://library.org/shadleylib/60675>

ONGOING CHILDREN'S EVENTS

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Chess for Kids with Andy (weekly on Wednesdays at 4pm, 10/30 & 11/6)

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Book Clubs

Graphic Novel Book Club for ages 8-11 meets the second Thursday of each month (11/14 and 12/12). Read, discuss, and draw!

My First Book Club for kindergarteners and first graders meets Friday, November 15 at 3:45pm and Saturday, December 7 at 10:30am.

Weekly and Monthly Programs

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Comics & Crafts: Tuesdays 3:45-4:45.

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Granby

Dining Services director reports previous solid fiscal year

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY—At its recent meeting, the school committee heard from Ken Lopez, the director of dining services, about last year's program results, which turned a \$100,000 profit.

With universal free meals, he said the program has been better since COVID-19.

"We still see some increase in participation," he said. "Our a la carte sales have increased by 35%. Students now have more money in their pockets."

The cost of food has increased, Lopez reported, and more meals are being served.

Lopez said dining services promote its events and programs to the community as well. These include a Super Bowl tailgate lunch, lucky tray days at East Meadow, the food boost, discovery kitchen at East Meadow.

Breaking down the 2023-2024 school year to the 2022-2023 school year, Lopez said the total meals were up – 5,300 meals were served compared to the last year. So the revenue was about \$30,000 higher.

Expenses were higher due to staffing

and food costs, but overall, \$10,000 more was made than the year prior.

Dining services were awarded over \$15,000 this school year for local fresh fruits and vegetables.

"We get a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables for the students, and we hope to increase our a la carte menu," he said. He said there are challenges due to strict regulations of what can be served.

Lopez said the district is also partnering with UMass and its nutritional department.

"We're going to be bringing in interns to do some educational activities in the cafeteria and the classroom," he said. "We're hoping to get that started in January."

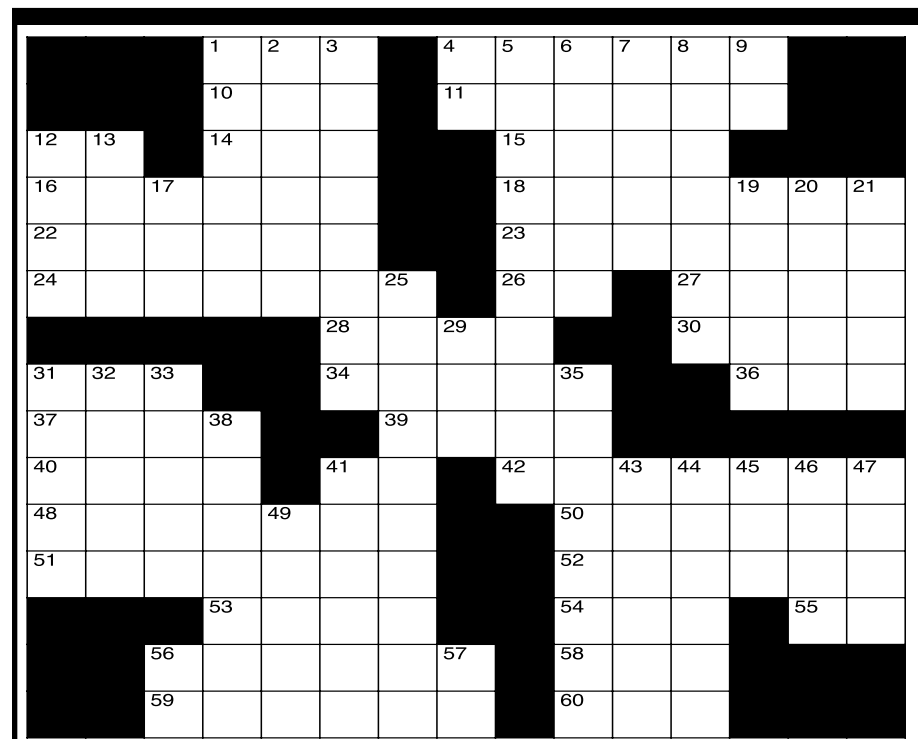
Challenges for this year include keeping students engaged and excited for breakfast and lunch at the high school and space constraints.

"We have one kitchen here; it's a small elementary-sized kitchen, so we're really tight on space," Lopez said. "If we start doing more meals, we may have to talk about bringing in an outside freezer truck for supplies."

Christmas Fair in Belchertown on Nov. 2

BELCHERTOWN— Mark a calendar, the St. Francis Christmas Fair is back. On Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the St. Francis of Assisi Annual Christmas Fair will return to 10 Park St. in Belchertown. The fair includes a giant basket raffle, a holiday crafts and gift bazaar, and a bakery featuring homemade goodies and gourmet coffee served

in take-home holiday mugs. The Pine Room Café is serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include homemade soups, sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, chips, and a variety of beverages. Make a day of it, buy some raffle chances and select gifts from an assortment of offerings, join family and friends at this traditional Belchertown event.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "60 Minutes" network
- 4. Train line
- 10. Go quickly
- 11. Straightforward
- 12. Canadian province
- 14. At any rate (abbr.)
- 15. Genealogy
- 16. Make changes
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. In a way, turned up
- 23. Type of ship
- 24. Agents of one's downfall
- 26. Not out
- 27. Something to scratch
- 28. Round water pot
- 30. Refreshing green fruit (slang)
- 31. Promotions

- 34. Primordial matters
- 36. One-time world power (abbr.)
- 37. Source of illumination
- 39. The content of cognition
- 40. An Arab ruler
- 41. South Dakota
- 42. Gnawed at with teeth
- 48. Hawaiian island
- 50. Smaller
- 51. Of a single person
- 52. Rigid bracelet
- 53. Barbary sheep (Fr.)
- 54. Not even
- 55. Specific gravity
- 56. Engage in petty bargaining
- 58. Boxing's "GOAT"
- 59. Split between parties

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A place to lounge
- 2. Skewed views
- 3. Peacefully
- 4. Commercial
- 5. Auxiliary forces
- 6. Large mollusk
- 7. Take out again
- 8. Sharp and forthright
- 9. Knight (chess)
- 12. Source of fiber
- 13. Flesh covering some birds' beaks
- 17. Energy
- 19. Night monkeys genus
- 20. Small, sharp nails
- 21. Pleasant-smelling liquid
- 25. Affirms one's hold
- 29. CNN's founder
- 31. Texans can't forget it
- 32. "Oppenheimer" actor Matt
- 33. Expression
- 35. Vessel
- 38. Lacking poetic beauty
- 41. Tall, swift and slender dog
- 43. Sports personality Michelle
- 44. Robber
- 45. Liquefied natural gas
- 46. Snakelike fishes
- 47. The most worthless part of something
- 49. City in Crimea
- 56. Bad grades
- 57. Reichsmark

Granby Clerk Reminders on voting

Voter Registration:

If you are Not a registered voter and wish to participate in the Nov. 5th State Election the last day to register to vote for the Election is Saturday, October 26th registration will be held at the Carnegie Building from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and then from 3p.m. – 5 p.m. at the town clerk's office.

sec.state.ma.us. You may also email the completed application with your signature on it to: townclerk@granby-ma.gov this would be the quickest way for your application to be received.

To see if your ballot has been received go to www.trackmyballot@state.ma.us

Early Voting In-Person - Ch 54 Elections, Sec 25B – State Election, November 5, 2024

IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING: will be held at the "Carnegie Building" AKA "OLD PUBLIC LIBRARY" located at One Library Lane.

Hours of In-Person Early Voting:

Saturday, Oct. 26th - 9 a.m. -3 p.m.
Monday -Thursday, Oct. 28- Oct. 31st - 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday- Nov. 1st - 9 a.m. – 12 noon

ABSENTEE VOTING Must have one of the following reasons to apply for Absentee Ballot- Absentee Voting ends on Monday, Nov. 4th , at 12 noon in the Town Clerk's office.

A registered voter who is absent from the voter's city or town during normal polling hours.

A registered voter with a physical disability

Religious belief; OR

A non-registered voter who is absent from the state; or

An active member of the armed forces or merchant marines, their spouse or dependent, or

A person confined in a correctional facility or a jail, except if by reason of felony conviction.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Kathy Kelly-Regan at the Granby Town Clerks office 467-7178.

You may register anytime during regular office hours in the Town Clerks office, you may also pick up mail in voter registration forms at the Granby Post Office, or Granby Public Library, or register on-line with a valid MA Driver's License or Mass ID by going to our town website www.granby-ma.gov under Town Clerk Department -voter registration.

Mail-in forms must be postmarked by the 26th of October to be eligible to participate in the State Election.

Early Voting by Mail- Election Advisory #22-01 State Election, November 5, 2024

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL: Early voting by mail requires no excuse this is "voting by will" the last day to file a "Vote By Mail" and an Absentee by Mail application for the Nov. 5, 2024, State Election is 5 p.m. on Tuesday October 29th.

As an alternative to the USPS please consider returning your ballot at the "Election Drop Box" located at the Town Hall Annex, at 215 B West State St.

If you did not receive an application from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Elections Division, you may download an application by going on-line to our Town Website under the Town Clerk Department, or at www.

Looking for new Library Trustee

GRANBY—The Granby Free Public Library Board of Trustees seeks one new Library Trustee. All Granby residents are welcome to apply. The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Granby Free Public Library. The Board works with the Library Director to oversee the Library's operation and administrative policies. The Trustees also support the Library through long-range policies, budgets, advocacy and public relations.

The Board typically meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Library. This Trustee position would

fill the unexpired term until the next Annual Town Election in May. This Trustee could run for the remainder of this term which expires in 2026. Typically, Trustees fill a three-year term. This is an opportunity to fill this role to decide if someone is truly interested in serving in this capacity.

Interested applicants should write a letter of interest to the Library Trustees and Director by Nov. 8, 2024. Feel free to contact Jennifer Crosby, Library Director at the Library if you have further questions.

Granby High class of 1979 Reunion, Nov. 30

GRANBY—The Granby High School class of 1979 will hold a 45th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 30 at Johnnie's Tap Room in South Hadley. The reunion will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner and music. Tickets can be purchased

via Venmo to Doreen (Chauvin) Beard at Doreen-Beard-2. Contact Denise (Emond) Billow to buy tickets via check or for more information, at dbillow@pittsfield.net. Please share this information with fellow classmates.

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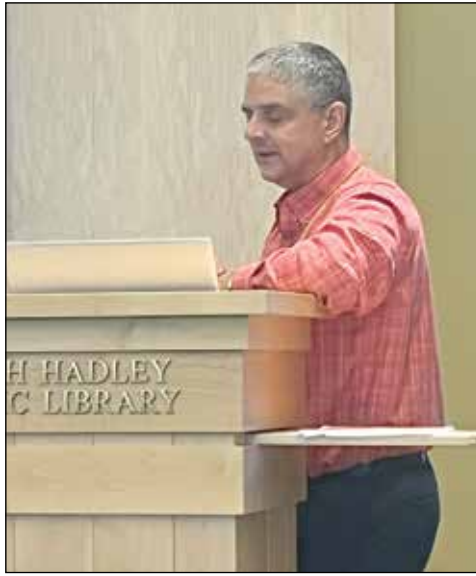
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The library building with its scaffolding and insulation going up.



Library director Joe Rodio giving a presentation of the library, and its history.

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al groundbreaking, with the motto "Build a Library. Renew a Neighborhood. Save a Town."

Construction finally began in May, and by the end of July, the foundations were built. In August, the scaffolding went up and was built until completion in and the brick began to be laid in January 2014.

In May and June of 2014, the name was put up on the brick, and the sidewalks were constructed. In August, hundreds came for a Children's Book Parade with kazoos, and a march from the old to the new library.

In August 2014, the library held a soft opening, and on September 13, 2014, cut the ribbon for the official opening of the library, with an estimated total from the Republican of over 1,000 people in attendance.

"I love that each day is different at the library, from the mix of people to the programs being offered. No two days are the same," Rodio said.

With the new building came new opportunities for the library to host more, and even become a place for special events to be held in the community room.

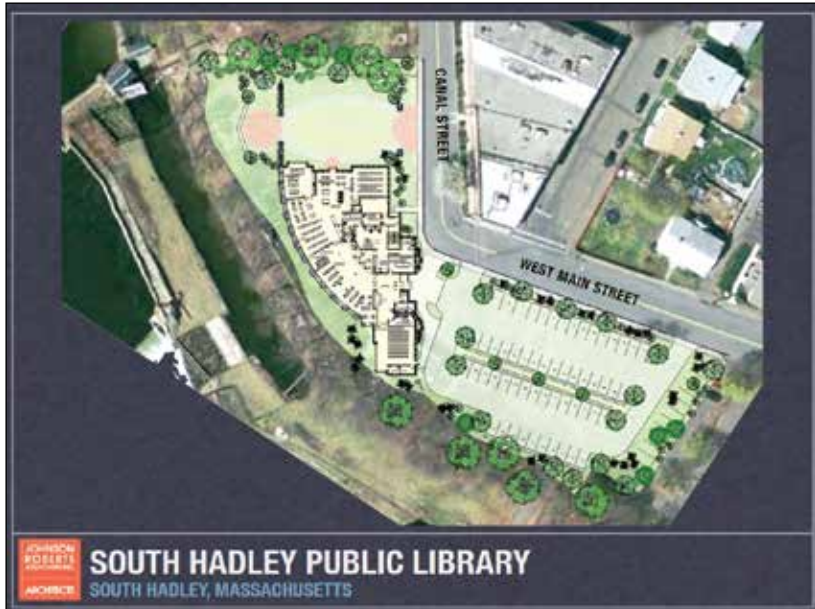
"It really has gone by quickly. I'm proud of the library staff for maintaining our level of services over the past decade," said Rodio. "It's the people, from the staff to the patrols, our library community is wonderful to work with."

Members of the community can look forward to many new programs to come, as well as a newly installed Library of Things, where people can check out things to borrow like a kilowatt meter, ukulele, telescope, bird watching kit, and technology like a portable hotspot for Wi-Fi.

There's so much to explore at the library, and with its ten years of



The Library's Building Project motto, hung up on a fence surrounding the property before demolition began.



An aerial map of the library building plan, with parking lot, and beautiful outdoor lawn space in the back.

service, you can find so much more the library continues to be a home for available in the coming decades, as all.

Seniors

South Hadley COA October 2024

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.

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

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 if you're interested in attending to confirm there are still tickets available.

SHPD chief office hours

SOUTH HADLEY— The South Hadley Chief of police has added office hours for November and December.

November:

Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior center
Nov. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Senior center

December

Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Neighbors helping neighbors parking lot
Dec. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the South Hadley Library, Canal Street

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The blowing of the shofar, a special kind of horn from biblical tradition, to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the church.



Kathleen Lamontagne, Lynda Taylor, and Susan and Elizabeth McSpadden with a bake sale for the church at the craft fair.



Pastor Joe (red) addressing the congregation outside before the blowing of the shofar.

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which has been going on for several decades.

“What I think is great about the craft fair is the vendors talk about this craft fair being their favorite,” Pastor Joe said. “My favorite part is interacting with the people who come here.”

The church’s craft fair has been a source of outreach to the community, and they have several volunteers ready to jump in and help everyone with their booth setups and carrying things in to set up.

The craft fair is well-known and loved by the community and shows the dedication for and love that the church has for their community.

The church’s celebrations came to a peak with a very special sermon with a special time of hymn worship, and they were joined by their sister church, First Baptist of Holyoke and Reverend Theresa Temple.

“We are so thankful to be a part of



Reverend Theresa Temple from the First Baptist Church of Holyoke giving a congratulatory speech to her sister church.

this ministry because we are all here united together,” Temple said. Several members of her congregation were also present for the celebration.

Reverend Jessica Merrill, who grew up at Second Baptist, is now the reverend of a small church in up-state New York, Miller’s Mills Community Baptist Church.

“I was ordained in this church



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas
The beautiful golden cross from the old building at the altar.

five years ago,” Merrill said. “Second Baptist has always been about loving God, and loving others. Wherever we are, we take a piece of Second Baptist with us.”

The church also received a special certificate of congratulations from the American Baptist Churches

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Tables and tents set up for a perfect day at the craft fair.



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Pack 303 of South Hadley, Katie and Lisa Barthelett, Katherine, Violet, and Matthew selling delicious popcorn.



The members who made all the food for the craft fair and celebration ceremony, Jane Hillman, Marilyn Landry, Jennifer Jones, Carol Berthaume, Kelly Beldon, David Landry, and Lynne Larose.



At the craft fair, Pastor Joe, Kenny Hebert, Ingrid Peck, and Linda Goulet handing out bibles and offering prayer to anyone who may need it.



Dr. Mary Day Hamel (left) awarding Gail Dunn (right), the longest member of Second Baptist the certificate of congratulations from TABCOM.



The kids at the church, led by Annalise Bodeur, singing the song "Shelter".

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

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of Massachusetts, and Dr. Mary Day Hamel, a minister with TABCOM, came to award the certificate.

"It's such a privilege to celebrate with a church that has such an impact in serving each other and their community," Hamel said. "It's really a special to see what they are doing with their missions."

The church in and of itself has a fascinating history, and its original location was on Apelton Street. The congregation began tomorrow the church, and so they "moved across the bridge" and set up at their current location on Granby Road in the early 1900's.

On the altar is a special golden cross, which they brought with them from the old building and to the new location, commemorating its memory.

Pat Merrill, a dedicated member of the church for over thirty years, put together the celebrations and special sermon, that was filled with special music, speeches from the sister church and her daughter, Jessica Merrill, and a blowing of the shofar horn at the end.

"The sense of family here is my favorite," said worship director Chrissy Holesovsky. "The whole church invested in my family, and they truly care for one another and show God's love to one another."

The special sermon ended with a time of fellowship with a 175th birthday cake, delicious food, and time with friends.

"The people here, and doing ministry together is my favorite part," said associate pastor Peter Yoon, who also leads the youth group.

The church has always been a warm and welcoming place, and ready to serve, help, and love their community in any way they can.



The cart full of food donations for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, well on its way to 175 bags.

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Tigers suffer shutout against Ludlow



Goalie Olivia Athas looks to make a save.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Two days after the Ludlow girls' varsity soccer team lost to Coombs Division rival Westfield on senior night, the Lady Lions had an opportunity to celebrate their first home win of the regular season.

Senior Sophia Scyocurka scored the only goal of the non-league match late in the first half, as the Lady Lions posted a 1-0 shutout victory over the South Hadley Lady Tigers under a full moon at the Ludlow Sports Complex, last Wednesday night.

"We lost on senior night, so it feels great to finally win our first game on the new turf field," Scyocurka said. "We played with a lot of energy, and we really wanted to win tonight's game."

Scyocurka is one of the Ludlow captains, along with seniors Calleigh Foley, Mia Carvalho, and Taylor Colberg.

"Calleigh, Mia and I joined the varsity soccer team in our freshmen year," Scyocurka said. "It has been a lot of fun being one of the team leaders on this year's team."

The other seniors listed on the Ludlow girls' varsity soccer roster are Ryleigh Remillard, Ava Gabriello, Abigail Toomey, and Kate Del Negro.

Ludlow, who has a 1-3-1 record on their brand new turf field, had a 5-8-2 overall record following the only meeting of the regular season with South Hadley. They're hoping to sneak into the Western Mass. tournament and will probably need to finish the regular season with at least a .500 record to clinch a berth in the Division 2 state tournament.

The Lady Tigers (9-4-1), who lost to Kurty/Fielding rival Pope Francis, 2-0, the previous after-

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Emma Levreault dribbles her way up the turf.



Taylor Bullough makes her way up the field.



Maddie Soderbaum moves pass midfield.



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Hannah Haesaert reaches out to get the ball.

Tigers tie, are headed for tournament

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School boys soccer team won seven straight games and then finished with a tie against Frontier Regional 0-0. The Tigers are 9-2-2 and have not lost a game since Sept. 12.

The Tigers were scheduled to have a very busy week, with games against Chicopee, Minnechaug, and Easthampton before the seeds for the Western Mass. tournament were announced. The boys were poised to gain one of the eight spots in the Class B Tournament. South Hadley last won the state tournament two years ago and are poised to make another deep run in Division 4 again. The Tigers have a very potent offense, which has 26 goals in their last four wins.



Unified basketball action

GRANBY – Last Wednesday afternoon, Granby High School Unified basketball was in action. The Rams would host Holyoke. The Rams have more games remaining on their regular season schedule. The season concludes with a jamboree event in November.

LEFT: Ethan Fenn takes a shot for the Rams.

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RIGHT: Nathaniel Gomez sends a shot up.



Leo Esquivel extends at the free throw line.

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COLLEGE:

Owls comeback falls short

WESTFIELD – Westfield State senior Dylan Disabella (Granby, Conn.) ran for 130 yards and caught a touchdown pass in his debut as the Owls' feature back, but it wasn't enough as Framingham State foiled the Owls homecoming with a 21-7 win.



Both teams are now 2-4 on the season and 2-3 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Westfield got on the scoreboard first, with QB Gabe Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) finding Disabella for a 13-yard scoring strike with Disabella leaping into the endzone to punctuate a 9-play, 82-yard drive.

Turnovers again punished the Owls, as Framingham's first score came on an 11-yard Carl Renaudin (Waltham, Mass.) scoop and score fumble recovery touchdown, on a busted toss run for the Owls.

Westfield had a chance to take a lead into the half, after Tafari Proctor (Amherst, Mass.) intercepted his third pass of the season, and returned it 59 yards to the Framingham 3, but on the ensuing play Framingham forced a fumble and the Rams recovered to keep the score 7-7 heading to the half.

The Rams grabbed a 14-7 lead midway through the third

quarter with a 25-yard TD toss from Luke Thompson (West Islip, NY) to Elijah Nichols (Burlington Twp., NJ), capping an 11-play, 79-yard drive.

Early in the fourth quarter, Westfield had a chance to tie as the Owls marched the ball from their own 28 yard line all the way to the Framingham four yard line, but the Rams forced a fumble with Ronyel Pena (Lawrence, Mass.) slashing between the Owls offensive line to force a fumble.

Framingham added a 2-yard touchdown run from Jaheim Daniels (Norwalk, Conn.) with 46 seconds left in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach, after the Rams defense forced a 4-and-out from the Owls. Westfield had their backs against the wall with a drive that started inside their own 10-yard line with less than two minutes to play.

Disabella had a big day on the ground in his first action as the feature back in the Owls triple-option attack. He played two seasons as a tight end for the Owls before moving to wing back in the offense this season, but moved behind the quarterback for today's game for the first time with Owls regular starter Sean Willis out with an injury. The Owls played with

three offensive regulars sidelined by injury today.

Fernandez finished 7-20 passing for 66 yards, with 1 td and 1 interception. Jacob Swinehart (Holyoke, Mass.) caught two passes for 23 yards and added six carries for 27 yards.

Blake Simpson (Bellingham, Mass.) and Corey Henderson (Gardner, Mass.) led the Owls with eight tackles each. Henderson added a sack and Cade Nelson (Shrewsbury, Mass.) had 1.5 sacks for the Owls.

Framingham QB Thompson finished 11-27 passing for 169 yards with a TD and an interception. Nichols led the Rams with eight catches for 90 yards and a TD. Daniels finished with 52 yards rushing on seven carries.

Pena was the man of the hour for the Framingham defense, getting in on 17 tackles (9 solo), with four for losses and a sack. Renaudin had the fumble recovery for TD and a 22-yard interception return.

The Owls ran 75 offensive plays to the Rams 52, and Westfield outgained the Rams 246-219 and held a 37-23 edge in time of possession, but the key turnovers hampered the Owls chances to win.

Westfield will travel to Plymouth State for a MASCAC game next Saturday, Oct. 26 at noon. Framingham will next host Mass Maritime on Noon on Oct. 26.

Thunderbirds offense stymied in Providence

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-3-0-0) could not solve the Providence Bruins (2-2-0-0) and their goaltender Michael DiPietro, falling 3-0 on Sunday afternoon inside Amica Mutual Pavilion.



Colten Ellis earned a second consecutive start after defeating the Bruins an evening earlier, and the young goaltender was kept busy in a first period that saw Providence outshoot Springfield 12-4.

The Bruins eventually cracked the ice at 12:17 following an extended shift in the offensive zone. Veteran blueliner Jordan Oesterle located open ice in the left circle, stepped up, and slapped a one-time feed from Fabian Lysell over Ellis's shoulder, giving the Bruins the 1-0 edge.

5:42 later, in his second tour of duty as a Bruin, Vinni Lettieri continued his lengthy history of success against the T-Birds when he one-timed a shot through Ellis to extend the Bruins lead to 2-0 heading into intermission.

Springfield came out hun-

grier in the second period, but DiPietro was equal to the task, as he calmly stood tall against 10 T-Birds attempts. His best save came past the midpoint of the second, when he came out to challenge Aleksanteri Kaskimaki on a 4-on-2, denying the rookie his first AHL goal.

As the game moved to the third, the T-Birds tried to up the ante on offense, and Marcus Sylvegard had the best chance of the day with a breakaway bid, but DiPietro had the answer to turn aside the man who had the game-winning goal a night earlier.

In the end, despite a perfect 4-for-4 showing by the Springfield penalty kill and a 31-save performance from Ellis, the offensive drought proved costly, and Patrick Brown sealed matters with an empty-netter in the final 90 seconds to seal it up for the Bruins.

The T-Birds return home to begin another three-game weekend on Friday, Oct. 25 against the Grand Rapids Griffins. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

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noon, suffered back-to-back losses for the first time since the 2021 season.

"Ludlow is a very good soccer team, and we knew tonight's game was going to be a battle," said South Hadley head coach Rich Marjanski. "I was hoping that we could leave here with at least a win or a tie."

The Lady Tigers will be competing in both the Western Mass. Class B tournament and in the Division 4 state tournament.

South Hadley, who entered last Wednesday's road contest having outscored their opponents, 31-7, this fall, had won the last two meetings on the soccer pitch against Ludlow.

A year ago, Lauren Marjanski, who's currently a freshman member of the women's soccer team at Siena College, recorded a hat-trick leading a 4-0 home win over Ludlow.

The Lady Tigers did have a couple of shots on goal from junior Allison Fleury and freshman Hannah Haesaert at the beginning of the opening half.

The Ludlow faithful supporters thought their team had taken a 1-0 lead a little more than ten minutes into the contest. Sophomore Audrey Afonso delivered a pass from the right side to her classmate Valentina Molinari, but her shot attempt curled and the ball hit the outside of the net.

During the 32nd minute, Afonso sent another pass shot into the box where Scyocurka fired a high shot over the head of senior goalie CC Gurek into the back of the net giving the Lady Lions a 1-0 advantage.

"Audrey delivered a perfect pass to me in the box," said Scyocurka, who scored her team-leading sixth goal of the regular season. "Then I saw there was space over the keeper's head, and I chipped it into the net. It felt great scoring that goal."

Gurek, who only had to make a couple of saves, made her first start in a varsity game as a goalie. She replaced freshman goalie Olivia Athas, who's sidelined with an injury. Sophomore Cara Dean was the Lady Tigers goalie in their previous game against Pope Francis.

"This is the second game that Olivia missed with an injury," Marjanski said. "We're hoping she'll be back before the start of the postseason tournaments."

A couple of minutes later, Gurek was able to make a save on another shot taken by Scyocurka.

Down at the other end of the field, junior Kacie Klimek also only had to make a couple of saves in recording the Lady Lions fourth shutout of the season.

"It's always very rewarding to post a shutout," said Foley, who's one of the Lady Lions starting defenders. "Our main job is not to allow the other team to score a goal. It's also very nice to play another home game, especially after we lost on senior night."

The other three Ludlow starting defenders are sophomore Maeve Carter, Carvalho and Remillard.

The Lady Tigers only had a couple of chances to tie the score during the final 40 minutes of the match.

Justin Bonsignore sweeps weekend at North Wilkesboro

Justin Bonsignore found himself in North Wilkesboro Speedway Victory Lane twice this weekend. The driver of the No. 51 Phoenix Communications machine for Kenneth Massa Motorsports swept the weekend of Modified competition at the historic track - winning both the SMART Modified Tour season-finale 99 on Saturday and the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Brushy Mountain Power-sports 150 on Sunday.

Bonsignore's SMART Tour victory came in his first career

start with the series. He dominated the race and held off Matt Hirschman over the final laps to score the win.

His NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win on Sunday was his fourth of the season and second straight. It was also his 44th career Whelen Modified Tour win - tying Reggie Ruggerio for second on the all-time NWMT wins list. Bonsignore also took back the series points lead heading for the finale at Martinsville Speedway (October 26) by 10 points in search of his fourth series cham-

pionship.

"This car is two-for-two this year," Bonsignore said. "Just a great job by everyone. These cars have been lights out. It's just really special. Forty-four wins... it's cool. But there's a bigger goal next week. I'm looking forward to Martinsville... it can't come soon enough."

Bonsignore and the Kenneth Massa Motorsports crew will return to the track for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season-finale at Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Enrollment now open for Massachusetts Home Energy Assistance Program

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities today announced that the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) enrollment period for the 2024-2025 winter heating season will open on October 1. This critical program provides financial relief to eligible households to help them pay their winter heating bills, ensuring they can keep their homes safe and warm during the colder months.

HEAP is a free, statewide resource that assists eligible renters and homeowners by paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their heating companies. Starting Oct.1, homeowners and renters can apply online

or through local administering agencies across the state. The assistance period runs from Nov. 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025. HEAP offers grants that do not need to be repaid; however, households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify.

"No resident should have to worry about heating their home during the winter," said Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus. "With high costs continuing to strain household finances, the Home Energy Assistance Program is more critical than ever. We urge anyone in need of heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering agency. Please

share this valuable information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this support during the colder months."

Eligibility is determined by several factors, including household size and the combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance for all heating sources, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. Households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify.

For more information find your local HEAP agency at <https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/>

Crop circles and their unusual origins are explored

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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GRANBY – When it comes to mysteries about life outside of our planet, many theories about aliens and other extraterrestrial creatures come to mind.

For decades, aliens have been a consistent form of entertainment in movies, TV shows, and other media as humans wonder about the distant stars up in the sky.

However, there is one unexplained phenomenon that has been documented by humans for centuries, and those are crop circles.

These strange occurrences, which witnesses always describe the same way, are giant geometric patterns, and some have even stretched a quarter of a mile in size.

“It really interests me how complex these designs are. It’s inconceivable that humans could make them,” said John Root, who has taken an interest in studying these strange occurrences.

The complexity and artistry of these crop circles is truly astounding, even with most of them only being composed of lines and circles, and yet, no one knows how they appear.

When it comes to crop circles, several things are noted: the plants, mostly the stalks of corn or other grains, are bent, not broken, as if the stem itself was instantly made flexible, bent, and relaxed again.

Where these crop circles are found, there is always signs of soil dehydration underneath the plants, white sulfurous residue, and later, the growth rate is affected by 30% positively.

Most of these plants are also found with an iron sort of frosting, with the rocks and plants otherwise unharmed, a process mysterious, and impossible in every stretch of the imagination.

“They’re much more complex than what you see when first viewing them,” Root said. “Many people who have gone into these circles experience visceral reactions, positive or negative.”

These responses from the people, which have stated they



John Root, ready to give his presentation on the research he has done on the mysterious phenomenon known as crop circles.



A more recent circle found with strange lines on either side with eerily perfect uniformity.

have felt a sense of wonder and calm, or intense anxiety, have noted it was only within the circles themselves.

Reports of these crop circles can be found in early manuscripts and texts, such as within old Native American tales, and even in a 1678 story of a “mowing devil” that creates these strange circles.

Robert Plot, a naturalist, recorded these circles as well in his account, “The Natural History of Staffordshire”, from 1686, where he theorized that the shapes came from lighting in the clouds.

Coincidentally, nearly every witness, or anyone near a crop circle being created, has noted three common things: a flash of light, and a loud bang like thunder or jet planes, and wind.

Reports of crop circles have even been found in Africa from the early twentieth century, but it is England with the most reports of them. From 1880 to 1978, 25 crop circles were reported, where generations each saw at least one in their lifetimes.

As technology progressed, we were able to get photographs

of these strange creations, and from the sky, the only probably way they could have been formed, was from that height.

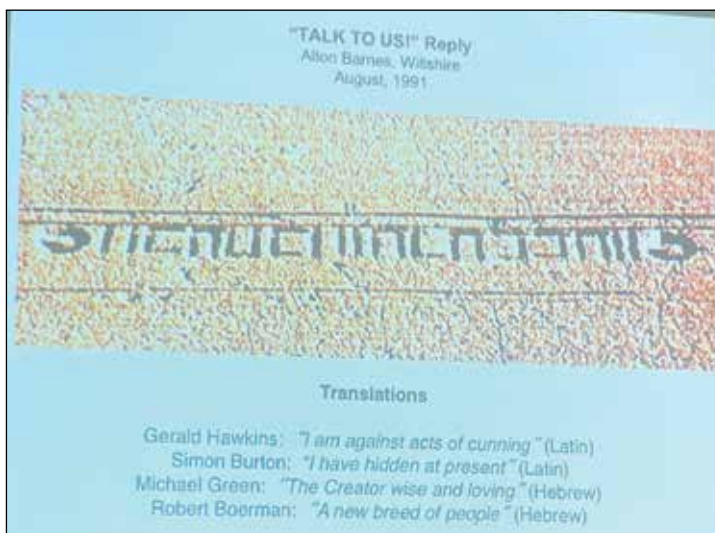
With no visible imperfections, no foot paths around the perimeter of the entire crop circle design, it ruled out humans making them quickly, even debunking hoaxes who tried to take credit for them.

“The belief that they are created by aliens fits the evidence more closely than anything in my opinion,” Root said.

Every crop circle has its own distinct pattern and shapes within it, and no one to this day knows where they come from, what strange residue is left behind, and much more.

“Who knows what happened? Who knows what’s going to happen? It’s like trying to piece together a crossword puzzle, but we don’t have any clues,” Root said.

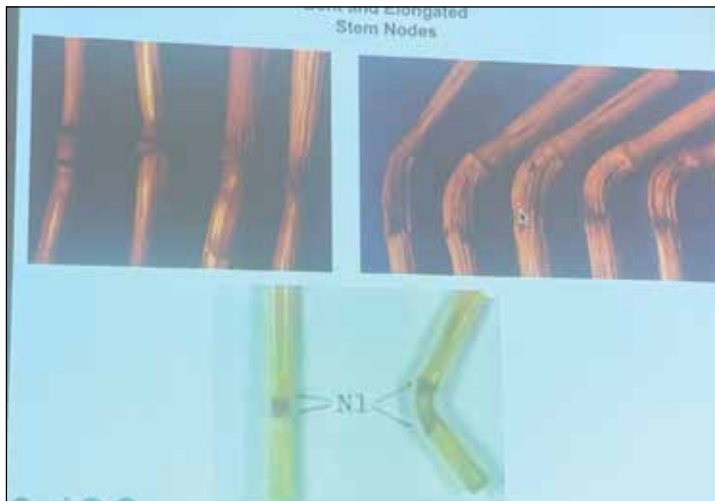
And so, crop circles will remain a mystery, but their effects on their surroundings is very real, and their creators, probably just as real.



A reply to an Alton Barnes tramped out message “Talk to us,” given only a few days later with the following reply eerily projected into the earth.



Some of the many shapes of crop circles found around the world over the decades have appeared with red lines tracing their geometric patterns.



What the plants looked like elongated and bent that are found within a crop circle.

Winter coat and cold-weather clothing drive throughout October

HADLEY—UMassFive College Federal Credit Union is running a winter coat and cold-weather clothing drive in its Hadley, Northampton, UMass Amherst, Springfield, and Worcester branches throughout October.

Donations from this drive, held annually, will be distributed in partnership with

the Amherst Survival Center, Gray House in Springfield, and Net of Compassion in Worcester.

“We know that our neighbors in need have come to count on the coats and warm clothing our members donate during this drive,” says Cait Murray, UMassFive Community Outreach manager. “We are so grate-

ful to partner with the great local organizations that can ensure donations are directed where they can have a significant impact.”

UMassFive thankfully accepts any clean, new, or gently used coats, gloves, scarves, hats, sweaters, snow gear, and boots. Donations should be placed in a bag and may be dropped off during business

hours to the Hadley branch at 200 Westgate Center Drive, Northampton branch at 225 King Street, UMass Amherst Campus Center Branch (Room 224), Springfield branch at 233 Carew Street (Mercy Hospital Rehabilitation Building, Room 110,) or Worcester Branch (UMass Chan Medical School, Room S1-820.)

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South Hadley Bike/Walk Social Bike Ride on Oct. 27

SOUTH HADLEY— On Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024 at 2 p.m., the South Hadley Bike/Walk Committee will host a Social Ride led by committee members Jake Woodruff and Anne Barry. Our Autumn Bike Ride will start and end in the Rocky's Ace Hardware parking lot, located at 487 Newton Street (Route 116). The five-mile route travels through neighborhoods and showcases some of South Hadley's existing bike infrastructure. After a bit of climbing at the start of the ride, participants will use bike lanes, a short car-free connection between neighborhoods, and the recently completed Lyman Street (Route 33) bike path.

Meet at 1:45 p.m. in the

center of the lot, away from store traffic. Wear your bike helmet and weather-appropriate clothing. Everyone is strongly encouraged to bring a water bottle. Anne and Jake will ride at the front and back to make sure everyone stays on the route, and we will keep a casual pace and regroup several times to make sure everyone stays together. Come for a nice and easy autumn bike ride!

All events are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions. For more information, an Autumn Bike Ride route map, or to check for a weather notification (posted by 10am), visit the Town website at: <http://www.southhadley.org/bikewalk>.

PVPA holds lottery for 2nd semester

SOUTH HADLEY— Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School has reopened the application for the current 2024/2025 school year for Grades 7, 9, 10 & 11. A special lottery will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17, with accepted students beginning to attend PVPA at the beginning of the second semester, on or around Jan. 23, 2025.

PVPA offers an Arts-focused, college preparatory education, with over 70 Arts classes in Dance, Music, Theater and Visual Arts available to students in grades 7-12. As a public charter school, enrollment in PVPA is free and open to all Massachusetts students, no audition is required. If more applications are received than spaces available, admission will be determined by the lottery on Dec. 17.

Applications can be submit-

ted until the deadline on Dec. 15, at 11:59pm. Applications are available at www.pvpa.org/admissions.org. The lottery will be open to the public via a Zoom link that will be shared on the PVPA website, and emailed to all applicants.

While most grades are currently full, PVPA has identified openings in grades 7 and 9. Applicants for grades 10 & 11 will be included in the lottery if openings are available and the waitlists for those grades are exhausted. All applicants will be notified by email at least a week prior to the lottery.

The applications for the 2025/2026 school year, open to all grades 7-12, will open Nov. 1.

All interested families are welcome to visit the school for a tour. Available dates and registration can be found at www.pvpa.org/admissions

org/admissions

PVPA is a publicly funded charter school authorized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, enrolling students in grades 7-12. PVPA offers a college preparatory curriculum that provides all students with a broad exposure to the performing arts programs.

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Please contact PVPA at admissions@pvpa.org with any further questions.

Graveyard Tours

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Historical Association is once again holding Historic Halloween Graveyard Tours in the Mount Hope Cemetery. Inhabitants of the cemetery that impacted Belchertown's history will come to life represented by members of the community in period costumes. Tours will start from the church parish house and be led by a tour guide. Visitors will meet Belchertown residents from the 19th century, along with some occasional spirits, and lost souls wandering among the tombstones. The event is free, donations being collected toward continued reconstruction of the Washington District Schoolhouse. Tours will be Sunday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the cemetery behind the United Church of Christ on Park Street, weather permitting. This is not a trick or treat event.

Annual Trunk or Treat at Christ Community Church

BELCHERTOWN— Join the members of Christ Community Church for a family friendly event. It's time pick out costumes and come be entertained by the annual, Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 1255 Federal St. To add to the fun there will be areas for arts and crafts and for

games and recreation. Bring the family and have some fun during this fall season. This is a free event for the community and is open to all ages.

In the event of rain, we will hold the event on Sunday, Oct. 27, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. All information can also be found on the website, www.gracefortheway.org.

How to schedule in-home vaccination

SOUTH HADLEY— There are various ways to schedule in-home vaccinations. CDR Health operates the call center and can schedule appointments and deliver in-home vaccinations, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Representatives are available in both English and Spanish and also have access to translators for over 100 other languages. The

In-Home Vaccination Central Intake Line at 833-983-0485.

People can schedule an appointment directly on the CDR Health Patient Portal page at patientportalma.com. Follow these four steps: Create an account or if you already have an account, log in; Select get vaccinated; Register for your visit and Present your code during your scheduled visit.

Hope United Methodist annual Holiday Bazaar happening Nov. 2

BELCHERTOWN — Come join in for fun and fellowship at the annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 2, at Hope United Methodist Church, 31 Main St. This is the chance to stock up on the famous Conkey jams and

jellies. There will be beautiful hand crafted items, and tempting breads and baked goodies.

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a quick lunch. Come and enjoy the best place to do some early Christmas shopping.

The Bazaar runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the auction is from 9 a.m. until bidding closes at 2:30 p.m.

Public Notices

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Conservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a Request for Determination filed by Jeromie & April Whalen to conduct vegetation management on an undeveloped parcel of land for the development of a micro-orchard within buffer zone of an intermit-

tent stream. The project location is 11 & 13 San Souci Dr (Map 43, Parcels 50 & 51).

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the Request for Determination is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 - 4:00 P.M. Mon - Fri. Plans are

also available online at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Neva Tolopko
Conservation Chair
10/25/2024

Town of Granby Massachusetts Conservation Commission
The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the

Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024** at ***1 Library Lane-Old Carnegie Library-Top Floor** to consider the following:

1. **7:30 PM-NOI-165-0366**-filed by Richard Mastronserdi, Chicopee Sportsman's Club for the proposed project that would entail the proactive treatment of Chicopee Sportsman's Club Pond in Granby, MA, with copper-based algacides to prevent eutrophication via seasonal algae blooms and

enable a healthy ecosystem in the pond year-round.

Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using **Access Code: 282-289-4210** or by visiting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/282289421>.

Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this "NOI" are available for inspection during regular business

hours at the Selectmen's Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street. Additionally, copies of the application may be inspected on the Conservation Commission's web page at www.granby-ma.gov.

William Shaheen, Chair
Granby Conservation Commission
10/25/2024

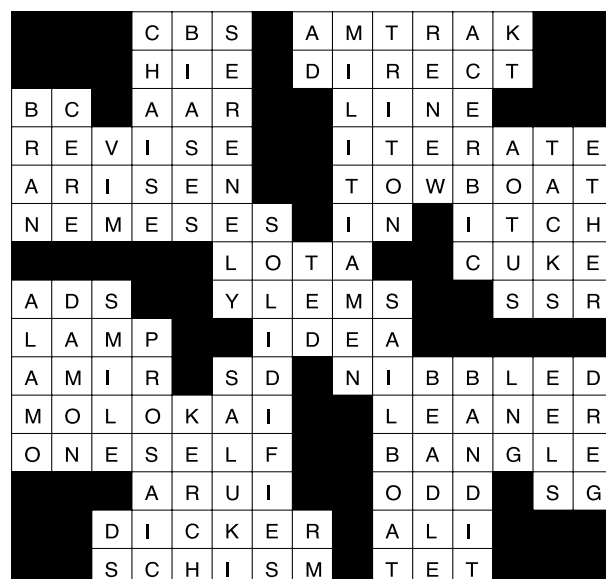
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DUFRESNE PARK HOSTS Halloween event

By John Woodside
Correspondent

GRANBY – With Halloween on its way, a screen was erected early on Friday night in Dufresne Park. The movie Inside Out 2, a Pixar film played on the big screen. Ghosts and ghouls and costumed fools came out to support local businesses.

It was a community gathering of almost 100. Sheb Wooley and “I Want Candy” play side-by-side. There was a DJ playing music all evening, and the Cub Scouts sold tacos, hot chocolate, and a variety of candies. There were also smores for the fire for people to enjoy. The Springfield Thunderbirds, a professional hockey team, offered candy and cheer, their mascot Boomer, was seen dancing around the park. Brie’s Balloons made Halloween themed blow-up balloons in the fashion of Dracula, aliens, ghosts, and goblins.

“Part of our community outreach,” said Joe Manning. “Happy to be here. Granby Parks and Recreation was nice enough to host us. Hopefully it is the start of something we do for years to come.”

“Thriller” by Michael Jackson plays while Joshua Fernandez dressed as Woody from Toy Story talks of the Friends of Granby Parks and Recreation.

“I want to say there are seven to eight parks in Granby. This one being the most used,” Fernandez said.

Fernandez is newer to being on The Friends of Granby Parks and Recreation.

Granby doesn’t have a Parks and Rec Department, just an ad hoc committee. Right now they don’t have a great means of fundraising, so the non-profit, The Friends of Granby Parks and Recreation, acts as a fundraising means for the park.

“We requested local businesses to come out and show the public what they do,” he said. “Get the community out and involved. They support us through volunteering and handing candy out to the public.”

They are fundraising with the Thunderbirds on Black Friday. It is going to be Granby Day, we have discounted tickets. We are going to be doing some raffles there. Should be a good time.” Black Friday is Friday, Nov. 29, right after Thanksgiv-

ing.

The event featured several vendors, including Legends, a video game reseller based in Granby. Joy Travel Agency passes out candy and business cards. Cindy’s Drive In, a local restaurant, offered Italian ice and a variety of candy.

“It was colder last year,” added Aubrey Fournier, a balloon twister from Granby.



Jeremiah of Cindy’s Drive In poses with his dog.



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Aubrey Fournier of Brie’s Balloons ties the knot on a Dracula.



A local family celebrates Halloween early this year.



Turley photos by John Woodside
Children chase a white balloon at nightfall.



DUFRESNE PARK HOSTS Halloween event

The Friends of Granby Parks and Recreation.

Joshua Fernandez, chair of The Friends of Granby Parks and Recreation, dresses as Woody from Toy Story.

A skeleton plays banjo in the park.



A thank you from The Friends of Granby Parks and Recreation.



Boomer of the Springfield Thunderbirds poses with Joe and Shea of the sales team.



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Katlin, Ashley, Meghan, and Jocelyn of Children First in Granby.



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