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## Administrators report bullying crisis at SHHS

*Additional assistant principal requested; claim SRO can't intervene*

By Jim Russell  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – There is a bullying crisis at the high school, district administrators

publicly acknowledged this week.

The worsening problem reached a breaking point last week on two different days, the principal and superintendent said, with police, fire and emergency called after there were injuries to students and staff, and the nurse's office was overwhelmed.

The superintendent and principal say a second assistant principal is urgently needed, in

part, they claim, because police "absolutely cannot" intervene to break up a fight, the high school Principal Elizabeth Lorine Wood claimed at a joint School Committee and Select Board in-person meeting on Monday, Oct. 30.

"A crisis brought us to this night," South Hadley School Superintendent Mark McLaughlin said at the meeting, when he and Wood formally requested money to hire an additional assistant principal.

A Special Town Meeting Nov. 15 would decide whether to appropriate the money.

In the two months since this academic year began, the district has been forced to investigate 13 bullying cases. Additionally, there is one civil rights investigation and a Title IX probe as well, Wood confirmed.

"Realistically, we've got a number of students in the school who we have to concentrate on...it's a different landscape of

teaching right now," she said. "I think that there is some misconception about a school resource officer and their role in schools, coming in and being able to separate out a physical altercation or step in that way. And they absolutely cannot."

"That's only a principal or an assistant principal; trained staff can intercede in that way," she added. "But, also, at the high

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## Veterans, residents remember those who never came home

By Tina Lesniak  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - On Oct. 26, the National Day of the Deployed, South Hadley American Legion Post 260 hosted a POW/MIA remembrance ceremony at the South Hadley Public Library.

The event recognized all those who never came home, with a special focus on eight service members from town who are still missing.

"A service member dies twice," said speaker Eric Segundo of the Massachusetts Veterans of Foreign Wars. "Once when they die on the battlefield, then a second time when they are forgotten."

Brian Willette, post commander of Post 260 and chair of the Massachusetts Veterans of Foreign Wars POW/MIA Committee added, "for us, we will never forget, and saying their



Members of the VFW lay a wreath.

Photo by Tina Lesniak

## Select Board approves three-year contract for Wong

By Tina Lesniak  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Despite concerns about the salary, the town's Select Board has approved a three-year contract extension for current Town Administrator Lisa Wong.

With a final vote of 4-1, the board ultimately decided that Wong's professionalism, experience, and skill set made her worth the 1.5 percent salary increase she will see over the next three years, ultimately making \$190,000 in fiscal year 2027.

Board Member Carol Constant praised Wong for the "astounding work" she has done, particularly in digging into unaddressed issues from previous town administrators. She noted that previous administrators had been "incompetent" and that the town doesn't want to return to that when concerns about the salary were raised by members Nicole Casolari and Jeff Cyr.

Casolari made clear that her concerns stemmed from whether or not the town of South Hadley could afford the increased salary and not Wong's performance.

"I'm not disagreeing with the level of work she has done," Casolari said. "As a steward to the taxpayers, I have to think about what's feasible."

Cyr voiced the same concerns about the sustainability of the salary increases, noting that the town also has an assistant town administrator and facilities director, which are needed positions, but increase the amount of money being spent on administration. He also recognized that the salary is approaching the salary of the town administrator for Amherst, which is a much larger town with multiple colleges.

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## HALLOWEEN Happy Faces



Juliana and Julius Tarrats get ready for trick-or-treating.



Fourth-grader Ava Diroma.



First-grader Mya Diroma.

Turley Photos by Tina Lesniak

See more  
Trick-or-Treat  
photos on  
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## ► South Hadley

# Bike/walk guided public trek this weekend

## Event at Bachelor Brook-Stony Brook Conservation Area

SOUTH HADLEY— At 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5, the South Hadley Bike/Walk Committee will lead a guided trek on the North Loop of the Bachelor Brook-Stony Brook Conservation Area located off Hadley St./Route 47 in town.

Bike/Walk members Caroline Martin and Anne Barry will lead the trek “through the area’s beautiful, but underused, north section trail,” which can be accessed from a trailhead on Hadley St./Route 47.

“The beginning part of the hike is somewhat steep while the return section is more wide-open and either flat or downhill,” the Bike/Walk Committee released. “The area is fairly wild and there are lots of interesting plants

and many birds, as well as a view of river on the way in. The loop will take approximately 90 minutes to complete.”

Parking for 12-15 cars is available in a small hiker lot on the left heading north on Rt. 47/Hadley St., just before the bridge over the brook.

“If that lot is full, more parking is available back at the larger Town Farm lots, about two tenths of a mile south of the small hiker lot. Please use caution when walking on Rt. 47 from parking areas as the road is a bit curvy,” a press statement reads. “There is room to move off the road and walk on the adjacent grassy strip.”

The group will meet at 12:45 p.m. at the small hiker lot, located just north of the Community Garden, which is at 100 Hadley St.

“We will leave at 1 p.m. for the trailhead, which is about a tenth of a mile further north on Rt. 47 and marked

by a brown wood sign with yellow letters. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and safe footwear, and bring water and walking poles, if desired. Please keep in mind that some areas of the trail can be wet and one section in particular can be quite muddy, so hiking footwear is preferable to sneakers.”

While no hunting is allowed in Massachusetts on Sundays, bright clothing is always a good idea, the press statement reads.

“All events are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or ground conditions and any decision to cancel will be made and posted by 10 a.m. on the day of the trek,” the Bike/Walk Committee added.

For more information, to check for a weather notification, or to download a Bachelor Brook-Stony Brook Trek Map, visit [southhadley.org/bikewalk](http://southhadley.org/bikewalk).



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— **Greg from West Springfield**

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## CONTRACT from page 1

Board Chair Andrea Miles recognized the concerns but didn’t want to limit the town’s options.

“A salary cap will mean we capped what kind of town administrator we get,” Miles said.

“I love working in South Hadley,” Wong said. “The conversation you’re having is valid. I don’t take it personally.”

Wong noted that she felt she could have asked for more but didn’t because of how she feels about the town.

Despite his concerns, Cyr ultimately voted to support the contract with only Casolari voting against it.

The board also approved moving forward with the \$2.2 million sewer project at Judd Brook. According to John Broderick, director of public works, this is a project that has been needed for 30 to 35 years and will finally get started in the coming weeks. It is expected to take 12 to 16 weeks to complete.

The project will require access matting to reach areas of the project that aren’t currently accessible.

“This one of the wettest parts of town,” Broderick said. “It’s going to be a good thing for the town.”

Although most of the budget has already been set, Wong will ask for an additional \$300,000 at the special town meeting for contingencies in case the project runs into unexpected issues. Both Wong and Broderick noted that might be a possibility given the age of the sewers and the wetness of the area.

The board also finalized the warrant for the special town meeting on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. at South Hadley High School. Among the warrant items are funds for items like a new scoreboard and street sweeper, as well as a historic commission study. The town will also ask for \$550,000 to be moved to the Mosier Stabilization Fund as the town continues to look at renovating or replacing that school.

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Courtesy Photo, South Hadley Police Department

## Drug Take Back event held

Officer Tebo, members of TRIAD, the South Hadley Drug Alcohol Prevention Coalition (Steve Fleming), and the Hampshire County Sheriff's Department worked together at Saturday's Drug Take back event. Police thanked those who were able to stop by and drop off their leftover/expired medications so that they are properly disposed of.

## The Wealth Transition Collective hosts annual food drive

HOLYOKE – The Wealth Transition Collective, a financial planning firm out of Holyoke, recently announced it will host their 4th annual weeklong food drive, beginning Monday, Nov. 13 through Friday, Nov. 17, to benefit Margaret's Pantry in Holyoke in honor of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

Since the start of this event, they have collected over 3,000 pounds of food and raised monetary donations of over \$5,000.

Individuals can drop off non-perishable and canned foods during business hours (Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) at their office at 1632

Northampton St. Weather permitting, there will be a drop-off table outside the front door for easy accessibility.

Some of the most-needed items at the pantry during this time of year are: stuffing mixes, canned good like gravy, soups, stews, baking mixes, frosting, syrup, salad dressing, condiments, Jell-O, and kid's snack items.

Margaret's Pantry, a division of Providence Ministries for the Needy, is a full-service food pantry that has provided food to residents of Greater Holyoke for more than 30 years. Presently, the pantry provides food to more than 180 families each month,

and approximately 72,000 meals a year are distributed to the needy in the community.

"We feel very fortunate to be in a position to make a difference in the community by supporting the efforts of organizations like The Providence Ministries for the Needy" said Greg Sheehan, CEO of the Wealth Transition Collective in a press release.



## Scouts to hold clothing donation drive this weekend

SOUTH HADLEY – The Hartsprings Foundation, a non-profit organization "committed to sustainable donation practices," has announced a partnership with Scouts BSA for an upcoming Clothing Donation Drive.

The event aims to collect gently used clothing, footwear, and household items, with all donations directly benefiting Scouts BSA. The clothing drive will take place from 9 a.m. – noon on Saturday, Nov. 4, and every first Saturday of the month thereafter, at Liquor Town, 506 Granby Road in South Hadley. "The Clothing Donation Drive is an initiative designed to support Scouts BSA through the collection of reusable items," a press statement reads. "The event encourages community members to donate items they no longer need, thereby contributing to a more sustainable and charitable community."

Pack 303 will receive \$0.10/lb. for each pound of usable clothing they collect. Other items such as housewares, sporting goods, and small appliances are also accepted. A complete list can be found at [www.hartsprings.org](http://www.hartsprings.org). "Community members are invited to bring their gently used clothing, footwear, and household items to the designated



location on Nov. 4. Hartsprings Foundation representatives will be on-site to collect donations, provide tax receipts, and answer any questions about the donation process," the organization released. The Hartsprings Foundation collects "used, unwanted clothing and small household items on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters and various community partners throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut."

"Savers purchase the donated goods from Hartsprings, providing us with revenue to continue our collection efforts and providing funding for our non-profit partners."

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**D.D.**

**SOUTH HADLEY COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**YOUR VIBRANT CENTER**  
**CALL TO REGISTER FOR THESE AMAZING PROGRAMS.**  
**Veterans Breakfast**  
 Nov. 9th 8:30 a.m.  
 Veterans and a guest are invited to a special breakfast in honor of Veteran's Day. Breakfast will be prepared by SHHS culinary program, followed by a ceremony with guest speakers, Veteran of the year award, and music.  
**Meet the Artist**  
 Nov. 9th 2:00 p.m.  
 Joe Wallace has been a portrait photographer and storyteller for twenty years. His exhibit is a deft combination of narrative and portraiture that breaks the taboo around dementia, replacing the fear and futility with empathy and nuance. Come meet him!  
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Students from the Michael E. Smith Middle School contributed back to the community, collecting food items as part of a "Can Wars" rally.

# Opinion



## My birthday is on the first of the month; when should I claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I will be 62 on Nov. 1 and I have chosen to take my benefits early. I know that my benefit will be less than it would be if I waited and that does not concern me, but I don't want to be without income for a long period of time. I know that if my birthday is on the first or second of the month, then I can draw that month. Does that mean that when I turn 62 on Nov. 1 that I can receive my first check on the second Wednesday of November? And should I select November as the month I'd like my benefits to start? I also read that I would be paid the month following the month I select, hence my confusion.

Signed: Confused Senior

Dear Confused:

There are a few different Social Security rules, which come into play in your specific circumstance which are likely creating your confusion. First, since you will be 62 on Nov. 1, you will first become eligible for Social Security starting with the month of November.

Those born on the first or second of the month are eligible for benefits for that entire month, whereas those who turn 62 later in the month wouldn't be eligible for benefits until the following month. To claim benefits, you must be 62 for the entire month and, because your birthday is on the first, your first month being 62 for the entire month will be November and that is the month you should specify as your benefit-start month on your application.

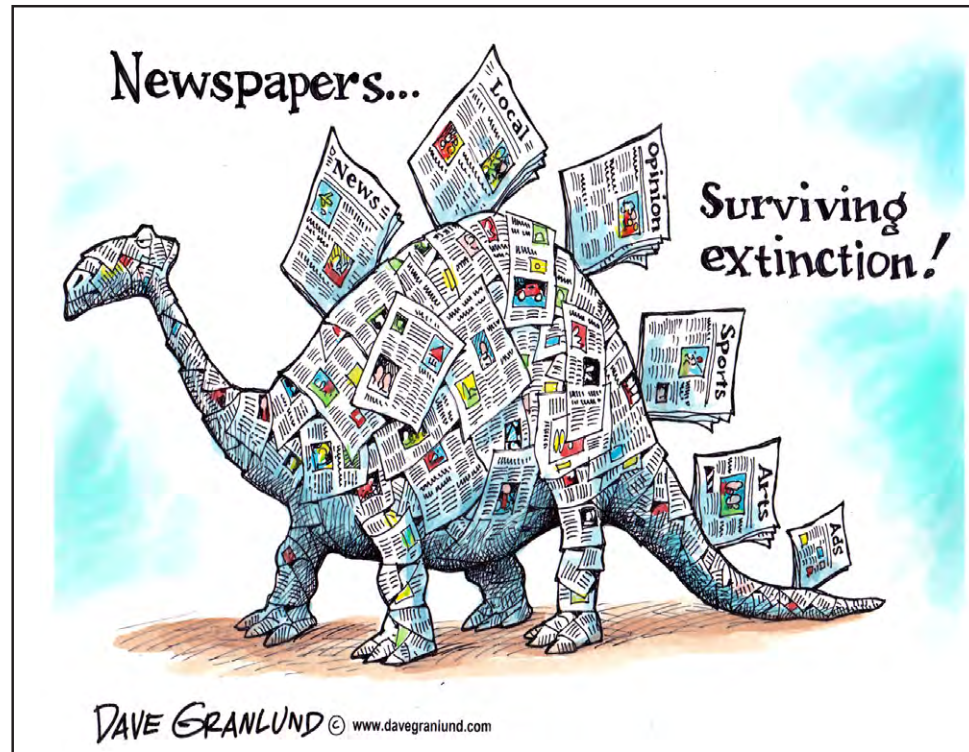
The next thing to be aware of is that Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month those benefits are earned. That means that your November benefits will be paid in December. The exact payment date is determined by the recipient's birthday – born before the eleventh of the month, SS payments are made on the second Wednesday; born between the eleventh and twentieth of the month, payments are received on the third Wednesday of the month and for those born after the twentieth of the month, payment is received on the fourth Wednesday.

Thus, since you were born on the first of the month and are claiming benefits to start in November, your first Social Security payment will be deposited in your bank account on the second Wednesday of December and all subsequent Social Security payments will be made on that same second-Wednesday schedule.

You can apply for your Social Security benefits up to 4 months prior to the month you wish them to start, and SS recommends you apply at least 2 months prior to allow time for processing your application. On the application, they will ask which month you wish your benefits to begin, and you can indicate November to get your earliest possible payment in December.

Actually, you can simply select the following option on the Social Security benefit application: "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction," which will accomplish the same thing.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Cornhole tournament established in South Hadley

Dear Editor,

The Whiskey Barrel Lounge and Buttery Brook Park have been the host of a large number of bean bag tossers.

These gatherings of participants and spectators is healthy for the community.

Kubb is another lawn game that is starting to make inroads across the country. Kubb is a Swedish lawn game that is believed to have been played by the Vikings.

The U.S. National Kubb Tournament is held each year in Eau Clair, Wisconsin.

To learn more about this fantastic sport just search online:

"TV Broadcast of 2018 U.S. Kubb Open."

Click on the video and watch how the pros play!

Kubb enthusiast,

Bill Paul



I received an email from a Brimfield resident recently reporting the return of the dark-eyed juncos and the sighting of one ruby crowned kinglet.

The ruby crowned kinglet is a small bird of 4 1/4 inches. It is grayish green above with a white eye ring and two white wing bars. As the name implies, the male has a red patch on its head, which is usually concealed. The female lacks the red patch.

Kinglets feed on tips of branches by hovering and gleaning from leaves. They flick wings and chatter as they move. They eat insects, spiders and some fruit and seeds. They also drink tree sap. Kinglets summer in the coniferous woods of Canada and winter in the northeast and south in woods and brush edges.

The female kinglet lays five to 11 creamy white colored eggs with brown marks in a nest of mosses, twigs and lichens lined with fur and other fine materials.

In winter, kinglets are found in mixed flocks chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers, warblers and golden crowned kinglets. Their song is a series of descending high notes with three repeated phrases like "see see see

you you you look-at-me look-at-me look-at-me."

The Brimfield resident said he had a flock of ten turkeys that show up occasionally. They were in the yard recently and became nervous by one of the gray fox kits. The fox ignored the turkeys as it looked for something to eat under the sunflower/suet feeder.

#### Feeding the birds not bears

The Brimfield resident said he tries to put out feeders all year, taking them down each night. He said if a bear shows up during the daytime, then he takes the feeders down for a week or so.

I was putting out my suet cake feeder during the day and taking it down before dark. It worked for awhile, but a bear came during the day and not only took the suet feeder down, but walked away with it. I am not putting out suet and will wait for the bears to hibernate. I bought another suet feeder to replace the one grabbed by the bear.

I do put a small amount of seeds in a tray feeder and another small cup feeder, which I used for mealworms during the day. I noticed the birds clean the feeders out quickly especially since I have bluejays coming to the feeder.

#### Lots of wild turkeys

It seems almost everywhere I go I see wild turkeys often small flocks of Tom turkeys either along the side of the road, in a field or on someone's lawn. Several times I had to stop my car and wait for them to cross the road.

#### Wren

I spotted a house wren in my yard recently. It had its tail cocked in the air as wrens typically do. I was foraging in the leaves.

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](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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# Senior Center announces November events

SOUTH HADLEY - The town's Senior Center announced that it will be closed on three days in November, including Friday, Nov. 10, and for the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday Nov. 23, along with Friday, Nov. 24.

Additionally, for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the item being collected at the Senior Center throughout the month of November is Soup.

Here are the highlight events for November:

## Trip to Thunderbirds at the Mass Mutual Center

Nov. 8, leaving the COA at 9:45 a.m.

This event has a minimum of five people. The cost is \$8, with the option to add a voucher for hot dog/drink for \$3. Purchase tickets at the Welcome Desk for this trip to see a hockey game with the Springfield T-Birds. Call for more information.

## Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

Thursday, Nov. 9, at 9 a.m.

Please register for this event and bring a guest, the COA released. Veterans are invited to a special breakfast in appreciation of their service. Breakfast will be prepared by the South Hadley High School Culinary program, followed by a special ceremony with guest speakers, Veteran of the Year award, and music. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors, the VFW, and the Veterans' Council.

## Meet the Artist: Portraits of Dementia

Thursday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m.

Joe Wallace is trained as a journalist and has been a portrait photographer and

storyteller for twenty years.

"Like many, Joe has a deep personal connection with dementia," the COA released. "His exhibit is a deft combination of narrative and portraiture that breaks the taboo around dementia replacing fear and futility with empathy and nuance."

## Movie at the Tower Theaters

Monday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m.

The Friends of the South Hadley Seniors invite others to join them at the South Hadley Tower Theater for a free movie.

"The delectable film being shown is 'Chocolate,' starring Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp," the COA released.

Call the Senior Center, 413-538-5030, to reserve a theater seat and schedule a ride if needed. Limited seats available. All attendees will receive a free small popcorn and drink.

## This is Your Life: Senior Wisdom Podcast

Monday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m.

(In-person and Virtual)

Hosted by Jan Lucier.

"Like the TV Show you remember, but with an updated twist," the COA released. "Jan hosts this inspirational hour of sharing with a SHCOA member. We invite you to attend and contact the Senior Center if you want to register to view this program virtually."

## Birthday and Anniversary Social

Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m.

Free; join for cake and ice cream with the students from MacDuffie School and entertainment by Harmonix as the COA

celebrates all the November birthdays and anniversaries.

"Stop by the center and enter your name in our birthday club jar for a chance to win a gift at our birthday party."

## "Picture This: The Perfect Gift" With SHPL Children's Services Librarian Jenny Arch

Thursday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m.

"Everyone knows books make wonderful gifts, but if you haven't been in the children's section of a library or bookstore lately, you might want to brush up on kids' recent favorites. Jenny will bring a selection of picture books that would make wonderful gifts for the little ones in your life."

## Holistic Health Series: Combatting Stress through the Holidays

Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 5 p.m.

"As the season changes and the holidays approach, some people feel overwhelmed with stress. In this one-hour stress management session, Jeffrey Wyda, RN NH-BC, H.S.M.I. will provide tools for both coping and relaxing."

## BFF (Best Friends Forever) Thanksgiving Dessert Social and Bake-off

Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 1 p.m.

Entertainment by Richie Mitnick and Friends. Celebrate friendship with desserts, entertainment, and free gift basket raffles.

"Have a special dessert recipe? Enter into our Bake-off for a chance to win a gift certificate to Big Y," the COA released. "Judged by Chef Maggie, Friends

of the South Hadley Seniors members and some of our supper clubbers."

Entry form/info sheet at the front desk. "We want to thank Barstow's Longview Farm, The Atrium at Cardinal Drive, Loomis Communities, Assisted Living Locators, RSVP, and Daybrook Village for donations of gift baskets and desserts."

## Lifelong Learning Series returns

An informative and timely collaboration between Mt. Holyoke College and the SHCOA begins this month and will continue each month until June 2024.

## AI and You. Navigating the Presence of Artificial Intelligence in Our Lives

Nov. 28 at 5 p.m.

Speaker: Lindsey Freer, Head of Educational Technology at MHC.

"Ms. Freer has led the Educational Technology team at MHC since 2018. Her team partners with faculty in the selection and use of a broad array of technologies to enhance teaching and learning and advises the MHC community on emerging technology and their impact."

This event will describe some of the different ways Artificial Intelligence (AI) is at work in our daily lives. There will be opportunities for questions, conversation, and hands-on exploration.

## Senior Safety with Ray Gouley of SHEL D

Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m.

Gouley will talk about electric safety; he will be giving away five \$50 gift cards from Stop and Shop for South Hadley residents and Table Talk pies for everyone.



## What I did (wrong) last summer

I always joke that gardeners are an optimistic lot.

We no sooner pick that last fruit and we are already thinking about next year's garden. Our goal may be to improve on our mistakes or simply try something new.

Mistakes do happen.

Oftentimes it's because we run out of time to do everything we should, or we do this or that to simply "get it done."

Sometimes we underestimate or overestimate. Sometimes we are hopeful but not practical.

Read on to learn about my imperfections this past summer.

Right now, I have 50, three-inch apples staring at me when I walk to my car. Had I thinned said apples I would have had 10-15 five-inch apples.

What's the big deal? It's likely I'd fill a basket to the same height, be it with three-inch or five-inch fruit.

Of course, we all like bigger apples, but it goes well beyond that. I learned that seed production really tires out the tree, so fewer apples would mean fewer seeds and a happier tree.

I'll have to be observant come spring.

Will my tree be too tired to bloom next year or bloom well?

If I'm lucky enough to have fruit clusters, I will indeed thin out all but one fruit per cluster. Ordinarily you would save the biggest one, but if it has any insect damage, it's best to take off that fruitlet and save another.

Thinning is especially important in young trees. While it's hard to wait for trees to bear, it's best to leave only a few fruit early on so that energy can go to strong roots and developing a healthy scaffold of branches.

As I stare out the window just now, I'm reminded of another misstep. I did not deadhead my spent lilac blooms.

Not only do the blackish seed heads look ugly, I fear that I will lose some flowers because of it. Seed production comes into play here too in terms of the plant expending energy and then being too deplet-

ed to perform well the next year.

Pruning or deadheading lilacs can take place any time before July 1, not to sacrifice flowers for the following spring.

My winter squash production was abysmal this summer. I had soil tests done last fall and did I follow the recommendations to the T? No.

I was told that my nitrogen and phosphorus were low. While I amended the rows for individual crops like tomatoes and green beans, I neglected to amend the larger area within my garden in which I grew my cucumbers and squash.

Being frugal I added a little compost to the rows (I was trying the row method and not the hill method this year) and called it done. The vines grew for a while, set a few fruit, then turned yellow.

Squash bugs overran.

Please see **GARDEN**, page 6

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**VETERANS** from page 1

names as part of the ceremony is part of that remembrance and honor that they are not forgotten.”

The ceremony offered a time of remembrance and reflection for those who fought and never returned through a discussion of the movement to recognize these service members. The movement began during the Vietnam War when wives and family members of those missing in action or being held prisoner began advocating to bring them home and for more recognition of the situation.

“It was one of those family members who proposed creating a flag to raise awareness for all Americans that we cannot forget we have service members missing and also of their demand that the government do everything possible to find our missing and free our prisoners of war,” Willette said. “The black and white flag with the image of an imprisoned American is now the most prominent symbol of our nation’s missing service members.”

The event also included a military honor guard colors presentation, POW Missing Man Table ceremony, wreath



Photo by Tina Lesniak

**South Hadley service members who remain missing from WWII.**

laying, and the sounding of Taps. Willette hopes to make this an annual event, occurring in the fall around the same time or for POW/MIA Recognition Day in

September. However, he hopes to find relatives of the eight missing South Hadley residents to include them in the ceremony in the future.

The South Hadley residents are: Earle W. Dressell, Harold L. Guyon, Edward X. Menard, Frederick A. Nitkiewicz, and Edmond J. Oldread from the Navy, as well as Walter K. Schulz, Robert W. Martin, and Edward W. McGovern from the Army.

“The American Legion will continue to search for relatives of the eight missing,” Willette said. “We believe that we will have new information to share about those who remain missing each year.”

With an almost full room this year, Willette deemed the event a success and has high hopes for its future.

“I believe this will grow as word spreads about the heartfelt tribute we pay to our own South Hadley hometown heroes who never made it back home,” Willette said. “We will remember them, and I think when more in our community are aware of this ceremony, they too will want to be a part of that remembrance as a community.”

According to Willette, more than 81,000 American Service members remain missing in action in all wars since World War II. A total of 2,665 Massachusetts service members remain missing from World War II alone.

**CRISIS** from page 1

school, for instance, we have students on a daily safety search...I have five students come in every morning that need to be searched by an administrator, before they enter into the building, for their safety. That’s the job only of a principal or assistant principal.”

Last week, “we witnessed two students in a pretty significant physical altercation.” As a result, “there were five staff members that were injured,” Wood said at Monday’s meeting.

The principal also said she was among school staff who “jumped in” to break up the fracas.

She said at the same time there was another student “being physically assaulted” who was an innocent bystander, and there was also another student who “entered into some self-injurious behavior as well.”

“While all this was going on, there was another altercation that spilled out into our parking lot,” Wood told members of both boards.

“South Hadley police responded to help with the incident in the parking lot” with “students transported for medical assistance” by the municipal fire department/ambulance service, she said.

Because of the harm occurring all-at-once, a consequence was there were

“students that couldn’t receive assistance immediately” at the nurse’s office at the high school, Wood said.

She described what occurred on the other school day, including a student who “became so dis-regulated” and “had a reaction,” resulting in staff segregating that student from his peers, which apparently resulted in additional tension.

Wood said others students, on this day, “they then became pretty violent towards themselves and then outwardly violent towards staff, including dangerous activity attempting to get out of the [classroom] window, jumping on furniture.”

“I do thank the South Hadley Police Department and Fire Department for their emergency response...unfortunately, on that day one staff member was physically assaulted by the student who just could not regulate themselves,” she said.

“This is all happening while 90 percent of my building still needs to have academics, teaching, and learning happening,” Wood said at Monday’s meeting.

In response to a question from the Select Board, she said students involved with harmful behaviors are those with Individualized Education Plans, also known as IEPs. The principal said the number with IEPs has in recent years “tripled in number, where almost 50 percent of our students are on an IEP or 504 extra level of support.”

“This is a delicate conversation...the high school is a safe place,” McLaughlin said.

During the 2022/2023 school year, he said a student “suffered a traumatic brain injury,” adding, “we have been reaching capacity for some time; these incidents last week [were] a flash point.”

“For 90 percent of the student body,

they went about their day,” Wood said, referring to recent violent incidents.

The school district’s claims about a police officer, in the role of school resource officer, being barred from intervening to curtail student-on-student violence, may be at odds with state information.

A “School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding” template, involving any school district and municipal police department, says the following language is compulsory in such MOUs:

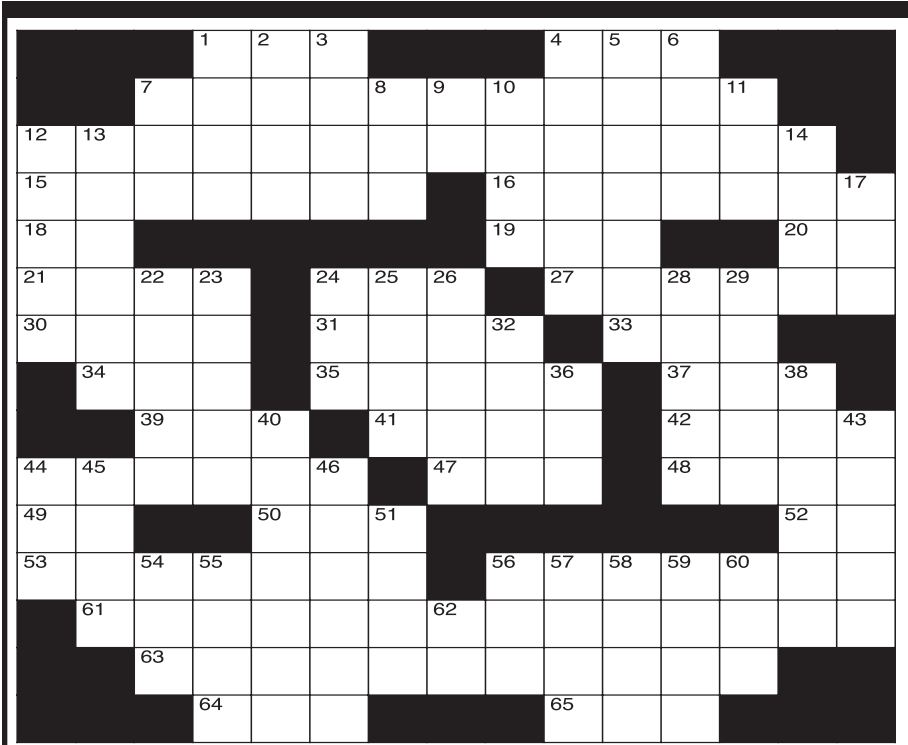
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This document says: “The provisions of this Agreement are specifically required by” state law, citing “section 37P of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 79 of chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020.”

Telephone and email messages were placed with South Hadley Chief of Police Jennifer Gundersen about permissible duties and functions of a municipal police officer on campus.

The School Committee was scheduled to meet via remote access on Thursday, Nov. 2, which includes an agenda item titled “Continued Discussion: Bullying in the South Hadley Public Schools.

Those who want to view a recording of Monday’s meeting may visit [shctv15.com/video-archive](http://shctv15.com/video-archive).



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. A way to drop
- 4. Bits per inch
- 7. Ghosts
- 12. Presents
- 15. Noises
- 16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
- 18. Elevated railroad
- 19. A way to drench
- 20. The Tarheel State
- 21. Lilly and Manning are two
- 24. Where golfers begin
- 27. Harvester
- 30. Unit of subjective loudness
- 31. Jewish calendar month
- 33. Dash
- 34. Armed conflict
- 35. Daisy \_\_: Broadway actress
- 37. Jump

- 39. Get free of
  - 41. A written proposal or reminder
  - 42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
  - 44. African country
  - 47. Cool!
  - 48. Used to treat Parkinson’s disease
  - 49. \_\_ route
  - 50. Ed Murrow’s home
  - 52. Lethal dose
  - 53. Give cards incorrectly
  - 56. A treeless grassy plain
  - 61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
  - 63. In an incisive way
  - 64. Mark Wahlberg’s screen partner
  - 65. Criticize
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Mountain in the Julian Alps

- 2. A domed or vaulted recess
- 3. Trade agreement
- 4. Larger
- 5. Edged
- 6. Data
- 7. Something curved in shape
- 8. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 9. Farm state
- 10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
- 11. Short-term memory
- 12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
- 13. Honor as holy
- 14. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 17. Company that rings receipts
- 22. City in Finland
- 23. Small finch
- 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 26. Very willing
- 28. Partner to “oohed”
- 29. Turntable
- 32. Major Hindu deity
- 36. Move head slightly
- 38. Plain-woven fabric
- 40. Die
- 43. Shipped as cargo
- 44. Something highly prized
- 45. Individual thing or person
- 46. Humbled
- 51. Speak indistinctly
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Financial obligation
- 56. Green vegetable
- 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 58. \_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Singer Charles
- 62. Camper

**GARDEN** from page 5

I think I have three edible squash (actually I just checked and it’s officially two!) from a 200 square foot area. The same area in year one, with fresh soil and no bugs yielded 50 fruit.

I was short on time and energy. Next year I will amend the soil per the test results.

The squash vine that has engulfed the chicken coop (not planted on purpose, mind you) is still lush and green, growing in all that nitrogen rich chicken fertilized soil. I only hope the two beautiful butter-nuts have a chance to fully ripen.

Another area in which I was lax was removing volunteer plants. I was so proud of my new perennial border, only to have many Cosmos seed themselves.

The bed was pretty enough but the tall cosmos through the whole design off. The Goldfinches were happy so that was a consolation, but next year they will have to be happy in another part of the garden where the Cosmos will be planted on pur-

pose.

A long time ago someone told me the real definition of a weed: “a plant that grows where it is not supposed to regardless of whether it is a dandelion or a rose!”

I did do a few things correctly. Planting a bed of carrots after the garlic was harvested was smart. They are ready for harvest and boy are they sweet now that colder temperatures have set in.

The succession of lettuce transplants I put in after the peas are also going strong. I am dreaming about next year already, despite my failures and I hope you are too!!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.*

# Friends of the Granby Library celebrates 40 years



Submitted Photos

Event attendees celebrated the Friends of the Granby Library's 40-year anniversary.

GRANBY – The Friends of the Granby Library recently celebrated their 40-year anniversary with an event.

“We had a local cello/guitar group called DuoMundo come and play for us, and the event was catered by Evelyn Hatch of Breezy Acres in Granby and Tammy Sapowsky of Sapowsky’s Farm in Granby,” a press statement reads. “We had a logo contest in which the winner’s design was immediately added to new merch that we sold at the event as well.”

The event featured new T-shirts and tote bags for sale at the library to help support

the Friends group.

“We would love to thank the caterers, as well as the Friends Event Committee who put this beautiful event together so flawlessly,” event organizers released. “It really was a treat for the Friends and the community.”



An event was recently held celebrating the Granby Library Friends group



Attendees enjoyed food at the event.

## New England Small Farm Institute to host upcoming small engine workshop

REGION – The NESFI is hosting a workshop titled “Small Engine Repair and Maintenance,” on Saturday, Nov. 11.

“New England Small Farm Institute [NESFI] continues its

Education Series with the workshop from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 11, at 275 Jackson Street, Belchertown,” a press statement reads. “The staff of Devon Lane Power Equipment

will lead a hands-on workshop covering the fundamentals of maintaining and repairing small gas-powered machines such as mowers, chainsaws, tillers, blowers, etc.”

Topics will include performing regular maintenance steps, essential tools and supplies, diagnostics and troubleshooting, basic repairs, and more. All are welcome, but “space is limited

so best to register early,” event organizers released.

There is a \$20 registration fee; register via email at info@smallfarm.org or by phone at 413-323-4531.

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# Modified Fall Fest brings pickleball community together

By Tina Lesniak  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - In spite of numerous weather-related challenges, the local pickleball community and its supporters still came together last weekend for friendly competition at the Buttery Brook Park Fall Fest.

"We had 140 participants in our three-day pickleball tournament," said Kim Prough, one of the event organizers. "Players came from many surrounding towns, including Belchertown, Greenfield, Northfield, Westfield, and Easthampton."

The event had been postponed due to heavy rain from the weekend of Oct. 20-22 to last weekend, but that move didn't seem to impact turnout.

"We had a full tournament with a waiting list for each division," Prough said. "Spectators filled our picnic tables and turf area for the majority of the tournament."

Prough said that she and her fellow organizers hope to continue offering similar events throughout the year, with a tournament as the focus and other activities and entertainment added.

"We love that pickleball brings communities of people together," Prough said. "Additionally, we're thrilled to showcase our own beautiful Buttery Brook Park."

In addition to the tournament, the original plan called for many activities on Sunday. The Willies were scheduled to perform in the afternoon, and Crave and Dev's Mac 'n' Eats and a beer tent were supposed to offer food and beverage. Unfortunately, they had to be canceled because of the rainy weather on Sunday afternoon.

The annual Pickleween, which had also been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, was able to be moved to Halloween evening. Pickleween is a time of friendly Pickleball play with participants dressed in costumes. Prizes were awarded for best costumes.

Prough said the small planning committee worked hard to shape the weekend and enjoyed seeing it all come to fruition and provide funds for Pickleball improvements.

"We knew we wanted to create a fun event for the players and the community, while also making some money to put toward our new court fund," Prough said.

The weekend of events was sponsored by ERA M. Connie Laplante Real Estate, Valley Podiatry, and Sok's Bar & Grill.

For more information on upcoming events, how to get involved, or pickleball itself, visit the Buttery Brook Park website and social media pages, as well as the social media page for South Hadley Pickleball.



Winners appear on the podium for the Senior (60+) division.

Turley Photos by Tina Lesniak



Event planners Carol Thibault, Maddy Venancio, and Kim Prough at Pickleween.



Hikari Mamata and Nick San get ready for the men's competition.



Women's division participants.



Costume contest winners Jeff Bobowiec and Taryn Canfield ("Flower Children"), Lori Mortimer ("Leaf man"), and Maddy Venancio ("Doug from the Liberty Mutual commercial").

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### Resident enrolls at Lasell Univ.

SOUTH HADLEY – Resident Rylee Mullin has enrolled as a student at Lasell University. Mullin became a student at Lasell University this fall, and joins more than 370 new students at the University, according to the school.

### Regional animal shelter named 2023 ‘Top-Rated Nonprofit’

REGION – One area animal organization has recently announced that it’s been named a “2023 Top-Rated Nonprofit” by GreatNonprofits, a website for community recommendations of charities and nonprofits.



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**Rudy, a five-year-old Manchester terrier mix, is just one of the many pets waiting to find a new home at the Second Chance Adoption Center in East Brookfield.**

Second Chance Animal Services offers programs and services that help more than 44,000 pets a year to live better lives, according to a press statement.

“We are honored to be named a 2023 Top-Rated Nonprofit,” said Chief Development Officer Lindsay Doray. “We are proud of our accomplishments this year. The importance of our work has never been more pronounced as the economy continues to take a toll on pets in our communities. At our vet hospitals, more pet owners are relying on subsidized rates than ever before to care for their cherished companions. Meanwhile, our shelter is taking in local surrenders

at a rate not seen in over a decade.”

The Top-Rated Nonprofit Award is based on the rating and number of reviews that Second Chance received from volunteers, donors, and aid recipients. In one review, a volunteer shared, “I have been a volunteer with Second Chance for the past couple of years and continue to be impressed with how hard they work to not only help and care for the animals they rescue, but also the resources they give to animal owners in the communities they serve. From veterinary services, vaccine clinics, pet grooming, food banks, and more. They truly are an impressive organization.”

“Second Chance is a great example of a nonprofit making a real difference in their community,” said Perla Ni, CEO of GreatNonprofits. “Their award is well-deserved recognition not only of their work, but the tremendous support they receive, as shown by the many outstanding reviews they have received from people who have direct experience working with Second Chance.”



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### Local senior named as ‘Commended Student’ in 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program

SOUTH HADLEY – The MacDuffie School’s Head of School Steve Griffin announced that Thaddeus J. Mulder has been named a Commended Student in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by Griffin to this “scholastically-talented senior” during a recent assembly, the school released.

“Approximately four million students wrote the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) in schools around the country. Only 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for the exceptional academic promise,” a press statement reads.

“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” said a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will



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**A Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation was presented to Mulder during a recent assembly.**

help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”

### BARC’s ‘holiday pop-up’ this weekend

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown Animal Control will host a holiday shopping event from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 165 George Hannum Rd. in Belchertown.

“We’ve got your cat toys,

dog tails, hats, jackets, T-shirts, plus much, much more,” a press statement reads. “BARC merchandise makes great holiday gifts for your animal loving friends and family and at the same time, you help to support

a great organization. It’s a win-win.”

Additionally, with any donation or purchase, attendees will have a chance to take home one of the special baskets. This will be an outside event.

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## Marjanski scores 100th goal

### Game-winner for Tigers

SOUTH HADLEY – Lauren Marjanski, who notched her 100th career point earlier this season, scored her 100th goal during South Hadley’s Western Mass. Class B semifinal win. Marjanski scored all four goals, including the game-winning goal in overtime for a 4-3 win over rival Belchertown on Monday night. The Tigers defeated Wahconah 5-0 in the quarterfinals and were scheduled to face Pope Francis in the Western Mass. finals on Tuesday night. Highlights from that game will be in next week’s edition.



Maddie Soderbaum goes up to meet the ball.



Katherine McArdle looks to cross the field.



Allison Fleury tries to fight off a defender.



Cianna Gurek gets behind the ball and dribbles upfield.

## Football seeds released

Belchertown, Chaug, Ware, South Hadley head for tournament

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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It has not been easygoing for teams from the West and Central region of the state to make the 16-team state tournament since its inception in 2021.

For the third straight year, only a small handful of Western Mass. teams will make the eight 16-teams fields.

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Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Jaxton Roy advances up the left side of the field.



Gavin Moreno sends the ball up the field avoiding letting it go out of bounds.



Cody White heads the ball forward.

## Rams head for finals

GRANBY – The Granby High School boys soccer team ranked No. 7 in Class D, but has advanced through the competition to the

Western Mass. finals. The Rams defeated the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School 2-1 in overtime followed by a 1-0

triumph over Smith Academy in the semifinals last Saturday morning. The No. 7 Rams were scheduled to face No. 4 Monson in the

finals, which were set for Tuesday at Central High School. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week’s edition.

## Railers fall to Admirals

NORFOLK, VA — The Worcester Railers HC (2-3-0-0, 4pts) fell to the Norfolk Admirals (2-2-0-1, 5pts), on Sunday afternoon by the final score of 4-0 at Norfolk Scope Arena in front of a crowd of 1,844. The Railers are back at the DCU Center against the Adirondack Thunder on Friday, November 3rd at 7:05 p.m. ET.

Norfolk attacked first with a goal from Stepan Timofeyev (2-1-3), his first of the season at 3:43 in the first period. Shots favored Worcester 13-12. Continuing momentum in the second period Andrew McLean (1-0-1) scored his second goal of the season at 9:30. Shots favored Norfolk 13-5. Norfolk added a third goal at 4:51 of the third period by Griffin Mendel (1-0-1). At 11:36 of the third period Norfolk scored their final goal by Stepan Timofeyev, his second of the game.

The first period was off to a hot start in favor of Norfolk just 25 seconds into the game after a shot off the post by Keaton Jameson warranted an instant replay. Review by head officials ruled the shot no goal. Worcester was unable to find the back of the net but participated in a physical first period. For the Railers Christian Krygier earned a roughing penalty after a brawl with Mark Liwinski. For Norfolk Mark Liwinski was called for roughing and Simon Kubicek for cross-checking. Norfolk led the first period with a goal at 3:43 by Stepan Timofeyev making it 1-0. Shots favored Worcester 13-12.

Norfolk added another goal at 9:30 in the second period by Andrew McLean, making it 2-0. The physical nature of this matchup intensified as both sides combined earned 52 penalty minutes in the first two periods. Artyom Kulakov found himself face to face with Mark Liwinski once again at 12:18 in the second period resulting in matching unsportsmanlike conducts. Mark Liwinski earned an additional 10:00 misconduct with his fourth penalty of the game. Norfolk controlled the offense, outshooting Worcester 13-5 in the second period.

At 4:51 in the third period Norfolk added a third goal to the board with a pass picked up by Griffin Mendel. Danny Katic recorded his second assist of the game on the goal. Norfolk added another at 11:36 with a shorthanded goal scored by Stepan Timofeyev, his second of the game. Norfolk outshot Worcester 13-4, grabbing their second win of the season.

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Among those heading for the tournament will be Minnechaug, Belchertown, Ware, and South Hadley.

For the third time, Minnechaug qualified for the Division 3 tournament. The Falcons went 5-2 on the regular season. Minnechaug qualified as the No. 14 team, but could have done better had it not lost a game on

its schedule early in the season. The Falcons were scheduled to play West Springfield in Week 1, but severe thunderstorms on Sept. 8 forced the cancellation of the game. Attempts were made to make up the game as late as Monday, Sept. 11, but more severe weather nipped that plan, and the Falcons only played seven games in the regular season. Minnechaug will be traveling to No. 3 Milton for the first round.

Belchertown is a first-time qualifier to the state tournament. Belchertown received the No. 14 seed in Division 5 with a 7-1 record. The Orioles travel to No. 3 Shawsheen Valley Tech on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

In Division 7, South Hadley qualified at No. 14 with a 7-1 record. The Tigers made the state tournament for the second time and head for West Bridgewater, the third-seeded team.

Ware makes the state tournament in Division 8 for the third time. Ware was a perfect 8-0 and they will hold the No. 5 seed and host No. 12 Randolph on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

Not making tournament despite positive records are Agawam and Pathfinder. Chicopee, Palmer, Ludlow, Chicopee Comprehensive, and Holyoke join them and will be in nonplayoff games for Week 9 and 10.



## Granby girls win in OT

GRANBY — No. 2 Granby girls soccer defeated Hoosac Valley followed by a thrilling 5-4 overtime win over Mount Everett to advance to the Western Mass. Class D finals. That game was scheduled to be held on Tuesday evening at Central High School. Highlights from that game will be in next week's edition as Granby drew a tough opponent in Palmer, a team they lost to twice during the regular season. Following the Western Mass. finals, Palmer, will be participating in the Division 5 state tournament. Their two playoff wins could possibly help their final ranking once brackets are released.

Cassandra Flaherty clears the ball out of the defensive end of the field.



Margaret Crawford tries to center the ball.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Kalli White advances up the right side.



Autumn Sicard works around the Hoosac defense during the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. Class D tournament.



Kelly Lynne Kennedy works in the middle of the field.

## T-Birds even record with wins over Bruins

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-4-0-0) came back from two separate third-period deficits to knock off the Providence Bruins (1-3-1-2) on Sunday at the Amica Mutual Pavilion in a 3-2 overtime victory.

Vadim Zherenko got the starting nod and was up to par in the first, blocking aside all 14 Bruins shot attempts, including a calm breakaway stick save against Justin Brazeau in the opening minutes. Brandon Bussi was not tested much at all in period one, as the second-year Providence goalie only needed to make four saves in the opening 20 minutes.

After a chaotic first period that featured no goals but a combined eight penalty infractions, the Bruins finally broke the 0-0 tie with their fourth power-play goal in three games against Springfield. Reigning AHL All-Rookie Team member Georgii Merkulov netted the tally with a wrist from the right circle at the 7:41 mark of the middle period, his second of the year.

The complexion of the game may have changed just past the midpoint of regulation when Sam Bitten dropped the gloves before a puck drop with Trevor Kuntar, drawing a huge ovation from his teammates on the bench. While Bitten and Kuntar would be given game misconducts for the fight, the shots and chances heavily leaned in Springfield's favor from that point forward.

2:43 into the final period, Bitten's scrap had its first tangible effect when Drew Callin took a feed from Mathias Laferriere in the trapezoid and wrapped it home through Bussi to tie the score, 1-1.

More adversity loomed just nine seconds later, though, as Justin Brazeau scorched a slap shot into the top shelf from the right circle, and Providence had restored its lead, 2-1.

Despite the quick counter by the Bruins, the T-Birds continued to play with confidence, and in a period where they outshot Providence 18-7, Mikhail Abramov found a soft spot in the slot area to deflect a Calle Rosen wrist shot over Bussi to make it a tie game again, 2-2, with 9:34 remaining in regulation.

The T-Birds' penalty kill then had the pressure on its shoulders after Austin Osmani inadvertently cleared a puck out of play, forcing Springfield into a delay-of-game minor with just over five minutes to play. The PK picked up their teammate, and after nothing was settled in the closing minutes, the two

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## Region

# Grace Church to host pilot program

AMHERST – A new local program aims to bring the benefits of meditation to everyone.

This November, Kell Julliard will offer a “more robust exploration of meditation” through the program “Anytime Anywhere Meditation,” which is open to all Amherst residents and surrounding community members and “suitable for all religious and philosophical backgrounds.”

Since joining the Grace Church community in 2021, meditation instructor Julliard has “helped fellow parishioners develop meditation practices as a vibrant part of their spiritual lives,” according to reports, through programs such as “Moving Gracefully through the Holidays: A Meditation Workshop” and “Mindfulness, Meditation, and Epiphanies,” a series bringing mindfulness and meditation together with the Christian season of Epiphany and the liturgical service of Compline. “This upcoming workshop is part of the Joy of Living program, founded by Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche,” Julliard released. “Part of a family lineage of meditators stretching back over 1,000 years, Mingyur Rinpoche was already participating in years-long meditation retreats in India by the age of 14. As a teenager, Rinpoche suffered from disabling panic attacks until he decided to apply his knowledge of meditation to the panic itself.”

“Befriending the panic” transformed his life, according to reports, stopped the panic attacks, and eventually led, as an adult and internationally-known meditation teacher, to his creation of the Joy of Living program. “Although meditation alone may not resolve an individual’s struggles with panic or anxiety, the benefits of mindfulness meditation have been demonstrated scientifically,” event organizers released in a press statement. “Major benefits include lowering stress, decreasing depression, improving memory, and strengthening your relation-

ships. In a large-scale review of more than 400 previous studies, mindfulness was identified as an effective mental health practice for helping almost all people improve their physical and psychological well-being.” As part of the Joy of Living program, Rinpoche created “Anytime Anywhere Meditation,” an effort to teach 100,000 people to meditate over the next five years through a yearlong teacher training course and an overview program designed to introduce participants to recognizing and working with their “innate awareness, compassion, and wisdom through meditation.”

“If we want to help others and help our society, it is really important that we transform ourselves first,” Rinpoche said. Amherst has been selected as one of five sites internationally to pilot this approach, and those participating will have the opportunity to give feedback that can help the program be more broadly applicable, according to event organizers.

Julliard is a senior facilitator for the Joy of Living Program and a certified meditation instructor who has taught at Omega, the Garrison Institute, and Kripalu, among other meditation centers. He has taught mindfulness techniques nationally and internationally, has trained hundreds of employees at large health systems in Massachusetts and New York, and has published peer-reviewed research articles on teaching mindfulness to health care professionals.

Event dates include 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, and 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. The events will be held at Grace Church, 14 Boltwood Ave. in Amherst, and there is a \$25 suggested donation.

Founded in 1864, Grace Church is a “vital and thriving Episcopal church on the town common in Amherst,” according to a press statement.

“It supports many programs related to the well-being of its community and the larger society.”

# Gender, racial equity event upcoming

REGION – On Monday, Nov. 13, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley will host the Women’s Fund of Western Massachusetts at the Ludlow Country Club.

The public is invited to hear key findings from their latest research report on Gender Equity in Western Massachusetts, “The Status of Women, Girls, Transgender, Nonbinary, and Gender-Diverse Adults and Youth,” from Amihan Jennifer Matias, Senior Director of Community Partnerships, and Sarah Monson, Senior Director of Philanthropy.

Joining them will be Lisa Ranghelli from the Public Health Institute of Western Mass., a lead researcher of the Gender Equity Report, according to a press statement.

“The extensive data synthesized in this report shed light on strengths, progress, and areas of continued or emerging gender inequities in the four counties and provides actionable insights for advancing gender-equitable policies and practices,” event organizers released. “Individuals involved with inclusion and equity from community-based organizations, for-profit and not-for-profit companies, schools, higher educational institutions, and more will benefit from this



Amihan Matias



Sarah Monson

conversation.”

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, at the Ludlow Country Club. A buffet dinner will begin at 6 p.m. for \$28, followed by the program. There will be a Q&A and “some brainstorming on how to move forward,” the press statement reads.

RSVPs are required by Nov. 8; email [info@zontaQV.org](mailto:info@zontaQV.org). More details are available at [zontaQV.org/special-event](https://zontaQV.org/special-event).

Additionally in November, a world-wide campaign known as “Zonta Says No!” coincides with the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, according to reports, Nov. 25 – Dec. 10.

“Join us in building a world where no woman or girl lives in fear of violence,” the organiza-

tion released.

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley, based in Western Mass., is part of Zonta International.

“This global community has empowered women and girls through service and advocacy for over 100 years. It was founded on November 8, 1919, in Buffalo, New York, by a group of forward-thinking women who envisioned a women’s service organization that would advocate for laws and policies that ensure gender equality and help every woman and girl realize her full potential,” the press statement reads.

Zonta’s nearly 1,200 clubs support local and regional initiatives in 63 countries worldwide, according to reports.

# CDC encourages getting a flu vaccine

SPRINGFIELD— The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend getting a flu shot by the end of October. But the Vaccine is still recommended to get even after that date.

“Whether we have a severe or mild flu season predicted should not matter when it comes to getting your flu shot. Everyone with some exceptions needs to get one,” said Dr. Armando Paez, chief of Infectious Disease Division, Baystate Health.

The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older who does not have any conditions that may prevent them from getting flu vaccine, such as a prior reaction after receiving the flu vaccine, should be vaccinated now, preferably before the end of October. The flu vaccine composition for 2023-2024 has been updated to best match the

flu viruses that are anticipated to be commonly circulating this season.

One-dose flu shots are appropriate for most people, with rare exceptions for children younger than 6 months of age and those with severe, life-threatening allergies to any ingredient in the flu vaccine or who have had a previous severe allergic reaction to a dose of flu vaccine. Some children ages 6 months through 8 years may require 2 doses. Flu vaccinations are particularly important for those individuals at risk of severe illness and complications from flu.

These include older adults, residents of long-term care facilities, women who are pregnant, adults and children with a weakened immune system, and those with chronic medical conditions and obesity. Persons who live with or care for individuals

at risk of severe infection such as healthcare personnel and others living in the home are also essential to be vaccinated.

For people 65 years and older, there are three preferentially recommended higher-dose or adjuvant flu vaccines: Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent vaccine, Flublok Quadrivalent recombinant flu vaccine and Fluvad Quadrivalent adjuvant flu vaccine. More information is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/highrisk/65over.htm>.

Flu shots can be given at the same time as other vaccines, including the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information on Baystate Health, visit [baystatehealth.org](http://baystatehealth.org) or for more information about Baystate Children’s Hospital, visit [baystatehealth.org/bch](http://baystatehealth.org/bch).

## Public Safety

### Granby Police

*Editor’s Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 150 calls for the week of Oct. 20 through Oct. 26. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.*

#### Friday, Oct. 20

9:59 p.m. – A motorist reported a single car rollover accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. The operator was transported to the hospital with

non-life-threatening injuries. An accident report was completed.

#### Saturday, Oct. 21

9:17 a.m. – A resident came to the station to report that an item was stolen from a package they received. An incident report was completed.

11:52 a.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident. An officer responded and completed an accident report.

#### Monday, Oct. 23

9:55 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor ve-

hicle traveling past their location without any headlights on. The vehicle was stopped, and it was discovered that the operator did not have an MA driver’s license. The operator was issued a criminal citation for operating without headlights and for operating without a driver’s license.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 24

1:31 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle that did not stop for a stop sign. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for failing to stop

and failure to wear a seat belt.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 25

9:55 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 57 miles per hour in 35 mph zone. The vehicle was stopped, and it was discovered that the operator had a suspended MA driver’s license. The operator was issued a criminal citation for speeding and operating with a suspended driver’s license.

12:38 p.m. – A motorist re-

ported that a car just drove into the back of their trailer. Granby Police and Fire responded. The operator was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The operator was issued a criminal citation for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs and for carrying a dangerous weapon. An accident report was completed.

7:16 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

# Finding that forever home

*Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange helps children and families*

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NEWTON – If you’re looking to start a family, adoption is always an option, and the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange is there to help.

MARE is a nonprofit organization that helps children currently in foster care find their permanent home. The process behind MARE is to give a child that goal of adoption.

MARE serves hundreds of children currently in foster care or in group homes. The children work with MARE to help connect with adults and families who are considering adoption.

MARE is all about keeping families engaged and providing resources to help complete the adoption process. Hundreds of children in need of their forever home include children that are in the age range of 6-12 and teenagers.

MARE supports children of color, sibling groups, teens, LGBTQ+ youth, and children with medical needs.

The Executive Director of MARE is Bridget Chiaruttini, and she is proud to be a part of the organization that serves the purpose of finding homes for children.

A social worker by training, Chiaruttini has over 20 years of experience working with children in foster care and through adoption. To her, the work MARE does for children is essential.

“This work is so important. We invest in child welfare,” said Chiaruttini.

In 2022, MARE served over 850 kids across Massachusetts. Currently, MARE has about 650 kids who are seeking permanent homes. About 40% of those chil-

dren are over the age of 12.

As of now, the children MARE supports are in foster homes and group homes while they attend school. The organization works a lot with social workers and the Department of Children and Families to follow up with the children and see how their day-to-day living is going.

Throughout the year, MARE hosts events statewide to connect and support social workers, waiting children and prospective adoptive families. MARE wants the kids seeking permanent homes to be as involved as possible in their process of looking for their forever home.

Activities include meet and greets, social gatherings and community events. The kids have the opportunity to make connections and be included in their own recruitment.

MARE helps the kids identify a family that works best for them. They encourage feedback to be given by the children in order to seek the chemistry that is or is not there.

Last year, MARE did 20 meet and greet events for the children and claim those activities make a huge difference in building connections between the children and the families who have the intention to adopt.

The community partnerships MARE develops are predominantly made in the Boston area. Events include activities at Jordan’s Furniture, trampoline parks, outdoor courses, bowling, and other built-in activities.

As of 2023, MARE has been an organization for 66 years. It is the first adoption exchange not only in Massachusetts, but the first exchange in the U.S.

In the western region of Massachusetts, MARE has a partner hosted event

in Springfield with DCF that provides helpful information. Those meetings take place at the DCF Western Regional Office in Springfield.

Chiaruttini said there are a lot of children in foster care in the western region of the state.

MARE plans to provide more awareness for children seeking permanent homes in the region. However, they also find it essential to allow kids to stay in their familiar local communities as they tend to build close friendships while they are enrolled in local schools and live in local towns.

MARE consists of over 20 staff members. Their main office is in Newton, but staff are assigned to cover each region of the state, including Boston, Central, Western, Eastern and Northern.

Part of the MARE staff is Mary Liz Nogueras, the Outreach & Support Coordinator for Adoptive Families of Color. Nogueras has been in her current role for over a year and helps supporting families in the process of adoption.

Her role includes providing matching events for families of color and also supports, connections, and trainings for families wanting to adopt.

One of the trainings is through the Trust Based Relational Intervention. The training is for pre-adoptive and recently placed families to a series of Trauma Informed Parenting virtual trainings facilitated by Fostering Hope’s TBRI practitioners.

This is a small-group, practical training, and participants are asked to be available on camera throughout the session, if possible. This opportunity is intended for Massachusetts pre-adoptive families who have completed MAPP training or fami-

lies recently placed.

Nogueras is familiar with the line of work MARE dedicates itself to doing as she is also a parent who adopted children. A mother of six children, Nogueras is proud to be a part of MARE and granting the goal of adoption to hundreds of children and families seeking to adopt.

In its last fiscal year, MARE served 119 children of color. It is fulfilling for MARE to serve children seeking the right families.

“We seek to identify safe and loving permanent homes,” said Nogueras.

One beneficial program MARE provides is a weekend family connection. The program pairs youth ages 10 and older who are living in residential care with host families who are committed to actively incorporate the youth into their community and family life.

The goal of the program is to build connections for the youth that will ultimately result in the identification of an adoptive family, while allowing the youth to have a positive experience of family life.

Whether you’re married, single or partnered individuals, you’re welcome to adopt children from foster care. There are many great kids that will thrive in a family setting.

“We’re very passionate about serving the kids and see every kid have some sort of permanency,” said Nogueras.

It is most beneficial for families to hear shared experiences in person and participate in support groups to discuss early stages and final stages in the adoption process. MARE is an all-inclusive support organization that is dedicated to their mission of finding that forever home for children.

To get involved and learn more about MARE, visit their website at [www.mare-inc.org](http://www.mare-inc.org).



## TAC seeks new logo design

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke’s Tourism Advisory Committee is pleased to announce they are seeking designs for the TAC logo. Design submission deadline is Dec. 8, by tagging @exploreholyokey on Instagram or Facebook with #holyokeytourism and emailing a high resolution copy of the design to [brazeaum@holyokey.org](mailto:brazeaum@holyokey.org). The winning design will be selected by the Tourism Advisory Committee.

Prizes: 1st Place- \$500, 2nd Place- International Volleyball Hall of Fame swag package with pint glass, shirt, sticker and 4 free passes and 3rd Place- Holyoke 150th Anniversary commemorative book.

## Free diabetes wellness fair

HOLYOKE— Holyoke Medical Center will be hosting a free diabetes wellness fair on Thursday, Nov. 2, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Holyoke YMCA located at 171 Pine St. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored in part by Abbott, Abbott Nutrition, Dexcom, and Novo Nordisk.

“Holyoke Medical Center is dedicated to improving the health of the community we serve, and this event aims to support those with diabetes who want a more balanced, healthy life. Guests can learn about household-wide lifestyle changes to help prevent or manage this chronic disease,” says Lisa Wray Schechterle, director of Community Benefits at Holyoke Medical Center. “Living with diabetes can be challenging but with a team-based approach that addresses the whole body, Holyoke Medical Center is here to help and be a part of your journey.”

Registered dietitians from Holyoke Medical Center will have food samples and recipes to share, prepared by HCC Culinary students. The Greater Holyoke YMCA will demonstrate how to incorporate exercise into a daily routine. Guests can learn about Holyoke Medical Center specialties available to support diabetes care.

The diabetes wellness fair will also offer free blood pressure screenings, type 2 diabetes risk test questionnaire, raffles, and more. Children’s activities, including a bounce house, will be included.

Pharmacists will be on hand to discuss medications available to treat diabetes. Private consultations with the pharmacists for those with more in-depth questions about medications and how to manage their diabetes will also be available.

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rivals went to overtime, Springfield’s first extra-time game of the season.

In the 3-on-3 session, Abramov helped complete the comeback when he peeled off at the right-wing boards, drawing the attention of two defenders. Meanwhile, Dylan Coghlan sneaked down the left side to receive a rink-wide pass and snap a wrister perfectly off the post and in to win it at the 1:38 mark of overtime, 3-2. It was Coghlan’s second straight game with a goal.

Zherenko earned his third win in four starts by virtue of his 25 stops, while Bussi turned away 33 in the losing effort for Providence.

The T-Birds embark on yet another 3-in-3 on Friday night as they welcome the Belleville Senators to the Mass-Mutual Center for a 7:05 p.m. puck drop.

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### Sale Of Motor Vehicles Under G.I. C.255 Sec. 39A

Notice is hereby given by **Hampshire Towing, 650 New Ludlow Rd., South Hadley, MA 01075**, pursuant to the provisions of G.I. C. 255, section 39A, an **online auction** will take place **11/06/2023 at 9 a.m.** Vehicles can be viewed at [sta.ibidsmart.com](http://sta.ibidsmart.com) beginning 10/27/23.

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

2004 Subaru Forester  
JF1SG65644G748371  
Brianna Quinonez Diaz  
6 Glen St  
Holyoke MA 01040

2007 Dodge Nitro  
1D8GU28K07W700193  
Kristi Tanguay  
150 Green Mt Trailer Park  
Pownal VT 05261

2001 Honda Odyssey  
2HKRL18631H620293  
Edward Drost  
25 Nelligan Dr  
Chicopee MA 01020

2013 Volkswagen Passat  
1VWAP7A38DC023772  
Dandre Ramos  
1476 Grey Eagle Ln  
Winter Haven FL 33881

2018 Honda Civic  
SHHFK7H53JU419412  
Tyler Caron  
54 Central Ave  
North Adams MA 01247

2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser  
3A4FY48BX6T363735  
Geraldine Belisle  
15 Spring St. Apt 50  
Adams MA 01220

2001 Acura MDX  
2HNYD18221H507766  
Chikeina Brown  
30 William Sands Jr  
Springfield MA 01109

2013 Volkswagen Passat  
1VWBH7A39DC016752  
Katherine Shepard  
45 Southwick St  
Feeding Hills MA 01030

2001 BMW 5 Series  
WBADS43401GD85599  
Cory Saddlemire  
28 Cardnial Blvd #15  
Pownal VT 05261

2007 BMW 3 Series  
WBAVC73507KP31357  
Angel Colon  
17 Ranney St #1  
Springfield MA 01108

2013 Audi Q5  
WA1CFAFP9DA010249

Lillybelle Wloch  
31 High St  
Ware MA 01082

2003 Cadillac Escalade (Gray)  
1GYEK63N13R127229  
Angel Martinez  
84 Marion St. Apt 2  
Springfield MA 01109

2011 5th Wheel Utility Trailer  
1UYFS2453BA200505  
Xpo Last Mile Inc  
2850 S Lynhurst Dr  
Indianapolis IN 46241

2008 Subaru Legacy  
4S3BL616187215329  
Makayli Melendez  
185 Prospect St  
North Adams MA 01247

2000 Honda Accord  
1HGCG5641YA058755  
No Records Found

2005 Honda Civic  
1HGEM22995L015282  
Evelyn Rosario  
92 Ardmore St  
Springfield MA 01104

1996 Buick Century  
1G4AG85M8T6429300  
Jennifer Boyle  
112 Nonotuck St  
Holyoke MA 01040

2003 Nissan Murano  
JN8AZ08T73W104595  
Awilda Cordero  
64 Myrtle St. Apt 15  
Indian Orchard MA 01151

2007 Saab 9-7X  
5S3ET13S072805277  
William Bohl  
PO BOX 76  
Pownal VT 05261

2007 Acura MDX  
2HNYD283X7H533619  
Ciana Cabrera  
580 S Summer St. Apt 22  
Holyoke MA 01040

2007 Honda Civic  
2HGFA16527H307306  
Murrata Kapiga  
323 Waltham St  
West Newton MA 02465

2004 Honda Accord  
1HGCM56394A096812  
Nathaniel L. Rodriguez  
133 Sargeant St 1R  
Holyoke MA 01040

1983 Datsun 280ZX  
JN1HZ04S2DX569761  
Euclides J Almeida  
17 Coach Ln.  
Amherst MA 01002

2013 Isuzu NPR  
54DC4W1B2DS801720  
Andrew Shulman  
147 Theroux Dr  
Chicopee MA 01020

Boat/Trailer  
None  
Paul A. Deslauriers

123 Mill Pond Rd  
Jacksonville NC 28546

2005 Honda Civic  
2HGES26735H504367  
Josue Torres  
64 Church St. Apt 3  
Springfield MA 01107

1998 Acura TL  
JH4UA2655WC004757  
Kyle Washington  
37 Maple Crest Cir. Apt F  
Holyoke MA 01040

2015 Nissan Altima  
1N4AL3AP7FN328767  
Viktor Gerasimchuk  
82 George St  
West Springfield MA 01089

2015 Honda Civic  
19XFB2F58FE270113  
Kimberly James  
42 Hunt St.  
Agawam, MA 01001

2006 Honda Pilot  
2HKYF18506H529726  
Michelle Rolnick  
87 W Main St. Apt 2  
North Adams MA 01247

2006 Honda Odyssey  
5FNRL38716B057478  
JJ Florez Subira  
720 Charles St.  
Providence RI 02904

2003 Nissan Altima  
1N4AL11D23C118482  
Karl Krause  
64 Saint James Ave  
Holyoke MA 01040

2020 Taotao Pony 50  
L9NTECBAE7L1007022  
Rafael Hernandez  
115 Dwight St. Apt 705  
Springfield MA 01103

2001 Honda Civic  
1HGEM22991L083320  
Rettura, Jennifer  
P.O. Box 856  
Springfield MA 01102

2005 Honda Accord  
1HGCM72635A005224  
No Records Found

2008 Suzuki Hyabusa  
JS1GX72A882103Q67  
Alexander Ramos  
376 Main Street, Apt #2  
Indian Orchard MA 01151

2005 Chevrolet Equinox  
2CNLDL23F356165765  
Kennia Carrasquillo Centeno  
145 Essex St. Apt 2R  
Holyoke MA 01040

Trailer  
No VIN found

2022 Honda Accord  
1HGCV1F32NA112954  
Balise Motor Sales Company  
122 Doty Circle  
W Springfield MA 01089

2006 Mercedes-Benz C-Class  
WDBRF92H06F792149

Johnny Lendon  
28 Sumner Ave. Apt 2L  
Springfield MA 01108

2008 Saturn Outlook  
5GZEV23788J150745  
Josefina Fernandes  
101 Cabot St. Apt 201  
Holyoke MA 01040

2018 Jeep Renegade  
ZACCJB66JPG73021  
Dominique Gelinas  
7 Parkview Terr. 1 Left  
Holyoke MA 01040

2013 Hyundai Veloster  
KMHTC6AE4DU179705  
David Lemaire  
121 Depot St  
Cheshire MA 01225

2003 Audi A4  
WAULC68E23A118716  
Jayline Rosario Alvarado  
105 N East St. Apt 2L  
Holyoke MA 01040

2000 Jeep Cherokee  
1J4FF68S8YL197070  
Lisa Warner  
20 Morlock Dr  
West Sand Lake NY 12196

2007 Cadillac Escalade (Black)  
1GYFK63847R325078  
Donnell Jackson  
17 Worcester Pl  
Holyoke MA 01040

2002 Honda Civic (Blue)  
2HGES26752H597677  
Victoria Ortiz  
5 Lyman St  
New Britain CT 06053

2001 Toyota Avalon  
4T1BF28B71U120697  
Jason Keith Shackelford  
13675 Honey Dr  
Baton Rouge LA 70810

2004 Toyota Camry  
4T1BE32K04U350216  
Lauren Duffin  
427 S Elm St. Apt 2R  
Holyoke MA 01040

TA01 CY50A (moped)  
L9NTEACT8E1065058  
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2002 Toyota Camry  
4T1BE32K72U547901  
Edwin Velez  
340 Appleton St  
Holyoke MA 01040

2004 Chevrolet Venture  
1GNDX03E94D158119  
David Moreno  
1571 Dwight St  
Springfield MA 01107

2021 Zhen Scooter  
L5YACBPB3M1157707  
Michael Rackliffe  
300 Hampden St. Apt 3R  
Holyoke MA 01040

2004 Toyota Prius  
JTDKB22UX40059576  
Orlando Pereira

330 Maple St. Apt 2  
Holyoke MA 01040

2008 Chevrolet Impala  
2G1WC583781315190  
Kirk Myntti  
176 Union St. Apt 25  
North Adams MA 01247

2010 Mazda Mazda3  
JM1BL1SG2A1249606  
Roberto Santiago  
68 Bernard St  
Springfield MA 01109

2007 Acura TL  
19UUA76567A006210  
Ana Medina  
487 Beacon Cir  
Springfield MA 01119

2009 Jeep Patriot  
1J4FF28B79D185996  
Aisha Williams  
110 Hampshire St. Apt 3RB  
Holyoke MA 01040  
10/20, 10/27, 11/03/2023

### 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 14, 2023** at \*1 Library Lane- Carnegie Building-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. At 7:30 PM "NOI"-filed by Petru Vuple for a proposed removal and replacement of existing culvert pipe with new 12" ads pipe with rip rap flared ends removal and disposal of 2 EA tree stumps and 1 EA tree, asphalt paving of driveway area from street to house with regards to property located 35 Barton Street and known as Map 3-H-A-16 in the Town of Granby.

2. "RDA" filed by Leanne Ballou to see whether work depicted on plan(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act with regards to property located at 110 North Street and known as Map 9-E-B-4, in the Town of Granby.

3. "RDA" filed by Paul & Katherine Pawlak to see whether work depicted on plan(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act with regards to property located at 19 Forge Pond Road and known as Map 14C-A-2, in the Town of Granby.

Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using Access Code: 282-289-421or 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 these "RDA'S" and "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](http://www.granby-ma.gov).

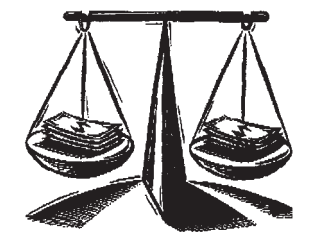
William Shaheen, Chair  
Granby Conservation Commission  
11/03/2023

### Town of South Hadley Request for Proposals Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan

The Town of South Hadley, MA is seeking proposals from qualified firms/individuals to provide a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. The Request For Proposal can be downloaded from the Town's website @ <https://www.southhadley.org/Bids.aspx> or in person at South Hadley Department of Public Works (10 Industrial Drive, South Hadley, MA 01075).

A pre-proposal meeting will be conducted at the South Hadley Department of Public Works on November 17, 2023 at 11AM.

Proposals must be received at the South Hadley Department of Public Works by 2PM on December 8, 2023. 10/27, 11/03/2023



**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

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# HALLOWEEN *Happy Faces*

Turley Photos by Tina Lesniak



Brittany, Blake, Brynn, 9, Bray, Bryan, 7, Kristine, Adam, Avery, 9, and Beckett Methot, 6, Amy, Drew, Sawyer, 7, and Layne Methot, 3, won "Best Trunk" for their Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle theme at Mosier's trunk or treat.



The Adams family as "The Addams Family," including Brynn, 5, Nolan, 2, and Lillian, 10 months, with parents Amanda and Brandon.



Cora Fiedler, Audrey Joly, Evelyn Joly, and Ethan Fiedler at the Mosier Trunk or Treat.



Bradley Langevin, 8, Brooke Langevin, 10, and Alexandra Langevin, 6, at the Trunk or Treat at the Boathouse.

By Tina Lesniak  
Correspondent

community took to various Halloween-themed Trunk or Treats and events throughout town to show off their costumes and collect sweet treats.

SOUTH HADLEY - Earlier this week, members of the



Suly Fay, 10, Tristan Fay, 10, and Shayla Fay, 7, getting ready for a Trunk or Treat at Mosier School.



Jason Cauley, 3, Rowan Cauley, 5, Wynnie DeRoy, 5, and Kason Oliver, 8.



Gabriel Walz, 7, Landon James, 8, Roman James, 12, Soraya Walz, 10, Arianna Walz, 9, and Weston James, 10.

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