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School Committee discusses lunch and recess time

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SOUTH HADLEY – A presentation was given to the School Committee addressing changes to lunch and recess time at elementary schools.

The School Committee received public comments during their Oct. 21 meeting about schedule changes. Superintendent Jennifer Voyik talked about scheduled learning time and how it breaks down during the school day at both Skala and Mosier elementary schools.

Structured learning time is time students spend in scheduled instructions, curriculum-based learning activities or learning assessments.

With 180 school days in the year, nine of them are half days. To reach 900 hours, the full days much average about 306.4 qualifying minutes.

Breakfast, lunch, snack time and recess do not count as time of learning and cannot be included in that total.

The schedule was adjusted to protect structured learning time while maintaining daily lunch and recess. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education measures qualifying learning time across the entire school year.

According to the presentation, Skala Elementary School has 300 qualifying minutes per day with the reduced lunch and recess schedule. Mosier Elementary School's schedule was tracked and has 313 minutes, which does qualify for time of learning.

In the presentation, there were samples from neighboring schools with some having different amounts of time for lunch and recess.

After the presentation, the School Committee discussed how they can adjust this to meet the time of learning qualification.

One idea was if they could convert some of the half days to full days. Voyik said that is something the schools can look at, but due to contractual obligation, there are half days that have to remain half days, including the last day of school.

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Granby Lions conduct vision screenings



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Steven Markow, left, used a vision screener to conduct vision screenings for preschool aged children. This is an annual program sponsored and provided by the Granby Lions Club.

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Granby Lions Club performed vision screenings at various Granby and South Hadley preschools.

This was the third year the Granby Lions have offered and sponsored this free program. Conducting these screenings was Steven Markow of the Granby Lions Club.

Markow is a retired optometrist who started Village Eye Care in South Hadley back in 2001. After joining the Granby Lions Club, Markow started the vision screenings program.

"I thought it would be a good service for the communities of South Hadley and Granby," Markow said.

These vision screenings are for preschool students in the two towns. After the screenings are conducted, the Lions provide a pass or fail certificate for parents and guardians.

Joining Markow on these vision screenings was Glen Wiley of the Granby Lions Club. Wiley has been part of the Granby Lions for the last 15-16 years.

During these screenings the club uses a vision

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Select Board reviews community needs assessment presentation

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Select Board reviewed a presentation on the town's community needs assessment.

Giving the presentation virtually was Senior Associate Katja Jacobs of BME Strategies. Town Administrator Lisa Wong said the town went out to bid and found this firm to do research and conduct a study.

This was the first community needs assessment conducted by the town of South Hadley.

A community need assessment offers a picture of community's current health and wellbeing status that identifies its needs, strengths and challenges. This assessment will help to understand where resources are most needed.

There is limited existing local data on residents' housing and service needs.

There are few senior housing options and limited support for aging in place. There are transportation barriers that exist for youth, veterans and people with disabilities.

Findings in this assessment will guide strategic use of funds and strengthen future grant applications.

This assessment started in December 2025 with a survey being developed and survey dissemination.

Wong said the town recruited a local advisory board during this timeline for the assessment. The respondent demographics collected a total of 698 responses.

Through preliminary analysis of secondary data and survey results detected four priority areas. The first is housing affordability. 45% of the respondents say they spend 30% of income on housing, while 14% spend 50% or more.

These results identify that the housing cost burden falls hardest on lower-income households. Among the respondents, many are worried about losing their stable housing.

74% cite rising rent or housing costs as the reason.

71% of respondents living in rental properties feel they cannot afford housing where they want to live in South Hadley. 35% of respondents chose focusing on affordable housing as priority for improving quality of life in town.

The second priority area is access to healthcare. 40% of respondents faced at least one barrier to healthcare this past year.

32% of respondents could not get a doctor's appointment as soon as they needed, making this the most comment barrier to health care.

More than half of the respondents, 54%, reported difficulty accessing a primary care doctor. 32% had trouble accessing a specialist, 20% for a dentist, 16% for pharmacy and prescriptions and 15% for eyecare.

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Out of the Darkness Walk held for suicide prevention

By Kristin Rivers
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AGAWAM – Over 800 people gathered in School Street Park on Oct. 24 for the 2026 Greater Springfield Out of the Darkness Community Walk.

The annual event raises awareness for suicide prevention and gathers community members, residents, family members and friends and more together to share their stories, remember those lost to suicide and raise their voice for education, research and resources to help those who are struggling.

In 2025, 648 people died by suicide in the state of Massachusetts.

The event featured a Honor Bead Ceremony with attendees wearing a color sharing their connection to the cause whether the loss of a child or spouse, military or the LGBTQIA + community to a

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Turley Photo by Kristin Rivers

The message "HOPE" was on full display at the walk to remind attendees they are not alone.

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personal struggle or attempt, AFSP bandanas to recognize the pets who support those who are struggling, remarks from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chairs Karen Carreira and Lyndsey Nunes and State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), community resource tents including free hugs, a station to create your own henna, therapy dogs from the Hampden County Sheriff's Department and more, raffle prizes, music overseen by a DJ at B_entertained and more.

The top 10 individual fundraisers were Melissa Soto, Cassandra Newman, Jeffrey Burke, Erin Mahoney, Chuck Gorman, Denise Lemenager, Sarita Sheehan, Julia Goldberg, Michael Carreira and Karen Carreira.

As for the top 10 fundraising teams, they were Carla's Angels, Hold On Til Dawn, Power of Three, We're a Little Bit Alexis, Team TruNorth Bank, Sarah's Stars, Randi's Rainbow, Rusty's Free in the Wind, Nathan's Team and Team Nathan.

This year's sponsors were TruNorth Bank, Elm Electric, Fontaine Brothers, Westfield Gas & Electric, All State Materials Group, Pioneer Behavioral Health, the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Helpline, Westek Architectural and Calm and Collar which sponsored the Paws 4 Prevention table.

To learn more, visit afsp.org/chapter/Massachusetts.



Turley Photos by Kristin Rivers

Attendees held up their honor beads to show their connection to the cause.



Members of the Agawam Girls Soccer team took a photo with Boomer from the Springfield Thunderbirds.



Queen Bea the dog showed off the AFSP bandana to represent pets who support those who are struggling.



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chairs Karen Carreira and Lyndsey Nunes welcomed attendees to the event.



State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) was this year's keynote speaker, reminding attendees the bravest words people can say are these three: "I need help."



A shot of the stage at the event, with the colorful hearts on sticks in front. In 2025, 648 people died by suicide in the state of Massachusetts.



Family members at the event also held signs in memory and honor of loss loved ones, as shown here.

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American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chair Lyndsey Nunes spoke about the rainbow beads which supports and honors the LGBTQIA+ community, with two members of the Ludlow Gay-Straight Alliance displaying the beads.



Brad wore silver beads to represent first responders, military members and veterans.



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chair Lyndsey Nunes holds the hand of Cindy, who wore white beads to represent the loss of a child.



Members of the Elms College cheerleading team from Chicopee held signs and cheered on walkers along the course.



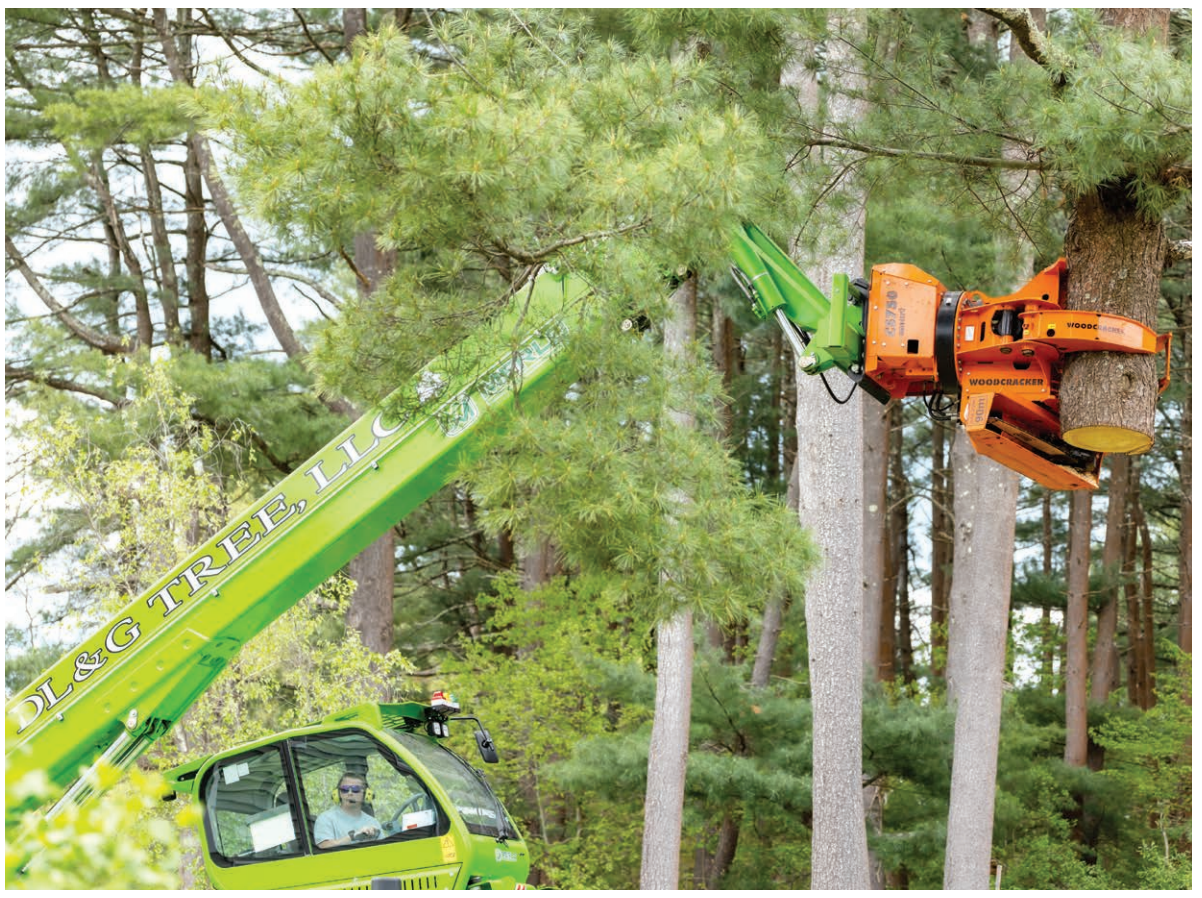
A shot along the course as attendees walked together to raise awareness and support suicide prevention.



Attendees began the walk.



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chair Lyndsey Nunes introduced the blue beads which represent support for the cause of suicide prevention, worn by Aidan from Western New England University.



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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

What happens if Social Security runs out of money to pay benefits?

Dear Rusty:

What happens to seniors if the country runs out of funds to pay out monthly Social Security to beneficiaries?

I am 78 years old and Social Security is my only income.

Signed: Worried Senior

Dear Worried Senior:

Please put your mind at ease, the government will never run out of money to pay Social Security benefits.

That's because if people are working and contributing to the program (e.g., always), Social Security will always have at least some money to pay benefits. What you are hearing about are recent media reports about Social Security having financial issues, expected to come to a head in just a few (six) years.

The primary risk for you (and everyone else) is this: if the reserves in the Social Security Trust Fund (currently about $2.5 trillion) run dry, it would result in a reduction to everyone's monthly benefits.

Right now, the Social Security Trustees are projecting a cut of about 22% starting in the fall of 2032. But that will only happen if Congress fails to act and reform the SS program before the SS reserves are fully depleted.

And that is, in our opinion, not likely to happen unless Congress is completely and totally derelict in its obligations to American seniors and their dependents. Not a pleasant scenario, but neither is it one likely to occur.

Here at the AMAC Foundation, we are working vigorously to prevent the depletion of the Social Security Trust Fund and our expectation is that Congress will, indeed, eventually take action to prevent any cuts to monthly benefits.

It would be political suicide for Congress (and any President) to allow those Social Security benefit cuts to occur. That would greatly increase the poverty level in America. As we have often reported publicly, we have already proposed a commonsense plan to restore Social Security to long term solvency and are working in Congress and with the Social Security Administration to promote the needed reform.

You can see more details of AMAC's plan here: https://amac.us/social-security-guarantee

So, while we fully understand your personal anxiety, we feel confident in assuring you that you are very unlikely to experience any cuts to your monthly Social Security income.

We are firmly committed to preventing that from happening and will continue to vigorously lobby Congress to make the SS changes needed before the SS Trust Fund is fully depleted.

The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Take notice of the subtle oak

Sometimes subtle beauty is just as eye catching as full-blown fireworks.

This fact was reinforced this past week, when oak trees took center stage as leaves worthy of peeping. No, they do not possess the pumpkin orange, lemon yellow or cherry red tones that maples do, but nonetheless they quietly beg the passerby to take notice.

Ahh, burnt umber, raw sienna and burnt sienna, mahogany and magentas. Gosh, I love them all.

It's like taking a peek inside a very good oil painting kit and seeing all your favorites.

Why don't we take a closer look at the genus called Quercus, to which our beloved oak belongs. The oak is a member of the beech or Fagaceae family.

One unique feature that the oak has and other members of the family do not is that its nut is carried in a cap. The nut and cap together are called an acorn.

Acorns are a valuable food source for wildlife. Wild turkey, deer, larger songbirds and squirrels among others depend on the nut for surviving the winter.

One way to tell the difference between species of oak tree is by their acorns. Examine how they wear their "cap."

The cap of the white oak is about one-quarter the size of the oblong shaped nut. The red oak, on the other hand, has a squatty, saucer-like cap covering a more globose shaped nut.

The pin oak has an obtuse nut and a more diminutive cap- a big belly so to speak!

There are some 500 species of oak throughout the world. Some of them are evergreen, holding onto their leaves throughout the winter months.

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



These oaks are located in the more southern, warmer regions of our country. Even though our oaks are deciduous, it takes a long time for them to completely defoliate.

Sometimes it is the next season's emerging leaves that finally push the old ones off! This is often problematic for the homeowner who likes to keep his lawn leaf-free.

At work I once saw a young groundskeeper attempt to shake the leaves off of a young pin oak tree – just to be done with his weekly task!

Most oaks tolerate transplanting the best when they are young and small in size. The pin oak is one exception; its shallow, fibrous root system allows it to be transplanted as a larger specimen.

For this reason, the pin oak is widely used for home landscaping. It is also highly sought after because of its unique, pyramidal shape: the lowest branches are pendulous, the middle are horizontal and the top are upright.

Did you know that cork is harvested from the bark of a species of oak tree? Yes, the cork oak grows in Spain, Portugal and parts of Northern Africa.

Another interesting fact: oaks get struck by lightning more than any other tree. This is likely due to their height, some topping over 80 feet at maturity.

The oak tree can grow to be very old. Reportedly, the oldest oak tree in the United States is in Temula, California.

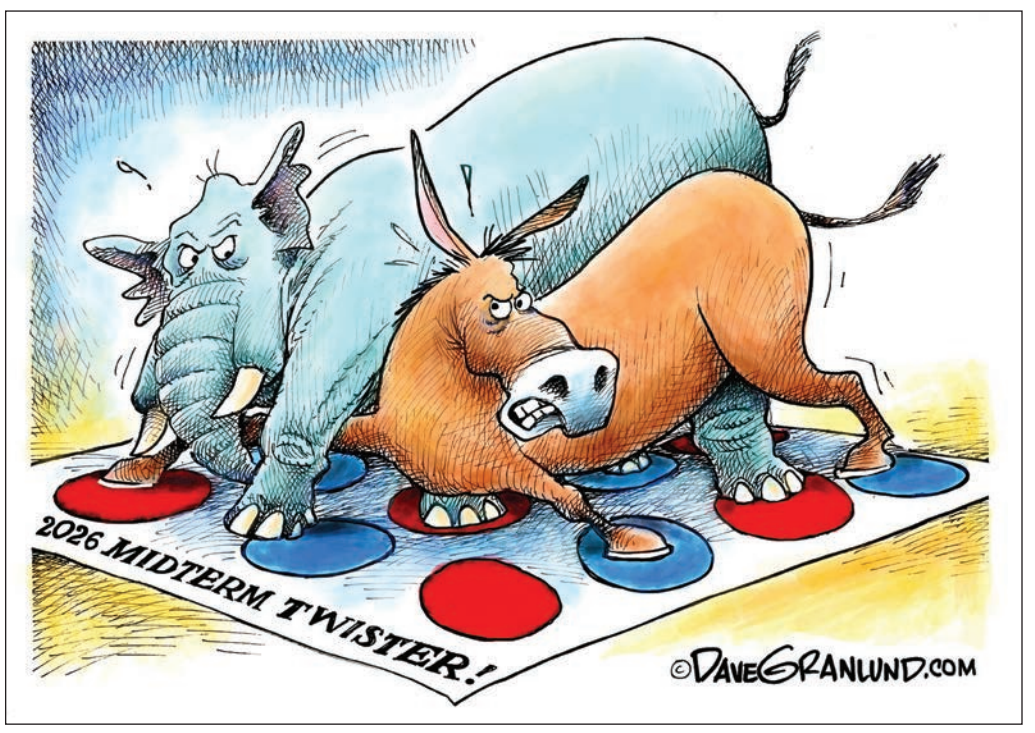
This Coast Live Oak (Quercus agrifolia) named the Pechanga Great Oak, is estimated at 2000 years old!

In nearby Maryland, the Wye Oak lived to be about 460 years old before its demise in 2002. It topped off at 95 feet tall, 165 feet wide and 8 feet in diameter.

In 2006, a clone of the tree was planted in the remains of the trunk in a special ceremony.

All the trivia aside, I hope that you take notice of the subtle colors that line our hills and vales now that the fireworks have subsided. If you are forced to look at them "up close and personal" by way of a rake, don't forget they make great mulch – just chop them up with the lawnmower first. Your plants will benefit from your labor.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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 with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor

For over a year I collaborated with Jacob Humiston, the Shop teacher at South Hadley High School. We collaborate to create a prototype for the Gaylord Memorial Library's story stroll. Mr Humiston spent time talking with me, Janet Shea, the Children's librarian, Katie Brumer, the Board President, and Brian Schrauf, an artist, who is a friend of the library. The Gaylord Trustees put money aside for the supplies the shop class needed to create the display cases for the story stroll. Mr Humiston researched design possibilities. He and his class created an original design for the stroll. In June he installed the prototype at the Gaylord Memorial Library.

After correcting any design issues, the project was scheduled for production in the spring semester of 2027. A partnership was established between the Gaylord Trustees Mr.Humiston and his students. Until the start of this school year, when Mr. Humiston shared his disappointment and that of his class that due to the changes in the school system and the current staffng levels the project was not possible for this year.

I would like to thank the Superintendent, the High School Principal and the School Committee for supporting this collaboration. Mr. Humiston and his students are exceptional. Stop by the Gaylord Memorial Library. Their display case is located outside near the left side of the staircase going into the Gaylord.

Stop and take a look at what they could of created,

Marie Rohan
South Hadley

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Great travel health products for seniors on the move

By Teri Dreher Frykenberg, RN

Oh, for the days of carefree travel in those younger years. Throw a clean T-shirt and toothbrush in your backpack and you were good to go.

Seniors may not be able to travel that simply nowadays, but they can still drive, fly and cruise with much less hassle. The travel goods industry has responded to the graying of the travel population by developing lightweight, easy-to-use products that take into consideration physical strength, security and medical needs.

I've asked Ron Levine of www.UnitedLuggageDealers.com to select some products that seniors or those with other health issues will find helpful.

Here are seven of the best.

1. Flex Gel Memory Foam Seat Cushion

Airline seats aren't getting any more comfortable. But seat cushions are often a pain to travel with and keep track of. Just ask anyone who's left their cushion in the gate area or the airport lounge.

The Flex Gel Memory Foam Seat Cushion folds up into a convenient size when you're ready to get up and go. You can even snap the handle onto your suitcase. About $35

2. Sockwell Compression Socks

Sitting for a long time, besides being uncomfortable, can be hazardous to your health. Many doctors recommend compression socks to minimize swelling, reduce leg fatigue and lower the chances of blood clots.

That doesn't mean they have to be ugly. Sockwell Compression Socks for men and women come in a variety of styles and colors. They also feature a cushioned sole, arch support and seamless toe, so your feet will like them, too. About $30/pair

3. Victorinox Lightweight Hardside Carry-On

At only 6.4 pounds, this right-sized suitcase easily fits inside overhead storage and is easier to lift than other suitcase models. It provides effortless maneuverability, no matter the load inside, and comes equipped with an expansion system to stretch your packing space.

It also includes a zippered anti-scratch pocket to safely store your electronic devices and a built-in lock. About $425

4. FRIO Case Large Pen Insulin/GLP-1 Wallet

More medications are coming as injectables these days. Keep them safe in this insulated wallet that cools without any need for an ice pack. The cooling properties come from the evaporation of water and keep its low temperatures for over two days, even in challenging environments.

It protects up to five medication pens or six 10ml vials of insulin and syringes. About $37

5. Baggallini Anti-Theft Bag

This gender-neutral cross-body bag keeps your necessities organized and safe. It features slash resistant panels, a double-cable cut-resistant strap, locking zippers and RFID-protection.

It also has a pocket for your passport and a grommet so you can plug in or charge your phone without opening it. And all of this comes in a convenient 5.25 inches by x 7.5 inches. $70-$110

6. Secrid RFID Wallet

Its slim profile makes this wallet perfectly into every

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Holiday Gift sale to be held Dec. 5

GRANBY — The Friends of the Granby Free Public Library will be holding a Holiday Gift Basket and Knit Sale on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Come shop from a variety of gift baskets, beautiful knitted & crocheted items, holiday ornaments, and much more. Do you have someone on your list who is hard to shop for? We have got you covered.

The sale will continue to run through the month of December during open library hours, while supplies last.

Donations of premade gift baskets and new handcrafted items will be accepted until Dec. 3.

Sponsored by the In Stitches Knitting Group and the Friends of the Granby Library. The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 E State St in Granby, MA. For more information and a listing of open library hours, please visit granbylibrary.org or call 413-467-3320. All proceeds of this sale benefit the Friends of the Granby Free Public Library.

Holyoke Medical Center to open sports medicine collaborative in Amherst, welcomes Dr. Jonathan Fallon

AMHERST—Holyoke Medical Center will open its new Sports Medicine Collaborative in December 2026 at 100 University Drive in Amherst, under the medical direction of Jonathan Fallon, DO, MS. The collaborative will bring together a multidisciplinary team of specialists to help patients recover from injuries, improve function, and return to activities they enjoy. Appointments are now being accepted by calling (413) 534-2887.

"The Sports Medicine Collaborative will combine orthopedics, injury care, sports medicine, and rehabilitation. We are happy to welcome Dr. Fallon to our team and are excited for the expansion into Amherst," said Spiros Hatiras, President and CEO of Holyoke Medical Center. "The location on University Drive is very convenient, especially for the athletic partnerships Holyoke Medical Center has in place in that area."

Dr. Fallon is a board-certified, fellowship-trained physician bringing nearly 20 years of experience caring for individuals and athletes. His clinical specialties include sports medicine, arthroscopic surgery (minimally invasive joint surgery), and shoulder surgery. He also serves on the editorial staff of the Journal of the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics (JAOAO), reviewing submissions related to sports medicine and shoulder and elbow care.

"My interest in sports medicine primarily came from my specialty in shoulder and elbow anatomy. During my arthroscopy and sports medicine fellowship at UMASS, I had the opportunity to care for the Boston Red Sox. This sparked my interest with the rehab process and the journey a patient takes from injury to healing and getting back to athletic activities," said Dr. Fallon. "It's important to me to understand not only the medical condition in front of me, but also the many aspects of a patient's life that influence their recovery and ability to return to health."

The Sports Medicine Collaborative will offer a holistic and multidisciplinary model of care, combining injury care, sports medicine, regenerative medicine, rehabilitation, strength and conditioning, nutrition, and performance optimization to provide patients with a unique experience. Holyoke Medical Center's coordinated approach will empower patients to recover, improve function, and achieve their peak potential.

To learn more about the Sports Medicine Collaborative or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Fallon, call (413) 534-2887.

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pocket. The open exterior is cut extra wide to hold cards, banknotes and receipts. The card protector mechanism allows you to slide out cards with one simple motion, while the aluminum casing protects your cards from bending, breaking and unwanted wireless communication. About $110

7. Talus Smooth Trip SafeGuard Medication Organizer

Organizing medications for travel can be a challenge. This lockable, slash-resistant Talus organizer secures your medications while keeping them accessible in your carry-on or travel bag.

Its eight elastic straps hold bottles and tubes. There are zippered mesh compartments and eight BPA-free pill pockets. About $25

You can find these items and more locally at Leather World, www.ShopLeatherWorld.com. They are also available at independent travel goods retailers online. These stores are becoming rarer, so it is important we support them. The fall and holiday travel seasons are upon us. Upgrade your travel experience with smart accessories designed with you and your health in mind.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, a Monson resident, is a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate. She is the author of several books on advocacy and founder of Nurse Advocate Entrepreneur, which equips medical professionals with the knowledge and skills to start their own advocacy businesses. Contact her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com.



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HADLEY—Pioneer Valley Cappella, led by music director Scott Halligan performs its fall 2026 program, "Pathfinding" at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 at Wesley Methodist Church in Hadley and on Nov. 21 at the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, Northampton.

"The program is a meditation on the paths we follow, the paths we regret, and the paths we discover on life's journey". The program includes Three Elizabethan Part Songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Sacred music by Charles Villiers Stanford: "Justorum Animae", sacred text from The Book of Wisdom. "Fern Hill," with poetry by Dylan Thomas, music by John Corigliano inviting us on a path of nostalgia for lost youthful innocence.

The program includes a North American premier: "Crude (oil)," by English composer Bernard Hughes, text by Andrew George.

The program closes with "Untraveled Worlds" by Paul Halley, which sets text from "Ulysses" by Alfred Lord Tennyson. "The music drives us forward and urges us to continue seeking, exploring, pathfinding."

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SPRINGFIELD — BusinessWest, the business journal of Western Massachusetts, is now accepting nominations for its 19th annual Difference Makers awards.

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Nominations for the Difference Makers class of 2027 are due by Monday, Dec. 21, 2026. They can be submitted at https://businesswest.com/difference-makers-nomination-form/

For more information, call Heather Leclerc, Marketing and Events Manager, at (413) 781-8600, or email leclerc@businesswest.com.

Food pantry wish list

SOUTH HADLEY—Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry wish list for food donations. As the weather turns a bit cooler the food pantry is looking for some basic staples. Any amount of donations would be greatly appreciated. The food pantry is located at 30 Carew St., in South Hadley, Mass.

Items on the wish list include soups, tomato products, canned meats, chilis & stews, condiments, cold cereal, oatmeal, pasta (any kind), personal hygiene items (bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo) and pet food.

The pantry provides nutritious food to those in need while building strong relationships with local neighbors. With your help, they can create a better future for everyone.

St. Nicholas Craft Fair to take place Nov. 14

LUDLOW—Christ the King Rosary Sodality's St. Nicholas Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Christ the King Parish Center located at 41 Warsaw Avenue in Ludlow.

They will be hosting talented vendors along with a 50-50 Raffle and various gift raffles.

A light luncheon, drinks and desserts available for sale. All are welcome to join the festivities.

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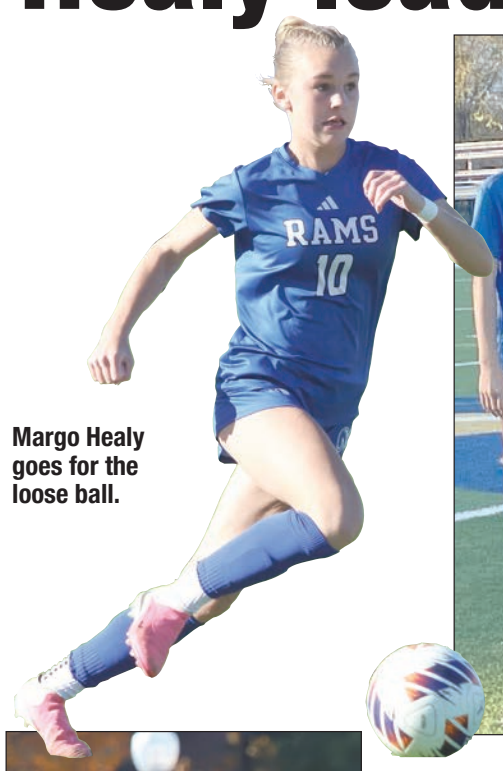
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Healy leads Rams to WMass championship



Margo Healy goes for the loose ball.



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The Granby High School girls soccer team are the new Class D champions after defeating Hopkins Academy.



Jaidyn Roberge goes for a header.

CHICOPEE – Last Sunday afternoon, Granby High School defeated Hopkins Academy in the finals of the Western Massachusetts Class D Tournament 3-1. Margo Healy led the way with two goals and an assist. Kalli White also scored for the Rams, who are still undefeated heading into the Division 5 State Tournament. The Rams are 16-0-3. Seeds for the state tournament were scheduled to come out earlier this week. Granby was the top-ranked team in Division 5 heading into the final week of the season.



Marcela Tapia advances past midfield.

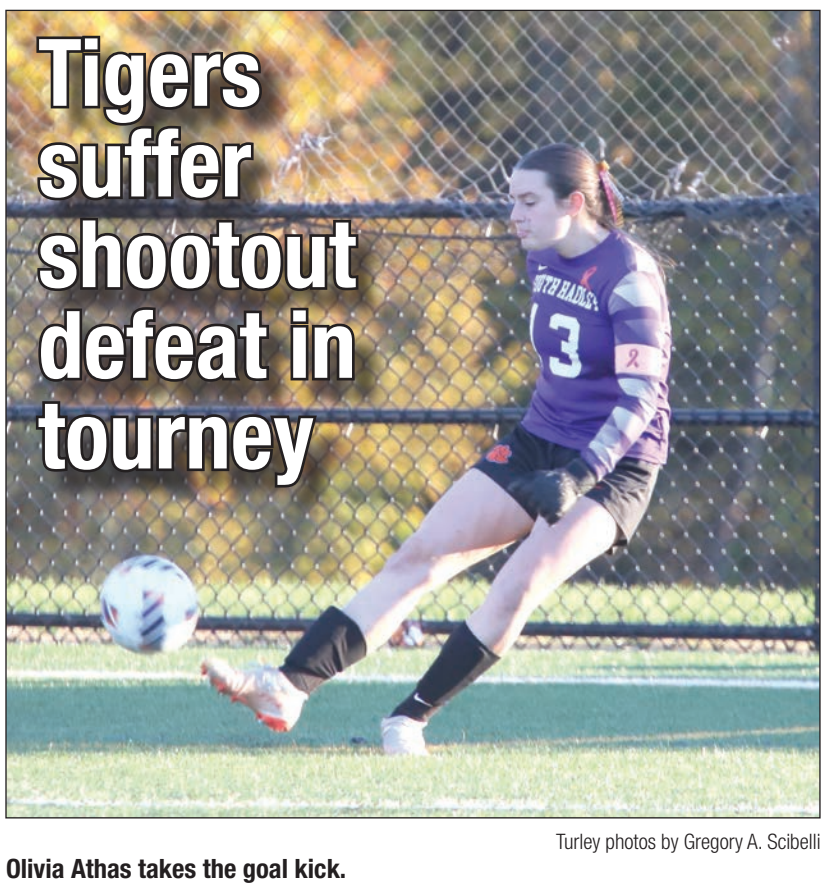


Goalie Meredith Bartosz picks up the ball.



Eleanor Szlosek tries to head off the ball.

Tigers suffer shootout defeat in tourney



Olivia Athas takes the goal kick.

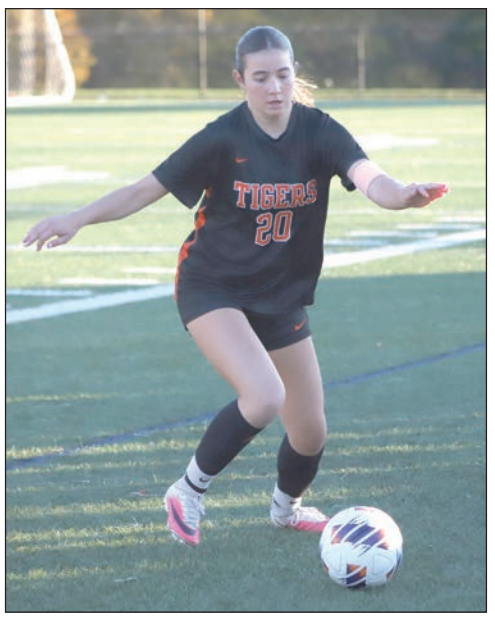


Violet Carillon sends a header over an opponent.



Kelcey Zraunig goes for the header.

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Grace Sherman advances up the left side of the field.

SOUTH HADLEY – Since the new Western Mass. tournament was established, South Hadley High School girls soccer has been a frequent visitor to the finals. But this year, their run was cut short as the Tigers fell to Ludlow in the quarterfinals 2-1. The second goal for Ludlow was awarded after the Lions won the penalty kick phase. South Hadley went 8-5-5 overall and will make the state tournament in Division 4. Seeds were scheduled to be announced late this week.



Taylor Bullough looks to steal the ball away.



Natalie Rios advances up the field.

Tigers head for state tournament

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School boys soccer team has completed its season and now awaits its seeding in the state tournament. The Tigers entered the Western Massachusetts Class B Tournament this year, and fall last Sunday against Pittsfield High School 4-1 in the quarterfinals. The Tigers then had a long layoff before participating in a consolation game against nearby rival Belchertown.

With a record of 7-6-5, the Tigers awaited their tournament seeding to be announced late this week.

Power play leads Hartford past T-Birds

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-4-2-1) fell victim to a red-hot power play as the Hartford Wolf Pack (6-6-1-0) doubled up the T-Birds for a 4-2 win on Sunday afternoon inside the MassMutual Center.

The Wolf Pack leaned on their biggest weapon of the early season, the league's fourth-ranked power play, to take the 1-0 lead at 9:37 of the first as Anton Blidh pushed a point-blank rebound past a sprawling Georgii Romanov.

However, that lead would prove to be fleeting, as just six seconds later, T-Birds captain Chris Wagner crashed the net to nudge a backhand rebound from Justin Carbonneau in behind Spencer Martin at 9:43, tying the game.

With neither team generating much at even strength into the midpoint of the second, the Wolf Pack's scorching power play fired the next punch as Liam Greentree connected from the right circle at 12:01 of the middle period to restore the Hartford lead, 2-1.

After surviving three other Hartford power-play chances, the T-Birds got a man-up opportunity of their own and quickly evened the slate as Nathan Walker took a T.J. Tynan pass at the goal crease, turned to his forehand, and shuffled it past Martin at 8:31 of the third to make it 2-2.

Unfortunately, much like Springfield's quick response to the Blidh power-play goal in the first, Hartford had a similar response in the third as Glenn Gawdin got a puck on his backhand in the low slot and flipped it through Romanov's blocker side, giving the Wolf Pack the 3-2 advantage at 9:55.

Gawdin's second point of the night proved to be enough, as Martin came up with a huge save from the net front on Dylan Peterson in the closing minutes, and Hartford then got insurance on an empty-net finish from Juuso Parssinen to wrap up the scoring late.

The T-Birds' homestand continues on Friday and Saturday as they take on the Hershey Bears in back-to-back contests at 7:05 and 6:05 p.m., respectively.

Railers comeback falls short against Adirondack

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers HC (1-4-0-0, 2 pts) visited the Adirondack Thunder (2-1-0-0, 4 pts) on Friday evening at Harding Mazzotti Arena in Glens Falls, NY, falling 3-2 in regulation. This matchup marked the first of eight meetings between the two teams during the 2026-27 regular season. The Railers are back in action at the DCU Center at 10:05 a.m. against Adirondack in their annual School Day game.

The Railers and Thunder played a scoreless first period, with both teams looking to create opportunities offensively. Worcester recorded 11 shots on goal, while Adirondack finished the period with 12. At 11:46, Jacob Graves was called for hooking, sending Worcester to the power play. Adirondack successfully killed the penalty and both goaltenders kept the puck out of the net to send the teams into the first intermission tied 0-0. It was the first game for the Railers where both teams entered the intermission scoreless.

Adirondack broke through at 7:09 into the second period when Jordan Klimek (1st) scored off assists from Tanner Edwards and Jarret Lee to give the Thunder a 1-0 lead. Edwards was called for unsportsmanlike conduct during the goal celebration, giving Worcester a power-play opportunity. Just 1:36 after the game's first goal, Tristan Ashbrook (3rd) scored a shorthanded goal at 8:45 left in the 2nd, assisted by Patrick Grasso, to extend Adirondack's lead to 2-0. At 10:13, Caige Sterzer and Jacob Graves dropped the gloves and received fighting majors.

Adirondack added to its lead at 9:38 of the third period when Jack Hanzel (2nd) scored, assisted by Shane Harper and Tristan Ashbrook, making it 3-0. Worcester continued to battle in a physical game that featured several penalties and fights. With time winding down, the Railers pulled Parker Gahagen for an extra attacker, hoping to find a goal and keep a glimmer of hope alive. The move paid off at 18:25, when S. Moses (1st) scored his first ECHL goal on the power play, assisted by Micheal Suda and Matt DeMelis, cutting the deficit to 3-1. Amid the ensuing flow of play, the railers pulled the goalie and scored again. DeMelis (3rd) scored for the Railers on a one-timer to turn what was once a 3-0 game into a 3-2 game. Icing was called against Adirondack with four seconds remaining in the game, but Worcester failed to score on the ensuing faceoff and fell by a 3-2 final on Friday night.

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screener machine known as "The Spot" from Welch Allyn. Markow and Wiley ask for the ages prior to doing the vision screenings as the machine has different sets based on age ranges.

Markow said a 6-month-old has eyes that are going to change over time and are still developing.

"The eye is a camera which sends a signal to the back of the brain," he said.

A brain has to receive a full image to get a 20/20 vision. Markow said vision occurs in the back of the head.

The use of the vision screener helps detect any out of focus vision in younger children, preschool aged, or before kindergarten.

These vision screenings draft a detailed report which would be provided for the family's eye care professional.

Markow can make recommendations to get eyes checked by an eye care professional if they detect any failed screenings.

If failed, they can recommend tests for nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, muscle imbalance or unequal pupil sizes.

With these vision screenings, these volunteers at the Granby Lions Club are able to catch any early vision problems children may have at a young age. Markow said vision is 90% of learning and conducting these screenings is important in catching any vision problems at an early age.

Throughout the country, the Lions also offer screenings for adults.

This year, Granby Lions visited seven preschools this year in both towns.

In 2024, nine sites were visited and 187 children were screened. 10 children were referred for an approximately 5% referral rate. In 2025, eight sites were visited and 207 children were screened. 10 children were referred for an approximately 5% referral rate.

Markow said typical screenings have a 5-10% referral rate.

Conducting these screen ings is a volunteer effort thanks to the Lions Clubs including the Granby Lions.

The Granby Lions have received letters and positive feedback from these facilities about how this service they provide is helpful.

More about the Granby Lions Club can be found on its Facebook page.



Glen Wiley and Steven Markow of the Granby Lions Club. Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

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One member asked if there was a way to convert the 20 minutes of snack time into counting for learning time.

There is more to discuss on this subject, but Voyik said the schools have to make sure they're meeting the qualifications for time of learning.

"We have to meet the time of learning," Voyik said.

Bus route updates

The School Committee also heard an update on the bus routes, including the elementary schools' afternoon bus route update.

Voyik said this was discussed at the last meeting and raised several concerns.

"So, after careful consideration, I really feel that we should not move forward with the change in bus routes at this time," Voyik said.

The Superintendent recognized the challenges that have come up. There was communication sent by the Transportation Department on the proposed routes.

There seemed to have been some confusion and miscommunication. Voyik said there might have to be a broader conversation.

The focus is on timing of arrival, and the start and end times at the schools.

This conversation would involve the school's union and the Transportation Department. Voyik said the schools will continue to look at a long-term solution.

With conversations happening with all the parties involved, a solution could be made for next year.

Superintendent's report

In her report, Voyik said the middle and high school students should have received a notification from the Technology Department regarding Chromebook fees. It is $25 for a Chromebook for the year.

Communication and invoices should be going out soon.

Voyik said the first round of classroom walkthroughs has been conducted. These walkthroughs were done to look at Tier 1 work within the classrooms and find any evidence of rigor.

Voyik said the budget process has begun for the schools and they're looking at what is going to be the baseline budget.

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52% of those without a regular provider rely on urgent care of the emergency room. 22% of households earning under $25,000 lacked transportation to get care.

The third priority area is older adults and caregivers. 24% of respondents have sought aging or senior services, making it the most commonly requested local resource.

31% of the respondents are caregivers and 30% of them needed a support service they couldn't get. 33% of respondents chose focusing on senior services as a priority for improving quality of life in South Hadley.

The fourth priority is cost of living and food security. 57% of those who found healthy eating difficult said groceries cost too much.

49% of respondents chose money as a primary cause of stress. 11% of respondents worry their food will run out before they have money to buy more.

14% of respondents chose focusing on food access as a priority for improving quality of life in South Hadley.

"Keeping all of those priority areas in mind, a lot of them skew towards areas of improvement," Jacobs said.

The next steps include developing a final report with an in-depth analysis of survey results and priority areas.

A secondary data analysis will be included in the final analysis. Finding out what are the next steps for South Hadley.

The Select Board shared some feedback and found these results to be a good baseline to start. Wong said these responses are good and will help identify the needs in the community.

Human Services Department visit

Select Board Chair Jeff Cyr said he and Carol Constant of the Select Board were invited to a department head meeting and got to hear from multiple departments.

It was determined that the Select Board wanted to have somebody from each department to meet with them with budget season coming up.

Andrew Rogers of the Human Resources Department attended the meeting on Oct. 20. He said the department was created just over two years ago.

Rogers has been the Recreation Director since 2003 and works with the Council on Aging and the Bike Walk Committee.

He first discussed the Council on Aging, which is doing the best they can with the help of volunteers and is funded through a variety of sources.

Rogers said grants help with programming. The team is working well together despite being down in staffing.

While still figuring out budgeting, Constant said to Rogers, "you're doing a good job."

For fireworks, the Recreational Commission voted to suspend fireworks in 2027, unless they can find a viable group that wants to come in and run them.

Citizens petition

The Select Board reviewed a citizen's petition about taking $148,000 from free cash to go to the school's budget for fiscal year 2027. Cyr said there is no indication to what this money is going towards.

Wong recommended that this petition be sent to the Appropriations Committee for review and see what they say.

Select Board voted to refer this petition to the School Committee and the Appropriations Committee.

FY27 proposed changes

The town will have a special town meeting on Monday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. at the South Hadley High School auditorium.

The Select Board reviewed proposed changes to the articles. Wong began with Article 2, To see if the Town will amend the FY27 budget by transferring $15,600 from Health Expenses to Health Personnel, $10,000 from Town Accountant Personnel to Town Accountant Expenses and $75,000 from Human Resources Personnel to Police Personnel.

The Select Board agreed to accept the article as written.

Article 3 was accepted as written, but there was a split vote on Article 4, which is about bus cameras.

Article 5, the amendment for the food truck bylaw, was accepted as written. Article 6 is about the fine structure in Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255-85 Signs. The board accepted the article as written.

Article 9 is for the agricultural use bylaw and the Select Board voted to accept the article as it is written.

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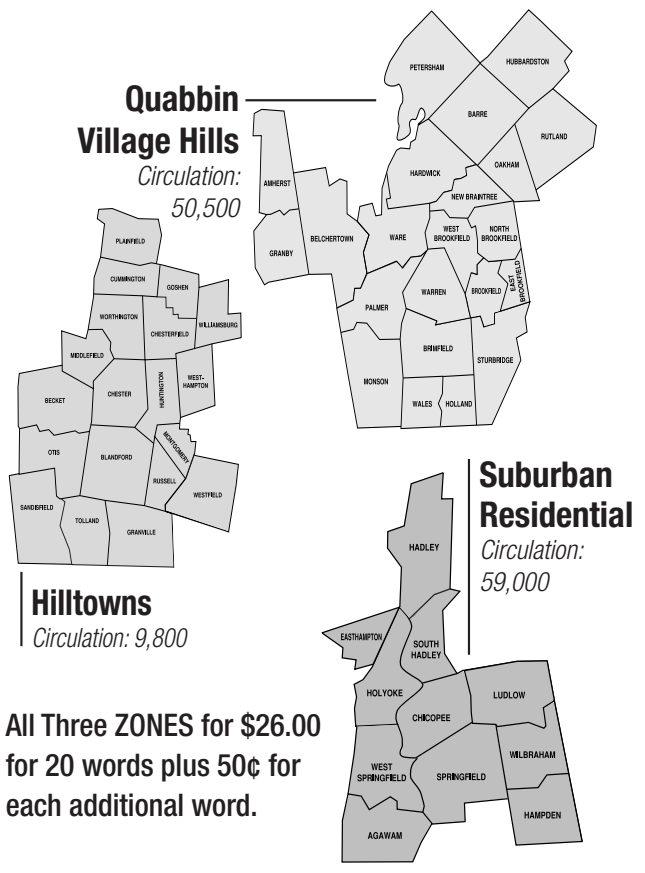
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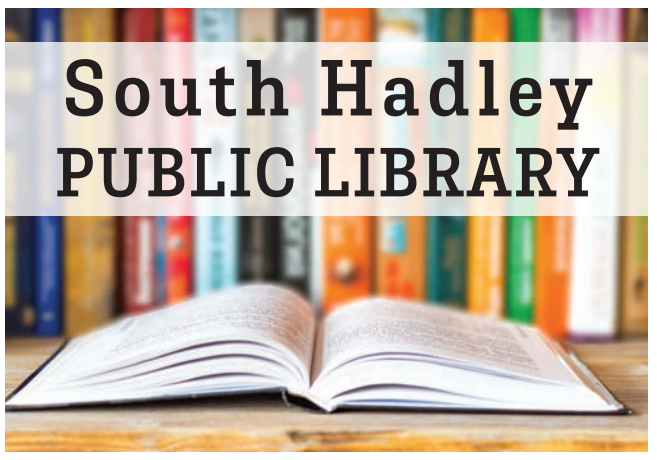
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Adult Programs at SHPL

November is filled with exciting adult programs. Join us on Monday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. for Hope Grows at Home with wildlife ecologist and author Brad Timm. To continue the celebration of America's 250th Revolution on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m., sign up for a virtual presentation on Taxation, Tyranny and Treason with historian Christopher Daley. Sign up here to register.

We are also collecting donations of holiday wrapping paper, ribbons, and bows from Monday, Nov. 2 to Friday, Nov. 20 for our December Gift Wrap Party.

It is that time of year again! Have extra jigsaw puzzles? Drop off your complete puzzles of 300 pieces or more between Monday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Dec. 11 to participate in our Dec. 12 Jigsaw Puzzle Swap! Visit our online events calendar for more information and registration details.

Continuing adult programs include:

• South Hadley Chess Club on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 3:30 p.m.

• Spanish Conversation Circle on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 10:30 p.m.

• New: Waterfall Writers on Friday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

• Tuesday Night Knitters each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

• Gatehouse Writers Group, online each Friday at 10 a.m.

Looking for a book club? The Hello Sunshine Book Club meets on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. (and on the first Wednesday of each month). This month's selection is Cackle by Rachel Harrison. Between the Covers Romance Book Club meets on Tuesday, November 10 at 3 p.m. (and on the second Tuesday of each month) to discuss Book Lovers by Emily Henry. Haven't read these books? Pick up copies of upcoming discussion titles for both the library and senior center book clubs at the library.

Online Author Programs

• Reclaiming Your Inner Wisdom: Sacred Indigenous Teachings with Asha Frost, Indigenous Medicine Woman, Spiritual Mentor, and Bestselling Author: Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m.

• A City on Mars: The Science and Absurdities of Space Settlement with Kelly and Zach Weinersmith, New York Times Bestselling Authors, Award-Winning Cartoonist (Zach), and Scientist (Kelly): Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

• How Money Became God: Rethinking Wealth and Greed in Modern Society with Paul Vigna, Veteran Wall Street Journal Reporter and Financial Expert: Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

• Epic Worlds and Celestial Prophecies: Exploring the Between Earth and Sky Trilogy with Rebecca Roanhorse, New York Times Bestselling and Hugo Award-Winning Fantasy Author: Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

Children's Programs at SHPL

Save the date for our Toy Swap on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. Drop off toys at the library the week before, and "shop the swap" on Saturday! After 11:30, all items will be available for free to anyone.

Baby Lapsit, on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. for babies and their caregivers, will have two special visitors this month: babywearing expert Jenn Hydefrost on Nov. 5, and doula Tova Mustacich on Nov. 19.

Students from the Mount Holyoke College Ed Club will be at the library on Friday, Nov. 6 at 3:30 p.m. for Arts & Crafts & Stories. This program is designed for kids ages 4-10 and their caregivers; siblings are welcome. On the following Friday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m., the Pioneer Valley Ballet presents a Nutcracker-themed storytime and dance lesson.

The usual monthly and weekly events continue: Pride Club on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. (Nov. 3 and 17), Homeschool Book Group at 1 p.m. on Nov. 3, Japanese Storytime on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m., Graphic Novel Book Club on Thursday, November 12 at 4:00, Chess Club with Andy on Wednesday, November 18 at 4 p.m., Music with Mr. Liam on Saturday, November 21 at 10:30 a.m., and Read to a Dog on Wednesday, Nov. 4 and Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 28 at 12 noon.

Teen Programs at SHPL

This month for Teens (ages 11 through 19), we have a lot of great offerings! YA Book Tasting will happen Monday, Nov. 2 from 3:30-4:45. This month's Crafternoon takes place Monday, Nov. 9 from 3:30-4:30. We will be making Friendship bracelets. No sign-up is needed. Night Craft will be on Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 6:30-7:30. We will be making DIY Bouncy Balls. None of these programs require signing up unless you would like an email reminder.

Our monthly gaming sessions will be happening on Tuesday, Nov. 3 & 17 for Xbox X. Tuesday, Nov. 10 & Wednesday, Nov. 25 for Switch. All gaming sessions start at 3:30 p.m. and run until 5 p.m. No sign-up is needed.

Snackternoon, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 4 to 5 p.m. Please sign up.

Our monthly Teen Takeaways continue to be available. This month features origami M's. Sign up once and get a new Teen Takeaway every month. We also have our latest Booktrovert pick: The OKs Are Not Okay by Grace K. Shim. There are no in-person meetups; just enjoy the book on your own time. Copies are available in the Teen Room for checkout.

Any questions, please email Bethany.

Gaylord Memorial Library

Spice Club meets on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Sign up here to take home a sample of Southern New England Spice Company's Tandoori Spice Blend!

We have two Saturday morning Stitch Togethers on Nov. 7 & 21 at 10:30 a.m. Come knit, crochet, or bring any other handcraft!

Join Castle Nitor for Hats from the Past! And make your own historical hat to take home on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Preregister here!

Dr. Kim Skyrm will present Bee the Change: Creating Buzz-Worthy Habitat for Pollinators on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m., for anyone who wants to make their home garden more bee-friendly.

For kids, we have our usual Story Times (Fridays at 10:30). LEGO Club meets Thursdays, Nov. 5 & 19 from 3 to 6 p.m. We have Drop-In Crafts on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 3 to 6 p.m. Families can also join us on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 10:15 a.m. for Trains and Tracks and play with our wooden train set!

Friends of the Granby Free Public Library to hold a Holiday Gift Basket and Knit Sale

Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come shop from a variety of gift baskets, beautiful knitted & crocheted items, holiday ornaments, and much more. Do you have someone on your list who is hard to shop for? We have got you covered! The sale will continue to run through the month of December during open library hours, while supplies last.

Donations of premade gift baskets and new handcrafted items will be accepted until December 3rd.

*Sponsored by the In Stitches Knitting Group and the Friends of the Granby Library. The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 E State St in Granby, MA. For more information and a listing of open library hours, please visit granbylibrary.org or call 413-467-3320. All proceeds of this sale benefit the Friends of the Granby Free Public Library.

Annual holiday craft fair to be held Nov. 7

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown United Church of Christ (BUCC) will be holding their annual Holiday Craft Fair in the Church Parish House located at 18 Park Street on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Numerous Crafters from throughout the area will be selling various handmade items including painted slates, knitted, crochet and quilted items, handmade soaps, photography, paintings, cat toys, jams, jellies, jewelry, personalized ornaments and more.

Lunch will be served. Spaces still available.

For more information or an application please email Lucy at luse26@charter.net

Legal Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Division
Docket No. HS26P0676EA
Estate of:
Betty Lee Edler
Also Known As:
Betty L. Edler
Date of Death: August 19, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Christian W. Edler of Chicopee, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Christian W. Edler of Chicopee, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
11/06/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Division
Docket No. HS26P0632EA
Estate of:
Francis W. Wagner, Jr.
Also Known As:
Francis William Wagner, Jr.
Date of Death: June 29, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on August 18, 2026

William F. Wagner of South Hadley, MA

Saron R. Kennedy of Shelburne Falls, MA

intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a

Petition for Informal Probate of a Will

Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve **without** surety on the bond

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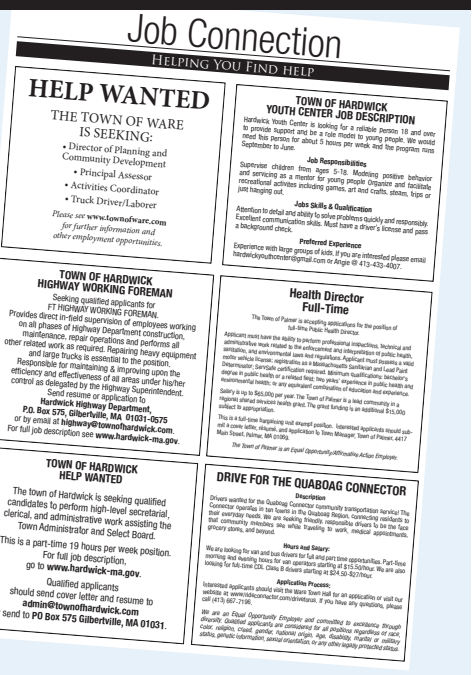
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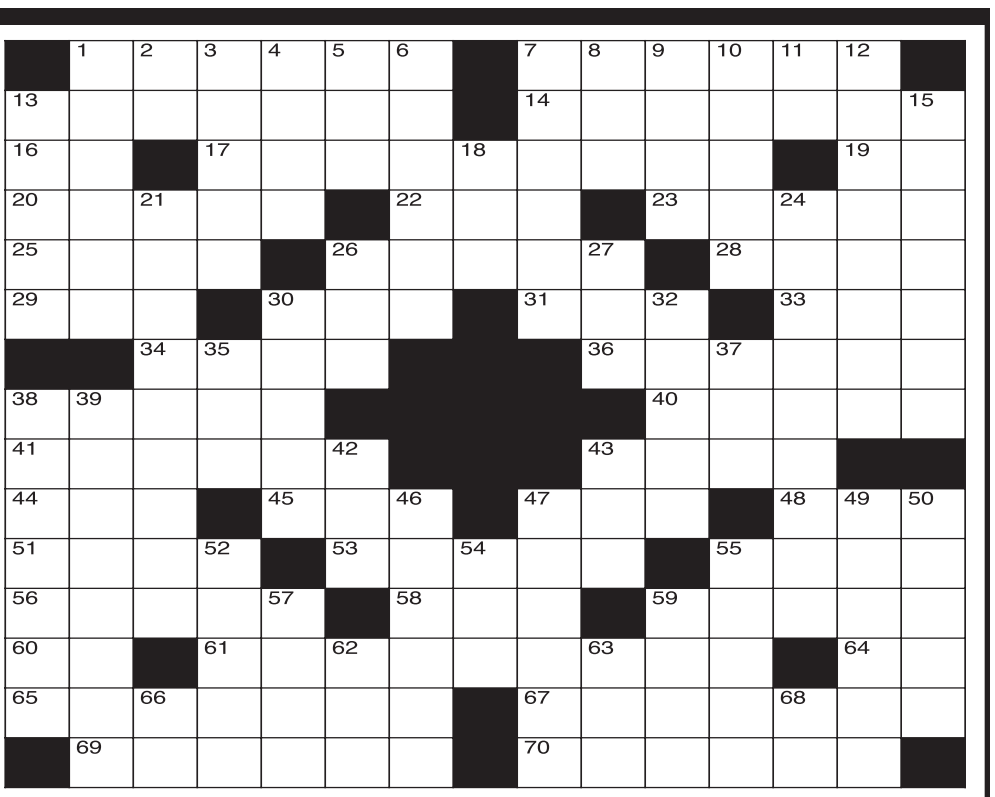
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20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. __ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. New Zealand mountain
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
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33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company higher-up
36. Villains
38. Cricket frog genus
40. Influential early psychologist
41. Endured
43. Servant
44. You can get stuck in one
45. __ and feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Forming a bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankees slugger Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. "The Mount Rushmore State"
61. Sarcastic and critical
64. Atomic #79
65. Longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Preliminary assessment of patients

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1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Craft supplies
4. Containers
5. A way to save for your golden years
6. Common Arabic greeting
7. Bulged downward
8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
15. Resulting from intense conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Moth genus
57. Central Japan city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. A male
68. Powerful government lawyer

BBB warns against job scam messages

The Better Business Bureau is warning people about a job scam that starts with an unsolicited text or direct message and offers online work, such as rating products, reviewing businesses, clicking on ads, or completing repetitive tasks.

The job seems legitimate, and you may even get paid at first. As you complete more tasks, your supposed earnings increase exponentially.

This is a typical task-based employment scam. The earnings displayed on the platform are fake.

When you try to withdraw the money, the scammers may demand additional payments for fees, taxes, or account verification. Ultimately, you are blocked from being able to withdraw the funds and are left without pay and the money you paid out.

Finding a job can be tough, and scammers know it.

Employment scams were the second riskiest scam for individuals in 2025, according to the latest BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report. In recent years, BBB has seen an increase in task-based job scams in which victims perform tasks and are paid online but eventually are asked to use their own money for a variety of purposes.

These schemes are often perpetrated by a team of people: the person who interviews you, the person who hires you, perhaps even a coach who will onboard you. In some cases, victims report being put on a team who urges you to continue if you voice doubts or note a red flag.

Avoid task-based employment scams:

Never pay to get paid. Legitimate employers will not require you to deposit money or cryptocurrency to complete tasks or withdraw earnings.

Proceed with caution with unexpected job offers. Be cautious of recruiters who contact you unexpectedly through text messages, WhatsApp, social media, or other messaging platforms.

Research the job. Verify the company and job opening independently before accepting an offer or completing any tasks.

Be wary of too-good-to-be-true employment opportunities. Offers of high pay for simple tasks such as rating products, liking content, or "optimizing" apps are a warning sign.

Know about fake check tactics. A common tactic used by scammers is to send you an official check for training or office equipment and urge you to deposit and transfer the funds from your account quickly, only to find out the check is bad.

Have you or someone you know been a target of this kind of scam? Report the incident to BBB Scam Tracker and help others avoid similar scams.

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