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Family and friends and fellow leaders gathered together.

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South Hadley Players bring 'Annie' to the stage

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SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Players are back for another fantastic performance, this time wowing the audience with their rendition of Annie.

The South Hadley Players have been together for two years, and this is their third show. Director Cyn Strycharz started the South Hadley Community Theatre in memory of her brother, Jon Sibley, who was an actor but passed away. The name changed to Vlack Cat Theater before becoming the South Hadley Players, which has a scholarship to honor Jon, the Jon Sibley Scholarship at the high school.

"I love the cast and their excitement that they bring to each rehearsal. The kids are so adorable and fun, and the adults are all so talented. Speaking of talent, our Annie is amazing! She was born to be on Broadway," said Strycharz.

"I'm most excited about singing all of the songs, and my favorite is Hard Knock Life," said Annie actor Brooke Lamovthe. "What I like most about performing is being Annie so I can be



Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas
Brooke Lamovthe, age nine, playing the star of the show, Annie.

at the front, and my favorite part is when I get to sing my solo with the dogs."

Dozens of people of all ages take part in the play, from the youngest kid under

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Town welcomes new school administrators

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SOUTH HADLEY – The town welcomed in with a special ceremony last week Jennifer Voyik as Superintendent of Schools and Lyn Jacques as Assistant Superintendent.

"This is a night to celebrate everyone as a team, but also to recognize and celebrate our new Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent," said Town Administrator Lisa Wong.

Each of the schools did something special to welcome in the new leaders of the district, and the high school culinary team made delicious desserts, the middle school created a video to welcome in Voyik and Jacques, the Mosier Elementary School students created posters that were hung all around the room, and the Henry J. Skala Elementary School students created cards.

"I'm so excited to be here for a new tradition to welcome our new Superintendent," said High School Principal Elizabeth Wood. "I think it's great to be such a tight-knit community."

"On behalf of Michael E. Smith Middle School, I want to congratulate and welcome you into this position," said Principal Luis Daniel Martinez.

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PTO strengthens community through service and support

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - The Michael E. Smith Middle School PTO in South Hadley is proving that community spirit can make a powerful difference — one food donation, field trip, and fundraiser at a time. This dedicated group of parents and guardians works quietly but tirelessly to ensure students and staff have the support and experiences they deserve, especially as school budgets tighten and needs continue to grow.

"Our PTO's mission is simple: support the students, staff, and school experiences at Michael E. Smith Middle School in meaningful, tangible ways," said Danielle Jajko, president of the PTO. "We fundraise, we advocate, and we help fill the gaps, es-

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Donations for the emergency food drive can be dropped off in the lobbies of any of the town's four schools.

Photo by Tina Lesniak

GPD hosts Trunk-or-Treat for Halloween fun

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GRANBY – The public schools, fire department, and police department joined forces last Thursday on a windy evening to host their annual Trunk-or-Treat inside the gym for kids to enjoy.

School Resource Officer Zach Gilley, helped run the Trunk-or-Treat, which has been going on for 14 years now, since that October snowstorm that limited Halloween trick-or-treating.

"I really enjoy seeing the families from Granby come to this event and get to interact with members of the Police and Fire Department, along with staff from the Granby Public Schools," said Gilley. "Also, seeing what our volunteers' trunk/table decorations are this

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Turley photo by Emily-Rose Pappas
Two minion friends, Lillian Martel and Nella Legowski having a great time.

Hundreds turn out for 'Out of the Darkness Community Walk'

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AGAWAM – Hundreds gathered at School Street Park on Oct. 25 for the 2025 Out of the Darkness Community Walk in support of raising awareness for suicide prevention.

The annual event featured a Honor Bead Ceremony with community members sharing

their stories and wearing a color sharing their connection to the cause whether the loss of a child or spouse to a personal struggle or attempt, remarks from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chairs Karen Carreira and Lyndsey Nunes, State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) and State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), community resource tents including free

hugs and information on the 988 hotline, raffle prizes, music overseen by a DJ at Siagel Productions, hope seeds given out by youth volunteers during the walk itself and more.

As each honor bead was presented, participants also lifted their own to show their personal connection to the cause.

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Turley photo by Kristin Rivers
State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) and youth volunteers pose for a group photo with this year's Out of the Darkness Community Walk t-shirt.

Local food pantries seeking donations for those in need

REGION - As we prepare to bring food to pantries this season amidst SNAP closures, it's important to consider some important things to remember when we are donating:

- Right now, pantries are asking for cans of green beans and corn, and other fixings for a Thanksgiving Meal, like stuffing, potatoes, gravy, and canned ham and turkey.
- Canned meat is always appreciated and asked for, including chicken, tuna, spam, and chili with meat.
- Many people bring in cold cereal, but hot cereal and instant oatmeal is always appreciated.
- Pets are often forgotten, so make sure you are bringing some canned or dry dog and cat food, and maybe some treats, too!
- Pasta and sauces are good options, but also remember bags of rice are equally appreciated.
- Canned veggies and fruit of all kinds, as well as beans, are a good option. Canned chili, unsweetened and sweetened fruits, and seasoned vegetables are good options, too.
- Tea, coffee, and hot chocolate are often luxuries and are wonderful items to receive. Other luxuries include seasonings like salt, pepper, garlic, and onion powder, as well as olive or vegetable

oil, butter, and bouillon cubes for them to cook with.

- Cake mixes, frosting, and candles are also special, and can help make someone's special day even better.
- Many people will donate peanut butter, almond butter, or sun butter, but don't forget about the jelly or fluff to go with it!
- Personal hygiene items are often expensive: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving cream and razors, lotion, deodorant, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and hair brushes and hair ties. Feminine products like pads, liners, and tampons are also huge necessities.
- Many families may have babies, so see if your pantry will accept donations of baby food, formula, diapers, or other perishable supplies for infants.

Make sure when you donate, you donate with the dignity of others in mind. Please check your expiration dates, and make sure there are no dents, holes, or tears. Helping our neighbors is essential, but so is helping with dignity and care.

Always reach out to your local pantries to find their specific needs, and a monetary donation is always helpful for them to be able to restock and maintain the pantries and any refrigerated options they have.

SOUTH HADLEY/GRANBY - With SNAP and EBT benefits canceled this month, it is essential to know that resources are available. Below is a list of local pantries where you can donate food and other items, and for anyone who needs to utilize them. Here are the two major food pantries in town, as well as where you can find nearby resources.

Emergency Food Pantry at The Salvation Army-Holyoke Corps Community Center
Call: 413-532-6312
271 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

The food pantry serves everyone from low-income families, single parents, senior citizens, unemployed individuals, disabled veterans, working poor, and anyone else who comes to the pantry. This program provides food to meet basic nutritional needs. The emergency food pantry serves a food bag per family every 30 days. In addition,

the Salvation Army will be distributing bread and vegetables to individuals and families in need on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, South Hadley
Call: 413-437-7593
Email: info@nhnfoodpantry.org
30 Carew Street South Hadley, MA 01075

Meeting the needs of individuals and families experiencing food hardships. Improving the health and well-being of our communities. Educating and advocating about the issues of hunger and nutrition in our communities. For more information and for hours, go to www.nhnfoodpantry.org. (In Service with Full Circle Garden and Granby to Go)

Granby to Go
Call: 413-493-5000 x5200
Email: granbytogo@granbyschoolsma.net
Granby Jr./Sr. High School,

385 E State Street Granby, MA 01033

Granby to Go is a public, non-profit 501 c3 organization for the Granby Public Schools community to provide food, clothing, resources, and referrals to outreach services to individuals and families regardless of socioeconomic status in Granby, MA.

You can find them on Facebook and on the Neighbors Helping Neighbors website. (In Service with Neighbors Helping Neighbors and Granby to Go).

Saint Theresa of Lisieux Roman Catholic Church
Call: 413-732-3069
Email: sttfaithformation@gmail.com
9 E Parkview Drive South Hadley, MA 01075

As a part of its Ministry of Care, the parish hosts Kate's Kitchen, and has a Take and Eat Ministry, People Feeding People.

PVPA Charter Public School now accepting applications for 2026/2027

SOUTH HADLEY- Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School (PVPA) is now accepting applications for the 2026/2027 school year for Grades 7 - 11. The application deadline is February 11, 2026, with the Enrollment Lottery taking place on February 13, 2026.

Additionally, PVPA has reopened the application for the current 2025/2026 school year for Grades 7 & 10 only, to fill a limited number of seats in those grades. Deadline to apply is December 1, 2025. A special lottery

will be held on December 3, 2025, with accepted students beginning to attend PVPA at the beginning of the second semester, on or around January 21, 2026.

As a public charter school, enrollment in PVPA is free and open to all Massachusetts students; no tuition and no audition is required. Free transportation is now available to all PVPA students within the school's region. Students with an interest in the Arts are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications are available

at www.pvpa.org/admissions.org. All PVPA lotteries are open to the public via a Google Meet link that will be shared on the PVPA website, and emailed to all applicants.

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

PVPA offers an Arts-focused, college preparatory education, with over 70 Arts classes in Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Arts and Technical Design/Produc-

tion available to students in grades 7-12. At a time when many schools are cutting the Arts, PVPA just added a fifth Arts Department: Technical Design and Production, which encompasses costuming, lighting, sound design, stage design and set building as well as cinematography.

All Massachusetts students are eligible to apply, with priority given to those within the school's region as defined in its charter. PVPA's region as of the 2025/26 school year includes the following districts: Agawam,

Amherst-Pelham (Amherst, Pelham, Leverett, Shutesbury), Belchertown, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Granby, Hadley, Hampden-Wilbraham, Hampshire Regional (Westhampton, Southampton, Williamsburg, Goshen, and Chesterfield), Hatfield, Holyoke, Ludlow, Northampton, South Hadley, Springfield, West Springfield, and Westfield.

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ementary and Secondary Education, enrolling students in grades 7-12. Per MA General Laws, Chapter 76: Section 5, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, age, ancestry, athletic performance, special need, proficiency in the English language or academic achievement.

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



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Bombyx Brass Collective to perform to benefit the Food Bank

SOUTH HADLEY – 35-member semi-professional brass ensemble to perform two concerts to benefit the Food Bank of Western Mass at United Methodist Church in South Hadley on Sunday, November 16, and at the Bombyx Center for the Arts in Florence on Tuesday, November 18

The Bombyx Brass Collective, a 35-piece semi-professional brass choir led by Music Director Juli Sansoucy, will present their first program of the season, *Pops Across The Pond*, twice in November. The first performance will be on Sunday, November 16, at 3 pm at the United Methodist Church, 30 Carew St in South Hadley. The concert will be repeated on Tuesday, November 18, at 7 pm at the Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity, 130 Pine St in Florence. Both concerts will benefit the Food Bank of Western Mass, with donations of any amount gratefully accepted. A donation of \$25 is suggested for either concert.

The program will feature a variety of popular and classical music, primarily by British composers, including Delius, Holst, Byrd, Walton, Boysen, and Zimmer/Fernie. The music is sure to delight everyone who attends.

The Food Bank of West-

ern Mass is one of the leading advocates in the region addressing food insecurity, working tirelessly to provide food to people when and where they need it, and to develop solutions to the drivers of hunger in our communities. Their slogan is “Together, We End Hunger”.

Public Engagement Manager Cheyenne Burnham stated, “Over 123,000 people a month (on average) rely on our region’s network of food pantries and that number will continue to rise as funding for vital programs like SNAP get cut. The Food Bank is incredibly grateful to the members of our community who are dedicated to making sure people have access to nutritious food. There is an important place for joy within fundraising efforts and events like these bring people together for a common purpose rooted in care and compassion.”

The Bombyx Brass Collective is a resident ensemble of the Bombyx Center for Arts and Equity in Florence, MA. The ensemble was founded in January 2022 and is comprised of active and retired music teachers, working professional musicians, and talented amateur musicians from throughout the region. In addition to their work with Bombyx, members perform frequently throughout Western Mass in a wide variety

of professional and amateur ensembles. The BBC is dedicated to presenting quality music to diverse audiences.

To reserve seats for either performance, make a donation, or become a sponsor, visit www.bombyxbrass.org/donate. In addition to monetary contributions, donations of non-expired dry goods will be accepted at the door. To learn more about all the other programming at the Bombyx Center, visit www.bombyx.live. To learn more about the Food Bank of Western Mass, visit <https://www.foodbank-wma.org/>.



Members of the Bombyx Brass Collective ready to perform.

Submitted photo

TJO Animals hosting Pawzaar this weekend

REGION – Pawzaar is a signature annual event for the Foundation for TJO Animals. It is a local craft fair that attracts some of the Pioneer Valley’s finest crafters, along with hundreds of animal-loving patrons. Now in its eighteenth year, the event boasts 35 vendors, pet merchandise, raffles, baked goods, festive music, and a few special raffles, including a gift card tree and concert tickets to Trisha Yearwood. Founded in 2007, the Foundation for TJO Animals is dedicated to raising

much-needed funds to help local, homeless animals at the Thomas J. O’Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center, serving the cities of Springfield, Holyoke, and Chicopee. With a focus on providing financial assistance and grants for veterinary care, the Foundation has had a direct impact on saving the lives of animals in the shelter.

When/Where: Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 52 Sumner, 52 Sumner Ave., Springfield, MA.

Village Cemetery members to hold meeting next week

SOUTH HADLEY – The Proprietors of the South Hadley Falls Cemetery (Village Cemetery) will be holding an important meeting on November 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in the Trustees Room at the South Hadley Public Li-

brary. We encourage anyone interested in preserving the Village Cemetery to join our meeting, as your input is always welcome. The meeting will review financial reports and discuss the future of the cemetery. We hope to see you there.

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Should I ask for retroactive benefits?

Dear Rusty:

I turn 70 next month, Oct. 3 and am making an application for Social Security benefits to begin in January 2026.

I want the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits and the highest permanent monthly benefit. I do not want to leave money on the table, so should I request six months of retroactive benefits or at least retroactive to October when I turn 70? If I do this, will I lose DRCs and adversely impact my ongoing monthly benefit after February 2026?

Signed: Turning 70

Dear Turning 70:

I must ask why claim your Social Security to start in January? You are entitled to your maximum SS monthly benefit in the month you reach 70 years of age, so waiting until January doesn't gain you anything. You could apply in August, specifying you wish your benefits to start in October, and you would get the maximum age 70 benefit you are entitled to (e.g., the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits available to you, and the highest possible monthly benefit).

Since you are looking for your maximum DRC's, to prevent SSA from giving you any retroactive benefits, which would permanently lower your monthly amount) you should enter in the "Remarks" section of your application that "I do not wish to receive retroactive benefits. I want my maximum monthly benefit effective with the month I turn 70 years of age."

If, however, for some reason you still wish to claim effective with January 2026, you should indicate in the "Remarks" section of your SS application that you only wish three months of retroactive benefits, for the months of October, November and December 2025. This is to prevent you from losing the money you would miss by waiting beyond October to claim. If you ask for benefits retroactive to any month earlier than the month you turn 70, your monthly benefit will be permanently reduced.

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Sign up for sandbags from Sand for Seniors

SOUTH HADLEY – TRIAD is hosting Sand for Seniors again this year to help create a safer non-slip solution for the icy weather just around the corner.

You can sign up at the welcome desk at the senior center by November 17, and the sand will be delivered on November 25.

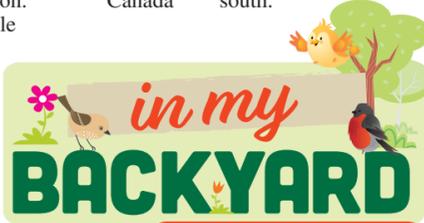
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Recently, the Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a horned lark on the summit of Mt. Wachusett in Princeton.

Only the male horned larks have "horns." They are tiny and hard to see. Males are sandy to rusty brown above with a black chest band and a curving black mask. The face and throat are either yellow or white. The female lacks the horns and face mask. She is brown with darker streaks and has a white eyebrow and white below.

They are about the size of a robin and the only lark species in North America. The female lays three to four pale gray to greenish white, blotched and spotted with brown eggs in a slight depression in the ground. Incubation is by the female and young are fed by both parents. Young may leave the nest after nine to 12 days. They are not able to fly for about another week. Larks forage entirely by walking and running on the ground. Except when nesting, they usually forage in flocks.

They eat seeds and insects. They also eat berries. They are present all year in most areas from southern Canada south.



They are strictly migratory in the far north.

Mass Audubon bird sightings

On Oct. 25 Wachusett Mountain in Princeton, hawk watchers reported sighting from the summit two northern harriers, ten sharp-shinned hawks, nine Cooper's hawks, 18 red-shoulder hawks, four red-tailed hawks, two American kestrels and one merlin. In addition, people saw two bald eagles, 37 turkey vultures and one horned lark.

Helping birds

With more than 40 million acres of lawn in the U.S. alone, there's huge potential to support wildlife by replacing lawns with native plantings. People will have

Garden Lady follow up

Martha wrote in after my column on Stinging Nettle. As you may recall, a reader had reached out about this plant and how it had begun to grow rampant in her field.

She was nervous about coming in contact with it, and nervous for her dog, as well, who likes to run in the tall grass. Her main concern was eradicating it, and although I gave her some advice on how to do that, I should have also given the plant a little more well-deserved recognition.

Herbalists and others interested in the nutritional value of nettle often plant it "on purpose."

This is what Martha had to say: "I did, indeed, plant nettles; they are in a part of the yard where their growth will be somewhat controlled. But are they not an excellent source of calcium, and have plenty of other health benefits, besides? It seems we are quick to 'eradicate' the less tame plants, which, upon investigation, can prove to be beneficial."

Martha, your point is well-taken! I guess it goes along with the old saying, "one person's trash is another person's treasure." Or better yet, how about "one person's weed is another person's medicine?"

Along similar lines, this question came in from Steven, who lives in Becket. He wrote to the Garden Lady curious about the late blooming perennial, Monkshood.

First he provides some background; "My wife was starting to clear a small flower area we have next to the driveway two weekends ago. She was cutting down daisies that we didn't even plant there."



I saw a flower next to the daisies, which I had never seen before and asked her what it was. She said she had no idea, that she'd never seen it before either. I took some pictures, and every search I did on them said that they're Monkshood. I told her that the search said they're poisonous.

I walked away and then read a little more and found out that they're poisonous to the touch. I went back to tell her and she had cut them down without touching them because she was scared our dog would get into them. We just left them where they're lying. The stems are still sticking out of the ground. What are your thoughts? Is that what you think they are too? My research didn't show them growing in this area. Also, thoughts about how we should handle them if they are indeed poisonous?"

Monkshood (Aconitum) is a pretty perennial that has blue "hooded" flowers along two-four foot spikes. It is a cottage garden favorite be-

cause it is one of a few flowers that do bloom in blue shades, and it blooms towards the end of summer, when few others plants are in their glory.

Due to the unique flower shape, the plant is mainly pollinated by "long tongued" bumble bees, who pry open the flower to get at the pollen. With all this said, the plant sounds great!

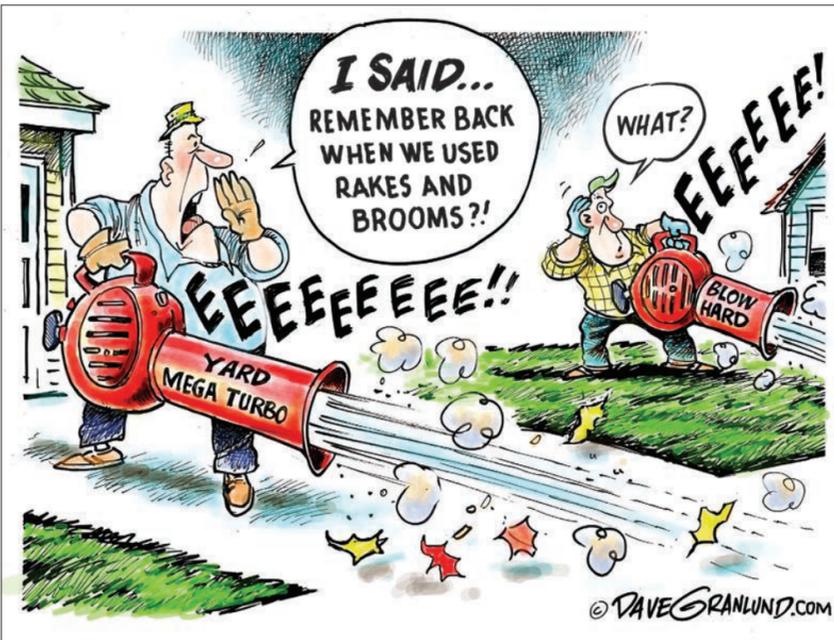
Now here comes the "but..." Caution should indeed be exercised around Monkshood. It goes by other common names that are more telling of its true nature, Wolfsbane and Devil's Helmet among others.

The plant contains a deadly toxins, aconitine and diterpene alkaloids that can result in death if ingested. It is even advised to use gloves when handling the plant, even its roots if you were to dig it up, because of absorption that can occur through the skin.

Most experts recommend not growing it in gardens that pets or children may frequent.

I hope this answers your question, Steven. I do think that you were on target to be concerned, especially because of your dog.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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.



Horned lark

cos, the first of the year in his yard. One took a bath.

Sunflower seed heads The Brimfield resident reported the tufted titmouse and northern cardinal really like the sunflower seed heads that he has been hanging on one of my feeder stations. Because of the black bears, he has no bird feeders out yet.

Warren ponds The Brimfield resident drove past the ponds in Warren. At the one on New Reed Street, there

was an adult bald eagle, three mallards and two double-crested cormorants.

Canada geese

I saw a flock of about two dozen Canada geese land in a harvested cornfield in Barre this past Saturday. I do not know if they were local geese or some migrating south from the north.

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

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What's happening at the Council on Aging this November

SOUTH HADLEY – There's lots to explore and enjoy happening next month at the Council on Aging. Here's a list of some of their upcoming new and exciting events

Veteran's Day Events: Veteran's Day Breakfast
Friday, November 7, 8:30 a.m.

Veteran Services of South Hadley warmly invites all veterans and a guest to our Veteran's Day Breakfast. All guests must be registered in our system to attend and cannot be signed up as just a "guest." Join us for a morning of good food, camaraderie, and heartfelt appreciation for your service. Registration required by Wednesday, November 5 so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to honoring you. Your presence makes all the difference! Sponsored by South Hadley Veterans' Services and the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors.

Veteran's Coffee Hour
Wednesday, November 12, 9 to 11 a.m.

Join us for coffee and pastries, generously provided by VFW Post 3104 and American Legion Post 260. All veterans welcome!

Veteran's Evening Social Group
Thursday, November 20, 4:30 p.m.

Join South Hadley's Veterans Services Director, Chris Plotniak, for an evening social. Veterans of all ages are welcome! Refreshments provided.

More Events This Month: Lunch and Learn: Estate Planning with Cody from Westfield Bank

Thursday, November 13, 11:30 a.m.
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Pizza and Trivia Night
Thursday, November 13 at 4 p.m.

Come for the pizza and general knowledge trivia, stay for the dessert and prizes. Enter the drawing if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in November! With Thanksgiving Day football games around the corner, make sure to wear gear from your favorite team! Dessert created and provided by the chefs at Loomis Communities. Trivia MC'd by Neil Broome. Registration required. Cost is \$6 to attend the event. Prizes sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors.

Special Invitation from MacDuffie School Students
Thursday, November 13, 2:20 p.m.

The students at MacDuffie School's Theater Department have extended an invitation for our members of the COA to be the audience for the dress rehearsal of their fall play, "Adventure." The show starts at 3:30 p.m. There is no cost for our members to attend, and the COA will provide transportation (limited seats available), leaving the

COA at 3 p.m. Be the first to see the play in its entirety and support the MacDuffie students! Registration to attend the show is required and should be made at the Welcome Desk. To book a seat for transportation, please contact Eric Gallagher, Transportation Coordinator, at 413-538-5030, ext. 6205.

Office Hours with State Representative Homar Gomez
Monday, November 17, 10 a.m. to noon

Come with questions, comments, concerns, or just to introduce yourself and chat!

Gentleman's Breakfast
Friday, November 21, 8:30 a.m.

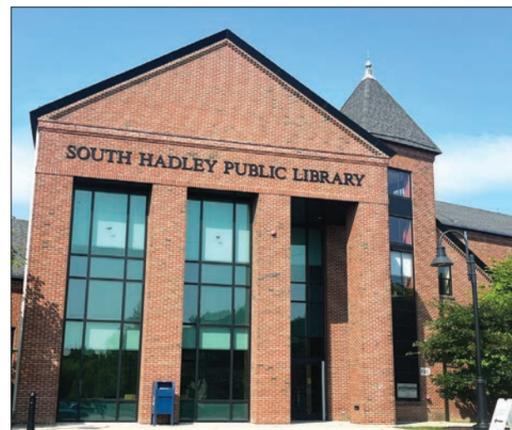
Join us for a delicious

breakfast prepared by Chef Dakota. Breakfast will be hosted by Human Services Director Andy Rogers, and David Mendoza, retired Major USAF, Commander of the South Hadley VFW Post 3104, Town of South Hadley Recreation Commissioner, and Chairman of the Town of South Hadley Veteran's Council. Cost to attend is \$3 per person.

Monday Movies at 1:30 p.m.

November 10: "Father of the Bride" (1991), comedy
November 17: "Queen Bees" (2021), romantic comedy
November 24: "Little Women" (1994), period drama

SHPL receives Carnegie grant



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Access Care Partners and KofC deliver FREE meals

CHICOPEE – Access Care Partners, formerly known as WestMass Elder-Care, is proud to announce its continued partnership with the Knights of Columbus Council #4044 to ensure that no one is left without a warm meal this Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving Day, November 27, volunteers will deliver hot, traditional Thanksgiving dinners to individuals who are without family or who would otherwise go without a holiday meal.

This long-standing community tradition reflects the dedication of both organizations to providing care, comfort, and connection to neighbors in need. "Thanksgiving is a time to come together," said Mary Wetzell, Access Care Partners Nutri-

tion Director. "We're honored to work alongside the Knights of Columbus Council #4044 to share a meal and a sense of belonging with members of our community."

In addition to meal deliveries, a Thanksgiving meal will also be served at the Castle of Knights in Chicopee for anyone who would prefer to share the holiday with others. The meal is free and open to the public, offering guests a warm, welcoming space to enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving dinner in good company. To reserve a space, please contact Grand Knight Ron Grenier at 413-626-2550.

Meal Registration
Individuals who would like to receive a Thanksgiving meal delivery should

contact the Access Care Partners at 413-538-9020 extension 503 to register no later than November 14th.

Volunteer Opportunities
Access Care Partners and the Knights of Columbus are also seeking volunteers to help deliver meals on Thanksgiving Day. Volunteers will play a crucial role in ensuring meals reach older adults, individuals with disabilities, and others who may otherwise be isolated during the holiday. Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to call Access Care Partners at 413-538-9020 extension 464 or 483.

This cherished collaboration is more than just a meal—it is a reminder of the strength and compassion of the Western Massachusetts community.

About Access Care Partners:

Access Care Partners (formerly WestMass Elder-Care) has been serving the needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers in Western Massachusetts for over 50 years. Through comprehensive, person-centered services, Access Care Partners supports independence, dignity, and community connection.

About Knights of Columbus:

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to service and charitable initiatives. Each year, the Knights host events to support local families, including their annual Thanksgiving meal tradition.



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In 2024, fundraising from this walk has helped support mental health first aid training in schools including in Ludlow, South Hadley, Chicopee, Monson, Palmer and Ware, local colleges including Elms College and the University of Massachusetts – Amherst—who did a Talk Saves Live event and a Campus Walk—presenting and sponsoring a portion of the Western Mass Veterans Conference and other programming in schools and communities throughout Western Massachusetts.

teams were Team Nathan, Rusty's Free in the Wind, Randi's Rainbow, Team Edwards/First Churches and Whalen 3:16, while the top five individual fundraisers were Carol Beal, Karen Carreira, Michael Carreira, Kristin Rivers and Denise Lemenager.

The walk was sponsored by Easthampton Savings Bank (bankESB), Elm Electrical, Westfield Gas & Electric, Pioneer Behavioral Health, Color for Resilience, the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Helpline and Westek Architectural.

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



A shot of attendees during the walk ceremony. Turley photos by Kristin Rivers



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chairs Karen Carreira and Lyndsey Nunes open the ceremony.



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chair Lyndsey Nunes reads about the purple bead during the Honor Bead Ceremony, which represents the loss of a relative or a friend. Sharon Tokarz was on stage for this bead.



The angel statue walkers stop at to pay their respects during the walk.



Stanley the Squirrel, the mascot for the Westfield Starfires, also stopped by for a visit.



State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) provides remarks on supporting those struggling with mental health and suicidal thoughts.



State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) emphasizes the importance of asking for help and that you're not alone.



Jeromie Whalen shares the story of his late brother, Christopher, who died by suicide in February.



Participants gather at the Free Hugs tent.



Walkers start their trek.

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Tigers girls soccer back on top in Class B



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South Hadley girls soccer avenges their last loss against Belchertown and won the title this year.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD—The South Hadley and Belchertown girls' soccer teams have faced each other in either the Western Mass. Class B semifinals or finals since 2021.

The third-seeded South Hadley Lady Tigers pulled out a 2-1 victory over the top-seeded Belchertown Lady Orioles in this year's championship match held at Clark Field, which is located on West Springfield High School campus, last Wednesday night.

"We have so many young kids on the team, so this is kind of like their first ever Western Mass. championship," said South Hadley head coach Rich Marjanski. "I tell them how hard it is because growing up, me and our coaches never won a Western Mass. championship and it's a

special thing to do. There's a lot of tough teams, so to get all the way to the finals and win, it's a hard trip."

One of the Lady Tigers seniors is Gwen Marion, who celebrated her 18th birthday on the same day as the Class B finals.

"This is the best birthday

that I've ever had," said Marion, who's a starting defensive midfielder. "When I found out that we would be playing in the finals on my birthday, I said that we had to bring the championship trophy home with us and we did."

Marion was a freshman member of the varsity squad

the last time that South Hadley won the Western Mass. Class B title following a 4-1 victory over the Lady Orioles.

The following season, the Lady Tigers defeated the Lady Orioles, 4-3, in the semifinals before losing to Pope Francis,

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Boys soccer falls in tourney tune-up

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Tuesday afternoon, the South Hadley High School boys soccer team, which had been defeated by Pope Francis in the

Western Mass. quarter-finals, fell 1-0 against Wahconah in their final matchup before the state tournament. The Tigers were scheduled to begin

play in the tournament with a preliminary round game against Blue Hills Regional.



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Colin Zraunig fights the sun as he looks to send the ball toward the opposing goal.



Kaysen Gauthier eyes a teammate up the field.



Matt Butler attempts a header.



Ben Gillis looks calm as he tries to settle the ball.



Nolan Masse tries to fake out his opponent.

Rams defeat Hopkins for Western Mass. Championship

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD—After losing to Palmer High School in the 2023 Western Mass. Class D finals, the Granby girls' soccer team has gone undefeated in the Western tournament during the past two seasons.

The top-seeded Lady Rams repeated as Class D champions following a 2-0 shutout victory over the second-seeded Hopkins Academy Golden Hawks at Clark Field, which is located on West Springfield High School campus, last Wednesday night.

"It feels great to repeat as Western Mass. champions, especially with this group of players," said Granby senior K.C. Curran. "I hope the returning players can win another Western Mass. title next year."

Curran, who's a starting defender, is one of the se-



Eleanor Szlosek looks up the field for an open teammate.

niors listed on the Granby varsity soccer roster, along with Mylin Laliberte and

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Kalli White tries to get around an opponent.

Railers fall against Reading Royals

WORCESTER – The Railers fell Saturday night with a 5-1 loss to the Reading Royals.

Worcester's lone goal was scored by Drew Callin to make it 3-1 in the third period. There was a little bit of history there, since it had been 1,411 calendar days since his last goal for the Railers on Dec. 8, 2021.

Callin spent almost all of that span in the American Hockey League.

Reading got two goals from Carson Golder. Massimo Rizzo, Brandon Saigeon, and Sawyer Boulton each had one apiece.

Vinnie Purpura got the win in net with 25 saves. Tristan Lennox took the loss and stopped 27 shots.

The game ended in messy fashion with altercations all over the place late as the teams totaled 103 PIM in the third period. The 117 PIM overall were the third most in team history, the most ever at the DCU Center.

Including two video reviews, the game time was 2:51, second most in team history for a regulation game and tied for the longest at the DCU Center.

The Railers seek to regroup next weekend as they play their first three-in-three of the season. All three games are with Maine. Friday night the teams are in Portland, the next two at the DCU Center.

Worcester was outshot by two and outscored by two in the first period.

Rizzo scored from between the circles at 9:12. There was a lot of traffic in front of Lennox

and the officials looked at possible goalie interference, but the score was still 1-0 after the review.

The Royals increased their lead to 2-0 at 15:37 on a goal by Saigeon. He got the puck against the far left board, perhaps 40 feet from the net, and sent a wrist shot inside the far post.

In between the goals, Railers forward Lincoln Hatten took on Reading's Boulton in a quick, intense fight. How time flies. Boulton is the son of Eric Boulton, a legendary battler whose career pro PIM totals were in four figures.

Eric Boulton spent part of 1998-99 with the AHL Kentucky Thoroughblades. On Jan. 29, 1999 in Kentucky he and IceCats forward Reed Low engaged in arguably the best fight in Worcester hockey history, a Rocky vs. Apollo Creed battle.

Coincidentally, or maybe not, Kentucky's coach that season was Roy Sommer.

Golder finished off the odd-man rush that made it a 3-0 game in the second period. Reading played the break perfectly as Golder converted Cam Cook's pass with a re-direct that Lennox had no chance on.

Callin scored from in close with Worcester on a power play at 4:51 but Boulton blunted any chance at a comeback by popping home a rebound at 7:40. Reading got a 5 on 3 chance later in the period and took 11 seconds to convert it for the game's final goal.

NWMT Championship event returns to Connecticut as part of the Sunoco World Series

THOMPSON, CT — The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) announced Thursday afternoon the 2026 Whelen Modified Tour schedule ahead of the 2025 championship event at Martinsville Speedway in Virginia. Included in the 16-race schedule will be three events contested on the 0.625-mile Thompson Speedway here in Connecticut including the all-important finale in the heart of Modified country.

The roar and rumble of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will open the 2026 season at the 52nd Icebreaker Weekend, headlining the Sunday, April 12 portion of the iconic start to New England's racing season. The NASCAR stars will return to the ever-popular midweek Thompson 150 on Wednesday, Aug. 5 and finish out the season by crowning the 2026 NASCAR Whelen Modified Champion at the Sunoco World Series 150 on Sunday, Oct. 11.

"Both Tom (Mayberry) and I are glad to have the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour back at Thompson for three great shows in 2026," said ACT managing partner Cris Michaud. "The NASCAR Modifieds put on

some great racing for the fans and they are certainly some of the highlights of our 2026 plans for the Thompson oval, especially with the championship event back at the Sunoco World Series."

As announced at the World Series, the Thompson Speedway oval will continue to operate under the American-Canadian Tour and Pro All Stars Series sanctioning bodies in 2026. The rest of the 2026 schedule continues to be in negotiation, expect a complete schedule of events for the Thompson Speedway oval to be released around Thanksgiving.

For more information about the American-Canadian Tour, contact the ACT offices at (802) 244-6963, media@acttour.com, or visit www.acttour.com. You can also get updates on Facebook and Twitter at @ACTTour.

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T-Birds pick up point against Islanders

BRIDGEPORT, CT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-6-1-1) rode a terrific afternoon from their starting goaltender into a shootout before falling 2-1 to the Bridgeport Islanders (2-5-1-0) on Sunday afternoon inside Total Mortgage Arena.

Bridgeport entered the game as one of the league's most potent first-period offenses with 14 tallies in its first eight opening frames of the season. That trend continued at 8:54 of the first when rookie Joey Larson deflected a Sean Day point shot through Vadim Zherenko, giving the Islanders the 1-0 advantage.

The T-Birds once again

showed good resilience and timely power play success at 17:03 to tie the score. Matthew Peca won the opening draw of the advantage, allowing Samuel Johannesson to get a shot into the blue paint. Marcus Hogberg made the first stop, but Matt Luff was on the scene to jab a backhand rebound home to tie the game, 1-1. The goal, Luff's team-leading fourth of the season, was also his fourth point in the last two games.

Zherenko and Hogberg rose into the spotlight in the second period, as neither team could take advantage on a plethora of power play opportunities. Bridgeport went

0-for-4 on man advantages in the first 40 minutes, including an 0-for-3 spell in period two. Springfield, meanwhile, was unable to break the 1-1 tie on their one chance in the middle stanza.

Zherenko and the T-Birds' penalty kill continued to rise to the occasion in the third, stonewalling the Bridgeport power play once more in the final period to complete a perfect 5-for-5 day. Zherenko went the final 51:06 of regulation without allowing a tally.

As the 1-1 tie carried into overtime, the netminder only raised his game further, as Zherenko came up with high-danger saves on

both Marshall Warren and Alex Jefferies in the 3-on-3 proceedings, allowing the T-Birds a chance to win in the shootout. After Chris Terry and Luff traded shootout goals through the first two rounds, the game came down to the third round. After Hogberg turned away Nikita Alexandrov, former T-Bird Matthew Highmore stepped up and whistled a perfect forehand off the inside of the post to ice the game for Bridgeport.

The T-Birds and Islanders renew acquaintances as the two clubs meet at the Thunderdome on Friday, Nov. 7 for a 7:05 p.m. puck drop.

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2-0, in the championship match.

The Lady Orioles, who took home the inaugural Western Mass. Class B championship trophy in 2021, also won the championship title last year by the final score of 2-0.

The victory in this year's finals improved South Hadley's overall record to 11-7-1.

The other seniors listed on the Lady Tigers varsity roster are Allison Fleury, Sofia Quinn, Kiana Ramos, Mallory Leverault and Brianna Texiera.

The Lady Orioles, who fell to 8-7-4, posted a 2-0 victory at South Hadley back in the middle of September. They are led by seniors Alexa Karabetos, Morghan Litz, Isabel Moreau, Alexis

Canoa, Mackenzy Bowers, and Jaden Bean.

Sophomore Lea Agudelo gave the Lady Tigers a 1-0 lead during the 16th minute of the opening half.

Following a corner kick, a Belchertown player sent the ball out towards midfield. That's when Agudelo launched a high shot that landed behind freshman goalie Linnea before bouncing over the goal-line for her first career varsity goal, which was unassisted.

"That was an amazing shot by Lea," Marion said. "When she kicked it, we thought the goalie was going to make the save. When the ball bounced into the net, it gave us a lot of energy."

The Lady Orioles had a couple of chances to score a goal during the last five minutes of the first half on shots by junior Isabella Vozzella and sophomore Aubrey Klingensmith.

During the 67th minute, Klingensmith lined another shot off the crossbar.

Belchertown tied the score at 1-1 in the 73rd minute following a Litz goal, which was assisted by Klingensmith.

With less than five minutes remaining in regulation, South Hadley retook the lead when Fleury scored a corner kick goal.

"After Belchertown tied the score, I knew that we needed to score a goal because we didn't want to go to overtime," Fleury said. "I just curled the ball into the box hoping it would go into the net or one of my teammates would put it in. I just love taking corners."

A last second shot attempt from Belchertown freshman Eleanor Mazzaferro was saved by sophomore goalie Olivia Athas giving the Lady Tigers their

second Western Mass. title in the past five years.

There won't be a third meeting between South Hadley and Belchertown this fall.

The Lady Tigers entered the Division 4 state tournament as the third seed, while the Lady Orioles are the eighth seed in the Division 3 state tournament.



Hannah Haesaert guides the ball up the field.

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Sofie Quinn makes a throw-in.



Allison Fleury heads up the sideline.



Cara Dean goes after a loose ball.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR ADS & LEGAL NOTICES

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Ava-Elizabeth Loughman, who's sidelined with an ACL injury.

A year ago, Granby needed penalty kicks to dispatch the Golden Hawks in the Western Mass. Class D finals.

"We graduated eight seniors, but we really wanted to play in the championship again this year," Curran added. "The younger players have made a big impact on our team."

The Lady Rams (12-3-4), who also captured the 2018 Western Mass. Division 4 title, advanced into this year's Class D finals after dispatching Smith Academy, 9-0 in the quarterfinals, and Palmer, 6-0, in the semifinals.

Granby entered the Division 5 state tournament as the top-seeded team. They were scheduled to face 33rd-seeded Prospect Hill Academy Charter School or 32nd-seeded Mahar Regional School in a round of 32 home match. They could possibly play three home matches in the state tournament before moving to a neutral field for the

semifinals.

The Lady Rams outscored their opponents, 58-20, in the first 19 matches of the season.

"The players have done a very good job of sharing the ball," said Granby head coach Bob Weaver, who recently won his 100th career varsity game. "We have a lot of girls who can score goals. It's not just one or two."

A total of nine Granby players have scored at least one goal this fall led by junior Kalli White with 23 goals. She also has more than 100 career points.

The first goal of the Class D finals was scored by Granby junior McKenna Zumbruski following a corner kick in the middle of the opening half.

Freshman Marcela Tapia booted the ball into the box from the right corner where it bounced off a defender. Then Zumbruski put a low shot into the right corner past sophomore goalie Haven Jones for an unassisted goal.

"It was only my second goal this season," Zumbruski said. "It was really special, but it was a team effort."



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The Granby Girls captured the Western Mass. Championship last week.



Margaret Healey hustles for the goal.



Sophia Marsh tries to bounce a pass away.



McKenna Zumbruski clears the ball up the field.



Brenna Moreno sends a shot on goal away.

Zumbruski didn't play soccer last year because of an ACL injury.

"I'm very glad we were able to win the Western Mass. title this year because I wasn't a part of it last year," Zumbruski said. "It feels really good."

Six minutes into the second half, Kalli White scored another corner kick goal giv-

ing the Lady Rams a 2-0 advantage. Tapia was credited with the assist.

"We work on our corner kicks every day," Weaver said. "Honestly, we even do it in the warmup where we serve the ball, after we take a couple of shots."

Granby junior goalie Meredith Bartosz only had to make five saves against

the Golden Hawks (13-4-2) in posting her fourth consecutive shutout and her ninth overall this fall.

"I'm lucky to be playing in front of Meredith because she's an outstanding goalie," Curran said. "She always makes the saves in every game."

Bartosz was also the Lady Rams starting goalie in last

year's Western Mass. finals.

The Lady Rams other starting defenders are junior Jaidyn Roberg, junior Ellie Szlosek, and freshman Kara White.

The Granby girls' soccer team are hoping to win five more matches during the Division 5 state tournament.

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pecially for experiences and needs that fall outside of the district's tight operating budget."

That mission includes funding classroom enrichment, organizing student events, and showing appreciation for teachers and staff. But it also extends beyond the walls of the school. This month, the PTO has turned its attention to one of its most pressing initiatives — an emergency food drive in partnership with the Mosier Elementary and Henry J. Skala School PTAs.

The food drive was launched to support South Hadley families facing food insecurity following recent changes to assistance programs. "We are collecting non-perishables in all the schools and Town Hall," Jajko explained. "We are also collecting monetary donations, which we will use to purchase gift cards to local grocery stores, allowing families to also purchase perishable foods that we just cannot store."

Every donation, no matter the size, makes an impact. "All donations are tax-deductible, and all donated items will directly benefit the families in South Hadley schools," Jajko

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The decrease in SNAP benefits has caused a huge impact, and any help is welcome.

said, noting that the team will oversee distribution to ensure donations reach those most in need.

Behind the scenes, the PTO stays in close contact with teachers and administrators to identify where help is most needed. "We meet monthly, and we are in con-

sistent communication with our administrative team and teacher reps," Jajko said. "Teachers and administration typically reach out directly to let us know where they have needs — whether that is a curriculum tool, classroom supplies, a field trip subsidy, or support for student social

events."

Among the group's recent successes was a 1990s-themed fundraiser, Dementia After Dark, held earlier this fall. The event brought parents together for a night of music and nostalgia, all while raising money for the sixth grade's trip to Cape Cod and the eighth grade's trip to Washington, D.C. "These are trips that have been around a long time — many parents have wonderful memories of attending these trips themselves," Jajko said. "We were able to raise some funds to put towards the trips, but we still have work to do."

Looking ahead, the PTO

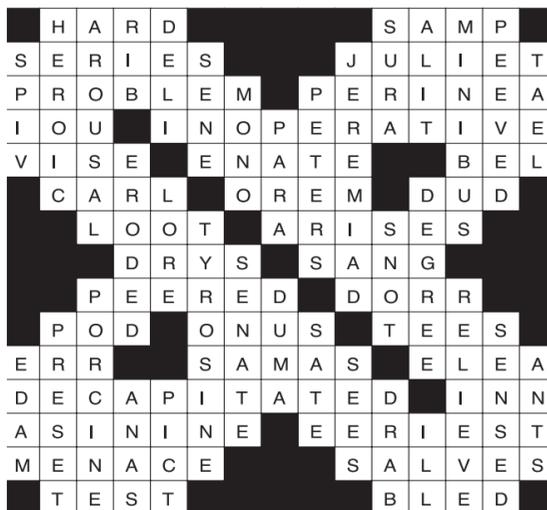
is planning several fun community events, including the Flannel Fling Fall Dance for grades five to eight and a Pillow Polo Tournament on November 10. Early planning is also underway for the group's first-ever Tiger Tee Off golf tournament in May, which will serve as a major spring fundraiser.

For families wondering how to get involved, Jajko emphasized that every bit helps. "There is no one 'type' of volunteer that the PTO needs," she said. "You can help from home, send in a donation, share a post on Facebook, help an hour at an event, or come to one meeting

a year. All help counts."

The group's efforts reflect a deep commitment to community over recognition. "I believe I speak for all of us when I say we do not do this for recognition but rather to help foster a community within the schools and district for our kids and all the students in South Hadley," Jajko said.

In a time when resources are stretched and needs are growing, the Michael E. Smith Middle School PTO continues to show what can be achieved when a community comes together — one act of generosity at a time.



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Thankful for the library this November

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Annual Food Drive
We are starting our annual food drive earlier this year. Beginning Monday, November 3, South Hadley Public Library is accepting food and toiletry donations for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Our local food pantry is seeking much-needed soup, hot and cold cereal, canned meat, tomato products, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, and women's hygiene products. Please check the dates on your food items and do not bring any expired items. You can drop off items in the boxes located by the first-floor elevator. Donations may also be brought to SHELD (through Nov. 18) and the Senior Center (ongoing).

Adult Programs at SHPL
This month, the library is packed with history and genealogy! On Wednesday, **November 12 at 6 p.m.**,

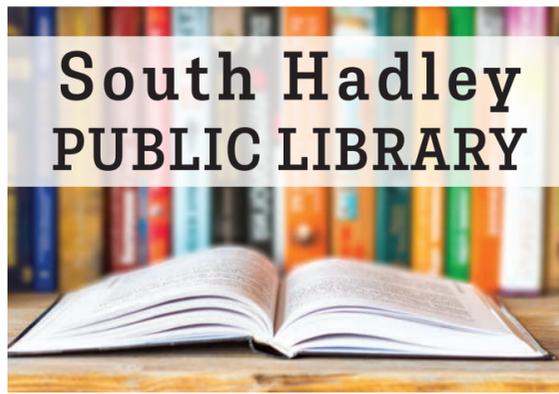
join genealogist **Dave Robinson** with *How to Begin Your Genealogy Search*, a great starting point if you're curious about your family tree but don't know where to begin. Sign up on our website under events and Adult Programs to register.

Then, in conjunction with the new Ken Burns' PBS documentary "The American Revolution" on Saturday, **November 15 at 11 a.m.**, historian **Jonathan Beagle** presents *The Women's War: Seeing the American Revolution Through Women's Eyes*, shining a spotlight on the overlooked stories of women during the American Revolution.

We'll wrap up on Wednesday, **November 19, at 6 p.m.**, when **Alex MacKenzie** from the **Springfield Armory** shares the hidden history of the first Continental Arsenal and its key role in America's fight for independence.

Looking to join a book club? The library has a selection of books being talked about by groups at the library and the senior center. Library groups include the **Hello Sunshine Book Club meeting on Wednesday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m.** to discuss *Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places* by Claire Kann. Then, the **Between the Covers Romance Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 18, from 3 to 4 p.m.** to talk about *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

Looking for resources and information about local



community health resources? Meet with South Hadley's Public Health Department to discuss your concerns, hear about new initiatives, and learn about programs and services available to help you lead a healthier life. The **Public Health Office Hour will be held on Monday, November 17, at 3 p.m.**

Online Author Programs (click each program for more information)

The Search for Truth and the Persistence of Love Across Time with Novelist Amanda Peters, Bestselling Author and Winner of the 2024 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m.

Unlock the Secret Language of Connection with Supercommunicator Charles Duhigg, Pulitzer-Prize Winning Journalist and *New York Times* Bestselling Author of *The Power of Habit*. Tuesday, November 18 at 2 p.m.

Children's Programs at SHPL

November is Native American Heritage Month and Picture Book Month (and Children's Book

Week)! We'll be featuring both throughout the month in our displays and during **storytimes** on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

If you haven't already signed up to attend the **Poop Museum**, it's not too late! Susie returns with more scatological fun facts on **Saturday, November 8, at 10:30 a.m.**

Music with Mr. Liam returns as well, on **Saturday, November 29, at 10:30 a.m.** Get your post-Thanksgiving wiggles out with some ten-second dance parties!

All our regular programs continue - **Lego & Games** (Monday and Wednesday at 3 p.m.), **Rhyme Time** (Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.), **Baby Lapsit** (November 14 and 21 at 10 a.m.), **Graphic Novel Book Club** (November 13 at 4 p.m.), **Read to a Dog** (November 18 at 6 p.m.), **Japanese Storytime** with Kanae (November 1 at 10:30 a.m.) - and our new **Pride Club for Kids** will meet twice this month, November 4 and 18 at 4 p.m.

Remember, our puzzle

swap is available whenever the library is open, and you can request a Book Bundle anytime!

Teen Programs at SHPL
This month for Teens (ages 11 through 19), we have a lot of great offerings! **YA Book Tasting** happens on the first Monday of the month from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

This month's **Crafternoon** takes place on **Thursday, November 13, from 4 to 5 p.m.** We will be making Shrinky Dinks. No sign-up is needed.

Night Craft will be happening on **Tuesday, November 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** We will be crafting Paper Pulp Painting. None of these programs requires registration unless you would like an email reminder.

Snackternoon will be on **Thursday, November 20, from 4 to 5 p.m.** Please note this is the third Thursday this month due to Thanksgiving. Please sign up so we can have enough supplies for all teen participants.

Monthly gaming sessions will be held on **Tuesdays, November 4 and 18, for Xbox X. Mondays, November 10 and 24, for Switch.** All gaming sessions start at 3:30 p.m. and run until 5 p.m.. No sign-up is needed.

Teen Takeaways continue to be available. This month features *Origami Maple Leaves*. Sign up once and get a new Teen Takeaway every month.

We also have our latest **Booktrovert** pick: *Thieves' Gambit* by Kayvon Lewis. There are no in-person meet-ups; 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 Programs

The **Spice Club** is sampling Southern New England Spice Co.'s Truffle Salt this month! Sign up online and discuss your cooking and baking plans with other spice enthusiasts on **Thursday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m.**

For more baking fun, join us for **Elegant Pies with Daniela**, on **Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.** This includes a hands-on workshop on decorations like rosettes, leaves and other pie crust creations, and a demo of Daniela's easy and award-winning pie crust recipe. Register here.

Mount Holyoke Astronomy student Daniela Quintaras-Parilla will present a talk for all ages on **Galaxies and Nebulae on Thursday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m.**

For kids, we also have our usual **StoryTimes (Fridays at 10:30 a.m.)**. We have **Drop-In Crafts on Thursdays, November 7 and 21, from 3 to 6 p.m.**, and **LEGO Club meets Thursdays, October 14 and 28, from 3 to 6 p.m.**

Families can also join us on **Saturday, November 15, at 10:15 a.m. for Puzzles and Board Games.**

November Holidays
The libraries will be closed on:

Tuesday, November 11, for Veterans Day

Thursday and Friday, November 27 to 28, for Thanksgiving

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year is always great too. My favorite trunk/table was the "6-7" table."

Kids came out for an evening of fun out of the rain and wind in their costumes the night before Halloween for a chance at some extra candy, and to see their friends, teachers, and local first responders together to have some fun.

Local businesses from the community donate money towards the Trunk-or-Treat year after year to sponsor the candy the volunteers at the Trunk-or-Treat stations pass out.

This year, Florence Bank, Laflamme Garden Center, Colonial Carpentry, Sapowsky's Farm, Mass West, PNCU, the Granby PTO, CVS, Walmart, the Granby Fire Association, and the Granby Police Association donated to make this evening possible.

"I am very thankful that the Granby community supports our event through donations as well as attending the event. It is great to serve in a community that supports the

Police, Fire, and Schools the way that they do," said Officer Gilley.

The night was full of fun for all, and provided a perfect opportunity for the fire and police departments to get a chance to engage with the community, and for the kids to see their teachers outside of the classroom having some fun, too.

"I love being able to make a positive impact in our students' lives every single day. Being the SRO I'm able to be involved in their lives by doing something as simple as having lunch with them daily, watching their successes on the athletic fields, and celebrating their graduate," said Gilley. "I'd not be able to do all that without having such a supportive Chief Kevin O'Grady and school administrators Principal Alison Jordan, Principal Cindy Sykes, and Superintendent Mary Jane Rickson."

Any businesses or residents who would like to donate for future Trunk-or-Treats can contact Gilley at 413-467-9222 or at zgilley@granbypd.org.



Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

The Granby Police Department with smiles all around.



Harper dressed as a police officer like Officer Gilley.



Roscoe, Liv, and Harper handing out boxes of crayons for added fun.



Gail Ouimet, Dylan Swist, and April Johnson having fun together.



Adults can be witty and fun with today's memes, and Rebecca Mello and Alycia Ogg are having fun, too.



Charlotte, Evangeline and her buddy "Horror Face," and Megan Bogg all having a fantastic evening.



The Granby PTO smiling bright in their costumes with plenty of candy.



The Springfield Pics junior ice hockey team dressed for fun and ready to hand out candy.

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ten, to older adults in their 60s performing like they did in school. The South Hadley Players is open to everyone who loves the stage and to perform.

"This play is a great way to kick off the holiday season because it's right after Thanksgiving," said Butler Drake actor Jeremy Swartz. "Performing is my life, and it's something I want to do for the rest of my life."

Each of the characters has their own story, and their growth is seen throughout the story as the characters learn hard lessons and get through them.

"I love that my role has the ability to show growth, and he starts out really hard-hearted and softens through the show, and I'm really excited to bring that to the stage," said Keith Shannon, who plays Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks. "I'm super

excited to be a part of this cast, and our little Annie is going to steal the show, and I'm really excited for everyone to see her and the show.

"I have been directing for over 30 years, and working with the cast, watching them grow, having them understand the story, helping them to tell the story, and then watching the audience be moved by the story [is the most rewarding part]," said Strycharz.

The show dates are next weekend on Saturday, November 15, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, November 16, at 1 p.m. at the South Hadley High School. You can purchase tickets at the door.

"This play is for an audience of all ages. We would love it if you came and supported not only South Hadley Players and the Arts, but also this amazing cast, who have put their heart and soul in this production," said Strycharz.



Director Cyn Strycharz giving some direction for next steps.

Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas



Annie explained that the dog, Sandy, has always been hers to the officer.



It's really a hard knock life, but there will always be tomorrow.



Jeremy Swartz, playing Butler Drake and Bert Healey.



Keith Shannon, playing Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks.



The sun will come out, tomorrow...



Gabby Moyer, playing the French Maid Cecile, Avery Kostek the Rockette, Marisa Gray on the ensemble, and Morgan Gray, the French Maid Annette.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Difficult

5. Coarsely ground corn

9. There's one for the "world"

11. Loved Romeo

13. Sticky situation

15. Pelvic areas

16. An informal debt instrument

17. Cannot be repaired surgically

19. A device attached to a workbench

21. Related on the mother's side

22. Sound unit

23. ___ Sagan, astronomer

25. Utah city

26. A disappointing effort

27. Steal goods during

a riot

29. Wakes up

31. Hair salon service

33. Serenaded

34. Looked intensely

36. U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.

38. A type of cast

39. One's duty

41. Where golfers begin

43. Make a mistake

44. Semitic sun god

46. Ancient Greek City

48. Having had the head cut off

52. A place to stay

53. Unwise

54. Most unnatural

56. Dennis is a notable one

57. Ointments

58. Students' exam

59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave

2. Act of awakening

3. Jest at

4. Sandwich store

5. Chapter of the Koran

6. Dismounted

7. Small vehicle

9. One who earns by disreputable dealings

10. Monetary unit of Samoa

11. Long, mournful lamentation

12. Weight unit

14. Alone, single

15. Decreases

18. Indicates beside

20. Worn by exposure to the weather

24. A body of traditions

26. College students'

ultimate goal

28. Amino acid

30. Nasal mucus

32. US government entity

34. Swinish

35. Legislative body in Russia

37. Grant an exemption to

38. Put in advance

40. Satisfy

42. Felt

43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls

45. Witnesses

47. Picnic invaders

49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

50. Ancient person of Scotland

51. Cheerless

55. Unwell

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Key Requirements:

- Valid Class A or B CDL
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Application Details:

• Application and job description are available on the Town of Sturbridge website under job opportunities <https://www.sturbridge.gov/your-government/pages/job-opportunities>

• Interviews will begin on November 4, 2025, and will continue until the position is filled.

Additional Information:

- The DPW operates as a union shop.
 - The Town of Sturbridge is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE).
- For more information, please refer to the job description or contact the Sturbridge DPW directly at **508-347-2515** or dpw@sturbridge.gov.

Job Posting: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS Town of Sturbridge, MA

The Town of Sturbridge is seeking a dynamic, experienced, and highly qualified professional for the position of Assistant Director of Public Works. This is a senior-level, management position that will support the Director of Public Works in overseeing the planning, administration, and daily operations of the Public Works Department.

About our community

Sturbridge is a welcoming community known for its picturesque landscapes, historic charm, and vibrant local attractions. As Assistant DPW Director, you will play a crucial role in maintaining and enhancing the Town's infrastructure, ensuring a high quality of life for our residents.

Key responsibilities

The Assistant Director will provide a variety of engineering and administrative services under the guidance of the DPW Director, with a primary focus on:

- Conducting plan reviews for subdivisions, site plans, roadways, water, sewer, and stormwater designs.
- Managing all stormwater permitting activities associated with the NPDES MS4 General Permit.
- Supervising and overseeing the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS).
- Coordinating snow and ice removal activities.
- Addressing resident inquiries related to town projects, utilities, and permitting.
- Presenting engineering reports to and responding to inquiries from town boards and committees, including the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Commission.

Qualifications

- Education and Experience: A bachelor's degree in civil/environmental engineering or a related field from an accredited four-year college or university is required. Candidates must have two to five years of related public works experience and/or training, or an equivalent combination of • Technical Knowledge: Knowledge of public construction bidding and Massachusetts procurement laws is essential.
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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **November 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by Diamond Property Management, LLC; c/o David Isakson, 110 Mosier Street, South Hadley MA 01075; to establish a secondhand car dealership at 180 Willmansett Street, Assessor's Map 7 Parcel 67. This application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article IX (Special Permits) and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in information below:

URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81878336392?pwd=gLEAhcWbBinmpJAXKAEk3pbThOZ49E.1>

Or join by phone: +1 (309) 205 3325 **Webinar ID:** 818 7833 6392 **Passcode:** 867433

The subject property is located in the Business A-1 Zoning District and is an existing full service automotive repair facility known as 'Diamond Automotive'. This Special Permit application seeks to enable secondhand car sales in addition to existing services. The property is located near the transition of Willmansett Street and Memorial Drive, also known as State Route 33.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Special Permit' under section 'Willmansett Street (180) - Secondhand Car Dealer' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
11/07, 11/14/2025

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RE: Application for a new license: Annual Farmer Distillery Pouring Permit
785 New Ludlow Rd., South Hadley, MA 01075

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 15A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, GG's Custom Metals, Inc d/b/a Good'Nuff Distillery has applied for a new license: **Annual Farmer Distillery Pouring Permit** to be exercised at 785 New Ludlow Rd., South Hadley, MA.

The Selectboard as Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on said application on **Nov. 18, 2025 at 7:05 p.m. at 45 Dayton St.** The hearing will be held in a hybrid fashion with the opportunity for both in-person attendance and remote. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person or virtual attendance accordingly. For purposes of in-person attendance, the Selectboard will host the meeting in the multi-purpose room with remote participation details noted below.

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Town of South Hadley Select-

board, Licensing Authority
Jeff Cyr, Chair
Nicole Casolari, Vice Chair
Carol Constant, Clerk
Andrea Miles, Member
Renee Sweeney, Member
Under M.G.L. Chapter 138, § 15A and §16C, any school, church, or hospital within 500 feet of 785 New Ludlow Rd., South Hadley, MA, 01075 wishing to object to the issuance of such license must voice objections in writing.
11/07/2025

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **November 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Site Plan Review filed by Josh Abrams and Helen Fantini to install a small-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic system at 17 Stanton Ave, Assessor's Map 39 Parcel 65. This application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article XII (Site Plan Review); 255-48 (Solar photovoltaic installations); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in information below:

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Or join by phone: +1 (309) 205 3325 **Webinar ID:** 818 7833 6392 **Passcode:** 867433

The subject property is located in the Residential A-1 Zoning District and is an existing single-family home.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Site Plan Review' under section 'Stanton Ave (17) - Small Scale Solar Photovoltaic' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1179/Site-Plan-Review>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
11/07, 11/14/2025

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a Notice of Intent filed by Gerald Coderre, 136 East St LLC. The proposed project consists of the construction of a 14-unit condominium community with associate site improvements, including a paved access drive, subsurface stormwater management, installation of utilities, site grading, landscaping and lighting. The project is located at 136 East St within buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and an intermittent stream. Map 35, Parcel 6.

The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM virtually.** Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the Notice of Intent is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Mon - Thurs. Plans are also available online at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

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

April Doroski
Conservation Chair
11/07/2025

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.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that a **SEALED BID** auction with bids due **Monday, November 12, 2025 at 9 a.m.** Vehicles can be viewed **BY**

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VIN: LUAHYD10581002242
Owner Unknown
Address Unknown

Moped (Blue)
No VIN

Owner Unknown
Address Unknown

2008 Nissan Maxima
VIN: 1N4BA41E68C820137
Denita Lewis
93 Fort Hill Ave., Apt. 2
Lowell, MA 01852

2018 KYMCO Agility 50
VIN: LC2U6A034JC000581
Steven Fournier
537 Chicopee St.
Chicopee, MA 01013

2011 Subaru Legacy
VIN: 4S3BMAG65B1216078
Teresa Doyle
744 Pendleton Ave.
Chicopee, MA 01020

2010 Infiniti G37 Sedan
VIN: JN1CV6AR8AM453505
Sugeiry Rodriguez
263 Central St., Apt. 8
Springfield, MA 01105

1999 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCG1655XA025001
Maricelys Soto-Saez
42 Leary Dr.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2000 Volkswagen Passat
VIN: WVWMA23B5YP217683
Kathryn Howes
115 N. Central St.
Plainfield, MA 01070

2004 Ford Escape
VIN: 1FMYU93134KB50299
Keishla Marie Gonzalez
Melendez
168 Preston St.
Hartford, CT 06114

2010 Honda Civic
VIN: JHMFA3F27AS002222
Jonathan Rodriguez
PO Box 83
Bellows Falls, VT 05101

2018 Ford Escape
VIN: 1FMCU9GD0JUB80634
Gelco Fleet Trust
940 Ridgebrook Rd.
Sparks, MD 21152

2005 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL11D75C148631
Pablo Diaz Castro
775 Union St.
Springfield, MA 01109

2004 Toyota Matrix
VIN: 2T1KR32E14C213897
Rodney Alvarez
8 Meadow St., Apt. 2
Holyoke, MA 01040

2008 Jeep Grand Cherokee
VIN: 1J8GR48KX8C194444
Soraya Tacoronte Maldonado
470 Chestnut St., Apt. 3R
Springfield, MA 01107

2013 Ford Edge
VIN: 2FMDK3JC5DBE35781
Lauren Joyal
98 Garden St., Apt. 5L
Hartford, CT 06105

2013 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL3AP5DC911492
PO Box 254648
Sacramento, CA 95865

2002 Hyundai SANTA FE
VIN: KM8SC73D12U172049
Stephon Bolden
300 Chestnut St., Apt. 3
Holyoke, MA 01040

2014 Nissan Pathfinder
VIN: 5N1AR2MM8EC667385
Elysia Pete
202 Old Lyman Rd.
Chicopee, MA 01020

2011 Chevrolet Equinox
VIN: 2CNFLEEC1B6443572
Ramon Reyes
1314 Dwight St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2012 Volkswagen Passat
VIN: 1VWAP7A31CC020808
Marissa Blow
301 Hilliard St.
Manchester, CT 06042

2004 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BE32K14U792891
Jannessa Battaini
57 Willow Dell
N. Adams, MA 01247

2006 Kawasaki Ninja ZX-6R
KJBZXC106A035563
Kevin Espinal
VIN: 4730 61st St., Apt. 16A
Woodside, NY 11377

2008 Nissan Altima
1N4AL21EX8N458778
Jeslian Rivera Ramos
24 N. East St., Apt. 2A
Holyoke, MA 01040

2011 Dodge Charger

VIN: 2B3CL3CG9BH066525
Jacob Rivera
1752 Memorial Dr.
Chicopee, MA 01020

2005 Scion xB
JTLKT334550172200
Erin Hoover
27609 N. Dalton Rd.
Deer Park, WA 99006

2008 Kawasaki Motorcycle
VIN: JKAZX45148A075236
Unknown Owner
Unknown Address

2004 Audi A6
VIN: WAUJT64B44N037620
Herminio Medina
1064 Pleasant St.
Palmer, MA 01069

2006 Toyota Highlander
JTEHD21A760040946
William Parmelee
71 John St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

2006 Mercury Montego
VIN: 1MEFMA40196G610699
Fabiola Vazquez
65 Maple St., Apt. 2
Chicopee, MA 01020

2004 Acura TL
19UUA66284A012912
Elena Dibenedetto
15 Cottage St., Apt. 109
Easthampton MA 01027

2007 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM56447A226704
Casey Hunt
151 Clairmont Ave.
Chicopee, MA 01013

1995 Chevrolet Caprice
VIN: 1G1BL52W6SR165900
Aidan Hopkins
7 Summer St. #B
Easthampton, MA 01027

2000 Chevrolet Express Cutaway
VIN: 1GBJG31R3Y1188179
Suzanne Bateman
48 Seymour St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

2017 Buick Verano
1G4PSSSK5H4115102
Gary Bechard
75 Commercial St., Apt. A320
Adams, MA 01220

2007 Nissan Altima Hybrid
VIN: 1N4CL21E37C237557
Carol White
27 Hadley St.
S. Hadley, MA 01075

Boat Trailer
VIN: 1M5LECE11S1067008
Kathleen Hall Nagel
8491 SW 17th Ave.
Stuart, FL 34997

2001 Yamaha
VIN: YAMA3559A101
Darcey Gardner
30 Marble St.
Springfield, MA 01105

2002 Yamaha
VIN: YAMA2720F202
Darcey Gardner
30 Marble St.
Springfield, MA 01105

2012 Mercedes-Benz E-Class
VIN: WDDHF5KB0CA627881
Antoine Diaz
399 Springfield St.
Agawam, MA 01001

2009 Mazda Mazda6
VIN: 1YVHP81H695M48979
Mia Sanchez
134 Beacon Dr.
Palmer, MA 01069

2002 Chevrolet Blazer
VIN: 1GNCS13WX2K105642
Lisa McKee-Capodagli
27 West St.
S. Deerfield MA 01373

2000 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BF22K9YU109784
Wanda Perez
29 Maple St.
Florence, MA 01062

2011 Subaru Legacy
VIN: 4S3BMBG69B3241317
Juan Sanchez
226 Lyman St., Apt 2R
Holyoke, MA 01040

2001 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 2T1BR12E81C399583
Claribel Bonet Reveron
1809 Roosevelt Ave.
Springfield, MA 01109

2006 Infiniti G35
VIN: JNKC51F76M617457
Melissa Bednarz
48 Notch Rd.
Adams, MA 01220

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VIN: JNKC51F76M617457
Melissa Bednarz
48 Notch Rd
Adams, MA 01220

1997 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BG22KXVU755540
Miguel Suarez
110 Wilmont St., Apt. 2R
Springfield MA 01108

2000 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCG1656YA013196
Enrique Perez
26 Harkness Ave.
Springfield, MA 01118

Pop Up Camper
Unknown VIN
Owner Unknown
Address Unknown

2018 Hyundai SANTA FE Sport
VIN: 5XYZTDLB5JG573166
Doreen Stevens
20 Farmstead Ln.
Windsor Locks, CT 06095

2006 Nissan Maxima
VIN: 1N4BA41E36C812381
Carmen Garcia Flores
7 Greenwich St., Apt. 1L
Springfield, MA 01107

2023 Baodiao Moped
VIN: L2BB8BCH7PB607049
Owner Unknown
Address Unknown

2008 Honda Fit
VIN: JHMGD38688S029211
Ricardo Gonzalez
19A Piedmont St.
Springfield, MA 01104

2004 Porsche Cayenne
VIN: WP1AA29P84LA22330
Anibal Perez
151 Allen St., Apt. F
Springfield, MA 01108

2010 Kawasaki KX 250F
Unknown VIN
Owner Unknown
Address Unknown

2004 Honda CBR 1000RR
VIN: JH2SC57074M003616
Angelina Pagano
PO Box 28
Russell, MA 01071

2006 Dodge Dakota
VIN: 1D7HW48J36S614727
Nicole Ortiz
356 Maple St., Apt. L
Holyoke, MA 01040

2003 Toyota RAV4
VIN: JTEHH20V230205032
Hilda Marin Pagan
55 Moxon St.
Springfield, MA 01151

2008 Volkswagen Jetta
VIN: 3VWRZ71K48M078020
Larry Barnett
101 Federal St., Apt. 4R
Springfield, MA 01105

2008 Cadillac CTS
VIN: 1G6DG577280130647
Angel Romero
7 Adams St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2015 Ford Edge
VIN: 2FMTK4J94FBC18263
Keith Hewitt
3 Myrtle St., Apt. C9
Adams, MA 01220

2009 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T4BE46K59R086004
Dominique Dukes
21 Wellington St., Apt. 2
Springfield, MA 01109

2005 GMC Yukon
VIN: 1GKEK13T65J190856
Paul Tula
300 Walnut St., Apt. 708
Holyoke, MA 01040

2004 Jeep Liberty
VIN: 1J4GL58K84W191690
Tomas Pantoja Maysonet
41 Pendleton Ave., Apt B22
Springfield, MA 01109

2015 Jaguar XF
VIN: SAJWA0FS8FPU47158
Jennifer Bennett
10145 Turpin Ave
Hastings, FL 32145

2002 Acura RSX
VIN: JH4DC54872C033373
Laci Labrecque
11 Center St., Apt 2
Holyoke, MA 01040

2016 Honda Civic
19XFC2F89GE226355
Alicia Thomas
262 Pine St
Holyoke, MA 01040

2017 Ford Focus
VIN: 1FADP3R49HL256058
Owner Unknown
Address Unknown

2005 Ford Focus
VIN: 1FAFP34N25W135309
Travis Walbert
28 Main St., Unit 1076
Chicopee, MA 01021

2005 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BE32K45U061437
Rodrigo De La Cruz
Encarnacion
5668 Handel Ct
N. Chesterfield VA 23234

2005 Hyundai SANTA FE
VIN: KM8SC73EX5U986861
Michael Slaughter
19 Noel St., Apt 2
Springfield, MA 01108

2011 Ford Escape
VIN: 1FMCU0D79BKA10005
Robert Kenyon
2 Skiff St., Apt 411
Hamden, CT 06514

2005 Kawasaki Ninja 250R
VIN: JKAEXMF175DA08313
Joshua Glick
PO Box 73
Gallupville, NY 12073

2014 Ford Flex
VIN: 2FMGK5B84EBD43761
Jovan Comeaux
28 Craiwell Ave.
W. Springfield, MA 01089

2012 Chevrolet Malibu
VIN: 1G1ZB5E03CF223926
Community Transportation
Services Inc
288 Verge St.
Springfield, MA 01129

2013 Ford Taurus
VIN: 1FAHP2E84DG187318
Brandon Collins
33 Gerard Way, Apt. G
Holyoke, MA 01040

2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee
VIN: 1J4GW48SX4C209514
Melinda Colon
29 Laurel St.
Springfield, MA 01107

2006 Audi A6
VIN: WAUDH74F96N174613
Noemi Ferrer
13 Spring St.
Westfield, MA 01085

1998 Ford Mustang
1FAFP0408WF126490
Elisul Arias
822 Main St., Apt. 10
W. Springfield, MA 01089

2004 Toyota Tundra
VIN: 5TBBT44124S445958
John May
36 North Pearl St., Apt. 1
Pittsfield, MA 01201

1998 Volvo S70
YV1LS5678W1551900
Carol Andrews
VIN: 555 Russell Rd., Apt. C13
Westfield, MA 01085

2000 Mercedes-Benz S-Class
VIN: WDBNG753YA109939
Nancy Brens
320 Sumner Ave.
Springfield, MA 01108

2004 Volkswagen Golf
VIN: 9BWGL61JX44027291
Leona Case
290 Narragansett Blvd.
Chicopee, MA 01013

2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee
VIN: 1J8HR58255C728214
Chelsie Rosaly Mitchell
900 Mix Ave., Apt. 98
Hamden, CT 06514

10/24, 10/31, 11/07/2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RE: Application for a new license: General On-Premise Beer & Wine
20 Main St., South Hadley, MA 01075

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 15A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, Field of Violets LLC d/b/a Violet has applied for a new license: General On-Premise Wine & Malt with Cordials, to be exercised at 20 Main St., South Hadley, MA.

The Selectboard as Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on said application on **November 18, 2025 at 7:10 p.m.** at 45 Dayton St. The hearing will be held in a hybrid fashion with the opportunity for both in-person attendance and remote. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person or virtual attendance accordingly. For purposes of in-person attendance, the Selectboard will host the meeting in the multi-purpose room with remote participation details noted below.

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Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Everyone gathered at the Council on Aging to support the new superintendents.

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"I am so excited, you are perfect for this job, and the kids were so excited, so congratulations," said Principal Cindy Flynn.

"We're just blessed, and as my colleagues say, being present matters the most," said Principal Kimberly Ludkiewicz.

The ceremony featured members of the Select-board, as well as the School Committee, and also had a video played sent by the Massachusetts Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler and on behalf of Pedro Martinez from DESE, Regina Robinson.

"South Hadley has a lot to be proud of," said Tutwiler in the video. "I have every confidence your commitment... will lead to a brighter future for all."

"I love to hear when leaders are rising in the districts. I'm so excited to see you as a leader of distinction. Education work is legacy work," said Robinson.

Sen. Jake Oliveira, who served 12 years on the Ludlow School Committee, shared some words of encouragement: "Superintendents are often the hardest jobs in the eyes of the community. Thank you for always choosing Jen. She is a delightful person, and I know she and Lyn will be amazing in their positions."

"Tonight is about gratitude and promise," said Jennifer Voyik. "My vision is simple and steadfast: South Hadley Public Schools will be a place where every learner is known, challenged, and supported-every classroom a hub of curiosity and care, every school a cornerstone of this town's future."

School Committee Chair Eric Friesner led the ceremony to swear in Voyik for her services to the students and faculty of the South Hadley School District.

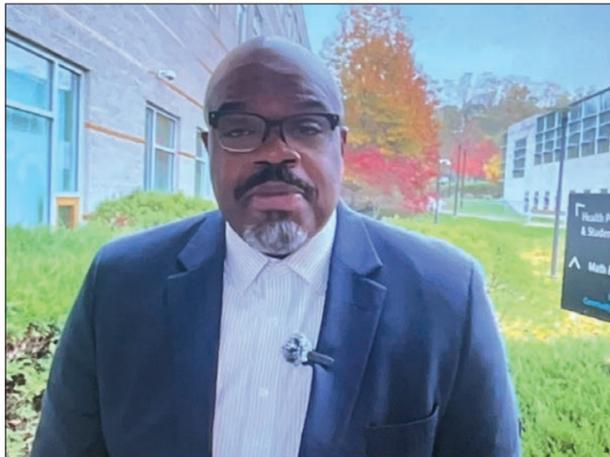
"As your new Superintendent, I'm continuing my entry plan grounded in listening and learning," said Voyik. "Together, we'll build on our success and face challenges openly and collaboratively. South Hadley, we are Stronger Together. When we hold fast to our values, there is no limit to what our students can achieve."



Members of the School Committee holding signs to congratulate Lyn and Jen.



A beautifully decorated podium with a reminder of appreciation.



Patrick Tutwiler, Massachusetts Secretary of Education, sent a special video to congratulate Lyn and Jen and wish them well.



Jennifer Voyik reading her vows with School Committee Chair Eric Friesner with her husband and daughter standing by proudly.



School Committee Vice Chair Danielle Cooke sharing her thankfulness for Voyik, and wishing her well in her new position.



Principal Luis Daniel Martinez wishing Lyn and Jen well in their new positions.



Principal Cindy Flynn from Mosier Elementary sharing her love and appreciation for Jen and Lyn.



Principal Kimberly Ludkiewicz from Henry J. Skala Elementary School with a giant folder filled with cards from the kids.



Senator Jake Oliveira presenting Voyik with a letter of congratulations from the Senate.



Veronica Franz-Eggelstrom from Representative Homar Gomez's office with congratulations from the House of Representatives.



Regina Robinson with DESE congratulating Lyn and Jen.



High School Principal Elizabeth Wood sharing her appreciation for the new Superintendents.