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VETERANS DAY celebrated



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The members who performed this beautiful ceremony, holding the British Paratrooper's flag, with the family members of Hugh Adamson.

Ceremony honors British paratrooper



The grave stone with candles, his photo, and a memorial wreath.

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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SOUTH HADLEY — When it comes to the many wars fought through the centuries, World War II marks one of the biggest moments in our nation's history where we fought alongside our allies to fight against tyranny.

Brian Willette and David Jubinville learned about one such WWII hero buried here in South Hadley from his granddaughter, Melissa Kosior, who came to tell his story.

"The family, and Missy, who I've gotten to know over

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Town honors local heroes



Turley photo by John Woodside

A stone in memory of those men and women who fought in South Korea.

South Hadley remembers

By John Woodside
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY — Veteran's Day was celebrated this year with key speakers from the area's American Legion, a bells of peace ceremony, the Governor's Proclamation, and a rifle salute. Just off the Purple Heart Highway, the local cub scout troop lays the wreath below the flag to honor those who have served.

"There are close to 1,000 veterans in town, self-reported on the census," said veteran and community leader Chris Platniak, retired Airforce Senior Master Sergeant. "This day is to commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War I, Armistice Day, and all the soldiers since. The armistice was signed

on November 11, 1918, ending the war to end all wars"

This is the 106th anniversary of the armistice as "Taps" sounds from a trumpet, "this isn't a real one," the Veteran says as he holds the instrument to the sun. He served 13 years in the US Air Force, from 1980 to 1984, from Desert Storm, Desert Shield, to Freedom.

"In recognition of the sacrifices of those who served their great nation" Platniak said. "Massachusetts remains committed to supporting its veteran community through the Hero Act, honoring and empowering our service members and veterans.

"I do hereby Proclaim November 11, 2024, to be Veterans Day and urge all residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance,"

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Veterans celebrated at a special breakfast

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SOUTH HADLEY — Celebrating Veterans Day is an important way we as citizens of the United States can take time to say thank you to the brave men and women who gave to our country.

The Veterans Council, VFW, and the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors sponsored a special breakfast with over 90 veterans, their spouses, and special guests to honor these brave men and women.

"It is nice to help the veterans that need help, but it is also

nice to recognize all veterans no matter where they are in life and thank them for their service," said Chris Plotniak, the Director of Veterans Services.

He worked hard alongside several members, including Julie Pearce and Kathy Florence with the Council on Aging and other staff members, Brian Willette from the American Legion and other members, and the South Hadley High School Culinary Department and Vocal Roar music group.

The breakfast was meant to serve as a special thank you to veterans and included updates

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Submitted photo

Members of the South Hadley American Legion standing proudly.

▶ South Hadley

PD collects food donations for local food pantry

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SOUTH HADLEY – As the holiday season approaches, Thanksgiving meal prep and planning has begun, and thoughts of turkey, stuffing, and pie is on everyone’s mind.

But for many, food can be a stressor, especially during the holiday season, and many face food insecurity, and need help.

The holiday season is a time for giving and generosity, and one of the biggest and most appreciative ways we as a community can come together to love our neighbors is through food.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the beloved food pantry operating to support South Hadley and Granby, accepts food donations in order to ease the stress of the holiday season, and provide those meals for those in need.

For the past two years, the South Hadley Police Department has worked hard to ensure that the members of their community have food and have held food drives to support Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

“Neighbors Helping Neighbors means a lot to me. I like the idea of community members helping each other and making sure one another has what they need,” said Officer Emily Tebo.

The “Stuff a Cruiser” event was held in the parking lot of Big Y, and people could either bring nonperishables to the cruiser, or go into the store and buy some there.

The police department is dedicated to making sure that the community gets to know them personally, and that they are here to help them, caring for their community and everyone in it.

“I hope the community knows that the police department in



Sargeant Mike Pollender, Officer Emily Tebo, and Officer Ryan Condino with their tent, handing out candy and stickers, ready to take in food donations in the cruiser.

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

South Hadley is here to help and support the community members. Not everything we do is about arresting people or writing traffic tickets,” Officer Tebo said.

The drive took in anything brought to them, from canned goods to pasta, pickles and condiments, bread, and so much more, and all

At the end of the day, with a whopping 1,186-pound food donation packed into two full cruiser trunks, the officers present were able to see this food go with the food pantry, knowing how much it will bless someone in the future.

The police department will be at the Santa Stroll on Friday Dec. 6, and will also be holding a special toy drive at the high school the following weekend on Saturday, Dec. 14.



One of the packed-full cruisers filled with food and even some turkeys, ready to be collected by Neighbors Helping Neighbors to bless people in need.

Holiday Bazaar

SOUTH HADLEY – The Center Church, UCC, 1 Church St, annual Holiday Bazaar is on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24, noon to 4 p.m.

The Fellowship Hall will be filled with Christmas and winter decorations. There will be a large assortment of trees, ornaments, stockings, candles, lights, Santa’s, snowmen, baskets, tins, ceramic houses, serving dishes, wrapping paper, and list goes on, at bargain prices.

There will be a special selection of gifts. The bazaar will be hosting a variety of craft vendors. A highlight is the 40 plus selection homemade cookies. Some of the treats we making in our kitchen are jams, fudge sauce, bread pudding, glazed nuts, and herb mixes, as well as a luncheon of soups. For the kids, they will be able to make a craft to bring home. Shop at the Holiday Bazaar to enjoy the best place to get unique merchandise for decorating and gifts.

Toy and food drive now going on

SOUTH HADLEY – South Hadley Fire Fighter’s Relief Association is holding a toy and food drive from Nov. 11 through Dec. 10.

Non-Perishable food and toy donations may be dropped off at South Hadley Fire District 1 at 144 Newton St.

Food donations benefit Western Mass Food Bank and toy donations benefit children of South Hadley. Please do not contact the fire department regarding recipients or distribution of toys.



THANKSGIVING REVIEW

“Hi Paul, she was great! Lots of plump meat and just enough fat to help prevent her from drying out. We will be having leftovers for a very long time.”
— Beth from Belchertown

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SHPD chief office hours

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

December

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

Tuesday Night 6:30pm

Pitch Night

Wednesday Night 5-6:30pm

Smoked BBQ

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Friday Night

Spaghetti Night 5-7pm

Trivia Night 7:30pm

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Chicken Salad

Sandwiches

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The POW/MIA chair, meant to stand as a seat of honor to remember all who did not return.



Submitted photos

Director of Veterans Services Chris Plotniak, Town Administrator Lisa Wong, Senator Jake Oliveira, State Rep Dan Carey, members of the Vocal Roar singing group, and Post Commander Brian Willette.

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on what the town of South Hadley has been doing for veterans, as well as resources that they can utilize.

The breakfast that was made and served by the high school's culinary department included scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes, pastries, fruit, and coffee and juice, a classic breakfast spread that everyone can enjoy.

Town Administrator Lisa Wong, Commander of the South Hadley American Legion Brian Willette, Director of Veterans Services Christopher Plotniak, Senator Jacob Oliveira were there to give speeches and thank the veterans in attendance.

"The entire South Hadley Council on Aging staff appreciate our veterans and all they do for our country," said Julie Pearce. "It is always a beautiful, impactful event, and we are proud to host it at our Center."

There was also a special Armed Forces Medley performed by the Vocal Roar singing group, which was a compilation of the different service songs to celebrate the different veterans and what branches they came from.

"It is amazing to see the individuals and how many served in the different services. I myself am an Air Force Retired Veteran so it is great to see a lot of them from the Air Force," said Plotniak.

There was a special empty seat to honor those service men and women that were not able to

be there to celebrate, set with a candle and the POW/MIA flag.

There was a special playing of Taps for those present, and veterans stood at attention with hands raised to salute, remembering their time in the military, and their brothers and sisters in arms.

"Just the remembrance of those that are no longer with us to know they are not forgotten gets you to think about them. Plus, it reminds me of my days as a young airman and hearing it played outside the dormitories at 9 p.m. to signal the start of the quiet hours on base," said Plotniak.

Local town and state government, and many other members of the community participated in this special breakfast, ensuring that all veterans in attendance knew how loved and appreciated they are,

"I am from a military family and understand the sacrifices made by veterans and their loved ones," said Julie Pearce. "To be able to spend time with individuals who gave of themselves for the safety and security of our country is awe-inspiring."

South Hadley is doing big things, and the installation of the POW/MIA chair installed at the high school's football field is still receiving great feedback.

Plotniak is excited to see what the future holds for support and more for the veterans within our community, to ensure that all are shown the love and appreciation they deserve.



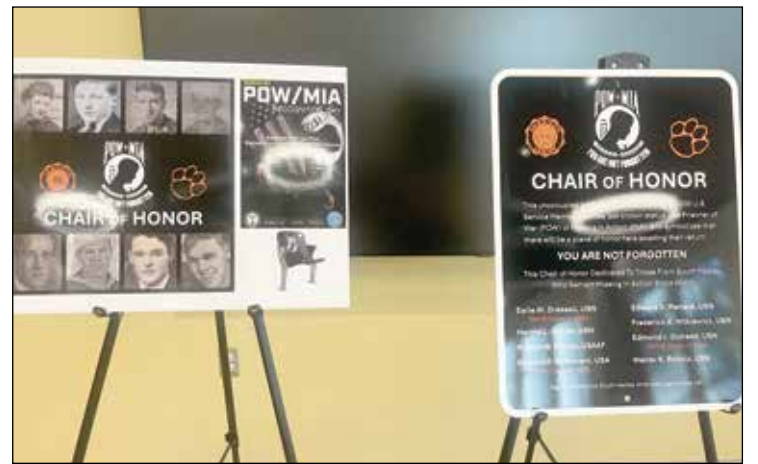
American Legion Post Commander Brian Willette sharing a few words.



Veterans and their loved ones enjoying their breakfast and fellowship with one another.



A special seat of honor set for those who could not be here.



The eight brave men from South Hadley, forever memorialized, and never forgotten.

CALLING ALL SOUTH HADLEY RESIDENTS

The Town of South Hadley is forming its very first **Municipal Affordable Housing Trust**, and we need **YOU** to help us ensure that South Hadley remains a vibrant, inclusive, and affordable place to live!



We're looking for volunteers with expertise in:
Real Estate Development
Banking & Finance
Affordable Housing
 Residents who live in affordable housing are also encouraged to apply.

If you're passionate about making a difference and have the skills to guide South Hadley's housing future, email Anne Capra for more information:
acapra@southhadleyma.gov.



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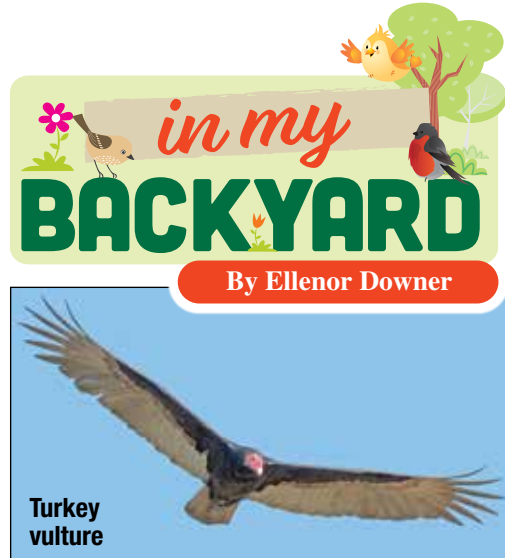


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Opinion



A Brimfield resident, who emails quite often noticed three turkey vultures on Sunday, Oct. 20

He said, "I went outside and I saw soon seven turkey vultures flying by along the ridge east of the house. The birds drifted off to the south east. A few minutes later a group of ten vultures drifted slowly south about a half a mile west of the first group. These birds flew around for awhile, circling and gaining altitude until the were quite high. The ten birds then drifted out of sight."

The turkey vulture is 26 inches tall and has black feathers. The trailing end of the wings are silver and the head has no feathers and is red. Immature turkey vultures have gray heads. They are often seen soaring with wings held in a V. They rock side to side, but rarely flap their wings.

Turkey vultures feed by scavenging on carrion, fresh or decayed. They find their food by both sight and smell. Sometimes, they are seen in roads feeding on road kill. They are often seen coming or going to nightly roosts. They use thermals of warm air and updrafts to stay in the air. When the thermals and updrafts end and they have to flap, they usually stop flying and land.

When perched, they will spread their wings. I saw one several years doing this against a high tension pole in Oakham.

The female lays one to three dull white eggs, occasionally with dark marks in a nest scraped on bare ground, in a hollow stump, cave, cliff edge or old building. Grunts and hisses are heard at the nest site often during competition over food.

Pond tour

The Brimfield resident sent an emailing and reported he and his wife did a tour of some of the ponds in Brimfield, Holland and Warren on Sunday, Nov. 3. He said, "In Brimfield (Sherman Pond) and Holland (Holland Pond) we saw a few pairs of hooded mergansers and a belted kingfisher at the pond in Warren on South Street. Other ponds had lots of Canada geese and mallards."

He also said, "In the yard recently the most exciting sighting was a Carolina wren that showed up briefly a couple of times. Then yesterday we had an immature accipiter was seen sitting on top of one of our feeding stations." He wrote, "The bird was either a female sharp-shinned hawk or a male Coopers hawk based on size, it was a little bigger than a mourning dove, the bird's size was in the area where the sizes of the two species overlap. The tail shape is suppose to help differentiate the species but I'm not confident about the tail shape, I'm not sure which species we saw?"

Later in the day he saw a fox sparrow doing the sparrow feeding behavior, jumping back and forth to stir up ground looking for seeds. He said, "That was the first fox sparrow seen this fall. One or two are usually seen during fall migration."

Moose

Although not bird related – no feathers on this critter – I saw a moose cross New Brain-tree Road in Oakham one evening. It was dark, but I did get a good view of its rear portion as it went over a stone wall and into the woods.

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.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Driving habits need to be addressed

Dear Editor,

At a recent Community Office Hours, I had the opportunity to hear from long time South Hadley resident Ray Rondeau. Mr. Rondeau explained to me, like many other residents have during my community conversations, that the aggressive driving in South Hadley is at an all time high.

I agree that driving habits have changed for the worse and this is a threat to the safety of our community. Speeding is a dangerous habit that contributes to many fatal accidents each year. Speed and aggressive driving were a contributing factor in the April 2023 fatal crash on River Road. The majority of our South Hadley roads are 30MPH zones, and the traveling speed is in excess of 40MPH, consistently. This is a national problem that most communities are struggling with. Some reasons behind excessive speeding are often based in vehicle operators feeling time pressure (needing to make up lost time, but speeding rarely reduces travel time), overconfidence of the operators' skills (increased crash data shows that the skills are not there) and operators underestimating the risk of aggressive driving, (again, crashes are on the rise so the risk is real). Powerful vehicles also contribute to this as today's passenger vehicles are powerful, smooth, and well-insulated, making it easy to go over the speed limit without realizing it. Another factor is anonymity, as drivers who frequently speed may feel detached and anonymous, and mistakenly believe their behavior is acceptable. You are not anonymous, and your neighbors see you and are scared for their safety. Residents have told me that they fear driving on some roads, they are scared when their children are at the bus stop, they are scared when they are trying to cross the

street at clearly marked crosswalks, they are scared when they get their mail at the end of their driveway. Enforcement by the Police Department has limited effect, as these poor driving habits continue when we are not present. Additionally, SHPD also has limited resources each shift available to be assigned to problem roads. I have received complaints for speeding on most streets in South Hadley (including dead-ends?) and to be clear this isn't a problem of motorists that travel through South Hadley to get to another destination. The majority of our speeding violations are South Hadley residents; this is a problem with the way WE drive. Please, we need your help. Slow down, pay attention, and be respectful. Look at your speed and know that the 30 seconds you gain with speeding is not worth the risk to others. South Hadley also needs further evaluation of traffic calming measures in the design of our roadways. These measures, speed humps, narrower roads, one direction roads, pinch points, wider sidewalks, bike/pedestrian lanes, are costly but are a necessary investment as a multifaceted approach to improving traffic safety and enhanced calming traffic.

I'd like to hear your feedback. I conduct monthly Office Hours monthly and the locations vary between the Senior Center, Library and other local businesses. Please look at our socials (facebook/instagram) or the Town Reminder to find the next Office Hours date and time. I can also be emailed at gundersenj@southhadleypolice.org or called at 413-538-5050.

Jennifer Gundersen
Chief of Police
South Hadley Police Department

fork, but that is all I do.

I'm not saying it's the right way, but it's my preferred way. After a certain point in the fall, I start a new pile and let the old one sit until spring when I use the compost in the garden.

Often, I end up with some surprise plants growing in the pile from the previous year after I've taken what I need. I call them volunteers.

For the last two years I've grown my best tomatoes in the compost pile. No accolades need to come my way, I did nothing to earn the luxury of garden fresh tomatoes in November.

Well, maybe covering the plants with layers of cloth on the few cold nights has helped some, I guess, otherwise they would be frosted like the rest of the tender plants.

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OPINION PAGE/ LETTERS POLICY

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Surprise squash or is it a pumpkin?

I compost the lazy person's way – no thermometers, frequent turning or aerating is done at my house.

I simply pile my vegetable refuse, leaves, coffee grinds and plant parts in a pile with copious amounts of chicken bedding. Once in a blue moon I'll mix it all up with a pitch-

South Hadley Selectboard launches application process for affordable housing trust

SOUTH HADLEY—In a proactive step towards strengthening affordable housing efforts, the South Hadley Selectboard has officially opened applications for the town’s newly established Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees. The Trust, created to guide investments in affordable housing, seeks candidates from a range of professional backgrounds who are passionate about community-driven solutions to housing affordability.

The Board of Trustees will consist of seven members, including one member from the Selectboard, the Town Administrator or designee, and five community members with expertise in areas such as real estate law, architecture, finance, and planning. One board seat is designated for a resident of affordable housing, underscoring the town’s commitment to inclusivity and representation.

Eligibility and Application Requirements

Qualified candidates must be residents of South Hadley, with the exception of the Town Administrator. Professionals with

experience in fields critical to housing development and finance, as well as community members committed to advancing affordable housing, are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants should prepare a cover letter outlining their interest in serving on the Board, as well as a resume detailing relevant experience.

Interested individuals can submit their application materials by email to Anne Capra, South Hadley’s Planning & Conservation Director, at acapra@southhadleyma.gov.

Applications will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. on December 20, 2024, with the subject line “Application for Board of Trustees.”

A Mission-Driven Board for Community Housing Needs

Once appointed, the Board of Trustees will be responsible for guiding the allocation of the Trust’s funds to impactful affordable housing projects. Responsibilities include managing donations, acquiring properties, and developing strategies aligned with South Hadley’s community housing goals. The Board will work

closely with the town’s planning team and consultants from JM Goldson LLC, who will provide professional support to help establish board operations and set funding priorities.

A Collaborative Start in 2025

The Selectboard will review applications in January 2025, with the first Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for January 29. Trustees will serve two-year terms, with two initial positions appointed for one year to ensure staggered terms and continuity.

“This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a hands-on team that will make a tangible impact on housing accessibility in South Hadley,” said Lisa Wong, South Hadley Town Administrator. “The Trustees will play a pivotal role in ensuring that South Hadley’s affordable housing resources are directed towards projects that benefit our community’s diverse needs.”

For additional information, please contact South Hadley’s Planning & Conservation Director, Anne Capra, at 413-538-5030, ext. 6123, or email acapra@southhadleyma.gov.

Preliminary Certification of Fiscal 2025 Property Valuations

SOUTH HADLEY—The South Hadley Board of Assessors has completed a quinquennial revaluation of all property for Fiscal 2025. The proposed valuations (assessments) have received preliminary certification by the Department of Revenue’s (DOR) Division of Local Services (DLS), Bureau of Local Assessment (BLA).

The Assessors have met the guidelines set forth by DOR and the preliminary assessments reflect “full and fair cash value” as of Jan. 1, 2024, in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 56.

The Assessors analyzed the calendar year 2023 sales to value properties as of the assessment date for single family and condominiums. Other classes of properties, due to a limited number of sales, were reviewed over a two-year period. Commercial and Industrial values are derived using an income capitalization method after utilizing income and expense information received from property owners earlier in the year. Most properties have seen an increase in value based on an active market.

The analysis of market sales indicated an average percent increase in single family homes of 5.2%, condominiums seeing an average of 10.5%, two and three families of 7.0%, and apartments seeing an average of 9.8%. Commercial and Industrial properties rose an average of 3.5%.

The new fiscal 2025 assessments are available for public review beginning on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024 through Friday, Nov. 15, 2024. They may be viewed in person at the Assessors Office located in Town Hall at 116 Main Street. These assessments are also available at the South Hadley Public Library located at 2 Canal St. Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday & Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lastly, the new assessments will be available on-line during this time-period on the Assessors page of the Town’s website as well as the Fiscal 2025 Revaluation Information page within the Assessors webpages.

Residents should contact the Assessor’s office during the public disclosure period to ask questions, review and discuss changes in the proposed values. Staff will be available during regular business hours to assist and answer questions related to the revaluation.

Pioneer Valley Cappella performs

SOUTH HADLEY— Pioneer Valley Cappella, led by music director Geoffrey Hudson, performs its fall concerts on Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Edwards Church of Northampton. On Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the All Saints’ Episcopal Church. Free donation at the door, \$20 is recommended.

“Dona Nobis Pacem” features beautiful choral music from several traditions. The central work on the program is Dona Nobis Pacem by the contemporary Latvian composer, Peteris Vasks. Composed in 1996, Vask’s powerful setting of the three-word text pulsates with gorgeous harmonies.

The concert opens with folksong arrangements from Zambia and Kenya. It also includes Elizabethan sacred music by Byrd, Gibbons, Morley, Tallis, and Weelkes. In closing, the concert returns to the theme of peace with a set of spirituals, including “Peace Like a River” and “Down by the Riverside”.

Come enjoy this sparkling collection of music from many traditions.



Submitted by Dawn Berard

Sharing the light

SOUTH HADLEY—Author’s Heidi Stemple (L) and her mother, Jane Yolen show their new collaboration book “We Celebrate the Light” to Tessa Berard, of South Hadley, at the Odyssey Bookstore this past Sunday. The authors read their new book, answered questions and signed books while they were there.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR PUBLIC NOTICES

Thanksgiving will bring early deadlines for all public notices to run in **TURLEY PUBLICATIONS** the week of November 25-29, 2024.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 2 PM for November 27 issue

• Agawam Advertiser News • Sentinel • The Register • Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Thursday, November 21 at 2 PM for November 28 Issue

• Barre Gazette • Country Journal
• The Journal Register • Quaboag Current • Ware River News

Friday, November 22 at 2 PM for November 29 Issue

• Town Reminder • The Holyoke Sun • Chicopee Register

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Senator Jake Oliveira coming to share a few words about what this headstone ceremony means to all veterans.



The group who came for the ceremony gathered around Adamson's headstone.

Turley Photos Submitted by Emily-Rose Pappas

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the years, their reactions and the sense of pride you could see in them that their father and grandfather was finally being honored," said Commander Brian Willette.

Pte. Hugh Adamson was a paratrooper in WWII, and was a prisoner of war twice during his service, once in Italy, where he escaped, and a second time in Holland in the city of Arnhem.

A paratrooper is a volunteer position to join a force of brave men that are flown past enemy lines and dropped behind them.

"All these people are here to honor and celebrate a man they have never met. As my grandfather would be, I'm beyond appreciative for the time and energy that went into this evening. I can't thank them enough," Kosier said on behalf of her family.

"This to us is an honor to honor Hugh in this way," Willette said. "It was a long-time goal that we had to do this. We've been aware for a number of years about Mr.

Anderson."

The Legion has always had a goal to honor this brave hero and ally, and it was truly Melissa's sharing with David Jubenville in their shared workplace that got the process going.

As Willette and Jubenville got to know more about Adamson's story and passing, and that he was buried in South Hadley, they knew a ceremony needed to take place in order to honor this hero.

"Hugh like so many answered the call to serve," Willette said. "His country was in his greatest hour and time of need, and he answered the call. He not only volunteered to serve, but also to be a paratrooper. In that way he inspires me."

The ceremony was held with a line of flags, as well as Keith Buckhout standing at attention with a rifle, giving a British Salute that accompanied the British bugle call "Last Post".

Matthew Nye, George Francis, and David Jubenville held three flags through the ceremony, including the U.S.

flag, British Flag, and the British Airborne Forces Flag.

"To hear the 'Last Post' sounded in South Hadley for a British paratrooper was very special, and to be able to play it myself was a great honor," said Willette. "For us, he stood that evening as a model of all those who have given their lives and fought in WWII."

Willette shared an address, as well as a reading of a letter from Major Paul Raison, the secretary of the Parachute Regimental Association, Regimental Headquarters of the Parachute Regiment in the UK.

"Private Hugh Adamson, like so many others, stepped up to defend his beliefs. He felt it was his duty to join the Airborne Forces, the newest concept at the time," wrote Raison.

Raison also included the Airborne Prayer, which Willette read during the ceremony to honor those who have fallen.

"It was very satisfying, and very rewarding, to know that we were able to honor an ally and fellow paratrooper of our closest allies, the British," Willette said.

"When Missy said that Hugh would have loved this ceremony, that meant the most to me," said Willette. "It's our intention to continue to honor him, and we will conduct other honors at his gravesite in the future."



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Keith Buckhout standing at attention with a rifle, along with Matthew Nye, George Francis, and David Jubenville holding the flags aloft.

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 Standing attention as Willette played the bugle tune the Last Post.



The members of the South Hadley American Legion, as well as Senator Jake Oliveira and Director of Veterans Services Christ Plotniak.



Holding the Airborne Division's flag low in order to honor Adamson's sacrifice.



The beautiful headstone marking his number, rank, and the symbol of the British paratroopers.



Post Commander Brian Willette addressing the flags held aloft.

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Annual handbag bingo

raises funds for beloved park

Submitted By Kim Prough

SOUTH HADLEY – This year marks the fourth year of this successful fundraiser. With 345 attendees and over 35 volunteers, this event takes a village to pull off.

All the pieces came together in a big way this year, raising \$24,500 for the Buttery Brook Park improvement project. People were laughing, dancing, winning handbags, winning raffles and having a great time.

“We try and make this event an experience. Our “handbag models”, waiters and volunteers were amazing. I can’t even begin to express how grateful I am for all these incredible people who generously share their time to help make this so successful,” commented Kim Prough, who organized the fundraiser.

This year included a waiter halftime show where the waiters got the crowd on their feet singing “YMCA”. Jameson Glanville, one of the volunteer waiters says, “I have fond memories of time at Buttery Brook Park with my grandfather and knowing the proceeds go back to the park is one of the reasons I initially decided to volunteer.”

He continued by saying, “This is my second year participating and the energy and ex-

citement of those in attendance grows every year. Seeing everyone come together to support the community and Buttery Brook Park is what keeps me coming back.”

Many of the attendees have been coming for years and there are several groups who come from out of town.

JoAnn Clare, who came with a group from General Cleaners to support the event said, “This is our first year attending. We had so much fun and we will be back next year!”

Kim has already received requests to reserve tables for next year. When asked if she is planning on another Handbag Bingo in 2025, she smiles and says, “possibly”.

All of the proceeds of this event will support the Buttery Brook Park improvement project which is currently underway and will be completed in June of 2025.

The improvements include accessible walkways and trails, new playground pieces and pathways, a new bandstand, disc golf, pickleball courts, repainting of the basketball court, and additional landscaping including the planting of hundreds of native trees and shrubs.

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Submitted photos

Friends gathered together and ready for a fun night of bingo to get that perfect new bag.



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Kim Prough and her dad with a beautiful donation of money shaped like flowers for Buttery Brook.

CELEBRITY BARTENDING EVENT

supports food pantry



Mary Lou Guarnera, Julie Gentile, Davy Tob, Regina Zebrowski, with first session participants Nicole Casolari, Jake Oliveira, Mindy Domb, and Day Carey.



Mary Lou Guarnera, Julie Gentile, Davy Tob, Regina Zebrowski, with second session participants Colin Lacey, Carrie Hamel, Michele Welch, and Joseph Marek.

Turley Photos Submitted by Emily-Rose Pappas

Sok's Bar and Grill hosts competition

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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SOUTH HADLEY- There are many fun ways to spend a Tuesday evening, and for some, it was attending a celebrity bartending event.

Members of local and state government, as well as banks came out to Sok's Bar and Grill to participate in a competition to bartend and raise as much "tip" money as possible.

The money all gets donated to local food pantry Neighbors Helping Neighbors and helps to ensure that the pantry can continue in its mission to feed the towns of South Hadley and Granby.

Colin Lacey, alongside the South Hadley and Granby Chamber of Commerce have been running this special event for the past three years, and plan to host it every year.

"It means a lot to be able to host this," said co-owner of Sok's Davy Tob. "I like getting involved with the community."

Sok's is a prime location for the residents of South Hadley, is the perfect place to host the event, and makes room for fun to be had for all who come to enjoy the night.

100% of all donations made go right to Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and they surpassed their total raised from last year, which was \$4,000, and raised just over \$5,000 this year.

"Working together with the program committee and Board of Directors for the Chamber, we wanted to ensure we include a variety of participants for our celebrities, including local leg-

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islators and current members of the chamber," Lacey said.

The celebrities were separated into teams of two, with two sessions. The first session had Senator Jacob Oliveria and South Hadley Selectboard Member Nicole Casolari vs. State Representative Dan Carey & State Representative Mindy Domb.

The second session had Joseph Marek of PeoplesBank & Michele Welch of Westfield Bank vs. Carrie Hamel of Homestead Funding & Colin Lacey of Northpoint Mortgage, the overall winning team.

The donations, which are collected by our celebrity bartenders, are what get donated to the food pantry, and the bartender who raised the most at the end of the night wins a special trophy.

"We are really lucky to be so supported," said Julie Gentile, a proud volunteer and organizer in Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

"Joining the Chamber is one of the best things we've ever done because they are so supportive of us and are just so amazing," said Mary Lou Guarnera, the director of Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Lacey had been a part of or attended numerous celebrity bartenders events that supported local charities, and "felt it would



Joseph Marek taking orders with Carrie Hamel, trying to see who would win the most.

be something new, exciting, and beneficial for our Chamber to support a non-profit in our area".

"My favorite part of the night is always seeing the joy and appreciation from Mary Lou and Julie when we make the announcement of the total donations raised," Lacey said.

"My favorite thing about the event is watching the community come together to support the food pantry, which is so important to so many families," added Joni Fleming, a member of the Chamber.

"I feel very lucky to be a part of such an amazing group of people and love being involved in helping in any way I can. Colin Lacey did a fabulous job putting this together," Fleming added.

The celebrity bartending night has always been a fundraiser for Neighbors Helping Neighbors and will continue to be a stout supporter of the food



Dan Bernatchez, Jef Roule, Jen Bernatchez, and Rob Chauvin enjoying their night supporting a great cause.

pantry and all it does.

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a great organization that seeks truly to make a community impact every day for the families of South Hadley and Granby," said Lacey.

The wonderful event went off with a hit, and everyone who attended had fun with one another, and even more fun knowing they were helping an organization that cares so deeply for our community.



State Representatives Mindy Domb and Dan Carey with South Hadley Selectboard member Nicole Casolari and Senator Jake Oliveira after a fun and fast first session.



Steve Laplante and Joni Fleming with the Chamber showing off the boxes for the donation collections.



Jake Oliveira, Victor Rodriguez, Melissa Whitelock, and Michelle Lyman with Serenity Yoga.

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South Hadley falls short in WMass finals

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW--As freshmen, Jill DeBarge, Fallon Clancy, Maya Tellier, and Mia Corish were members of the Belchertown girls' varsity soccer team which defeated South Hadley in the Western Mass. Class B championship game.

After losing to Lady Tigers in the Western Mass semifinals and finals during the past two seasons, the foursome, who are currently seniors, and their Lady Orioles teammates celebrated another championship title on Nov. 1.

The top-seeded Lady Orioles posted a 2-0 shutout victory over the second-seeded Lady Tigers in the 2024 Western Mass. Class B finals which was played on the brand new turf field located at the Ludlow High School Sports Complex.

"For our seniors, to kind of bookend their careers, as freshmen our program won Western Mass., and as seniors they won Western Mass.," Belchertown head coach Kyle Thibeault said. "That was some of their moti-



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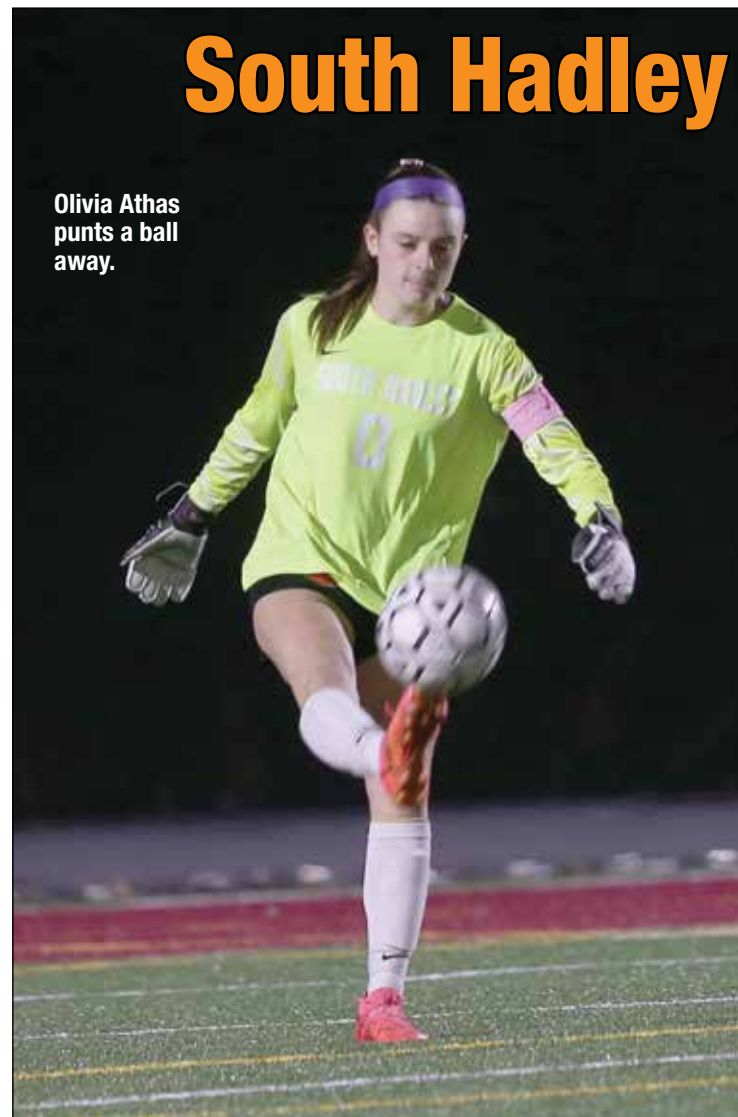
Katherine McArdle fights to keep the ball away from an opponent.

vation of the past two years. We won it one year, the next year we kind of just didn't show up to the game mentally. Last year we battled and took South Hadley to overtime. This was probably one or two of the best games we

played for 80 minutes."

DeBarge, who's the Lady Orioles starting goalie, only had to make five saves in recording her sixth shutout of the season.

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Olivia Athas punts a ball away.

Santiago goal lifts Rams

GRANBY – On Sunday, Nov. 3, Granby High School boys soccer advanced into the Round of 32 in the State Division 5 Tournament. Granby defeated Old Colony Regional High School. Anthony Santiago had the lone goal in the matchup in the second half while Daniel Santiago made three saves for the shutout.



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Cody White looks to shoot on goal.



Carlos David makes his way up the field during the recent playoffs.



Ari Alatalo chases down the ball.



Ryan Trudell heads up the field.

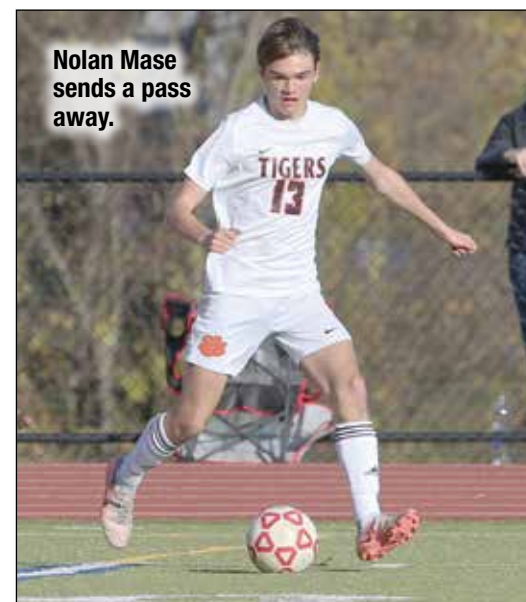


Gavin Losty is in full sprint as he moves up the field.

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Tigers fall in playoff opener

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School boys soccer team had a phenomenal regular season two years after winning the state championship. The Tigers were defeated 1-0 by Gardner in this year's opening round of the Division 4 State Tournament. South Hadley's season finished at 10-5-3. The Tigers were also defeated in the opener of the Western Mass. tournament, losing to Pope Francis in the sectional quarterfinals. Pope Francis went on to win Western Mass.



Nolan Mase sends a pass away.



Riley Goodhind tries to separate from an opponent.



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Brodie Funk heads up the field.

SANTIAGO GOAL LIFTS RAMS



Brandon Chatel passes up the field.



Stephen Szlosek advances up the field.

Westfield State Owls field hockey wins conference title

WESTFIELD – Westfield State junior forward Kaleigh Murphy (Pembroke, Mass.) scored the game winning goal with 4:20 left in regulation to lift the Owls to the 2024 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference title with a 2-1 win over Bridgewater State on Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field.

With the win, the Owls improve to 13-8 and set a school record for wins, and earn the MASCAC's automatic bid to the 2024 NCAA Division III Tournament.

Tied 1-1 throughout the second half, Murphy had several golden-opportunity chances in front of the net before eventually tallying the game winner.

Murphy found the back of the net, stepping in to ball from Sadie Stauffer (Suffield, Conn.) about three yards in front of the goal as the ball was batted around the critical scoring area.

"We've been a team that's been resilient and been able to change the narrative of a game throughout the season," said Westfield State second-year head coach Carden Brown. "Going into the third and fourth quarter we were really focused on staying tough and knowing we'd get another goal if we just kept shooting."

Second-seeded Westfield survived one final flurry from the fifth-seeded Bears, as Bridgewater mustered a pair of penalty corners in the final four minutes, and Owls goalkeeper Emma Gnaidek (Worcester, Mass.) came up with the save on Kallie Rose's (Dartmouth, Mass.) shot with 1:52 left that represented the Bears best chance to equalize.

Westfield finished the game with a 25-7 advantage in total shots and a 13-3 margin in shots on goal, but the game was tightly played throughout as the Bears made the most of their opportunities and penalty corners were even at 8 each.

Westfield State jumped out to a 1-0 lead 2:20 into the contest, with Erin Lane (Canton, Mass.) pushing a shot through traffic about 10 yards out, from

the left side to the back post. The goal came off of a penalty corner, as Lane's initial foray was parried by a Bridgewater defender. Murphy gathered the loose ball and fed it back out to Lane, and her shot worked its way through several players and past BSU goalkeeper Brianna Gagnon (Tewksbury, Mass.) for the 1-0 lead.

"It was really even, I thought Bridgewater played really well," said Brown. "We knew they were going to be a tough opponent. We wanted to have a fast start and sustain it throughout the game."

Bridgewater tied the game late in the first half, capitalizing on a penalty corner, with give and go passing at the top of the circle before Abbie Zuber's (Westport, Mass./Dartmouth) shot from the top of the circle was tipped in at the right post by Lexi James (Ipswich, Mass.).

Westfield State midfielder Abby Clark (Uxbridge, Mass.) was named the Tournament MVP.

"She's been a key player for us, she gets things done, and above all else elevates the energy level of the team, said Brown of Clark's performance. "When she's out there she's our biggest hustler, she works really hard. It was a very fitting award for her."

Gagnon finished with 11 saves for the Bears, while Gnaidek made two saves for the Owls.

Bridgewater finishes its season at 10-9.

Westfield will make its first NCAA Tournament appearance since the Owls hosted the inaugural NCAA Division III Tournament final four in 1981. The Owls will learn their destination and opponent on Sunday night at 9:30 p.m. on a livestream shot on NCAA.com.

"We want to be a team that's not only just strong in the MASCAC but strong in the region," said Brown. "And I think in order to do that you have to compete in the NCAA tournament and keep improving each and every season. I'm really excited and excited to see how we'll do."

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"Winning another Western Mass. title in my senior year feels great, but I just have to give a lot of credit to my defense," DeBarge said. "We also beat South Hadley in the Western Mass. finals when I was a freshman. They've beaten us the past two years. Winning the Western Mass. title again this year really means a lot, especially to the seniors."

The other seniors listed on the Lady Orioles roster are Shaniya Mawson, Kyla Giroux, Allison Morris, Alexis Romaniak, and Logan Moses.

The Lady Orioles (9-5-5) defeated eighth-seeded Pittsfield, 8-0, in the quarterfinals, and fifth-seeded Monument Mountain, 2-1, in the semifinals. They were scheduled to host 17th-seeded Tewksbury in the round of 32 in the Division 3 state tournament on Tuesday.

The Lady Tigers (12-5-2), who defeated the Lady Orioles, 4-3 in overtime in the championship game a year ago, advanced into this year's finals after dispatching seventh-seeded Easthampton, 3-0, in the quarterfinals and third-seeded Southwick, 2-0, in the semifinals.

Belchertown and South Hadley also faced each other in the season opener on Labor Day. That contest ended in a 1-1 draw.

"Belchertown is a great team, and we battle all the time," said South Hadley head coach Rich Marjanski. "We get them one year, then they get us the next year. Congratulations to them. They were better than us today, and they were very deserving."

The seniors listed on the Lady Tigers roster are Maggie Evans, Abby Gelinias, CC Gurek, Emma Levreault, Gwen Mar-



Cara Dean receives a pass.

ion, Maddie Soderbaum, and Margo Watkins.

The Tigers entered the Division 4 state tournament as the seventh seed. They were scheduled to host a round of 32 match on Wednesday.

In the Western Mass finals, the Lady Orioles put a lot of pressure on South Hadley freshman goalie Olivia Athas, who was credited with 16 saves.

During the ninth minute of the opening half, a Belchertown player was fouled inside the penalty area resulting in a PK. Morris stepped up to the line and put a shot



Margaret Watkins is pressured as she sends a pass away.

into the lower right corner of the net giving her team a 1-0 lead.

"Anytime you can take a lead against a team like South Hadley, it gives you that upper hand," Thibeault said. "Allison is just solid at PKs, so we knew right away if we got one in the game it was going to be her taking it. And she buried it. From there, we played well and dominated."

In the middle of the first half, Athas made three saves on shot attempts by freshman Gabby Slovack sophomore Isabella Vozzella, and Clancy.

Down at the other end of the field, DeBarge made saves on two free kicks taken by Soderbaum.

A couple of minutes into the second half, Ribeiro fired a one-timer into the back of the net, which was assisted by Clancy, giving the Lady Orioles a 2-0 advantage.

The Lady Tigers only had a couple of scoring chances in the second half.

The Lady Orioles celebrated their second Western Mass. title during the past four years.

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Sports

T-Birds pick up point in OT defeat

HERSHEY, PA - The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-8-1-0) incredibly erased a two-goal deficit in the final minute of the third, but the Hershey Bears (9-3-1-0) survived to pick up a 3-2 overtime win at the Giant Center on Sunday.

Like the opening 20 minutes on Saturday, the home-standing Bears were ferocious in getting shots at the Springfield net, this time on Colten Ellis. However, like the night before, the T-Birds got a sensational first period from their goaltender, as Ellis had a response to all 20 shots the Hershey attack unleashed, including chances that came from two power plays. The 20 stops were the most in a single period this season by a Springfield netminder.

At the other end, Clay Stevenson was starting his first start in nearly a month after missing six games with an upper-body injury, and the Hershey goaltender had a distinctly quieter workload, turning aside seven

Springfield offerings and helping the Bears' penalty kill fend off one T-Birds power play.

Shots on goal did not come as easily for Hershey in the middle period. Still, the fourth line did get the Bears on the board first at the 10:14 mark when Matt Strome retrieved a loose puck below the goal line and fired a pass into the blue paint to a crashing Riley Sutter, who chipped it over Ellis on the glove side to make it 1-0.

The Bears' defense proved to be an impenetrable force in the second, as Springfield managed just four shots on goal in the entire period, and the Hershey penalty kill dispatched two more Thunderbirds man-advantage opportunities.

Stevenson and the Hershey defense corps showed no signs of relenting anything to the T-Birds, and when Spencer Smallman tucked a puck into an empty net with 2:06 remaining, the Bears' 2-0 lead seemed secure.

However, the never-say-die T-Birds refused to go down. Samuel Johannesson scored his first AHL goal with 40.5 seconds remaining, squeezing a wrist shot between Stevenson's legs to end the shutout bid.

Just 27 seconds later, with Ellis at the bench for an extra skater, Nikita Alexandrov beared in on the right wing side and backhanded the puck into the paint. With Matthew Peca crashing the net, the shot attempt slipped under Stevenson's legs, and the game was tied 2-2 heading into overtime.

With momentum on their side, the T-Birds could not quite complete the miraculous comeback attempt. Ellis denied his 40th shot of the night to stop Pierrick Dube in the opening minute of overtime. Unfortunately for the T-Birds netminder, the loose rebound went right on the stick of Mike Vecchione, who pushed it across the line to give Hershey the 3-2 victory.

The T-Birds return to home ice for five of the next six games, beginning on Friday, Nov. 15 when they host the Lehigh Valley Phantoms.



Worcester Railers score big overtime win

WORCESTER - The Worcester Railers HC (5-3-0-0 10pts) beat the Norfolk Admirals (6-2-3-0, 15pts), on Sunday by a final score of 4-3 in front of a crowd of 2,539 at the DCU Center.

It was Norfolk who scored first tonight when Carson Mussler (1-2-3) scored just under three minutes into the game. The Railers then scored back-to-back goals, coming from Ryan Verrier (1-0-1) and Griffin Loughran (1-0-1). Norfolk finished the first period scoring when Connor Fedorek (1-0-1) tied the game at 2-2. Norfolk retook the lead in the second with a goal from Josh McDougall (1-1-2). The Railers tied it back up less than a minute later when Anthony Repaci (2-0-2) cashed in. The third period was scoreless ending regulation tied up at 3-3. It was Repaci who scored the game winner 38 seconds into overtime sealing the 4-3 win for Worcester.

Norfolk jumped out to an early 1-0 lead tonight. Carson Mussler (3rd) squared up and ripped one by the glove of Worcester's John Muse just 2:43 into the first. Later in the first Ryan Verrier (1st) found the back of the net to tie the game 1-1 7:30 into the first. Griffin Loughran (2nd) later made it 2-1 Worcester when he

scored just after their power play expired. Norfolk tied it up at 2-2 with just under three minutes left in the first with a goal from Connor Fedorek (2nd). Worcester outshot Norfolk 15-12.

Norfolk took back the lead to start the scoring in the second period. They made the score 3-2 in the second when Josh McDougall (2nd) scored on the power-play 8:09 into the period. Not even a minute later Anthony Repaci (6th) got free on a

breakaway and cashed in to tie the game back up at 3-3. Shots favored Worcester 11-8.

The Admirals had a chance to regain the lead midway through the third when they had a 5-on-3 powerplay, but the Railers penalty kill held strong. The Railers killed 35 seconds of 5-on-3, and then successfully killed the remaining 1:25 of Norfolk power play time. Neither team would find the back of the net before the end of regulation. Worcester outshot Norfolk 10-7.

It took less than a minute for Anthony Repaci (7th) to seal this one in overtime. As he skated in on the net and buried the overtime winner just 38 seconds into overtime. Shots were even 1-1 in overtime and favored Worcester 37-28 overall.

Hall of Fame Series heads for Vegas

PHOENIX - Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), announced that the 2027 Hall of Fame Series Las Vegas will take place at the iconic Allegiant Stadium on November 12, 2027, marking the first-ever basketball game at the renowned stadium.

The historic event will feature two marquee matchups between elite men's basketball programs: Arizona vs. Duke and Indiana vs. Kansas. Both games will once again be showcased on TNT Sports' networks and platforms, with additional programming information to be announced at a later date.

These four teams represent some of the most storied traditions in college basketball, with a combined 15 national championships, over 35 Hall of Famers, and a legion of passionate fans. The rivalry between Duke and Arizona, which will be on display in Tucson, Ariz., on November 22, as well as the timeless Kansas vs. Indiana matchup, is set to provide fans an unforgettable experience and signal a significant milestone in Las Vegas' sports history.

Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders and Super Bowl LVIII, will be hosting its first college basketball games, showcasing the versatility of the venue. The stadium will also serve as the site for

the 2028 NCAA Men's Final Four, further solidifying its position as a premier destination for top-tier sporting events.

The Hall of Fame Series, owned and operated by Position Sports, is a collection of multi-game, singular events that showcase several of the top collegiate basketball teams in exciting non-conference matchups played both domestically and abroad. The inaugural Hall of Fame Series took place in 2023 in Las Vegas, Charlotte, San Antonio, Toronto, and Phoenix, and the series continues its successful run in 2024 with upcoming stops in Las Vegas (November 4), Phoenix (November 14), Baltimore (November 15), and New York (December 14).

Winter Market dates announced

BELCHERTOWN - The Belchertown Farmers and Artisans Market have put together two upcoming winter markets this year. Mark the calendars for Sunday Nov. 17 and Sunday Dec. 15 to stop by Jabish Brook Middle School, 62 N. Washington St., and shop for local produce, one of a kind gifts, snacks and more. Market hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Nov. 17 market will also be holding a food drive. Market Manager, Brittni Robidoux said "Bring 3 canned goods and receive a \$5 market gift card to be used that day. Giving back to the community we live in is import-

ant not only to the market, but all of the vendors."

While the Winter Markets will have many of the summertime vendors, organizers also bring in some new artisans for those one of a kind gifts. Also, 2025 Market Gift Cards will be on sale at the Market Manager's table. Shop local and help our community grow and connect. For more information, follow the Market's social media channels on Facebook and Instagram. Email at belchertownfarmersmarket@gmail.com and website address is: www.belchertownfarmersmarket.weebly.com.

Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary now selling Lotto Calendars

PALMER - The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary is currently selling their January 2025 Lotto Calendars. The one-month calendar, which costs \$5 each or 3 for \$10, has a daily winning amount of \$100 with special

drawings on Jan. 1 and Jan. 31.

For over 65 years the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary has been actively supporting local healthcare through its sponsorship of special events and sales from the Baystate Wing

Hospital Gift Shop located on the first floor of the hospital.

The calendars will be on sale beginning October 29 at the Baystate Wing Hospital gift shop. Funds raised by the annual Lotto Calendars support the Auxil-

iary's scholarship program and their philanthropic efforts that benefit Baystate Wing Hospital.

Whether you are looking for something special for a patient, a gift for a special occasion, or an item for the home, the Bay-

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Upcoming dates and topics

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 - Nov. 26 – Turkeys
 - Dec. 3 – Birds Adapt to Winter
 - Dec.10 – Snowflake Science
 - Jan. 7 – Living under the Snow
 - Jan. 14 – Fur, what is it good for?
 - Feb. 4 – Woodpeckers - Nature's Drumming Rockstars
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- Presented by Tasha Daniels, Park Ranger/Visitor Services Specialist at the Silvio O.Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Ages 3 and up.

Auxiliary sells poppies to help our veterans

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer
epappas@turley.com

GRANBY – When it comes to our veterans, who worked hard and made sacrifices for us, and it is only right that we work to ensure that they are taken care of when they get back.

The American Legions' Auxiliary got a table together outside the Earlee Mug over the weekend to sell poppies in order to raise money that will help veterans and their families.

The money raised through the poppy drives goes towards oil for heating the homes of veterans, or any other they need, including food or gift cards.

The Auxiliary is composed of people related to a veteran by marriage or birth, which includes both men and women who's spouse, father, mother, or other family are a veteran.

"For me, its very important to give back to veterans because my family is heavily in service," said Rose Ladue, a member of the Auxiliary, and her husband, son, and daughter-in-law are all veterans.

"All of the money goes directly to a veteran," said Jen Bernatchez, another member of the Auxiliary. "We ensure that every veteran gets what they need, and are well taken care of."

The Poppy Drive also helps to raise funds for Wreaths Across America, which is when people hang wreaths on the graves of veterans, and this year, on December 14, it will be done nationally in order to recognize our



Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

Rose Ladue and Jen Bernatchez with the Auxiliary, handing out poppies and accepting donations to help benefit our veterans and their families.

fallen veterans and their service. Once a year as well, the Auxiliary selects a family with someone away on active duty like a parent, to support for Christmas, and they purchase all of the Christmas presents for the kids.

The Auxiliary was built to provide for the Legion, hosting fundraisers like the Poppy Drive, as well as their yearly craft fair fundraiser, which is coming up this year on November 23 to raise funds for the Auxiliary.

"It's a way to stay connect-

ed to my dad who passed away, as well as all the others who served," Bernatchez said.

"Being with other Auxiliary members [is the most meaningful] and being able to share a passion of helping veterans with others," Ladue said.

The Auxiliary works hard to ensure that the veterans who fought for us, are fought for, and receive what they need, as they return home to people who cherish them.

GPL November events

GRANBY— The Granby Public Library, 297 E. State St., will be holding events throughout October and November. For more information, please visit <http://granbylibrary.com>.

Pastel Workshop with Greg Maichack

Saturday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m.
Join us and pastel paint your own Seascapes in Pastel Inspired by Winslow Homer. All levels of experience are welcome. Space is limited, so please call the library to reserve your space to join us for pastel painting!

On Saturday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m., award-winning artist Gregory Maichack will present "Seascapes: How to Pastel Paint" at the Granby Free Public Library.

This workshop offers both beginner and advanced participants an opportunity to creatively explore pastel painting inspired by the work of Winslow Homer. Participants will receive instruction on expressive pastel strokes, blending, slurring, layering and creating the wave effect of spray by embedding pigment particles into the painting. Please call (413) 467-3320.

This project is supported in part from a grant from the Granby Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Public Notices

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application to **amend** a previously approved Site Plan Review and Stormwater Management Permit filed by South Hadley Plaza, LLC, 40 Island Pond Road, Springfield MA 01118, to develop a new free-standing retail store with garden center and outdoor display at 501 Newton Street, Assessor's Map 28 Parcel 200, pursuant to the Zoning

Bylaw Article XII (Site Plan Review); 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/88241898007?pwd=OaFNo6Zkpv9OLNFO821ZewZCDxLPY4.1>

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The project location is within the Woodlawn Plaza shopping center within the Business A-1 Zoning District. The project's original application for Site Plan Review and Stormwater Management Permit was approved in 2021 and the current proposed amendments include changes to site lighting and layout.

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 'Newton Street

(501) - Rocky's Hardware' 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. This meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 which extends the March 2020 Governor's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL Ch. 30A Sec. 20 until March 31, 2025.

Joanna Brown, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
11/15, 11/22/2024

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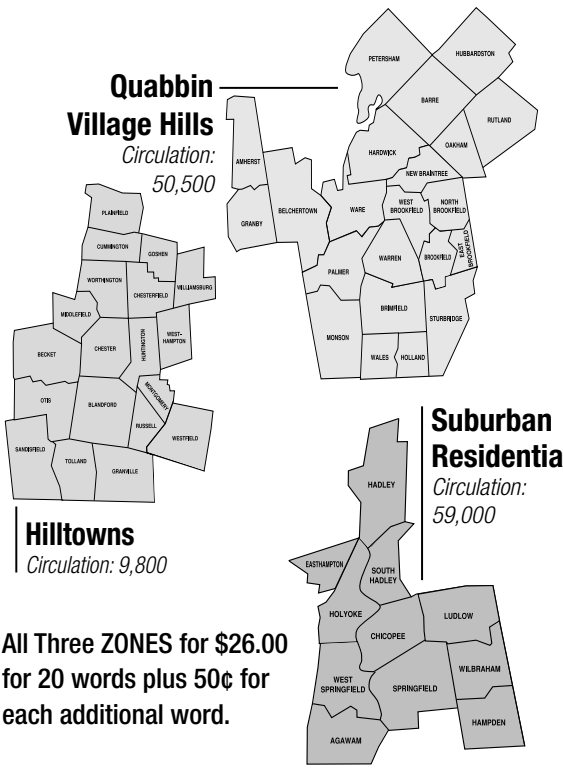
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GARDEN from page 4

But alas, once again I digress. I am not here to talk about the tomatoes that grew in the compost pile, but the squash that did. I may have mentioned these white pumpkin look-alikes in an earlier column, but as I sit here devouring a squash muffin, they deserve another mention.

While my hills of butternut were not very prolific, the white pumpkin look-alike squash were unbelievably so. Honestly, I am not sure how many plants sprouted. Maybe three at the most, and I easily ended up with maybe two dozen, so the average is seven or eight fruit per plant!

I bought the original at a local farm and as it turned to an imploded pile of mush, it got chucked into the compost pile last fall. After sprouting it took no time flat for the vines to cover the pile and adjoining fence and lawn, much to my husband's dismay.

After a quick internet search, the white pumpkin look-alike squash still doesn't have a name. It could be part acorn squash, or a variant of a white pumpkin.

All I know is that they made excellent fall decor!

Just for the fun of it I cooked one up, in the same manner I do butternuts, by slicing in half, removing the seeds and roasting cut side down in a 400 degree oven for about an hour.

The pale yellow flesh caramelized a little. Perhaps I should have finished the cooking cut side up to attain more of

that caramelization.

While not incredibly sweet, it didn't taste bad or bitter, so I whipped it up with the immersion blender and decided I'd try it in my favorite squash muffin recipe. Not bad, not bad at all.

My husband asked if I was going to raid the porch of it's decorations to process more of them, but I don't think I'll go that far. If November is mild, I'll certainly have a wind-fall once we switch over to a Christmas theme.

What do I learn from the compost pile? Although the garden is right next to the compost pile, the white squash pumpkins had virtually no damage from the squash vine borer.

The plants were so much healthier than those I planted in the garden. The leaves were large and deep green.

I've said it before and I'll say it again times three: Nitrogen, nitrogen, nitrogen. That's one thing my compost pile has that the garden needs. I will definitely not skimp on that nutrient come springtime so that maybe, just maybe, I can grow my beloved butternut squashes on purpose and healthily!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 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.



Submitted photo

Bingo cards, colored stamps, snacks, and drinks, and fun time with friends.

BINGO from page 8

The project cost is over \$1 million and the town has appropriated \$715,000 toward the project, which includes a \$500,000 PARC grant reimbursement to be awarded at the completion.

The Friends of Buttery Brook Park are working on fundrais-

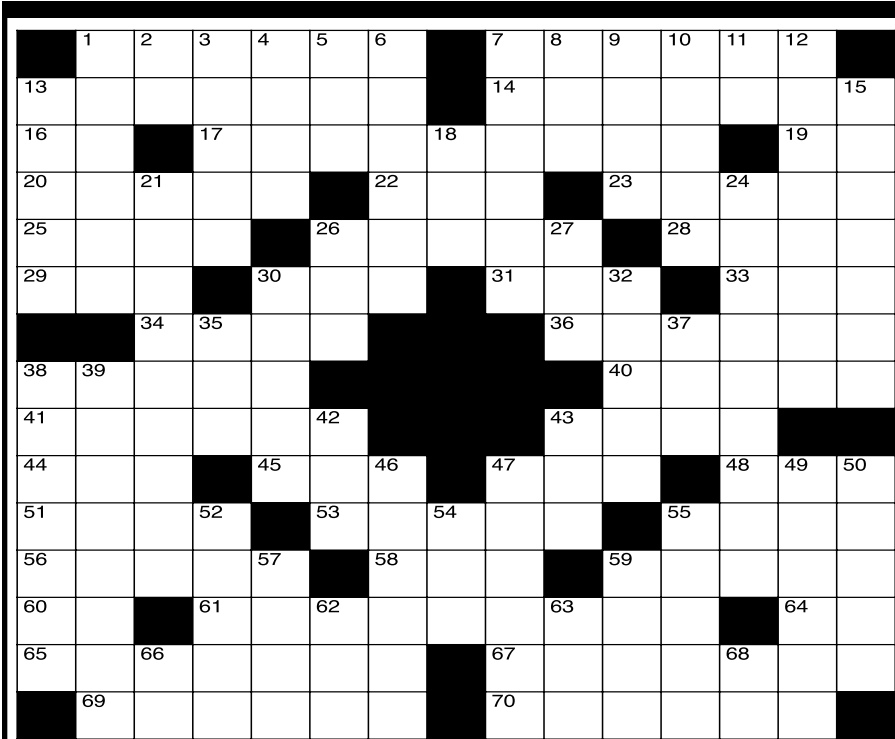
ing an additional \$250,000 to help close the gap. Their fundraising efforts currently stand at \$190,000. Donations can be made via GiveButter (givebutter.com/1rHbBb). If anyone would like to consider making a year-end tax deductible donation to this project, please contact Kim at ksprough@me.com.

The Friends of Buttery Brook Park want to remind everyone

that Santa's Land is just around the corner. Santa will be at the park on December 12-15 and 19-22 from 5:30-7pm.

The event is free of charge and hot cocoa and cookies will be given out. Keep up with happenings at the park by visiting Buttery Brook Park on Facebook and the Town of South Hadley Recreation Department website.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Schoolhouse tool
- 7. Martens
- 13. Slags
- 14. One who scrapes
- 16. Centiliter
- 17. White wine
- 19. Of I
- 20. Former Syracuse great Warrick
- 22. Relating to the ear
- 23. Sandwich shops
- 25. Victories
- 26. White (French)
- 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 29. Genus of parrots
- 30. Unhappy
- 31. Talk incessantly
- 33. Type of Squad
- 34. Unit of perceived loudness
- 36. Violent seizure of property
- 38. Agave
- 40. Sound units

- 41. Removes from record
- 43. Partner to Mama
- 44. Mythological bird
- 45. Dash
- 47. Hair product
- 48. Two-year-old sheep
- 51. Signs a deal
- 53. Conifer
- 55. Autonomous republic in NW Russia
- 56. Wife of Muhammed
- 58. British Air Aces
- 59. Ears or ear-like appendages
- 60. Not caps
- 61. Deep-bodied sea dweller
- 64. Rural delivery
- 65. Feeling
- 67. Study of relations of organisms to one another
- 69. Room to argue
- 70. Question

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cream puff
- 2. Road open
- 3. Stressed syllable
- 4. Thailand's former name
- 5. Cologne
- 6. Recounted
- 7. Garment of cloth
- 8. Airborne (abbr.)
- 9. Reproduced
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 12. Smallest interval in Western music
- 13. Unstressed central vowel
- 15. Lives in
- 18. When you expect to get somewhere
- 21. Storage bags
- 24. One who covers with plastic
- 26. Cast out
- 27. Automobile
- 30. Repaired shoe
- 32. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 35. Possesses
- 37. Soda
- 38. Programs
- 39. In an unexpected way
- 42. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- 43. For each
- 46. Unbelief
- 47. Seized or impaled
- 49. Arrive on the scene
- 50. Especially happy
- 52. Classic western film
- 54. Split pulses
- 55. Frida __: Painter
- 57. Start again
- 59. Employee stock ownership plan
- 62. Young women's association
- 63. Frozen water
- 66. "The First State"
- 68. Computers need one

Baby's First Christmas advertisement for Turley Publications, Inc. featuring a teddy bear logo, a photo of baby Scarlett Legasey, and a form for parents to provide baby information and select a publication for the announcement.



Local Cub Scouts and local Webelos look on to today's procession.



Turley photos by John Woodside

The rifle salute.



LEFT: A plaque on the wall of Town Hall commemorating those who served in both World Wars.

HEROES from page 1

David Jubenville, Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Post 260 of South Hadley, said he is not a veteran but was inspired by family and friends who were. A father who was a veteran in the Navy and a couple of other friends who are Army veterans.

"This is my way of giving back to the country for those who served us," Jubenville said. "It is important to remember all wars and say thank you to those who fought."

On November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day. He expressed what he felt the day meant to Americans: "To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils



David Jubenville, head of the American Legion Post 260, speaks to the crowd.

of nations."

A rifle salute was part of the ceremony and followed the speeches.

"God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," Platniak concluded, a famous saying in the state, almost as famous as Veterans Day. "May we pray for peace on this great day."



Mika and Toby honor American soldiers this Veteran Day 2024.



A veteran rings the Bell of Peace.



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Locals surround two military veterans on this celebration of Armistice Day.

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