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Designer Handbag BINGO

Community comes together to support local charities

SOUTH HADLEY – Three hundred and forty people played “Designer Handbag Bingo” recently to benefit two local charities, the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors and the Friends of Buttery Brook Park.

Additionally, more than 25 volunteers were on hand to make this event happen, including District 2 Fire Chief Todd Calkins and several of his firefighters, Sergeant Barry O’Connor from the South Hadley Police Department, Steven Laplante of ERA M.Connie Laplante Real Estate (who coordinated the volunteer wait staff for the night), deejay Scott Dubey, the Beer Guy, firefighter Leigh Savary (photographer), Jim Como from St. Theresa’s Church, and volunteers from both Friends’ groups.

“This is our third time hosting this event and each time, I’m filled to the brim with gratitude for the overwhelming generosity and support of our volunteers



Submitted Photo

Handbag winner Lisa Caivano pictured with three of the “handbag models,” Firefighters Corey Calkins and Dylan Koske and Police Sergeant Barry O’Connor.

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Granby STM to vote on funding school project

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY – Voters will determine whether to fund a renovation project for the former West Street School to be used as municipal offices and the senior center at a Dec. 11 Special Town Meeting at the East Meadow School at 7 p.m.

The project is estimated to cost about \$5 million, including design fees, which will give the town a building free of hazardous materials, capable of housing all existing municipal offices and storage for the town. The building closed in 2018, when students moved to the new wing of the East Meadow School.

Currently, the town is leasing a building to house municipal offices in the Town Hall Annex. The town currently owns the building used for other offices and the senior center. The plan would be to sell the building.

Granby Town Administrator Chris Martin spoke about the repairs that would be involved in the project at a Nov. 9 Finance Committee meeting.

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140 turkeys purchased for Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Courtesy Photos, South Hadley Police Department

The South Hadley Police Association, along with South Hadley Fire District #2, Granby Fire Department, The Hampshire County Sheriff’s Office, The Office of the President of Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley Water District #1, The Bean Restaurant Group, and a South Hadley Veteran who wished to remain anonymous all donated funds to go toward the purchase of 140 turkeys for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors food drive this Thanksgiving season.

Shaped by Service

Art show celebrates works of veterans and family members

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – For the third year, HomeFront Strong teamed up with Workshop13 to present the Shaped by Service art show at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St.

Featuring 18 artists, the Shaped by Service art show offered servicemembers, veterans and their families a chance to express themselves creatively through various mediums, capturing the true image of what it means to serve.

“There’s just so many different types of mediums all coming together to celebrate the military,” the show’s curator Faith Eileen Ward said. “It’s a wonderful mix of people.”

Through their shared expe-



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Nancy Harder’s piece “I Carry Your Heart With Me” reminds her of her husband Gregory, who collected the driftwood for her.

periences with the military, the artists have produced a touching, and often gut-wrenching, display rich with colors and textures.

“These are real things that happen,” Ward said of these

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Holiday Bazaar upcoming

SOUTH HADLEY - First Congregation Church, UCC, also known as Center Church, 1 Church St. in South Hadley, is holding the Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, and from noon – 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3.

This annual event features Christmas and winter decorations, tree stands, dinnerware, linens, candles, books, jewelry, toys, puzzles, lights, gifts, the list continues, “in a boutique setting,” according to a press release.

“Purchase a one-kind beautiful wreath made with a variety of live greens and bow of your choosing. Fill a box with 40-plus variety of homemade cookies,” a press statement reads. “Other food items will be herb, cookie, and soup mixes, fudge sauce, jams, as well as other treats. Enjoy a soup and chili luncheon.”

New this year are more than 20 local crafters in the Chapel and music room.

“Before going out to the stores to do your holiday shopping, join us to see what you can find to decorate your home and for gift giving.”



Toys for Tots drop-off location

South Hadley Fire District 2 is a drop-off location for Toys for Tots. Last year, the Marine Toys for Tots Program donated nearly seven million toys to children in need, SHFD2 released in a statement on social media.

“Every child deserves to experience the joys of Christmas. If you would like to donate a gift please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the fire station.”

Middle school drama club to perform ‘A Christmas Carol’

SOUTH HADLEY - The Drama Club at Michael E. Smith Middle School has announced performances of “Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol,” a holiday ghost story.

The cast of more than sixty students range in age from 10-14 and have been working weekly as part of the after-school program at the middle school.

“On Christmas Eve, Ebenezer Scrooge (seventh-grader Josie Seborowski) is visited by a series of ghosts, starting with his old business partner, Jacob Marley (seventh-grader Grace Proulx). The three spirits which follow, the Ghosts of Christmas Past (sixth-grader Charlotte Bagg), Christmas Present (sixth-grader Jogi Renze), and Christmas Yet to Come, show Scrooge how his mean behavior has affected those around him, including his nephew Fred (eighth-grader Wyatt Estes), Bob Cratchit (fifth-grader Lexi Richi), and his family, and his former beau, Belle (seventh-grader Elena Carpentier),” the Drama Club released.

Three shows will be held in the Michael E. Smith Middle School Cafetorium, including: Friday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.

General admission tickets are available online at mesmsdrama.ludus.com/200444733 or at the door (\$5 each or \$3 with a canned good). Physical and monetary donations will be accepted for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.

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South Hadley Council on Aging November events

SOUTH HADLEY - The town's Senior Center announced that it will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday today, Friday, Nov. 24.

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

Here are the highlight events for November:

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series
Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 5 p.m.

Presentation by Lindsey Freer, head of education technology at Mt. Holyoke College. "AI and You: Navigating the Present of Artificial Intelligence in Our Lives."

Senior Safety

Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m.
Senior Safety with Ray Gouley of SHELd.
"Ray will talk about electrical safety.

He will be giving away five \$50 gift cards from Stop and Shop for South Hadley residents and Table Talk pies," the COA released.

Mt. Holyoke College Art Museum tour
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Emily Wood, assistant curator, will give a tour of this 147-year-old building, the Mt. Holyoke College Art Museum. Sign up at the Welcome Desk for this event and let the COA know if you need transportation.

"We can also meet you there," the COA released. "Thank you to the Travel Club for sponsoring this program."

December Supper Club Demo: Get ready for the Holiday Rush

Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m.
Free and open to all.
"Using ideas from the new Supper Club Cookbook, Chef Maggie will show you speedy, delicious entertaining ideas

for your holiday table. Don't let your cheese slide off your cracker when things get crazy."

Demo includes recipes and samples; sign up for December culinary lessons, or email Maggiev06021@gmail.com. Limited number of cookbooks available—first-come, first-serve and \$8 per book.

Lifelong Learning Series returns

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

AI and You. Navigating the Presence of Artificial Intelligence in Our Lives
Nov. 28 at 5 p.m.

Speaker: Lindsey Freer, Head of Educational Technology at MHC.
"Ms. Freer has led the Educational Technology team at MHC since 2018. Her team partners with faculty in the selection and use of a broad array of technologies

to enhance teaching and learning and advises the MHC community on emerging technology and their impact."

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

Senior Safety with Ray Gouley of SHELd

Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m.
Gouley will talk about electric safety; he will be giving away five \$50 gift cards from Stop and Shop for South Hadley residents and Table Talk pies for everyone.
"Check the monthly SHCOA flyer for an updated list of events you can attend. An event at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, Conn., 'A Carpenters Christmas,' is scheduled for Dec. 13."

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Martin said the project makes sense financially.

"We have to maintain four buildings," he said.

These are West State Street, the Town Hall Annex, the old Carnegie Building, and the West Street building.

"By consolidating all the offices into one building we are eliminating the care and maintenance of three facilities."

Currently the town leases the Town Hall Annex for about \$26,000 a year. He said the town also heats the West Street building to make sure the pipes don't freeze, as the building is being used for some storage purposes.

Martin discussed the scope of the project.

"We need to address the current condition of the building to make it so it's habitable for our municipal offices, senior center and maybe be able to do other things in the future," he said. "We included a sprinkler fire protection system... windows and door replacement, HVAC, asbestos removal, PCB removal and updating the water system."

Asbestos abatement will be done on

sewer pipes and tiles on the floor. The estimated cost from two different firms was between \$674,000 to \$885,000.

"When we put the roof on at the [West Street building] in 2011/2012, when we had to shore up the roof in one area, they discovered the glue dobs and we had to have the tiles remediated before they could go in and put the additional bracing on the roof," Martin said. "I'm running on the presumption we'll have to do that again no matter what."

All 44,000 square feet of the building will have brand new windows, which will cut down on the mildew problem on the building identified by a member of the Department of Public Health, Martin said.

There are also designer fees and an OPM (owners project manager) fee because any project over \$1.5 million requires an OPM.

Martin said the plan is to have a functioning kitchen in the building. There would be a plan to use the larger room he referred to as the "cafetorium" for town meetings.

West Street Building Committee Chair Lynn Snopek-Mercier spoke to the board earlier this month about the committee's recommendation.

"We're here to ask you to schedule a special town meeting for early December to bring this project forward with approval and spending authority," she said in a meeting earlier this month. "The funding for this will not require any increase in taxes as there are other available funds to pay for the project."

Proposed funding for the project includes using American Rescue Plan Act funds, of which Granby has about \$1.8 million. There was \$3 million from the elementary school construction/renova-

tion project that the Finance Committee appropriated \$2 million from stabilization fund that could be reallocating to the West Street building project. The remaining funds are being discussed using money previously allocated for the East Meadow gym project reservation funds.

An information session about the project will be on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the West State Street building at the Select-board meeting.

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Opinion



Can I voluntarily suspend my Social Security payments?

Dear Rusty:

My wife retired in 2015 and is receiving Social Security. I am past my full retirement age and I still work. I recently filed for Social Security benefits and received my first payment earlier this month and my benefits are around three times my wife's. I now find that, due to other income, I am having some regrets about filing for Social Security, as the taxes will be complicated. So, my questions are:

If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", can my wife still apply to get up to 50% of my benefits, or do I have to be "actively" receiving Social Security benefits? In other words, does the "Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015" prevent this?

If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", how soon could I "restart" my benefits?

Signed: *Having Second Thoughts*

Dear Second Thoughts:

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 closed a loophole which previously allowed someone to file for their Social Security retirement benefit in order for their marital partner to claim a spousal benefit, after which the primary beneficiary could suspend their own benefit and allow it to grow to maximum at age 70. That "file and suspend" option went away in April of 2016; thus, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit while your Social Security retirement benefits are suspended you must be "actively" receiving benefits for your wife to get benefits on your record.

Nevertheless, because you've already reached your full retirement age, you can voluntarily suspend your benefit payments at any time to allow it to continue growing by simply calling Social Security at your local office or at the national number 1-800-772-1213 and asking them to do so. Your wife will not receive her spousal benefits for any months your benefits are suspended, but she would continue to get her own SS retirement amount, only the spousal portion of her monthly amount would be suspended.

You will be able to restart your benefits at any time by calling Social Security again and asking that your benefits be resumed. You can suspend and restart your benefits as needed (no restriction on how many times), but they will only start/resume the suspension effective with the month following the month you call. And, as you likely already know, for each month your benefits are suspended you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits resulting in a higher payment amount later.

Just for clarity, voluntary suspension of benefits is only available to those who have reached full retirement age but is an excellent way to increase your monthly Social Security payment. Your benefit will grow by .667% for each month suspended and, if your benefit is still suspended when you turn 70 years old, Social Security will automatically resume payments at that time, at your higher maximum monthly amount.

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Garland and wreaths a fun DIY project

I spent the morning wrapping garland around lampposts in preparation for Old Sturbridge Village's "Christmas by Candlelight" program.

Although I used to balk at decorating prior to Thanksgiving, it's a must at work, where so much needs to be ready for the first day of the program, next Friday, Nov. 24. The garland is beautiful- a mix of cedar and fir.

The smell of the cedar isn't at all familiar from my childhood Christmases, but I love it as an adult. What makes the garland so pretty is the variation in textures.

After the decorations are up at the Village, I turn to decorating at home. I love to sit on the floor of my living room with all types of greens strewn before me on an old bed sheet.

I make a wreath or two for our house and I always make one to give to a dear friend as an annual birthday present.

I encourage you to try your hand at wreath and garland making. It's really the same principle, with one made on a circular frame and the other made on a cord of ribbon or rope the length you need for decorating.

As mentioned, the key to success in wreath and garland-making is having a variety of greens to choose from. From airy white pine to rigid spruce, wispy arborvitae to dense juniper, pointy-leaved holly to minute boxwood, all look great together.

Balsam and fir tips pruned from the Christmas tree are a logical addition. Then add some budded Pieris, gilded birch branches and voila! - you have a unique combination.

Top it off with pinecones, winterberries and even sumac for a stunning grouping.

It's not hard to find different types of greens. First, scour your neighborhood.

Many of the plants I mentioned make their homes in our landscapes. I regularly

prune this time of year purposely to use the clippings in my decorating.

The key to a good cut is not to leave stubs- always snip next to a side branch.

Cemeteries and vacant lots are also great spots to get a variety of greens. But be sure to ask permission beforehand.

Regardless, kindly take only what you need and space your cuts out evenly around the plant.

Making a wreath is easy. Start with a wire coat hanger opened up into a circle.

Attach some pliable wire to it - 22 gauge is a good choice. Then, wrap little bunches of greens to the base one after another.

Be careful to lay them alongside, not on top of each other. You can make a wreath of just one type of green at a time, or make mixed "bouquets" for your bunches.

When you reach the end of the wreath, hide the last bunch under the first and secure the wire. You can easily make a loop for hanging, or use the hook that came with the coat hanger.

You can attach a bow to the front and insert some berries or pinecones on wire picks to jazz it up a bit.

Garland making follows the same principle. Working on a taut cording or rope is important for success.

If you are going to be making a lot of garland I recommend "tying off" the ends of the cording or securing them somehow to your work surface. I've done it with duct tape or with the cord knotted to nails in my work bench.

For me, working in a left to right manner seems natural. I use the pliable wire to secure the bunches of greens one after the other to the cording.

Sometimes I wait to embellish the garland with cones or berries until after it is set up around my doorway or wrapped around the lamppost. That way you'll be sure they aren't hidden or bending funny.

I hope that you will be encouraged to try your hand at wreath or garland making this year! It's quickly become one of my favorite Christmas traditions and it can be the same for you, too!

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

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experiences. "They're fighting for our freedom."

Ward said her husband, uncle and aunt have all served in the military, and she knows the sacrifice servicemembers make for their country.

"I just have a lot of respect for people that allow us to live in freedom," she said.

Shaped by Service, just "brings together what they went through, even family members," Ward said.

HomeFront Strong's Executive Director Jennifer Baublitz said this is the first year the art show has filled the entire gallery, and it featured lots of returning artists.

One such returning artist is Anthony Seay of Three Rivers, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran and one of the area's most prolific painters, showcasing eight of his hyper realistic acrylic paintings in this year's show.

Seay has only been painting for six years, and it's something he's embraced in his sobriety.

Seay is also a volunteer at HomeFront Strong, offering support for fellow veterans for a number of things including substance and alcohol use.

Veterans helping veterans is a model HomeFront Strong uses, allowing those shared experiences to create a lasting bond and trust. Seay said unless you've been in the military, or a substance user, it's very hard to relate to someone who is.

Seay had several paintings in the show based off of photos provided to him by a friend, who is a retired U.S. Marine Corps veteran. One is of a green Humvee that his friend drove in Okinawa, Japan, and another is of a 1942

U.S. Navy Willys Jeep.

His friend had the Willys shipped home after he discovered the U.S. Navy wanted to get rid of it.

"We've rebuilt it twice," Seay said with a laugh. "It still runs."

Another painting featured a truck his friend drove while in Germany.

Nancy Harder of Ware also entered eight pieces into the Shaped by Service art show, featuring pottery, glasswork and more.

"I started as a littler girl, but I didn't pursue more of it until I retired," Harder said of her creative side.

Harder said she and her husband Gregory rent a cottage on the military base in Niceville, Florida, and she took advantage of a gift certificate she received from the local art studio CRE-ATE!

"I just have such wonderful instructors there, it's very therapeutic...they embrace anyone who comes through the door," Harder said.

Gregory is a 20 plus year U.S. Air Force veteran, and while the two both grew up in Ware, they didn't know each other until later in life, when Gregory had retired from the military.

Harder said she was living in Chicago, and he was all over the world.

"We were introduced, and our children convinced us we should be a family," Harder said. Together, the couple has four sons.

Making her art brings her joy, Harder said. She makes a lot of pieces that remind her of Gregory and home.

"Gregory walks on the beach and brings me pieces of wood that washed up on shore," she said. One of her pieces in the



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Donald "Donny" Longley's fish is made from new and repurposed metal.

show features a blue ceramic heart, hanging from a piece of driftwood collected by Gregory.

This was Donald "Donny" Longley's first time exhibiting in the show since he started his job as HomeFront Strong's chief operating officer a little over a year ago.

Longley, a metalworker, served in the U.S. Air Force for six years, stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Texas. He was deployed to both Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

For about 20 years, Longley has made sculptures out of a mix of new and repurposed metals.

"I like making abstract stuff," Longley said of his sculptures, which included a fish, a Seahorse and even a ball and chain made from old railroad spikes.

The fish is Longley's favorite piece he entered in the show, and it features metal from a number of sources, including old railroad pitchforks, a lawnmower blade and leaf springs from a car. Longley cut out 100 metal disks

from a sheet of metal to resemble the fish's scales.

U.S. Navy veteran Katie Standiford of Longmeadow entered her ceramic sunflower bowl titled, "Shades of Summer". The bowl is layered with seven or eight glazes, washing it in warm tints of pink, yellow, orange and brown.

The base of the bowl, which is the center of the sunflower, remains unglazed to showcase the clay's rich, earthy color.

"It's called 'Shades of Summer' because it was a culmination of everything I learned over the summer about glazing," she said. "How to get different depths in the surface so it wasn't flat...it really looks like a flower."

Standiford started taking a ceramics class as part of her art therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder about a year ago. Making the bowl took her about seven hours, with most of that time committed to layering the glazes.

Husband and wife artists

Maurice and Linda Iorio traveled from Sterling to display their paintings in the show.

Maurice has exhibited in Shaped by Service for all three years, and last year, he even sold the painting he entered. It is now displayed at Monson Savings Bank.

Maurice has been painting since 2014 and Linda has been painting for over 50 years, and is also his teacher.

Linda remembered the first time her husband had expressed a desire to learn how to paint, during a cruise they took following Maurice's retirement, when she had brought her watercolors along.

Maurice served 21 years as U.S. Army intelligence, and two of his paintings in the show are of his military assignments. One is from his first assignment in Windsor Locks, Connecticut and another from his last in Turkey.

"90% of all of my paintings are from pictures I took," Maurice said.

Linda entered a painting of the morning fire at Fort Devens, as well a sunset beach scene from Turkey. The beach scene was painted using a photo one of Maurice's friends from Turkey took.

Linda explores all types of mediums for her paintings, including acrylics, oils, watercolors and Japanese rice inks.

"I got to study with a phenomenal artist, who had his doctorate from Yale," Linda said

Now the couple has turned a spare bedroom in their home into a studio to display their work, and spend many days together in the dining room, just painting.

"The main thing is I get to spend more time with my wife," Maurice said of his interest in painting.

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Community

One position open on the Human Rights Commission

SOUTH HADLEY - An opening on the Human Rights Commission needs filling.

"The HRC aims to develop community awareness and education about human rights and promote understanding of the diverse cultures within our town and surroundings," the town released on its website.

The commission will serve "as a resource with respect to issues that challenge any individual or group's enjoyment of their basic human rights in our community, and promote cooperation between organizations and agencies to cultivate and encourage an atmosphere of mutual understanding and harmonious intergroup relationships."

The HRC is a nine-member board with two representatives from the South Hadley Selectboard, two from the Commission on Disabilities, two from the School Committee, one

from the Council on Aging, one from the Cultural Council, and one from the Board of Health.

This open position is appointed by and representing the South Hadley Commission on Disabilities.

Additionally, the South Hadley Human Rights Commission is looking for local artists, art students, or other media creators to design images or logos that represent its mission in the community, the town released.

"The design images or logos would be used for advertisement and awareness about the Commission."

Members "would be happy to endorse recommendation letters for resumes/portfolios for artists that submit work," according to the town's press statement.

Submit letters and resumes to selectboard@southhadley-ma.gov.



Submitted Photo

Beauty of nature reveals itself

A photo of a buck that resident David Towne saw recently in South Hadley while doing leaves. "Before I saw this deer, I heard what sounded like a horse galloping and then he came into view," Towne said. "Amazing animal."

'Know Your Town' sponsored program

SOUTH HADLEY - An event about the history and finance of the South Hadley Fire Districts will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the South Hadley Public Library, Community Meeting Room.

Melissa Couture Rimbold, South Hadley Associate Assessor, and Kevin Taugher, Chair of the Board of Assessors, will provide an overview of why, when, and how South Hadley's Fire Districts 1 and 2 were formed and how they are financed.

The informational session is designed to provide background on the two Districts, according to a press statement.

"Kevin Taugher will give a history of their formation and Melissa Couture Rimbold will provide information on how they are financed through property taxes and water rates."

The program is free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served.

Local police departments receive JAG grant funding

REGION - Seven area police departments, including the Belchertown and Granby departments, have recently been awarded district grants under the federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) pro-

gram. The funding was awarded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, according to Senator Jake Oliveira.

"The funds will support the police departments in their efforts

to address priorities that include combatting drug use and hate crimes, improving school safety and security, and advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities," Sen. Oliveira said.

The departments include Lud-

low, Belchertown, Springfield, Longmeadow, South Hadley, Wilbraham, and Granby.

"Thank you for seeking this opportunity to protect and serve," Oliveira released in a statement on social media.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Nocturnal S. American rodent

5. Requesting

11. Give temporarily

12. Happiness

16. Military branch

17. -, denotes past

18. Middle Eastern city

19. Air hostesses

24. Partner to Pa

25. Percussion instrument

26. Popular computers

27. Decrease light

28. Valley in the Osh Region

29. "To ___ his own"

30. Absence of difficulty

31. Notice announcing intended marriage read out in church

33. Trims by cutting

34. Impact

38. Military member

39. A French river

40. Member of prehistoric people in Mexico

43. Messenger ribonucleic acid

44. Musician Clapton

45. Greek sophist

49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

50. Narrow valley

51. A way to disentangle

53. Indicates not an issue (abbr.)

54. Recommending

56. Genus of legumes

58. Friend to Larry and Curly

59. Off-Broadway theater award

60. Fencers

63. Small Eurasian deer

64. Denoting passerine birds

65. Separate by category

3. Photographic equipment

4. Confirms a point

5. Developed over time

6. Not the leader

7. ___ Lang (country singer)

8. Adults need one

9. Nests of pheasants

10. Antelopes

13. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

14. Japanese three-stringed lute

15. Type of cat

20. Cools your home

21. The ancient Egyptian sun god

22. Pouches

23. Trigraph

27. Form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan

29. ___ route

30. Body part

31. Bridge building degree

32. Indicates position

33. Political action

committee

34. Tasty snack

35. Part of a quadruped

36. Locate

37. Pitching statistic

38. Of I

40. City in Utah

41. Football players in the trenches

42. Hammer is one

44. A "nightmarish" street

45. Performers

46. Slang for cut or scrape

47. More breathable

48. Most slick

50. Provokes

51. Home to college's Flyers

52. Sodium

54. Large fish of mackerel family

55. Zero

57. ___ and behold

61. The Palmetto State

62. Popular Tom Cruise movie franchise (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Colorless fluid part of blood

2. Of a main artery



Submitted Photos
Fire District 2 Chief Todd Calkins with handbag winner Kristen Thayer.



Barry O'Connor, Corey Calkins, Mike Bourbeau, Jeromie Whelan, Jameson Glanville, Brian James, Maddy Venancio, Steven Laplante and Kyle Johnson volunteered as waiters for the evening (missing Rick Constant and Chris Skelton).

Designer Handbag BINGO

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and participants” said Kim Prough, event coordinator.

“It was a great night for two great causes. Our seniors deserve our love, respect, and support. And what’s happening at Buttery Brook Park is amazing. They’re building a solid community and getting people active. It didn’t cost me anything but time, and time is a worthwhile investment if you believe in what you’re spending it on,” said Tyler Scheinost, one of the District 2 firefighters who volunteered at the event.

Both Calkins and Laplante have been on hand to volunteer and help coordinate each time this event has been held, according to reports.

“A passionate group of volunteers come together to raise money that goes directly back into the community all the while having an exciting and fun evening. Raising money for both the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors and the Friends of Buttery Brook Park ensures that South Hadley residents will continue to enjoy programs and activities for years to come,” Laplante said.

This sold-out event raised \$18,000 for the two local non-profits.

“The volunteers of both of the Friends’ groups dedicate a lot of time to their respective causes which benefits the residents of the Town of South Hadley. The money raised tonight will help them both to continue the great work they’re doing,” Prough said.

The next Designer Handbag Bingo event will be held in November of 2024.



Firefighter Tyler Scheinost with handbag winner Denise Blanchette.



Selectboard Member Carol Constant and friends.



Firefighter Chantz McLeone with a handbag winner Dawn Chartier.



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South Hadley edged by Sutton in state title match



Margo Watkins makes a throw-in.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LEOMINSTER— The South Hadley Lady Tigers are one of only eight girls' soccer teams from Western Massachusetts to win a state championship title since 1979.

Entering this year's state tournament, Springfield Cathedral, which is now Pope Francis, and East Longmeadow were the only two Western Mass. girls' teams that had won two or more state titles.

Monson became the third team to do it when they defeated Whitinsville Christian in the Division 5 state title game.

South Hadley, who defeated Stoneham, 3-0, in the 2019 Division 3 state finals at Foley Stadium in Worcester, was also looking to bring home the championship trophy for the second time in the Division 4 state finals.

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Lauren Marjanski sends a pass away.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Cianna Gurek clears the ball away.



Gwen Marion attempts to settle the ball.



Allison Fleury tries to break away from an opponent and get the loose ball.

Goalie PK sends Tigers to championship game

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LEOMINSTER— As the starting goalkeeper for the South Hadley girls' varsity soccer team, senior Drew Alley doesn't normally get very many opportunities to score a goal. That job has belonged to Alley's classmate Lauren Marjanski during the past several years.

While Marjanski who was selected to the All-New England soccer team, recorded a hat-trick in the Division 4 state semifinal match, Alley scored the clinching goal during the penalty shootout. The top-seeded Lady Tigers advanced to the state finals for the third time since 2018 with a thrilling 4-3 (4-1 PK's) victory over the fourth-seeded Lynnfield Pioneers at historic Doyle Field

in Leominster, last Tuesday night.

"I was very happy to be able to finish it off for my team," said Alley, who also made two crucial saves during the shootout. "It's actually the first time that I've ever scored a goal during my varsity career."

It wasn't the first time that a South Hadley soccer team celebrated a postseason victory on the turf field located in Northern Worcester County.

A year ago, the Tigers boys' soccer team, which was coached by Eric Castonguay, captured the Division 4 state title for the first time in school history with a 5-2 win over Blackstone Valley RVT.

"Our boys soccer team got hot at the right time last year and they won the state title on this field,"

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Autumn Sicard sends a pass up the field.



Brenna Moreno heads for the opposing goal.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Granby girls end season in first round

GRANBY – The Granby High School girls soccer team had a tough time early in the season, but started to post wins later in the year, winning three of their last five games, and making it to

the Western Mass. Class D finals. The Granby girls then went to the Division 5 state tournament, getting to host Burke High School in the opening round. The Rams shut out Burke 7-0,

before heading to David Prouty High School, a team they faced in last year's tournament, and suffered a 3-1 loss in the Round of 32. Granby would finish the season 9-12 overall.

College: Owls win conference title

WESTFIELD – Westfield State junior Delaney Parker (Orange, Mass.) delivered the game-winning goal with 24 minutes left in regulation to lift the Owls to a 2-1, come from behind win over top-seeded Bridgewater State in the 2023 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference championship game at Mazzaferro Field in Bridgewater earlier this month.

Westfield earns the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament with the win.

For Westfield, it's the Owls third straight, and 10th overall MASCAC tournament title, all coming in the last 16 years under current Owls head coach Todd Ditmar.

"It shows how old I am," joked Ditmar. "I think we have talented players, they all have good attitudes and it makes it easy to coach them. Players just want the opportunity to get on the field and show how good they are."

Westfield fell behind on a fluky first goal from the Bears just 6:38 into the match. Granted a free kick from near midfield, Bridgewater's Sydney Dewhurst launched a long ball into the penalty area which appeared to be misjudged by Owls GK Julia Robak (Chicopee, Mass./Comp), who slipped a bit while changing direction to come off her line, and the ball skipped into the right side of the goal on one hop.

"We wanted to start strong and play good possession, and I was worried we could take a step back after the early goal," said Ditmar. "Bridgewater is an intimidating team, Dewhurst is a force, and we were like 'oh no!'"

Westfield had several good chances to level the match be-

fore the half, but a long shot from Parker was saved by Bears 'keeper Logan Levesque in the 22nd minute, then in the 24th minute Emily Ottomaniello's (Agawam, Mass.) header off of a free kick was saved.

Dewhurst had another good attack up middle of the Owls' defense before the break, but her shot from top of box was saved by Robak to keep the deficit at one.

"We put some good pressure on, but were attacking straight on, needed to attack from the wings and try to move their goalkeeper," said Ditmar. "At the half we talked about changing formation, but the players wanted to keep with it and said it was working."

Tournament MVP Kiana Maratsuka (Mililani, Hawaii) got the Owls on the board, and leveled the game at 1-1 with a free kick blast from 31 yards out, well-placed over the wall and into top left corner of the goal off the hands of goalkeeper Levesque, 7:18 into the second half.

"After Kiana got the goal, you could see that they were more anxious and we were more relaxed, that was huge momentum change," said Ditmar. "I think it really helped to see we could get one past their goalie, who is really good, and our players stepped up and believed in themselves, and our bench was supportive and positive throughout."

Parker's game winner came with 24:19 left to play, as Muratsuka deflected a Bears' attempt to clear the ball, and the high arching deflection wound up on the right side of the penalty area. Muratsuka beat a Bears defender to the ball and slipped it left to Parker, who dribbled through

traffic from the right side across the top of the goalkeeper's box and whistled it to the left upper 90 for the goal and the 2-1 Owls' lead.

Westfield's best chance for an insurance goal came when Tia Tollis (East Longmeadow, Mass.) juked a defender but fired a shot just over the top of the crossbar with just under 14 minutes left. Westfield kept the offensive pressure on the Bears for the entirety of the second half.

Bridgewater's best chance to level the game late came when Dewhurst ripped a shot from the top of the penalty area, but her blast was blocked point blank by Owls' defender Jaida Cochran (Middleboro, Mass.) with 3.5 minutes left in the game.

Westfield outshot the Bears 13-3 overall in the second half, and the Owls didn't allow any shots on goal in the half.

Westfield is now 13-6-1. The Owls will learn their destination and opponent in the NCAA tournament on Monday, when the selection show is streamed at NCAA.com at 1:30 p.m.

Bridgewater's season comes to an end at 11-6-1.

Westfield entered the game as the number two seed. The Owls' lone loss of the conference season came two weeks ago at the feet of the Bears, by a 2-1 final in a game where Westfield had outshot Bridgewater 23-11.

Today, Westfield out-shot the Bears 23-8 overall and 11-3 in shots on goal. The Owls also recorded four corner kicks to none for Bridgewater.

Levesque finished with nine saves for the Bears, while Robak made three saves for Westfield.

Railers pick up win over Newfoundland

ST JOHNS, NL – The Worcester Railers HC (4-5-1-1, 10pts) toppled the Newfoundland Growlers (5-5-2-0, 12pts) on Nov. 12 in overtime by the final score of 2-1 in front of a crowd of 4,284 at the Mary Brown's Centre.

Trevor Cosgrove (1-1-2) broke open the scoring for Worcester in the first, putting Worcester ahead 1-0 after one. Zach O'Brien (1-0-1) scored for Newfoundland in his return to the Growlers lineup for the first time this season. Ashton Calder scored his second game-winner in three games for Worcester in overtime as the Railers came out on top to wrap up the weekend, 2-1.

The Railers scored the game's first goal for the third time this season, as Trevor Cosgrove (1st) danced through the defense to beat Luke Cavallin in net for Newfoundland glove side. Zach White would drop the gloves with former Railer Josh Victor twenty seconds later. Worcester was outshot in the first period 13-10, but led at the end of twenty minutes, 1-0.

Zach O'Brien (1st) returned

to the Growlers lineup for the first time this season after playing in Slovakia to start the season and potted his first goal since returning in the second. He grabbed the rebound off the post on the power play and patted it past Lennox to tie the game heading into the third at 1-1.

Worcester suffocated Newfoundland in the third, taking the period's first fifteen shots while preventing the growlers from getting their first until there was just seven minutes left in regulation. Zach White was awarded a penalty shot in the third but failed to capitalize as the game remained 1-1. Grant Cruikshank committed a tripping penalty late in the third period which sent Worcester to the power play to end regulation.

Ashton Calder (6th) found the puck along the near side just 13 seconds into overtime and ended up slapping the puck top-shelf past Cavallin to give Worcester their second win on the weekend, and four out of a possible six points against Newfoundland.

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low and share with your friends and loved ones. We will be featuring photos from all 11 of our sports sections, but as always, you can see all the photos that appear by subscribing to your local paper or picking up a copy in your community.

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said South Hadley girls' varsity soccer coach Rich Marjanski. "Most of my soccer team were here for that game and it was a great atmosphere. I just love playing a game in this stadium. It's a great venue to host a state championship."

The South Hadley girls' soccer team won its only state championship title back in 2019 with a 3-0 shutout victory against Stoneham in the Division 3 state finals at Foley Stadium in Worcester.

Since the start of the 2020 regular season, which was shortened to ten games due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Lady Tigers (20-3-1) have compiled a 59-13-4 overall record. They've also won four Western Mass. titles since 2017.

The Lady Tigers head coach gave his thoughts about winning this year's semifinal match.

"It's always very difficult when you get into PK's," he said. "Obviously, it feels great to win, but they're (Lynnfield) a very good soccer team, and they deserve to be here. It was just a hard-fought battle, and we just found a way to win."

The Pioneers finished their season with a 17-3-2 record.

The other five seniors listed on the Lady Tigers varsity soccer roster are Gracie Deren, Kaleigh Houle, Madelyn McArdle, Gianna Roy, and Rachel Yabra.

"The seniors are outstanding leaders both offensively and defensively," coach Marjanski said. "They just didn't want their season to end yet."

In the Lady Tigers first four state tournament matches, Lauren Marjanski scored nine goals and had five assists. The senior forward, who'll be continuing her soccer career at the College of Saint Rose in Albany New York next year, finished the 2023

season with 43 goals with 11 assists. Her career totals are 112 goals and 38 assists for a total of 150 points.

During the fifth minute of the opening half, Marjanski found an opening in the defense and fired a low shot into the right corner giving her team a 1-0 lead. Sophomore Gwen Marion was credited with the assist.

The Pioneers scored the tying goal in the middle of the first half on a corner kick taken by junior Emma Rose, which deflected into the net.

The Lady Tigers also scored a corner kick goal ten minutes into the second half. Marjanski boot-ed the ball from the left corner and curled into the upper right corner of the net giving her team a 2-1 advantage.

"I noticed that the right corner was open, so I just took a shot," Marjanski said. "It's something that I don't practice very often."

The Pioneers scored another

corner kick goal in the 64th minute.

The Lady Tigers retook the lead again ten minutes later when a shot taken by Marjanski deflected off the right post, but she was in the right spot to knock home the rebound shot completing her hat-trick.

Lynnfield senior Ally Sykes converted a penalty kick with a little more than two minutes remaining in the second half, which sent the contest into overtime.

The score was still tied 3-3 after the two ten minute sudden-victory overtime periods.

Marjanski began the shootout with a low shot into the right corner of the net past Lynnfield senior goalie Ava Gamache.

Then Alley saved the Pioneers first shot attempt before sophomore Allison Fleury lined another shot into the right corner of the net giving South Hadley a 2-0 lead in the shootout.

While most goalies are lucky

to make at least one save in a shootout, Alley made another save on a shot taken by Lynnfield sophomore Bella Sykes.

"We've been practicing PKs for the past four years and Drew has made saves on all of our top scorers shots," coach Marjanski said. "She just has a great knack for the ball, and she also has an outstanding first step."

The Lady Tigers third shooter was junior Cianna Gurek, who blasted a shot into the back of the net giving her team a 3-0 lead.

A goal by junior Clara Caulfield kept the Pioneers hopes alive a little bit longer, but Alley sealed the deal with a line-drive shot into the net.

"Drew was one of our players who didn't miss a PK at practice," coach Marjanski added. "I kind of knew that she was going to make that shot in tonight's game. She always puts every shot in the right spot."

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MATCH from page 8

Standing in the top-seeded Lady Tigers way was second-seeded Sutton, who had won back-to-back Division 5 state titles before moving up to Division 4 this year. The Suzies made it three state titles in a row with a 2-1 victory over the Lady Tigers at historic Doyle Field in Leominster, last Saturday.

“The girls had a great season. They played great today, left it all on the field,” South Hadley head coach Rich Marjanski said. “We talked about it at halftime, it was just going to take one shot either way. Obviously, we didn’t come out on the right side of the win, but we had a great season all around.”

The Lady Tigers, who made their third appearance in the state finals, finished the 2023 campaign with a 20-3-1 overall record. Pope Francis was the only other team to defeat South Hadley.

“This is definitely not how we wanted our season to end, but we had a great season,” said senior Lauren Marjanski, who’ll go into the history books as one of the Lady Tigers best soccer players. “We’re a very close team and we had a lot of fun playing together this year. Sutton is a very good team and they’re very similar to Pope Francis. They’re both very good possession teams.”

Sutton (18-4-2), who didn’t have any seniors in the starting lineup, won its 11th state title since 1991. The Suzies last three championships came against Western Mass. opponents. They defeated Palmer in 2021 and Monson last year. The final score of those two contests was 3-2.

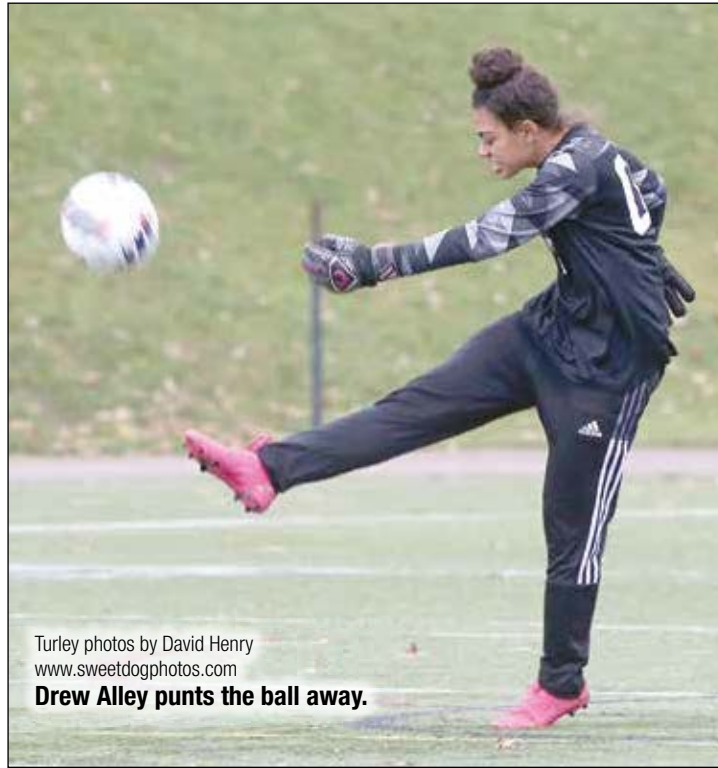
Lauren Marjanski is one of the seven seniors listed on the Lady Tigers varsity soccer roster.

The other seniors, who played in their final high school soccer match against Sutton, are Gracie Deren, Kaleigh Houle, Madelyn McArdle, Gianna Roy, Rachel Yabra, and Drew Alley, who was the starting goalkeeper.

“All of the seniors are great leaders,” coach Marjanski said. “I think they’ll remember playing in this game for the rest of their lives. It’s going to be hard not seeing them at practice tomorrow.”

Lauren Marjanski, who only had three shots on goals against Sutton, finished her high school career with a total of 112 goals and 38 assists for a total of 150 points. She’s followed in the footsteps of her two older sisters, Paige and Lindsay, who were members of the 2019 championship team.

Rich Marjanski enjoyed coaching all three of his daughters.



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Drew Alley punts the ball away.



“All three of them gave me excellent effort, Lauren especially,” Rich Marjanski said. “She’s the last of the girls, so just to be a part of it with them, and share the experience of the tournaments, the wins, the state championship, the state finals, it’s surreal. It’s awesome.”

Sutton took a 1-0 lead during the tenth minute of the first half when junior Anna Joseph knocked home a rebound shot for an unassisted goal.

Eight minutes later, Marjanski delivered a pass to sophomore Allison Fleury, who fired a breakaway shot into the right corner of the net past sophomore goalie Maddie Nunnemacher.

“We do have a lot of younger players on this year’s team,” coach Marjanski said. “This was a very good learning experience for them.”

Fleury, who’ll be taking over the scoring duties from Marjanski next year, finished her sophomore season with 16 goals and 11 assists for a total of 27 points.

Fleury and Marjanski combined to score 59 of the Lady Tigers’ 78 goals this fall. No other player scored more than five goals.

The only goal of the second half was scored by Sutton junior Addy Jerome during the 68th minute.

It turned out to be the difference maker.

The returning South Hadley varsity soccer players will be looking to play in another state title next year.

Katherine McArdle is in full strides as she goes after the ball.

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The Commission will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a Request for Determination filed by Aaron Stewart to demo an existing garage within buffer zone at 18 Garden St. (Map 28, Parcel 127 & 128). The project proposes to build a new prefab metal structure on the footprint of the existing garage.

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 6**

at 6:00pm virtually. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the Request for Determination is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 - 4:00 P.M. Mon thru Fri. Plans are also available online at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

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

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Resident performs in the McDaniel College Choir's 'Peace/Alleluia' concert

SOUTH HADLEY - McDaniel College student Baeden Blackburn, a sophomore psychology major from South Hadley, performed in the annual College Choir Concert on Nov. 19 in Maryland.

Titled "Peace/Alleluia," the performance was free and open to the public. The choir was under the direction of Kyle Engler, senior lecturer of music, with Peggy Brengle serving as accompanist. The concert also featured several student soloists, as well as student conductors. "The program [included] music from diverse locales and historical eras," a press statement reads.

Inaugural Amherst Farmers' Market Winter Market begins Dec. 2

AMHERST - The previous (unrelated) Winter Farmers' Market at The Hampshire Mall has ceased to exist and, because of this, is providing an inflection point for the Amherst Farmers' Market to start their own to continue the outdoor season through the holidays and winter season in a comfortable environment.

"Amherst Farmers' Market Winter Market is an exciting new venture for AFM (and new applicants) members to continue inside as a winter and holiday market," a press statement reads.

For the 2023-2024 season, the Amherst Farmers' Market Winter Market will be held in

a "lovely, heated, 2000-foot greenhouse" at Wanczyk's Evergreen Nursery on Route 9 near the intersection (166 Russell St.) with Route 47. The starting date will be Dec. 2, and the hours are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wanczyk's Evergreen Nursery is providing a 200-ft. wood-heated greenhouse, safe from the elements and in an agrarian, warm, and contextual setting for a farmers'/artisans' market.

"Unlimited parking is also a plus. There are many AFM vendors you already are famil-

iar with that are planning to attend, but there may be room for some more," the press statement reads.

If interested, contact amherstfarmersmarketmanager@gmail.com for application/details.

Additionally, an Amherst Farmers' Market Winter Holiday Fest/Market will take place at the

Amherst Bang's Community Center on Sunday, Dec. 17. They'll be hosted by the Bang's Community & Senior Center and their welcoming director, Hayley Bolton, who's

"very excited to see this take place."

"Right in downtown Amherst, this will be a one-day 'fest' for the holidays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.," a press statement reads. "This Sunday Holiday Fest will be taking advantage of the holiday season and a sort of 'test run' for us to see the Bang's Center in action as a host and iron out the logistics."

"For the town of Amherst, which really wants this to happen, gives a chance to see it in action as we're in discussions for a future, permanent location for a winter market home to go along with our outdoor seasonal home right on the Amherst Common."



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