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Festival of Trees and Baskets

to benefit **Kellogg Hall**

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GRANBY – The holiday season has arrived in full swing, and it is a time when people find different ways to give back to the community.

For the town of Granby, preserving Kellogg Hall has been their primary focus, and every year, they host a Festival of Trees and Baskets to raise money to keep the preservation of the building going.

The Preservation Society works to keep the Hall in shape, decorating the rooms with trinkets and themes where people can learn about the history of the hall and what it was used for.

The Hall has come to life with Christmas lights, pines, wreaths, ornaments, and poinsettias, and there is a room dedicated to hosting Santa Claus for kids to meet him.

There are tables and chairs set up in each room, and people can come inside, choose a room to sit in and enjoy the sights.

There is a room “for the guys”, and it is filled with old war memorabilia, hunting, and



Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

Santa's chair set up and ready in a magical setup to hear kids' Christmas wishes.

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Agricultural commission brainstorms new mission statement

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GRANBY – The Agricultural Commission met to discuss the development of a new mission statement to bring to the table, as well as share they are searching for a new member.

The November 12 meeting included Lynne Galusha, Russ Aurnhammer, Tom Benson, and Evelyn Hatch.

Mission's Statement Workshopped

Hatch read the components of a successful mission statement looks like in order to share a statement of who and what the commission is.

The main components of a successful mission statement are clear, focus on the values of the commission, describe what the commission does, and what it does for the people it serves.

They workshopped a list of items that detail how they

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Commission looks toward sustainability and efficiency

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - With an eye on saving money and preparation for possible climate change effects, the South Hadley Sustainability and Energy Commission continues its work to

bring the most benefits possible to the town.

“We want to help the town save money by using energy more efficiently,” explained Robert Salthouse, chair of the commission, in a recent interview. “Importantly, we want to help the town and its residents

prepare for potential problems brought on by climate change

and environmental degradation. With the federal government possibly pulling back, the need for local leadership on sustainability initiatives is more important than ever.”

Just last month, on Oct. 18,

one of the commission's long-time projects came to fruition with the designation of South Hadley as a Green Community.

“This is a state program that makes the town eligible for various grants,” explained Salthouse. “The commission, under then chair Matt Roth, started by gath-

ering much of the energy usage data that was needed and then wrote the initial Green Communities Plan and draft Sustainable Vehicle Policy. Town employees Kristen Maher and Scott Moore [facilities director] worked with

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Members of the Granby Auxiliary: Tracy DuPont, Rose Ladue, Jen Beratchez, Brenda Bak, Kim Durand, and Jenn Chauvin.

Craft fair offers options for gift givers

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GRANBY – The Christmas season has arrived, and with it comes all the people we think of to buy gifts for, but what to get them, may not be as easy to figure out.

Trying to find the right gift doesn't have to be a struggle, however, especially when it comes to finding a gift with a personal touch, and a craft fair is the perfect spot to find something like that.

From crocheted stuffies to beautiful ceramic bowls and

cups, to cutting boards, paintings, jewelry, and even bird feeders, there is no limit to what you can find for that special someone.

An even better way is to support a good cause while you do your shopping, and the Granby Auxiliary has been hosting a special craft fair for the past three years.

Over the weekend, they had their craft fair with a total of 17 tables of unique and diverse crafters and vendors with a variety of wares, trinkets, and artistry for everyone to enjoy.

“Seeing all the local artisans and handmade crafts is my favorite,” said Jen Bernatchez, the

president of the Granby American Legion's Auxiliary. “It's nice to see what they made and support local businesses.”

The day featured a raffle, and each of the 17 vendors donated an item towards it. The money raised from the raffle, as well as the table costs for the fair, went towards the Auxiliary to support them.

The Auxiliary has been working hard to raise money, and hosts a variety of fundraisers in order to support the Legion, and the families of veterans and active duty military.

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Bernstein shares his story with community

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GRANBY – Everyone has a story, but few go on to write it down to be shared with the world in print format.

Steve Bernstein, a local author and resident of Granby, has always been a storyteller, and shared the stories of his childhood living in the Bronx in the 1960s.

Bernstein worked most of his life as a plumber, as well as working at a school, teaching math lessons for young women who couldn't finish school, and another for troubled teens.

"It was a great experience because these women I was teaching also came from inner cities," Bernstein said. "Stories are how you really get to know people."

The book, which is a collection of short stories about his childhood growing up in the Bronx, began really with the first story in the book, "Wolf", which he wrote in the mid-1990's.

After letting it sit for several years, he found a local writer's group, and decided to join it in 2014, and there, he was encouraged to begin writing his stories for others to read.

"I went to that group, and all my stories just flowed out of me," Bernstein said. "They just kept going, and soon enough, I found they made a book."

He spent the first year just writing the stories out, reading them to his new friends, and getting editorial advice from the friends in the group and some others to sort out any clunks.

Through the encouragement of the friends he made at the

group, he sent the book in to Amazon with a cover made for it, and they took it on, and he was published in 2017.

While the book was on Amazon, it received over 200 positive reviews, sky-rocketing it up in the market and making it visible to publishers.

One day, he received an email from a subsidiary of the famous publishing company Simon and Schuster, Sky Horse, expressing the interest of the company to purchase his book and publish it through their company.

He went to New York, excited for this rare opportunity for writers, but cautious. He wasn't looking for much, and after signing the contract, COVID-19 struck, resulting in a pause.

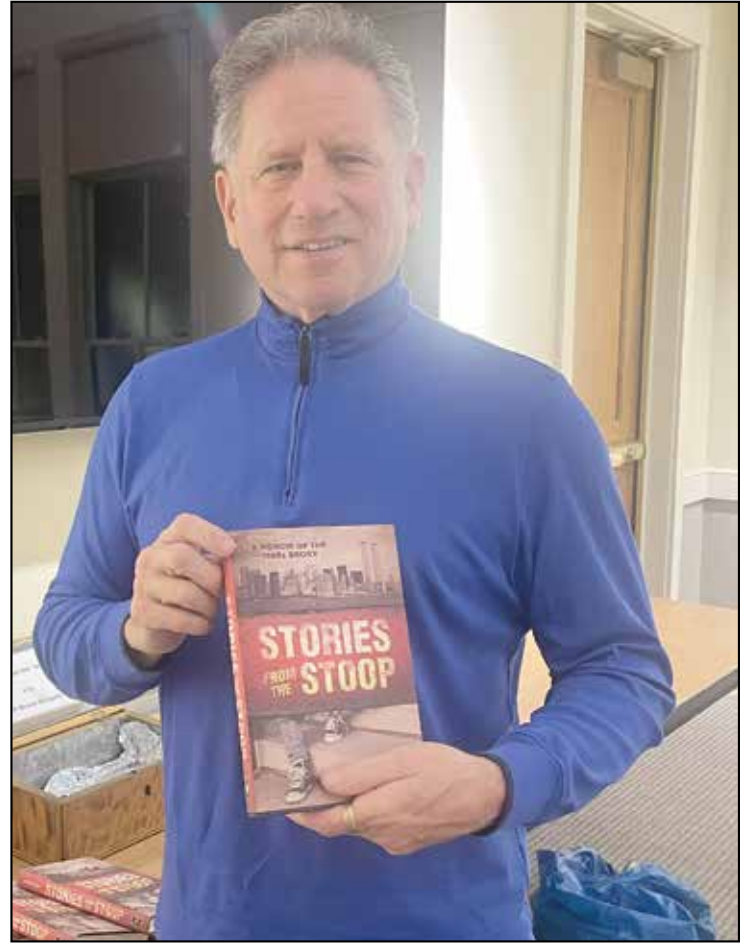
"It meant a lot to know that it's a good book," Bernstein said. "I kinda let it go, and then I got the call to come back, and I feel honored that I was chosen for this."

The publisher hadn't forgotten about him and called him back to see the book published with them, complete with hard-cover editions.

"My inspiration comes from my work with troubled teens, in an effort to learn about their lives, I wanted to hear stories from their life," Bernstein said. "I told them my stories to model how they can share their stories."

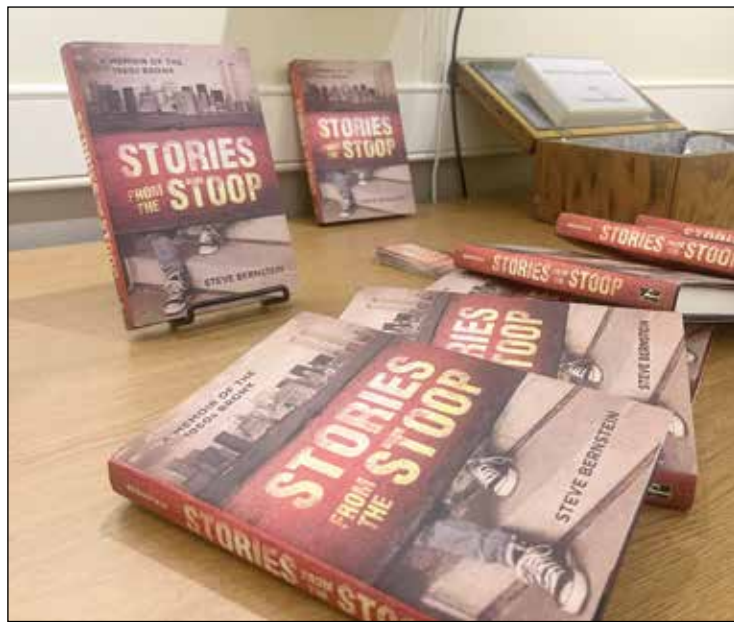
"I had a troubled childhood, and it needed to be revisited as an adult so I could sort through that trauma. Writing helped me deal with all of those tough things."

Bernstein describes his book as hopeful, exciting, and compassionate, as it truly is the stories that helped him become who



Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Steve Bernstein with his book, "Stories on the Stoop," which tells the stories of his childhood living in the Bronx.



A spread of the book at the Author Talk at the Granby Public Library.

he is today.

When it comes to writing, for any aspiring author, "Write regularly about things that excite you. If it doesn't excite you, you won't write it. Look for what gives you a sort of 'buzz' with excitement, and then write that," Bernstein said.

You can find the book both on Amazon still, and in Barnes

and Nobles, and you can learn about Steve and his writing journey through blogs on his website, www.stevebernsteinauthor.com.

Whatever your story is, it is worth sharing, because you just don't know how your story can make a difference in someone's life, even a story from a stoop in an old neighborhood in the Bronx.

Toy and food drive

SOUTH HADLEY—South Hadley Fire Fighter's Relief Association is holding a toy and food drive now through Dec. 10.

Non-Perishable food and toy donations may be dropped off at South Hadley Fire Dis-

trict 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.

Winter craft fair in Palmer on Dec. 7

PALMER—Winter craft fair to be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Palmer High School, 4105 Main St., Palmer. Where creativity and holiday spirit merge. Wonderful unique and

handmade treasures for a truly magical season. For more information contact nlchance5282009@gmail.com.

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serve the community, including speaking up for and promoting farms and farmers, mediating problems, and providing education about the farms in our community.

Other goals of the commission include preserving the agriculture of the town, including the small areas of open space still present within the town of Granby.

"Things are changing rapidly in this town," said Aurnhammer.

They discussed ways to make sure that their mission statement represented what they do for the

town accurately, precisely, and efficiently, so that they can effectively serve the community.

Looking for New Member

The commission also shared that they are searching for a new member and are hoping to share the word around town.

They expressed a desire also to look into adding someone in to help with the computer and writing portions of the meetings to work as a secretary and complete Facebook posts and email lists.

Past Harvest Supper

Evelyn Hatch led the discussion in reviewing the surveys

from the Harvest Supper, and responses from those who attended the special supper.

They shared their thoughts on the supper, thinking it went very well, and nineteen people came for the night to hear about the work the Commission has been doing, and to learn more about the interests of the community.

They handed out surveys to those in attendance and served some delicious food to be enjoyed by all and are planning to send our surveys to those interested but could not attend.

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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

South Hadley Players creates perfect Wizard of Oz adaptation

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SOUTH HADLEY – Over the weekend, the South Hadley Players put on their rendition of The Wizard of Oz, and all three shows went off perfectly, with large attendance and a full auditorium at each.

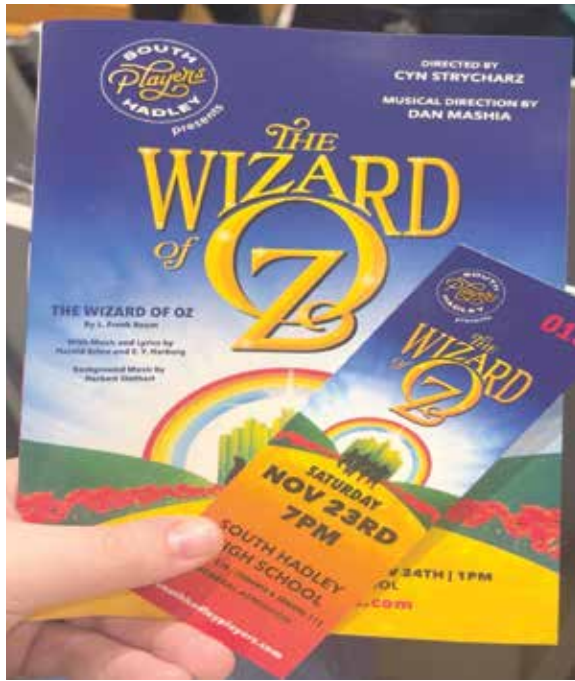
The actors and actresses showed their passion and love for the play, and the classic story of four friends travelling to find a mysterious wizard.

The songs, dancing, lighting, and effects were on point, and the hard work of the actors, singers, musicians, and stage crew revealed itself.

Being able to be there in person to see their hard work come out, and the audience laughed and cheered.

The kids made the perfect munchkins, and their performance as the monkeys was just as impressive as they ran up the aisles to find Dorothy.

The work that was put into the play was terrific, and the rendition of the South Hadley Players was spot-on, doing justice



Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

The Playbill and ticket to a wonderful adaptation of a classic play and story.

to the original story.

The South Hadley Players have truly shown their talents, and I look forward to all other plays they will put forward in the future.

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us and then got the town over the finish line by completing all of the requirements for the program.”

The commission also sponsored a webinar on the value of heat pumps last February and keeps its website updated with many resources about energy savings programs, rebates and incentives.

Not a commission to rest on its laurels, it is currently working on several other projects and initiatives now and planning for the near future. Two current initiatives are partnering with the South Hadley Electric Light Department (SHELD) and creating a sustainability coordinator position.

“We see SHELD as a valuable partner in moving to the electrification of South Hadley, thus reducing the town’s carbon footprint. SHELD recently installed smart meters in homes and businesses, and we would like to learn more about their potential,” explained Salthouse. “A sustainability coordinator develops and implements strategies to improve a community’s environmental and economic sustainability. They focus on energy efficiency, waste reduction, renewable energy, and securing funding for green initiatives. The coordinator works with local stakeholders to ensure long-term environmental goals are met while reducing costs and complying with regulations. Our hope is that the position would be self-sustaining, being paid for through Green Communities and other grants that the coordinator could obtain.”

As the commission looks to the future, its focus is on anything that helps the town be more resilient and less reliant on fossil fuels. Some ideas include more electric

vehicle charging stations, building codes that encourage more efficient buildings with rooftop solar panels and more public informational events.

“The commission wants to help the town and its residents take action, not just wring our hands, in the face of climate change,” said Salthouse. “If anyone in town has ideas about enhancing the town’s resilience to climate-related risks such as floods, heatwaves, and so on, we are all ears. The commission hopes to foster a culture of environmental responsibility through education and community outreach.”

The current commission is made up of Salthouse, Kathleen Ahamed-Broadhurst, Mary Jane Else and John Howard. It meets monthly and residents are encouraged to attend and bring ideas and questions to the commission. There is currently one open spot on the commission. For more information, visit the commission’s website at www.southhadley.org/533/Sustainability-Energy-Commission.

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

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Holiday Stroll welcomes Santa and Mrs. Claus on Dec. 6

SOUTH HADLEY—The Holiday Stroll is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 6 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the South Hadley Commons. This year will mark the 36th Anniversary. Santa and Mrs. Claus will kick off the evening with our annual tree lighting and will be arriving from District 2 Fire station with the South Hadley High School Marching Band. Musical performances will be held on the Gazebo courtesy of Berkshire Hills Music Academy. Face painting, hot cocoa, puppetry making, games and goodies continue to bring this magical evening together. Tower Theaters is participating this year with Two Free 30 minute short Movies, Trolls Holiday and Angela’s Christmas.

The Stroll continues to be one of the largest annual attended events held on the Commons. So many families with friends come to celebrate the start of the holiday season. The South Hadley and Granby Chamber is so grateful to have local businesses who continue to support each other and our efforts to bring our local Community together. Events such as this allow the Chamber to also support our non-profit community with annual contributions. This type of success is only made possible through the generous donations and in-kinds we receive from members of our business community. This speaks to the commitment and willingness to support the traditions that continue to make us thrive.

Please join us as we celebrate the start of the Holiday Season!

Holiday Stroll Schedule of events Friday, December 6

5 p.m. - Holiday Stroll begins with face painting & hot cocoa for the kids. puppet crafting, activities, holiday treats, raffle kicks off

5 - 7:30 p.m. - Free face painting & hot cocoa for kids at Thirsty Mind, free puppet crafting at Serenity Yoga

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Music & entertainment under the gazebo courtesy of Berkshire Hills Music Academy.

5:45 p.m. - Holiday parade with Santa & Mrs. Claus, escorted by District #2 Fire Department to the Commons accompanied by the South Hadley Marching Band

6 p.m. - Santa and Mrs. Claus arrival & tree lighting

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. - Take photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus

7:45 - 8:15 p.m. - Tower theaters Presents-free 30 minute short movies, choose from - Trolls Holiday or Angela’s Christmas. Doors will open at 7:15 with a movie start time of 7:45.

Enjoy holiday treats and activities located at tables and tents on the Commons. All Free!

Stop by the South Hadley Chamber of Commerce Information tent located in front of the gazebo to participate in raffle drawings

Santa’s elves will be on the Commons to assist with directions and answer questions about the evening’s activities.



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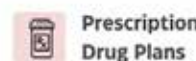


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in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



The last of the autumn questions for the Garden Lady

Lori, a reader of the column, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "I put my garlic cloves in three weeks ago and they have sprouted! The variety is a German White hardneck. Will they come back in the spring?"

Thank you for your question! It is not uncommon for garlic to send up shoots when fall weather is warmer than normal, much like ours has has been.

Typically, the shoots survive the winter just fine, and will resume growth come spring time. To be on the safe side, I would mulch around your plants with straw or chopped up leaves to provide some insulation.

Once spring arrives, pull back the mulch and provide some fertilizer that is nitrogen rich to give the shoots a boost. A sprinkling of blood meal, fish emulsion, or composted manure would all do the trick.

Push the mulch back in place; it will help to keep weeds down. Garlic hates competition in this arena.

Early on, ample water and nutrients make the big fists of garlic we all want to see at harvest.

Hardneck garlic is typically the garlic grown in our area. Unlike softneck garlic, it needs the cold to complete its life cycle. It has fewer, but larger cloves.

Cloves from hardneck garlic are more pungent than softneck, but don't last quite as long in storage. Softneck don't grow stiff scapes as stems but have leaves that at harvest can be braided together to make a nice kitchen decoration.

Often you will see these garlic braids for sale at craft shows or in catalogs.

Michele, who gardens in Ware, has a question about tidying up her hydrangea bushes.

"The flowers at the tips of the branches of my blue hydrangea bushes have all browned and look unappealing. Some of the leaves are hanging on too. Altogether it's not a pretty sight. Can I cut down the branches to the ground? In effect, cleaning up the plant by the easiest way possible? It will sprout again when spring arrives, of that I'm sure."

I know exactly what you are talking about. From where I am writing, I can see my own hydrangea and it looks just as "pretty" as yours sounds!

Rest assured that the leaves will fall off. The flowers, on the other hand, will stick around awhile. Wind and wet weather will eventually cause them to degrade and fall away from the plant.

If you don't want to wait that long, feel free to cut the flower heads, and just the flower heads off. You see, most hydrangeas bloom on old wood.

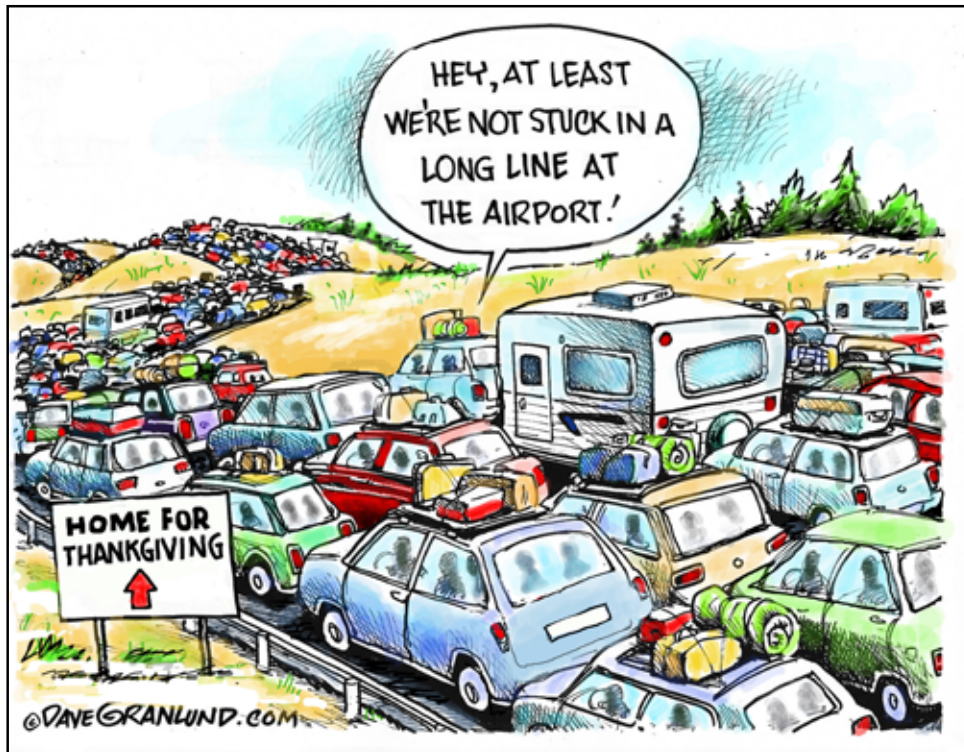
Newer varieties – those bred in the last 20 years or so, often bloom on both new wood and old wood, so you'd never really want to cut them all the way down because you would be missing out on an opportunity for flowers to form. In case you don't follow my logic, flowers can form on the new growth the plant puts out in the spring, and the old growth from the previous year. Lots of gardeners remarked about what an amazing year it was for hydrangeas. So many flowers!

We attribute that to a mild winter last year and ample rainfall. I'm uncertain what the droughty fall will do, if anything, to next year's show.

I also wonder if hydrangeas put on a banner year one year, if the following year will be sparser because they are in recovery mode? I know it happens that way for fruit trees, my Asian pears for example, but not certain if it works the same way with flowering shrubs.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Opinion



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

More affordable housing needed

To the editor,

The need for affordable housing is urgent. As I drive through South Hadley, I see signs supporting equality and social justice, but none advocating affordable housing—an essential social justice issue. Our country is failing to address housing needs across all sectors. Housing insecurity is real. Opponents of affordable housing use Snob Zoning tactics to restrict growth. They acknowledge the need but offer no solutions, instead focusing on perceived concerns like traffic, the environment, and property values. If concerns like property values were valid, how do we explain the high property values next to River Boat Village, the largest affordable housing project in town? Many question how affordable housing will affect "the character of the town". Will someone please explain what the character of our town is? Some express disdain for cluster developments, forgetting that such developments provided affordable homes during past population booms. The track housing developments of the 1950 -1960's are a prime example of this. The proponents bring up the issue of trees. Trees that are cut down during construction, can be replanted. If the

proponents want to prioritize trees, then allocate the proper funding for a Tree Warden. The past Tree Warden initiated programs that planted thousands of trees. The Tree Warden position is currently underfunded only covering storm damage.

For 40 years, I've heard the same anti-development arguments, however regulations dealing with wetlands, stormwater management, and endangered species are already in place. Coupled with State building codes and sales tax, these important environmental protections do add as much as \$50,000 to the cost of Massachusetts home building.

Affordable housing is crucial for everyone, including working families earning less than \$84,000 a year and seniors on fixed incomes. Opposition to new housing developments and costly regulations make the situation worse, similar to exclusionary zoning's effect on land prices. In South Hadley, the focus has been on restricting housing growth. To create affordable housing, we need to build more homes and support the Planning Board's zoning changes. We must end "snob zoning" practices.

Ken LeBlanc
South Hadley



When should my wife claim Social Security benefits?

Dear Rusty:

I turned 64 in July and my wife turned 62 in August. My wife has not worked for approximately 15 years, but does qualify for Social Security on her prior work record. My wife is having some physical issues and would like to not return to work. Since she is eligible to collect Social Security, that would be an option to provide additional income, so she doesn't have to work. My question is how would it affect her future SS spousal benefits based on my record if she begins collecting her own benefit now? I plan to work until at least my full retirement age, 67 and maybe longer, but plan to start collecting SS at 67 even if I continue working.

Signed: Working Husband

Dear Working:

If your wife has the required 40 SS quarter credits, she is eligible to collect reduced retirement benefits at 62 for that needed extra

income, but her age 62 benefit will be about 70% of what it would be if she waited until her SS Full Retirement Age to claim. That reduction would, in turn, carry over to her spousal benefit when you eventually claim your SS benefit.

Here's why: Your wife's spousal amount when you claim will be a combination of her own SS retirement benefit, plus an auxiliary amount, a "spousal boost" that she is entitled to as your spouse. At age 62, her own benefit will be cut by 30% and she can collect that reduced amount until you claim, at which point her spousal boost will be added to make her benefit equal her spousal entitlement. So, her total benefit as your spouse when you claim will consist of her reduced age 62 amount, plus an additional amount as your spouse.

If you claim at 67, your wife will be about two years short of her own FRA, which means that her spousal boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. That reduced spousal boost will be added to her already reduced age 62 SS retirement benefit, which will make her total benefit less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

So, your wife claiming her own reduced SS retirement benefit at 62 also means her spousal benefit amount will be affected and taking her spousal boost before her FRA

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Roxann Ellis, owner of Roxie Moxie, and her beautiful, crocheted items. Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

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The Auxiliary, every Christmas, puts money together to support a family of someone in active service by buying toys and other gifts for the family.

Some of the money raised from the craft fair goes towards this mission, and the rest goes to helping the Legion with what they need.

"I'm appreciative that people what to sign up and participate, as it is a fundraiser for the Auxiliary," said Bernatchez. "My dad was active duty while I was growing up. It's a way for me to give back to veterans and assist them in various ways."

The craft fair raised a lot of money for the Auxiliary, and they are already looking forward to the next craft fair, where more opportunities to support our men and women in arms.



Sharron and John Campbell with their special small business, The Cheeky Squirrel.



Nadia displaying a collection of her adorable, crocheted critters and friends.



Judy LaPlante and Donna Pike with their joint small business, D & J Country Crafts.



Kim Marion's beautiful epoxy resin and glass paintings found at her small business, Kim's Kreations.



Isabella and Zachary with their two small businesses, showing off their crafts: Isabella's Creations, and Eastside of Everest.



Stacey Nestor with her small business, Plan B Crafts.

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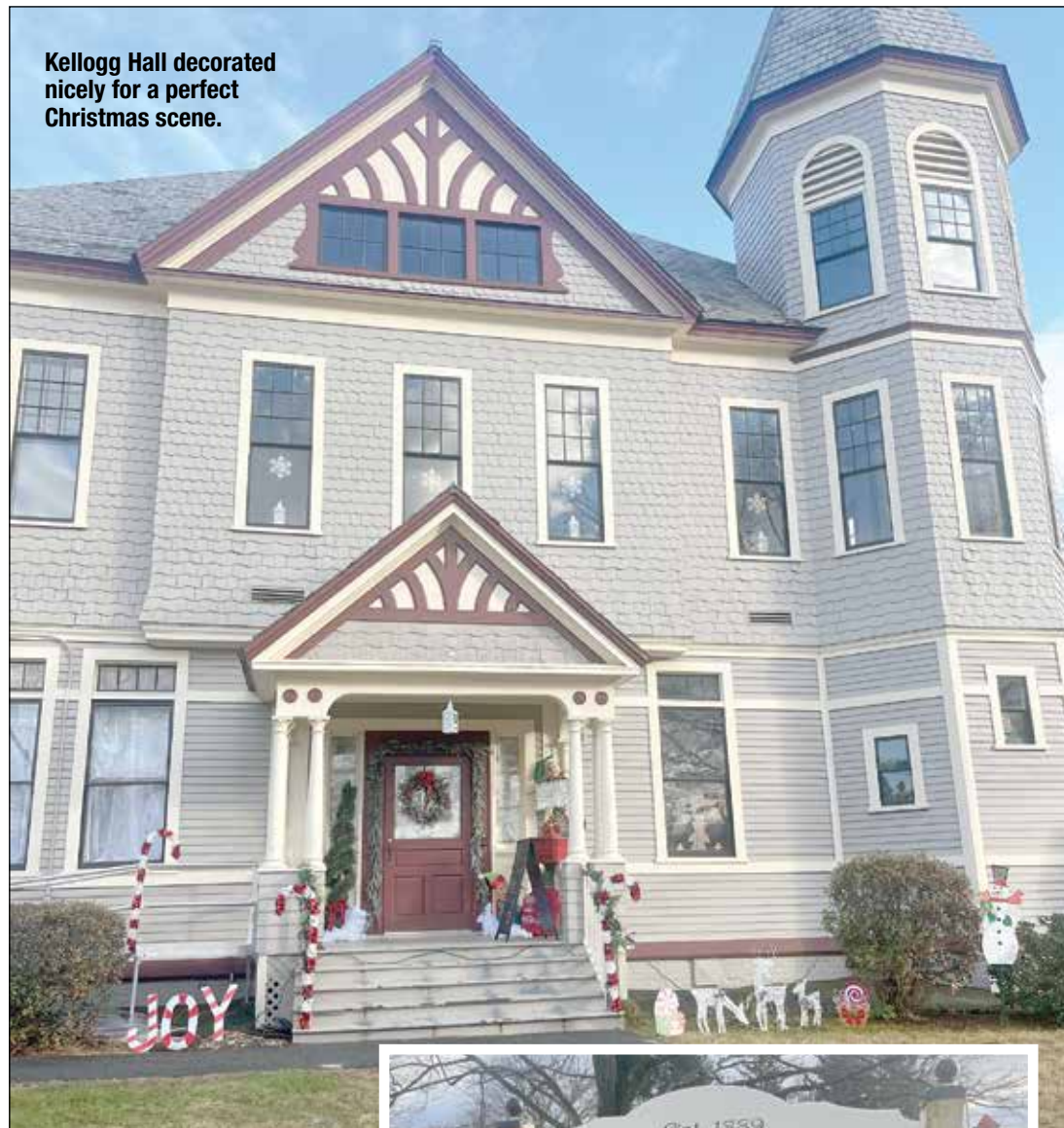
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Kellogg Hall decorated nicely for a perfect Christmas scene.



The sign at the front of Hall that was constructed by Pathfinder students, decorated with festive sprigs of pine and red bows.

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fishing items, and the baskets are themed to contain delicious items any guy will enjoy.

There's a kid's room filled with old school supplies, and baskets themed with toys and goodies for all boys and girls to enjoy.

Sponsors from all over the town and surrounding communities decorate and donate trees both big and small, as well as themed baskets for people to put raffle tickets in.

There are trees with handmade ornaments, family ornaments, trees from schools, and trees from other local societies and associations.

"When you come in here, you can see the ambiance totally change, and all the people and all the kid's reactions is the best," said Judy DeLong.

The Festival of Trees and Baskets has been going since 2015, and this is the biggest one yet, with dozens of brightly col-

ored trees.

"I think people expect every year we are going to do it," said member Dulce Gendreau.

"You get to come in and enjoy the magic," said Terry Lajoie. "The trees are beautiful to look at, and the magic of Christmas truly shines in here."

"This town has such a strong family unit and presence," said DeLong. "It really comes together, especially around the holidays. No one stays alone."

The Society also hosed a

special Tea in the Trees to commemorate former member Mrs. Jeanne Merrill, who was a dedicated sponsor and a lover of tea and beautiful tea sets.

One of her favorite sets was on display, and a group of her friends and family members came to share stories, and enjoy a cup of tea and some homemade cookies in her memory.

"It's an honor to be able to host this in her memory," said DeLong.

The Society hosts a special



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Friends who came to enjoy a cup of tea or cocoa in honor of Jeanne Merrill, Mona Brunelle, Nadine Merrill, Pat Merrill, and Terry Lajoie.



Santa's sack of toys, a gnome, and a little tree ready for a new home.



Some of the many baskets ready to be raffled off. They will make perfect Christmas gifts.

tea time every year in order to honor a member or sponsor who has passed, in order to celebrate their memory, and how much they mean to the members.

The Hall, beautifully decorated, also hosted a special time

for kids from Pathfinder to come and meet Santa without a crowd.

The Festival of Trees and Baskets will be hosting their last day on Dec. 1, where names will be pulled for the baskets and trees.



A beautiful tree and baskets of poinsettias, lights twinkling.



Handmade ornaments hanging on the tree from the Granby COA.



A photo of a beloved member and sponsor of the society, Jeanne Merrill, and her favorite tea set on display in her memory.



Welcome to Kellogg Hall, and get ready for some beautiful Christmas decorations and scenes.

WestMass ElderCare announces name change in early 2025

HOLYOKE— As WestMass ElderCare celebrates its 50th anniversary at their annual meeting Wednesday, Nov. 20, the organization is proud to announce an exciting new chapter in its history. Beginning in early 2025, WestMass ElderCare will be known as Access Care Partners, reflecting a broader mission that extends beyond serving just the elderly population.

“Celebrating our 50th anniversary, we felt it was the perfect time to evaluate our brand and how we represent ourselves,” said Roseann Martoccia, executive director at WestMass ElderCare. “Our goal was to ensure our name truly encapsulates the wide range of individuals we serve, many of whom are not necessarily elders. In fact, we provide services to individuals as young as 3 years old.”

The decision to rebrand came after extensive research and community engagement. Partnering with Davis Advertising out of Worcester, WMEC conducted one-on-one interviews, online surveys, and focus groups, involving around 200 community members as well as internal staff, to gather input on how the organization is perceived and how it can continue to meet the needs of the community.

The findings indicated that while the organization is highly respected for its work, the name WestMass ElderCare did not fully capture the scope of services offered, which includes support for individuals with disabilities and younger populations. The name Access Care Partners better reflects the organization’s mission of providing care and support to people of all ages and abilities, ensuring they have access to the services they need to live independently.

“As our community and services have evolved, so too has our brand,” added Martoccia. “This change not only reflects who we are but where we are headed, ensuring we remain inclusive and adaptable for the next 50 years and beyond.”

“As Access Care Partners, we remain committed to the same high level of care and comprehensive services, including in-home care, meal delivery, and support for individuals with disabilities and caregivers, and look forward to continuing our long-standing relationships within the community.”

For more information about Access Care Partners and their services, please visit wmeldercare.org/accesscarepartners or call 413-538-9020.

Tips for a health holiday

SPRINGFIELD— At a time when doctors’ offices typically get flooded with patients, Dr. Andrew Koslow, associate medical director of American Family Care for Massachusetts, is offering tips to make sure people are spreading holiday cheer instead of viruses and illnesses. The advice is simple: Wash hands more frequently; Get plenty of rest; Stay hydrated; Eat well-balanced nutritious meals; Get flu, COVID, pneumonia and RSV vaccinations as recommended; and avoid anyone who is sick.

“People tend to run themselves down in the weeks and days leading up to holidays. It’s easy to get caught up in the frenetic pace of parties, shopping and burn-

ing the candle at both ends,” said Koslow. “Even if you’re young and healthy, when visiting relatives who may be at risk, you could make them sick.”

Koslow said it’s also important for families to be aware of a recent spike in mycoplasma pneumonia infections across the country, also known as walking pneumonia. Symptoms can vary, ranging from cough to fever, shortness of breath, chest pain and nausea.

“Mycoplasma pneumonia is easily treated with antibiotics,” said Koslow. “The important thing is to get lots of rest if you experience these symptoms. See a doctor and stay home.”

Patriot Game raffle tickets available

GRANBY—Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is doing a Patriots Raffle to the Jan. 5 game against the Buffalo Bills at 1 p.m. The winner will receive TWO 50 Yard Line Seats and FREE access to the Brand New GP Atrium with FREE Food and FREE non-alcoholic beverages (before, during and after the game), as well as the opportunity to meet a former Patri-

ots Player, Pat the Patriot & The Patriot Cheerleaders.

Raffle tickets are \$20 and are available at our Parish Office 413-467-9821 and after all weekend Masses. Drawing will be Dec. 23.

All raffle profits will be used to help pay our oil & snow removal bills this winter.

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means that the boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until she reaches her own FRA, 67, to claim Social Security benefits.

Having said all of that, if your wife’s physical issues suggest that she claims her benefits early and she is comfortable with the smaller benefit she will get, then that may be the right choice. For reference, the reduction to your wife’s spousal boost amount, if you claim at your FRA, will be about 17%, and that reduced spousal boost will be added to her reduced age 62 SS retirement amount. The end benefit for your wife, if you claim at age 67, will likely be about 42% of your FRA entitlement instead of 50%.

FYI, you can further delay your own SS retirement benefit, up to age 70, for a higher benefit yourself, but that would also mean your wife would need to wait longer to get her spousal boost. You could also wait to claim your SS until your wife reaches age 67, her FRA, which would

give you a higher personal amount and also ensure your wife gets her maximum spousal boost (but her total will still be less than 50% of yours because she claimed her own SS retirement benefit at 62). When to claim Social Security depends on financial need and life expectancy. If a long life expectancy is anticipated, waiting longer to claim is often the best move. But financial need always trumps waiting longer.

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South Hadley COA

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December events coming up at the South Hadley Senior Center

Hours change

Effective Dec. 1 – our hours will be changing.

Monday – Friday we’ll be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Late nights we’ll be open Thursdays until 6:30 p.m.

WARMING TREE

This program, in support of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, was a true success last year.

You can help us decorate our tree with new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves.

The collected items will be delivered to Neighbors Helping Neighbors on January 6th

If you have any questions – feel free to call the COA at 413-538-5030

Holiday Hours

The South Hadley COA will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday.

The hours for Thursday, Dec. 26 will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be no evening hours.

Events:

Tuesday, Dec. 3 – LUNCH BY LOOMIS at 12 p.m. The chefs at Loomis will be preparing another delicious complimentary lunch. Registration is required.

Wednesday, Dec. 4 – MacDuffie Returns! Get to know the students at this social. 2:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 5 – Trip to Bright Nights. Seating is limited. Call or requester at the COA. Van leaves the COA AT 4:30PM.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 - Senator Oliveira’s Office Visit 11 a.m. to 12 noon

Tuesday, Dec. 10 – Ice Cream Social with Mont Marie at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 1 – Tour of Calabria, Italy. Neil Broome will be showcasing his stunning photography from his recent trip. Join us at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12 – HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE beginning at 3:30 p.m. The Senior Center will be open for an evening of special events including the return of the holiday train, seasonal karaoke and line dance, crafts with the Girl Scouts, hot cocoa bar and a concert by the South Hadley Community Band!!

Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Luncheon outing to the SHHS Tiger’s Den Restaurant. Luncheon is at 11 a.m. and tickets are \$12. Registration required.

Thursday, Dec. 19 – Holiday Community Table Lunch. Join us for a holiday lunch at the Community Table featuring an encore recording of Holiday with Jimmy Mazz. Please register by 11am on Wed. Dec 18.

Thursday, Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m. – enjoy SARAH, THE FIDDLER!

Friday, Dec. 20 – Gentlemen’s Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. – please register.

Friday, Dec. 20 at 2:30 p.m. – enjoy the “Festival of Lights” a Hannukah program presented by Klezmir. Thank you to JGS Lifecare and the COA Activity Fund for their financial support.

Monday, Dec. 23 – Women’s Network with featured speakers – Mary Lou Guarnera, ED of Neighbors Helping Neighbors and Kim Prough, President of the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors. We ask attendees to bring a canned donation for NHN. Refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors. Join us at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve Bingo. 1 p.m. Prizes and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors. Please register.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Ways to Celebrate Yule with Winifred of Awentree

Wed., Dec. 11 at 6

The Winter Solstice, also known as Yule, is the longest night and the shortest day occurring on December 21, 2024. Since ancient times, many cultures have celebrated the “return of light” to illuminate and bring wassail, good health and good cheer, during the cold days of winter. There are many wonderful, meaningful, “old world” traditions and ways you can celebrate Yule and the Solstice-tide. Join Winifred Costello for an engaging and informative evening during which you will learn several family friendly ways to kindle the Winter Solstice light and celebrate the magic of the season. Winifred is an Intuitive Healer, Reiki Master Teacher, Tarot Reader, and Earth Mystic. She has experience and training in Goddess Traditions, Faery Seership, Folk Magick, Paganism and Tarot. She is a National Guild Certified Hypnotherapist & Past Life Regression Facilitator.

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Sat., Dec. 14 at 10

Have Jigsaws over 500 pieces? 300 Pieces? Want a new one... or two? Come on down and bring a complete puzzle. Drop off your complete puzzle starting Monday, Dec. 2nd through Friday, Dec. 13th at the Library Front Desk. Get a ticket for each puzzle dropped off.

We will have all the puzzles available the morning of the swap. Bring your ticket to swap the number of puzzles you brought.

A Night of Classical Vibes with David Van Tassel

Wed., Dec. 18 at 6

This is a night of classical and classically inspired music. David, who is now 16, has been passionately studying music since he was 3 years old and piano since he was 9 years old. He especially loves the musical compositions of Franz Liszt, Fredric Chopin, and Sergei Rachmaninoff. Come sit back, enjoy the live pianist, and forget the day’s troubles.



Region

YMCA Miles of Smiles award presented

HOLYOKE—At this time of year it is most appropriate to give thanks for favors, friends, and loved ones. Therefore, members of the Holyoke YMCA Miles of Smiles award committee are giving a big “thank you” to the people who give us a warm welcome as we enter to work out, most notably this year’s recipient of the 3rd annual Miles of Smiles award, Dionides “Donna” Rodriguez.

Donna was born and lived in the Bronx, New York until she was in the 6th grade when her family moved up to Holyoke. She has an older sister and younger sister and brother.

Donna is a 2013 graduate of Holyoke High School where she was active as a cheerleader, played on the volleyball team, and sang in the choir. After graduation she attended Holyoke Community for a semester before joining the workplace.

She has been employed at the Holyoke YMCA for the past year where she not only works at the registration desk but within the youth after school program. When not working the daily shifts she looks after her three sons, 7 year old Dakari, 6 year old Dazir, and 1 year old Danyus. The older two are starting their sports careers in the age group basketball league held at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Holyoke. When having a free minute she enjoys reading biographies and fiction novels as well as taking bike rides.

What Donna enjoys most about working at the YMCA is that she is very involved with helping the youth within the Holyoke community with their activities,



Dr. Roger W. Farnsworth, South Hadley, Ranking Board member, Donna Rodriguez, 2024-5 Miles of Smiles award recipient, Rosanna Mercado 2023-24 recipient, Charles Kulig, Chicopee, Chairman of the Committee. The presentation was held on Nov. 6 at the Greater Holyoke YMCA.

giving them care, support and comfort. She takes pride in her goal of developing self-confidence through her personal relationships with many of the youngsters

she is constantly assisting. Knowing Donna Rodriguez is to know she is going to achieve and make all who know her proud.

First Church opens Christmas Shop for two weeks

LUDLOW—The first church in Ludlow, located at 859 Center Street, will be opening their Christmas shop on Friday, December 6th and Saturday, Dec. 7, and Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. There will be assorted Christmas items along with knitted, crochet, quilted items, and several home-made crafts.

The Hummingbird shop will be open with an assorted fabrics and yarns for at reduced prices and the book store will also be open that is filled with some of your favorite authors along with a selection of children books at fabulous prices.

Stop by and see what we have to offer.

Chicopee Community Band presents its Annual Christmas Concert

CHICOPEE—Please join the Chicopee Community Band for a night of holiday music on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. The concert will take place at Stanley F. Kozikowski Auditorium, Chicopee Comprehensive High School, 617 Montgomery Street, Chicopee.

Enjoy songs that will be familiar to you and some we hope will be brand new! This is our annual gift to the Pioneer Valley.

Admission and parking are free and the school is handicap accessible.

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

Baystate Wing Auxiliary 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. Drawings will begin on Feb. 3.

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 are on sale at the Baystate Wing Hospital gift shop. Funds raised by the annual Lotto Calendars support the Auxiliary’s scholarship program and their philanthropic efforts that benefit Baystate Wing Hospital.

Whether looking for something special for a patient, a gift for a special occasion, or an item for the home, the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop offers many unique, hand-selected items. For more information about the Lotto Calendar visit the gift shop located on the first floor of the hospital or call 413-370-8169.

Holiday Craft Fair to be held Dec. 7

WARE – A Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Ware Junior Senior High School gym.

Admission is free and food is available to purchase. There will be over 50 vendors, fundraising and raffles.

This is a very exciting one-day shopping event of handcrafted, home-made, home baked, and one of a kind treasurers made by local talent.

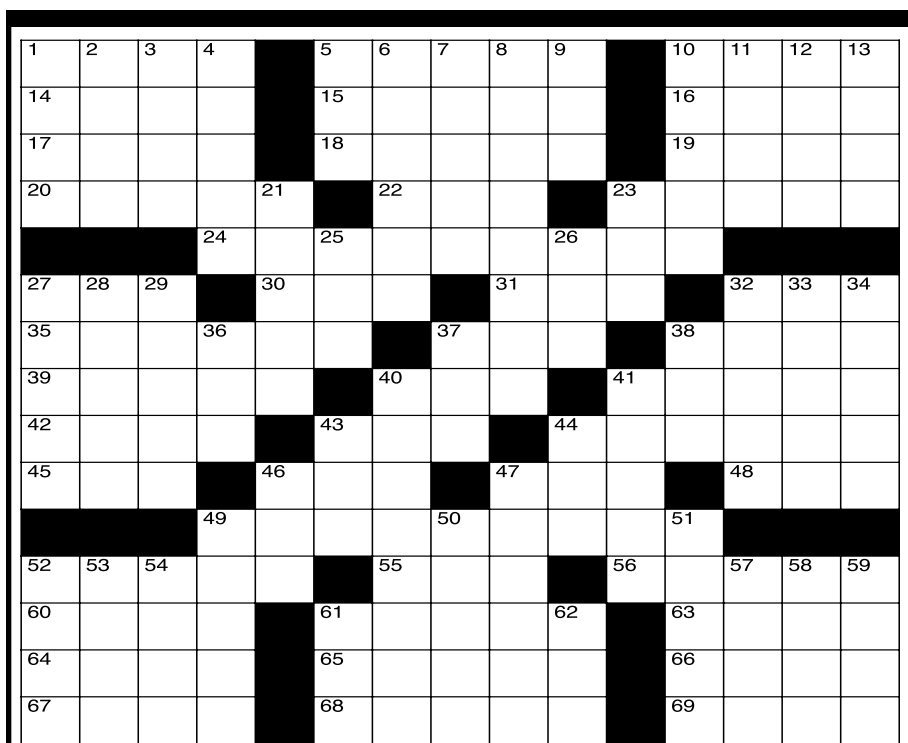
MAC holiday craft fair

MONSON— The Monson Arts Council’s 45th annual holiday craft fair, which features hand crafted items. The fair will open on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair presents 70 artisans, crafters and non-profit organizations who all offer a variety of items.

The crafters are located in four buildings in downtown Monson. Crafters are set up in Memorial Hall, the House of Art, and the Universalist and Methodist Churches. All locations offer a wide variety of gifts, decorations and collectibles, including stained glass, bath products, books, candles, dry flowers, clothing, holiday decorations, jewelry, quilts, soft sculpture, hand crafted greeting cards, pottery, and much more. The annual fair is a major fundraiser for the Monson Arts Council as well as several other non-profit groups. Luncheon will be served in Memorial Hall, and the Methodist Church. A Girl Scout Carol Community Sing will take place in front of Memorial Hall at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30. This holiday music precedes Santa’s arrival on a fire truck at approximately 4:30 p.m. Once he arrives, all children may meet Santa Claus in person in the Town’s Fire Station where cocoa and cookies will be served. For information or directions please call Wendy Murakami at 413-896-8666.

Granby High class of 1979 Reunion to take place Saturday

GRANBY—The Granby High School class of 1979 will hold a 45th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 30 at Johnnie’s Tap Room in South Hadley. The reunion will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner and music. Tickets can be purchased via Venmo to Doreen (Chauvin) Beard at Doreen-Beard-2. Contact Denise (Emond) Billow to buy tickets via check or for more information, at dbillow@pittsfield.net. Please share this information with fellow classmates.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Long piece of squared timber
5. Emaciation
10. “Bewitched” boss Larry
14. Combining form meaning “different”
15. Current unit equal to 10 amperes
16. Older
17. Large, stocky lizard
18. Ringworm
19. Actor Pitt
20. Indian hand clash cymbals
22. Data at rest
23. Jeweled headdress
24. Indicators of when stories were written
27. Check
30. Cigarette (slang)
31. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
32. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
35. Delivered a speech
37. A place to bathe
38. Postmen deliver it
39. Surface in geometry

CLUES DOWN

40. More (Spanish)
41. ___ and Venzetti
42. Exclamation at the end of a prayer
43. Hawaiian dish
44. Aggressively proud men
45. Fellow
46. Mark Wahlberg comedy
47. Mock
48. When you expect to get somewhere
49. Songs
52. Pair of small hand drums
55. Play
56. Sword
60. Evergreens and shrubs genus
61. Filmed
63. Italian Seaport
64. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
65. Pores in a leaf
66. U. of Miami mascot is one
67. Snake-like fishes
68. Pretended to be
69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Piece of felted material
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Aquatic plant
4. Potentially harmful fungus (Brit. sp.)
5. Body art (slang)
6. One who follows the rules
7. Ordinary
8. Honorably retired from assigned duties and retaining one’s title
9. Relaxing space
10. Japanese socks
11. Indian city
12. Rip
13. Icelandic book
21. Satisfies
23. Where golfers begin
25. Small amount
26. Snag
27. Determine the sum of
28. A distinctive smell
29. Exposed to view
32. Stain or blemish
33. Small loop in embroidery
34. River herring genus
36. Large beer
37. Deep, red-brown sea bream
38. Partner to cheese
40. At a deliberate pace
41. Gurus
43. Of each
44. Angry
46. Popular beverage
47. Flower cluster
49. Blocks
50. Those who benefitted from efforts of relatives (slang)
51. Polio vaccine developer
52. A (usually) large and scholarly book
53. Popular soap ingredient
54. NBAer Bradley
57. Popular movie about a pig
58. Musician Clapton
59. Not a sure thing
61. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
62. Father

Why supporting local small businesses matters

REGION—The holiday season is a time of year when shopping takes center stage. While online giants and big box retailers seem to be everywhere, offering an endless array of products with the convenience of low prices, small businesses provide a range of benefits that go far beyond the ease of a mouse click or mountains of merchandise. Shopping local retailers is more than just a transaction — it is crucial for maintaining the economic foundation of local communities. Let's take a look at the many ways it pays to shop small businesses during the holidays and all year long.

- **Strengthen the local economy:** A large percentage of the money spent at small businesses stays in the community. That's because these businesses often are owned and operated by local residents who are invested in the community themselves. Various studies indicate that for every \$100 spent at a small business, roughly \$70 stays in the community.
- **Enhanced customer service:** Owners and employees of small businesses have a keen interest in keeping customers happy. They often do so by providing superior customer service. Tailoring recommendations, exhibiting a willingness to accommodate special requests, offering a more engaging shopping experience, and being more friendly and connected with regular customers sets many small businesses apart.
- **Support the community:** Small businesses serve the community through the products and services they offer, and many give back in other ways as well. Small, locally owned businesses often sponsor schools, sports teams and charities. This helps foster a sense of belonging in the community.
- **Innovative offerings:** Small businesses are not beholden to corporate policies or franchise restrictions, so they can more readily bring new life to existing ideas and



It pays to shop small businesses during the holidays and all year long.

trends. Small businesses can offer customers different options that larger retailers cannot match.

- **Job creation:** Small businesses employ a significant percentage of the workforce and frequently provide jobs that might not be available in larger corporate settings. The U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy says small businesses have generated 12.9 million net new jobs over the past 25 years, accounting for

two out of every three jobs added to the U.S. economy. Keeping residents working helps strengthen local communities.

There are numerous benefits to shopping at small businesses this Small Business Saturday and throughout the year. Such firms help to establish a more resilient, diverse and bustling local community.

Easy ways to support small businesses

It's easy to overlook how integral small businesses are to local, national and even global economies. The Small Business Administration and the U.S. Census Bureau indicate small businesses account for 99.7 percent of all American businesses, employing 56.8 million people. Similarly, according to Statistics Canada, local businesses classified as micro or small businesses made up 98.1 percent of all the employers in Canada in 2021.

Since small businesses are the economic engine of many neighborhoods and communities, it's in everyone's best interest to pitch in and ensure such firms' success. Thankfully, it's easy for anyone to support the small businesses that make their communities unique.

- **Shop locally and online from small businesses as much as possible.** If you cannot shop right away, consider purchasing gift cards to the retailer or service provider and share them as gifts to others.
- **Before you immediately go with a well-known chain or e-commerce giant, find out if a local retailer offers the same items you need and shop there.**
- **Actively discover new brands, check them out, and then spread the word about your findings to others.**
- **Attend special events or promotions hosted by local businesses.** Well-attended events may spark others' curiosity.
- **Share a quick photo of something you bought at a**

small business or of a service they provided. For example, if a local landscaping company did a wonderful job putting in a new patio or pavers, share the before and after with those you know.

Communities can embrace various strategies to support the small businesses that make Main Street unique.

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Center Church celebrates the holidays with handmade and passed-on gifts

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SOUTH HADLEY – Sometimes we receive gifts that we are not totally enthused about, whether it be a pair of socks, or a sweater from that one aunt that is just a bit too scratchy.

Oftentimes, these gifts show up at thrift stores and consignment stores after the holidays are over and done, and someone else can find them and appreciate them.

There is no shame at the idea of donating something you have no need for, and in the end, this way of “recycling” gifts helps to benefit more people than you’d think.

Holiday gift-giving doesn’t need to be a hassle, and despite the hustle and bustle to find things brandy-new, it is important also to realize that just because it has all the bells and whistles, doesn’t mean it’s the perfect gift.

The Center Church of South Hadley has been hosting a special holiday bazaar for over two de-

acades, and people bring in items to the church that they don’t need.

From Christmas décor to jewelry and purses, extra bags and wrapping paper and more, all donated from past holiday seasons to find new homes and spread the holiday cheer.

“It really is a holiday event in preparation for the holidays,” said Corinne Chartrand, a member of the church congregation.

The church also sold cookies, which you could purchase in a different sized box, as well as fresh, homemade jams and hot fudge sauce, as well as dried herbs.

“Part of what we do is there is always a benefit portion for our community and our church,” Chartrand said. “We want to reach out to them all and have them feel welcome.”

There was also a little craft fair with eleven vendors so that people could find not only the thrifted Christmas items, but also find something handmade to brighten up the holiday season.

“I think the purpose of the craft fair is to provide items for



Robin Grimes, Corinne Chartrand, and Marie Rohan, members of PEO a local organization dedicated to bringing education to all women.

the holiday, that are handmade, and more than just what else we offer at the bazaar,” said Chartrand.

By practicing the art of recycling gifts, it is better to not only regift, but it helps to keep old holiday traditions alive.

Ornaments, Santa figurines, nativities, and even tinsel hold memories, and in a way, carry on traditions to other households and families.

A holiday bazaar, while not the most common way of gift giving, is a special way to share with

our loved ones a gift that can’t be found at your local Walmart, Target, or Home Goods.

Handmade and passed-on gifts are a way to spread holiday cheer to others, and see things have new memories made.



Joleen and Zarialee Ramos with their small business, Crowned Creations.

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Mary Shey sharing her beautiful ribbon embroidery, a lost and unique art.



Kristin Milton highlighting adorable pens and other gifts from her small business, Falltown Gifts.



Tables and tables of treasures to brighten your home with Christmas cheer.



Monique Leonard's beautiful, crocheted earrings from her small business, Windswept Designs.



Zach, Jessica, Paula, and emotional support dog Lexi with cute trinkets from The Witch's Cottage.



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Brayden Koske makes the tackle.



Lincoln Belsky takes off on a run.

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Tigers pick up pace in Week 10 win

SOUTH HADLEY – In non-playoff action for Week 10, South Hadley football defeated Pathfinder 27-9. The Pioneers would actually score first with an Anthony Arventos 15-yard run. In between that score and a safety in the third quar-

ter, South Hadley scored 27 points. Julius Hebenth had two touchdown runs for the Tigers. Chase Pecia and Lincoln Belsky also had scores. South Hadley faced Holyoke on Thanksgiving while Pathfinder hosted Belchertown.



Noah Hambley goes for the left sideline.



Jasiel Ramos goes for a tackle.

MIAA seeks to throw out judge's decision

Minnechaug, Monson unaffected by appeals

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Minnechaug Regional High School and Monson High School filed injunctions at the beginning of the month with the Hampden Court Superior Court.

The schools were appealing a ruling from the MIAA that forced the schools to take forfeits for Western Mass. tournament games because of a procedural issue that was not followed by Minnechaug, Monson, Pathfinder Regional, and several other schools in the region.

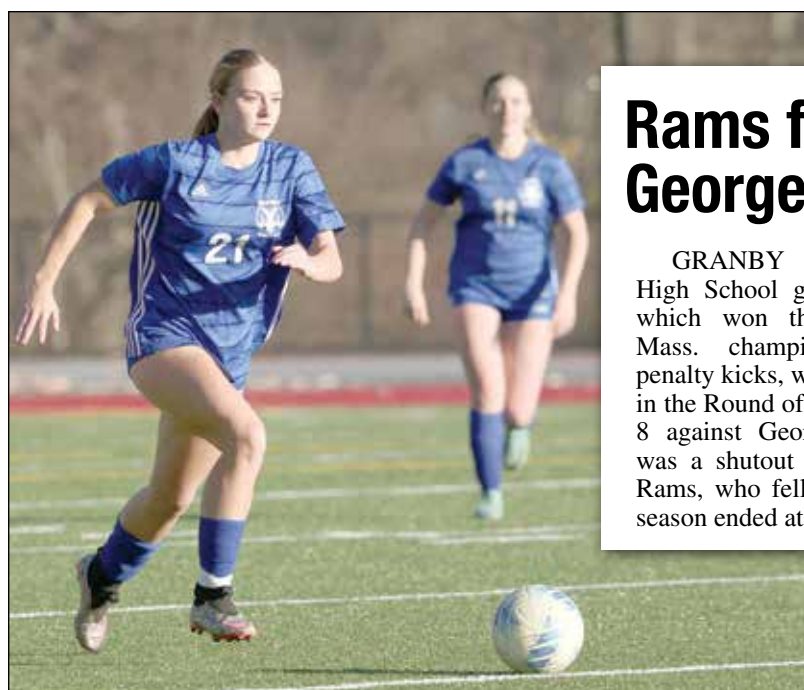
According to information sent by the MIAA to member schools, they were supposed to input games to their schedule on the Arbiter website used to track results and formulate tournament data.

Those games, which were not yet known due to the how the schedule is structured, were simply supposed to feature the school and opponents TBA (to be announced). Those fillers in the schedule would eventually be filled with Western Mass. tournament games, or nonplayoff games if teams did not qualify.

Those filler games were supposed to be on team schedules by mid-September. Because the procedure was not followed, the MIAA imposed forfeits on the schools that did not follow the rule. Under the MIAA's ruling, Minnechaug and Monson, which had soccer teams in the Western Mass. tournaments, would have to take losses affecting their standing for the state tournament. If the schools won, they were still able to advance in the tournaments. Monson girls soccer reached the Western Mass. finals. Pathfinder boys soccer did as well. Minnechaug girls soccer made it to the semifinals.

An injunction was filed by Monson and Minnechaug, seeking to not have the athletes punished for an administrative issue. Judge Tracy Duncan granted the injunction, and both schools had their forfeits changed to whatever their actual results were.

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LEFT: Jaidyn Roberge dribbles up the field.

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Kaileena Smith goes after a loose ball.

Rams fall to Georgetown

GRANBY – Granby High School girls soccer, which won the Western Mass. championship in penalty kicks, was defeated in the Round of 16 on Nov. 8 against Georgetown. It was a shutout against the Rams, who fell 4-0. Their season ended at 9-11-1.



Brenna Moreno sends a pass away during early postseason action.

Thunderbirds, Blues, announce long-term extension

SPRINGFIELD—Last month, the Springfield Thunderbirds and St. Louis Blues announced the extension of their affiliation agreement through the end of the 2030-31 season. The deal further solidifies the long-term future of the American Hockey League in Springfield, one of the league's charter cities.

"We are thrilled to continue our richly rewarding long-term partnership with the St. Louis Blues," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "The Blues and Thunderbirds share similar core values regarding player and staff development and maintaining a deep commitment to their communities. Our collaboration has enabled us to grow our franchise both on the ice and throughout the region. We cannot wait to see the next generation of Blues stars hone their talents in Springfield in front of the best fans in the AHL."

In the first three seasons as the Blues' AHL affiliates, the Thunderbirds have experienced tremendous success on and off

the ice. In 2022, the team captured the Richard F. Canning Trophy as Eastern Conference Champions, reaching the Calder Cup Finals for the first time in club history. The T-Birds received the AHL President's Award as Team of the Year that same year.

"On behalf of our local ownership group, we are proud to announce an extension of our affiliation agreement with the St. Louis Blues. I want to thank Blues Chairman Tom Stillman, General Manager Doug Armstrong, and the Blues staff, as well as our President Nate Costa and his team, for building a culture of cooperation and success that is unparalleled within the AHL. This agreement will ensure that AHL hockey has a home in Springfield for many years to come," commented Paul Picknelly, Thunderbirds Managing Owner.



The club built upon their success last season, posting a franchise-record 20 sellout games, including a 14-game sellout streak to end the campaign. 2023-2024 also marked the T-Birds' eighth consecutive season of attendance growth (6,321 fans per game).

"First, I want to thank Springfield Thunderbirds President Nate Costa, the local ownership group under managing partner Paul Picknelly, and the entire team and staff for their continued dedicated efforts and support and belief in our City of Springfield," said Springfield Mayor Domenic J. Sarno. "Special thanks and appreciation to the St. Louis Blues organization for their continued strong commitment to our local T-Birds! Both organizations are class acts that share a strong emphasis on community and fan engagement and putting a quality

product and team on the ice.

Since the start of the partnership, the Blues have also promoted several Springfield staff members to the parent club in St. Louis. Most notably, Drew Bannister became the first T-Birds coach to earn a promotion to an NHL bench when he was named the Blues' head coach on May 8.

"Springfield provides a first-class environment for players in the Blues organization to develop on and off the ice and continue their progress toward the NHL in a well-established, supportive market with strong, experienced leadership," said Blues Assistant General Manager Ryan Miller.

In addition to Bannister's rise to the NHL, 26 players have skated in games for both the Thunderbirds and the Blues, including young stars Jake Neighbours, Zack Bolduc, Matthew Kessel, Joel Hofer, Scott Perunovich, and Zach Dean.

"This is an exciting day for both the St. Louis Blues and the Springfield Thunderbirds organizations," said Thunderbirds Gen-

eral Manager Kevin Maxwell. "This agreement provides stability for our players and staff, and it will continue to offer our fans the chance to identify with our prospects and follow their careers as they graduate onto the Blues."

The affiliation extension assures Springfield's continued tenancy in the American Hockey League, which dates back to 1936. The City of Springfield has had an active AHL franchise on the ice every season since 1954.

"The city of Springfield has been a cornerstone of the American Hockey League for more than 80 years," said AHL President and Chief Executive Officer Scott Howson. "Hockey in Springfield has experienced a renaissance since the arrival of the Thunderbirds. Stability with an NHL affiliate is very important for AHL clubs, and we're pleased that Springfield's partnership with the St. Louis Blues will continue to bring excitement and entertainment to the fans of Western Massachusetts."

Tough start hurts Railers in loss

PORTLAND, ME—Worcester was outshot in a fateful and fatal first period, 21-1, and outscored by the Maine Mariner 4-0, on the way to a 5-2 defeat.

Lincoln Hatten and Cole Donhauser had the Railers goals. It was the first ECHL goal for Hatten, the first in a Worcester uniform for Donhauser. It was also shorthanded.

Drew Bavaro, Patrick Guay, Bennett Stockdale, Wyllum Deveaux and Evan Vierling had the Portland goals. Former Railers forward Jimmy Lambert had three assists for the winners.

Hatten scored from in close

at 3:35 of the second period to make it a 4-1 game, Donhauser assisting. Donhauser scored unassisted with a wrist shot from the right wing at 19:29 of the third period to make it 5-2. He was plus-2 for the night.

Henrik Tikkanen made 33 saves for Worcester. Ryan Bischel had 27 for the Mariners.

Bavaro opened the scoring with a power play goal at 6:30 of the first period, just before the Railers would have gotten Jordan Kaplan out of the penalty box. He snapped a 40-foot wrist home from above the circles.

Guay made it 2-0 at 9:02. He finished off a 2 on 1 break, converting a pass from Lambert. Stockdale scored a little more than a minute later with a shot from the left circle. Deveaux scored on a deflection at 16:23 to make it 4-0 on the scoreboard.

The Railers actually won the last 40 minutes, 2-1. Vierling had the only Maine goal in that span, scoring on the power play at 16:40 of the third period, but there was no way Worcester could climb out of its early hole.

Volleyball World Congress elects new president

HOLYOKE—The 39th FIVB World Congress unanimously elected Fabio Azevedo as the new FIVB President, ushering in a pivotal era for the global volleyball community. Azevedo will serve an eight-year term, building on the achievements of his predecessor, Dr. Ary S. Graça. During his campaign, Azevedo outlined his Strategic Vision 2024-2032, focused on advancing volleyball's professional standards, expanding its global reach, and doubling the sport's current 800-mil-

lion-strong fanbase through innovative engagement and the global volleyball movement. Following his inauguration, Azevedo announced 2018 IVHF Inductee Hugh McCutcheon as the new FIVB Secretary General. McCutcheon, a former Olympic medal-winning coach for the USA men's and women's national volleyball teams, brings extensive experience to the role. With this dynamic leadership team, the FIVB is set to elevate volleyball's global prominence and growth.

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Minnechaug boys soccer benefited the most from the change, securing the No. 5 seed in the Division 2 state tournament. The changes had the ability to affect schools such as Agawam, Ludlow, Holyoke, and Chicopee Comprehensive in Division 2. Monson's injunction affected seedings for schools such as Granby, Quaboag, Palmer, and Pathfinder.

Pathfinder did not appeal to a court, and was defeated on the road in the first round of the tournament.

The injunctions also led to delays in the state tournament starting in the case of field hockey and girls volleyball.

Northampton and Pioneer Valley Regional also won injunctions, though the MIAA is appealing those rulings. They are appealing despite the fact the tournaments have already concluded. The MIAA is not commenting on the court cases.

No schools from Western Massachusetts made it to the state finals in boys soccer, girls soccer, or field hockey.

Creating a safe holiday for pets

EAST BROOKFIELD—As Thanksgiving and the winter holidays approach, Second Chance Animal Services is reminding pet owners to keep their pets' safety in mind during the festive season. With holiday meals, decorations, and gatherings, this time of year can bring hidden hazards for pets. By taking a few simple precautions, pet owners can ensure a safe, joyful holiday season for their furry friends.

"Pets are part of the family, and it's important to consider their safety during holiday celebrations," says Lindsay Doray, chief development officer at Second Chance. "A little planning can prevent unexpected pet emergencies."

To help pet owners keep their pets safe, Second Chance offers these holiday tips:

Holiday treats may look enticing to pets, but many common ingredients, such as chocolate, onions, garlic, and bones, can be harmful to animals. Even rich, fatty, or spicy foods can upset pets' stomachs. Instead, give pets pet-safe treats or a small portion of their usual food so they can partake in the festivities safely.

Holiday decorations can be hazardous to pets. Items like tinsel, ribbons, and ornaments may seem like toys and can lead to serious health issues if ingested. Use pet-safe decorations and keep them out of reach of curious pets. Be mindful of candles and open flames as pets can knock them over, risking burns or fires.

Popular holiday plants, such as poinsettias, mistletoe, and holly, are toxic to pets. To prevent accidental ingestion, keep these plants out of reach or consider pet-safe alternatives. If using artificial plants or trees, be cautious, as some may contain chemicals that could be harmful if chewed.

The holiday season brings new sounds, scents, and sometimes unfamiliar guests, which can be overwhelming for pets. Create a quiet, comfortable space for them to retreat to when they need a break from the excitement. Remind guests to respect pets' boundaries and avoid feeding them table scraps. If your pet experiences stress during gatherings, Second Chance veterinarians can offer advice on keeping them calm.

With increased activity around the holidays, pets are more likely to slip out the door and go missing. Make sure pets wear collars with up-to-date ID tags. For added security, consider microchipping your pet—a simple, effective way to increase the chances of a reunion if they wander off.

If planning to travel with a pet this holiday season, a bit of extra preparation will help ensure their safety. Ensure vaccinations are up-to-date and contact a veterinarian to schedule any needed boosters before traveling. Pack essentials like food, water, medications, and favorite toys to help reduce stress on the road. If staying in hotels or with family, confirm accommodations are pet-friendly and secure.

By taking these simple, thoughtful steps,



pet owners can enjoy a safe and joyful holiday season with their furry family members. A bit of planning goes a long way in keeping pets happy, healthy, and comfortable throughout the festivities. Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester are currently accepting new patients and offer weekly low-cost vaccine clinics. To schedule a holiday check-up or sign up for a vaccine clinic, visit www.secondchanceanimals.org/vetcare.

Preschool shares pumpkin carving fun



Matthew Sacchi (dad), Maisie Sacchi (3) and Emily Johnson (mom) showing off their completed Jack-O-Lantern.



Allison Nickerson (3) and Bailey Miller (3) BFF's showing off their Jack-O-Lantern's together. They have been friends in the same class at Alphabet Soup since they were toddlers.



Jemma Berge (4), Aislinn Berge (mom) and Joshua Berge (dad) working on two pumpkins at once.



Allison Nickerson (3) and Sarah Nickerson (mom) Working on carving their pumpkin.

GRANBY—Alphabet Soup Preschool Plus held a pumpkin carving event on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Parents and grandparents came to celebrate Halloween with the children and carved jack-o-lanterns with them.

“We had a really good turn out and everyone really enjoyed it,” shared Candice Curran, site director of the preschool.



ABOVE: Jenna Terhune (Preschool Teacher) and Bailey Miller (3) showing off Bailey's lit up Jack-O-Lantern.



Lisa Smigiel (grandma), Bryson Nawrocki (3) and Stacy Nawrocki (mom) working on carving their pumpkin.



LEFT: Jack Urbanski (3) showing off his Jack-O-Lantern with family members.

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Kids learn the wonders of **SPACE ROCKS**

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SOUTH HADLEY – One of the most interesting, and also one of the most mysterious parts of our world, is the wonders of what lies outside it in outer space.

The kids got to go to the Gaylord Memorial Library last week to hear from senior Latika Joshi from Mount Holyoke give a presentation on comets, asteroids, and meteors.

Space rocks are made of rock, metal, or ice, and shoot through outer space, or orbit around other planets in our solar system, however, each kind of space rock does something different.

Asteroids are giant rocks, the remnants of the forming of our solar system, which are found in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter of varying sizes.

Many have names, including Deimos, which is a tiny moon orbiting Mars, only 7.7 miles in diameter, and Eros, the first asteroid to be visited by spacecraft, and is shaped like a giant peanut, but 10.4 miles in diameter.

Benno is tiny, only about 0.3 miles, and NASA's OSIRIS-Rex mission brought back samples from it. Vesta is the largest asteroid in the solar system.

Meteorites are space rocks that have come down from earth, and there was a sighting of one



Latika Joshi showing the power and size of meteors with a video of Superman.

the sun.

Meteorites can take a few decades, or thousands of years to pass by earth as they travel through the solar system, showing just how large and expansive it truly is.

Halley's Comet, one of the most well-known for our generations, returns to pass by earth every 75-76 years, and is projected to return to be visible again in 2061.

Comets are typically named after the people who discovered them, highlighting the meteorite with a special name, even knowing it may not even be seen again in a lifetime.

Latika Joshi is double majoring in physics and astronomy and has wanted to study outer space since she first watched *Interstellar* at age nine and was hooked on space ever since.

"I've always been interested in teaching astronomy. It's such an exciting field," said Joshi. "I especially like seeing the kids get excited about it."

The special presentation she gave also featured fun activities, and kids got to take home 3D Printed comets of different shape varieties.

"The universe is so big, and I am always curious to explore and find out what exists," said Joshi. "I'm interested in looking out there and learning more about it if there's life out there. It excites me."

this year in Portugal that turned the sky blue.

Thomas Burbine, a visiting professor of astronomy and director of the Williston Observatory, came to the talk that Joshi prepared for the kids, and

showed samples of space rocks that the kids could hold.

Burbine showed the kids the different rock samples, and explained that they are made of iron, and explained how they are formed and are pulled down

to earth, answering the curious questions from the kids in attendance.

Comets are space rocks made out of ice and rock, and the "tail" of a comet is made from the ice melting that melts as it passes by



Asking questions about meteors, and what kinds of things are heavier than meteors.



A sample of a piece that chipped off of a meteor that Burbine brought in for the kids to see.



Space rocks are truly remarkable!

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The kids eagerly listening to learn more and more about space!



Thomas Burbine, the director of Williston Observatory, showing the kids samples of meteors we have from space.

Library hosts lovable therapy dog for kids



Charlotte taking some time to give Gwen some pats as she falls asleep on her lap.

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SOUTH HADLEY – For many kids, being able to practice reading out loud is an essential part of them learning to grasp the basics of reading skills, and more.

Bright Spot Therapy Dogs is an organization that sends trained therapy dogs out for a variety of services, and includes reading to a dog programs.

“For me, as a whole, working for the kids and getting to work with the kids, and I get to know they’ll become better readers and more confident and learn more,” said Wayne Desroches.

Desroches and his best doggy friend, Gwen, have been working together for five years, and bring their services to nursing homes, libraries, schools, and veterans homes to provide a way for people to have access to the comfort Gwen brings.

Gwen is a nine-year-old greyhound, and as a retired racing dog, gets to spend her days pampered and loved on wherever she goes, receiving hugs and pats and a treat or two.

“Being able to read to a dog means that it’s a non-judgmental audience, and the more you do it, the higher your confidence and the higher your skill-level,” said Desroches.

The growth seen by the kids that come to the Read to a Dog program again and again is huge, and Desroches has seen confidence grow in even the youngest and most timid reader.

The biggest advantage to having kids practice reading out loud to a dog is that it is, in the education world, a level 2 intervention, which helps to build a child’s comprehension and reading skills.

Desroches has been with Bright Spot for twelve years, and Gwen is the third therapy dog he has worked with, the first two being Max and Milo.

The biggest difference between a therapy dog like Gwen and a comfort dog you

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Robert reading a book of facts from National Geographic to Gwen.



Nova giving Gwen a hug after spending time reading to her.

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Nova reading to Gwen as she rests on her foot.



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may see at a police station is the differences in trainings.

While both are working dogs, comfort dogs come in to train with a specific unit, facility, or department, and are used during very stressful and traumatic instances.

Therapy dogs like Gwen, perform a variety of different services, like coming to colleges during finals, nursing homes to visit patients, hospitals, hospice situations, and Bright Spot service dogs even went out to Boston after the Marathon Bombing.

Desroches went to a nursing home to visit a woman with Alzheimer's disease, and she hadn't spoken in a long time, but when she met Gwen, she pet her and said "pretty puppy". It's moments like these that truly make this job rewarding.

"The way I like sharing with all our teams, is that if Gwen was a service dog, she'd be for my medical needs. But as a therapy dog, she's there for everyone. And where a service dog can go anywhere, Gwen needs to be invited,"

Desroches said.

There is no specific kind of breed that can become a therapy dog, as it all depends on the dog and their disposition.

"She brings all comfort and smiles. She's so good about knowing what they want and that this makes them happy," said Desroches about Gwen.

"This was a way that I could reach out to people and help them," Desroches said. "When I learned what a therapy dog is, I know that that was what Gwen was."

You can find Gwen one more time at the South Hadley Public Library for a Read to a Dog Program for the year of 2024 on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m.



Obituary

DEATH NOTICE

"Bob" (Robert E.) Resnick
Died Nov. 13, 2024
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"Bob" (Robert E.) Resnick

SOUTH HADLEY— "Bob" (Robert E.) Resnick, 75, passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 13, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Springfield, MA, he was the son of Jack and Evelyn (Sinel) Resnick. Robert owned and operated Resnick Courier Service for many years. Bob enjoyed collecting antique paintings with his brother Bill. He was an avid drum player, even building his own drums' unfinished shells. He also enjoyed puttering in his workshop with his brother Bill, the two of whom were inseparable their entire lives. Bob could often be seen handing out treats to passing dogs in the Alvord Place neighborhood where he lived. Robert's memory will remain forever in the hearts of his twin brother, "Bill" Resnick of South Hadley, and his sister, Maggie Resnick, of El Cerrito, CA. Beers & Story South Hadley Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please send any condolences c/o Beers and Story Funeral Home, 646 Newton St., South Hadley, 01075. For those wishing, donations may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association.

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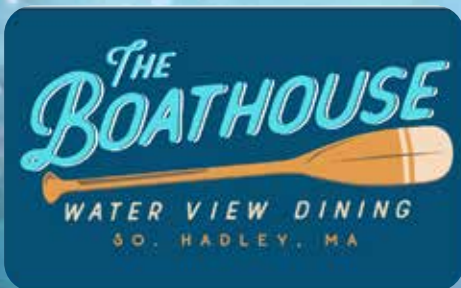
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