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'It's a Wonderful Life'

Performing unique version of holiday classic brings drama students together

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - With a small and tight-knit cast, a 1940s radio station as the set, and the opportunity to perform a classic holiday film, one group of middle school actors is very excited about its fall production.

For just one weekend, the members of the Michael E. Smith Middle School (MESMS) Drama Club will perform a radio version of the holiday classic *It's A Wonderful Life*. As the young thespians bring both the residents of Bedford Falls and the radio station to life, audience members will be transported to a fun and festive world.

"This beloved American holiday classic comes to capti-

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The voice actors of *It's A Wonderful Life*.

Submitted photo

A holiday tradition turns 52

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Starting Dec. 12, Santa's Land at Buttery Brook Park will usher in its 52nd year as a cherished holiday tradition for the South Hadley community. This year, despite ongoing playground renovations, the festive magic is alive and well as families enjoy a series of exciting updates and timeless favorites.

"Even though there are renovations being performed on the playground, visitors to Santa's Land will still enter through the south entrance to the park from Route 33 where it is decorated for the season," said David Bernier, a member of the Friends of Buttery Brook and the chairperson of this year's event.

Visitors to the event can meet and take a photo with Santa Claus, share their Christmas requests, then receive a cookie and coloring book from Mrs.

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Submitted photo

South Hadley Fire District 1 takes delivery of their new 2023 Life Line ambulance after a 30-month wait.

Fire District 1 receives new ambulance

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - After a roughly 30-month wait, South Hadley Fire District 1 has received a new state-of-the-art ambulance to help fulfill its increasing number of calls.

The 2023 Life Line ambulance, built in Iowa and delivered by Specialty Vehicles, Inc. out of Plainfield, is a Superliner Type 1 model with an F-series chassis. It features interior LED lighting and switches to make the work of the paramedics and

emergency medical technicians (EMT) easier and more efficient. The ambulance also features a new exterior lighting system that can brighten and dim automatically according to the needs and safety of the crew, patients and motorists.

"This is the second one of this type that we've bought. We also bought one in 2019," explained Tom Stark, chief of Fire District 1. "We have 3 total. They really build a very solid truck at the advanced lifesaving level.

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School committee receives donations

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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SOUTH HADLEY - The school committee got together for a last meeting before Thanksgiving to share their gratitude and partnerships within the community and their districts, as well as introducing new wellness opportunities.

Chair Eric Friesner hosted the November 21 meeting, and he was accompanied by Vice Chair Danielle Cooke, and members Dan Vieu, Jack Witowski, and Jackson Matos.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Representative Jennifer Voyik, SHEA Representative Amy Foley, and Student Representative Peyton Leclair.

Donation of Merlin Machine from Community Member

The committee reviewed a donation of a Merlin Machine from a community member in the town, who has asked the committee to accept on their behalf, the machine, which screens for low version.

"We are always grateful for residents who are willing to step up and to consider what we need," said McLaughlin. "We've had many people who've expressed interest or done something like this and gone out of their way."

McLaughlin, on behalf of this resident, asked that the committee approve the donation of the machine, and after no further comments, gratefully accepted the donation.

Donation from the South Hadley Swords Swim Team

The swim team reached out to the school committee with a letter, expressing their desire to donate an amount of \$7,857 to the high school's athletic department, in order to cover the cost of the students participat-

ing in the swim team.

The committee shared their thanks for the generous donation and discussed that it would be reserved for the use of the swim team, approving of the donation.

Appreciations

Mark McLaughlin shared his appreciation and extended his thanks for all the people who work to make the school system run.

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Nomination papers available for 2025 annual town election

SOUTH HADLEY - Nomination papers for the April 8, 2025 Town Election are available until Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025 in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, 116 Main St., South Hadley.

Nomination papers may be obtained during office hours, Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Appointments outside of regular office hours are available. Any changes in hours will be posted to the Clerk's webpage at www.southhadley.org/clerk.

Interested candidates must be registered voters in the town of South Hadley.

To appear on the ballot, candidates must obtain nomination papers from the Town Clerk's

Office and have them signed by local registered voters.

Town-wide offices require 50 signatures on nomination papers from registered voters in South Hadley. Town Meeting Member offices require 10 signatures from registered voters in their respective precinct.

It is recommended that prospective candidates obtain more than the minimum number of signatures.

Papers for the following seats will be available:

- Selectboard - One seat- Three-year term
School Committee - One seat - Three-year term
School Committee - One seat - One-year term
Board of Health - Two

- Seats - Three-year term
Municipal Light Board - Two seats - Three-year term
Municipal Light Board - One seat - One-year term
Board of Assessors - One seat - Three-year term
Housing Authority - One seat - Five-year term
Trustee Free Public Library - Three seats - Three-year term
Planning Board - One seat - Three-year term
Town Meeting Members - Eight seats per precinct - Three-year term
Town Meeting Member - One seat, Precinct A - Two-year term
Town Meeting Member - One seat, Precinct A - One-year term

- Town Meeting Member - Two seats, Precinct C - Two-year term
Charter Commission - Nine Seats - Approximately Two-year term, dependent on whether or not the question receives enough signatures to appear on the ballot

Once the candidate has obtained all the signatures needed, nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025 for signatures to be certified.

Interested candidates may direct their questions and comments to the Town Clerk's Office by phone at 413-538-5030, ext. 6183 or by email at elections@southhadleyma.gov.

CORRECTION

In the Nov. 29 issue of the Town Reminder, a correction to a story, in that this was the first ever Tea in the Trees event that was held in memory of sponsor and member Jeanne Merrill. The students who came to see Santa were from the Pathways program, a special needs program a part of the Granby Public School

District. The Festival of Trees was a great success, and they hosted a wonderful ugly sweater competition on the last weekend. "We had an overwhelming response this weekend. We had some people come in and said it was their third time coming in," said Judy Delong.

Town to create first Affordable Housing Trust Board

SOUTH HADLEY—Calling all residents! South Hadley is forming our first Affordable Housing Trust and they need residents to help shape the future of affordable housing in our community. An Affordable Housing Trust is a vital tool for addressing local housing needs. It will create and preserve affordable homes by managing funds and partnering with developers, non-profits, and other stakeholders to

make housing more accessible for all. We're looking for volunteers with expertise in: Real Estate, Development, Banking & Finance, Affordable Housing, and residents who live in affordable housing are encouraged to apply. If you're passionate about making a difference and have the

skills to guide South Hadley's housing future, consider applying. Help us ensure that South Hadley remains a vibrant, inclusive, and affordable place to live. Applications are due by Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. For more information, or if you're interested in applying, contact Anne Capra, Director of Planning & Conservation, at acapra@southhadleyma.gov

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Santa's elves hard at work



Stockings are filled and ready to be delivered to the town elderly housing sited

SOUTH HADLEY—On November 26, the South Hadley TRIAD met at the SHPD, the agenda was a bit different than usual, in that members were tasked with “stuffing” goodies into holiday hosiery for those residing at town elderly adult housing sites.

TRIAD members include South Hadley Senior volunteers, District Attorney’s office, Hampshire Sheriff’s Department, Friends of South Hadley Seniors, South Hadley Council on Aging, South Hadley Board of Health, South Hadley Fire Dept. 1/2, and South Hadley Police Department.

We encourage older adults living in South Hadley to come and join us, we meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

“We’re a fun and active group,” shared Karen Buscemi.

The stockings will be delivered in the next week or so...only if you’ve been good!

Please contact the Senior Center (COA) if your interested in joining the group.

TRIAD has a lengthy history of programs and services to meet the safety needs of older adults in South Hadley.



Submitted photos

Maureen Murray and Janet Stawasz hold up some of the candy that went into the stockings.



Sharon Hart, Holly Mullane, Ann Root and Connie Clancy created a production line to fill the stockings with holiday treats.



Sandy Farnsworth and Rachel Webber put different hand creams into the stockings for the seniors.

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The department plans to buy a new ambulance every three to five years to make sure that it has the best quality vehicle available for its medics and firefighters. This one was ordered in June 2022, but the suppliers still face the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, making the previous nine-month wait grow to more than

two years. Capital purchases such as these are budgeted so that there isn’t a huge effect on the rest of the operating budget.

“We’re grateful to the taxpayers for allowing us to fund these needs,” said Stark.

The new ambulance replaces a 2012 model that had over 100,000 miles on it.

The department continues to see an increase in the number of calls it goes out on, seeing records broken on an almost-monthly basis. Chief Stark ex-

plained that having new and updated equipment allows the department to keep meeting the needs of the town’s residents even as those may continue to increase.

“We’ve been very busy, but we’re ready to break more records,” said Stark.

South Hadley Fire District 1, operating out of its station on Newton Street, is a full-service department that provides fire suppression, advanced life support ambulance service, fire inspection, pub-

lic fire education programs, emergency preparedness, fire investigative services, and a dive team. The combination department has more than a dozen full-time firefighters, EMT’s and paramedics, many of whom are both firefighters and medics, and more than a dozen call firefighters and EMTs. The department has been busy this fall with drought conditions causing brush fires both locally and across the western Massachusetts region.

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Opinion



Am I entitled to more Social Security from my ex-husbands?

Dear Rusty:

I am 76 years old and a retired high school counselor/teacher. I was married to my first husband from 1968 until 1981. He is still living and he remarried two more times and, I believe, he is currently divorced. He is 77 years old. His income was always much higher than mine. I was married to my second husband from May 1989 until we divorced in April 2017. My second husband died in June 2023. What I wonder is if I am entitled to receive Social Security benefits based upon the income of either of my ex-husbands?

Signed: Twice Divorced Spouse

Dear Twice Divorced:

Divorced spouses are entitled to the same benefits as a current spouse if their marriage lasted at least 10 years which, in both cases, yours did. The other caveat is whether your own SS retirement benefit is less than you are entitled to from either of your ex-husbands. If your own SS retirement benefit is less, then you will get an incremental amount on top of your own SS retirement to bring your total monthly benefit up to your spousal or surviving spouse) entitlement.

Since your first husband is still living, it is likely that your best financial option is to claim a surviving ex-spouse benefit from your deceased second husband. The reason is that survivor benefits from husband # 2 are based on his actual benefit at his death, whereas benefits from a living ex-spouse, husband #1, are based upon his full retirement amount. In other words, it is likely that 100% of deceased husband #2's benefit at his death is more than 50% of living husband #1's current benefit at his Full Retirement Age.

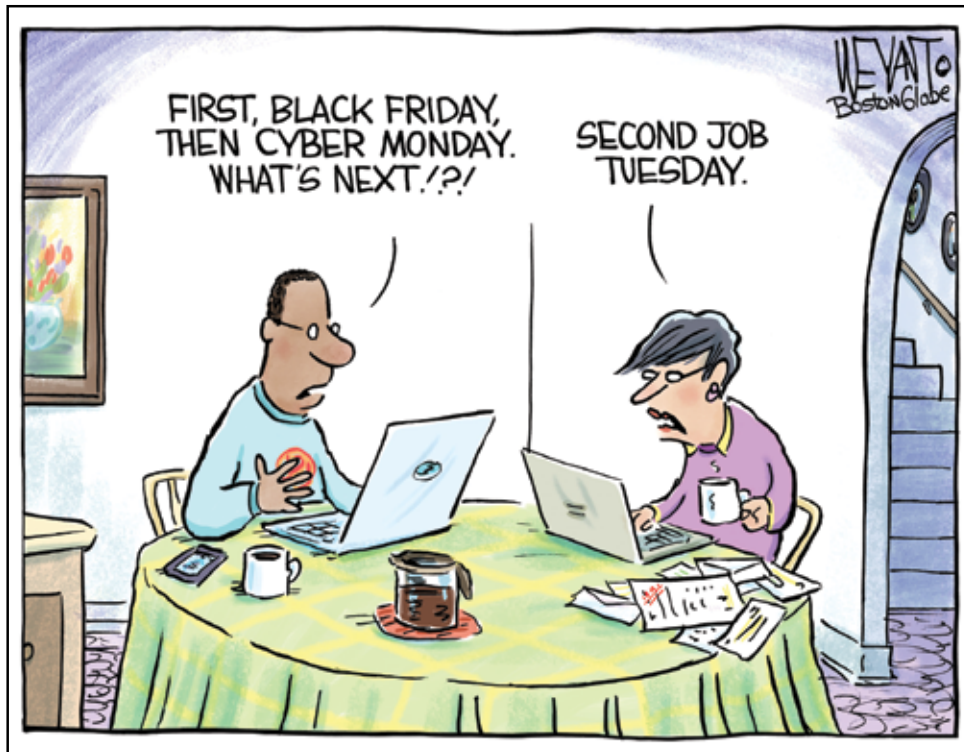
It is, of course, possible that 50% of your first husband's FRA entitlement is more than 100% of your second husband's benefit at death, in which case your ex-spouse benefit from your first husband could be more. The only way to sort this out is to contact Social Security at -800-772-1213 to make an appointment to apply for surviving ex-spouse benefits from your deceased second husband. Explain that your first ex-husband is still living and that you are unsure of what your benefits are as your first husband's ex-spouse.

Social Security will be able to determine from their records, which one provides you with a higher benefit amount, provide each husband's Social Security number when you call. As I said, your best financial option will likely be to take your survivor benefit from your deceased second ex-husband note, however, if your first ex-husband also dies before you, you can subsequently file for a survivor benefit from him, if that is more than you are getting from your second husband's record.

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Live tabletop Christmas trees become year-round houseplants

Norfolk Island pines are nearly as popular as poinsettias this time of year, gracing chain store and supermarket shelves just after the Thanksgiving holiday, or perhaps soon after Halloween, these days! Not sure exactly what they look like? Think mini Christmas tree.

These cute conifers come table top ready, predecorated with tiny little ornaments and a festive foil sleeve. Most stand less than a foot tall, yet the amount of holiday cheer they bring to someone who otherwise wouldn't have a Christmas tree is immeasurable.

Unlike cut Christmas trees, potted Norfolk Island Pines need not be discarded once the holidays have passed. Simply take their decorations off and they become an easy to maintain houseplant.

Although they look as if they would be hardy to our area, they are not, so don't plan on giving them a spot outdoors come springtime, or you'll lose them with the first hard frost of fall. Norfolk Island, from which the plant hails, is situated in the southern Pacific Ocean, northeast of Sydney, Australia – a much warmer climate indeed!

The only locations within the United States that the Norfolk Island pine is hardy are Hawaii, and parts of Florida and California. Southern Florida is home to many commercial growers of the plant.

It is interesting to note that the Norfolk Island pine isn't a true pine at all. Rather it is an evergreen plant with needle-like leaves.

Side branches rise from the main stem at wide angles, giving it a symmetrical, triangular outline, especially when young. In the wild, heights can top off around 200 feet, with diameters between 9 and 10 feet. As a houseplant, it is very slow growing.

To keep your Norfolk Island pine looking its best for seasons to come, provide it with good quality light – a few feet from a south or west facing window is ideal. Give it a quarter turn at each watering and you will be rewarded with a nice straight stem.

If window space is out of the question, it will do okay in a well-lit room as well, providing the lights are on for most of the day. Temperatures should range between 60-

70 degrees during the day; slightly cooler at night.

It is important that the Norfolk Island pine be kept from temps below 50 degrees for any length of time or injury may occur. Therefore, be sure it is in a bag or protective sleeve when you bring it home from the store in chilly winter weather.

Keep its soil moist but not soaking wet.

Sometimes lower limbs may brown and then drop. Age, as well as erratic watering can cause this problem. Repot and check watering practices.

Fertilize in the spring, once active growth resumes.

Perhaps the most cherished of all tender herbs is Rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*), the herb of remembrance. Its needle like leaves and fragrant foliage make it a wonderful candidate for use as a table top Christmas tree!

One of the more common questions when people toured Old Sturbridge Village's greenhouse in the off-season, was "How do you manage to overwinter your rosemaries? They are some of the biggest I've ever seen!"

In a controlled setting such as a greenhouse, it's really not that difficult. Tender plants can be given as much sun as Mother Nature provides, but with the use of thermostats and vents, temperatures can be kept to a minimum.

We set the thermostat at 55 degree night temperatures, and vents opened when daytime heat reaches seventy. Low temperatures like these won't push the plants into growth when winter day length and daylight can't support it. Because of this the plants are stocky, not lanky.

We watered when the soil is dry to the touch – sometimes this might be as infrequently as twice a week during an overcast stretch, or as often as every day if the sun is out. For home culture, a sunny but cool locale is best.

For me, it's my "mudroom!"

One treat that many gardeners don't get to appreciate is the beautiful blue flowers that are borne on the plant in the short days of winter. Legend ties the plant to the Virgin Mary, saying that flowers that were originally white were turned to blue when she spread her cloak on its branches.

Yet another reason that makes it a great choice for a mini Christmas tree!

With any luck, a Norfolk Island pine and Rosemary can go from being great Christmas decorations to wonderful year round houseplants.

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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!

For a schedule of events scan this QR code.



Dan Kane & Friends to perform holiday concert

SOUTH HADLEY—The Dan Kane Singers and Friends featuring Freddie Marion, will be performing on Sunday, Dec. 15 at St Theresa Church 9 E Parkview Dr., South Hadley from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

The Friends of the South Hadley Seniors invite you to join us for this free Holiday Inspirational Concert. Free cookies and cocoa following the concert. No RSVP needed.

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Claus. After the visit, families can enjoy free hot chocolate on the log cabin porch and then take in the lighted displays of the park.

“Unfortunately pictures with Santa for purchase has been eliminated due to the decline in interest as visitors are taking their own photos with their phone cameras,” explained Bernier. “Visitors are welcome and encouraged to take photos of their visit with Santa to make those lasting memories. In lieu of the cost of the photos we welcome any donations to the park during this event. As always, the donations raised go back into the park for the ongoing improvements to the park. This year we’ve added a calendar raffle to the event in place of the pictures.”

The roots of Santa’s Land run deep in the community. The event was original-

ly created in 1972 by Joseph Taylor, the then-director of the South Hadley Parks and Recreation Department, with help from volunteers Joseph Ledoux and Paul Belarose. Held in the park’s original cabin, Santa’s Land quickly became a local holiday favorite. In the early 1990s, the event was taken over by Friends of Buttery Brook Park, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that continues to organize the event each year, in addition to several other community activities.

This year, Bernier, who has been involved with Friends of Buttery Brook Park for a decade and serves on the organization’s Board of Directors, is leading the event as its new chair. As a greeter at Santa’s Land in previous years, Bernier loves to hear from visitors who return year after year.

“There are the grandparents who as children were brought by their parents

and have returned with their children and now bring or accompany their grandchildren to see Santa and take in all of the wonderful lights and decorations that Bill Simard and the crew from the parks department work so diligently at every year to make this a memorable event for all who attend,” said Bernier. “Listening to the stories and memories, seeing and talking to the children who are filled with excitement and joy that they are going to see Santa makes it all worth the time and effort put into this wonderful tradition.”

Santa’s Land at Buttery Brook Park runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Dec. 12 to 15 and Dec. 19 to 22. The event is free, but donations are welcome.



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Camden Harnas visits with Santa at the event.

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Special Santa Stroll
South Hadley & Granby Chamber of Commerce President Michelle Theroux stands next to Santa Claus during the Holiday Stroll. Members of Fire District 1 pose next to an illuminated fire truck.




Historic house goes through major transformation

The Brick Parsonage offers unique gifts

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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GRANBY — The holiday season is in full swing, and no matter the holiday you're buying a gift for, the best kind of gift is the unique kind.

Whether you thrift it at your local Savers or Good Will, or find it amongst the treasures in an antique market or shop, the gift of something unique is treasured by all.

Right here in the town of Granby is a special place to find just the gift you are looking for: The Brick Parsonage.

The building was constructed in the 1830's, and was a former parsonage, and has since been inhabited by many different families.

Paul and Terry Mason now own the Brick Parsonage, and went through and fully renovated it, adding in a new remodeled kitchen, and decorating and adding additions to the rooms throughout the home.

"We needed something that could accommodate the antiques," said Terry. The couple moved into the house seven years ago, and have truly transformed the place.

"We walked into this house, and it needed a lot of work, but it was truly a labor of love," said Terry.

From renovating all the rooms in the house, to working with the town to get approvals for parking, turning the barn into their own antique shop, and even converting half of the house into a beautiful Bed and Breakfast, their work had truly paid off.

"We try and offer more and more as the years go on," said Terry. "We're going that Granby can start offering things to the people here, and having this here, is I think, a good start."

The kitchen is fully stocked with new appliances, all while keeping the character of the house. There are renovations, 29 new windows, and even more added and renovated to make the place feel like home.

"Each room is decorated uniquely, to give it its own theme and space," said Paul. "People who come here can stay in a room that is unique to the other three."

The Bed and Breakfast has four beautiful bedrooms, and are different for the needs of the people staying. There is a beautiful and comfortable communal living space, and a little kitchen with a fridge, coffee station, and microwave for use.

The Bed and Breakfast is open at different times throughout the year, and can be booked through their website, www.thebrickparsonage.com.

The pair have had a love for antiques, and for years have had booths at the Brimfield Markets, and before moving to Granby, had a space in Westfield.



The Brick Parsonage with its beautiful wrap-around porch, the perfect spot to enjoy the fresh air on a summer day.



An adorable ornament, angels, and wreaths with some old books.

The couple enjoy finding thrifted and antique items, and giving them a new life. From using spigots for making maple syrup as tiny flower holders, to furniture, to wine bottle gifts, you can find anything.

"When you reinvent something, something no one has ever seen before, it makes it so much more special than what you can find just at Walmart for a gift," said Paul.

The Antique Shop has a variety of items, including some new and wholesale

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The beautiful new oven installed as a part of the kitchen renovations, mixing modern tech with the beautiful and original design parts of the home.



The perfect spot to sit down and have a conversation with a loved one.



The beautiful lights set up outside the antique shop during their annual barn sale.

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas



The communal seating area in the Bed and Breakfast portion, the perfect place to sit down and relax.



The Mason's dining room with its beautiful, exposed brick and large windows.

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items, crafts and sewing from Terry's sister, up-cycled items, items from other antique vendors, and other handmade items.

"Being able to display it in design is my favorite part. Laying it out and designing it is the best," said Terry, who shows off her skills from her time as an art major and experience in interior design. "I love sharing the ideas, and seeing people get inspiration from it all."

The Antique Shop will be open from now until Christmas on Saturdays and Sundays only from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and is the perfect space to appreciate the beauty of this historic space, and find a treasure to take home, or give to a friend or family member.

The Brick Parsonage is located at 250 State Street in Granby, Massachusetts.

They can be reached at thebrickparsonage@gmail.com or on their website thebrickparsonage.com



Unique pieces ready to go home with someone to make their space truly there's.



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Resident creates works of art *with old tradition of embroidery*

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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SOUTH HADLEY – Needlework is one of the oldest forms of art, and has served as a beautiful way to decorate and personalize anything from shirts, jackets, purses, shows, and more.

One kind of embroidery, ribbon embroidery, is a style of embroidery stitching that involves the use of different thicknesses and colors of ribbons stitched into fabric to create more 3D designs.

Ribbon embroidery has been a part of different culture for centuries, just as long as silk ribbons have existed in our world, some of the earliest pieces of ribbon décor from old traditions in Europe.

Mary Shey has been practicing needlework since she was four years old, learning from her grandmother, from whom she also learned knitting, which she took up while dealing with an illness through childhood.

After a major surgery in 2014, she found ribbon embroidery kit during her recovery from it, and it brought back memories of creating ribbon embroidery with her grandmother so long ago.

“[I] could not stop doing one ribbon embroidery project after another,” said Shey. “[I] fell head-over-heels in love with it.”

Most of the ribbon embroidery pieces she has feature different kinds of flowers of all colors of the rainbow, including lilacs, roses, daisies, and lilies.

The kits she had come with a floral pattern, multi-colored ribbons, and a needle, and mirror the kits she creates to teach classes now.

She began teaching ribbon embroidery classes in 2018 and began her own business, Ribbon Stitchery, that brings this craft from her childhood to people all across the United States.

“[What inspires me is] to experience a blank cloth or canvas turned into a speechless, beautiful piece of art work,” said Shey. “The transformation as one works on the project is my favorite part.”

She has taught many different states, from the west coast in California to right here in Massachusetts, and has taught students from many different craft stores across the country.

“[I] find joy as a teacher, reviving the craft of ribbon embroidery that was once popular in the courts of Versailles in France and at the Forbidden City in China,” said Shey.

She has store locations in Bolton, Massachusetts, Colchester, Connecticut, Morgan Hill, California, Sunnyvale, California, Simi Valley, California.

Classes can range from just a handful of people, up to twelve at a time for a five-hour class, and depending on what they want to create, varies in price.

“The joy of sharing the knowledge and witness the joy of others through the process,” Shey said about the best part of teaching these classes.

Mary Shey shows her passion for the craft and works hard to share that love with all of the people she comes across.

You can find her online at her website, www.msribbonstitchery.com, and also on Facebook and Instagram to see her beautiful artwork, and learn the trade for yourself.

Her designs pop off of the canvases and embroidery hoops, featuring not just flowers, but also a beautiful peacock, butterflies, kimonos, and more.

Her beautiful flowers are stitched with baskets, vases, wreaths, and ribbons, and so much more can be found on her website, perfect for brightening any home.



Mary Shey showing her beautiful ribbon embroidery at the South Hadley First Congregational Church's Holiday Bazaar.

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Two different sized black canvases, the ribbons popping in bright colors.



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Noah Hambley tries to keep the ball in traffic.



Julius Hebenath works around the Holyoke defense.

South Hadley converts win over Holyoke

SOUTH HADLEY – On a rainy Thanksgiving morning, South Hadley High School football scored a victory over Holyoke 16-14, relying on a pair of two-point conversions to make the difference in the game. Each team scored a pair of touchdowns in the matchup, but South Hadley made

conversions while Holyoke kicked point-afters. South Hadley scored both their touchdowns in the first half, and Holyoke threatened to take the lead late in the game, but the Tigers held them off late to get the win in the “Battle of the Bridge.”



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Noah Hambley takes the ball on a run.



Brayden Koske goes for a tackle.



Jayden McMains makes a block.

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Riley Goodhind goes after the ball.

SPRINGFIELD – Last Monday night on the turf of Pope Francis High School, high school soccer held all-star games. Class C and D played in one match while A and B clashed in another. Kamden Houle represented Belchertown while Riley Goodhind and Gavin Moreno represented Granby in the match.



Kamden Houle plays in the Class B all-star game.



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Gavin Moreno heads up the field.

Hall of Fame hosting pair of college matchups

SPRINGFIELD – The MGM Springfield Basketball Hall of Fame Classic, presented by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, takes place on “World Basketball Day,” Saturday, Dec. 21, at the MassMutual Center and will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Network.

“We are proud to work with local stakeholders to bring local businesses in as sponsors of the Basketball Hall of Fame Classic,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “Thank you to MGM Springfield and the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tour-

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Sports

T-Birds climb back above .500 with win over Bruins

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (10-9-1-0) got off to a quick start en route to a 3-2 win over the Providence Bruins (8-10-2-0) on Sunday afternoon at Amica Mutual Pavilion on a day when the two teams sported throw-back jerseys. Springfield donned the Indians jerseys circa 1979, while the Bruins wore their late 1990s gold “Pooh Bear” logo jerseys.



The T-Birds jumped ahead on the scoreboard for a sixth consecutive game, this time just 3:51 into the contest. Scott Harrington settled a puck at the right point and fired it toward the net mouth with two teammates setting up screens. Aleksanteri Kaskimäki showed terrific hand-eye coordination, successfully spiking it down to the ice between the legs of Bruins goalie Michael DiPietro, giving the T-Birds a 1-0 lead. Harrington picked up his first point as a T-Bird, and Dalibor Dvorsky earned the secondary assist to extend his point streak

to five games. Colten Ellis drew the net for a second consecutive start, looking to extend a five-game streak without a regulation loss, making nine stops in the opening period. The Bruins’ first and only power play of the period, though, got the game evened when Patrick Brown cleaned up his own rebound following a splendid Ellis save at 13:49, evening the slate, 1-1.

Springfield failed to connect on its first power play, but the T-Birds took advantage with 1:56 of man-up time to begin the second. Samuel Johannesson got the play started from the right point, whipping a pass in the left circle to Marcus Sylvegard. The winger uncorked a shot that DiPietro deflected but could not cover. The rebound sat in the blue paint, where Matt Luff swooped in to backhand the puck across the goal line to give the T-Birds the 2-1 lead just 38 seconds into the middle period.

The Bruins attack could not

get anything going in the T-Birds end, registering just four shots on Ellis for the duration of the second. Springfield’s offense remained opportunistic and extended the lead at 13:04 when Dylan Peterson flipped a puck toward the net, allowing Reece Newkirk to slip it into the blue paint and Drew Callin to bury the loose change to make it a 3-1 score.

Providence did not go down easily as defenseman Mason Millman connected for his first goal as a Bruin with a slap shot just 1:36 into the final period to make it a 3-2 game. The Bruins had the bulk of the offensive chances in the final period, but Ellis and the Springfield defense did enough to prevent the home side from finding an equalizer. Ellis, who is now 5-0-1 in his last six starts, had 25 saves in the victory.

The T-Birds, who now sit above the .500 plateau for the first time since they won their season opener, rest up before welcoming the Bridgeport Islanders on Friday night at the MassMutual Center, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m.

Railers takes two of three on the road

WITCHITA, KS – The Worcester Railers HC (8-10-0-1 17pts) fell to the Wichita Thunder (10-9-1-0, 21pts), on Saturday night by the final score of 6-2 in front of a crowd of 4,009 at the INTRUST Bank Arena. The Railers are back on the ice next at the Cool Insuring Arena taking on the Adirondack Thunder on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. EST.

It was Wichita who tallied the first goal on the board as they took an early 1-0 lead 1:08 into the first period, with a goal from Jeremie Bucheler (1-1-2). Joe Carroll (1-0-1) extended the lead to 2-0 6:01 into the first. Colin Jacobs (1-0-1) then netted one for Worcester making it a 2-1 game. Wichita then scored two unanswered to finish the first period coming from Nolan Kneen (1-0-1) and Nolan Burke (1-0-1) making it a 4-1 Wichita lead headed into the second period. Anthony Repaci (1-0-1) scored the only second period goal with his power play goal with under a second remaining in the period. Wichita closed the game out with two third period goals, the first coming from Michal Stinil (1-1-2) on the power play while Braden Hache (1-1-2) was able to score on the empty net to close out the scoring, leaving the game with a 6-2 final score.

The scoring came early from Wichita through the first 20 minutes of play. Wichita

got started with a goal from Jeremie Bucheler (4th) just 1:08 into the game. Joe Carroll (7th) extended the Wichita lead to 2-0 6:01 into the first. The Railers answered back with a goal from Colin Jacobs (2nd) with just over eight minutes to go in the first. Wichita finished the period by pushing their lead to 4-1 with goals from Nolan Kneen (1st) and Nolan Burke (3rd). Shots favored Worcester in the first 22-12.

Despite the five total goals in the first both teams scoring slowed down in the second period. It looked as if the second period would go without a score until Anthony Repaci (14th) scored a power play goal with under a second to go in the period making it a 4-2 game heading into the third period. Shots Favored Worcester 12-8 in the second.

The third period was another low scoring period on both ends. The stalemate was broken when the Thunder got on the power play and cashed in with a goal from Michal Stinil (10th) 16:15 into the third period. The Railers went with an empty net late in the third trying to make the comeback, but the Braden Hache (1st) of the Thunder was able to get the puck all the way down the ice and score on the empty net making the final score 6-2. Shots favored Worcester 16-12 in the third and 50-32 in the game.

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ism for supporting the Hall of Fame Classic and helping us fulfill our mission of celebrating and promoting basketball’s history and bringing four great teams to the ‘Birthplace of Basketball.’”

“This iconic event in the birthplace of basketball is a hoop dream realized for many of the sports’ up and coming stars,” said Louis Theros, MGM Springfield President and COO. “MGM Springfield is incredibly proud to support and celebrate the Classic, honoring basketball’s rich legacy, inspiring future generations, bringing visitors to downtown, and shining a light on the City of Firsts.”

“The Basketball Hall of Fame Classic is a slam dunk for Massachusetts tourism,” said Kate Fox, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism. “By celebrating World Basketball Day in the sport’s birthplace, we’re inviting visitors from across the country to experience the excitement of the game and explore our state’s diverse offerings.”

Tickets for the 2024 Basketball Hall of Fame Classic are on sale now via massmutualcenter.com and the MassMutual Center Box Office. For more information, please visit hoophall.com. Group ticket pricing and hospitality opportunities are also available.

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Bring the family and friends to a wonderful Holiday program. For more information visit the Facebook page or contact Ken McCance at (413) 659-2622, or email at westmassbrass@gmail.com.

Toy and food drive

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

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

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

'Tis the Season for Giving

SOUTH HADLEY— During the festive month of December, the main library, 2 Canal St., will be accepting more than just book donations. For those that are feeling generous or want to help out locally this holiday season, the library is accepting food and toiletry donations for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc., a client-choice food pantry in South Hadley that serves over 150 families in South Hadley and Granby.

With more and more people experiencing economic hardship and needing food assistance, please consider donating. NHN is seeking much needed soup, hot and cold cereal, canned meat, tomato products, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant and women's hygiene products, drop items off in the gift boxes under our tree by the elevator. Individuals may also make monetary donations instead by clicking the Donate button on nhnfoodpantry.org or their Facebook page. Please no expired items.

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 nlachance5282009@gmail.com.



Submitted Photo

A solo concert titled *Down Came an Angel* will be performed by renowned pianist Jacqueline Schwab.

Holiday concert Down Came an Angel Dec. 7

AMHERST—Pianist Jacqueline Schwab will perform her multifaceted/multicultural holiday program *Down Came an Angel*, at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst, 121 N. Pleasant St., as part of their second annual concert series.

The concert will be on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets are available at <https://www.uusocietyamherst.org/concert-series>.

Schwab's program features evocative traditional Appalachian carols, South Carolina sea

island spirituals and well-known, vintage New England holiday standards, along with Hanukkah songs, a Mexican carol, and other music. Schwab will share stories about how traditional tunes can speak to us today, whatever our beliefs.

Schwab will be joined by local Folksinger/Storyteller Tim Van Egmond, who will share songs and yarns of the season. This will be their second collaboration in Western Massachusetts. This concert is produced by Louise Dunphy, host of the radio show *Celtic Crossings* on WRSI.

Patriot Game raffle tickets available on sale now

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 Patriots 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.

Holiday & December Events in Granby

Friday December 6

- East Meadow, Granby PTO Ice Cream with Santa, 6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday December 7

- Library Annual Knit and Basket Sale and Hot Cocoa Bar, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Granby United Church of Christ's Jingle Bell Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Granby Historical Association Wonders of Christmas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Library's Oh Snap! Gingerbread on the Loose Scavenger Hunt: 4th Annual Town-Wide Scavenger Hunt (First Day)

Sunday December 8

- Granby Historical Association Wonders of Christmas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday December 12

- Selectboard Holiday Luncheon, take out at 11:30 a.m., and served at 12 p.m.

Saturday December 14

- Granby Historical Association Wonders of Christmas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Granby United Church of Christ's Living Nativity, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday December 15

- Granby Historical Association Wonders of Christmas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday December 21

- Library's Oh Snap! Gingerbread on the Loose Scavenger Hunt: 4th Annual Town-Wide Scavenger Hunt (Last Day)

Tuesday December 24

- Christmas Eve: All Offices Closed

Wednesday December 25

- Christmas Day: All Offices Closed

Tuesday December 31

- New Year's Eve: Christmas Eve

Nature is Fun Times at the GPL

GRANBY—Twice Monthly, on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Granby public library's Community Room, come join Ranger Tasha for hands on science. Enjoy a nature theme story, learn hands on and make a craft about the world around us in New England. Ranger Tasha teaches interesting, lesser known facts about each topic, always keeps it interesting.

Upcoming dates and topics
Dec.10: Snowflake Science

Jan. 7: Living under the Snow

Jan. 14: Fur, what is it good for?

Feb. 4: Woodpeckers - Nature's Drumming Rockstars

Feb. 11: The Stink of Love - Skunks are looking for mates

Presented by Tasha Daniels, Park Ranger/Visitor Services Specialist at the Silvio O.Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Ages 3 and up.

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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. 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.11 – 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 Luch. 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.

Obituary

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DEATH NOTICE

Kelly L. Tetrault
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Kelly L. Tetrault

GRANBY—Kelly L. Tetrault, 43, died Nov. 26, at her home, a few weeks shy of her 44th birthday. She was a longtime resident of Granby and a member of many community groups. She was a well-respected registered dietitian by trade and a wildly talented mixed-media artist for fun. She loved all creatures real and fantastical from hippos to unicorns, anything ocean-related (mermaids included), and creating art that melded poetry with images. Her favorite moments were those spent with her son, with friends on the river, or when she was fully immersed in her academic and artistic pursuits. She was brilliant, caring, generous, and always quick with a smile.

She is survived by her son Callen, her father Bruce Tetrault of Granby, her sister Heather Tetrault of Chicopee, and cousins, aunts, and uncles in the Western Mass region. She also has a loving group of friends who will miss her dearly. Kelly is predeceased by her mother Barbara A. Tetrault of Granby, who passed this year on Oct. 4.

The family requests that any memorial contributions be made to the Suicide Hotline and/or a Suicide Awareness and Prevention program in your community.

Beers & Story South Hadley Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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Virtual support groups for those with cancer

PALMER— During a cancer journey patients and their families often benefit from the support of others. Virtual support groups are being held now and through 2025, by Camille St. Onge, LICSW and oncology social worker.

For many years, people had to travel to a predetermined location to attend cancer support group meetings. As a result of restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic virtual support groups began meeting entirely online, with participants joining through video conferencing platforms like Zoom. Today, many people prefer this method because it offers flexibility, and convenience, and allows them to access support from where they are without needing to physically travel to a meeting location.

“Sharing concerns with a support group can be a beneficial way for people facing cancer to get the help they need to cope with the physical and emotional concerns that arise during and after a cancer diagnosis,” said St. Onge. “While support and self-help groups can vary greatly,

groups share one thing in common, they are a place where people can share personal stories, express emotions, and be heard in an atmosphere of acceptance, understanding, and encouragement.”

The support groups are designed to help patients, their families and caregivers cope with the challenges of a cancer diagnosis.

Virtual Support Group offered include: General Cancer Support Group: first Wednesday of each month, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Partners in Caregiving: second Wednesday of each month, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Expressive Writing through Cancer, third Wednesday of each month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Breast Cancer Support Group, fourth Wednesday of each month, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All meetings are currently held virtually and are made possible by funds raised by the Walk of Champions. For more information contact Camille St. Onge, LICSW, Oncology Social Worker by calling 413-239-7239 or by email at cstomagin@gmail.com.

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“And that’s everybody,” said McLaughlin, listing the teachers, staff, students, nurses, bus drivers, and more, sharing his gratitude for them and their hard work.

He also shared an appreciation for Principals Wood and Lussier, sharing his appreciation for them uniting “the oldest and youngest of students”.

Cooke shared her ongoing gratitude for the social media work, especially regarding the posts made by the LGBTQIA clubs for Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Freisner shared his gratitude for McLaughlin and Voyik, saying, “...there’s never once been a decision where students weren’t the focus of that decision... Both of you, every conversation we have had, students are first.”

First Review of the Revised District Wellness Policy

McLaughlin addressed the questions and concerns from a student with questions and concerns about food and food distribution.

“Good things always start with ‘I wonder if’,” said McLaughlin, sharing that the committee and school districts loves hearing from students and hearing their thoughts.

The district has been looking into the distribution of food, and the safety of it, especially regarding allergies to peanuts, where some can even experience severe reactions to even peanuts present in the air.

“What we have to be mindful of always is trying to create the conditions where students are safe,” said McLaughlin. “There is a greater understanding now of the needs of students relative to food.”

With the rising amount of people developing food allergies and sensitivities like Celiac’s Disease, it can oftentimes be difficult to ask for gluten free or allergen sensitive food options.

Food is a way that cultures can share and spread joy, and as far as food is concerned, it is essential to work on ensuring that that joy is not taken away because of allergies.

McLaughlin then went on to share the plan for the creation of a new Wellness Committee and Program in order to ensure that students are able to acquire food safety assurances, as well as nutrition and health curriculums.

“This is something that’s been overdue,” said McLaughlin. Being able to implement this committee and program

will also ensure trainings like cross-contamination and food understanding is reviewed carefully and learned about.

The purpose of this is to ensure that the school is able to hold these special times to celebrate cultures, but to also ensure that all can participate by providing food alternatives.

Update on Recent Grant Awards

Principal Elizabeth Wood announced the new grant awarded to the high school for the theater arts productions after a great loss due to a mold problem in the prop closet.

Wood appealed to the Cultural Council for \$5,000, and it was awarded, so that the high school will be able to restock the prop closet for the theater arts programs.

“The district applied for another grant as well,” said McLaughlin. A grant, in the amount of \$10,000 was awarded also to the middle school in order to improve the band equipment.

Voyik found a connection opportunity for free books for elementary students from a community member for decoding books.

Voyik also shared a special opportunity where the school also was able to receive several mental health programs, resources, and curriculums for caregivers, vaping, and more.

An email came in from DESI saying that their application has been approved and are awaiting for the funds to be released from the state in a grant amount of \$99,000.

“I’ve very excited for the district,” said Voyik. “This is a great opportunity... for all of the schools, so we are very excited.”

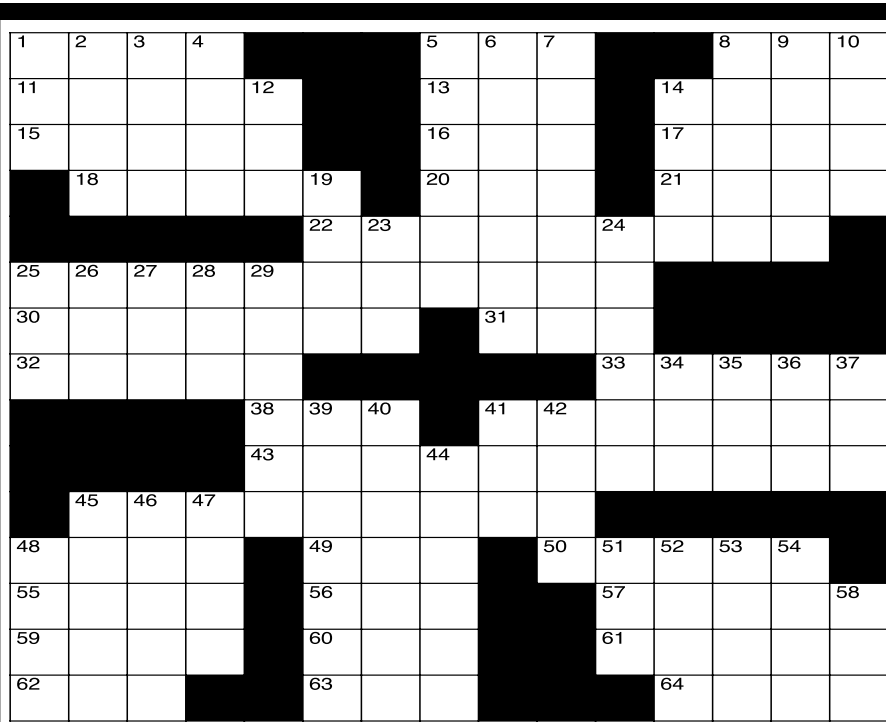
Standing Committee Reports

Cooke shared a few updates from the Joint Labor Management Committee, and discussions on where the committee is looking to improve upon.

Student Representative Peyton Leclair shared that the high school’s Service Club held a donations drive for domestic violence services from November 6 to November 26, with drop boxes at the schools, raising a lot for a good cause.

“Mosier is happy to announce another successful fundraiser by their PTA,” said Leclair. “Their annual pie selling initiative was again popular among their families.”

Plains Elementary has an upcoming play called No Turkey for Perky, and they also had a parade of balloons. The day before Thanksgiving, the South Hadley marching band came, and the high school held a food drive.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bar bills
- 5. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- 8. Swiss river
- 11. Czech Republic capital
- 13. “Officially known as”
- 14. A French abbot
- 15. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- 16. Local area network
- 17. Data transmission speed measure
- 18. Embarrass
- 20. When you hope to get there
- 21. This (Spanish)
- 22. Gives up
- 25. Churchgoer
- 30. Current
- 31. Slang for gun
- 32. Small drum
- 33. Vanished union bigwig

- 38. Rocker’s tool of the trade
- 41. Dearth
- 43. 2024 Olympics host (abbr.)
- 45. Excess blood in the vessels
- 48. Afrikaans
- 49. Agreement between provider and customer
- 50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 55. Ancient Syrian city
- 56. Witch
- 57. Celebrations
- 59. Long period of time
- 60. A team’s best pitcher
- 61. Current unit
- 62. One-time aerospace company
- 63. French/Belgian river
- 64. Swedish rock group

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)

- 2. Genus of clams
- 3. Remark
- 4. Actor LaBeouf
- 5. Ohio town
- 6. Olympic sport
- 7. Cure
- 8. Behave in a way that belittles
- 9. Shares a boundary with
- 10. Give advice
- 12. Promotional materials
- 14. Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing
- 19. “Agatha All Along” actress Kathryn
- 23. Small piece
- 24. King of Camelot
- 25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 26. Small Milky Way constellation
- 27. One who challenges authority (abbr.)
- 28. Equal (prefix)
- 29. Shawl
- 34. S. American wood sorrel relative
- 35. The end
- 36. Supervises
- 37. Yes vote
- 39. Officer of high rank
- 40. Church office
- 41. Tire pressure measurement
- 42. From a distance
- 44. Photographs
- 45. Industrial process
- 46. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
- 47. Map out
- 48. Mammary gland part of female mammal
- 51. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 52. Spongelike cake leavened with yeast
- 53. Speak incessantly
- 54. Poetry term
- 58. Relaxing space

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Centerville MA 02632

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2005 Dodge Caravan
1D4GP45R45B319697
Alex Soto
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Holyoke MA 01040
2005 Chrysler 300

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Francisco Rivera
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Glen N Sexton
Granby Selectboard
12/06/2024

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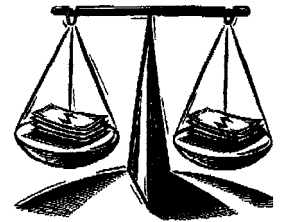
1. **7:30 p.m.:** "RDA" filed by David Desilets to see whether the work depicted on the plan referenced are subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection with regards to property located at 51 South Street and known as 4-C/22, in the Town of Granby.

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William Shaheen, Chair
Granby Conservation Commission
12/06/2024



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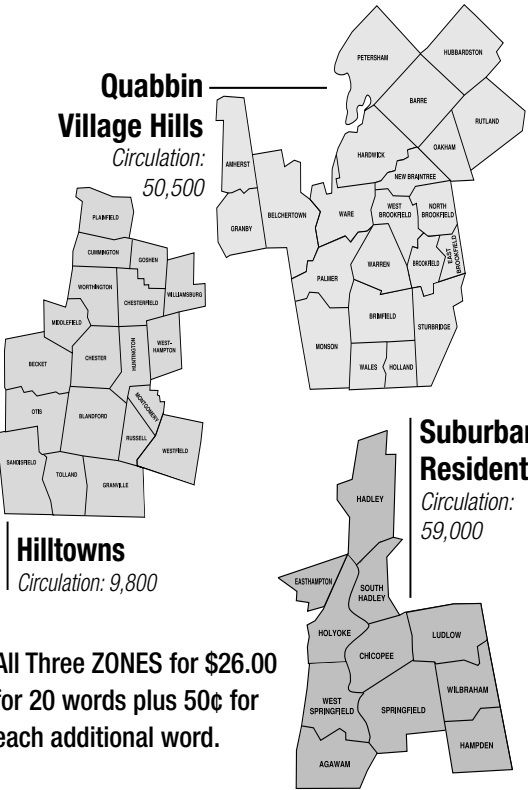
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vating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast,” explained co-director and MESMS teacher Stefani Holmes. “With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. As a story within a story, the actors take on many different roles in this production.”

“There are a few parts that you have to be more careful when you’re watching and pay close attention to, but if you’re paying attention the whole time then really understanding the story, I think you’ll really enjoy it,” explained eighth-grader Elena Kovalchik, one of the lead actors of the play.

“There are going to be a lot of switching characters and switching props,” added fellow eighth-grade and lead actor Kaylyn Colon.

“Probably the thing that I’m most excited about is switching between all the characters because it’s so fun to do that,” noted Autumn DeLuca, a lead actor from the eighth grade.

The new style of play and the much smaller cast than for the club’s typical productions has really brought the group together as a team and friends. In a recent visit to the set, most of the cast said that their favorite part of rehearsals has been that aspect.

“One of my favorite things we’ve done as a group of six actors is going to Mount Holyoke College, where we’ve rehearsed together to do our lines and make sure we’re set in stone and we know what we’re doing. It’s been amazing,” said Josie Seborowski, another lead actor and eighth-grader.

“Two of my favorite parts are, like everyone else has said, bonding with the whole cast. I just feel like it’s an amazing thing. And the second favorite part is that you get to feel the character. You almost become the character you’re playing,” said eighth grader and lead actor Elena Carpentier.

“As we were also practicing the show, we were getting closer to each other as we were immersing into our characters



The radio station will be the scene of many happy moments



The cast is ready to tell the story of George Bailey.

and that was really a lovely experience,” agreed Grace Proulx, eighth grader and fellow lead actor.

For other members of the cast and crew, it’s the moments of fun and laughter amid the rehearsing that bring them great joy and make the whole play worthwhile.

“One of my favorite parts is just when we break character and we laugh about it,” said eighth-grader Lily O’Connor.

Additional cast members include seventh-graders Gracie Williams, Lily Dustin, and Carly Peterson, sixth-graders Derek Colon, Sophie Saad, and Evan Gosselin and fifth-grader Brady O’Connor who bring to life Radio Station WMES as the station manager, foley artists (sound effects), light engineers, and performers for period-appropriate commercial breaks in the hectic sound booth.

Under the direction of Ted Blaisdell and Holmes, this will be the club’s twenty-third production after being established with a \$500 grant from the Michael E. Smith Endowment by Kathi Chlanda in 2005.

Performances will be at MESMS, 100 Mosier St., South Hadley on Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and

\$5 for students/seniors and are available for purchase online at www.mesmsdrama.ludus.com. On show days, tickets may be bought at the door 60 minutes before show time (cash only)

as space allows. Concessions (cash only) will be available in the lobby prior to the show. Donations to support the program are always welcome as it is a self-funded program.



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Getting ready for opening night.



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