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Chamber hosts annual night of fun with Trunk-or-Treat

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SOUTH HADLEY – The time for Halloween has arrived, and kids from all over came to Beers and Story last Friday night for a time of fun, candy, and music for the South Hadley and Granby Chamber of Commerce’s Trunk-or-Treat.

“Every year, my favorite part of Trunk-or-Treat is seeing the pure joy and excitement on the kids’ faces,” said Joni Fleming, the organizer of the event and member of the Chamber. “It’s

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Above: Little Hadley Holt dressed beautifully as Belle.

Left: Two sisters showing their beautiful glowing costumes.



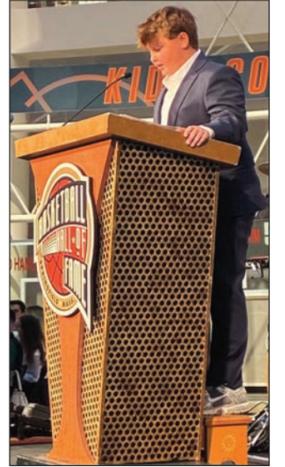
Local teen speaks on health journey

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SOUTH HADLEY – The people we come into contact with can help inspire us, and also bring attention to ideas and experiences we may not have firsthand experience with, so that we can grow in empathy for others.

Twelve-year-old Braden Kouflie is one of those people, and though sharing his story and journey through his diagnoses with Type 1 Diabetes, which he was diagnosed with at seven years old.

“A lot of people confuse Type 1 diabetes and Type 2 diabetes. I have type 1. There is no cure. There is nothing I did to cause this. I will need insulin for the rest of my life. Everything I do affects my blood sugar, so I have to watch it carefully every day,” said Braden Kouflie. “Another aspect about T1D that most people don’t realize is that you can get diagnosed at any age. Adults can get diagnosed, too.”



Submitted photo

Braden Kouflie sharing his inspiring speech with all present.

On October 4 at the Basketball Hall of Fame, Braden got the opportunity to speak at this year’s Party for 1 Purpose Gala by Breakthrough T1D, an event that focuses on raising money towards

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Town hosts annual Drug Take Back

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BELCHERTOWN / SOUTH HADLEY — For the past 27 years, towns across the nation have hosted Drug Takeback Day, which is done through the Drug Enforcement Administration in coordination with over 4,400 law enforcement partners around the country.

The 28th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day was hosted by the Belchertown Police Department and BOAT, Belchertown Overcoming Adversity Together, and the South Hadley Police and TRIAD on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Belchertown Common and South Hadley Police Station.

“We do it twice a year nationally, and it’s a way to dispose of medications safely and protect the environment,” said Kris Hoag, Programs Director of BOAT. “Drug Take Back Day is an

added layer of protection over our community.”

BOAT had a table of information on the common, as well as free naran and other resources for people to utilize after leaving their old medications to be safely disposed of.

Drug Take Back Day offers a safe, convenient, and anonymous way to dispose of unneeded prescription medication, which is dangerous to dispose of in the trash as it can be found and ingested or pollute the water supply.

“My favorite thing about it is interacting with the community,” said Officer Jay Krol. “It’s a great way for us to meet the community, and also to know that these medications won’t be on the streets or a danger to anyone else.”

The Hampshire County Sheriff’s Department takes

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Preparing for Special Town Meeting next week

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SOUTH HADLEY — Next week, on Wednesday, November 5, the town will be hosting a Special Town Meeting at the High School auditorium beginning at 6 p.m.

The Special Town Meeting contains eleven total articles for consideration and vote, as well as addressing the budget shortfalls because

of the Health Insurance increases that became effective earlier this month.

Below is a rundown of the Articles, and all meeting warrants are now available to view on the town’s website.

Article 1: The “easy” article, which will continue the meeting, where town meeting members vote to allow the town’s officers, boards, and committees to present the next articles for consideration and vote by town meeting members.

Article 2: This article deals with paying off old bills by transferring funds from the Unreserved Free Cash account or from other accounts, the sum of \$6,552 for FY23, FY24, and FY25 bills.

Article 3: This article directly concerns the health insurance payment required by the town, with a transfer from Unreserved Free Cash, available funds, and the total sum of \$800,000 in order to address the increase. You can

find more information on the SHCTV15 website, and view the October 27 Budget Task Force meeting, and the Appropriations and TA Warrant Review meeting from October 28.

Article 4: This article is for a vote to transfer \$23,144 from the Queensville Pond Project, and \$19,550 from the Library Accessibility Upgrades account for a total of \$42,694, and transfer this

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The Lone Grave Behind the Gaylord Memorial Library: South Hadley’s Hidden Link to Its Earliest Days

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – Many visitors to the Gaylord Memorial Library on College Street do not realize that just beyond its walls lies one of South Hadley’s oldest treasures: a single grave. It belongs to John Preston — a soldier, settler, and the man who gave this land to the community nearly three hundred years ago.

That grave is the last remnant of what was once the town’s first burial ground, known as “God’s Acre.” Long before the Gaylord

Memorial Library opened its doors in 1904, this land served as the final resting place for many of South Hadley’s earliest residents. Today, Preston’s solitary tombstone stands as a bridge between the town’s beginnings and its modern life.

In 1728, Preston offered a portion of his land, granted to him for his service in the French and Indian Wars, to be used as a burial ground for the new South Hadley settlement. Before the town could formally accept his offer, a child in the settlement died, and Preston, summoned to mark out the new cemetery,

made a difficult journey along the Connecticut River. The trip proved fatal, and he died on March 4, 1728, the very day the town voted to accept his land as its official burial ground. Fittingly, the first person buried there was John Preston himself.

Nearly two centuries later, South Hadley’s landscape began to change. The town, home to Mount Holyoke College and a growing population, sought a new site for its public library. Wealthy businessman and philanthropist William H. Gaylord, a lifelong resident known for his civic devotion, offered

to fund the project. The site chosen was the very same land once known as God’s Acre—by then overgrown and neglected.

Most of the graves were respectfully moved to Evergreen Cemetery on Hadley Street, but one remained. Henry Preston of Boston, a descendant of John Preston, objected to the relocation because the town had never been given formal title to the land. The issue was resolved with John Preston’s grave remaining undisturbed.

Today, the grave remains

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Turley photos by Tina Lesniak

John Preston’s nearly 300-year-old grave remains alone at the rear of Gaylord Memorial Library.

SHFD hosts special open house



Firefighter Darren O'Reilly with his daughters, Niamh and Roisin enjoying the beautiful weather and having fun exploring the trucks and station, collecting fire hats and other fun prizes along the way, even participating in an obstacle course!

How to have a safe Halloween night on Friday, Oct. 31

SOUTH HADLEY – The Town of South Hadley does not designate specific hours for Trick-or-Treating. It is an organic event that unfolds naturally among town residents. The municipality does not determine hours, locations or postponement. Hours are under the discretion of the parents to decide. All we do is encourage you to be safe and considerate of your neighbors. Happy trick-or-treating!

Keep these tips in mind from SHPD when your child/children are out on Halloween night:

- * A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds. If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time children should return home.
- * Teach your children nev-

er to enter a stranger's home or car. Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends.

- * Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home to avoid any food allergies.
- * Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep your heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

Safety tips for parents and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

- * Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- * Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- * At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

Read the Town Reminder online at www.townreminder.turley.com

Help wanted for flag laying this weekend

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley American Legion Post 260 invites a patriotic public to assist with the annual tradition of placing American flags on the graves of our veterans at final rest ahead of Veteran's Day.

This is a beautiful tribute and a heartfelt act of

patriotism for families, civic groups, sports teams, and Scouts. Veterans are welcome. Please join us!

The Cemetery Flagging will take place at Notre Dame Cemetery at 63 Lyman Street, South Hadley, on Saturday, November 1 at 9 a.m.

Warrants now available for upcoming STM Nov. 5

SOUTH HADLEY – The November 5, 2025 Special Town Meeting warrant is now available to view online or at Town Hall. Click here to view the warrant online.

Town Meeting will be held at South Hadley High School (153 Newton St, South Hadley, MA 01075) beginning at 6 p.m.

The Town of South Hadley has a Representative Town Meeting. There are 120 elected Town Meeting members. Each precinct is represented by 24 members elected to three-year staggered terms. Town Meeting members are elected annually at the Annual Town Election. To learn more about Town

Meeting in South Hadley, please visit www.southhadley.org/townmeeting.

To contact Town Meeting Members prior to Town Meeting, please use this form: <https://www.southhadley.org/FormCenter/Town-Meeting-3/Town-Meeting-Questions-Comments-43>

Please contact the Selectboard's office with any questions regarding the warrant articles at 413-538-5030, ext. 6181.

If you need assistance obtaining a copy of Town Meeting materials, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 413-538-5030, ext. 6183.

Sign up for sandbags from Sand for Seniors

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

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

Fall yard waste pick-up scheduled for Nov. 3-29

SOUTH HADLEY – South Hadley's fall yard waste curbside collection is set for Nov. 3-29. Each route will have two collections.

Please only use paper or open top containers. Any brush must be tied in bundles of no more than four feet in length. NO metal. NO plastic bags.

Yard waste must be curbside by 7 a.m. on collection day. Please keep yard waste barrels separate from trash barrels.

If you have specific questions, please reach out to the DPW at 538-5033.



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Granby Road apartment plan raises questions

By **Walter Hamilton**
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – A proposed development of seven detached two-family duplex dwellings, on a four-acre lot on Conti Drive to the rear of Liquor Town at 506 Granby Road, raised legal and technical questions by members of the Planning Board at an initial site plan review session on October 20.

In its application for the project, Himanshu Patel, managing partner of SAI Shayam LLC, the landowner, stated that the rental units would serve “the ‘missing middle’ described in the town’s Master Plan that “guided the development” of the plan.

“We propose to offer rental housing in a style, location, and manner not offered in South Hadley and will help meet the community’s needs,” the applicant stated.

Patel is co-owner of Liquor Town. The proposed housing occupies a separate parcel of land at the rear of the property occupied by the store.

Board members focused on language contained in provisions of zoning bylaws that regulate housing units on land designated for business under a bylaw approved by Town Meeting in 2024. The measure, endorsed at that time by a Planning Board vote of 4-1, met criticism that the law would not address the town’s need to build more affordable housing. Rent of the apartments would be set at market rates.

The board also considered the implications of the project on the effect of stormwater on the property located in the midst of wetlands, a factor also slated for review by the town’s Conservation Commission.

Planning Board member

Brad Hutchison, who characterized the zoning issue as “cryptic,” sought to reconcile a bylaw definition of multi-family housing with the plan to build the seven structures on a parcel with a single owner.

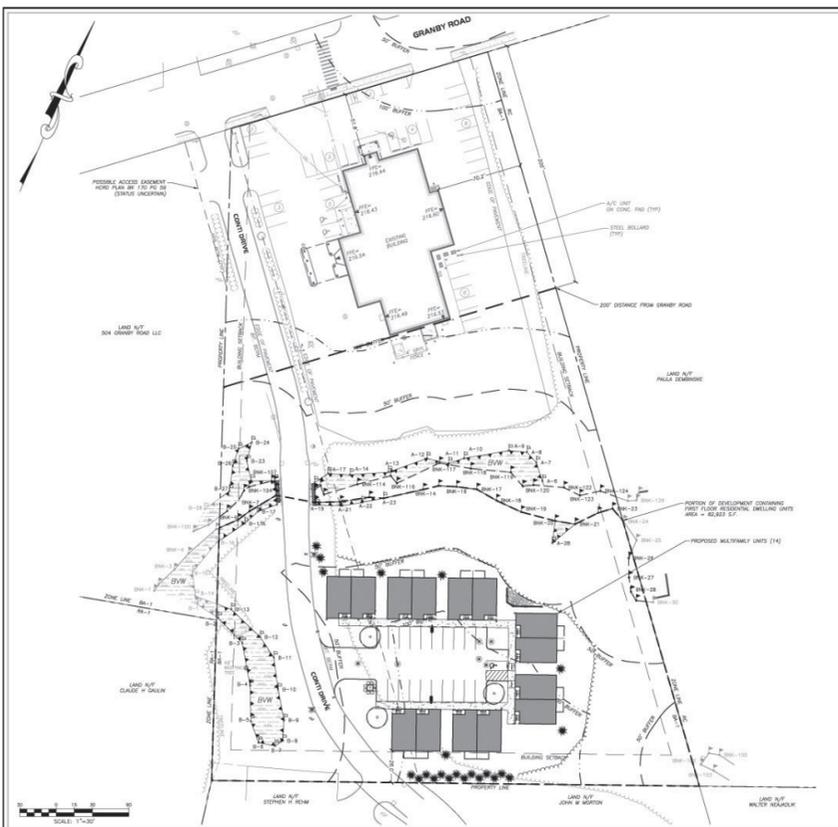
He made his comments during a presentation of the plan by consultant Rob Levesque that specified 21 parking spaces for 14 housing units, or fewer than 2 spaces for each unit.

On one hand, Hutchison said that the definition of multifamily housing in current zoning bylaws state: “A single parcel containing detached or attached single-family and/or two-family dwellings is not a multifamily dwelling.” On the other hand, language of the bylaw defining multifamily and multiple dwellings “with more than one building for dwelling purposes on a single parcel of land shall conform to the provisions” stated in an attached chart.

That chart includes a footnote (g) that the use regulations “Includes detached dwellings where the underlying and/or adjacent land is owned in common by an association of the dwellings’ owners.”

The footnote thus defines the proposed project as a multifamily use. Former Planning Director Richard Harris, now a consultant representing the landowner SAI Shayam LLC (Patel), stated that the use regulation in question did not cover projects in the business zone.

At that point, the board agreed to table the zoning issue in lieu of further advice. The board then addressed stormwater issues. The site is located between two wetlands areas. A portion of Conti Drive, a private roadway, crosses a stream that is



Submitted photo

A schematic project design, above, was submitted by the developer of a proposed 14-unit apartment complex. At the top is Liquor Town property, at 506 Granby Road, South Hadley. To the left is the existing Conti Drive that leads into the proposed housing development.

Ownership of the road and the zoning history of the proposed development area posed other questions, Capra said. Her department researched its records to learn more about the site.

Former Planning Director Harris said he believed the ownership of the road was settled sometime in the 1990s. Capra and Levesque ultimately agreed to meet for a “working session” excluding board members to explore and discuss issues raised at the hearing. The hearing is set to resume on November 10.

In other business, the Planning Board approved a consolidation of three land parcels at 298, 300 and 302 Newton St. owned by Joseph Marois. The newly configured lot includes the Carey’s Flowers Inc. building, a greenhouse and a detached outbuilding, a house to its rear and a vacant lot to its north.

Marois is the owner of the abutting Orion horse farm. Assessors’ records show the Carey’s property was sold to Marois in 2020. A house, owned by Carey’s Flowers Inc. at 302 Newton St., was also sold to Marois in 2020 and demolished in 2023.

channeled into a culvert.

The proposed development would raise the roadway by 4 to 5 feet to avoid flooding there, and by 8 feet at the building site and parking lot. Under a submitted stormwater management plan a surface infiltration system would be built beneath the parking lot.

Runoff from the parking lot and buildings would be conveyed through a draining system consisting of catch basins, manholes, and a water quality structure. Water would be discharged to the back of the proposed condos

to the adjacent wetlands.

Planning Director Anne Capra noted some questions about water flow and a condition of a wood guardrail that she had encountered during a tour of the proposed site. Capra said the culvert under Conte drive appeared to need maintenance.

Levesque said the owners have engaged Fletcher Sewer and Drain company to re-evaluate the culvert and recommend needed maintenance.

Board member Nate Therrien suggested that the road should be configured to safely accommodate pedestrians.

Donate to the SHHS’s service club’s projects

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School’s Service Club has put together its October projects and is seeking to share with the community the need for donations for the following:

Book Drive/Lending Library: October 20 to November 21

This project involves the carpentry department of our high school, which will be building a physical lending

library, and with donations from the community, we will create a communal library.

Alianzia Domestic Violence Shelter Donation Drive: October 20 to 31

This project will consist of collecting the local domestic violence shelter’s wish list, consisting of bedding, diapers, new clothing (for children and women), personal care products, and gift cards to supermarkets (Walmart, Target, etc.)



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Opinion

in the Garden

by Roberto McQuaid

I miss the days of carving pumpkins with the kids. Last year was the first year time got away from us and we just didn't get around to doing it.

I guess the rituals aren't quite as important as they used to be when the girls were younger. Alas, time marches on.

I still got a kick out of decorating the porch with pumpkins, big and small, orange and white. Not a Jack-o'-Lantern to be seen, just a pretty autumnal scene.

It is safe to say that we New Englanders have a fond affection for the pumpkin. And by the look of the neighborhood, we enjoy this fruit (yes, fruit) more on our doorsteps these days than we do in our kitchens.

This wasn't always the case; in fact, the pumpkin was a staple in the diets of Native Americans long before the pilgrims set foot on Plymouth Rock.

The pumpkin is thought to have originated in Mexico. Seeds found there of a distant Cucurbit relative were dated all the way back to 7000 to 5500 B.C.! In our more recent past, Native Americans taught colonists how to plant pumpkins; soon they became indispensable in their diets.

The hard outer skin of the pumpkin allowed it to be stored for a long period of time, sustaining the community throughout the winter months. It was also versatile, used in stews, bread baking, and even in desserts.

Historians speculate that the pumpkin pie may have evolved from the century's long practice of removing the top of a pumpkin, straining out the seeds and more stringy flesh, adding milk,

honey and spices and baking it for hours in hot coals. Today, we continue to enjoy pumpkin pie, but mainly as a holiday treat.

When carving pumpkins became more and more trendy, breeders concentrated their efforts on large, elongated, hard-skinned and sturdy pumpkins, in other words, those that would lend themselves best to a spooky face. These, however, may not be the most satisfying to our taste buds.

The smaller, "sugar-type" pumpkin is more appetizing in texture and taste.

Many of you already know that pumpkins are good for you too! The dark orange color of the flesh is a giveaway that, just like carrots, yams and winter squash, the pumpkin is packed with beta carotene, the precursor to vitamin A.

Researchers have long been touting the benefits of beta carotene to ward off infection and some types of cancer. It may also slow the aging process.

Besides that, pumpkins contain a healthy dose of potassium and fiber, are low in sodium and are fat free. Incidentally, pumpkin seeds when consumed regularly have shown to keep the prostate healthy.

They also contain a healthy dose of magnesium.

Did you ever wonder where the tradition of carving Jack-o'-Lanterns originated? It is thanks in part to an Irish folk tale of Stingy Jack, an unsavory figure who unwelcome in Heaven, outsmarted the devil and was left to roam the earth with only a burning coal to light his way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to Granby and South Hadley preschools

Letter to the Editor:

The Granby Lions Club recently completed their 2nd Annual Free Vision Screening Program for preschool children in Granby and South Hadley. The Lions Club screened 207 children, ages 10 months to 4 years. As a result, there were 10 children referred for a further comprehensive eye exam.

The visual system develops from ages 6 months to 6 years. Early intervention is critical for a child to develop the ability to see 20/20. If vision problems are not caught and corrected before the age of 6, then the child may never be able to see 20/20, which could handicap the child's ability to thrive in school and beyond.

Although the screening is not a replacement for a comprehensive exam which can look for eye diseases, the screening checks for nearsightedness, farsightedness,

astigmatism, and eye muscle imbalance (eye turns).

On behalf of the Granby Lions Club, I would like to thank the following preschools for their cooperation and participation: Alphabet Soup Children's Center (Granby and South Hadley), Brighter Beginnings Child Care (South Hadley), The Children First Center (Granby), Gorse Children's Center (South Hadley), and The Tree of Life Early Learning Center (South Hadley).

It is the hope of the Lions Club that all children of preschool age get screened for potential vision issues. If your child is not enrolled in one of the above preschools and would like to participate in a free vision screening, please contact the Granby Lions Club on Facebook: Lions Club of Granby, MA.

Thank you,
Lion Dr. Steven Markow

Celebrating our local golfers

To the Editor,

This letter is on behalf of Western Mass golfers. I want to express my congratulations and applaud the Ledges Golf Club of South Hadley. This local gem is rated #6 in Massachusetts public courses. This is because of the great care that supervisor Mike Fontaine, his daughter Amanda, and the hardworking crew take to keep this golf course in pristine condition.

Our new head pro is Ed Lockart. He is just what we

needed. He is very professional and is an outstanding teacher to his "students". John Hine (former select-board member) is in the pro shop. He is always there with a smile and is very helpful with tee times and merchandise. The starters Hal and Hal work hard to keep everybody on track. I am proud to be a member of Ledges. Remember to fix your divots and ball marks on the green

Yours for better golf,
Eric Tipton

The trials of the Appalachian Trail

"BEEES! RUUUUN!" It was midafternoon on the fourth day of our backpacking trip through New York State on the Appalachian Trail. A 93-mile hike from the New Jersey border to the Connecticut border in early October.

The first three days had confirmed what others had warned us-the trail through New York would not be easy. Especially this year, when most of the 'reliable' streams were bone dry due to the drought. Many days, we were forced to detour off the trail and hike into towns to procure water. With temps in the 80's, dehydration was an ever-present worry. In addition, the added weight of up to 6.6 pounds of water on our backs made the technical scrambles up steep rock ledges even MORE precarious.

On day 4, we were hustling, intent on hiking as many miles as possible so that we could reach a reliable water source-a water spigot at a pump house-before pitching our tent for the night. We were 12 miles into our day when the unimaginable happened.

Tom was about 75 feet ahead of me, when he suddenly paused and turned back to make sure that I was still behind him. When he saw me a short distance away, he continued on.

Fifteen seconds later, I reached the spot where he had momentarily stopped, and I felt a red-hot sensation on my right arm, followed by another on my left arm. Before I even looked down, I knew that I had just been stung by Yellow Jackets... the most despicable spawn of satan that has ever inhabited this planet.

Tom must have unknowingly stepped on a ground nest, and they were coming out for vengeance as I walked past.

I screamed in agony as a swarm of them descended upon me-stinging my ankles, thighs, and arms. It felt as though someone was shooting red-hot flaming arrows directly into my skin. A sound that was unrecognizable even to my own ears came out from somewhere deep inside of me. A guttural sound. Like a deep moan intermingled with a high-pitched wail. It bordered on primal. Tom turned at the sound-later telling me that he thought the sound was coming from a wounded animal.

I screamed to Tom to "RUUUN!" at a decibel that could be heard from miles away, since Tom is deathly allergic Yellow Jacket venom. With adrenaline coursing through my body, I raced along the rock-strewn path like an Olympic medalist, waving my arms to ward off the monsters that were attacking me.

When it seemed as though I was no longer being chased, I finally stopped and bent down to swipe off a dozen Yellow Jackets that were still clinging to my merino wool socks. The pain in my ankles was excruciating, and I began screaming and crying all at



once.

I unclipped my pack and dropped it to the ground so that I could pull out my first aid kit. Within seconds, more yellow jackets were upon me. "They smell the pheromones!" Tom yelled. With no thought of his own safety, he flailed his arms to ward them off and screamed, "RUN Julie!"

Leaving my pack behind, I ran like the speed of light until the wasps finally gave up their chase.

A few minutes later, Tom came barreling up the trail with my enormous backpack in hand. His concerned face was filled with desperation when he saw me. I had been stung over 2 dozen times. Tears were rolling down my face. My arms and thighs were already swelling from the venom, and my ankles were so swollen, they were unrecognizable.

Tom insisted I use his EpiPen, since I had a severe reaction to Yellow Jacket venom in the past. I refused. "We still have 4 more days out here. If YOU get stung, it's life or death. If my throat starts to close, you can inject me. If not, we're saving the EpiPen in case you get stung."

Fortunately, we were only a mile and a half from

the water spigot at the next road crossing. Once we got there, I took off my shoes and socks and ran cold water on the stings in a vain attempt to reduce the pain and swelling. I even went so far as to text my kids to ask them to google whether or not urine could reduce the pain and swelling of Yellow Jackets venom. (Desperate times call for desperate measures!) Alas, they responded that it was just a fallacy. Tylenol was my only option.

Needless to say, I spent a pretty sleepless night in our tent that night due to the pain. The intense itching would begin the following morning. Oh, the joys!

Our 7-day hike through New York State was definitely the single most challenging backpacking trip we have ever taken. But each trial made us even more grateful for the blessings we encountered along the way. The sunrises and sunsets. The conversations with fellow hikers around a campfire. The enormous trees. The rare flowing stream. Even the bear encounter while we were brushing our teeth at a primitive tent-site on our second night on trail seemed like a gift.

But that's a story for another day. Let the adventures continue!



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Country Bank welcomes David Gentleman as Retail Loan Officer

REGION — Country Bank, a leading full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce the appointment of David Gentleman as Retail Loan Officer. With nearly 20 years of experience in the lending industry, David brings a wealth of knowledge, dedication, and customer-first values that align perfectly with Country Bank's mission to make a difference in the communities it serves.



David Gentleman

him a tremendous addition to our retail lending team. David's relationship-focused approach, strong community ties, and unwavering commitment to helping people achieve their dream of homeownership align seamlessly with our core values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence, and Prosperity." Throughout his 18+ years in the financial industry, David has focused on helping customers navigate the often complex process of buying a home. He takes pride in making the experience as smooth and understandable as possible, especially for first-time homebuyers. His approach to lending is built on transparency, education, and trust, qualities that have earned him long-standing relationships

and even generational referrals. David also brings a strong sense of community to his work. He serves on the Board of Directors for North Central Massachusetts Habitat for Humanity and the Worcester Children's Chorus, organizations that align with his passion for affordable housing and youth development through music. "Everyone deserves safe and affordable housing, and every child deserves the chance to experience the joy of music," David shared. "Both causes are deeply personal to me, and I'm proud to help make a difference through these organizations." Country Bank has a remarkable reputation for putting customers and communities first," said David. "That's how I've approached my entire career in lending, and I'm thrilled to be part of a team that shares those same values."

GARDEN from page 4

According to the legend, Jack put the coal in a carved out turnip (which he was fond of stealing!) and has been roaming ever since.

"Jack of the Lantern" has become simply "Jack-o'-Lantern." In Scotland and Ireland people made their own Jack-o'-Lanterns out of

turnips or potatoes. In England, large beets were used. The tradition came with the immigrants to America; here they found the pumpkin perfect for carving. And so it has continued! Maybe I will have to carve one myself, just for old time's sake.

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.

Happy 50th Anniversary to a special couple

Martha and Thomas Terry of South Hadley recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They are pictured here with their five grandchildren.

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such a rewarding feeling to know that this event helps bring our community closer together. I am very grateful for the role I have and helping put this together."

The Trunk-or-Treat featured dozens of local and small businesses with pop-up tents, tables, and cruiser trunks set up with candy and other goodies to select.

The Trunk-or-Treat was a great success and served as another positive testament to the work the Chamber does in working to unite local businesses and the community together, creating new opportunities and memories along the way.



Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Three friends having a fabulous time at the Trunk-or-Treat.



Three besties posing with the Disney backdrop.



A family in their home made K-pop Demon Hunters costumes.



Rocking out with fabulous K-pop Demon Hunters costumes.



Two pirates ready to pass out candy- or steal some candy, too!



A family of Harry Potter fans dressed as Professor Trelawney, Hagrid, Hermione, and a Ravenclaw, of course.



A brother-sister team dressed as characters from Paw Patrol.



A little bumblebee and a teletubby.



Sparky posing with a smile with a firefighter.



A little FBI agent talking with one of the SHPD officers and admiring their decorated cruiser.



Brothers dressed as Harry Potter and the Ender Dragon.



Commander Rob Chauvin and his wife, with the Granby American Legion.



SHPD Police with candy and a fabulous cruiser.

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Tigers outscore pair 10-0 in tournament



Hannah Haesaert gets the header.

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School girls soccer team is once again headed for a Class B Western Mass. Girls Soccer final against Belchertown. The Tigers headed into that matchup, held earlier this week with a lot of momentum after a 4-0 shutout of Frontier in the quarterfinals and a 6-0 shutout of

Wahconah in the semifinals held on Monday evening. In the Frontier win, Hannah Haesaert had a hat trick. Allison Fluery achieved the same feat in the Wahconah win. Highlights from the Western Mass. finals, played on Oct. 29 in West Springfield, will be in next week's edition.



Goalie Olivia Athas clears the ball away ahead of pressure.



Cara Dean advances toward midfield.

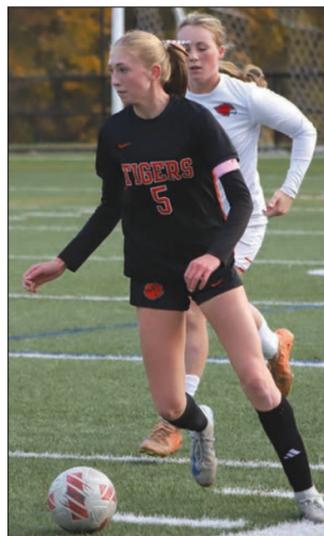
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Mikayla Weaver heads up the field after taking possession.



Gwen Marion watches her pass head toward her teammate.



Kelcey Zraunig looks up the field for an open teammate.



Willa Camp makes a play on the ball.

Weaver achieves 100th coaching win

The game also featured Kalli White's 100th career point



Bob Weaver is recognized for winning his 100th game as coach.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

GRANBY— The Western Mass. quarterfinal matchup last Wednesday will always be a very memorable day for the girls' varsity soccer team at Granby High School.

On that afternoon, the top-seeded Lady Rams defeated the eighth-seeded Smith Academy Falcons, 9-0,

in a Western Mass. Class D quarterfinal home match.

Not only was it their 10th win of the season, a couple of elite milestones were also achieved.

During the fifth minute of the opening half, junior Kalli White became the newest member of the 100 point club when she scored the Lady Rams second goal of the match, which was assisted by

freshman Marcela Tapia.

"I've been dreaming about this moment ever since I was a little kid," said White following the game. "I always looked at the banners on the gym walls, and I wanted to have my name on them, so it's really special."

White and Tapia, who both scored a pair of goals during the first 40 minutes against the Falcons, have

formed a very good combination this season.

"Marcela started the season as a midfielder, but she's now a forward," White said. "I feel like we're bonding very well. It has been amazing."

White became the third member of Granby girls' soccer team to reach 100 career points.

The other two former

Lady Rams soccer players who reached the elite milestone are Summer Molin and Nora Young.

"I used to come watch their soccer games and I always wanted to be just like them," White added. "It's really excited to be following in their footsteps."

The Lady Rams, who are

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Tigers upset Smith Academy in WMass semifinals

HATFIELD – Last Thursday afternoon, South Hadley High School field hockey scored two late goals to upset higher-seeded Smith Academy 2-1 to advance to the Western Mass. Class B finals. South Hadley, which was making a comeback to varsity status, had an outstanding season in its first back competing. The Tigers went 11-5 in the regular season and qualified for the sectional tournament. Sam Harrison scored both goals for the Tigers in the semifinal matchup on the road.

South Hadley would fall to Southwick in the Western Mass. finals a couple of days later. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week's edition.

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Type 1 Diabetes research, with the goal of one day finding a cure. Last year, Braden sent in a video of him speaking, which was shown at the event, and this year was asked to speak in person.

"At first, I was really nervous, but my parents promised to help me prepare so I would be ready to go on the night of the gala," said Braden Kouffie. "In my speech, I talk about what it is like day to day to live with T1D, and about how it affects me playing sports, and how I often get taken out of class to eat a snack. I also talked about my hope for the future and made some jokes."

The Gala hosted its first event last year, raising a total of \$325,000, but this year surpassed that amount to reach \$470,000 to go towards finding a cure for T1D. "I really hope our event made us one step closer to living in a world without T1D. I hope no other kid gets diagnosed with T1D. I also hope this money will advance technology to make it easier for those living with T1D," said Braden Kouffie.

The room was filled with friends and family supporting their loved ones with T1D, and ready and eager to help their loved ones find a cure.

"I wouldn't be able to manage this without my family, friends, coaches and teachers. My parents manage my disease while I am sleeping, and my teachers keep me safe during school. My friends are really supportive, which means a lot to me," said Braden Kouffie.

Braden's mother, Elizabeth Kouffie, and his father,



Submitted photos

The Kouffie family ready for the Gala.

Shane Kouffie, supported Braden through it all, from the doctor's appointments to making sure he had help preparing his speech, and worked hard to help him with whatever he needed.

"It took a little while to convince him to take this opportunity to tell his story and help raise money for Breakthrough Diabetes. We were so proud of how hard he worked on his speech and absolutely blown away by how beautifully he delivered it. He did a tremendous job," said Elizabeth Kouffie. "We know Braden will go on to use this platform he has been given to continue to create awareness and raise money to help find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes."

Friends and family all came together to celebrate their loved ones and became inspired by Braden's speech.

"Shane and I are incredibly proud of Braden for

the strength, determination, and grit he has shown in the face of this disease. He refuses to let it stop him from doing what he loves or from achieving his goals," said Elizabeth Kouffie. "Sometimes it can feel like we're fighting this battle alone, but that night reminded us that we have an incredible army of people standing beside us and every other T1D family."



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Braden and his friends who came out to support him.



The Basketball Hall of Fame dressed up for the Gala.

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GRAVE from page 1

a quiet focal point of the Gaylord Memorial Library grounds. "The grave is a significant feature of the library's history, but no signage points people in that direction," said Joseph Rodio, director of the South Hadley Public Library. "A flag is placed at the grave denoting Mr. Preston's status as a veteran, and the site is treated with the respect and dignity it deserves."

Recent landscaping has helped preserve the stone, removing overgrown trees that threatened to damage it. Still, the grave often escapes notice. "I don't know of any other public library that also functions as an active cemetery," Rodio added. "Mr. Preston's presence at Gaylord is a direct connection to the town's early history and a reminder of how the center of South Hadley has evolved over the decades and centuries."

Nearly three centuries after his death, John Preston still watches over the land he gave to the town that grew around it—a lone sentinel of South Hadley's enduring past.



Turley photos by Tina Lesniak

The last remaining grave behind the Gaylord Memorial Library, where Preston still rests.

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sum to the Pearl Street Culvert Project.

Article 5: This article looks to see if meeting members will adopt MGL Chapter 44 Section 54B, for the town to use trust funds in the "Prudent Investment Rule", which basically means that it will allow the town to invest "like a prudent person," and like the funds were their own, to avoid taking excessive risks and helping the town be less inclined to spend, and more inclined to save.

Article 6: This article is to establish the Special Education Trust Fund, put forward by the School Committee to act as a buffer for special education costs, and to cover unexpected costs in the future for students and their changing needs, the addition of new students, or other reasons. The Trust Fund is essentially a savings account and is de-

signed to be a safety net so the schools can continue to operate effectively and have the money reserved for when it is needed.

Article 7: This article was put forward by Police Chief Jennifer Gundersen, with the intention of prohibiting cryptocurrency machines in gas stations, grocery stores, and other businesses in the town of South Hadley. The article was put forward because of the rising cases of financial fraud, money laundering, and the inability to help people who had been scammed by these machines.

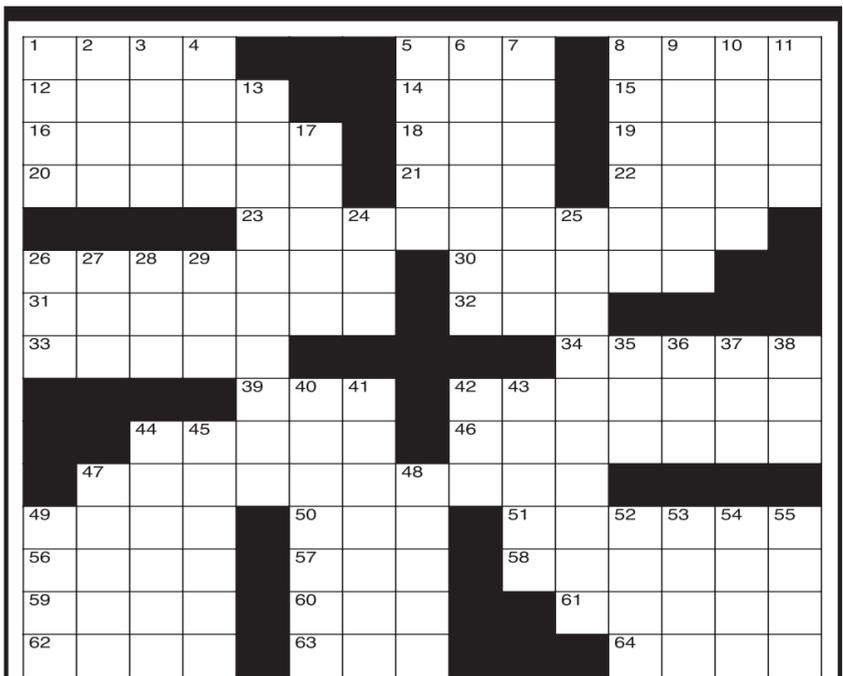
Article 8: This article details a new petition to the General Court by the Selectboard for the town to obtain ten more liquor licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages according to Section 13 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws.

Article 9: This article details a zoning bylaw amend-

ment put forward by the Planning Board in order to create two new districts, Residential Core and Residential Mixed Use, throughout the zoning bylaws currently in place. More information can be found by reviewing the information on the town website under planning board, where the recordings and Power-Point presentations from past public hearings and information sessions can be found.

Article 10: This article is an amendment to the zoning map, by changing parcels from the Granby town line to the Chicopee town line, along Route 202 and Granby Road, and Route 33 and Willimansett Street.

Article 11: This final article is to determine if the town will accept, acquire by gift, purchase, take by eminent domain, or acquire in another way, Ethan Circle as a public way rather than a private way.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. El __, Texas town
- 5. Rocker's tool
- 8. A lot
- 12. Traveling by ground
- 14. Spelling competition
- 15. Two-toed sloth
- 16. Small perfumed bag
- 18. "Much __ about nothing"
- 19. Tough-skinned mollusk
- 20. Removes from record
- 21. It warms the planet
- 22. Leafy green
- 23. Quality of arriving favorably
- 26. Living thing
- 30. "Six of Crows" author Bardugo
- 31. Got around a rule
- 32. Resin from burned substance
- 33. Iraq seaport
- 34. Religious leaders
- 39. Fugitives are on it
- 42. Samson's influencer
- 44. Italian city
- 46. A quality of lacking interest
- 47. Predatory tropical fishes
- 49. Nobel physician Isodor
- 50. Luck
- 51. Stationary part of a motor or generator
- 56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)
- 57. One point south of due east
- 58. It follows 79
- 59. Paper currency
- 60. Anger
- 61. Spanish seaport
- 62. Sleep in a rough place
- 63. Famous museum
- 64. Selfs

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bullfighting maneuver
- 2. From a distance
- 3. Soul and calypso song
- 4. Expressions of delight
- 5. Lower in esteem
- 6. Inner region of an organ
- 7. Flowers
- 8. A bog
- 9. Remove a fastening
- 10. Membranes
- 11. Enormous
- 13. One who abstains from drink
- 17. Malayan wild ox
- 24. Type of student
- 25. Rejecting all moral principles
- 26. Sino-Soviet block
- 27. Egyptian unit of weight
- 28. Wrong
- 29. Make a mistake
- 35. Indicates location
- 36. Boxing's "GOAT"
- 37. Where wrestlers compete
- 38. Timid
- 40. Disney town
- 41. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 42. Male parent
- 43. Remove for good
- 44. Simple shoes
- 45. Flowers
- 47. Hindi courtesy title for a man
- 48. Not pleased
- 49. "Atlas Shrugged" author
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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF HEALTH SETS REGULATION RESTRICTING SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
Town of South Hadley Tobacco Regulations were passed by the South Hadley Board of Health. Copies may be obtained at the Board of Health Office.
 Karen Walsh Pio, Chair
 Tony Judy, Vice Chair
 Charles Scott, Clerk
 10/31/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS25P0671EA Estate of: Michael Joseph June Also Known As: Michael J. June Date of Death: September 07, 2025 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **James M. June of South Hadley, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

James M. June of South Hadley, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
 10/31/2025

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **November 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider Special Permit and Stormwater Management applications filed by 136 East Street, LLC c/o Gerald Coderre; 383 Newton Street, South Hadley MA 01075; for a 14-unit Residential Flexible Development at 136 East Street, Assessor's Map 35 Parcel 6. The proposed development, referred to as Deer Meadow Estates, will be a 55 and over community consisting of 6 duplexes and 2 single-family homes with additional site improvements including stormwater management, open space, and landscaping. This application is being filed pursuant to the South Hadley Bylaw Chapter 200 (Stormwater Management); Chapter 255 (Zoning) Article IX (Special Permits); 255-31 (Flexible Development); 255-84 (Earth Removal, extraction, and fill regulations); 255-85 (Signs); 255-86 (Off-street Parking); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules. This project will also require relevant approvals under Chapter 360 (Subdivision Regulations).

The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in information below:
 URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81196893061?pwd=dePmlxUdK2NiESjV8IUOgoBDMapmE1>
Or join by phone: 1 646 931 3860 **Webinar ID:** 811 9689 3061 **Passcode:** 210399

The subject property consists of 8.9 +/- acres of undeveloped land and is located within the Residence A-1 Zoning District. The property is situated on the north-side of East Street with the rear of the property directly abutting the Town of Granby.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Special Permits' under section 'East Street (136) - Flexible Development' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
 South Hadley Planning Board
 10/24, 10/31/2025

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **November 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Site Plan Review and filed by Raymond Machak for development of a detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on a parcel with an existing single-family home at 11 Brockway Lane, Assessor's Map 47 Parcel 63. This application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article XII (Site Plan Review); 255-50 (Accessory Dwelling Units); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

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

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The subject property has mixed zoning including both Agricultural and Residence A-1 Zoning. Most of the parcel is within Residence A-1 zoning, with Agricultural Zoning along the site's frontage. The subject property is about 1 acre and includes an existing single-family home.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Site Plan Review' under section 'Brockway Lane (11) - ADU' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1179/Site-Plan-Review>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
 South Hadley Planning Board
 10/24, 10/31/2025

Sale Of Motor Vehicles Under G.I. C.255 Sec. 39A

Notice is hereby given by Hampshire Towing, 650 New Ludlow Rd., South Hadley, MA 01075, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that a **SEALED BID** auction with bids due **Monday, November 12, 2025 at 9 a.m.** Vehicles can be viewed **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY by calling 413-534-5373.**

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 Address Unknown

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 Owner Unknown
 Address Unknown

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

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

2011 Subaru Legacy
 VIN: 4S3BMA65B1216078
 Teresa Doyle
 744 Pendleton Ave.
 Chicopee, MA 01020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2008 Jeep Grand Cherokee
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 470 Chestnut St., Apt. 3R
 Springfield, MA 01107

2013 Ford Edge
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 Hartford, CT 06105

2013 Nissan Altima
 VIN: 1N4AL3AP5DC911492
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 Sacramento, CA 95865

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

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

2011 Chevrolet Equinox
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 Ramon Reyes
 1314 Dwight St.
 Holyoke, MA 01040

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

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

2006 Kawasaki Ninja ZX-6R
 JKBZJJC106A035563
 Kevin Espinal
 VIN: 4730 61st St., Apt. 16A
 Woodside, NY 11377

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

2011 Dodge Charger
 VIN: 2B3CL3CG9BH606525
 Jacob Rivera
 1752 Memorial Dr.
 Chicopee, MA 01020

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

2008 Kawasaki Motorcycle
 VIN: JKAZX45148A075236
 Unknown Owner
 Unknown Address

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

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

2006 Mercury Montego
 VIN: 1MEFM40196G610699
 Fabiola Vazquez
 65 Maple St., Apt. 2
 Chicopee, MA 01020

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

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

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

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

2017 Buick Verano
 1G4PS5SK5H4115102
 Gary Bechard
 75 Commercial St., Apt. A320
 Adams, MA 01220

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pop Up Camper
 Unknown VIN
 Owner Unknown
 Address Unknown

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

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

2023 Baodiao Moped
 VIN: L2BB8BCH7PB607049
 Owner Unknown
 Address Unknown

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

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

2010 Kawasaki KX 250F
 Unknown VIN
 Owner Unknown
 Address Unknown

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2015 Jaguar XF
 VIN: SAJWA0F88FPU47158
 Jennifer Bennett
 10145 Turpin Ave
 Hastings, FL 32145

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

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

2017 Ford Focus
 VIN: 1FADP3R49HL256058
 Owner Unknown
 Address Unknown

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

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 VIN: 4T1BE32K45U061437
 Rodrigo De La Cruz

Encarnacion
 5668 Handel Ct
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 VIN: KM8SC73EX5U986861
 Michael Slaughter
 19 Noel St., Apt 2
 Springfield, MA 01108

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1998 Ford Mustang
 1FAFP4048WF126490
 Elisul Arias
 822 Main St., Apt. 10
 W. Springfield, MA 01089

2004 Toyota Tundra
 VIN: 5TBTT44124S445958
 John May
 36 North Pearl St., Apt. 1
 Pittsfield, MA 01201

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

2000 Mercedes-Benz S-Class
 VIN: WDBNG75J3YA109939
 Nancy Brens
 320 Sumner Ave.
 Springfield, MA 01108

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

2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee
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all disposed medications, whether from drop offs at Drug Take Back Day events, or from the consistent lock-boxes at the police station, to be incinerated by the DEA.

All the police stations in the community and neighboring towns have drug lock boxes for drop-offs and is safe and anonymous.

The SHPD works alongside SALT, or Seniors and Law Enforcement Together, under TRIAD.

"The members of this group all have the interests of the South Hadley seniors at heart and are willing to share their time generously to meet the safety needs of the South Hadley seniors," said Marion Callahan, President of TRIAD.

The members of TRIAD, present with Sergeant Doug Percy, held a table at the back of the police station with information about the work TRIAD does, and filled over six boxes of discarded drugs to be picked up by the Hampshire County Sheriff's Office.

"It's a really great public service, too," said SALT member Connie Clancy.

Drug Take Back Days are an important way communities can help control drugs and access to drugs that are unused or expired, that have the potential to be abused.

The Police Departments and local organizations that work alongside them are here to help, and they work hard to ensure that our communities are safer places.



Angela Battle and Kris Hoag from BOAT. Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas



Sergeant Doug Percy from South Hadley with two giant bags of disposed pills.



From the BPD, Officer Jay Krol, Sergeant Neil Lozier, and Officer Adams and Sergeant Jackson from the Hampshire County Sheriff's Office.



Danny Gobrial came out to support Drug Take Back Day with Officer Krol.



Marion Callahan, Ann Root, Sergeant Doug Percy, and Connie Clancy at the SHPD for Drug Take Back.



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Wednesday, Nov 5 at 6 p.m.

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Genealogy Class: How to Begin Your Genealogy Search with Dave Robison
Wednesday, Nov 12 at 6 p.m.

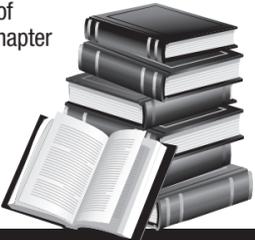
Sign up on our website shadleylib.org. Curious about your family history but not sure where to begin? Join us for this beginner-friendly genealogy class with experienced genealogist Dave Robison, who has spent over 15 years helping others uncover their roots. In this session, Dave will walk you through the first steps of family history research—where to start, what questions to ask, and how to organize your findings. He'll introduce key resources, best practices, and tips for avoiding common pitfalls. Whether you're exploring your ancestry for fun, for family, or for the first time, this class will set you on the right path. All levels of curiosity welcome—no prior experience necessary!

The Women's War: Seeing the American Revolution Through Women's Eyes
Presented by Professor Jonathan Beagle
Saturday, Nov 15 at 11 a.m.

Join us to explore the American Revolution from the often-overlooked perspective of women, revealing how they experienced, influenced, and responded to the political and military upheaval of war. Through their personal stories, letters, and historical records, we will see how women shaped the revolutionary struggle in both tangible and intangible ways. And by centering our discussion on women's voices—both loyalist and patriot—we'll gain a deeper, more nuanced understanding of their contributions to the birth of the nation. Jonathan Beagle is Professor of History and Associate Dean for the College of Arts & Sciences at Western New England University in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The Springfield Armory: The Most Proper Spot in America:
The Continental Arsenal at Springfield presented by National Parks Curator Alex MacKenzie
Wednesday, Nov 19 at 6 p.m.

Following the creation of the Continental Army in 1775, General George Washington and his lieutenants organized a system of supply and logistics to support the fledgling American military as it fought for independence. Brigadier General Henry Knox, Chief of Artillery, personally sited a military supply depot at Springfield, Massachusetts early in 1777. Hundreds of enlisted tradesmen poured into town to begin building, repairing, maintaining, and shipping all sorts of military supplies, and Springfield was quickly bustling with activity throughout the American Revolution. Join Springfield Armory NHS Curator Alex MacKenzie as he reveals the hidden stories of the Continental Arsenal at Springfield and the contributions of the region to American independence. Alex MacKenzie is the curator of collections at Springfield Armory National Historic Site. He is the author of "Springfield Armory: Images of America," and co-author of a chapter in The Legal Guide for Museum Professionals entitled, "Managing Historic Firearms in Museum Collections." His articles have been featured in numerous magazines and journals, and he has appeared in several TV and Youtube programs focusing on historic firearms. He lives in Belchertown with his wife and two daughters.



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