

Jewish Federation offering assistance to SNAP recipients

SPRINGFIELD – The Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts is proud to join with Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts and Rachel’s Table of Western Massachusetts in leading a community-wide food drive to support local families who may face food insecurity as a result of the ongoing federal government shutdown.

Due to the shutdown, millions of Americans—including families, seniors, and people with disabilities—are at risk of not receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

benefits in November. This includes many of our own neighbors here in Western Massachusetts.

Together with Jewish Family Service, Rachel’s Table, area synagogues, and our partners across the lower Pioneer Valley Jewish community, the Federation is working to help meet urgent local needs by coordinating the collection and distribution of essential food items. People can contribute by donating at designated drop-off sites—the Jewish Family Service, Springfield Jewish Community Center, Sinai Temple, and Temple Beth

El—or by sending items directly through an Amazon Wish List.

“The Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts is committed to standing with our neighbors during times of uncertainty,” said Adam Solender, Interim Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts. “When families are faced with the impossible choice between paying bills or putting food on the table, our community steps forward. This food drive represents the Jewish values of compassion and collective responsibility in action.”

The Federation also stands with the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), which welcomed recent federal court rulings allowing the use of emergency contingency funds to help ensure that millions of families continue receiving SNAP benefits in November. These funds provide critical, short-term stability for households that depend on them to feed their families.

However, these resources are limited and may not cover the entire month for all recipients. JFNA and the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts urge Congress

to act swiftly and on a bipartisan basis to ensure that SNAP benefits remain fully funded—whether through an emergency appropriation or a broader resolution to end the shutdown. Swift action is essential to prevent deeper hardship and to uphold our shared commitment to supporting the most vulnerable members of society.

“Hungry families can’t wait,” Solender added. “Every donation, and every act of generosity helps strengthen the safety net that sustains our community. Together, we can ensure that no one is left behind.”

Community members are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items at any of the following locations:

Jewish Family Service – 15 Lenox Street, Springfield
Springfield Jewish Community Center – 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield
Sinai Temple – 1100 Dickinson Street, Springfield
Temple Beth El – 979 Dickinson Street, Springfield
Donations may also be made through the Amazon Wish List at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2W7Z1RTM4DSDS/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex.

Pawzaar Craft Fair to benefit TJO Animals

SPRINGFIELD – Pawzaar is a signature annual event for the Foundation for TJO Animals. It will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 52 Sumner Avenue, Springfield.

It is a local craft fair that attracts some of the Pioneer Valley’s finest crafters, along with hundreds of animal-loving patrons.

Now in its eighteenth year, the event boasts 35 vendors, pet merchandise, raffles, baked goods, festive music, and a few special raffles including a gift card tree



and concert tickets to Trisha Yearwood.

Founded in 2007, the Foundation for TJO Animals is dedicated to raising much-needed funds to help local, homeless animals at the Thomas J. O’Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center, serving the cities of Springfield, Holyoke, and Chicopee.

With a focus on providing financial assistance and grants for veterinary care, the Foundation has had a direct impact on saving the lives of animals in the shelter.

Elks hosting Hoop Free Throw contest

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Lodge of Elks #902 proudly announces its annual Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest, to be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Holyoke Boys and Girls Club.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., and the contest starts promptly at 9:30 a.m.

This event is free of charge and open to all boys and girls ages 8 through 13 as of April 1, 2026. Contestants will compete within their age and gender divisions.

Winners from the local contest will advance to the district competition, with the opportunity to continue on to the state, regional, and national

levels. National champions will have their names permanently inscribed on a plaque at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts — an honor that celebrates their dedication and achievement.

The Elks Hoop Shoot is a proud tradition that encourages youth to develop character, sportsmanship, and perseverance — one free throw at a time.

Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to test your skills, have fun, and represent your community.

For more information, please contact Sal Canata at (413) 883-1561.

American Legion hosts ‘The Greatest Generation: A Tribute to the Heroes of World War II’ performance

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The West Springfield American Legion will host Small Planet Dancers performing “The Greatest Generation: A Tribute to the Heroes of World War II.” The free program will be presented on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. Small Planet Dancers is a performance group headquartered in Westfield. The troupe is composed of 18 men and women and is under the direction of Josephine Sarnelli, Artistic Director and choreographer.

The 90-minute program commemorates the history of the war through dance routines set to Big Band music and performed in authentic military and 1940’s dress.

Included are readings about the Tuskegee Airmen, the Navajo Code Talkers and the 442nd Infantry. Familiar songs of the era are sung and accompanied on piano.

The program has been coordinated by Marc Massey, Director of Veteran Services for the Town of West Springfield. The American Legion is located at 83 Park Avenue, West Springfield, MA.

This program is funded through a grant from the West Springfield Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For more information write info@SmallPlanetDancers.org or call (413) 746-9067.

Public Notices

**City of Holyoke
Notice of Public Hearing**

The DGR Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a public hearing to hear a special permit for home occupation application of Amelia Box for a wood window restoration business at 57 Taylor Street (073-00-007) per sec 4.8.2. Hearing will take place on **Monday, November 17th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** at Holyoke City Hall, 536 Dwight St., and can be accessed remotely via www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 834 3349 4516 Meeting Passcode 963679 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. For a copy of the application or to provide comments, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

DGR Chair, Kocayne Givner 10/31, 11/07/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD25A0145AD**

**In the matter of:
Kaylieann Angelie Rosario
CITATION
G.L. c. 210, §6**

TO:
Raul Geraldo Rosario

any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:
**Zeila Dyann Vazquez of Springfield, MA
Johnathan Alexis Vazquez of Springfield, MA**

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3.10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran’s benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **Springfield** ON OR BEFORE TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: **12/08/2025**.

WITNESS, **Hon. Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 3, 2025

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/07, 11/14, 11/21/2025

**City of Holyoke
Public Hearing Notice**

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com**; ID: 836 1170 1011; CALL IN *67 646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance Section 7.8.5, a Special Permit for an Antenna, to be located at Churma Dr (080-00-039); submitted by Cellco Partnership.

The complete application may be viewed through the Holyoke Planning Dept M-F, 9-4 p.m.

APPLICANT:
Cellco Partnership
d/b/a Verizon Wireless

PLANNING BOARD:
Mimi Pantich
11/07, 11/14/2025

Happy Thanksgiving

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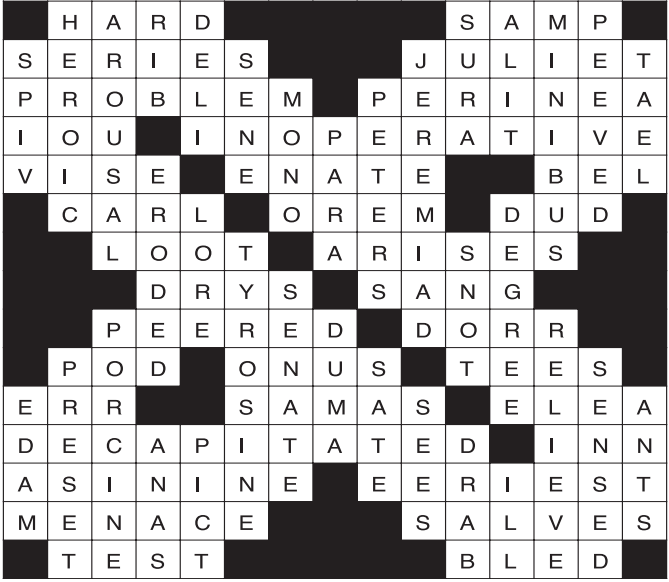
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