

# TOWN Reminder

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## Funding passes for police department

By Ben Hernandez  
 Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – Article 14 was brought to motion and discussion on the May 13 Annual Town Meeting. The article requested \$1.2 million in free cash for the initiative, described as “capital purchases, repairs and replacements,” included a request to fund police department equipment. The items requested were

for police car replacements, firearms replacement and the replacement of electronic weapons.

“We really don’t want to get ourselves back into a cycle that we used to be in,” said Capital Planning Chair and Select Board Representative Ira Brezinsky. “Where maintenance was deferred, projects were not done, vehicles got old and rusty and we got ourselves behind the eight

ball.”

Citizens questioned the logistics of the bill and inquired about police car mileage, the current conditions of the police department’s weapons and the overall expenditure required for the department to remain functional. Pamela Stawas from Precinct C asked about the total number of cars in service for the town.

“We currently have 14 vehicles,” said South Hadley

Police Chief Jennifer Gundersen. “Two of those have over 135,000 miles. Three have over 90,000 miles and two are at 80,000 miles. When we end the School Resource Officer program, the two vehicles with the 135,000 miles will be sold.”

The police cars are rotated during the shift, a load balancing measure to manage the total amount of miles accumulated by the service ve-

hicles. Gundersen explained that fleet managers prioritize which vehicles become primary on the day shift every month, balanced at the end of the month as the primary assigned vehicle during the midnight shift.

Overall equipment conditions come as a concern to the police department. Gundersen mentioned that the tasers assigned to the police were approximately 10 years

old and were of “such poor quality” the department could no longer source the parts to repair them.

The police chief also stressed the importance of replacing existing firearms, which sparked further discussion from attending town residents. Questions stemmed about the department’s firearm condition, with one res-

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## District for small houses on small lots proposed

By Walter Hamilton  
 Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – A local developer has proposed adoption of a new 18-acre zoning overlay district that would allow construction of 78 modest-size, single-family houses on small lots of land off East Street adjacent to a town conservation area and an existing condominium complex.

Dan Luis, of Luis Builders, at the board’s meeting on May 18, requested that the Planning Board consider a “Multigenerational Housing Overlay Zoning District” that would eventually require submission to Town Meeting for approval.

Luis was joined by consultant Richard Harris, the former town planning director.

Luis submitted a “concept plan,” that illustrates how his

proposed development would be configured if the overlay district were approved. The site is now a 17- to 18-acre undeveloped area on three connected land parcels Luis owns off East Street.

“The concept plan right now is (for) single family homes. It’s still in the preliminary stage because we don’t have zoning that allows it

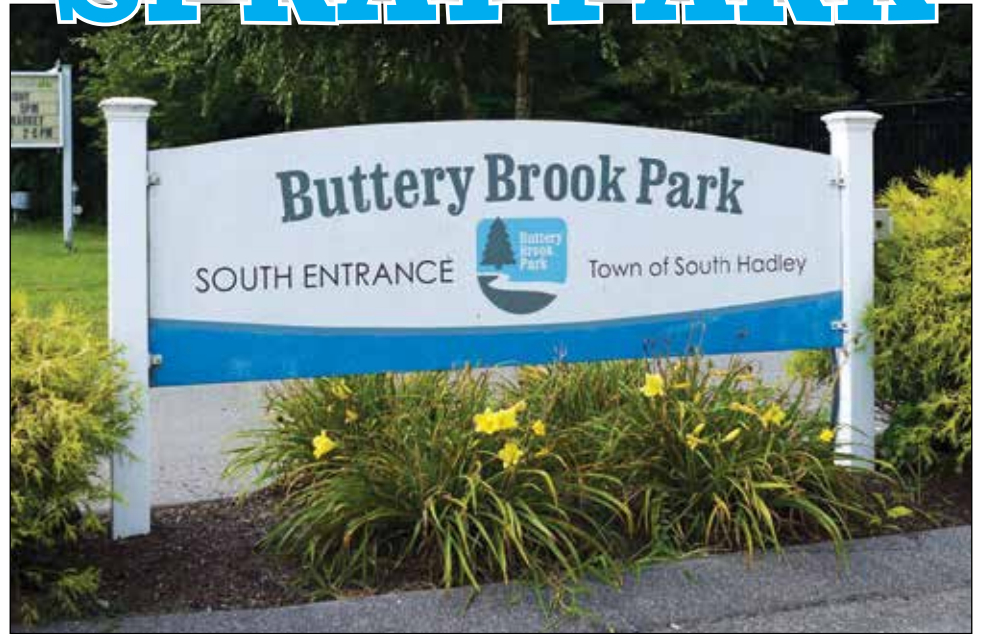
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A conceptual design for development of a proposed zoning overlay district was submitted by a local developer for Planning Board review.

## Fundraiser planned for SPRAY PARK



The recently installed spray park at Buttery Brook Park is without funding for fiscal year 2027 after severe budget cuts had to be made in several areas. Town funding for the splash pad at Buttery Brook ends on June 30, and the Friends of Buttery Brook Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, are raising donations to help keep it running for local families this summer. All donations are tax-deductible. Donations can be made online or mailed to the following address: Friends of Buttery Brook Park, Inc., P.O. Box 868, South Hadley, MA 01075.



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## Photographer featured in mentorship presentation

By Ben Hernandez  
 Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – The Quabbin Photo Group hosted a presentation from local landscape photographer Jamie Malcolm-Brown on May 18 at the Belchertown Recreation Department. The presentation, entitled “Weather, Light and Luck: The Reality Behind the Shot,” described the photographer’s thought process for scouting locations, shot compositions and lessons learned in the field.

“My other job is for an indigenous rights organization called Cultural Survival,” said Malcolm-Brown when asked what got him into photography. “And with the work I did for them, I did a lot of traveling around the world and getting to know different cultures. And that was what got me into photography; documenting those travels.”

Malcolm-Brown stated that his draw to photography was borne out of a love

for the outdoors and being outside. He focused further on landscape photography “around 2015,” where he gravitated towards capturing the central and western Massachusetts area.

“I really love photographing the weather with the landscapes, so trying to find lightning or the aurora,” said Malcolm-Brown. “I especially love chasing fog in the Pioneer Valley because we get it a lot and it really opens up the opportunities.”

Mountains are a special point of interest for the photographer. Malcolm-Brown stated that mountains of the Holy Oak range are the best in the region, which offer picturesque opportunities that he described as serene.

“It’s really beautiful in the different ways that it kind of undulates,” Malcolm-Brown said. “Especially when there’s a low fog so that you don’t see Route 9.”

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Photos courtesy of Jamie Malcolm-Brown Photography

A sunrise captured over a glistening lake.

## Lawson takes open seat on Selectboard

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GRANBY – On Monday, May 18, voters decided who would succeed Glen Sexton on the Selectboard with two candidates vying for the open seats.

In the end, it was Jeffrey Lawson who garnered enough votes to occupy the open seats. Lawson defeated Rosemarie Rosen in the Annual Town Election, getting 488 votes. Rosen received 387 votes.

The Selectboard has many challenges coming ahead in the next few months as it looks to balance budget issues and improvements needed in various areas throughout the community.

There are two new members of the School Committee following the election. There was only one candidate who was on the ballot, Trevor Augustino, who re-

ceived 599 votes. There was a write-in candidate, Thomas Hamel, who received just four votes, but it was the most among write-in candidates and Hamel will be invited to occupy the second seat on the committee that was up for grabs.

Augustino was up for re-election on the committee with Michael Durham the other candidate whose term was set to expire this year. However, Durham did not seek re-election. There was also an unexpired term of one-year available on the School Committee that did not have any candidates on the ballot as well.

In that election, Hamel also “won” the election, receiving three write-in votes. Tim Abbott, who received two votes as a write-in for a three-year seat. Abbott also received two votes for sec-

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The volunteers of the Nick's Waves of Change spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

Turley photo by Amanda Munson

# The life of Nicholas R. Boileau honored at Nick's Waves of Change fundraiser

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LUDLOW — “I made many changes to the world that, despite their seemingly small size, may ripple into something amazing.”

During the evening of May 7, the fifth annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser was held at the Ludlow Elks Lodge in support of Nick's Waves of Change. The dinner included spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, rolls, with dessert.

The dinner also served up an impressive raffle, donations from local community businesses like Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters and Randall's Farm, with 'Nick Trivia' and other activities that honored the life of Nicholas R. Boileau.

Referring to the fundraiser website, Nick's journey was described as a special one, described as a wonderful young man who was on a journey towards helping others, when he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in 2017. Battling through chemotherapy, underwent a stem cell transplant from his Sister Erica Lasewicz and went into remission until 2020, when the cancer came



Nicholas R. Boileau's family with Mom Jennifer, Dad Glenn, and Sister Erica Lasewicz.

Turley photos by Amanda Munson

back in both his blood and spinal fluid.

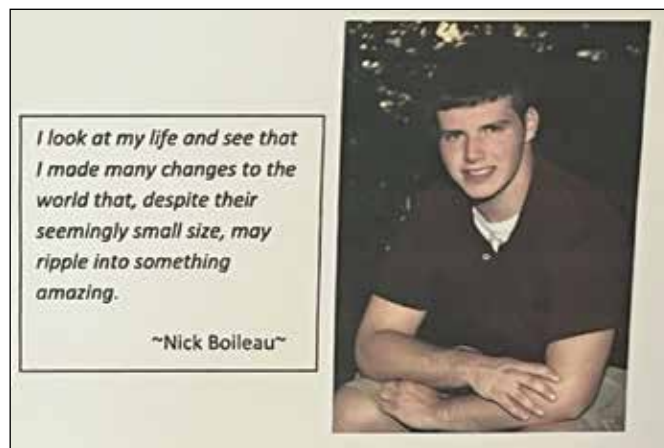
Fighting bravely and maintaining a strong and positive attitude in his final months, Boileau started a blog in hopes others could understand his perspective on his life and diagnosis. “It is our goal to make sure that the WAVES he made, ripple into something amazing.”

We could not be more proud of our son, love our son or miss our son more than we do.”

The fundraiser's goal is to maintain a scholarship fund to give back to the community. Boileau graduated from Belchertown High School in 2011, Western New England University in 2015 with his BA in Psychology, Uni-

versity of Michigan in 2017 with his Master's in Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology, and was in his second year of his PhD program for Clinical Psychology at the University of Alabama, Birmingham when his cancer relapsed.

In Boileau's memory, the family offers scholarships to local students to pursue



At each table, guests were welcomed with quotes from Nicholas R. Boileau and photos from his travels.

their education and hopefully make a change in the world.

President of Nick's Waves of Change and Mother Jennifer Boileau shared what this night meant to her family and what she hopes people take away from the event. “Five years ago, our son passed away in 2021. He did get a second stem cell transplant from me, but by then it had gone not just in his blood, but also in his spinal fluid.”

There wasn't much they could do and he was 28 years old; he never gave up on his dream of becoming a clinical psychologist. He wrote 30 papers for clinical journals, and he loved his time in Michigan when he got his masters, then went on for his doctorate in Alabama when he relapsed and then came back home to be with us.

He spent his final days in Massachusetts. He wrote a couple of blog posts on the website, nickswavesofchange.org. He wrote a couple of things about his battle and what it meant to him.

This charity was done in his name and to honor him, we give out scholarships to one Belchertown High School Student and one Western Mass student,” said Jennifer.

Jennifer spoke about how close Nicholas and his sister Erica were and the loss was huge, “She's the one that does all the slide shows every year, she did the 'Nick Trivia' this year, she misses him terribly. Our family did everything together.”

Dinners were always to-

gether at the table,” said Jennifer.

Dad Glenn shared that nobody left the dinner table until everyone was finished, “We brought him up right and he was a really shy kid. He was very intelligent and never boasted. He was definitely a true friend,” said Glenn.

When asked what they hope families take away from their story, Glenn and Jennifer hope that people take the time for their own family. “Our last year with him, I like to tell people, when a lot of 20 something year olds pass, a lot of parents don't have a chance to say goodbye to them. We did.”

He knew we loved him and vice versa,” Glenn said. Jennifer continued, “For parents who have lost their children, talk about them. Not sharing who they are is a disservice to them,” said Jennifer.

Glenn and Jennifer agreed that the spaghetti dinner with everyone attending was soothing to them because they're able to talk about him, stating that it's meant to get everybody together and see what they can do to continue to honor him.

All proceeds/donations help support the local community through educational scholarships/grants and other community outreach. Nick's Waves of Change, Inc. is a public charity, in loving memory of Nicholas R. Boileau 1993 to 2021.

## Ethnic Studies block party to center on joy, unity, and community

HOLYOKE — Students in Holyoke High School's “Ethnic Studies: Leadership and Action” class will host a vibrant end of the year community celebration on Friday, May 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Holyoke High School North. This event is designed to bring together HPS families with children of all ages, as well as community members who are not affiliated with

HPS. The event will feature free food, music, inflatable rides, art activities, and a community thrift store offering free clothing and household items donated by staff and students.

Organized primarily by 11th grade students, along with several seniors, the event will reflect what the students have learned throughout the year about community or-

ganizing, systems of power, structural racism, and ways to challenge injustice through collective action and care.

This year's celebration will embrace a tropical atmosphere inspired by Haitian, Puerto Rican, and Dominican cultural experiences, with organizers describing the event as having a “Bad Bunny Super Bowl” energy. Decorations and activities will high-

light themes of unity, culture and creativity, including flag-inspired art displays and tie-dye tote bag stations.

In addition to entertainment and activities for all ages, organizers hope the event will create a welcoming environment where students, families, and community members can connect, celebrate diversity and support one another.

## UCCH to hold choral competition

HOLYOKE — The United Congregational Church of Holyoke is pleased to welcome Music in the Parks, a regional choral competition featuring some of the most talented high school choirs in the area.

The final two events will be held on Friday, May 29 and Friday, June 5. Admission is free, and the public is warmly encouraged to attend.

Music in the Parks draws competitors from across the region, making each event a wonderful opportunity to

experience the energy, talent, and dedication of young performers at their best.

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# HCC celebrates Class of 2026 nursing graduates

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College celebrated the graduation of 43 students from its Associate in Science in Nursing degree program on Thursday, May 21.

The students were recognized during a pinning ceremony in HCC's Leslie Phillips Theater, during which they were formally inducted into the healthcare field as soon-to-be registered nursing professionals. During a traditional pinning ceremony, new nursing graduates light candles, receive their nursing pin, and recite the Nightingale Pledge.

The graduates, many of whom are already working, will sit for their exams before becoming licensed as registered nurses.

Holyoke Community College Associate of Science in Nursing Degree Graduates for 2026:

South Hadley:  
Madeline Gray, Antwan Saenz



HCC recently celebrated its Class of 2026 in the nursing program.

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## Granby Police Logs

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 138 calls for the week May 15, through May 21. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.*

### Friday, May 15

2:19 p.m. – Several callers reported a motorcycle accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. The operator was transported by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries.

### Saturday, May 16

3:45 p.m. – A resident reported hearing gunshots in the area of Amherst Road.

Officers checked the area and did not hear any gunshots.

10:02 p.m. – Granby Fire and Police responded to a reported brush fire. The fire was extinguished.

11:57 p.m. – Passing motorists reported seeing a suspicious male walking around the parking lot and between vehicles at Dressel's Service Station. Officer checked the area and did not locate anyone.

### Monday, May 18

3:34 p.m. – A motorist came to the station and reported that they were involved in an accident earlier today on Batchelor Street. An accident report was completed.

6:16 p.m. – A resident re-

ported that their vehicle had been damaged yesterday. An incident report was completed.

### Tuesday, May 19

3:27 p.m. – Several callers reported a two-vehicle head-on accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. One of the operators was issued a citation speeding and crossing marked lanes. There were no injuries.

### Wednesday, May 20

4:26 p.m. – Several callers reported that a vehicle struck a utility pole. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

## Holyoke Arts League to be featured

HOLYOKE – During the month of June, the Wistariahurst Museum at 238 Cabot St. in Holyoke will host an exhibition of artwork by members of the Holyoke Arts League (HAL). The museum and gardens are the historic home of the Skinner Family that owned and operated the Skinner Silk Mill, the world's premier silk fabric production facility in the city's Canal District.

We hope you will attend our opening reception and meet the artists who live in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut on Monday, June 1, from 5-7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Through-

out the month of June, the exhibition may be viewed free of charge during the museum's open hours, Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

This juried show will include entries in oil and pastel, watercolor, acrylic, tempera, gouache and other non-oil wet media, graphite, charcoal, printmaking and other graphic media, sculpture and ceramics.

Light refreshments will be served.

The arts league was founded in 1923 and is now celebrating its 102nd year in Holyoke. The League holds artist demonstrations and

weekly adult figure drawing sessions. For more information about HAL, visit <https://www.holyoke-arts-league.org> online. You may also address inquiries to [holyokeartsleague@gmail.com](mailto:holyokeartsleague@gmail.com)

For more information about Wistariahurst, call (413) 322-5660 or online at [info@wistariahurst.org](mailto:info@wistariahurst.org). You may direct inquiries about Wistariahurst by emailing [munselle@holyoke.org](mailto:munselle@holyoke.org).

This program is funded in part by a grant from the Holyoke Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

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# Opinion

## SOCIAL SECURITY

### Matters

By Russell Gloor

## Help, SSA says I'm not eligible for benefits

**Dear Rusty:**  
Help, the Social Security Administration says I didn't pay enough into my Social Security account, despite being a business owner and paying taxes.

What can I do?  
**Signed: Self-employed American**

**Dear Self-employed:**  
For all potential SS beneficiaries, it is very important to know how Social Security determines if you are eligible for retirement benefits: Everyone including the self-employed must have earned at least 40 "quarter credits" contributing to the SS program, which is usually about 10 years' worth of earnings.

You can earn up to four "quarter credits" per year, depending on your earnings including your net earnings from self-employment. For example, this year (2026) you will get one "quarter credit" for each \$1,890 of earnings, up to four credits maximum for the year.

As a self-employed business owner, only your net earnings are counted, e.g., after all your reported business deductions are taken. The SSA gets your earnings information from the IRS, so SSA goes by whatever information you submitted in the self-employment income tax returns you submitted to the IRS over the years.

If you don't have at least 40 "quarter credits" over your lifetime, you won't be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits.

The best way to further investigate this is to create your personal "my Social Security" online account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). When you have done that, you will be able to see how many quarter credits you currently have (apparently

less than 40) and determine how much more you must earn to be eligible for SS retirement benefits.

For example, if you have 36 or more credits now, you could likely work just another year or part of a year, to be eligible for SS benefits next year. Knowing how many "credits" you now have will tell you how much more in annual net earnings from self-employment you must have to become eligible for SS benefits.

When you create your online SS account, you will also be able to see your entire lifetime record of your earnings reported to Social Security and you should review that record to make sure that your lifetime earnings have been correctly reported to Social Security.

If there are any discrepancies in your lifetime earnings record, they can be corrected by using form SSA-7008. You can find additional guidance on this at the following SSA web link: [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf).

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## Why do we wait until Memorial Day to plant?

For as long as I can remember, the "safe date" for planting tender crops was always Memorial Day.

This year in particular the holiday is on the early side, the 25th of May, as opposed to the 30th or 31st. Here in New England, five or six days can make all the difference in the world.

Sure, as I write, the mercury is set to rise well into the high eighties for three or four days, then become more reasonable again. It's a wonder the plants know what to do.

Anyhow, read on to learn about some tender plants and how they respond better when soil or air temperatures have warmed.

Although cool loving peas and warmth loving beans are both legumes, bean seeds in particular crave seventy to eighty degree soil in which to germinate. This is particularly evident with white seeded bean varieties, since the white seeds reflect the heat instead of holding on to it like dark seeds do.

Oftentimes, white seeds will rot before they sprout if planted too soon. If you are in the mood to gamble and desire an early sowing of beans, use a dark seeded variety.

Untreated corn seeds will not germinate in soil below 60 degrees. We are advised to be patient and trust that seed planted in warm soil will make up for lost time, and they typically will, in no time flat.

Those of us who plant only a small plot have luck starting corn seeds indoors then transplanting the seedlings outside. I sowed my corn two seeds per

cover to add a few degrees of warmth and protect plants from the wind.

Tomatoes are planted outside after all danger of frost has passed. Typically on Memorial Day! In fact, I think the whole "safe date" theory came to be because of tomatoes! When I was just getting started in horticulture

I remember all sorts of contraptions people used to use to try and get the first ripe tomato in the neighborhood.

By planting tomatoes transplants earlier you could get earlier fruiting. Cloches or wall-o-waters were popular before the floating row covers became the rage.

I typically wait to transplant my tomatoes. Mine are huge this year.

Remember, if your plants get big and you are still a few weeks away from getting them from the six pack into the ground, "pot them up." It's a term for going up a size, say from a cell to a four inch pot, so roots don't get bound before they get the chance to live happily ever after in the garden.

Soon enough, for sure!

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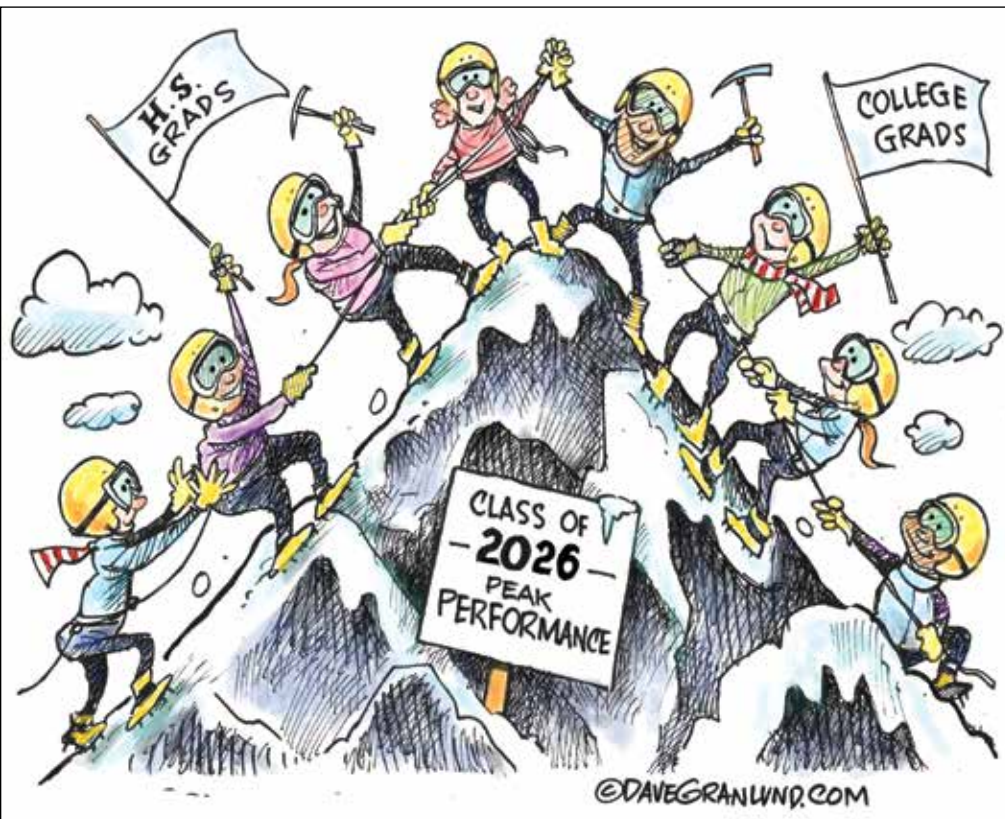
six pack a few days back and have it on heat along with a sowing of winter squash and melons and all are popping up nicely.

I usually pick the best of the two in the cell of the pack and pinch away the slower one so there is no competition, giving the stronger seedling all of the room to grow nicely. Never pull out when thinning; roots may be disturbed.

Speaking of seedlings, it's also important not to shock our home grown pepper or tomato seedlings by transplanting them into cold soil or cold air. Night temperatures should be a consistent 50 degrees before planting out peppers.

I typically preheat the soil with black plastic, laying it right down in the garden bed for a week prior to planting. I cut holes into it at transplanting time, amending each hole as I go.

For added warmth, some gardeners looking to get a head start often use a row



## Celebrate Juneteenth at Wistariahurst

**HOLYOKE** – On June 19, Wistariahurst Museum and Genuine Culture welcome guests to the Wistariahurst gardens for our annual Juneteenth event, Celebrate Juneteenth! This event commemorates freedom and the country's second Independence Day through community and celebration. Wistariahurst and Genuine Culture are collaborating for the fourth year to bring back this celebration for the Holyoke community and beyond. Enjoy activities throughout Wistariahurst's grounds. Play games in the gardens, get creative with hands-on art projects, and more! There's something for everyone, with activities for people of all ages.

This event will feature performances including Voices of Praise, storyteller Eshu Bumpus, and DJ Pzo Pete! Local food vendors will also be selling food and drinks for guests to enjoy, including Souper Sweet, White Lion Brewery, and Thai Chili Street Food. Other performers and food vendors are to be announced.

Black-owned businesses, makers, and artists will be selling a variety of locally made items. Local organizations will also have tables at the event, sharing information on their initiatives and what work they're doing in the community.

Juneteenth serves as a poignant reminder of the remarkable resilience of Black lives, symbolizing the challenges and victories of formerly enslaved individuals striving for unity, education, and political engagement during the Reconstruction period. So mark your calendars and bring your friends and family to Wistariahurst Museum on June 19 from 12 to 3 p.m. It's going to be a day of joy, making memories, honoring history, and uplifting the voices of the Black community in Holyoke. Best of all, admission to this celebration is completely free and open to the public! We can't wait to see you there.

This event is sponsored by the Adam's Foundation of South Hadley.

## Lions Club seeks sponsorship

*Car Show proceeds to stay local*

**BELCHERTOWN** – In an effort to defray the costs (trophies, permits, entertainment, flyer printing, and distribution, etc.), the Belchertown Lions Club is appealing to our local businesses to have an 18" x 24" weather-resistant sign with ground stake custom-printed and prominently displayed on the Town Common during the event on Aug. 8. We will handle the set-up design and printing for a donation of \$100. All proceeds from this year's car show will stay locally as we support our Senior Center, Fuel Assistance Programs, Veter-

ans' Organizations, Scouting America, Girl Scouts, Relay For Life, Aaron's Day, local Food Pantries, Belchertown Little League, College and Continuing Ed. Scholarships for seniors at BHS and Pathfinder, as well as emergency requests regarding sight and hearing concerns.

Alternately, or in addition to the sponsor sign, businesses can opt to submit an item or gift certificate in any amount to be displayed for a Pick-A-Prize raffle -- where attendees can purchase a sheet of 25 tickets... and place as many of their tickets into whichever gift bags they desire.

If you are the owner or representative of a local business and would like to sponsor a ground sign, kindly email Lion Mike Mathras

at [mmathras@charter.net](mailto:mmathras@charter.net), and you will promptly receive the necessary information to do so.

If you would like to donate a gift certificate or prize for our raffle table, please get in touch with Barb Greene at [br123199@charter.net](mailto:br123199@charter.net)

As you consider your donation, please keep in mind that all profits from the sale of food, raffle tickets, and sponsor signage at this event will go directly to the local charities mentioned above.

Stay tuned for upcoming information regarding the "Cruisin' the Common" Car Show in the Sentinel, by visiting our website at [www.belchertownlionsclub.com](http://www.belchertownlionsclub.com), or by checking out our Facebook page: Belchertown Lions Club.

## Crafters wanted for St. Nicholas fair, raffle

**LUDLOW**—Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality's St. Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, at Christ the King Church located at 41 Warsaw Avenue in Ludlow

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is a non-refundable \$40. fee for an 8-ft table, which will be provided by the church.

To reserve a table or for more information contact

Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

Light refreshments will be available.

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## Clerk asks for census to be returned by June 1

SOUTH HADLEY – Still have your 2026 Annual Town Census form? Please return it to the Clerk's Office by June 1 to remain on the active voter list. Census forms may be returned in person, mailed back in the enclosed envelope, or left in the secure "Treasurer/Collector" drop-box located behind the Police Station.

In accordance with state law, the Town Clerk's office must inactivate all voters who do not have a current Census form on file. Even if you voted in the April 14 Town Election, you will be inactivated if you do not have

a current Census on file.

Inactive voters can still vote, but must show ID and fill out an Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence. Learn more about the inactive voter list here: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/inactive-voters.htm>

Learn more about the Annual Town Census here: <https://www.southhadley.org/1162/Annual-Town-Census>

Please contact the Town Clerk's office with any questions, comments, or concerns at 413-538-5030, ext. 6183.

## Friends of the MA Veterans Memorial Cemetery to hold meeting

AGAWAM – The Friends of the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Agawam invite the public to attend their upcoming meeting.

Community members and supporters are encouraged to attend to learn more about the organization and receive updates on The Friends' ongoing activities and projects. Community input is encouraged. We also welcome memories of veterans you have known or reflections on your own military service.

If you prefer not to speak publicly, we will gladly read your written comments.

Event Details: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., the meeting begins at 6 p.m. For easier access, please use the back entrance to the lower level.

For questions, please contact us via our website at <https://www.agawamfriends.org/> or email us at [agawamfriends@gmail.com](mailto:agawamfriends@gmail.com).

## Town strengthens worker safety with MIIA grant

SOUTH HADLEY – The Town of South Hadley was awarded a \$9,900 risk management grant from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), the town's property and casualty insurance provider, to support workers across several departments.

According to the town, the funding was used to purchase road barricades and related safety equipment to help protect workers performing duties in or near the roadway. The grant also supported the purchase of a confined space gas monitor to alert sewer crews to unsafe conditions, as well as a pop-up tent and

cooling fans to help workers stay safer in oppressive heat conditions.

"We greatly appreciate our partnership with MIIA," said Scott Moore, South Hadley's Director of Building Operations. "This grant helps us to purchase critical safety items that we may not otherwise be able to fund with current budget restraints."

Now in its 24th year, MIIA's FY2026 risk management grant program awarded a total of \$1 million to 146 members to support risk management practices and projects that help protect employees, buildings, infrastructure, and other public assets.

"This grant program is about helping members take practical steps to reduce risk and strengthen resilience," said Stan Corcoran, Senior Executive and MIIA Executive Vice President. "Our focus this year was to empower members to effectively address the growing challenges of evolving weather patterns, employee health and safety, and emerging cybersecurity threats. We are pleased to support South Hadley's efforts to improve worker safety, reduce field risks, and help protect employees in a range of operating conditions."

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## MHC Summer Theatre to return

SOUTH HADLEY – After a hiatus of 25 years, the curtain is rising once again on an ambitious and exhilarating new chapter of summer theatre at Mount Holyoke College. Mount Holyoke College Summer Theatre will open this summer with two exciting productions, "Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express" adapted by Ken Ludwig and "The 39 Steps," adapted by Patrick Barlow. More than a summer stock company, this initiative is designed as a professional launching pad, bridging the gap between academic theatre training and the realities of the professional industry.

"It's deeply exciting to bring summer performances back to Mount Holyoke College," said Noah Tuleja, associate professor of Film Media Theater and chair of the Film Media Theater department at the College, and former participant of the original Summer Theatre

at Mount Holyoke College. "Mount Holyoke students will be collaborating with alumni, faculty, staff and local theatre professionals as they hone their craft by working on professional theatrical productions."

The Summer Theatre at Mount Holyoke College was founded by James T. Cavanaugh, professor emeritus of theatre arts, at Mount Holyoke College in 1970. Cavanaugh founded the theater for students who wanted more practical experience in acting and technical skills during a summer internship in the department. A usual summer season would consist of eight plays for adults and two or three plays for children. Former patrons will remember that the plays were performed in the round in a large orange and white striped tent.

Reviving the spirit of a once-thriving summer theatre tradition, thanks to the support of a generous anon-

ymous donor, this new company will now be staged in the Kendall Sports & Dance Complex. Even though this reimaged theatre will look and feel different from the company under Cavanaugh, it still focuses on being a training ground for the next generation of theatre artists. Students from various colleges and universities will work alongside professional theatre artists, fostering a collaborative atmosphere rich with mentorship and creative exchange.

This company also aims to become a cultural destination for the city of South Hadley, bringing audiences together with a renewed commitment to live theatrical performances during the summer season. With a legacy reborn and a new generation ready to take the stage, Mount Holyoke College is once again poised to become a summer home for community engagement and entertainment.

## District Merger Study Group formed

SOUTH HADLEY – A group of South Hadley citizens, along with former and current personnel from Fire and Water Districts 1 and 2, has organized a District Merger Study Group. The group was formed in response to recent town budgetary challenges and a 2024 non-binding referendum vote that favored exploring a merger.

At its first meeting on May 14, members discussed the potential benefits and challenges of a merger, including opportunities for improved coordination, possible barriers, and logistics that would need to be addressed. There was broad agreement that both Districts currently provide excellent service to the community, and that maintaining this high level of service would be essential if any changes are pursued.

The Study Group plans to interview individuals with experience in municipal district mergers to determine appropriate next steps. Community members will continue to be informed as the group's work progresses.

## HCC honors students for 2025-2026 achievements

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is proud to celebrate the students who earned honors and awards for their outstanding achievements during the 2025-2026 academic year.

Awardees were honored Wednesday, May 20, during a ceremony in the Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation.

Below is a list of HCC honorees and award recipients for the

2025-2026 academic year. Some students received multiple awards.

A full list of students along with their specific honors and awards can be found at [hcc.edu/awards-2026](http://hcc.edu/awards-2026)

**Granby:**  
Megan Lawson.

**South Hadley:**  
Sarayah Manogian,  
Amber Patrino, Jennifer Rehm, Tolly Stark, Daymen Toussaint.

## Relay for Life set for May 30

BELCHERTOWN – The Quaboag Valley Relay for Life is on May 30 on the Belchertown Common from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

We are looking for more teams, more participants and more survivors for our event. If you wish to form a team in memory or honor of someone, please call 800-227-2345 and get your team reg-

istered. If you wish to join a team already formed you can join Team Lynn - Peach Pedestrians by going to the following link <http://main.acevents.org/go/to/elea-noregray>

Scroll down to where it says "join Eleanore's team". You can also donate on this link too.

If you are a cancer survivor, we want you to join us on May 30 so we can honor you. You need to be registered for our event and you can do so by calling the above 800# or going to the above link. Registered survivors will get a free Survivor shirt, a free luncheon at the relay plus a goodie bag. If you aren't able to walk the Survivor Lap, just come and hang out with us and enjoy the activities.

There will be many things to do on May 30.

There will be a big craft fair with more than 60 vendors, A Touch A Truck display at the McCarthys end

of the common, a Gift Basket Sale in the Old Town Hall where there will be Lots of baskets for you to win, K9 demonstrations, Face Painting, Photographer will take your picture and you can get it right away, Food Trucks and more. Come and check this out.

This is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and we hope to be able to donate a lot of money to ACS from this event and we are hoping for your help.

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JUNE EVENTS

The Abundant Garden

Wednesday, June 3 at 6 p.m.

Learn how to stretch your grocery budget by growing high-value organic produce that can turn a simple grocery list into a feast. Discover how the abundance and quality of homegrown food can support a smart, frugal lifestyle while connecting with local growers and the library's Seed Library to help jump-start your garden for free.

Presented by Anna Klimes, PhD, the program combines scientific knowledge with a passion for fresh food. A Professor of Biology at Western New England University, Klimes teaches plant biology and studies plant pathology. Outside the lab, she has spent nearly a decade gardening with Gro South Hadley and advising the university's gardening club.

Local author Corinne Demas, Ph.D. will discuss her novel *Daughters*

Wednesday, June 10 at 6 p.m.

In the novel, Meredith returns to her New England family farm with her young daughter after a heartbreaking loss threatens her marriage. Seeking comfort, stability, and a fresh start, her unexpected decision to stay for good turns the entire family's world upside down.

Professor Demas is the award-winning author of thirty-nine books, including seven novels, two short story collections, a memoir, a poetry collection, numerous children's books, and two plays. She is Professor Emerita of English at Mount Holyoke College.

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## South Hadley baseball clinches tournament spot with win

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

**SOUTH HADLEY**—While South Hadley junior righthander Matt Butler has at least twenty games remaining in his varsity baseball career, the eight Tigers seniors didn't want to see their careers come to an end last Thursday afternoon.

Butler went the distance as the Tigers clinched a berth in the Division 4 state tournament with a 4-2 victory over the Monument Mountain Spartans in a

non-playoff game played at the Thomas B. Landers Baseball Diamond.

"I was a little bit nervous before the start of the game, but I knew that we could get the job done," said Butler. "I just kept throwing strikes and the defense made the plays behind me. The offense also gave me an early lead to protect, which took a lot of pressure off."

South Hadley, who snapped a three game losing streak, closed out the regular season with a 10-10 overall record. Because the Tigers weren't ranked in the top 32 of the Division 4 power rankings, they needed to finish the regular season with a .500 record to qualify for the state tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

"Playing in the state tournament is an amazing experience," Butler said. "Hopefully, we can go a long way this year, especially for the seniors."

The South Hadley seniors, who most likely played in their final home game, are Griffin Soderbaum (short-stop), Caiden Drohan, Memphis Huertas (catcher), Logan Carpenter (left fielder), Gavin Carpenter (first base), Noah Carillon (centerfielder), Ryan Netkovich (second base), and Justin Moskal.

"The seniors are a lot of fun to be around, and they mean the world to me," Butler added. "This was one of the biggest wins of the season because of the situation."

Butler allowed two runs (one earned) on five hits with no walks and four strikeouts. He only threw 96 pitches in seven innings.

"I thought Matt pitched very well and he looked fresh out there," said South Hadley head coach Matt Foley. "He hasn't pitched as many innings during the past couple of weeks as he did earlier in the season."

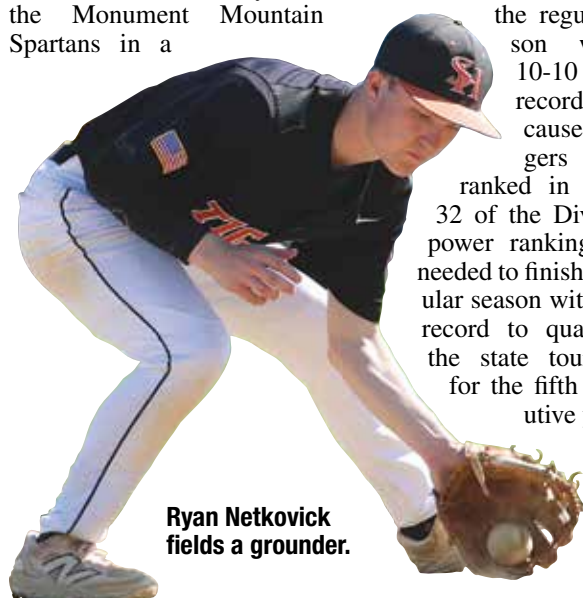
It was the first meeting



Camren Carpenter sends a throw to second base.



Memphis Huertas-Febles warms up his pitcher.



Ryan Netkovich fields a grounder.

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Two years earlier, South Hadley defeated Monument Mountain, 6-4, in a semifinal game before dispatching Palmer, 4-2, in the Western Mass. Division 2 finals. "We've played Monument a couple of times during the

postseason tournament," Foley said. "Their head coach (Tom Hankey) told me after today's game that he's retiring from coaching. We have

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## Tigers season comes to an end



Kelcey Zraunig advances up the field.

**SOUTH HADLEY** – South Hadley High School girls lacrosse closed out the regular season with a 12-8 win over Pittsfield High School on Monday, May 18. For South Hadley, they will not be making the Division 4 state tournament as they finished with an overall record of just 6-11. They won two of their last three games to close out the year.



Kelcey Zraunig tries to navigate through traffic.

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Autumn Camp sends a pass away ahead of pressure.



Amanda Stevenson makes a pass on the run.



Dee Haber winds back for a longer pass.

## Granby softball draws high seed

**GRANBY** – Last week, the Granby High School softball team suffered only its fourth loss of the season. But it was against a powerful Monson team in the semifinals of the Class D Western Mass. Tournament. The Rams fell 4-2, but still finished with a 16-4 record for the season. This outstanding mark netted the Rams the

No. 6 seed in the Division 5 state tournament. Granby will have at least two home games in the tournament and are awaiting their first opponent. They will face the winner of Whitinsville Christian and Boston International's preliminary round game. Granby will host a Round of 32 game sometime within the next few days.



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# T-Birds win Game 4 to force deciding fifth game

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds staved off elimination for a third time this postseason, picking up a 2-0 shutout win over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins last Thursday night at the MassMutual Center. Springfield win ties the series, 2-2, and forces a deciding Game 5 last Saturday at Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza.

Early indications were that neither team's red hot goaltender was going to give up anything easy, as the Penguins' Sergei Murashov turned away 13 first period shot attempts from the T-Birds. In turn, Georgii Romanov went a perfect 7-for-7 in the opening period for Springfield.

The Penguins appeared to take a 1-0 lead just past the 6:00 mark of the game when Harrison Brunicke jumped

into a rush on the right side and snapped a shot over Romanov into the top shelf. However, after officials gathered to converse, it was ruled that Romanov could not properly play his position, and the goal was disallowed.

The scoreless deadlock carried well past the midpoint of the game, with Springfield surviving a pair of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton power plays in the opening half of period two.

The T-Birds' power play then made its presence known, snapping an 0-for-15 drought when Dillon Dube fielded a pass in the slot area and chipped a forehand shot over Murashov's glove to make it a 1-0 Springfield lead at 16:14 of the middle stanza. It was Dube's team-leading fifth goal of the postseason and third in the series.

The T-Birds continued to

make life miserable for the Penguin offense as the game shifted into the third period. With Wilkes-Barre/Scranton unable to register more than seven shots in any period, Springfield took advantage to gain some insurance at 6:48 of the third when Akil Thomas fired a pass in the slot to Thomas Bordeleau. Bordeleau's shot deflected back to a trailing Marc-Andre Gaudet. The defenseman's one-time attempt knocked a stick out of a defender's hand, and the puck slowly elevated and trickled over the head of a perplexed Murashov, making it a 2-0 Springfield lead.

From there, Romanov took care of the rest, securing a Game 4 shutout for a second consecutive round and moving the T-Birds to a perfect 4-0 record following a loss in these playoffs.

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a very good relationship, and I do have a lot of respect for him."

In last Thursday's contest, Butler retired the side in order in the top of the first inning before the Tigers took a 1-0 lead.

With one-out in the bottom of the first inning, Gavin Carpenter lined a single into left field. Carillon followed with a walk before junior DH Lincoln Belsky delivered an RBI single to left.

A scary moment took place with one out in the second inning when Soderbaum hit a foul ball off his face. After being checked out by South Hadley athletic trainer Kevin Weber, Soderbaum left the game. He returned to his shortstop position in the top of the seventh.

Junior Brody Keller finished Soderbaum's second inning at-bat and knocked home a run with a line-drive that deflected off the shortstop's glove.

The Tigers took a 3-0 lead by scoring another run in the third inning with the help of three errors by the Spartans defense.

Meanwhile, Butler retired eight of the first nine Spartans batters that he faced.



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Justin Moskal sends a pitch home.

Butler allowed a run with one-out in the fourth inning and another run two innings later, which sliced the Spartans deficit to 3-2.

After being held off the scoreboard in the fifth and sixth innings, the home team scored one run in their final at-bats.

Keller began the rally by hitting a double to left field. A sacrifice bunt by sophomore third baseman Camren Carpenter moved Keller to third base and he crossed the plate following a sacrifice fly by Logan Carpenter.

"The run that we scored in the sixth inning gave Matt a little breathing room," Foley said. "He was able to get the job done."

Butler, just as he did in the first inning, set down all three batters that he faced in the top of the seventh. It gave the Tigers seniors an opportunity to play at least one more high school baseball game.

The pairings for the Division 4 state baseball tournament were released on Wednesday.



Griffin Soderbaum cleanly snags the ground ball.

## Lois J. Carr

1936-2026

Lois J. Carr, born on June 5, 1936, in Holyoke, MA, peacefully passed away on May 20, 2026. Raised in South Hadley, she and her husband raised their children in Granby. She was an active member of the Church of Christ in Granby, where her faith and dedication were a source of strength and inspiration to those around her.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, William Perkins Strong and Pinnella W. (Merriman), and was the youngest and last surviving of her siblings. She is survived by her devoted husband, E. Wilson Carr; her daughter Sandra and her husband Dean Lamontagne of Belchertown; her son Preston of South Hadley; and her two grandchildren, Maxwell and Marc Lamontagne, who brought her immense pride and happiness.

A visitation in Lois's honor will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Beers & Story Funeral Home in South Hadley, Massachusetts, located at 646 Newton Street. This will be followed by a funeral service starting at 10:00 am in the funeral home and burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Church of Christ Congregational, UCC, PO Box 177, Granby, MA 01033



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ident asking if it was true the department hadn't discharged a firearm during service in nine years.

"The last office-involved shooting was, yes, 9 years ago when Detective Roberts was stabbed," said Gundersen. "But there has not been one since then, fortunately. Grateful for that."

Adam Reed, a resident from Precinct A, surprised the town meeting with an amendment proposal to the article. The proposal included a budget reduction from the original \$1.25 million allocation to \$1,105,000, a decrease in total of \$145,000 and a removal of electronic weapons from the budget.

"It's clear from everything that we've been talking about tonight that we're in a very unique situation," said Reed during his amendment proposal speech. "We have to think critically about the money that we are spending."

An educator in town, Reed equated the situation to budget cuts within the school district. He stated

that the tight budget required him to buy pencils for his students out of his own pocket, as well as the need to purchase paper to print out worksheets. Reed argued that though he believed in funding public services, part of navigating the current financial crisis was figuring out how to do more with less in the short term.

There were many counter-arguments to the amendment proposal. Michael Gwynn from Precinct A argued the current state of the police department's electronic weapons were unsustainable but otherwise agreed with the budget reduction.

"They can't get proper part replacements," said Gwynn. "That's a danger to the police officers that might have to use them and the people they are using them on. So I would recommend or like to see that bit of their budget approved, if nothing else."

Some residents were far more direct in their criticism.

"My question is, this amendment, is this to save

money or just defund the police," said Phil Sanford from Precinct E. He stated some of the budget could be lifted from the article and suggested to take instead \$100,000 from the high school carpet and guidance budget mentioned within the original article.

Charles Miles from 27 Granby Road offered a compromise for the extended amendment. He expressed concerns about the firearm amendment and stated that he "went to war with a 40 year old pistol" that worked fine, but that he had reservations about the proposed cuts regarding electronic weapons.

"The tasers do in fact prevent potential other violence. So, I'm going to offer an amendment to the amendment," Miles said. "Which would restore upgrading the electronic weapons."

After much deliberation, the updated article amendment passed. However, the motion to add the amendment to the existing article failed. The original article was passed with a majority affirmative decision.

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ond place in the one-year seat. Depending on which seat Hamel decides to take, if he takes on, Abbott could be offered the other seat on the School Committee.

The other contested race was on the Library Board of Trustees. There were four candidates for three open seats on the board.

The top vote-getter was Paula Beaulieu with 555 votes. Candace Ribiero had 518 votes, and Angela Chagnon had 427 votes. Nita Abbott was on the outside of the vote, but not far away, with 409 votes. Abbott was up for re-election and the only candidate not to be re-elected. Ribiero and Beaulieu were also up for re-election and received new terms to the board.

Chagnon wins election to the board for the first time.

There were not contested races for seats on the Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Commissioner of Burial Grounds, or Housing Authority this year.

The position of Tax Collector and Treasurer are elected positions in town, but are not up for election until 2027. The Town Clerk is up for re-election in 2028.

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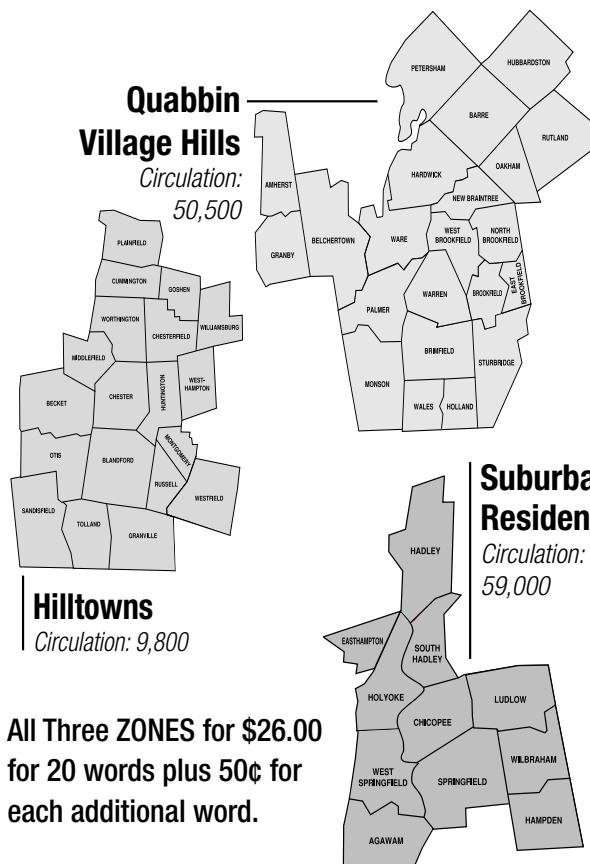
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## TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING Home Wedding Officiant Services

**2066 Memorial Drive**  
The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **June 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm.** to consider an application for Site Plan Review filed by Charissa Majeran for Home Occupation II to allow home wedding officiant services at 2066 Memorial Drive, Map 7 Parcel 152. This application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article XII (Site Plan Review); 255-22 (Home Occupations); 255-XX (Route 202/33 Corridor Design Guidelines Overlay District); 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 is an existing single-family home, and is located within the Residential Mixed Use (RMU) zoning district. The property is located on Memorial Drive, also known as Route 33, and is directly abutted by property within the City of Chicopee.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at [www.southhadley.org](http://www.southhadley.org) on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Site Plan Review' under section 'Memorial Drive (2066) - Home Wedding Officiant Service' 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  
05/22, 05/29/2026

## GRANBY PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, Sec. 11, the Granby Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 8, 2026, at 5:35 PM** at 1 Library Lane, Old Carnegie Library, Top Floor, Granby, MA. The nature of the hearing is to consider the petition of Mohammad Khan (Owner/Applicant), seeking a Special Permit Approval for a Sign illuminated internally and in excess of nine

(9) square feet under Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the Granby Zoning Bylaws and applicable of Section V - Special Use Regulations and Performance Standards, 5.57 - Sign Illumination at 30 West State Street, and known as Assessors' Map 4-A-A-2 in the Town of Granby, MA.

The complete applications and plans are available for public inspection during regular business hours (9:00AM - 3:00 PM, Monday-Thursday, and 9:00AM - 12:00 PM Fridays at the Select Board's Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street, Granby, MA 01033.

Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

James Trompke, Chair  
Granby Planning Board  
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## SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the "Engine Room Floor Coating Project" will be received by the Prudential Committee at the Fire Headquarters, 144 Newton Street, South Hadley, MA 01075 until **1:00 p.m. local time on June 12, 2026** at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as "Engine Room Floor Coating Project".

The work consists of the removal and disposal of existing epoxy flooring and vinyl asbestos tile flooring and providing a seamless, textured, epoxy-based floor surfacing system. Bids shall be on a lump sum as indicated in the Bid Form.

All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 44A - 44J inclusive as amended.

In accordance with Section 44D of Chapter 149 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as amended, the prospective General Bidders must submit with their Bid, a certificate of eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), showing that the Bidder has been approved to bid on projects of the size and nature as advertised herein. Prospective General Bidders must also submit an updated statement summarizing their record for the period between the latest DCAMM certificate and the date of the Bid submittal. The DCAMM certificate of eligibility to be submitted by the General Bidder shall be for the category of work defined as "Floor Covering". The DCAMM certificate of eligibility to be submitted by the Filed Sub-Bidders shall be for the category of work for which they are submitting a Bid.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: [http://www.tighebond.com/Projects\\_](http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_)

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A bid deposit of 5% shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract.

The applicable local minority workforce utilization percentage is a minimum goal of 15.3%. The applicable local women workforce utilization percentage is a minimum goal of 6.9%.

**A voluntary pre-Bid conference will be held at the site on 144 Newton Street, South Hadley, MA 01075 at 10 a.m. on June 3, 2026.**  
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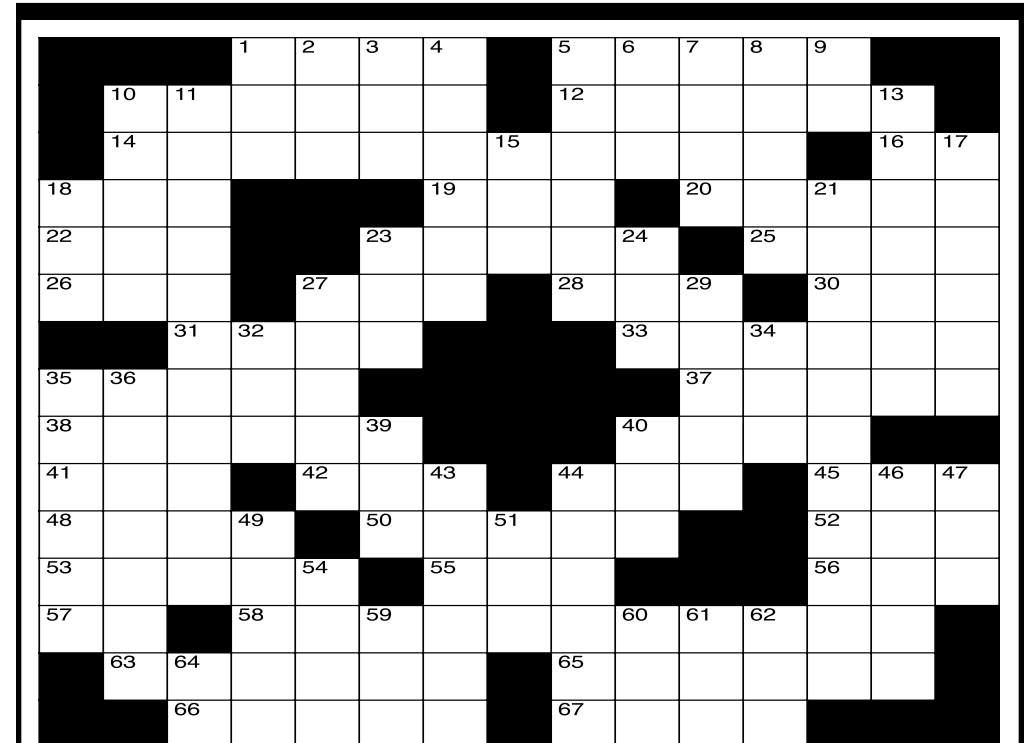
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| <b>CLUES ACROSS</b>                                | 35. Perfumery practice            | <b>CLUES DOWN</b>                            | 27. Threaten persistently                            |
| 1. Streetcar                                       | 37. Indian film director          | 1. Children's game                           | 29. Aspirations                                      |
| 5. Take ___ of it!                                 | Sultan                            | 2. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.) | 32. Baby's eating accessory                          |
| 10. SW Asia peninsula                              | 38. Member of U.S. Navy           | 3. Own (Scottish)                            | 34. Actress Thurman                                  |
| 12. Beating wings to escape from a perch           | 40. Wing-like                     | 4. Female follower of Bacchus                | 35. Turn into bone                                   |
| 14. One who revitalizes                            | 41. Very fast airplane            | 5. Subsidies                                 | 36. One who saves you                                |
| 16. Indicates position                             | 42. Slang for cigarette           | 6. Protects from weather                     | 39. Consume  |
| 18. Dishonorable man                               | 44. Most cars still need it       | 7. Spanish municipality                      | 40. Swiss river                                      |
| 19. Singer King Cole                               | 45. Political war chest           | 8. Supermarket chain                         | 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast |
| 20. Short-tailed marten                            | 48. Cools down                    | 9. Domain name                               | 44. Categories                                       |
| 22. One point east (clockwise) of due north        | 50. Diminish toward one end       | 10. Semitic peoples                          | 46. Expressed amazement                              |
| 23. The god of the underworld in ancient mythology | 52. Indigenous person of Thailand | 11. Designs anew                             | 47. It's important in respiration (abbr.)            |
| 25. Dirt   | 53. Combined                      | 13. City associated with Jesus               | 49. Greek war dance                                  |
| 26. Superconducting super collider                 | 55. Container                     | 15. Cool!                                    | 51. Bland, semi-liquid food                          |
| 27. Not good                                       | 56. Expression of satisfaction    | 17. Bank employee                            | 54. Regard in a specified way                        |
| 28. A way to sink                                  | 57. Thou                          | 18. Central nervous system                   | 59. Taxi   |
| 30. Unwell   | 58. Return a favor                | 21. Standardized piece of text               | 60. Naturally occurring solid material               |
| 31. Follow orders                                  | 63. Go over once more             | 23. A type of fever                          | 61. Feline   |
| 33. Deep ravine                                    | 65. Removed                       | 24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal   | 62. Post-burning residue                             |
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The presentation covered Malcolm-Brown's methods in getting the right shot, a process that he described as an "arduous journey" that requires an extensive amount of preparation work. Much of his process involves planning the site before the shot, using technology in conjunction with his experience to predict variables, such as the Sun's positioning over a horizon.

"I use digital tools to figure out when the best time would be to capture a compelling image," said Malcolm-Brown. He cited that programs such as PhotoPills are important to his process, as they allow him to track weather patterns and plan shots in advance. "So it's important to be able to kind of marry those two things together. The technology assists me in creating the images that I want to create."

Patience was the hardest lesson he learned while growing as a photographer. One of his hardest shots was his photo of lightning strikes down at the Quabbin, which he stated took over five trips to capture. Dedication was another identified key aspect for success. The last bit of advice that the



Fog rolls over a picturesque tapestry of red-green forest.

photographer gave was to be familiar with the area and to be open with the possibilities it offers.

"The one thing is to always look behind you," Malcolm-Brown said. "Look around because sometimes

there's something happening behind you that is more compelling than what is in front of you. Really get to know your area because almost any place can look beautiful and magical given the right conditions."



The Sun rises over a scenic forest.

Photos courtesy of Jamie Malcolm-Brown Photography



The use of fog is a common theme in the photographer's framing.



A lone lush green tree stands on top of a hill.

**HOUSES** from page 1

yet," Harris said.

"We're proposing a multi-generational housing overlay district. The intent is to provide housing that serves as starter housing and ranges up to senior housing in a single family or two-family setting.

"It is not multifamily, not assisted living, but is small lots, so there's not a lot of land to maintain individually ... with each lot having at least 10 percent open space," Harris said.

Harris said the overlay district would address a "void" in town bylaws "that would provide open space while providing a density

level that makes development financially feasible."

The property is currently zoned Residence A-1.

In his presentation, Luis said the overlay district would address objectives contained in the 2023 Housing Production Plan that advocated building smaller homes, multifamily homes and affordable housing – the "missing middle" component lacking in the town's housing portfolio.

The housing would serve the needs of senior citizens looking to downsize and young households seeking to transition from renters to owners, Luis stated in his proposal.

"Land available for residential development is largely limited to the Residence A-1 and Agricultural zoning districts which limit housing to 1 to 2 units per acre," Luis wrote in his presentation.

"Two or 2.5 units per acre is not viable because of high prices and you don't get the number of units you want to achieve," Harris said.

"Options to develop housing which meet the needs of the seniors and young families currently require Special Permits and have limited density options which drive up the cost of the housing to buyers. The Special Permit process requires prospective developers to invest significant funds in planning without any certainty of being able to develop the housing; thus, driving up the risk and the resulting housing costs," Luis wrote.

In his summary, Luis write that density (in the overlay zone) would be capped at six units per acre. Single family houses would be built on 4,000 square foot (6,000 for a two family), lots.

The combination of smaller lots and buildings would create prices in the \$400,000 range, Luis noted, significantly less than larger houses (typically 2,500 square feet or more) built on half-acre lots.

Planning Board member Rob Watchilla, who is also Planning Director for the town of East Longmeadow, questioned the wisdom of the proposed plan to make the suggested 20-foot-wide road easement to be privately owned in perpetuity.

"I've seen private roadways just left to rot because the owner decides just to leave," Watchilla said.

Watchilla also suggested allowing small houses such as some consisting of as little as 800 square feet, leaving room for auxiliary structures such as garages and sheds.

He added that a 20-foot right of way might not be enough to accommodate sidewalks. Luis said sidewalks, either on one or both sides, would be possible.

Under existing zoning, a single-family home requires a 22,500 square foot lot in the Residential A-1 (RA-1) zone and 30,000 square feet in the Agricultural (AG) Zone.

The proposed overlay district would allow reduced dimensional requirements:

- Minimum frontage, currently 125 feet in RA-1 and 150 feet in AG would be cut to 40 feet in the proposed zone.

- Minimum front setback, currently 40 feet in the RA-1 zone, would be cut to 15 feet

- Side yard setbacks, now 20 feet in RA-1 and AG districts, would be cut to 5 feet.

- Rear yard setbacks, now 25 feet in RA-1 and AG districts would be cut to 10 feet.

- Maximum building coverage, currently 30 percent in RA-1 and AG districts would increase to 50 percent.

"Another commonality between the needs of the segments (of residents) is the house size. Housing in the 1,200 to 1,800 square foot range can address the needs of both segments which also keeps the price of housing in a more affordable range. Providing housing on small lots while maintaining common open space can provide open space for residents while minimizing the maintenance cost shouldered by individual households," Luis stated in his proposal.

Access and exit to the development would be through East Street only. That street dead-ends at a parcel that includes the town-owned Bynum Conservation Area and the closed and capped town landfill. It principally connects only to Granby Road.

According to the draft layout, a short access road from East Street would connect to a circular street. A third road would connect the circular street with a rectangular parcel. All streets would have housing on both sides. A high-voltage electrical transmission line bisects the rectangular parcel, where no houses would be built.

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