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NYC firefighter hosts 9/11 presentation

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – Former New York Firefighter Joseph Bonanno offered a presentation on his experience during 9/11. The Zoom call with the award-winning author, academy trained chef and 21-year veteran firefighter was sponsored by the Tunnels to Towers Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring the memory of fallen first responders, as well as providing free medical care for the surviving.

Bonanno began the presentation with technical data surrounding the World Trade Center attack and described the human cost and architectural devastation around the event. According to Bonanno, up to 50,000 office workers occupied both towers. Combined with “tens of thousands” of people passing through the seven-block complex, the grim reality of the terrorist actions were brought to life.

“Many of the office spaces in the towers were used for

international business, trade and commerce,” Bonanno said. “The Twin Towers symbolized globalization and economic growth for America.”

The retired firefighter mentioned 9/11 wasn’t the first time the towers were targeted. On February 26 in 1993, the World Trade Center’s garage was the site of a 1500-pound bomb, which was detonated in the parking lot. The explosion injured about 1,000 people and took out six floors of the building, which unfortunately killed six, including a pregnant woman. With hundreds of tenants and visitors trapped, the bombing evacuation took more than six hours.

“The explosion left a six-story deep crater that was not visible from outside the tower,” Bonanno said.

In harrowing detail, Bonanno then outlined the anatomy of the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. He described the calm before the storm as a “beautiful sunny day with a crystal-clear blue sky” before getting into

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Turley photos by Ben Hernandez
Former New York Firefighter Joseph Bonanno held a presentation on his experience with 9/11 via a Zoom call hosted at the South Hadley Public Library, the South Hadley High School and the Council on Aging building.

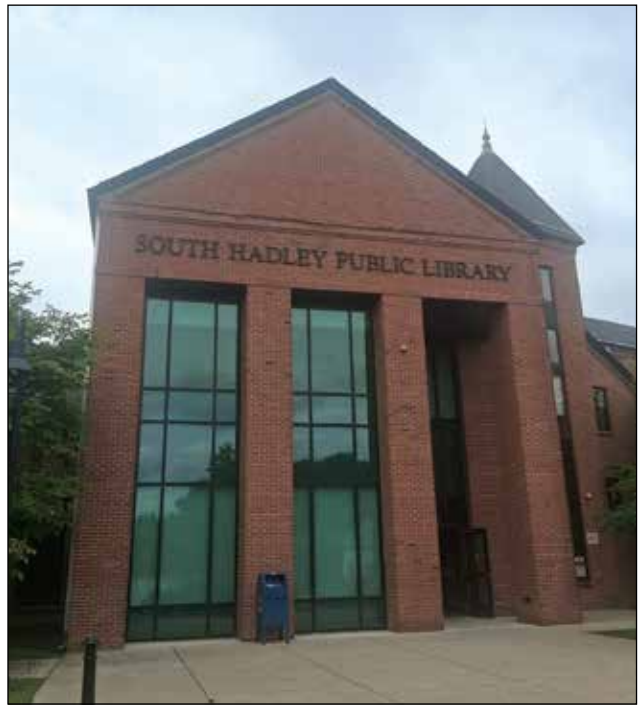
South Hadley Public Library digitizes historical records

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Public Library, Gaylord Memorial Library and Boston Public Library joined forces to digitally preserve over 100 records from South Hadley’s early years. The 100 records, referred to as “Early South Hadley,” is a collection of original documents curated between 1743 to 1842.

“The library’s role in preserving local history has been long standing,” said South Hadley Public Library Director Joe Rodio. “We’ve always had a historical collection at the library.”

The archiving is part of a greater initiative from



Turley photos by Ben Hernandez
The South Hadley Public Library is working with the Boston Public Library to preserve historical records.

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Granby Cultural Council seeks grant applications

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

GRANBY – The Granby Cultural Council is seeking unique events to fund this year within town limits. Those interested to lend their talents to the town should know grant applications are being accepted between now and Oct. 15.

“Applicants can come from anywhere in the world as long as they have their event in Granby,” said Granby Cultural Council Chair Joanne Delphia.

Applicants must fill out an application to describe who they are, what they are offering, where they intend to perform and how their event benefits the town of Granby. Previous funded events included the highly successful Movie Night at Cindy’s Drive-In on Aug. 28th, which



Turley photos by Ben Hernandez
The future municipal office building for Granby town government.

drew over 100 attendees, as well as the Art of Needle Felting at the Granby Public Library.

“The first criteria for us is that the event has to happen in Granby,” Delphia said. “It needs to serve a specific faction of our community.”

The Council puts a year-

ly survey for residents to determine which events to attract to the region. The surveys ask residents what they would like to see, what sort of events interest them and who they would like to serve within the community.

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X Box Game Nights a staple teen program

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Public Library hosted Xbox Game Night on September 1. Teen Program Coordinator Bethany Roberts stated the program creates a

means for the teenagers to socialize with each other and engage with the library.

“I had a group that wanted to do some regular gaming,” Roberts said when asked about the night’s inspiration.

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Turley photos by Ben Hernandez
Teens gather at the Xbox Game Night.

Granby weighs next steps after Forge Pond Dam grant denial, advances town initiatives

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY – Officials are regrouping after the state rejected a grant for repairs to Forge Pond Dam, while advancing a slate of infrastructure and civic initiatives intended to strengthen town services and prepare for capital needs.

The Selectboard used its Aug. 10 meeting to acknowledge a major setback for the dam project while moving ahead on smaller but consequential items, from committee work and facilities maintenance to fiscal planning and public safety upgrades.

Together, the actions outline the town’s strategy of pairing incremental improvements with pursuit of large-scale funding for aging infrastructure such as Forge Pond Dam.

Town Administrator Ron Aponte told the board the state has turned down Granby’s latest funding request for work on Forge Pond Dam.

also attempting to help from Beacon Hill.

“We had Mindy Dom put an earmark in for \$1 million. Whether they’ll survive

the budget process, we don’t know, but she did do that,” he said.

No vote was taken on the dam, but the discussion underscored that officials are counting on a mix of competitive grants and legislative earmarks to address the structure rather than relying solely on local taxpayers.

As part of routine facilities upkeep, Aponte reported that the Senior Center parking lot is slated for sealcoating, likely on Aug. 15 to 16 or, if weather intervenes, Aug. 22 to 23. The lot will be closed during work, affecting staff and any residents who use the building over weekends.

The work is one of several smaller capital and maintenance items proceeding while the town pursues larger infrastructure dollars.

Aponte said the town is close to finalizing a website maintenance contract with local consultant Ginny Hejamowitz, with plans to bring in vendor “Munibid” once the agreement is signed to begin upgrades and ongoing support.

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- Mark Ball
Board Member

Aponte said the project remains a priority and the town will continue to seek outside support, given the cost of repairs and the difficulty of absorbing them within the operating budget.

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South Hadley Council on Aging

Friends of the South Hadley Seniors

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls

Thursdays through Oct. 22 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Join us here for an engaging free course designed to help you reduce the fear of falling and stay active. This series offers practical strategies to improve safety, explores medical, behavioral, and environmental risk factors for falls, and highlights the importance of creating a personalized exercise plan to support long-term wellness.

Registration is required, accesscarepartners.org/workshop-registration or call Andi Waisman, Healthy Living Coordinator at 413-538-9020 ext. 650.

Woodstock Bash Wednesday, Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come dressed in your bell-bottom pants, long hair and vests....we're bringing back 1969 with a delicious luncheon prepared by Chef Harold Dixon and music by The Willies. Drawing prize sponsored by the South

Hadley Senior Travel Club. **Registration is Required and cost is \$10 per person. Please pre-pay.** Doors open at 11 a.m. lunch is served at 11:30 a.m., band plays from 12 to 1 p.m.

Beatles Sing-a-long Thursday, Sept. 17, 1 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Brighten your day with a group sing! We'll provide the lyrics and guitar accompaniment. Bring only your voice and a sense of fun. We take requests from The Fab Four catalog.

Registration is Required.

Are You Curious About Reflexology? Friday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.

Join me, Leslie Kelly, for a friendly,informative session where we'll explore the basics of reflexology, how it works, and the potential benefits for stress relief, circulation, and balance in the body. With 30+ years of experience as a nurse practitioner, I have helped thousands of people find lasting relief

from chronic pain, stress, and sleeplessness. Whether you are new to holistic wellness or simply curious to learn more, this session gives you a chance to ask questions, see how reflexology is practiced, and discover if it is right for you. Come connect, learn, and take a step toward greater well-being. I would love to see you there!

Registration is Required.

Oktoberfest Sept. 24 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Join your friends for a German dinner catered by the Munich Haus, featuring all your Oktoberfest favorites.

Then sit back and relax or get up and dance to the lively sounds of the HAPPY FIVE OOMPAH BAND bringing authentic German music and festive cheer. Don't miss this fun evening of food, music, and community spirit- lederhosen optional- good times guaranteed!

Dessert will be German Chocolate cake. Dinner is \$15 per person. Registration is required. Please pre-pay.

South Hadley Chorale to begin rehearsals

SOUTH HADLEY—The South Hadley Chorale will begin rehearsals for its 41st season on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 7 Woodbridge Street IN South Hadley.

The program will feature Joseph Haydn's Mass in Time of War (Paukenmesse) and pieces by women composers including Alice Parker and Dolly Parton. Subsequent rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings. They will continue through November 18 and

will resume on Jan. 6, 2027 until the concert on March 21, 2027. The concert will be dedicated to Barbara ("Bobbie") Ayers who served as president of the SHC board of directors since its founding in 1985. Ms. Ayers passed away in July at the age of 91.

The Chorale is pleased to welcome back Anita Anderson Cooper for her third year as musical director and conductor. Ms. Anderson Cooper is a member of the faculty of the Paul Baird Middle School in Ludlow and directs

the Smith College Handbell Choir. She is also a composer and a frequent soloist and guest conductor both locally and throughout the East Coast.

The South Hadley Chorale is made up of 70 singers from 17 communities. All interested singers are invited to join. There are no auditions. Most singers, however, have had some choral experience. For more information, please visit www.southhadleychorale.org or send an email to mail@southhadleychorale.org.

Quabbin Visitor Center lists upcoming programs

BELCHERTOWN — The Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, 100 Winsor Dam Road, announces the schedule for upcoming programs.

All ages are welcome. All programs are free, but registration is required; outdoor programs are limited to 25 people.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Please wear appropriate footwear and protect yourself against ticks.

Dogs are not allowed anywhere at the Quabbin Reservoir.

Follow link to register or visit <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events>

Exploring the West Side

Explored the West Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 11 (Route 202, Daniel Shays Highway, Pelham) on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Join DCR staff for a 3.4-mile out and back hike on Quabbin's west side of the watershed. Participants will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest.

Walking to the water, the hike covers 1.7-miles and drops 600 feet in elevation. Participants will then back-track and head uphill the way they came in.

Exploring Dana Common

Explore the Road to Dana Common on Sunday, Sept. 26 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Gate 40 (Route 32A).

The old foundations, stone walls, and shade trees of Dana Common will transport you to the past as you explore Quabbin's unique history. This 3.6 mile moderate round-trip hike will introduce you to some of the notable residents of Dana as you discover what life was like in the Swift River Valley over a hundred years ago. Photos illustrating Quabbin's past will bring Dana to life before your eyes.

Ware River Bridge Series: South

The Ware River Bridge Series: Rail Trail South, will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., with

parking at the Ware River Rail Trail, 300 Granger Road Barre, then carpooling to starting point for a 1.8 mile easy hike.

There are many old bridge sites in the Ware River watershed. Most no longer have the actual bridges, but you can still see the shape of the land that supported the bridge, and often also stonework from the bridge abutments.

This walk will begin at one such site and travel to another, both on the beautiful Burnshirt River. The hike passes the historic Riverside Cemetery.

Soapstone Mountain Hike

This scenic Soapstone Mountain hike will begin at Gate 37 (from Route 122 in New Salem take Monson Turnpike Road) and follow an easy woodland road before branching off to a short but very steep hike up the mountain on Thursday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. This 2.7 mile hike is challenging and has points which require climbing over large rocks, however the summit is one of the best views of Quabbin Reservoir

Quabbin Park

Explore Quabbin Park via the Combination Shoreline/Enfield Lookout/Webster Road Loop on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join DCR staff for a 3.6-mile looped hike in Quabbin Park. Participants will begin at the Observation Tower parking area located at Quabbin Hill and travel to Hank's Meadow and down to the water, dropping roughly 350 feet in elevation.

The trail then travels along the water before participants will ascend uphill back to where they began. Along the way they will stop at the Enfield Lookout which offers the best view of the reservoir in Quabbin Park.

Exploring the Road to Millington

This 3-mile round trip hike will introduce you to some of the residents of the lost village of Millington as you learn what daily life was like in the years leading up to the Quabbin Reservoir project on Saturday, Oct. 11 from

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Meet at Quabbin Gate 29 on Elm Street and Route 202 in New Salem.

Participants will stop to see the Keystone Bridge along the way.

Ware River Bridge Series: North

The Ware River Bridge Series: Rail Trail North will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Parking is at the kayak/canoe launch on Worcester Road (Route 122), Barre.

This long, leisurely hike begins at the parking lot and travels down a densely vegetated trail past an old timber harvest, ending at the site of a former covered bridge. The bridge is no longer there, but the view of the river is as picturesque as it gets and well worth the visit.

The hike is 4 miles round trip and passes the historic Riverside Cemetery.

Rutland Prison Camp

On Thursday, Nov. 5 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. explore the Rutland Prison Camp, 299 Intervale Road, Rutland for an approximately 1.25 mile easy hike. There is uneven ground.

Join DCR staff as they explore the remains of this surprisingly successful social experiment. Ticks are still active so protection is advised, as is wearing orange during hunting season.

Group hike near Muddy Pond

Explore the Ware River Watershed for a group hike near Muddy Pond on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join DCR staff for a 4.1-mile looped hike in the Ware River Watershed. The route climbs/descends roughly 140 feet in elevation.

The foot path participants will travel on is non-technical. The last mile of the hike is on a scenic section of the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Participants will meet at the Route 122 rest area parking lot in the town of Oakham. The rest area is in the shape of a banana with grass and picnic tables.

The hike begins and ends north of Muddy Pond.

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Annual tag sale Sept. 12 & 13

SOUTH HADLEY—First Congregational Church of South Hadley will hold their 30th Annual Fall Tag Sale on Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sept. 13, from 12 to 4 p.m. Our Fellowship Hall is packed with a wide variety of items; books, to cds, linens, baskets, toys, puzzles, household items, backpacks, trunks, office and craft supplies, to

name a few. We will repeat our closet of clothing, the treasures room with small furniture, vintage and collectibles, and collectible jewelry and accessories. Find something yummy at our Bakery Cabinet. Be the first to see the sale, if you want to have early access at 8 a.m., we will collect \$5.

Granby library set for fall book sale

GRANBY – Book lovers. Bargain Hunters. The Friends of the Granby Free Public Library will host their annual Month-Long Fall Book Sale during the month of September in the Community Room of the Library. You will be able to choose

from a large assortment of used and like-new hardcover, paperback books, teen books and children’s books, along with a selection of CDs, DVDs, video games and audiobooks. The sale will run during regular library hours from Sept. 1 to 30.

Granby Free Public Library

- September Happenings**

Book Sale

Now through September 30

Stop into the Library during regular open hours to browse our expansive book sale all month long.
- Foraging Walk**

Saturday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m.

Gain greater food security by learning wild and feral edible and medicinal plants and fungi. Using the Library’s grounds learn how to identify and prepare fall foods using common wild edibles that you can find near where you live. Join naturalist and wild edibles enthusiast Arianna Alessandra Collins of Offerings for Community Building on our foraging walk. Pre-register.
- Adult Book Group**

Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.

The book group will be discussing The Correspondent by Virginia Evans. Grab a copy and join us!
- Tabletop Games Club**

Thursday, Sept. 10 at 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 19 at 10:30 a.m.

The Granby Library Tabletop Games Club invites players of all ages 8 and up to gather and enjoy a variety of board, card, dice, tile, and other in-person tabletop games in a welcoming, social environment.
- Knitting Group**

Every Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Bring your latest project and join us for conversation, tips and tricks.
- Friends of the Granby Library Meeting**

Thursday, Sept. 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Did you know that the Friends sponsor our events? Join us for a meeting and see what’s new.
- Celebrate Constitution Week!**

Sept. 15 to 19

Stop in to browse our Constitution Week displays for adults and kids.

What’s happening at the Odyssey Bookshop

- Meghana Mysore in Person**

Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. as Meghana Mysore talks about her new collection of stories, Let All Our Ghosts Depart. She will be joined in conversation by Jennifer Acker.

About the Book

In Meghana Mysore’s debut short story collection, present-day women and girls of the South Asian diaspora grapple with belonging and are haunted by intergenerational inheritances. Mysore, herself the daughter of Indian immigrants, spins her stories around narrators struggling to assimilate into the surreal world around them. In the world of these stories, ghosts are real—in “Repair Shop,” dead mothers reappear as chiding, broken-down cars; in “Hoarder,” the narrator’s ex-lovers transform into scarves that won’t let her go. In another story, a daughter, trapped inside her grief, spends her days Face Timing with her dead father, watching him become a young man she never knew.

At turns absurd and darkly humorous, and sometimes speculative, Mysore’s stories touch on real-life experiences of intergenerational trauma, womanhood, the fluidity of desire and longing, and coming home to one’s body. Her characters have faced violence small and large, holding losses that bind them to their pasts and weigh them down in daily life. Each of these stories contains an experience of transformation, be it small or monumental for these women, who find spaces of freedom and delight within
- their circumstances.

Eileen Flanagan in Person

Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. as Eileen Flanagan talks about her book Common Ground: How the Crisis of the Earth is Saving Us from Our Illusion of Separation.

About the Book

Veteran organizer Eileen Flanagan weaves together a series of stories of hard-won successes in the climate change movement based on grassroots organizing. As heat waves, wildfires, storms, and floods become more deadly, the book describes a groundswell of action in which citizens of all ages, races and political stripes struggle to understand each other and the enormous challenge of climate change. They fight companies and governments willfully blind to the climate change dangers we face as a society.

A Quaker activist, facilitator, and teacher, Flanagan takes us through her environmental direct-action experiences and relationships with community leaders to understand how we can form coalitions to actually make a difference. Flanagan shows that “the illusion of separation”—the fallacy that humans can thrive in a dying world—is at the root of interlocking environmental crises. It’s often politicians and corporations who benefit by keeping the rest of us divided across lines of race, class, religion, and generation. In Common Ground, Flanagan argues that more than technology or elections, acting in solidarity with all life is humanity’s best hope for survival.

- Dean Spade in Person**

Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. as Dean Spade presents his book Mutual Aid: Building Solidarity During This Crisis (and the Next.)

About the Book

Mutual aid is the radical act of caring for each other while working to change the world. Around the globe, people are faced with a spiraling succession of crises, from the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change-induced fires, floods, and storms to the ongoing horrors of mass incarceration, racist policing, brutal immigration enforcement, endemic gender violence, and severe wealth inequality. As governments fail to respond to—or actively engineer—each crisis, ordinary people are finding bold and innovative ways to share resources and support the vulnerable. Survival work, when done alongside social movement demands for transformative change, is called mutual aid.

This book is about mutual aid: why it is so important, what it looks like, and how to do it. It provides a grassroots theory of mutual aid, describes how mutual aid is a crucial part of powerful movements for social justice, and offers concrete tools for organizing, such as how to work in groups, how to foster a collective decision-making process, how to prevent and address conflict, and how to deal with burnout.

Writing for those new to activism as well as those who have been in social movements for a long time, Dean Spade draws on years of organizing to offer a radical vision of community mobilization, social trans-
- formation, compassionate activism, and solidarity.

Jason Prokowiec in Person

Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 30 as Jason Prokowiec talks about his new book, War Boys: A Father and Son Memoir. He will be joined in conversation by Madeleine Blais.

About the Book

War Boys is an extraordinary exploration of a family experiencing intergenerational trauma: an adult son seeking to understand his terrifying and abusive father, interwoven with a biography of his father, who experienced unimaginable horrors as a child during World War II.

As a child, Jason Prokowiec lived in fear of his father, an abusive alcoholic. Lonely and full of shame and guilt, Prokowiec recounts a lonely childhood, colored by struggles with weight, self-image, and his emerging identity as a gay man.

Impelled to confront the trauma of his childhood, Prokowiec documents the stories of his father’s own trauma that began when Nazis murdered his family at the start of the war. In War Boys, Prokowiec retraces his father’s harrowing journey to understand how he survived the war and why he became the terrifying father Jason knew. In an era where generational estrangement is common, War Boys inspires with its account of this father and son, both battle-scarred survivors, and how they heal their relationship through the power of claiming and telling their own stories - and listening to one another.



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SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

Why change Social Security now?
It's a working 'Ponzi Scam.'

Dear Rusty:
Maybe everybody has the same reaction that I do to Social Security insolvency.

I do not understand a system that has been basically run like a Ponzi Scam since its inception; why have you decided (in 2026-2027) that now is the time to change a perfectly good Ponzi Scam.

In all reality, this began with Babylon. I'm sure that if you searched the meaning of the words "Babylonian money magic," you would understand what I'm talking about.

If this is as good as the Earth has, why would you mess with a perfectly rotten thing. Why would you decide to change currencies to some sort of fragile digital currency?

Signed: Skeptical Senior

Dear Skeptical Senior:
You touch on an item that the Association of Mature American Citizens Foundation has dealt with many times over the years, specifically the notion that Social Security has the characteristics of a Ponzi Scheme.

Our position in response to that notion is that Social Security was created and operated with full transparency with its financial status, formulas and long-term deficits completely and publicly documented and reported to the President and Congress annually.

Unlike the infamous Charles Ponzi, the government has a permanent pool of contributors through mandatory FICA and SECA (self-employment) payroll taxes and is designed to remain in operation infinitely as long as there's a taxpaying workforce.

Moreover, the Social Security system is overseen by Congress, specifically the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Government Accountability Office. The Social Security Administration is subject to routine hearings by these congressional overseers and maintains an independent

Office of the Inspector General to ensure the integrity of its financial operations.

Contrary to Ponzi victims, all participants retiring from the workforce and their dependents recover their Social Security contributions via benefit payments, some more than others based on their level of participation in the system. Also, contrary to Ponzi Schemes, Social Security was designed as a social insurance system and has operated successfully in that mode for over nine decades.

What raises the notion of a Ponzi Scheme comparison these days is the looming insolvency facing Social Security just six years from now. This financial problem, however, has nothing to do with fraud.

Rather, it is a function of workforce demographics and the fact that Congress has long deferred corrective action on a problem that has been known for the past four decades.

We sometimes hear well intended, but sometimes uninformed comments from some Washington politicians invoking the Ponzi Scheme reference, but we believe that Congress is finally waking up to the urgency.

And we also believe Congress is now starting to move seriously to set a course for correction in time to ward off the impact of insolvency. AMAC is proud to be a part of the collective thinking currently surfacing, and our Social Security Guarantee is in play as a plan to be considered.

We invite you to review our SS reform plan (at <https://amac.us/social-security-guarantee>) and likewise to stay tuned to our Social Security Report website (<https://socialsecurityreport.org/>) where we post regular updates on a variety of matters pertaining to Social Security and retirement.

The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated.

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Teachable moments during preservation

I had far too many plans for a long weekend.

There were peaches to can, applesauce to make, peppers to roast and tomatoes to turn into sauce and salsa. Oh yes, and cabbage to ferment into sauerkraut.

Tis the season!
Someone once said that it is important to "make hay while the sun is shining." That is exactly what I did.

While I was at it I came across a few teachable moments, and that is what I want to share with you today.

Some of my peaches have brown rot and some had split pits. Brown rot is a fungal disease that leaves furry brown areas on the fruit.

It can spread fast. One day a small patch; the next day half a fruit is infected.

Much like with apple scab, sanitation will go a long way to aid in prevention. Your goal is to prevent disease spores from overwintering.

Throw out any fallen infected peaches. If peaches are clinging to the trees well after harvest, pick these "mummies" and get rid of them too.

Rake up leaves that may also carry the disease. If raking is unrealistic, mow under the tree to encourage the leaves to break down.

In late winter, prune to encourage good air flow, a paramount practice in disease prevention. Thin fruit to four to five inches apart. Applications of fungicide can assist, but I prefer the natural route as much a possible.

I encourage you to do your own research.

Split pit on peaches is new to me. It was like the pit was indeed split, and sometimes stuck in each side of the fruit. From there, rot can begin to take over.

Apparently split pit a physiological issue. Too

much rain prior to harvest could be the culprit especially since spring and early summer were somewhat dry.



Watering during dry spells, and applying a mulch around the base of the tree to conserve and even out moisture can help.

While working with my apples I observe a few clusters of tiny dots here and there, as well as patches of gray over the apple's skin. These are summer diseases known as fly speck and sooty blotch respectively.

Both occur after lots of rain and humidity. Unfortunately all apples are susceptible to them, but the good news is that they only mar the apple's good looks; it doesn't penetrate the skin nor will it affect its taste.

Some elbow grease will likely rub it off. To reduce the likelihood of your apples getting these diseases prune for good air flow (it will dry out fruit faster after a rain) and remove nearby wild blackberry canes (the diseases overwinter here).

I talked about peppers and tomatoes not that long ago, but I do have to say that I am upset that I had what feels like one round of peppers. There are no little pepper replacements anywhere on most of my plants.

I know my rock edged raised beds get hot, and tend to dry out quickly, so perhaps that is the culprit for "some then done." Drought then a deluge could force the blossoms to fall off.

I'll be sure to keep this in the forefront of my mind as I plan next year's garden. Soaker hoses and more organic matter may help.

As I was processing the tomatoes I stopped twice to save some of the seeds of two of my favorites.

If you grew open pollinated, non hybrid tomatoes and plan to start your own seeds indoor next spring, you'd be silly not to save your own seeds!

Cut open a tomato – scoop out the goop and put it in a small jar with a few drops of water. Wait a few days until mold forms on top and then dump into a sieve and separate out the seeds.

Allow to dry on paper towel and then store in an envelope marked with the variety and date. You just saved yourself some cash, too!

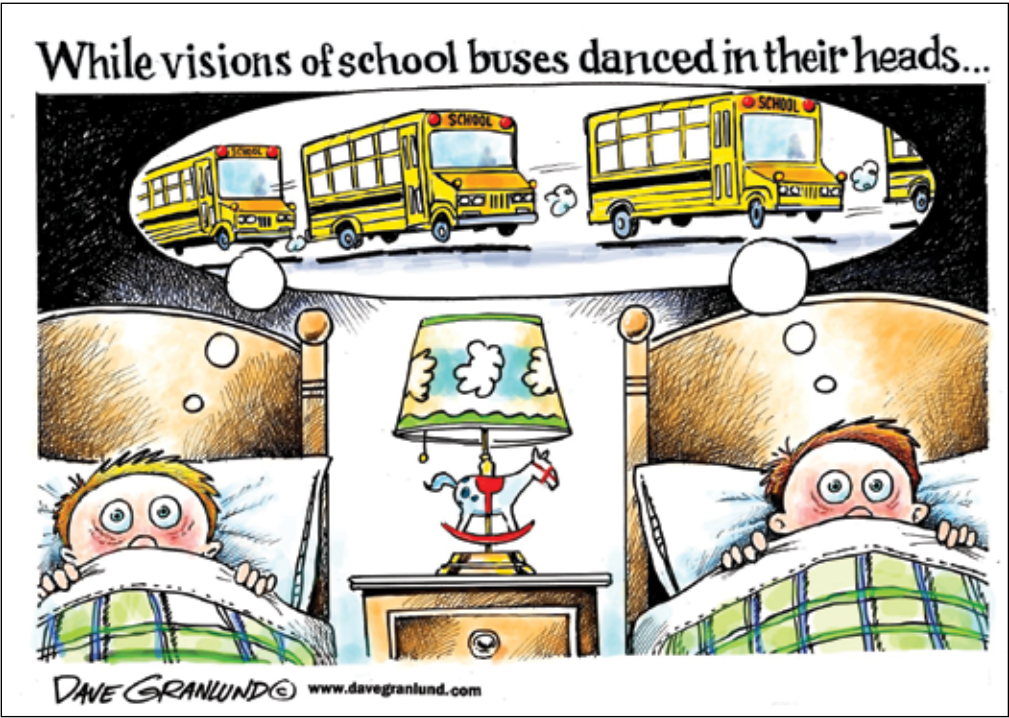
The only thing I have to say about my cabbage is that I wish I had grown more of it. All of my Crucifers – broccoli, cabbage and kale worked out so tremendously well under insect netting that I will definitely grow it that way again next year.

No worms at all. Planting a few early cabbages and some later ones was smart to spread out the kraut.

Next year I'll just add a few more to my plot.

Alas, the harvest season is in full swing. I am so incredibly grateful for my garden and what I can preserve for use in the off season.

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E-wheels complicate back-to-school safety

Kids used to have three ways of getting to school: on foot, on a bus or on a bike. School officials in many localities are dreading the new trend toward e-bikes, e-scooters and hoverboards.

Electrically powered two-wheel vehicles seem to be taking over our streets, bike lanes and, sometimes, sidewalks, driven by teens and tweens who don't necessarily know the rules of the road. Scary. Now couple that with lots of cars and traffic around schools. Even scarier.

As someone who has spent a lot of time around emergency rooms, I urge parents to think twice before buying an e-bike, e-scooter or other motorized vehicle for their child. In some localities, like Douglas County in Colorado, parents can be held liable if their child is caught riding where they shouldn't or, worse, causing an accident.

Admittedly, state laws can be a bit confusing. In Massa-

chusetts, e-bikes can fall into the same category as mopeds, which creates uncertainty about licensing, registration and where they can be ridden. E-bike riders and passengers age 16 or younger must wear a helmet. Localities are allowed to enact more restrictive rules.

ER visits related to e-bikes and e-scooters have increased by 671% for children and adolescents, according to Karen Gilbert Farrar, lead researcher at TruVeta, a health data and analytics firm. "Just to put that in context," she told USA Today, "that's if one patient was being seen in 2023, that's now nearly eight patients in 2026."

Most injuries are to the head and neck, and about 7%



involve traumatic brain injury, her research found. Fatalities typically involve a collision with a car or truck or crashing into a fixed object or curb.

This is a three-pronged problem that needs a three-pronged approach, from parents, children and localities, as back-to-school season begins.

Parents
Understand how the state classifies e-bikes and e-scooters so you know what you are buying. Most states regulate e-bikes in three classes: motorized assist with pedals, up to 20 mph; motorized assist with pedals and a throttle,

also up to 20 mph; and motorized assist with pedals and a speedometer, up to 28 mph.

Consider not only your child's age, but also their maturity level, because e-bike riders need good judgment and mature decision-making, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Kids ages 9 to 12 should not be operating any motorized vehicle, the Consumer Products Safety Commission says.

Instruct them on the use of bike lanes and sidewalks, safety in parking lots, speed limits and how to handle themselves at intersections. I would observe them on the road for a time.

And make them wear a helmet. No helmet, no bike or scooter.

Kids
Don't give your friends rides or let them drive your e-bike or scooter.

Don't wear headphones or earbuds or talk on the phone. Obey traffic signals and don't show off – no wheelies. If you're not supposed to be on the sidewalk, don't be on a sidewalk.

And wear that helmet your parents are making you wear.

Localities and schools
I hope more cities and school districts will consider restricting e-bikes and e-scooters and not wait until a child is severely injured. They can be brought to school but not ridden on school property.

If the vehicles are allowed, the riders should be carefully monitored to make sure they wear helmets and are not riding recklessly.

When all is said and done, though, I think the main responsibility for e-bike and e-scooter safety lies with the responsible adult in a child's life. It comes with the job.

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Art Squad Show at South Hadley Library

SOUTH HADLEY—In 2016, after Liz Austin, Lucia Foley, Abby Jaffe, and Marion Pascone connected at an art class in Easthampton, they decided to get together in their home town of South Hadley to paint. They had no idea that they'd still be meeting once a week ten years later.

The four South Hadley artists work in different media and styles, but they all agree that the time they've set aside to be creative together is now an important part of their lives. Dubbed the "Art Squad" by Abby's husband, Ken, soon after they began working together, they've adopted the name and enjoy being part of "a small group engaged in a common effort."

Their show, Art Squad 4 x 10: Four Artists, Ten Years celebrates a decade of finding joy, inspiration, and lasting friendship through making art. Works in oil, watercolor, acrylic, and mixed media will be on display in the Community Room at the South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal Street, from Thursday, Sept. 3 to Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026.

HCC announces Dean's List for Summer 2026 term

HOLYOKE - Each semester Holyoke Community College recognizes superior scholarship through the Dean's List. A student is placed on the Dean's List if their G.P.A. is 3.2 or higher. The students listed below have earned Dean's List honors for the summer 2026 term.

Florence: Kathryn Gesner, Sebastian Alexander Pacheco, Brayden Wyatt Steele.	Granby: Brennan Thomas Burke, Kaitlyn Elena Dwinell, Gary Glenn, Isabelle Hommel.
Hadley: Katelyn May Kelley, Deibys Jossue Mora Quesada, Bimal Patel.	South Hadley: Jessica F. Plotniak, Jeremy David Viens.

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"We had, many moons ago, a very old Xbox 360 that was donated by someone I know and that's how it got started."

Roberts stated the program has received iterative updates since. New video games and the consoles used to run them are funded by program friends, as well as donated to the program. Games are selected for the youths through reference to Entertainment Software Rating Board standards, which are labeled on the game's cover to indicate the intended audience. Roberts said chosen games couldn't have a rating higher than E-10, which indicates the game is age-appropriate for all audiences ages 10 and up.

"I do games that are rated E for everyone because my teen programming starts in middle school," Roberts said. "I don't have all teenagers so that way, it's appropriate for all middle schoolers and up. I might do E-10 and up but that's as high as I go usually."

According to Roberts, the program has been ongoing for at least eight or nine years, a figure which makes it one of the most consistent teen programs offered at the library. The program coordinator stat-

ed the library also has a Nintendo Switch, which is used to offer diversity throughout the month. As it stands both X Box and Nintendo Switch nights run parallel, with each console featured on alternating week nights.

"I haven't had luck with that," Roberts said when asked if there has ever been focused gaming nights, such as tournaments or other structured events. "The kids, the teens, seem to like to just come and play with their friends."

Each month features four game choices, which Roberts switches up every month to maintain interest. Outside of the age-restricted parameters, curated games are decided by "what's on the shelf" or what the program coordinator has requested through an inter-library loan. Choices are also made based on circulation trends as well as personal requests from game night attendees.

"Sometimes I'm like, oh this is a game we haven't done before; let's try this," Roberts said when asked about previously successful game nights. "We just did one, Ultimate Chicken Horse, I think is the title. They all weren't sure of it, but the teens ended up really enjoying that one."



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Sonic 3 was featured this night.

Despite running the game nights, Roberts confessed she really isn't much of a gamer herself but stated she had exposure to the hobby through her two brothers. She stated though she has limited familiarity with video games, she nonetheless stated the pro-

gram was based on popular request.

"My younger brother is more into gaming than I ever was," Roberts said. "But again, it's what the teens wanted. So I have figured it out just enough to make it functional."



The teens enjoy their gaming.



Teen Program Coordinator Bethany Roberts and program attendees.



A colorful shot of the game and the participants.

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Foley takes over Tigers girls soccer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY— Since taking over as the girls’ varsity soccer coach at South Hadley High School in the fall of 2017, Rich Marjanski has put together an impressive resume.

During the past nine years, the Lady Tigers have won five Western Mass. championship titles. They were also

Division 3 state champions in 2019 and the Division 4 state finalists in 2023.

Marjanski, who has compiled a 144-30-8 overall record, decided to retire from coaching following the 2025 campaign.

Molly Foley, who was Marjanski’s assistant coach last season, was recently named as the new Lady Tigers varsity soccer coach.

“I’ve known coach Mar-

janski and his family for a long time,” said Foley during a recent interview. “I was very excited when he asked me to become his assistant coach last season. He told the players that he would be retiring from coaching at the end of the regular season. I do have some big shoes to fill, but I’m very glad that Marjanski is in my corner. I’m looking forward to seeing him at some of our games.”

Already knowing the returning players should benefit Foley a lot this fall.

“I already know what the culture is here and I also know the majority of the players,” Foley said. “Coach Marjanski had a great run here and his system was very successful. I won’t be changing things very much. I just want the girls to work very hard in every game.”

The Lady Tigers are the

defending Western Mass. Class B champions. They lost to Littleton in the Elite 8 of the Division 4 state tournament.

“Winning the Western Mass. title was a great experience for the girls,” Foley said. “They’re hungry and are looking forward to winning another Western Mass. title this year. I’m very glad that there is still a Western Mass. tournament.”

Foley, who’s maiden name is Burke, isn’t the only coach in her family. Her husband, James, is an assistant varsity coach for the Tigers baseball team, which is coached by his uncle, Matt.

Molly Foley is very glad that her soccer team will be playing home games on the turf field, especially after the South Hadley residents re-

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State semifinalist Rams ready for new season



Granby advances the ball up the field.

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The Rams are pressured by the Agawam defense.

AGAWAM – Granby High School girls soccer started out its preseason with a scrimmage at Agawam last Wednesday afternoon. A short distance away less than a year ago, Granby engaged in

a phenomenal matchup in the state semifinals with Monson at Clark Field in West Springfield. Granby lost that match-up, but is looking to make it back to the state tournament again this year. The Rams

opened the season earlier this week at home against Hampshire Regional. The Rams travel to Southwick on Sept. 11

at 4 p.m. They are back home on Monday, Sept. 14 against Pittsfield at 4 p.m.



The Rams and Brownies clashed in preseason action.



The Rams were involved in a preseason scrimmage at Agawam last week.



The Rams try to keep play on the offensive end of the field.

Dirt Dogs take Pioneer Valley championship

SOUTH HADLEY – On Aug. 22 at Beachgrounds Park, after trailing earlier in the game, the Dirt Dogs came back to defeat the Knights 7-5 to sweep a best-of-three game championship series to win the Pioneer Valley Baseball League’s title for 2026. This was the first year of Pioneer’s merger with the Quabbin Valley Baseball League. The merger included the addition of the Blue Jays to bring the league to six teams. The Dirt Dogs had Pioneers best record of 19-2 in the regular season and the Dirt Dogs went on to win five consecutive games in the double elimination playoffs. The Knights went 16-4 in the regular sea-

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Andres Conde delivers a pitch for the Knights.

Tom Burzynski leads off first base.

Pete Moulin sends a pitch away for the Dirt Dogs.

Tory Buck takes a swing and fouls off a pitch.

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jected the Proposition 2.5 override last spring.

“There was a lot of stress and thankfully everything worked out well for this year,” she said. “I think it would be very difficult if South Hadley High School didn’t have athletics.”

Foley graduated from Palmer High School in 1911 where she played soccer, basketball and softball. Her high school soccer coach was Nick Marciano.

“I learned a lot from coach Marciano and he was a great coach,” she said. “I had a memorable experience in high school.”

Foley also graduated from Westfield State University and began her coaching career as the assistant soccer coach at Chicopee High School under varsity coach Ashley Ziemba.

“I began my coaching career right out of college,” Foley said. “I learned a lot from coach Ziemba and it was a very good experience for me.”

After spending three seasons at Chicopee High, Foley was named as the girls’ varsity coach at Holyoke High School. She’s also coached the girls’ varsity soccer team at Chicopee Comp.

“My second year at Holyoke was the COVID season,” Foley said. “We had a shortened season. We were put in a very difficult pod, and it was very hard on the kids.”

Comp qualified for the Division 2 state tournament in the two years that Foley was the head coach.

“My two years at Comp was successful,” Foley said.” The postseason format is much different now than when I was in high school, but I do like it. It gives more teams the opportunity to play in the postseason tournament.”

The Lady Tigers, who finished with a 13-8-1 overall record last year, are scheduled to kick off the 2026 regular season by hosting Kurty-Fielding Conference rival Ludlow at 4pm on September 8.

“We beat Ludlow, 1-0, on our senior night last year,” Foley said. “I’m very excited about facing them again in our season opener.”

The other members of Kurty-Fielding Conference are West Springfield, Northampton, Chicopee Comp, and Agawam.

The Lady Tigers senior co-captains are Mikayla Weaver and Cara Dean, who were both captains a year ago.

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The three new South Hadley varsity coaches this fall are Molly Foley, who coaches the girls’ soccer team, Byron Joy, who coaches the boys soccer team, and Maddie Kelleher, who coaches the girls volleyball team. All of them were assistant coaches.

Castonguay will become the fourth Athletic Director at Minnechaug Regional since 1995. The other two Minnechaug Athletic Directors were Ned Doyle, and Mike Roy, who was also an AD at South Hadley High School.

Minnechaug and South Hadley do compete against each other in golf, girls’ basketball, and on the softball diamond.

The atmosphere for basketball games at the South Hadley Gymnasium is a lot

different than it is at the larger Minnechaug gym.

“We’ve had some memorable basketball games in this gym over the years. The fans are right on the court,” Castonguay said. “I’ve had other AD’s tell me they liked the atmosphere here. I don’t usually go to road games, so I never realized how special the gym is. This community certainly loves basketball.”

The Lady Tigers are the defending Division 4 state champions.

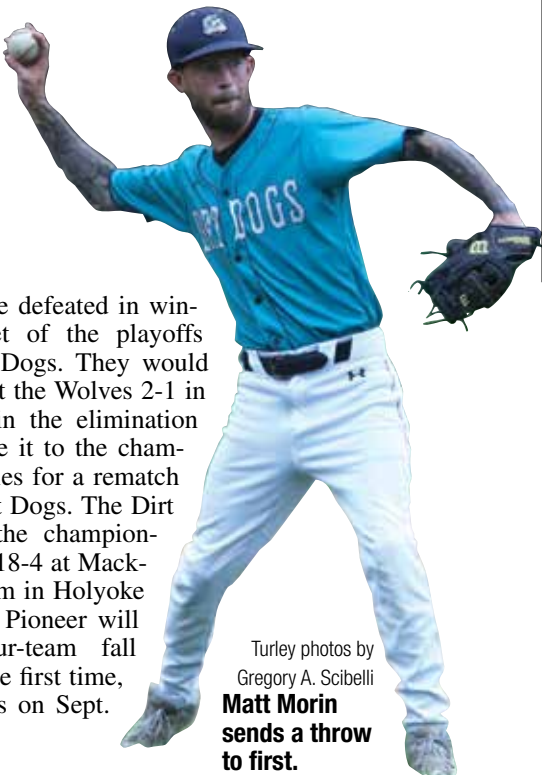
Castonguay has worked very well with Andrew Rogers, who’s the Director of the South Hadley Recreation Department.

The Director of the Wilbraham Recreation Department is Bryan Litz.

Castonguay is looking forward to continuing the winning tradition at Minnechaug Regional High School.

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son and were defeated in winner’s bracket of the playoffs by the Dirt Dogs. They would go on to beat the Wolves 2-1 in 11 innings in the elimination final to make it to the championship series for a rematch with the Dirt Dogs. The Dirt Dogs won the championship opener 18-4 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke on Aug. 18. Pioneer will have a four-team fall league for the first time, which begins on Sept. 12.



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Matt Morin sends a throw to first.

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the clinical data of the attack.

Bonanno’s perspective was unique, as he was already retired from firefighting before being plunged back into the fire. The veteran already submitted his retirement papers after 21 years of service and completed a cooking course to receive his chef’s certificate. When he returned to the precinct on the fateful day, he was actually there to promote his latest healthy firefighter cookbook through a television deal with WB11.

“I did several longer TV appearances,” Bonanno said. “In August, they asked me if I would do a live TV segment for WB11 at my firehouse, our last destination for presentations.”

The appearance was delayed several times before the shoot was scheduled for a firehouse in Manhattan, a location familiar to him having worked a portion of his career in the region at Lot 5. The shoot was reallocated to Lot 3 on the morning of September 11th with a pickup at 5am to beat the morning traffic.

“I arrived around 6 a.m. at Lot 3,” Bonanno said. “I met the host of WB11, Barry Hock. He’s a well-known morning host. I was in uniform with gear and I went in to meet the members of Lot 3; several who I knew through my brother.”

Bonanno described the crew as “anxious to be on TV” and expressed apprehension in being filmed. He stated the live shoot was underway at 6:45 a.m. after the firefighters settled, with a second segment at 7:45 a.m. The host created his favorite pasta dish while Bonanno worked a second dish. Both dishes were sent to the street for a random passer-by taste test.

“Lot 3 actually had a few early runs but nothing of consequence in quick return,” Bonanno said. “And those few runs, the TV crew, as you can see in the pictures, thought it was a great opportunity to catch a few of us live down the hall. Because it was live, several of the firefighters were on their cell phones, calling home to get their kids and families up to see their dads on TV.”

Throughout the presentation, Bonanno humanized the crew. He recalled how his attempts to help clean up after the shoot were declined, as probationary firefighter James Cory-Lewis stated “our guests don’t do the dishes.”

“Listen, I wasn’t a guest but I relented,” Bonanno said. “I let him wash my supplies and dry the dishes. He told me how lucky he felt to be assigned to this firehouse.”

Bonanno also recalled how much of an honor it was to meet Captain Patrick Brown, who he described as “legendary” and a “highly decorated firefighter.” The captain invit-

ed him to stay at the firehouse to wait out traffic after Bonanno was informed the Bronx car service tasked with picking him up was delayed. However, there was another car service poised to pick him up. Despite prodding from the local station to stay and wait out the traffic, Bonanno decided to go instead.

“All the firefighters were pulling me into the kitchen telling me to stay, but I have to call it fate or divine intervention,” Bonanno said. “I said ‘thanks but you know what? I’ll deal with the traffic and I’ll just stay home.’”

When the North Tower was hit at 8:46 a.m., he was already on his way home. However, after having the driver turn on the radio and learning about the attack, he asked instead to be driven back to the Queens-Midtown tunnels. However, due to the tunnels being closed due to “security purposes,” he instead was consigned to a “long drive home.”

“Upon returning home there were several concerned calls on my answering machine and they kept coming all day,” Bonanno said. “I went over to my sister’s office where my brother was staying and I said ‘Michael, I can’t watch this. I’m going back in to help.’”

Bonanno returned to the scene and witnessed a “pile of smoking rubble, fire trucks and overturned police cars.” Volunteering to help with the aftermath, he sprung into action and was handed a “missing list” of people lost in the cataclysm. On his journey to rescue people, he came across a terrible discovery.

“We were horrified when we saw that the first third of the Lot 3 truck was completely crushed, almost to the ground,” Bonanno said. “I asked the conductor ‘what about the firefighters from Lot 3?’ I was told all 12 were killed in the collapse. In the months to come, I found out that only two of the 12 firefighters I was with that morning were recovered.”

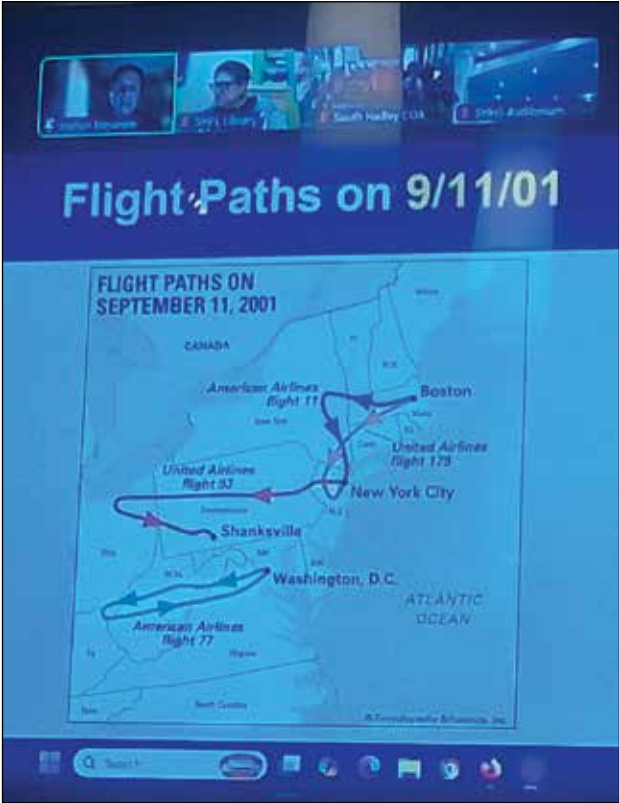
Despite the somber presentation, Bonanno encouraged the audience to keep the charitable spirit alive as they remembered the tragedy. He recalled how the whole world came together in community and grief to help each other. He urged the audience to keep the communal spirit alive and stated to also never forget how people were in the following weeks after the catastrophe.

“‘Never forget,’” Bonanno said. “What I say is remember the way you felt in those weeks afterwards; donating money and helping out. It was amazing. I’d like the audience to think about that for a minute. When you have an issue with somebody, think about how in those weeks afterwards, how you felt like you wanted to help wherever you could, however you could.”



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Photography from the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.



A diagram detailing the flight paths on 9/11.



A depiction of the World Trade Center attack.

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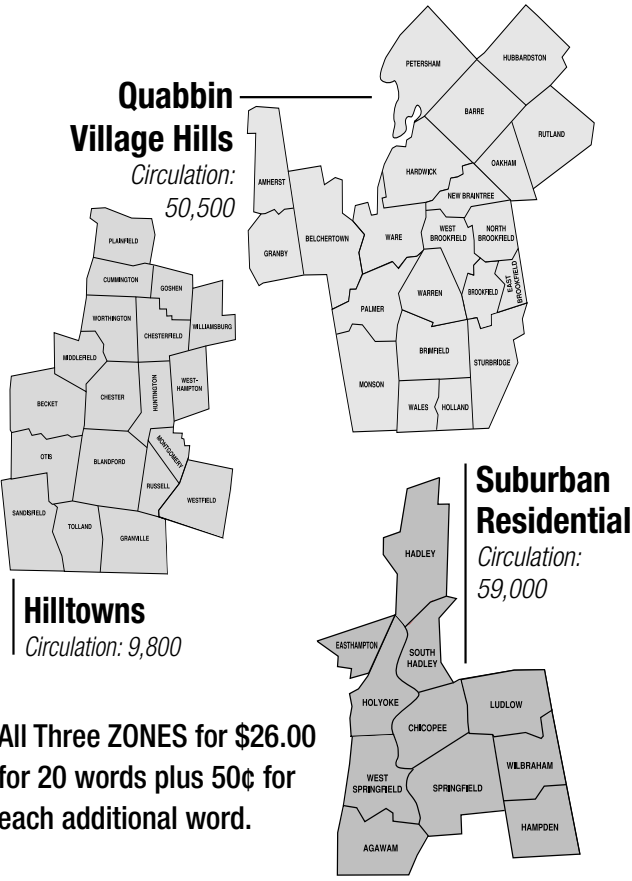
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On the West Street building project, he reported that the town has asked IT vendor Entree to revise its proposal after finding that labor costs were out of scale with hardware pricing. At the same time, a previous assumption that security firm Ratcliffe was on the state bid list proved incorrect. A competing firm, Oakers, has now been identified as both eligible and lower cost for cameras, entry controls and cable pulls.

Those adjustments are intended to keep the project on track without overcommitting limited capital dollars.

The Board of Assessors is moving to advertise for a Director of Assessments, a position officials say is needed to strengthen the town’s ability to manage the tax base and stay ahead of neighboring communities on growth and compliance.

Aponte explained that if a qualified candidate is hired during the current fiscal year, the town would likely rely on municipal fund transfers beginning May 1 to cover any shortfall in the assessors’ budget, using positive variances in other accounts. Longer term, he said the hire would be evaluated during the FY28 budget cycle, with the expectation that improved assessment capacity could support local revenues over time.

The board also formalized the Senior Tax Work-Off Program Committee, building on a program previously adopted at Town Meeting that allows eligible seniors and veterans to earn relief on their property tax bills.

The committee will include the Council on Aging director, Veterans’ Services officer, a member of the Board of Assessors, the town administrator and an at-large resident 60 or older, with the at-large seat to be advertised and filled later.

Aponte emphasized that the program is targeted at older residents struggling to

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**TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF HYBRID
PUBLIC HEARING
New Duplex – 144 East St**

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **September 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by Aya Custom Homes Inc. c/o Andrew Bazukin; 40 King St, Westfield, MA 01085; for the construction of a new duplex located at 144 East St, Map 35 Parcel 28. The application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article IX (Special Permit); 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 currently an undeveloped lot within the Residential A-1 Zoning District. The application filing seeks to allow construction of a new residential duplex.

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 Permit’ under section ‘East Street (144) - Duplex’ or can be viewed at: <https://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.

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**TOWN OF
SOUTH HADLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
MEETING**

The Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a Request for Determination filed by Michael Williams proposing re-vegetation and minor site improvements within the 200’ riverfront area of Buttery Brook. The project location is located at 28 Hillside Av (Map 16, Parcel 177).

The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, September 23 at 6pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the request is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the

Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Mon – Thurs. Plans are also available online at www.south-hadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

**April Doroski
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**TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a Request for Determination filed Renata Legowski proposing to address re-vegetation within the 50’ conservation zone of an intermittent stream. The project location is at the rear of the property at 49 Westbrook (Map 37, Parcel 67).

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**TOWN OF
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PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF HYBRID
PUBLIC HEARING
Flag Lot – 134 Ferry Street**

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **September 28, 2026 at 6:30 pm**. to consider an application for Special Permit filed by LCR Builders c/o Leah Spring and Cory Whelihan; 84 Hadley Street, South Hadley MA 01075; for the development of a Flag Lot located at 134 Ferry Street, Map 35 Parcel 18. The application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article IX (Special Permit), 255-35 (Water Supply Protection District), 255-36 (Flag lots), and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

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**TOWN OF SOUTH
HADLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a request for the re-build of an existing dilapidated single family home at 87 River Road. The proposed work is in the outer Riverfront Area only. All work is within existing lawn, driveway and similar disturbed and degraded area. (Map 21 Lot 17).

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CLUES ACROSS

- Longtime Vogue editor
- Wintour
- A Spanish title of respect
- A way of looking
- Properly
- Rolled steel
- Not down
- Law degree
- Consume food
- Intermediate ecological stage
- Old world, new
- Dispense justice
- Stiff hair-like structure
- Ethiopia
- Cool!
- Father
- An enthusiastic devotee of sports
- Holm oak
- Be united
- Rattling breaths

CLUES DOWN

- Boxing's GOAT
- Zero
- Midway between north and northeast
- Concurrent
- Added flavor
- Amount of time
- Eggs of parasitic insects
- S-shaped moldings
- Atomic #45
- ___ d'art: small artistic item
- A godparent's "kids"
- Nocturnal burrowing lizard
- Hit lightly
- Aircrafts
- Witness
- Alluding to something
- Take to the limit
- Baglike structure in a plant or animal

CLUES ACROSS

- Supermarket chain
- Provided with a quality
- Samoan monetary unit
- Swiss river
- Hill (Celtic)
- Have already done
- ATM company
- Syngman ___, Korean president
- Very willing
- Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- Food listings
- Bachelor's place to crash
- Big Blue
- Sports magazine
- Relating to a place north of south of the equator
- Female follower of Bacchus
- A type of laugh
- Slovenly women
- Large jug

CLUES DOWN

- Start over
- Amsterised
- Romanian monetary unit
- Unit of liquid capacity
- Equips with weapons
- Disney town
- Female deer
- Title of respect
- A place to go rafting
- A way to conclude
- Type of television
- Georgia rockers
- Leonhard ___, Swiss mathematician
- Slang for gun
- River in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bar bill
- Small, gray-headed crow
- Frozen water
- Norwegian krone
- Commercial

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the state of Massachusetts. Called the Digital Commonwealth, the program uploads important historical records to the internet for preservation and makes them publicly accessible through the Digital Commonwealth website.

“It would really open wide a lot of the archives and historical collections across the state,” Rodio said in praise of the initiative.

The collection contains a myriad of different historical data and legal documents, which includes land deeds, indenture contracts, payment receipts and business transaction records covering a wide range of industries, including farms and tradesmen. Rodio listed some of the historical records in its possession,

which included postcards, archives from the South Hadley Canal Park Committee and photographs provided by the Scott Family.

“Documents really shed a light on South Hadley’s early years,” Rodio said. “As we started to put these together, we realized that we had something. It helped really give some insight into the first hundred years or so of South Hadley’s existence.”

The collection also contains records from the Revolutionary War. Several documents include muster records from local minuteman regiments from 1755, as well as a 1759 tax bill sent on behalf of the British crown to the local colonists. The official demand for payment floated from the colonial governor to the town even contained the words “in the 33rd year of the

reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second of Great Britain” to contextualize the times.

“Demanding tax payment from South Hadley in the name of King George the Second is tangible evidence where you can see local evidence of taxation without representation,” Rodio said.

“Early South Hadley” is the fourth digital documentation collection curated by the South Hadley Public Library. The curation has been in the works for “about a year” after the town identified collected material possessed by both the South Hadley Public Library and the Gaylord Memorial Library.

“We’ve worked with them in the past,” Rodio said as he referenced the library’s previous partnership with the Boston Public Library, as well as

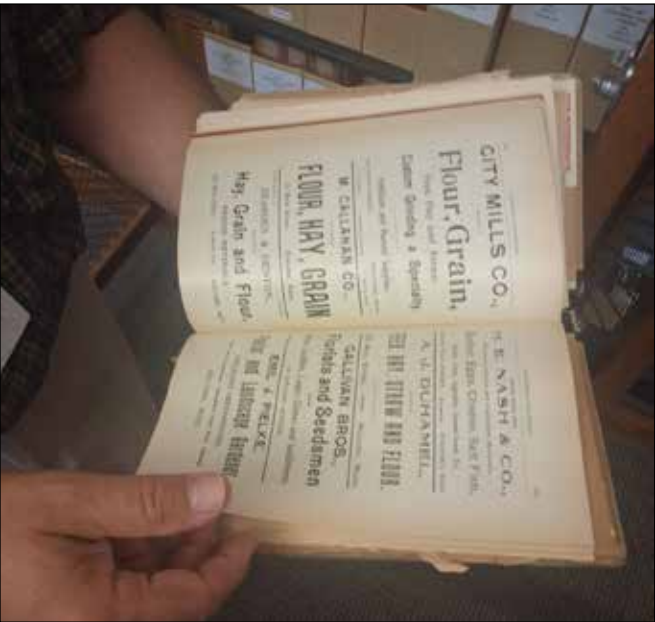
the partnership’s significance in preserving local history. “We also worked with them to digitize a document from the South Hadley First Congregational Church, which is now online. It’s part of our library’s strategic plan. It’s one of our service priorities we’ve identified.”

Those interested in viewing the archives may access the uploaded records at <https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/collections/commonwealth:7s75pn22n>. As historical conservation is part of South Hadley’s town master plan, Rodio suspects there will be far more additions to the record in the months to follow.

“It’s a role we take seriously,” Rodio said. “We try to make efforts towards improving that access to historical information every year.”



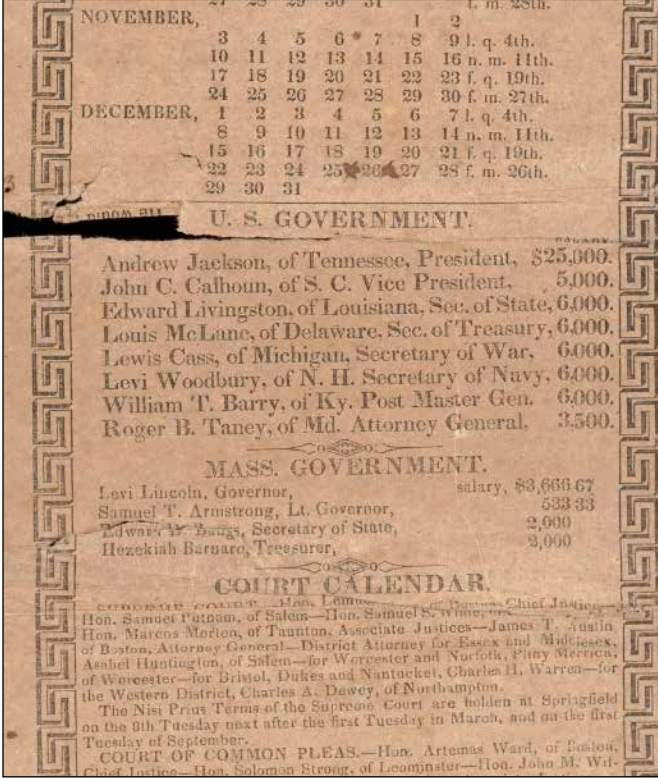
Library Director Joe Rodio shows off some of the library’s archives.



Archived advertisements from town.



South Hadley High School students and teachers from a 1924 photograph.



An 1833 Court Calendar.



A portion of the collected records waiting to be uploaded.



An Abstract from Colonel Ruggles Woodbridge for the South Hadley 25th Regiment.



The collection includes historical maps of the region.



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