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Historical association holds successful fall events

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GRANBY – The house was decorated last week and was open for tours, allowing people to step back in time and experience old Granby.

“We try to represent all different time periods,” said Judy LaPlante, a member of the Historical Association.

“I love looking at all the old history, and I love seeing all the people come through. It brings the community together, and some people also come in and see pieces that belonged to their families,” said LaPlante.

The Historical Association reached out to the community, and all their items were donated by people who live in town, forever capturing their stories in a living history museum right in town for families to be memorialized through memory.

“I think it’s really nice that we can preserve these items for families, and if people want information on a

house or families, we will often have that information to share,” said LaPlante. “Walking through the house allows people to get a glimpse into the history and enjoy the time their parents and grandparents lived in.”

The Historical Association also hosted their annual tag sale, with donated treasures from the community, including kitchen utensils to art supplies, bags and purses to books and wall décor. The tag sale had something to find for everyone, including some retro toys and games.

“The tag sales are a huge help for us,” said Terry Johnson, the president of the historical association. “Everything donated and sold helps us in some way.”

The funds from the tag sale and book sales, as well as donations, are used to keep up the maintenance of the Historical Association’s three buildings: the barn, the old house, and the museum, which was once the town hall.

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Art pieces done by a local artist of places in town.

Submitted photo

Construction moving forward on Affordable Housing at 99 Lyman Street

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – South Hadley’s effort to expand affordable housing has taken another step forward with the progress of “The Clover,” the new development at 99 Lyman St. The project, led by Way Finders, is moving according to plan and is expected to help address both local and regional housing needs.

“We are on schedule,” said Keith Fairey, president and CEO of Way Finders. “The anticipated construction completion for the Clo-

ver is late November or early December 2026. We have already started some site preparation, and full con-

struction is expected to begin in the next few weeks. Marketing of the units will start in approximately June.”

“In the years, I trust the people of South Hadley will see the Clover as well-designed, well-managed, and an asset to the town and its residents,”

– Keith Fairey

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When completed, the Clover will add 60 new

mixed-income units to South Hadley, part of a broader push to address the housing shortage across western

Massachusetts. Fairey explained that the goals for the project are both immediate and long-term.

he said. “Our region, like communities across the nation, is in a housing crisis. The four counties of western MA currently face a housing gap of over 23,000 units. South Hadley is no exception. Long-term: Greater housing availability supports economic development, not just with the building of the project, but by supporting people looking to move here for jobs, and housing near downtown areas, like South Hadley, encourages new business.”

The project is designed

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Turley photo by Tina Lesniak

Site preparation has begun at the Clover on Lyman Street.

Schools look towards creating special education reserve fund

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SOUTH HADLEY – The School Committee and Selectboard shared and approved the formation of a Special Education Reserve Fund last week, and it was approved by the Selectboard and Appropriations Committee.

“The Special Education Reserve Fund is a dedicated account, allowed under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 13E,

that a school district and town can establish together,” said Superintendent Jennifer Voyik. “It is specifically designed to help cover unexpected or unbudgeted costs related to special education placements, transportation, or services. These expenses are mandated by law, districts must provide them, even if they were not anticipated during the annual budget process.”

Essentially, the Reserve Fund acts like a savings account for the town or schools, and acts very similarly to

how families will set aside money to address emergency costs that will come up down the road.

“It provides stability and ensures we can respond without cutting into other important programs midyear,” said Voyik. “It helps protect the educational opportunities for all students by preventing sudden disruptions to programs or services.”

The fund will allow the schools to pay for all unanticipated costs relating to special education, including any new out-of-district

placements for students, specialized transportation, or additional staff supports.

“In the long run, I hope this fund provides greater financial stability for both the district and the town. By planning ahead, we can reduce the pressure of sudden, high-cost obligations and avoid emergency cuts,” said Voyik.

Between the drastic cuts and the concerns for the upcoming financial burdens placed on the town, special

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School Committee holds superintendent induction program

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SOUTH HADLEY – The School Committee met last week to discuss the budget for the upcoming school year, as well as hold a talk regarding the work Superintendent Jennifer Voyik has been doing to adjust and move into her new role.

Superintendent Induction Program and Entry Plan

The Superintendent Induction Program is a three-year program that provides support for new superintendents, and Superintendent Jennifer Voyik has been working alongside Kenny Salim throughout the induction process and learning the ropes.

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Selectboard discusses town meeting warrants

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Selectboard held a hybrid meeting last week in order to review and approve of the various Special Town Meeting Warrants and Capital planning for reallocating funds for next year.

Special Town Meeting Warrants

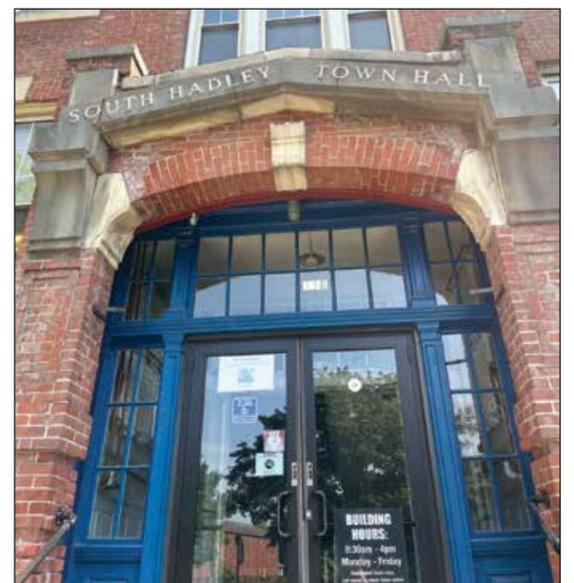
Town Administrator Lisa Wong made the motion to set

the Special Town Meeting to occur on Tuesday, November 4, at the High School at 6 p.m.

There will be a proposal put forward to the town to vote on the budget forecast after increases in prices from health insurance, prior year bills, FY26 budget changes, an IT budget, and capital re-appropriations and closeouts.

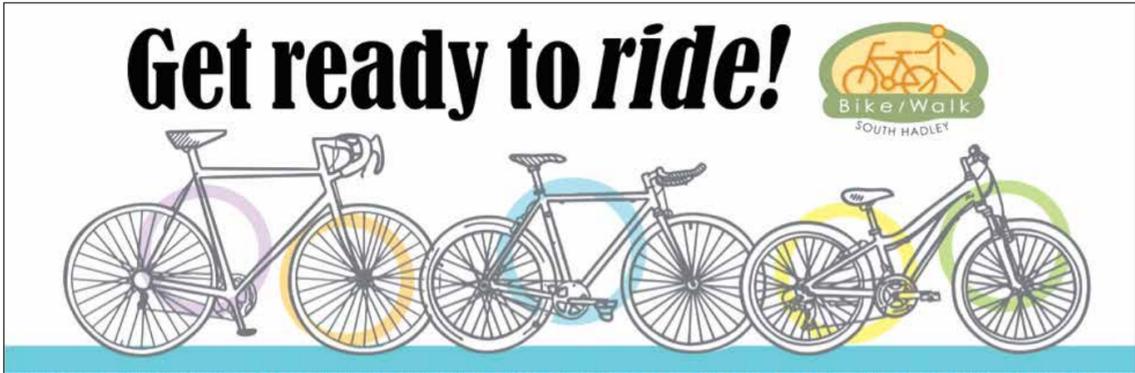
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Looking ahead to the upcoming Town Meeting in November.



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South Hadley Autumn Bike Ride set for Oct. 5

SOUTH HADLEY— On Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. the public is invited to participate in a Bike Ride hosted by the South Hadley Bike/Walk Committee. The Ride is approximately 6 miles long, with some hills and will have a casual pace. This ride is for adults and teens; any younger children should be accompanied by an adult. Participants should plan to bring a water bottle. Grab your bike and helmet and let's have some fall fun!

Meet at 1:15pm in the

lower parking lot behind Village Commons, at the end near the street. The lot entrance is on Hadley Street (Rt. 47), past the entrance to the main lot located just adjacent to the stores.

Riders will turn left out of the parking lot onto Hadley Street, and then left again onto Ferry Street, which continues past Brunelle's Marina on the riverfront, and onto Alford Street. At River Lodge Road we'll take a right and continue until we get to Upper River Road, then we'll

turn and go back on River Lodge Road. When we get back to Alford Street, we'll make a right and continue to McCray's Farm Creamery for a rest stop and optional home-made ice cream. On the return, riders will continue back along Alford, Ferry, and Hadley Streets to the Village Commons Lot. There is also an option to do an additional 1-mile loop on the River-to-Range Trail, which has a lookout over marshy wetlands and a short spur that leads to the Connecticut River.

Weather/cancellation information: Bike/Walk Rides and Treks are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or ground conditions. Visit Town website at <http://www.southhadley.org/bikewalk> to view and download a trail map and for any cancellation notices or other information. Should there be a cancellation decision, information will be posted online by 10:00am on the day of the event.

Surprise wish reveal for South Hadley teen

Hosted by Liberty Bank and Make-A-Wish® Massachusetts and Rhode Island

SOUTH HADLEY, MA – Jillian Scott of South Hadley received a wonderful surprise on Saturday when she learned her wish to go on a Caribbean cruise will be granted by Make-A-Wish® Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which grants life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Jillian, 15, is undergoing treatment for leukemia. Her wish, which will be granted early next year, was made possible in part by the generous support of Liberty Bank.

Jillian loves the beach, swimming, and traveling, so when it came time to make her wish she knew just what she would choose. Looking forward to her cruise has brought joy to the teen as she faces treatment. Since her treatment has prevented Jillian from returning to school this fall, having something to look forward to has been especially important.

For the wish reveal, Jillian and her family and friends gathered at Brunelle's Marina in South Hadley, along with representatives from Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island and Liberty Bank. When surprised with the news that her wish will be granted, the teen was overwhelmed with emotion, immediately leaning into the embrace of her family. After the surprise, Jillian and her guests enjoyed a private Connecticut River cruise with The Lady Bea. While on board, the group enjoyed lunch donated by Jersey Mike's, which supports the organization locally through many of its franchises.

"This was amazing beyond words," said Jillian's mother, Allison Scott. "The wish Jillian has been granted to go on this trip has put such a smile on her face. And the fact that she learned about it surrounded by friends who love her, priceless! I don't know how to thank you enough for everything." Jillian's wish is one of several that will be granted thanks to generous support from Liberty Bank, which made a \$50,000 donation to Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island this year in honor of the bank's 200th anniversary. The bank also contributed \$200,000 to Make-A-Wish Connecticut. In total, the \$250,000 gift will grant multiple wishes for local children with critical illnesses. "Liberty Bank's brand promise is 'Be Com-

munity Kind,'" said Liberty Bank President and CEO David W. Glidden. "As our bank – the fifth oldest bank in the country – recognizes this milestone anniversary, we are celebrating by giving back to our community, and one way we are doing so is by supporting Make-A-Wish."

When her health allows, Jillian works at the Boathouse Restaurant at Brunelle's Marina. Her community of managers and co-workers there have been wonderfully supportive of Jillian throughout her treatment and helped make the river cruise for Jillian's celebration possible.

Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island recently granted 125 wishes through its Summer of Wishes campaign. In the coming year, the organization will be working to grant 385 wishes for children in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Wishes are funded through the generosity of local donors and supporters. To learn more, visit www.massri.wish.org.

About Make-A-Wish® Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Make-A-Wish® Massachusetts and Rhode Island creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. A wish can be a spark that helps a child believe anything is possible. In the face of life-threatening medical conditions, wishes enable children to experience profound joy, renewed strength and resiliency, and lasting hope to keep striving and dreaming for the future. Together with generous supporters and 500+ volunteers, the organization has granted the wishes of nearly 11,000 children in Massachusetts and Rhode Island since its founding over 40 years ago, and its vision is to grant the wish of every medically eligible child. For more information, visit www.massri.wish.org.

About Liberty Bank

Established in 1825, Liberty Bank has more than \$8.0 billion in assets, 54 retail banking offices across Connecticut and Massachusetts. As a full-service financial institution, Liberty offers consumer and commercial banking, cash management, home mortgages, business loans, insurance and investment services. Named 'Top Workplace' by the Hartford Courant every year since 2012; designated a 2021, 2022 and 2023 Best-In-State Bank in Connecticut by Forbes Magazine; and received J.D. Power's award for Best Customer Satisfaction in the Tri-State Region in 2025. For more information on Liberty Bank, visit www.liberty-bank.com.

Handbag Bingo is on November 8

Purchase your tickets before they sell out!

SOUTH HADLEY – Tickets are now available to the popular Handbag Bingo fundraiser being hosted on November 8 at St Theresa's Church by the Friends of Buttery Brook Park. This annual fundraising event will benefit improvements to the park, specifically, the addition of shade structures. "The recent park improvement project allowed us to add some wonderful new pieces to

the playground. These, coupled with our great spray park, brought more visitors to the park this summer. We often see families trying to crowd under small trees by

the playground to get some respite from the sun. We know there is a need for additional shade," commented event organizer and Friends' board member Kim Prough. Tickets are \$40 each and can be reserved by emailing Kim at ksprough@me.com.



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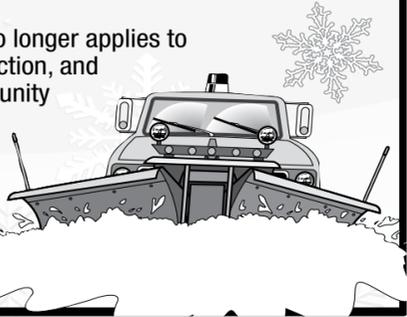
SNOWPLOW CONTRACTORS WANTED:

The Town of South Hadley, through its Department of Public Works and Chief Procurement officer (CPO), is seeking applications from plowing and heavy equipment contractors for plowing snow, snow removal, and/or sanding/salting/de-icing for the Department of Public Works for this coming winter. An application form and a copy of the "Snow Plowing Contractual Agreement" for the 2025-2026 winter season may be picked up at the department of Public Works office at 10 Industrial Drive, South Hadley, MA between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Submissions will be received at the Department of Public Works up to the **deadline on Friday, October 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM**, when they will then be publicly opened and read at that place and time.

Note the requirement for payment of prevailing wage rates no longer applies to snow and ice removal operations, as it is considered a safety function, and is therefore exempt. The Town of South Hadley is an equal opportunity employer. Minority business enterprises that are certified and qualified are encouraged to submit applications.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, as in the Town's judgement, the best interest of the Town of South Hadley would be served by so doing, all in accordance with the applicable General Laws.



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'If You See Something, Say Something' Awareness Day

SOUTH HADLEY – In 2018, DHS designated September 25 as National "If You See Something, Say Something®" Awareness Day, also known as #SeeSayDay. On this day, DHS and its campaign partners across the country come together to remind the public to be aware of suspicious activity and know how to report it to law enforcement. The campaign raises public awareness of the signs of terrorism and terrorism-related crime.

Whether you are on your way to work, shopping at a store, or traveling on vacation, remember: We all play a role in keeping our communities safe. Remember to stay alert and say something

when you see something suspicious.

Over the years, the campaign's materials have been redesigned and they will continue to be in the future. However, the core message has remained the same since the DHS campaign began: "If You See Something, Say Something®."

The Commonwealth Fusion Center (CFC) has free campaign materials available to you. Please contact us to obtain physical and/or digital copies of available campaign materials for your entity: ccip@pol.state.ma.us. Materials are also available in multiple languages and various formats.

Granby Girls Varsity Volleyball



Submitted photo

Granby Girls Varsity Volleyball wins 6-0 games in this season, reigning undefeated.

Mount Holyoke dining and facilities workers ratify new contract

The groundbreaking contract includes annual wage increases, improvements for lowest paid workers, and no-cost legal services for all members

SOUTH HADLEY - Members of Mount Holyoke have voted to ratify a new three-year union that will cover 170 facilities workers and dining staff who are members of the Local 32BJ of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). This ratification follows the events of two weeks ago when the workers held a 24-hour strike, receiving significant support from the public. The resulting tentative agreement, reached Friday, September 5, would

go on to meet all the union's principal demands.

The terms of the new contract include:

- Annual raises that total about 11% over the life of the contract for all members, with the lowest paid seeing total wage increases 40% over the life of the contract
- Access to the 32BJ Legal Fund, which provides members no-cost legal services for most civil matters, including immigration
- Improved pay for jury duty
- Longevity incentives for facilities members
- Policy improvements for

discipline, sick leave, parental leave, and holidays

- Stress mats to improve safety of members working in dining services
- Up to nine months of protected leave to resolve immigration issues
- Protection of all existing benefits

On Tuesday, September 2, after alleging that the college was engaging in unfair labor practices during negotiations, members participated in a 24-hour strike beginning as early as 5:00AM. The strike, which included workers picketing at the campus' five entrances and main gate, also featured hundreds of Mount Holyoke students joining in to hold

signs, march alongside workers, and demand the college pay workers a living wage and cease unfair labor practices.

Public officials present at rallies during and immediately before the strike include State Senator Adam Gomez, State Representative Homar Gomez, Springfield City Councilor Victor Davila, and President of UFCW Local 1459 Jeff Jones. Housekeepers with UAW Local 2322 also alleged unfair labor practices on the part of Mount Holyoke, participated in the strike, and reached a strong new contract shortly after the members of 32BJ.

The ratification completes a harrowing period that ul-

timately brought the Mount Holyoke community closer together.

"We make invaluable contributions for the students and faculty of Mount Holyoke, and it's an incredible feeling to have those efforts be recognized and rewarded through this contract," said Harry Rodriguez, a dining worker with Mount Holyoke. "These increases in wages, new benefits and resources will go a long way to ensure we have the setup needed to succeed outside of work, as we have done at work."

"This agreement is a testament to the hard work of our members, and the tenacity required to never settle for

less than what you rightfully deserve," said Kevin Brown, Executive Vice President of 32BJ SEIU who leads the New England 615 District in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. "I'm proud of our Mount Holyoke unit, and their commitment over the past few months to see these negotiations process through until the very end. As we continue to see the direct targeting of higher education institutions by the federal government, our workers are proud to stand with Mount Holyoke to fight for a better future for all of us."

The new contract will be effective retroactively to July 1, 2025.



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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Should I claim Social Security early because it is going bankrupt?

Dear Rusty:

My best friend is going to be 62 and wants to begin taking her Social Security immediately.

Her reasoning not to wait is the thought that it is going to run out in 10 years, so she wants as much of her money before that happens. I have paid into Social Security my entire working life (44 years and counting). What are your thoughts on taking it as soon as you are eligible?

Signed: Uncertain what to do

Dear Uncertain:

Deciding when to claim Social Security is a sometimes-confusing task, but no one should ever claim SS early because they believe Social Security will go bankrupt in the near future. Social Security cannot and will not go bankrupt. What your friend may be referring to is the fact that Social Security will be facing some financial issues in 2033 unless Congress acts soon to reform the program. And they will act, but likely not until they must.

The fact is, Social Security still has about \$2.7 trillion in reserved funds which are now being used to pay full benefits. If that Reserves balance were to be fully depleted, then Social Security would need to go to a "cash basis" (essentially, paying out in benefits only what is received in SS taxes), which would result in about a 21% cut in everyone's benefit. In other words, even if Congress neglected to reform the program, beneficiaries would still get about 79% of their monthly benefit starting in about 2033/2034. Hardly anyone believes that Congress will fail to eventually reform Social Security and, in fact, they already know how to do that reform (they just currently lack the bipartisanship to accomplish it). But neglecting reform would amount to political suicide for all members of Congress, which is extremely unlikely to happen.

Here at the AMAC Foundation, we are confident that Congress will

soon address Social Security's future financial dilemma, and we have been working on potential solutions. We have, for several years, been providing these suggestions to various members of Congress, and those members are now considering our proposals. Thus, we do not suggest making a Social Security claiming decision based on fear of the program going bankrupt.

That fear is unfounded. Instead, we suggest that everyone decide when to claim based upon their individual personal situation, considering their need for the SS money, their life expectancy, and their marital status. And remember, claiming early (before one's SS full retirement age (FRA)) also means Social Security's Annual Earnings Test will apply (the AET limits how much can be earned from working before FRA is attained).

So, our thought on the wisdom of taking Social Security as soon as you are eligible is that it is often not a wise decision and certainly not if that decision is made based on fear of Social Security "not being there" soon. Instead, we suggest making your Social Security claiming decision based upon your unique personal circumstances, including, especially, your life expectancy, financial need and marital status.

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A picture is worth a thousand memories

This column was prompted by a picture. You see, a coworker got out her phone and showed me a vase on her table that was filled with the most interesting velvet red flowers.

"What are these?" she asked. "Coxcomb or Celosia," I replied, and I went on to explain how the flower looks like a rooster's comb, hence the plant's name.

Seeing the image brought me right back to the late 1980s and early 1990s where I had a business growing dried flowers and crafting them into wreaths and arrangements that I later sold at area craft shows. It was a fun experience that I shared with my parents.

Read on to revisit some of my favorite flowers for drying.

Celosias make excellent dried flowers. They are available in three distinct types, crested or "Coxcomb," plumed and wheat. Crested types such as "Fireglow," "Prestige Scarlet," or "Big Chief" make quite a statement with their velvety-feeling, brainy-looking heads in rich shades of red, pink, and gold.

Plumed types come in similar colors, but are feathered in appearance. The "Sparkler" series are multi-branching when given ample growing space; just a few plants will provide you with many long lasting stems.

Newer to the catalogs, but really an heirloom, wheat celosia is the most delicate of the three. "Flamingo Feather" has rose tips with a silvery base. Pick often for an abundance of side shoots.

Globe Amaranth is another

flower that is popular once dried. Clover-like heads on sturdy stems make great bouquet fillers. Nearly all varieties bloom well in the heat of the summer, producing even more flowers after they are harvested.

la is an old-fashioned beauty that has light blue, white or rosy pink short-lived flowers followed by really neat brown striped seed pods. When fully dry these look like pepper shakers, dropping their seeds to an fro. The pods are desirable for dried wreaths and arrangements.

Keep picking as soon as the heads are fully developed to keep the plant producing.

Prince's Feather is a member of the Amaranth family and grows lush plumes worth of a prominent place in your arrangements. Smaller side shoots are great for more delicate work.

Colors are typically shades of burgundy. Plants can grow anywhere from eighteen inches to several feet tall so site accordingly.

Winged Ammobium is a two foot tall, floppy annual that has an abundance of tiny white flowers. It is best picked when the center of the flowers just starts to show its yellow color.

If you wait too long, the centers will turn brown and unattractive. Gather small bunches of ten to twelve stems and secure them with rubber bands. Here too attach a wooden florist pick to tiny bunches for ease in floral arranging- besides giving the stem some strength, it will give it additional length.

An attic or barn loft are the best options in which to hang your harvest to dry. Flowers dried in the dark will retain their vivid colors very well and the heat will dry them out quickly.

Make small bunches of fresh cut flowers, securing

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Cut when head reach the size of your thumbnail for best performance.

Lemon Bee Balm or Lemon Bergamot is the most underused of all the flowers mentioned here, but it shouldn't be! Whorls of mauve-pink bracts are best cut when three inches long.

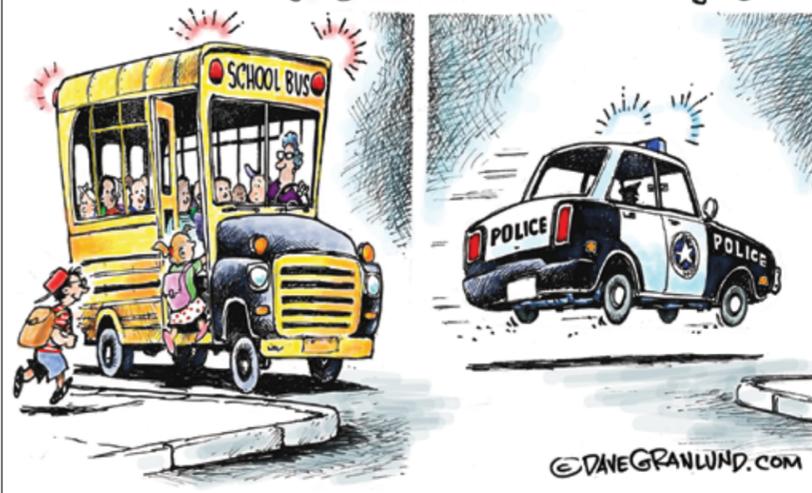
Stems are weak, so mix in with other flowers to keep heads upright or attach stems to a wooden pick for added strength.

Most of us are familiar with the Strawflower, a stiff petaled flower that feels dry even in the garden! To dry, simply insert a 23-gauge wire up through a tiny bit of the stem and into the flower's calyx, just barely into the head itself. This will give the strawflower a strong "stem" for use in floral arranging.

After the flowers have been wired, be sure to let them dry fully, upright and in the dark to preserve their rich hues. You can also simply pluck the heads and dry them on a cookie sheet in the dark for hot-gluing later on.

Love in a Mist or Nigel-

If you aren't stopping for these flashing lights... Then you'll be stopping for these flashing lights!



they see whatever happens to be reflected in its mirror-like surface. Often, this is open sky or trees, which, for a bird, are appealing and perfectly safe things to fly towards. It's estimated that between one hundred million and one billion birds die every year in collisions with manmade structures, one of the biggest killers of migratory birds.

Bird-safe glass is specially designed to make glass a visible obstacle to birds. Bird safe glass is visible to birds

window strikes.

Here are some of the tips they offer. Try placing your bird feeder about 1.5 feet from the window; it will slow them down. Apply a thin film to the outside of the windows. The glass will become visible to birds, but remain transparent to people. As an added bonus for being so eco-savvy, the film will cut down on incoming infrared radiation, so it will also lower summer cooling costs. Keep curtains or shades drawn during the



Red-eyed vireo

while transparent enough for humans to look out. People may visit the Audubon Society at <https://www.audubon.org/news/what-does-bird-safe-glass-even-mean> for ways to keep birds safe from

day to reduce reflection. Place window decals, sun catchers, tape strips, ribbons or anything else in a dense pattern in the "2x4" format, a single decal will not work. Install a screen or net a few inches

outside of your windows, to lessen the impact.

Brimfield bird watcher

A Brimfield resident continued watching for migrating common nighthawks in August, but did not have any luck. He has seen them in the past. He had three ruby-throated hummingbirds feeding on jewelweed, cardinal flower and nicotiana last month. He saw a pair of American Goldfinch drinking from the drip he has in his yard. He also saw a female pileated woodpecker on the top of a mountain ash where it ate berries for while.

Bird calls

A reader sent an email about a free bird call app called Merlin.. She thought other readers might be interested. She said, "Just enter your location and press record. I never knew hummingbirds chirp. Now I do."

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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Unsigned or anonymous letters will NOT be published.

We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions. Libelous, unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks or defamation of character are not allowed. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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Turley Election Policy

This newspaper will print free self-submitted statements of candidacy only four weeks or more out from the election. All candidates running in both contested and uncontested races are asked to submit their statements to the editor to include only biographical and campaign platform details. Total word count for statements is limited to between 300-500 words maximum. Please include a photo. We will not publish any statements of candidacy inside the four weeks from election threshold. To publish any other campaign publicity during the race, please contact our advertising representatives. We also do not allow personal attacks against other candidates or political parties in statements of candidacy, nor do we publish for free any information about key endorsements or political fundraisers.

Letters to the editor of no more than 250 words from supporters endorsing specific candidates or discussing campaign issues are limited to three total per author during the election season. No election letters will appear in the final edition before the election. We reserve the right to edit all statements of candidacy and letters to the editor to meet our guidelines.

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By Ellenor Downer

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a red-eyed vireo on Sept. 15 at their Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary, located on Massasoit Road in Worcester.

The red-eyed vireo has an olive green back and wings, white underparts, gray crown and a white eyebrow and a black line through its eyes. It has a yellow wash on the flanks. Adults have red eyes hence this six inch tall songbird's name. Immature birds have brown eyes.

It builds a cup shaped nest of grasses, bark and spider webs suspended in the fork of a tree. It sings almost continuously from dawn to dusk with a series of short note phrases, "Here I am, where are you?"

It is frequently parasitized by the brown-headed cowbird, which lays its eggs in other bird's nests.

It feeds on insects, mainly caterpillars and migrates to the Amazon basin for the winter. Vireos are found in the forest canopy, particularly in woodlands and forests.

Other birds at Broad Meadow

Other birds at Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary included a Nashville warbler on Sept. 16, a great blue heron, a sharp shinned hawk and a broad winged hawk, all on Sept. 15.

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SHHS Slammers win their home opener

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School Pickleball Club, the Slammers, had their first home match of the season this week. The team, led by Coach Paula Loneragan, won its home opener against Springfield International with a 5-0 overall score.

This is the second year of the club, and the interest continues to grow among students. With limited resources available from the town, the South Hadley Pickleball (SHPB) community has stepped up to support “Coach Lonnie” and her team by helping to fund the team shirts and provide balls, water, and Gatorade for all the home matches.

“The Slammers are exceedingly grateful for the support and generosity of SHPB as we start our second season. We are so fortunate to be sponsored by the enthusiastic community that equips us, provides us with dedicated court time, and shows up to cheer us on,” said Coach Loneragan.

“We’re thrilled to support the Slammers. Paula does a great job with the team, demonstrating integrity, emphasizing the importance of good sportsmanship, and making it a fun and inclusive environment for all the kids. We see several of players from the



Members of the South Hadley High School Slammers team.

team during Open Play at the courts, mixing in with the rest of the community. These kids are an integral part of our community, and we love seeing their excitement for the sport, and we want to support them,” said Kim Prough, one of the organizers of SHPB.

The team has two more home matches on September 30 and October 9, and then goes on to Regionals in Westfield on October 14.



Abby Nguere reaches for a shot during her singles match.

Friends of Granby’s Elderly to host annual meeting

GRANBY – Friends of Granby’s Elderly Inc. will be holding their annual meeting on Tuesday, October 14. This will be held at 2:30 in the Safety Complex on RT

202 State St. in Granby, MA. We will be holding the election of officers for the coming year. This is an open meeting and everyone is invited to attend.

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them with a rubber band, not string. The rubber band will shrink along with the stems as they are drying. Hang them upside down and you will be rewarded with straight stems and upright heads.

Have fun experimenting with floral arranging or wreath making with these everlasting flowers.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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Christmas card collection

SOUTH HADLEY – The Friends of the South Hadley Seniors are collecting Christmas cards for their annual holiday stocking project. If you have some unused cards to donate, there will be a collection box at the entrance to the Senior Center through October 31. Look for the box wrapped in Christmas paper, which will be the location to drop the cards into. The Friends appreciate the community support.



New England ghosts will haunt Granby

GRANBY – Learn About Local Paranormal History on Thursday, October 30th with Storyteller Jonah Knight

The Granby Free Public Library is excited to announce the upcoming New England Ghosts presentation, scheduled for October 30th at 5:30pm. This PG-13 event for adults explores true historical ghost stories from across New England and features magical effects to build atmosphere and enhance the stories.

Award-winning storyteller Jonah Knight designed this show to highlight the fun and mystery around local paranormal legends. Attendees will hear stories and learn how to visit locations discussed in the show, within an atmosphere that mixes spooky moments with some laughs.

Event details
 • What: A one-hour program featuring local stories of ghost sightings and inter-

actions (with a little magic).

• When: Thursday, October 30th at 5:30pm

• Where: Granby Free Public Library, 297 E State Street, Granby, MA 01033

• Who should attend: Adults interested in ghost stories and regional history.

• Content: While neither graphic nor a horror presentation, New England Ghosts does talk about the circumstances around certain deaths and hauntings.

• How much does it cost: Free to the public.

• Sign-up is required as space is limited. Contact the Library during open hours to secure your seats.

For more event information, visit www.granbylibrary.org or call 413-467-3320. The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 E State St, Granby, MA 01033

More information about presenter Jonah Knight: www.jonahknight.com

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'She the People' author to speak on October 13

REGION – With over 18 years of experience as an author and communicator, Jen Deaderick specializes in using writing and social media to amplify narratives about gender, history, and social justice. She will join the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley in October at the Ludlow Country Club to bring her insights on the evolution of women's citizenship in the United States and the impact of our country's recent withdrawal from its commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, specifically regarding gender equality as a fundamental human right. *

Jen is the author of *She the People*, published by Seal Press. Her writing has been featured in outlets like *The New York Times*, *Dame Magazine*, and *Huffington Post*.

As a founder of the Equal Rights Amendment Facebook page, Jen has fostered an engaged community of over 30,000 members, advocating for legal gender equality and raising awareness through impactful content and campaigns. Jen is a frequent panelist on Greater Boston, a daily news show on WGBH. Copies of *She the People* will be available for purchase at the event.

The public is invited to join us at the Ludlow Country Club on October 13th. 5:30 Reception, 6:00 Dinner, followed by the Program.

Buffet cost is \$30 - pay at the door or pay online. RSVP by October 6th at info@ZontaQV.org.

*The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 global goals, adopt-

ed by the United Nations in 2015, to create a better and more sustainable future for all by 2030. Zonta's mission is focused primarily on Goal 5 Gender Equality and its intersection with the other goals. Zonta International has issued a statement calling for reaffirmed commitment to the SDGs

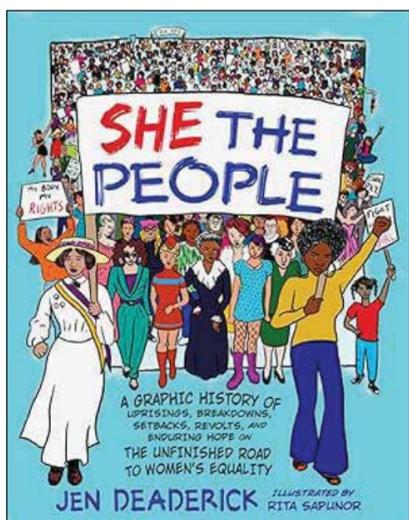
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Biking for a worthy cause



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South Hadley Bike/Walk Committee members Jake Woodruff and Anne Barry participated in the Will Bike 4 Food fundraiser on Sunday, September 21. Cyclists of all levels and ages pedaled through scenic routes in the Valley to raise awareness about food insecurity. More than 500 cyclists participated and raised more than \$ 280,000 for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Donations will be accepted through October 16.



The book, "She the People," you can learn more about on October 13.



Submitted photos

Jen Deaderick, the author of "She the People."

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Our Roots, Our Voices is a free, nonpartisan, non-sectarian civic event hosted by local volunteers to provide an opportunity for adults and youth (age 16+) from all walks of life to tell their own unique stories over 25+ hours, and through the night, on November 7-8, 2025 at Center Church's Fellowship Hall in South Hadley.

Whether we were born here or came recently, every-

one has something unique to say. Some of us may have Native American ancestry, some may have ancestors who were brought here involuntarily, while others may have roots among early settlers or immigrant populations who traveled here from around the world, and still others may have little or no information about their family histories. All are American stories.

Opener, Prime Time, Late Night, Night Owl, Dawn Patrol, Early Bird, Morning Shift, Lunch Bunch, or Finisher? Participants will be scheduled to present their stories during ten different time blocks (no speakers under 18 will be scheduled during overnight hours). While most will present their stories by speaking in person at the event, others may prefer alternatives such as art-

work, song, audio or video, using a guest reader, or other means. Participants can bring supporters, friends, and family along to take photos and videos to document, commemorate, and celebrate their stories. There are options for groups, and high school and college students are encouraged to come to share their perspectives.

The event is open to the public with no admission charge. Stories will be presented from 5:00pm on Friday, November 7, 2025 to 6:05pm on Saturday, November 8, 2025 in the elevator-accessible Fellowship Hall at Center Church, 1 Church Street, South Hadley, Massachusetts.

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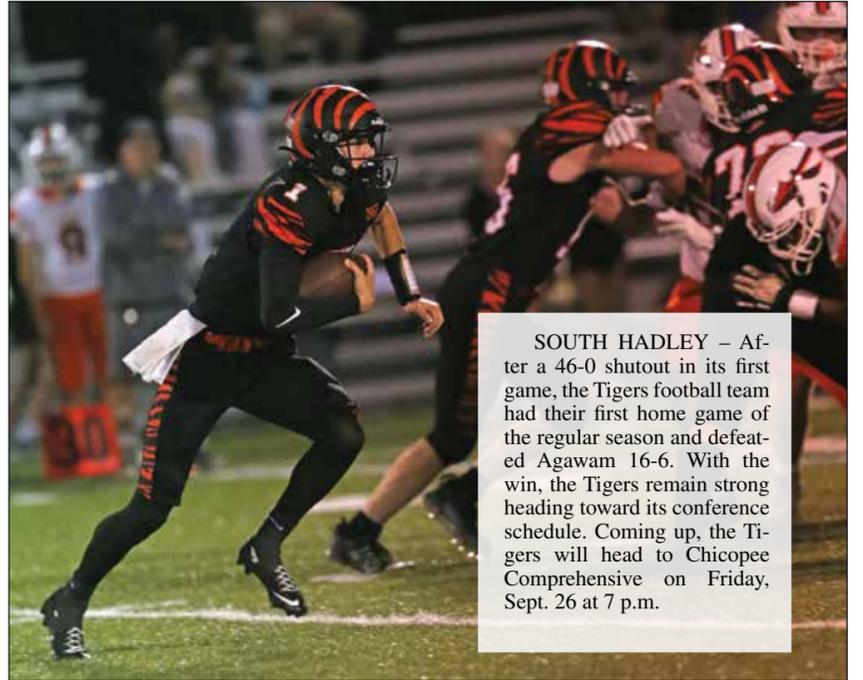
Tigers improve to 2-0



Jhaymhar Henry takes the handoff.



Lincoln Belsky makes a block.



Griffin Soderbaum heads toward the right side on the run.

SOUTH HADLEY – After a 46-0 shutout in its first game, the Tigers football team had their first home game of the regular season and defeated Agawam 16-6. With the win, the Tigers remain strong heading toward its conference schedule. Coming up, the Tigers will head to Chicopee Comprehensive on Friday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

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Cooper Wall attempts a field goal.



Jasiel Ramos goes for the tackle.



Noah Hambley attempts to make a tackle.

Tigers defeat Knights

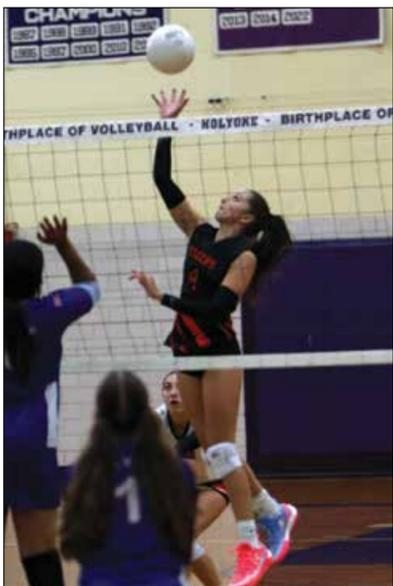


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Grace Matyszewski gets a hit to the side.



Khloe Constantine goes low for a bump.

HOLYOKE – In a battle of neighboring school, South Hadley High School girls volleyball defeated Holyoke 3-1 last Monday evening. The Knights fell to 5-3 on the season while South Hadley rose above .500 to 5-4 for the season. South Hadley was led by Grace Matyszewski with nine kills and 17 digs as well as nine aces from the service line.



Vivian Marion tips the ball over the net.



Peyton Leclair tries to win the battle at the net.



Natalia Quinn sets up near the net.

Granby beats Ware for fourth win



GRANBY – The Granby High School boys soccer shut out Ware last Friday afternoon 3-0. Brandon Carillon, Stephen Szlosek, and Conor Callery scored the goals for Granby as they improved to 4-2-2. Daniel Santiago made two saves for the shutout. Granby faces Belchertown on Sept. 30 at 4 p.m.

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Brandon Carillon focuses on the ball as he starts his way up the field.

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Conor Callery winds up to clear the ball away.

Tigers get much-needed shutout win



CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Comprehensive High School boys soccer team fell at home to visiting South Hadley 1-0. In a game both schools needed to get back on track, a goal from Matt Gillis made the big difference in the game. Noah Carillon had eight saves for the shutout and helped South Hadley improve to 2-4-1. Iakov Bulatov allowed the single goal and made nine saves. Comp fell to 2-5.



Gavin Losty goes for the header.



Matt Gillis receive a pass.

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Ari Alatalo tries to settle the bouncing ball.



Matt Butler heads off the ball.



Noah Carillon reaches over a Comp player to grab the ball.

Extra roster spots open in fall baseball league

SOUTH HADLEY – The Quabbin Valley Baseball League fall session is underway with just two games played. Due to injuries and other obligations, a small number of roster spots have opened up on teams and the league would like to add a few more play-

ers for the remainder of the fall campaign. Games are Sundays at 10 a.m. for the remainder through Nov. 2. Anyone interested in registering can go to www.quabbinvalley-baseball.org and click on the registration link. There are six games remaining

in the season and the fee to play in the remaining games will be prorated for any player who joins. Players looking to join should be age 28 or older. For more information or to ask any questions, contact Greg Scibelli at GScibelli22@yahoo.com.

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Anthony Santiago is pursued by a pair of defenders.



Gabriel Helbok looks to make a move with the ball.



Brodie Funk sucks a clearing pass.



Maxwell Kennedy makes a stop.

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T-Birds make more personnel changes ahead of season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds have announced a hire and multiple promotions to their business staff heading into the new season. Sophia Mackin has been hired as Coordinator of Digital and Social Media, Frank Grimaldi has been promoted to Director of Ticket Operations and Retention, and Steve Brousseau has been promoted to Senior Account Executive.

Mackin joins the Thunderbirds after serving as a social and digital media intern with the team for the previous two seasons. A native of East Longmeadow, Mass., Mackin graduated from UMass-Amherst in May of 2025.

Grimaldi, a Springfield native, is an original staff member of the Thunderbirds front office, having been with

the club since the team's inception in 2016. He served as an Account Executive from 2016 to 2018 before transitioning to his ticket operations & retention role before the 2018-19 season. He is an alumnus of Western New England University.

Brousseau joined the Thunderbirds front office full-time during the 2021-22 season after spending two seasons as a game-day intern with the team. A native of Freeport, Maine, Brousseau has been recognized for his excellence, having been named a finalist for the Howdy Award this past April for outstanding customer service in the hospitality industry. He is an alumnus of Springfield College.

In addition, the Thunderbirds have also brought in An-

drew "Guam" McCormic as Retail Office Coordinator and Ethan Vattaso as Gameday Operations Assistant.

McCormic served as the Gameday Operations Assistant last season before transitioning into this role, where he will assist in gameday merchandise and retail sales. He is a 2025 graduate of Springfield College and will be entering his fourth season with the T-Birds organization.

Vattaso, a current undergraduate at Springfield College, is entering his third season as part of the Thunderbirds' gameday staff. He will manage the staff and oversee live entertainment elements throughout home game nights at the Mass-Mutual Center this season.

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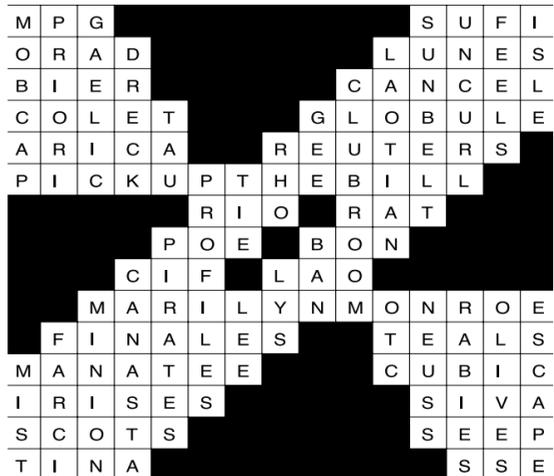
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there is a Re-Zoning for Route 202/33 as well as an amendment to the Sign By-law, which were discussed and approved at this meeting.

One of these general items that needs to be voted on is the establishment of the Special Education Reserve Fund, to invest funds for a Prudent Investment Rule, and a home rule petition for liquor licenses.

The Special Town Meeting will also address the eminent domain of Ethan Circle, which will be discussed in a Public Hearing with the Selectboard on October 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Budget Changes

“As a part of the November Town Meeting, there are some changes to the budget that we will make in order to balance,” said Wong. “Navigating in a changing landscape, it’s easy to get lost in a specific funding cut or specific healthcare change, but there’s a lot happening around us that’s having an impact on us.”

Wong shared that there are many different areas increasing that will affect individual people and families in many different ways.

For tax credits, there is an increase in the child credit by \$200, and a 6k senior deduction through 2028, effective January 1, 2026. There is also an increase in deductions for business interest payments, and other systems and town organizations will see costs spike at the end of the year.

Other financial impacts include expanding the Low Income Housing Tax Credit

Program, increasing the Dependent Care flex spending account from 5 to 7.5k, increasing limits to borrow for graduate degrees, and ending student loan deferments as of July 1, 2027.

There are many changes in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, with a 15% or \$1 trillion, with an estimated 12 million to lose coverage, and many other changes.

SNAP will have many changes in qualifications, restrictions, and cuts to standard utility allowances, as well as who is and isn’t eligible, and other factors.

With much unspent funds, there will be reductions coming in to protections for environmental and public health, as well as increases in energy and more.

For education, the US Department of Education is closing, there will be an expansion of school choice with vouchers for private, charter, and homeschool, and withholding and prohibiting the use of federal funds for DEI and gender identity, as well as affecting Title IX.

“What are things that we’re going to do in response to this? It’s because of loss of funding and programs, loss of protections, that affects us,” said Wong. “There’s also a lot of really important moral conversations that we need to have, and I want to make sure that those aren’t lost.”

Capital Reallocation Projects

“As part of the November Special Town Meeting, we’ll be asking to reallocate or

close out some capital projects,” said Lisa Wong.

The first thing that would be done is to close out these projects so the free cash will be allocated for next year’s budget.

For example, the Queensville Pond project has a total of \$23,144 remaining to be reallocated to the Pearl Street project, and \$30,000 for the High School Conceptual Design Project. Capital will be meeting again before the Special Town Meeting in order to go over these reallocated funds and projects.

You can find the graph and more information under the September 16 Agenda on the Selectboard Agenda Center.

Liquor License Home Rule

The Liquor License Home Rule is a petition to help the towns to gain additional liquor licenses through working with the State Legislature, in the case of South Hadley, State Representative Homar Gomez and Senator Jake Oliveira.

“It is a very common phenomenon for communities to file a home rule petition and request more liquor licenses than they’re allocated for,” said Wong. “I think this would be a great economic generator, and great for the community.”

The petition for this has to go through many steps, including being brought to the public, the Town Meeting, and the state legislature.

The board made a motion and unanimously approved to have the Town Administrator sign on the board’s behalf.

Obituary

Gerald (Jerry) Francis Barnish Sr.

Gerald (Jerry) Francis Barnish Sr. passed peacefully at home on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Jerry was born on July 11, 1943. He grew up on a farm in Belchertown, MA where he loved riding horses, making maple syrup, and learning about cars.



In 1962, he met his wife of 61 years, Sandra Ann McCorkindale Barnish. They bought the home they still live in today in Granby, MA in 1968. Together they raised six children, one boy and five girls, and became the tightest and closest of families. He loved his family deeply. Jerry was a great mechanic. In his early career, he managed several gas stations, had an auto body repair business, then drove truck locally for nearly twenty years. In 1987, he and his son, Jerry Barnish Jr., started a landscaping business (originally known as Lawn and Garden Services and now more commonly known as The Barnish Companies) which they later successfully grew and expanded to include tractor trailer trucking (he loved the trucking industry!) and hauling services, as well as dumpster rentals. Jerry loved life and was deeply aware of the

world around him. He was a hardworking, creative, entrepreneurial man who loved a challenge and didn’t quit until he had finished what he started. He kept his emotions close to his chest, was always there when you needed him, and said his prayers every night. He had a sharp mind, an uncanny mem-

ory, and a charming and persuasive way about him that moved people in his direction. He had a great sense of humor (even in challenging times), and was known for his incredible resilience and determination. He loved his dogs Mitsy, Rufus and Fletcher. Jerry enjoyed fishing, boating on Lake George, Nascar, classic cars, watching football and spending time with his family. He leaves his wife, Sandy, his six children: Jerry Barnish Jr. and wife, Leslie; Robin Parncutt; Suzanne Clarke and her husband Don (predeceased); Brenda Wishart and husband, Alan; Rachel Backlund and husband, Ken; Renee Roeder and husband, Chris, as well as 14 grandchildren (Alan Whitaker, Allissa Nugent, Ashley Maximov; Amanda Barnish; Cassandra Kelly; Shannon Parncutt; Cody Parncutt; Sawyer Clarke; Justin Clarke,

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Trevor Clarke; Brandon Wishart; Jacob Backlund; Malia Matthews; and Caeden Roeder) and 7 great grandchildren (Everleigh & Willow Nugent; Aleksander & Alister Maximov; Quinnton & Kolby Parncutt, Leilani & Honesty Kelly; Leo & Otto Clarke) and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Beverly Laffond and her husband, Bob. Jerry will be missed greatly by his family who loved him fiercely and who will carry on the many traditions they started and kept as a family.

On Friday, October 3, a visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Beers & Story South Hadley Funeral Home.

We will share stories and memories from 1 to 1:30 p.m., we hope you’ll consider bringing a story of your own to share.

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with “smart growth” in mind, situated close to downtown, services, and public transportation. “We will add 60 new mixed-income units that will increase economic diversity,” Fairey said. “The location is important as part of a ‘smart growth’ approach since it is close to businesses, transportation, and services. It will be walkable, which is easier for most of the tenants. It adds to the quality of life, for the town and for the tenants.”

Unlike many large-scale housing developments, the Clover has so far avoided major obstacles. “No challenges,” Fairey noted. “Like

most construction now, there have been cost increases, but we have been able to manage that with help from the state.”

The Clover will not only provide housing but also embed resident services, part of Way Finders’ holistic approach to community development. “At the most basic, the Clover in South Hadley expands access to affordable, quality housing, which is central to our mission,” Fairey said. “In addition, it strengthens the neighborhood, promotes economic growth and diversity, and supports long-term community stability.”

Looking ahead, Fairey hopes the development will be embraced by the town for

years to come. “In ten years, I trust the people of South Hadley will see the Clover as well-designed, well-managed, and an asset to the town and its residents,” he said.

He also credited town leadership for making the project possible. “I want to applaud South Hadley again for the adoption of their Housing Production Plan,” Fairey said. “Town Manager Lisa Wong and her team have been housing trailblazers. The plan outlines specific housing strategies, they have updated zoning, moved to establish their first Affordable Housing Trust, and worked to secure needed funding.”

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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **October 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Site Plan Review and Stormwater Management filed by SAI Shyam, LLC c/o Himanshu Patel, Managing Partner; for development of a 7 duplex (14 unit) residential townhouse community at 506 Granby Road, Assessor's Map 32 Parcel 52. Additional site features include centralized parking area, sidewalks, stormwater management elements, open space, and landscaping. This application is being filed pursuant to the South Hadley Bylaw Chapter 360 (Subdivision Regulations); Chapter 200 (Stormwater Management); Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article XII (Site Plan Review); 255-52 (Multifamily Residential Development in Business A-1 zoning district); 255-85 (Signs Regulations); 255-86 (Parking Requirements); the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules; as well as applicable design guidelines under 255-52 A (4) (Multifamily Residential Development in Business A-1 zoning district) and adopted Business A-1 Design Guidelines.

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 4.02 +/- acres and is located on the south side of State Route 202 (aka Granby Road) within the Business A-1 Zoning District. The existing property includes a 10,623 square foot retail store on the northern portion of the property. The proposed residential townhouse community would be developed on the southern portion of the property and accessed via Conti Drive.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Site Plan Review' under section 'Granby Road (506) - 7 Duplex (14 Unit) Townhouse Development' 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
09/19, 09/26/2025

Town of Granby Massachusetts

Conservation Commission

The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025** *1 Library Lane- Carnegie Building-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. **7:30 pm "RDA"** filed by Heather Ruel to see whether the activities and area depicted on plan(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act with regards to property located at 81 Taylor Street and known as Map 8-Block B-12, in the Town of Granby.

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William Shaheen, Chair
Granby Conservation Commission
09/26/2025

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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **October 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Site Plan Review filed by Steve Aube; PO Box 413 Feeding Hills, MA 01030; to construct two detached Accessory Dwelling Units on two lots associated with 0 & 27 Ludlow Road, Assessor's Map 27 Parcels 15 & 46, pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw Article XII (Site Plan Review); 255-50 (Accessory Dwelling Units); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

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

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09/19, 09/26, 10/03/2025

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The South Hadley Selectboard, in accordance with MGL Chapter 82, Section 21 & 22, will hold a hybrid public hearing on **Oct. 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.** at the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton St., South Hadley, MA, on the proposed road layout of Ethan Circle, to be taken by eminent domain, as shown on a plan entitled, "Ethan Circle Definitive Subdivision South Hadley, Massachusetts" prepared by

Harold L. Eaton and Associates, Inc and dated March 14, 2014 and recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 235, page 1. The plan is on file with the town clerk. The public is welcome to attend and give comment.

The hearing will be held in a hybrid fashion with the opportunity for both in-person attendance and remote. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person or virtual attendance accordingly. For purposes of in-person attendance, the Selectboard will host the meeting in the multi-purpose room with remote participation details noted below.

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09/26/2025

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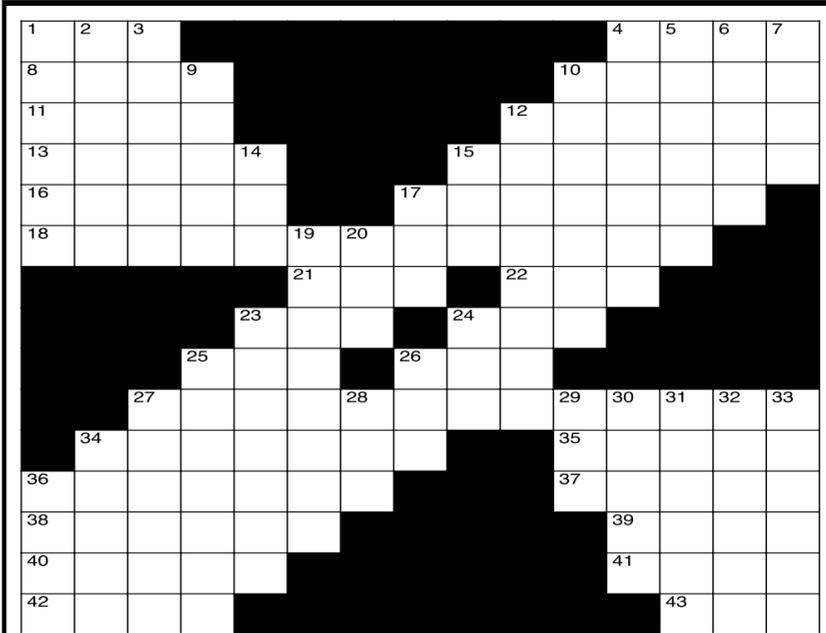
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42. Rock icon Turner
43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

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4. Retirement region
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15. Mild expression of

surprise

17. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
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Library announces new website homepage features

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Public Library will be debuting a new homepage the week of September 29. The new website will retain the same online address (www.shadleylib.org) as the old but will combine several of the library's online services into one place. Regular users of the online library catalog will find a familiar look as the new homepage builds off of the existing interface. This new streamlined approach will offer a more integrated experience for discovering library information, the event calen-

dar, the CWMARS catalog, local history resources, online databases, and more.

According to Library Director Joseph Rodio, two factors were behind this change. The library's long-time website host is closing their business in October, and a smaller technology budget required a fresh look at the library's online presence.

During this first week, some online resources and links may be temporarily unavailable as technical issues are worked on. The library staff apologize for any inconvenience.

Join the library for a morning of art

The Granby Free Public Library will host "The Seahorse: How to Pastel Paint," with materials, for adults and teens.

GRANBY – Award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack will present "The Seahorse," a pastel painting workshop for adults and teens 18+ hosted by the Granby Free Public Library on October 4, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a pastel painting workshop designed for both beginners and advanced participants. Space is limited, so please call the Library at 413-467-3320 to pre-register.

In this all-new "The Seahorse: How to Pastel Paint," we will draw a seahorse OR use a template that Maichack provides of seahorses. We also create bubbles (a template will be provided as well). This is fun and has an ocean of possibilities, having instruction

in expressive pastel strokes, blending, slurring, and layering. Additionally, emerald pastel pencils will be provided for details. All keep their 12 X 18 pastel painting of their personalized vivid seahorse. Photo references of various pastel seahorses are supplied for ideas, allowing unfathomable possibilities. Maichack's own pastel-painted seahorses will unveil the process. All will be entertained by lively anecdotes on the mystery of seahorses.

Maichack, is an award-winning artist, a twice-nominated Massachusetts Cultural Council Gold Star Award Program nominee, and a seasoned pro from instructing at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) Boston, colleges, to 100's of libraries. Maichack lives in the Berkshires and is a portraitist and painter working primarily in

pastels. Winner of the Award of Merit from the Bennington Center for the Arts: Impressions of New England Show 2003, he was also awarded the Savoir-faire Pastel Award from the Great Lakes Pastel Society. Maichack was commissioned by Westfield State College to paint the pastel portrait of the past president of Westfield State University, Dr. Frederick Woodward, which was unveiled at the dedication of the Woodward Center; and a pastel painted dictionary great Charles Merriam, unveiled by Merriam-Webster Co. at Merriam-Gilbert Library. He has been in many national juried shows and was awarded numerous Massachusetts Cultural Council grants. In addition to portraiture, his still lives and landscapes are represented by galleries from Kennebunkport, Maine, to San Francisco, California. Maichack is accepting requests to do various commissions to do pastel paintings. Visit his website at www.GregoryMaichack.com.

Maichack has been a faculty member of the Museum Studio School in the Fine Arts Museum Quadrangle in Springfield, MA, and taught at Holyoke and Greenfield Community Colleges, Westfield State University, East Works, the MFA, Boston, and The Guild, Northampton. Maichack's pastel paintings have been selected twice for the Annual National Exhibition of the Academic Artists Association, and as a result, Maichack was invited to be a member of this prestigious organization.

This project is supported in part by a grant from the Granby Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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"I was so amazed to see all the young folks who came to see the house, and then brought their friends in. It was really wonderful to see that they enjoyed it," said LaPlante.

The kids went into the archive room and found old photos of their families in the many books and treasures the Association keeps safe and well-cared for.

"There were a lot of people who came through, over 100, and the young people came and were interested in the clothing. They were really in tune with that, and that meant a lot to me," said Terry Johnson.

The Association is always

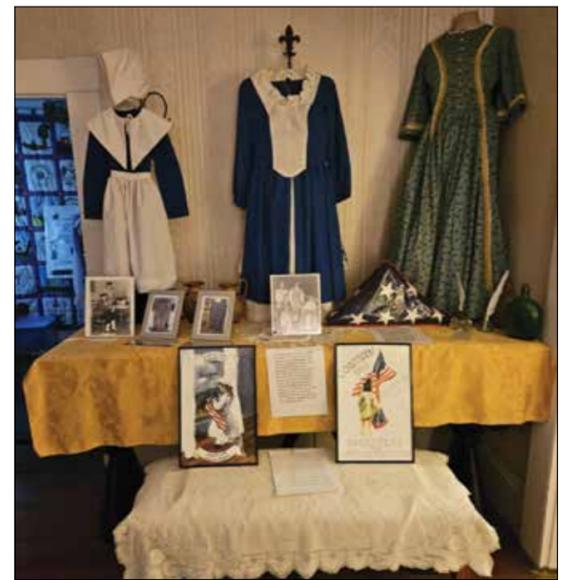
looking for more to add to their collection, and if anyone has more photos that they would like to donate, they can reach out to the Association for more information.

During the winter time, the house will be decorated once more for Christmas Around Town, featuring pictures of old buildings, descriptions, and the whole house will be decorated.

The work that the association does in order to maintain and upkeep the history of the town is monumental, and it is through tag sales like these that they are able to continue on the mission of protecting Granby's special history.



One of the wedding photos from people in town, grandmothers, friends, and others.



The piano is decorated with some American Revolution-era clothing. Submitted photos



Wedding gowns and a handmade blue gown that belonged to Evelyn Hatch's mother.



Bonnets, gloves, fans, and pocketbooks for the perfect outfit.



Old clothing irons, and a sprinkler to sprinkle water on to help get the wrinkles out.



Hat pins, clothes, and accessories with a tool to secure buttons.



Old cameras and an album of photos from people in town.



A stunning tea party setup at the window.

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The program works alongside new superintendents to help prepare them for the role, as well as instruct them in how to take on this vital role.

Superintendent Jennifer Voyik created and shared a presentation about her Entry Plan and Timeline, and her dedication to "Stronger Together, Every Child, Every Day."

"My goal for this entry plan is to listen, observe, and ask questions," said Voyik. "I know that I've been in the district, but I really want to take this new role with a fresh set of eyes and make sure that I'm evaluating everything from the position of superintendent, and not just taking things that I know from the past six years."

She shared her core values to be "Every Child, Every Day," ensure relationships first, have equity and access, make sure there is collaboration and shared responsibility, transparency and trust, and continuous improvement.

Voyik also shared the school's mission statement and how to move forward and improve it while using the original emphasis and words put together by the DEIB Committee.

The rest of the presentation also detailed how creating this plan will allow for Voyik to learn the strengths, challenges, and opportunities of the district, build trust and relationships, review data and documents, identify quick wins and long-term strategies, and connect to the district improvement plan and South Hadley's core values.

Voyik plans to hold talking opportunities, drop-in sessions to meet with staff, coffee hours, quarterly meetings with staff, and more in order for parents and the rest of the community to come together about the school district.

For her timeline after listening to students, faculty, staff, parents and guardians, and the community, September through December 2025, Voyik will move into phase two of analysis and reporting what has been discussed in January through April of 2026, and lastly, the third phase from May through June of 2026 to get into action planning a strategy for the future.

Special Education Reserve Fund

Voyik shared the creation of a Special Education Reserve Fund, which will cre-

ate a way for the schools to be able to accommodate and address any new or sudden changes in the special education department, like an out-of-district transfer student, that is \$75,000 outside of the budgeted amount for Special Education.

The Fund is used only for the event that there is an unexpected expense for students in the Special Education department.

In the past, there have been times when a student has come in, and it has been unplanned or unexplained, and the schools have had to change their budget around or restrict it.

The School Committee moved to make a motion to accept and approve of the formation of the Special Education Reserve Fund and send it in to be reviewed by the Se-

lectboard and then voted on at Town Meeting in November. The motion passed unanimously.

The Budget Task Force update for the schools

In order to maintain and create a "Level" budget, the school system has found itself in a \$4 million deficit and sees an additional \$70,000 impact to hit with new and rising costs, straining the budget.

Because the schools are \$2 million before the functioning level, it is estimated that the schools may have to look at the drastic and disappointing options of cutting 3 administrative positions, 20 student-facing positions, cutting sports, cutting all extracurricular activities, reducing electives in the middle and high school, and reducing transportation options or increasing the fees.

For the town, it is seen that the Gaylord Memorial Library will have to close, a reduction of staff at the Senior Center, with potentially being closed on Fridays, having Town Hall have reduced staffing and be closed on Fridays, and cutting staff at the police department.

The Budget Task Force has been looking at these variables and catastrophic events, and what that will mean for the town, as well as a possible 2 1/2 override.

"The bottom line is just to be able to prevent cuts to existing services," said member Charles Miles. "The town would have to come up with at least \$3 to \$5 million for the next year. It's ugly, and there's not really another word for it."