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Friends of the South Hadley Seniors *are here for you*

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SOUTH HADLEY – The senior center is one of the main hubs of entertainment and hosts many events, meetings, and more for the people of South Hadley to enjoy.

The Friends of the South Hadley Seniors work hard to raise money for these events, and help to organize these events to keep them running smoothly and to be enjoyed by all.

“With over 40 years of service to the community, there is a long history of incredible

people who came before us who built a solid foundation of service to our seniors. I am honored to be a part of continuing the work they have started,” said President Kim Prough.

Kim Prough and Vice President Janet Stawasz have served together for five years,

and the Friends themselves have been going for 40, a deeply-rooted part of the COA and the community.

“The mission of the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors is to work with the Council on Aging and the

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Granby weighs school regionalization amid fiscal challenges

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY – As mounting financial pressures and an aging high school infrastructure loom, the Selectboard and School Committee are exploring regionalization as a potential solution to the town’s educational and budgetary challenges.

“We can’t afford to build a new high school, as far as I can tell.”

– Mark Bail
Selectboard Chair

At the heart of the discussion is the town’s 63-year-old high school, which Selectboard Chair Mark Bail described as facing a potential “doomsday scenario”. The building, constructed in 1962, requires extensive renovations that would be financially prohibitive.

“We can’t afford to build a new high school, as far as I can tell,” Bail said. “Our high school was opened in 1963 or 1962, and renovations would be extremely costly.”

The town is confronting a perfect storm of fiscal

challenges. Health insurance costs have skyrocketed, with local officials reporting a nearly 20% increase this year. Neighboring towns are facing similarly dire budget projections, with some anticipating massive deficits.

School Committee Chair Jennifer Bartosz highlighted the complexity of the situation, particularly regarding the potential financial implications of regionalization.

“We have to be careful about how we approach this,”

she said, noting concerns about transportation costs, existing school infrastructure, and maintaining educational quality.

State education officials from the Office for Regional Governance presented a detailed overview of the regionalization process, outlining potential advantages and challenges. These include potential efficiencies in administration, shared resources, and improved bargaining power for services like transportation.

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Student shares her passion for space, science

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SOUTH HADLEY — One of the most interesting, and also one of the most mysterious parts of our world, is the wonders of what lies outside it in outer space.

The Gaylord Memorial Library last week hosted sophomore from Mount Holyoke College Hannah Rubinstein to share a presentation on Astronomy at Home.

The presentation featured a talk about how and why you should practice astronomy right at home, and what you’ll need to get started as you look up at the night sky with awe and wonder.

Rubinstein is currently double-majoring in physics and astronomy, and has a goal to get into a graduate program and to one day conduct astrophysics research.

“I’ve been fascinated by how the universe works (and specifically, by the mysteries of space) since I was very young, but I didn’t always plan to study it,” said Rubinstein. “I didn’t think I had the math aptitude for a formal physics degree- but in high school, I decided I would much prefer to commit myself to the hard work necessary to become

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Scouts lend a hand at Buttery Brook Disc Golf

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Saturday, Troop 303B gathered at the Buttery Brook Disc Golf course to help with some needed course clearing. Anyone walking throughout the course will see beautiful fairways lined with wood chips, however, discs can land well into the outer wooded edges of the course where downed limbs and trees can present hazards and challenges for players to find and play their discs.

“The help from the scouts with the removal of brush and logs along the outer edges of the course helps to keep the course more playable and

safe,” commented Maddy Venancio who has led ongoing volunteer efforts to maintain and improve the course.

The disc golf course has seen constant traffic since its opening in June of this year. The Parks Department has done an outstanding job of mowing the grass around the course and is currently helping to install the beginner and family-friendly short tees. However, the town has limited resources and as a result, there is a need for volunteer efforts to help with maintenance items like clearing around the fairways. “It has been a great partnership be-

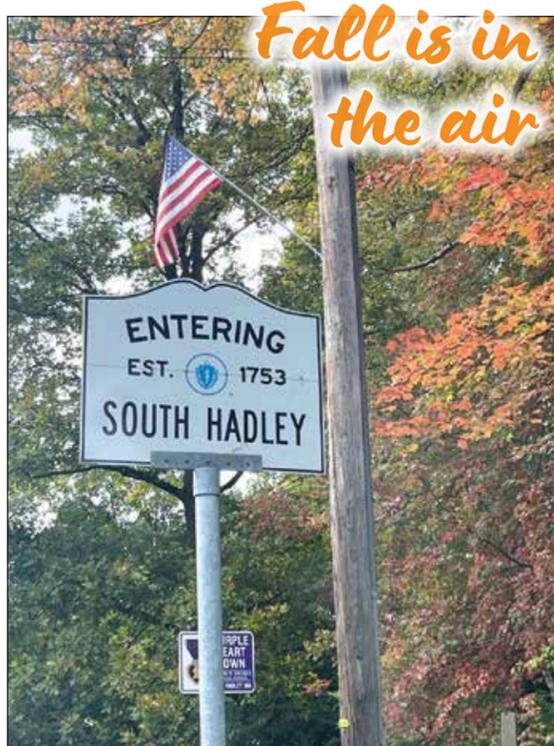
tween the town and volunteers to get this course in the outstanding shape that it is currently in,” said Venancio.

Volunteer efforts from the scouts was a huge help with the maintenance. And, in return, Venancio gave all the scouts a disc golf lesson. “It was a pleasure for the scouts of Troop 303B to provide some cheerful service to Buttery Brook Park, where we have enjoyed some outdoor meetings when the weather is favorable. The scouts were able to see the entire Buttery Brook Disc Golf course

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The scouts working hard on the course.



Welcome to fall in South Hadley. See more photos from around the area on page 6.

Know Your Town brings awareness to the community

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SOUTH HADLEY – The ability to Know Your Town is a valuable asset, and allows for people to be informed about their community, its happenings, and the local government.

For the Know Your Town organization, its main purpose is to work at encouraging participation in town government and learning about its policies, how to work, and engaging within it to see changes they want to see.

“We sponsor presentations on current topics from the local, state or even the federal level,” said KYT member Martha Terry. “We encourage members and friends or anyone to request

a presentation on a specific topic.”

KYT works in a variety of ways to make sure that the town is informed about the choices made, and is composed of over 250 members and friends who work together to create a space for people to learn about their town.

KYT hosts times for candidates to have their nomination papers signed by attendees during election seasons, as well as greet residents and enjoy some refreshments before going to the polls.

Other events include a Candidates Night every spring for candidates for the local major offices to speak to their constituents and answer questions they may have. They also host every other year a forum in order to discuss state ballot issues.

“Each June, Know Your Town hosts an Annual Meeting, usually a “potluck style” buffet in the Community Room of the Main Public Library. At this annual meeting, Know Your Town presents the KYT Citizen of the Year award to a community member who has engaged in outstanding volunteer work in South Hadley,” said Terry. “Linda Young chairs the committee charged with that award. KYT also presents the annual Ann Battersby Memorial Scholarship to a town high school senior who exemplifies many of the virtues of the late Ann Battersby: her volunteerism, her humility, her engagement with disabled or less fortunate citizens, plus the desire to future his/her education.

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Community

South Hadley autumn bike ride this Sunday

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 Alvord Street. At River Lodge Road we'll take a right and continue until we get to Up-

per River Road, then we'll turn and go back on River Lodge Road. When we get back to Alvord 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 Alvord, 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.



Take a walk through Buttery Brook Park

SOUTH HADLEY – To celebrate and encourage "Active Aging Week" on October 6 through 10, the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors are offering a week-long, daily guided walk at Buttery Brook Park.

Join your local community to explore the new walking trails and improvements at the park. Meet on Oct 6 through 10 at 10 a.m. at the log cabin in the center of the park. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday will feature an easy, flat walk along the newly installed

accessible trail. Tuesday and Thursday will provide an option to walk either the flat trail or the trail throughout the new disc golf course (a more moderate walk with uneven surfaces). Both options offer benches throughout the trails. Meet for coffee and conversation after the walk in the center pavilion. All are welcome to attend on any or every day throughout the week (cancelled in the event of rain).

Please email any questions to southhadleyseiors@gmail.com.

Growing Wild invites the community to a potluck

SOUTH HADLEY – Growing Wild South Hadley is hosting an end-of-season Pot Luck and Plant Share on Thursday, October 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. At the South Hadley Library, Community Room, 2 Canal Street. This is the second Growing Wild potluck, a place to come together as a community to share the successes and struggles of the growing season. Eat good food and talk to good people about successes, failures, and share ideas about native plants. Bring up to five (5) native potted plants to share. Please bring clean plants (no weeds or worms) to exchange with friends. Labels are encouraged. Last year was a great turnout! This year, the growing Wild group decided to encourage native plant swapping by adding in the plant share.

6:00 to 6:30 p.m.: Dining and Socialization (if you are bringing food, please arrive by 6:15 p.m.)

6:30 to 6:45 p.m.: Presentation of Local Successes & Struggles

6:45 to 7:30 p.m.: Round Table Discussion with Friends & Professionals

We want to include your gardens - email your photos of successes and/or struggles to Kathy Davis to be included in the presentation slides: kathywiththedogs8@gmail.com.

Potluck sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/PotLuckPlantShare>

New to the Growing Wild movement? Learn more here <https://www.southhadley.org/1345/Growing-Wild>

Other questions? Email or call Rebekah Cornell at town hall: rcornell@southhadley.ma.gov or call 413-538-5030 x6129

Community invited to virtual school building input workshop on Oct. 21

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee invites all community members to a virtual community workshop on Monday, October 21 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

This workshop is part of the Educational Visioning Process, where teachers, parents, students, and residents help define priorities for student learning, the spaces and programs that matter most, and how a new or renovated Mosier Elementary School can best serve the entire South Hadley community.

Project Update

The Committee recently selected Mount Vernon Group Architects (MVG) as the project's designer. Together with the District's Owner's Project Manager, Skanska, and the Massachu-

setts School Building Authority (MSBA), MVG has begun the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) phase. This phase will establish the project's educational goals and evaluate potential options to address Mosier Elementary's long-term facility needs.

South Hadley was one of only 19 school districts, out of 63 applicants in 2023, invited into the MSBA's highly competitive grant program, which funds the design and construction of new or renovated schools. A Once-in-a-Generation Opportunity Built in 1969, Mosier Elementary has reached the end of its useful life.

The MSBA partnership presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for South Hadley to address urgent facility challenges while shap-

ing a school that supports modern teaching and learning and reflects the community's values.

"We look forward to hearing from residents and ensuring that this project reflects the values and priorities of our town," said Diane Mulvaney, Chair of the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee. "It will be important for our committee to blend the educational needs of our students with care, compassion, and fiscal responsibility, delivering a solution that serves our needs now and into the future."

For more information, email: shbuilds@southhadleyschools.org, and be on the lookout for the upcoming posting of the Zoom on the Town Website and Facebook page.

Info session announced for those who want to run for office

SOUTH HADLEY – Interested in running for local office in South Hadley? Please join the South Hadley Board of Registrars on Thursday, October 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Community Room at the South Hadley Public Library (2 Canal Street, South Hadley, MA) to learn more about the town election and nomination processes work.

All South Hadley voters are welcome to attend. No pre-registration is required.

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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 #See-SayDay. 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.

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Troop 303B helping out with work on the course.

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as they assisted in clearing the course of brush and debris. Mr. Venancio was kind enough to provide a disc golf

lesson for the scouts afterward, and then even stayed to play a couple of holes with us," commented Scoutmaster Jeff Holmes. Anyone interested in learning more about

the Buttery Brook Disc Golf course can email butterybrookdiscgolf@gmail.com. The course is open and free to all.

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Joan Rosner shepherds that award each year."

Martha Terry had been a member of KYT since 1980, and at one time served as President, and is now the Treasurer and a member of the Program Committee.

"Continuing the work of KYT and making it stronger than ever are my mission," said Terry.

Town Administrator Lisa Wong attended the KYT program last week, All Roads Lead Local: South Hadley in a Changing Landscape, in light of the current changes and shifts in our town and climate.

"The discussion was about the impact of federal and state policy and funding on local government. I touched upon ten major topics such as education, public safety, civil rights and the environment," said Wong.

Many of the different ideas and factors that affect a town include civil rights, economy, education, environment, food security, housing,

media, public health, public safety, and taxes, and are important to discuss.

Wong's presentation broke down each of these areas of life, and how they directly affect, and are affected by, the local, state, and federal government systems and how these ideas all end up leading to local anyways, where we all are, and where it is most personal.

"All roads lead local. Local government is where we see the human impact of policies at every level, and where we have the opportunity to connect directly to our residents and businesses," said Wong. "The town is lucky to an organization like Know Your Town for so many decades as a forum for education and discussion."

Wong introduced "WISH", "We're 1 South Hadley", which is dedicated to bring together the town government, residents, businesses, non-profits, neighbors, schools, churches, and beyond as one untied people living together.

"The town is definitely in

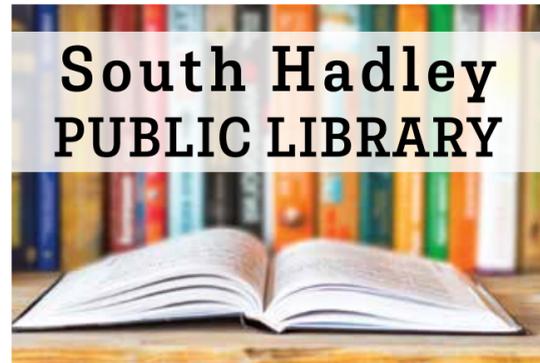
a very tough financial position at the moment, and we are both troubled by the pull-back of supports at the federal level while calling on our town to be part of the solution by getting engaged and sharing resources and ideas," said Wong.

Although the state and community is going through hard times, it's important to understand the bigger picture, and how we as a community need to work together better than ever before.

For more information about the WISH organization, you can find out more at their website, www.south-hadley.org/wishlist, or email Lisa Wong at lwong@south-hadley.ma.gov, or the Selectboard at selectboard@south-hadley.ma.gov.

Anyone who is interested can become a Friend of KYT is they go to knowyourtown.org and submit their email address for the weekly newsletter. There is no membership fee or obligation to serve on any committee.

Spooky season and Banned Books Week at SHPL



SOUTH HADLEY – The library's homepage will have a new look in October! We were faced with our longtime website provider closing their business and a reduced FY26 technology budget that required library staff to take a fresh look at what services and information needed to be available from our website. The new homepage contains information and (hopefully) easier access to the library catalog, online event calendar, local history resources, services and programs, and digital resources. We apologize in advance for any downtime over the first week as we work out the technical details.

Banned Books Week takes place this year during the first full week of October, celebrating the right of free people to read freely. This year's theme, in a nod to George Orwell, is Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights. The Library Trustees encourage our community to exercise their First Amendment rights at the South Hadley Public and Gaylord Memorial libraries.

Adult Programs at SHPL
October at the South Hadley Public Library is packed with fascinating adult programs for every interest. No registration is needed this month—come on down, bring a friend and enjoy! On Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m., author Varla Ventura uncovers Mark Twain's Ouija Mystery, the curious

tale of a ghost, a Ouija board, and a scandalous book.

On Wednesday, October 8 at 6 p.m., Sue Nimchick, the "Dollar Scholar," presents NOW! Wealth and Wisdom at Each State of Life, an empowering workshop on moving from hindsight to insight. Local author Jessica Usher shares her imaginative fantasy novel The Seven Sees on Wednesday, October 15 at 6 p.m., followed by Mario Bonavita's heartfelt talk All About Me: My Life on the Autism Spectrum on Saturday, October 18 at 10 a.m..

We close the month with paranormal researcher Ronny LeBlanc on UFO's on Wednesday, October 22 at 6 p.m., as he dives into the mysteries of UFOs, (Unidentified Flying Objects) and UAPs (Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena)."

Are you reading what we're reading? Check out the library book discussion groups. Our Between the Covers Romance Club is

reading It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover and will discuss this on Tuesday, October 14, from 3 to 4 p.m. We also have books for the discussion groups that meet at the Senior Center. Check out the full selection near our new book area.

The library, public health department, and Baystate Health are teaming up to hold a Community Blood Drive on Monday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eligible donors will receive a gift card from Starbucks, Amazon, Panera, or Big Y. Email Fiona Cioch to register. You can also visit the Public Health Drop-In Hour that same day from 3 to 4 p.m. to learn more about the services and assistance available to residents.

There are also Office Hours with Police Chief Jennifer Gundersen taking place at the library on Monday, October 27 from 5 to 6:30

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South Hadley Public Library

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OCTOBER EVENTS

Gravestone Girls

Wed. Oct 1st from 6 - 7:30

Welcome to the Graveyard is a 90-minute illustrated presentation chronicling cemetery art, history, and symbolism. From colonial New England burial grounds of the 1600 & 1700s, through the nationwide rural cemetery movement of the 19th century and into 21st century locations, the program examines why we have cemeteries and gravestones, why they look like they do and how styles and art have evolved over almost 400 years.

Mark Twain's Ouija Mystery with Varla Ventura

Sat. Oct 4th at 10

Did Mark Twain's spirit write a novel? Discover the remarkable story behind a book channeled via the Ouija board, the woman who wrote it, and the ghost whose restless spirit longed for a scribe on earth. Was Emily Grant Hutchings Twain's earthly muse, or was this a profound publicity stunt? Learn all about the origins of this practice, how Hutchings created a psychic typewriter, the controversy that ensued, and so much more!

NOW! Wealth and Wisdom at Each State of Life

Wed. Oct 8th at 6

In a world where change is constant and life is situational, this interactive session encourages attendees to reflect on the choices they make—right now. With a blend of wit, wisdom, and practical tools, the NOW Insight seminar is designed to help you "fact up" and move from hindsight regret to present-moment empowerment. Sue Nimchick, the Dollar Scholar will discuss the following: • Know Your NOW • Insight vs. Hindsight • The Rule of 72 & Beyond • Power of Perspective • From Stuck to Strategic

Local Author: Jessica Usher- Author of The Seven Sees

Wed. Oct 15th at 6

Fear, not hate, fuels evil and the master of fear lays imprisoned in a weakening cage at the bottom of the ocean floor. On his 32nd birthday, Dr. Diego Garcia is abducted by celestial beings. To free Michael, Diego must find and complete seven spiritual quests. Each quest challenges Diego's mind and soul, forcing him to see the beauty in the broken. Each quest pulls him closer to Raph, Michael's forever mate. Now Diego is torn. If he frees Michael, he loses Raph, and time is not his friend. He only has one month to succeed, or he will die, and greed will reign supreme. Welcome to the truth of the universe, where fear has fangs and only love can save you.

All About Me: My Life on the Autism Spectrum with Mario Bonavita

Sat. Oct 18th at 10

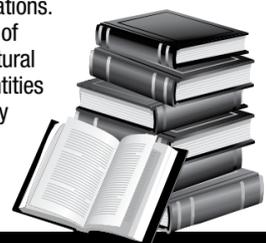
Join Mario Bonavita as he shares his personal journey with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Diagnosed at age 3, Mario has spent over 20 years educating audiences about autism through public speaking, from schools and community forums to the Massachusetts State House. His engaging 30-minute presentation blends personal experience with advocacy, aiming to foster understanding, acceptance, and open conversation.

UFOs with Ron LeBlanc

Wed. Oct 22nd at 6

"Ronny Le Blanc is a paranormal researcher, author, and television personality (notably on Expedition Bigfoot and Paranormal Caught on Camera) who brings a compelling personal voice to the subject of UFOs and UAPs. In his talks, he combines the latest developments and news—such as government disclosures, new scientific studies, or recent UAP sightings—with his own firsthand experiences and investigations.

He also situates UFO phenomena in the broader context of "Monsterland" (a term he uses for an area rich in supernatural reports in central Massachusetts) and explores possible identities or origins of these entities. His presentation tends to open by challenging audiences to suspend disbelief, encouraging them to be open-minded while critically examining evidence and testimony."



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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

Should my spouse be getting half of my Social Security amount?

Dear Rusty:

I was referred to you to ask a question about Social Security benefits.

I receive about \$1,700 a month from Social Security while my husband receives only approximately \$750 monthly. Is he entitled to file for half of my Social Security as a monthly benefit without touching my amount?

Signed: Curious Wife

Dear Curious Wife:

For information, spousal benefits are one of the most misunderstood areas of Social Security. A spouse does not always get half of their partner's Social Security benefit how much the spouse gets is determined by their age when the spouse benefit is claimed and it is always based upon both partner's Full Retirement Age benefit, regardless of when they actually claimed Social Security.

The partner with the lower SS benefit can only get half of the other spouse's FRA amount if that partner takes the spouse benefit at or after their personal SS FRA. And each spouse's FRA may be different depending on the year they were born. FRA today is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on the person's year of birth.

Here are two basic rules for a lower earning marital partner to get spouse benefits:

The lower earning spouse's FRA entitlement must be less than 50% of the higher earning spouse's FRA entitlement. FRA amounts are used, even if SS benefits were claimed earlier than or later than, full retirement age, and FRA amounts are frequently different than the monthly amounts actually being received.

If one spouse's FRA amount is less than 50% of the other spouse's FRA amount, the difference between those two amounts can be added to the lower earning spouse's SS retirement amount, to become their spousal benefit. That may, or may not, equal half of the higher earning spouse's FRA amount.

So, if you claimed your Social Security exactly at your own full retirement age and your husband also claimed his Social Security exactly at his own full retirement age, then based on the numbers you provided your husband is likely entitled to about \$850 per month, instead of his current \$750. And that would not affect your own SS benefit in any way.

Your FRA entitlement would need to be more than twice your husband's FRA entitlement for him to receive a spousal boost from you. But if either of you claimed Social Security before (or after) your respective full retirement ages, your husband would not get 50% of your benefit.

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Live in the moment but plan for winter!!

Hasn't the first week of autumn been beautiful weather-wise? Warm and sunny days will have us completely spoiled!

Summer annuals continue to bloom even as we harvest our pumpkins and corn stalks. But alas, while we are enjoying, we must simultaneously prepare for what inevitably will come.

My big task for today was deconstructing a combination planter so that I could (hopefully) overwinter the summer plants indoors. These included a Hypoestes (Polka dot plant), two Fuchsias, and an Ivy Geranium.

Over the years I've had good luck overwintering regular geraniums, Gerber daisies and fuchsias, but I have never tried ivy geraniums or the finicky polka dot plant. According to my research, ivy geraniums are handled in a similar manner as regular or zonal geraniums.

I typically overwinter them as a houseplant, in a bright sunny window. Sometimes they delight me with flowers through Christmas!

When I was trying to separate the plants from my big planter, though, the amount of roots I was able to get from the ivy geranium was honestly pathetic. The plant looked big enough on top to fit in a ten inch pot, but the root ball, maybe enough roots to fit in a

four inch pot.



What am I to do? First thing would be to prune the top growth. So few roots would have a difficult time supporting all of that foliage. I will take off one third to one half of the top growth. And from this foliage, I will take some cuttings.

Regardless of my predicament, cuttings are a good option if you are short on space in front of sunny windows – you can root them in a three or four inch pot placed in indirect light until they begin to grow!

You can also store geranium stock plant out of your living space. Here is how: Cut the plants back to a couple of inches above the crown and set them in the cellar, unheated rooms, enclosed porches or other spaces that don't freeze and aren't too damp. Check them every few weeks and water sparingly if necessary, never letting the soil dry out completely.

When spring comes, gradually begin to introduce sunlight and the plant will commence growth. Once the

threat of frost has passed the plants can go outside for the summer months. If last year's potting soil is "exhausted" of nutrients, carefully report the plant into new soil.

Prune away any weak branches and give it some liquid fertilizer. For this situation, storage temperatures can go as low as 45 to 50 degrees.

My fuchsia extraction went much better than the geranium one did. I have equal roots to foliage and flowers. I am going to try and overwinter this plant in a northeast window, knowing that fuchsias don't like bright sun.

The last time I overwintered one of these I got the plant to live into the late winter, long enough to take a cutting. The offspring thrived! The mother plant looked pretty woody, but apparently, if I had waited a little bit longer and gave it a light fertilization, new supple growth would have ensued.

Live and learn.

Aside from a part sunny window, fuchsias can also be overwintered out of the main living space, following my recommendations above.

The polka dot plant is another story all together. The roots were massive and the top growth the same. Although the plant looked diminutive at purchase, there was no saying that now. It became the "hog"

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Measles are a serious business

All it takes is one kid with measles to infect up to 18 others in their classroom. With school beginning soon, public health and education officials around the country are concerned about new outbreaks.

In the not too distant past, measles was considered "eliminated" in the U.S. because cases were almost unknown and 95 percent or more of Americans were vaccinated against it or had it in childhood. That herd immunity is slowly eroding, and our children are at greater risk of illness because of it.

Measles is one of the most contagious diseases out there, even more so than COVID and flu virus. It spreads through tiny droplets when people cough or sneeze, and can live in the air and on surfaces for up to two hours (think school desks, cafeteria tables, lab stations).

And while today's measles is no more dangerous than before, it can still result in pneumonia, encephalitis (brain swelling) or even death in very young children or those with immunocompromised systems. We've seen three deaths



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

in Texas attributed to measles.

In addition, measles can leave someone with a weakened immune system, making them more susceptible to other infections.

Illinois generally has experienced herd immunity, with vaccination rates at or above 95 percent. The state has seen 10 cases of measles this year, some in Cook County and others in the southern part of the state. There's evidence, however, that vaccination rates are dropping in some Chicago schools and among kindergartners.

Massachusetts hasn't seen a single case – yet – because its citizens maintain a vaccination rate of about 98%. There's evidence, however, that the vaccination rate is not as strong among incoming kindergartners.

We all play a role in keeping our communities safe and healthy. The best way to keep the measles away from your child is to make sure they've had two doses of the MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccine, which has been proven safe and is 97% effective at prevention. Even if they do catch the virus, the illness is likely to be mild and short-lived.

That said, it's possible there will be children in your child's class who are unvaccinated and could well bring measles to school along with their homework and lunchbox. It will be easy for them to infect other unvaccinated children, causing an outbreak.

To help stop measles in its tracks:

If you're unsure of your immune status and believe you were exposed to the measles, consult your health-care provider right away. An MMR immunity blood test can show whether you have measles antibodies. (If you were born before 1957, you likely had measles and enjoy "presumptive immunity.")

Consider getting an MMR booster shot, especially if you were immunized between 1963 and 1967. The vaccine used during those years was less effective because it was made from a killed rather than live virus. A booster is a harmless precaution, as long as your doctor says you are eligible to receive a live virus vaccine.

Regularly disinfect surfaces and common touchpoints, like door handles and light switches.

Keep your unvaccinated child home if any of these symptoms show up. It could be a cold or the flu, but it could also be measles. Symptoms usually appear seven to 14 days after exposure.

High fever
Cough
Runny nose
Red, watery eyes
White spots inside the mouth (Koplik spots)

A red, blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads downward
Wait four days before go-

ing to a hospital to reduce the chance that the disease will be transmitted to others.

As a registered nurse and someone who's worked in the medical field for most of my life, I advocate for science, not social media or crackpot theories about cod liver oil. (Cod liver oil, by the way, contains a lot of Vitamin A, which can be toxic in large doses, particularly with children.) Measles, once someone has it, is incurable – it has to run its course. It is a virus, not a bacteria, so it can't be treated with antibiotics.

Fall is approaching, and with it will come flu season and RSV season. Cases of COVID are already on the rise around the country. We are so lucky to live in an era in which vaccines can keep us and our children safe from some of the most common human diseases. Please take advantage of it.

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HCC environmental science major awarded national fellowship

HOLYOKE - Curiosity about the natural world, coupled with a desire to make field study more accessible to people with disabilities, helped a Holyoke Community College student secure a prestigious national fellowship.

AJ Jones, an environmental science and natural resources major, was selected for a Newman Civic Fellowship by Campus Compact, a national coalition of colleges and universities working to advance the public purposes of higher education. The Newman Civic Fellowship is a yearlong program that recognizes students who stand out for their leadership potential and commitment to creating positive change in their communities.

"AJ has been a standout voice for inclusive science," said President George Timmons. "Their lived experience, academic excellence, and drive to uplift others make AJ a leader committed to meaningful, systemic change."

Jones, 20, who grew up in the Springfield area and now lives in Hadley, joins student leaders from across the country as a member of the Newman Civic Fellows class of 2025-2026. The fellowship provides students with educational programs, workshops, and networking opportunities to help nurture their development as civic leaders. With the help of a campus mentor, each fellow takes on a com-

munity-based project of their design.

For their project, Jones plans to continue work they started last year at HCC helping to adapt science labs and field work to people with disabilities and make accessible design improvements to campus gardens and the college greenhouse.

"Coming from a background of disability and non-traditional education, I feel a responsibility to my community to find ways to make environmental science education accessible," said Jones, who uses a wheelchair.

Jones took an indirect route to higher education. They left high school at 15 to deal with health issues that have gradually diminished their mobility.

"I was going to the hospital a lot and couldn't keep up with school," said Jones.

However, it was during their time away from school that Jones' interest in environmental science emerged.

"I started an organic garden, and from that I could see how the plants were affecting the soil, and how they were attracting different types of bird species and different insects," said Jones. "It was cool to see how those things interacted. I spent a lot of time exploring nature. I would go out with my field guide and thought, 'this is awesome. I need to do this.'"

Jones ultimately completed high school through Gateway to College, HCC's alter-



Submitted photo

AJ Jones smiling and ready to take on the future.

native high school program, and has continued on at HCC as a full-time science student.

"Gateway was a great catalyst," they said.

At HCC, Jones is a member of the STEM Scholars program and treasurer of the Environmental Science Club. Last spring, they attended a conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions in Worcester and presented research on an accessible garden project.

Jones' Newman Fellowship project will expand on that research. They have already started scoping out the nature trails around the HCC campus, using Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

to look at maps and track the slopes and inclines of the terrain.

Jones draws inspiration from the Accessible Oceans project at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, where scientists are developing solutions for making ocean research and discoveries more accessible to people with disabilities.

"It's really cool stuff," Jones said. "I really want to focus on how to make our labs and our field work better for students at HCC. If I want there to be change, then I have to try to help as much as I can."

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.granby-library.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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of the pot.

I pruned both the roots and the top growth, cutting it back to healthy growth just a four inches tall, settling on an eight inch pot for the three original cuttings that made up the one plant. I don't have high hopes for overwintering, because, I guess, this plant has always been a finicky one as a seedling in the greenhouse.

It looks dry so you water it, only to find out it has root rot and now you've killed it.

My research indicates that overwintering temperatures should be warmer than what you would use for geraniums or fuchsias. We are talking 65 to 75 degrees. Another point of interest is that the plant likes humidity.

Putting the pot in a tray of

wet gravel will provide some humidity to the immediate area and may help, especially since winter air tends to be dry. Indirect light is best for these plants as well. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

Be adventurous, by trying to overwinter some annuals. You just may make it a little easier on your wallet come spring, especially if your favorites are growing strong right in your own house!

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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an astrophysicist in order to pursue the study of space and the universe full-time, rather than settle for an "easier", but much less engaging, field."

Her presentation taught all who came to hear how to conduct basic astronomical observations, meaning how to locate astronomical objects in the night sky, define their features, and learn about when they will appear all from home in your backyard.

"I focused on practical considerations like light pollution, observing technique, recording one's observations, and how to use the coordinate systems astronomers use to locate and track objects in the

sky," said Rubinstein.

The wonders of space are truly boundless, as one looks up into the night sky sky and wonders what is out there, and across the seemingly endless and countless number of galaxies and constellations to admire from our little planet.

From individual black holes that several times larger than our own entire solar system, to just how large the universe is and our understanding of it is so minimal.

"It meant a lot to me to be able to share my presentation at the library. The things astronomers and astrophysicists study can seem very removed from daily life, being as they are thousands or millions of light-years away, but they are

some of the most awe-inspiring things we humans get to witness with our own eyes," said Rubinstein.

"If you were to somehow hold a section of the entire universe in your hand, zoomed all the way out so that individual galaxies were tiny, it would probably have the consistency of a sponge. An unimaginably heavy, bright sponge," said Rubinstein, sharing of her favorite things she's learned since beginning her program.

All of space is a mystery we as humans long to solve, and for astronomers, they seek to do just that, and Rubinstein has a strong desire to reach for the stars, and share that love for the wonders

of space with everyone she meets.

"I see astronomy and astrophysics as a gateway to forming a deep and meaningful connection to forces much more dramatic and vast than we would ever encounter in our daily lives, and I just want to bring the amazement of that experience to as many people as possible," said Rubinstein.

Whether you want to learn more about black holes, the rocks that float around our solar system, the complexity of stars, or even if you wonder if there is anyone- or anything- else out there, learning about space is something for everyone to take part in.

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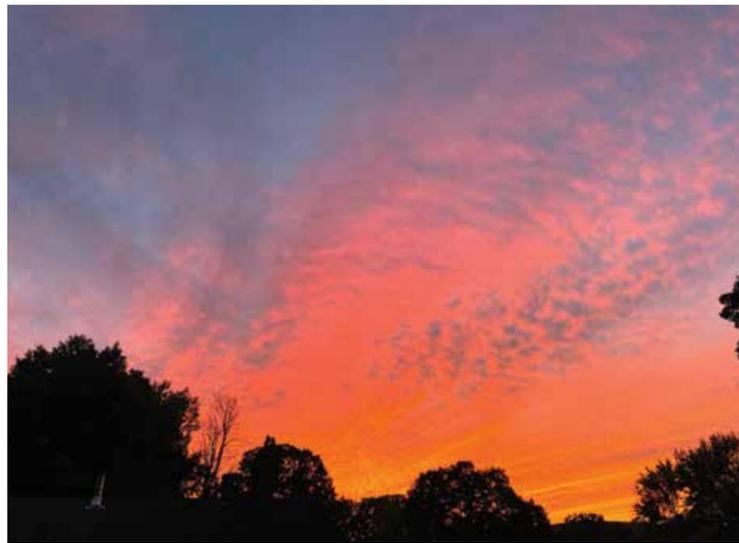
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This bench at Village Commons holding on to the last flowers of the season.



A silly squirrel helping itself to a pumpkin.



The sky was beautiful last week.

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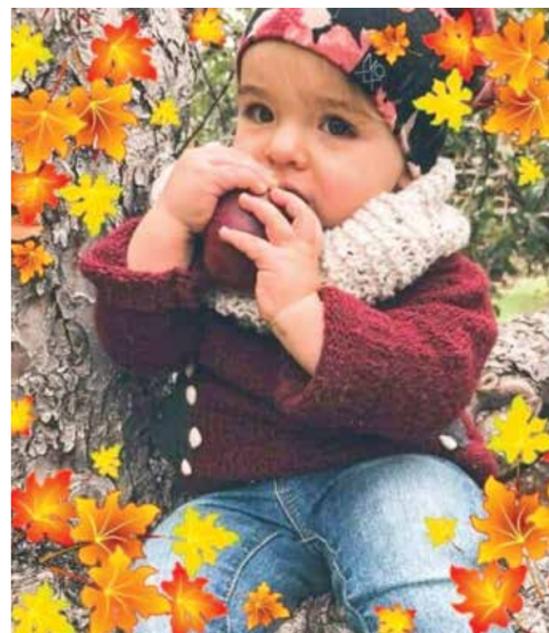


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However, the path to regionalization is fraught with potential pitfalls. An earlier survey conducted by the school committee found that surrounding districts were initially reluctant to consider regionalization.

"Things have changed a lot, given the last two years of budget crunching. I think people have much more of an appetite for it now," Bail said.

The financial landscape is particularly challenging. Special education costs have become a significant burden, with a single residential placement potentially costing up to \$580,400 for one student.

Bartosz expressed frustration with the state's approach to special education funding, stating, "I wish the state would get involved... help us out with some of the special education mandates."

The town is also grappling with declining enrollment and increasing operational costs. Bail emphasized the urgency of exploring all options, stating that the town needs to "prove that regionalization was less of a benefit than staying independent."

A potential planning committee would be tasked with exploring regionalization options, potentially with neighboring districts like South Hadley or Belchertown. The committee would need to carefully consider multiple factors, including building

infrastructure, transportation and financial implications.

The high school's condition remains a critical concern. Bartosz has advocated for a comprehensive assessment of the building's infrastructure, suggesting a detailed inspection to create a "punch list" of necessary repairs. Potential issues include outdated electrical systems, potential HVAC upgrades and possible PCB abatement in windows. There also may be issues with ADA compliance for the building.

"We need to know what we don't know," Bartosz said, emphasizing the importance of a thorough building assessment before making any major decisions.

The town is also exploring potential state assistance. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) may offer reimbursement for certain renovation projects, though the specifics remain unclear.

Local officials stress that no decision is imminent. The next step is a joint meeting between the Select Board and School Committee to discuss forming a planning committee and potentially commissioning a detailed feasibility study.

"The most important thing is that people have what they need to know to make the decision they want to make," Bail said. "It's not about what I want or what the school committee wants. It's about what the people of Granby want."

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Simone Quinn tries to overcome an opponent.

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Tigers shut out Brownies

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School girls soccer team suffered a shutout loss on the road at South Hadley 5-0 last Monday afternoon. The game was close throughout the first half, but South Hadley broke through for four goals in the second half. Mikayla Weaver, Hannah Haesaert, Kelcey Zranuig, Natalie Rios, and Allison Fluery scored the goals for the Tigers. Olivia Athas and Cara Dean combined. Agawam is 1-5-2 now while South Hadley is 4-4.



Sofie Quinn goes for the bouncing ball.



Allison Fluery maneuvers the ball and looks for an opening.



Olivia Athas goes after a save.



Lea Agudelo plays the ball off her knee.



Cara Dean corral the ball and heads upfield.



Samuel Harrison takes possession.



Ella Haber guides the ball up the field.

Field hockey continues comeback season



Amanda Stevenson makes her way up the field.

Teagan Cavanaugh makes an insert pass on a penalty corner.



Nora Vaughn looks to get around an opponent.

SOUTH HADLEY – The return of South Hadley High School has continued to be a positive experience. Despite a 2-1 setback against Smith Academy last Friday, the Tigers are 6-2 overall. The Tigers defeated West Springfield 1-0 and Holyoke 6-0 last week. The Tigers continue with a matchup at Greenfield on Friday, Oct. 3. They will host Belchertown in a big matchup on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

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Rams fall to Mustangs for a second time

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

GRANBY—Winning a league title is something that the Monson boys' varsity soccer team is seeking to do this fall.

The Mustangs, who are members of the Schmid Division for the first time this fall, remained in first place in the league standings following a 3-1 road victory against league rival Granby, last Tuesday afternoon.

"We haven't won a league title in more than 10 years and that's our first goal every season," said Monson head coach Jared Pignone. "We just need to keep playing hard and keep winning our league games. We also want to win the Western Mass. title and make a run in the state tournament."

The last time that Monson, who entered this week's action with a 7-1 overall record and a perfect 6-0 league mark, hasn't won a league title since 2014.

A year ago, the Mustangs were one of only two Division 5 teams competing in the Holley Division. The other teams in that league were either in Division 1,2, or 3.

"This new league is a better fit for us," Pignone said. "It's even better fit for our j.v. team. We have mostly seventh and eighth graders on that team. They've been playing more competitive games so far this season."

The only Schmid Division teams who aren't trying to win the Western Mass. title and make a run in the state tournament.

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Christopher Gregorio advances up the field.

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Granby hosts Comp in matinee



McKenna Zumbruski fights to keep the ball.

GRANBY – Last Saturday morning on a sun-splashed day, Granby High School girls soccer hosted Chicopee Comprehensive. The final

score of the game was not reported as of press time, but Granby did get an 8-0 win over Palmer on Friday, Sept. 26. The Rams are 6-2-1 with-



Kaitlyn Curran dribbles up the field.

out the result of the Comp game. The Rams are at Frontier Regional at 4 p.m. on Oct. 2.



Jaidyn Roberge clears the ball.

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Kara White gets a leg on the ball.



Margaret Healey tries to maneuver the ball to keep it away from her opponent.



Sophia Marsh attempts to steal the ball.



Logan Carmody collects the ball and heads up the field.



Maxwell Kennedy gets a foot on the ball.



Stephen Szlosek keeps play moving up the field.



Samuel Moure possesses the ball pressured by a Monson midfielder.

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ing in Division 5 are Springfield International Charter School and Westfield Tech. Both of those schools are in Division 4.

Granby (4-3-2, 3-3), who has been competing in the Schmid Division during the past couple of years, also suffered a 3-0 loss at Monson at the beginning of September.

“This loss probably puts us out of contention for the league title,” said Granby head coach Todd Dorman. “The last time that we won a league title was in 2023. We also beat Monson in the Western Mass. finals that year. We’re still hoping to qualify for this year’s Western Mass. and the Division 5 state tournaments.”

When the MIAA released the Division 5 power rankings for the first time last Friday, Monson was ranked 17th and Granby was ranked 36th. The top 32 teams automatically qualify for the state tournament.

During the first ten minutes of last Tuesday’s match, the Rams had a pair of break-away shots, which were both taken by junior Brandon Carillon.

His first shot attempt skipped just wide of the goal.

Monson freshman goalie Mason Murphy (6 saves) managed to deflect the second shot on goal.

The Mustangs, who out-shot the Rams, 21-8, took a 1-0 lead in the middle of the opening half.

Senior Jake Beaupre dribbled the ball down the middle of the field. He then made a pass to senior Austin Meacham, who completed the scoring play by firing a shot into the left corner past Granby senior goalie Daniel Santiago (11 saves).

The score would remain 1-0 until the start of the second half when the Mustangs scored another goal by senior Ben Pignone on a shot into the right corner of the net. It was assisted by sophomore Anthony Tulloch.

With five minutes remaining in regulation, Beaupre scored a goal, which was assisted by Meacham, giving the Mustangs a 3-0 advantage.

Murphy’s shutout bid came to an end when Carillon put a wide open shot into the back of the net for an unassisted goal with less than two minutes left.



Brandon Carillon gets the header.

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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 players 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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community of South Hadley for the benefit of South Hadley's senior residents through appropriate programming and events and to enhance their opportunities for meaningful relationships and activities," said Prough.

"Volunteering with an organization that has been serving our community's seniors for over 40 years is very meaningful to me. It connects me to a legacy of care and compassion that has touched generations before me," said Stawasz. "I feel proud to contribute to that tradition, knowing that the time I give helps brighten someone's day and shows our seniors how valued they truly are."

The Friends work to host events, and the most recent was the Annual Ice Cream Social held at McCray's Farm, where those in attendance could enjoy a live music performance, as well as hosting and organizing meal programs and deliveries.

"The Friends of the South Hadley Seniors want to have an impact on the lives of our seniors. We support many of the activities at the senior center and support other efforts in our town to enrich the lives of our seniors," said Stawasz. "We have grown our membership and are very thankful for the support we

get from so many, which allows us to offer many activities and oftentimes at no cost to our seniors."

Upcoming events the Friends have prepared include Healthy Aging Walks at Buttery Brook Park from October 6 through 10, Halloween Bingo at the COA on October 30, a free movie showing at Tower Theaters on November 10 of "I'll See You in My Dreams," and a holiday concert at St. Theresa Church featuring the Dan Kane Singers on December 14.

"What I enjoy most about being involved with the Friends are the friendships I've made and having the opportunity to connect with so many seniors throughout our town, both at the council on aging and at our events," said Prough.

The Friends relies on the membership costs that help fund the work they do and the many different events they host. Membership is \$10 for each individual, per year, and anyone is welcome to join as a member.

"I enjoy being a part of many successful events and feeling that I can make a difference in some small way," said Stawasz. "Being part of an organization with such a long history of supporting seniors gives me a sense of belonging and purpose. It inspires me to give my best,



Submitted photos
Mary Ellen Scott, Kathy Gallivan, Janet Stawasz at the annual Hanging Flower Basket Sale.

because I see how much this work has mattered to our community for so many years."

The Friends are also working with TRIAD to help coordinate and fill the annual stuff-a-stocking for seniors program, along with support-

ing monthly programming at the council on aging.

You can find additional information on the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors website at www.southhadley-seniors.org.



Ola Herbert and Fran O'Connell are volunteering for the Friends' annual ice cream sundae social.



Carole Goulding and Kathy Gallivan serve cider at the Council on Aging.

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p.m. Bring your thoughts, concerns, and ideas to share with her.

Online Author Programs
(click each program for more information)

10 Years of Daring Heists and Lovable Outcasts in YA Fantasy with Leigh Bardugo. #1 New York Times Bestselling and Award-Winning Author of Six of Crows and Shadow and Bone Series. Thursday, October 9 at 7 p.m.

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Children's Programs at SHPL

We're starting off the month with an all-ages Halloween Costume Swap! Bring in old costumes in good condition the week of October 6-10 and get a ticket to "shop the swap" on Saturday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Banned Books Week, where we celebrate the freedom to read (fREADom!), is October 5 through 11. Consider writing to a favorite author with the Dear Banned Author campaign, or just check out any book(s) you like and celebrate #fREADom!

This month's STEAM program on Tuesday, October 7 at 3:45 p.m. features Joan Axelrod-Contrada and Ann Malespina, authors of Zeke

the Weather Geek, who will read from their book and lead a rain-making experiment! STEAM is for kids ages 5-11, no sign-up is required.

Special guest Mr. Liam will be joining us for Rhyme Time on Tuesday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m. Get ready for drums, puppets, ukulele, and ten-second dance parties!

All our usual programs continue: Baby Lapsit Storytime, Lego & Games, Rhyme Time, Storytime, Playgroup, and Graphic Novel Book Club on Thursday, October 9 at 4 p.m. Check the calendar for details!

Teen Programs at SHPL

This month for Teens (ages 11 through 19), we have a lot of great offerings! YA Book Tasting happens on Monday, October 6, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This

month's Crafternoon takes place on Thursday, October 16, from 4 to 5 p.m. We will be making Spooky Garlands. No sign-up is needed. Night Craft will be happening on Tuesday, October 28, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We will be crafting Stitch a Spider Web. None of these programs require signing up unless you would like an email reminder.

Our monthly gaming sessions will be happening on Tuesday, October 7 and 21 for Xbox1. Thursday, October 9, and Monday, October 27 for Switch. All gaming sessions start at 3:30 p.m. and run until 5:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. No sign-up is needed.

Snackternoon returns this month on Thursday, October 23, from 4 to 5 p.m. This month features guest presenters, Food Explorers. They bring us a Chopped style program, making Tacos for

Snackternoon. Please sign up so we can have enough supplies for all participants.

Our monthly Teen Takeaways continue to be available. This month features Tealight Ghosts. Sign up once and get a new Teen Takeaway every month. We also have our latest Booktrovert pick: Kill Creatures by Rory Power. There are no in-person meet-ups, just enjoy the book on your own time. Copies are available in the Teen Room for checkout.

Any questions please email Bethany.

Gaylord Memorial Library Programs

Spice Club is back! Sign up here to get a sample of Southern New England Spice Co.'s Maple Powder and discuss your cooking and baking plans with other spice enthusiasts on Thursday, October 2

at 6:30 p.m.

Get involved in Gaylord's gardens! Join us on Friday, October 3 at noon for Gaylord's Garden Club.

Castle Nitor's popular Chain Mail Bracelet workshop returns to Gaylord on Thursday, October 9 at 6 p.m. Register here.

People of all ages can drop in for Cornhole on the back lawn on Thursday, October 16 from 4 to 7 p.m.

For kids, we also have our usual Story Times (Fridays at 10:30 a.m.). We have a special visit from UMass Live Insect Zoo on Friday, October 17 at 10:30 a.m., where you can meet and learn about bugs! LEGO Club meets on Thursdays, October 2, 16, and 30 from 3 to 6 p.m., and we have Drop-In Crafts on Thursdays, October 9 and 23 from 3 to 6 p.m.

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Fall CAR CARE & DRIVING



Auto interior maintenance and cleaning tips

A number of factors are involved in keeping a vehicle functioning and looking good. Ensuring a vehicle interior is clean and tidy is easily overlooked, but such efforts can improve the driving experience.

Drivers who want their cars and trucks to look their best should not forget their vehicle interiors. Drivers unsure where to start can



few drops of dish soap and warm water. Use a soft-bristled brush to clean the mats. Upholstered mats can be shampooed using a carpet cleaner. Then rinse and hang to dry. All mats should be completely dry before being returned to the vehicle.

- **Clean the upholstery.** Seats can get dirty and dingy over time. For cloth vehicle seats, use a proper spray or foam upholstery cleaner. All-purpose cleaner can work on vinyl seats, but leather seats require a special leather soap and conditioner.

- **Address glass surfaces.** You can use a store-bought glass cleaner on the windshield, windows and mirrors with a lint-free cloth. Avoid products containing ammonia, which may damage tinting on windows.

- **Consider lingering odors.** If the interior of the car has an odor, the cabin air filter may need to be changed. A car air freshener can further improve the interior smell.

A thorough deep cleaning can be done at least once a month to keep a vehicle's interior fresh and clean. However, keeping up with interior cleaning and maintenance by doing small jobs regularly will reduce the need for routine deep cleaning.

spruce up their vehicle interiors in the following ways.

- **Remove any trash.** Wrappers, receipts, empty water bottles, and other items can quickly pile up inside a car, especially for drivers who have young children. Routinely go through the vehicle to gather and remove debris.

- **Vacuum the interior.** Start off with a can of compressed air and blow out dust and any other dirt that has accumulated in tight crevices. Then use a high-powered vacuum to conduct a thorough cleaning. Pay attention to the seams of car seats, door handles, armrests, floor mats, underneath child safety seats, and the trunk or cargo area. If you don't have a vacuum with a lot of suction, utilize one at a do-it-yourself car wash location.

- **Scrub floor mats.** Drivers with rubber mats can remove them and make a mild cleaning solution of a

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Common car noises and what they might be indicating

Although there are many drivers who understand what goes on under the hood of a vehicle and the inner workings of car mechanics, there are plenty of others who might not know a spark plug from a dipstick. For the latter group, random noises when driving can be a cause for immediate alarm.

Certain noises can be innocuous and easily fixed, while others may be indicative of something more complex. Pinpointing where a noise is coming from can help vehicle owners identify the problem. Here's a list of some common sounds and what the causes might be, courtesy of Firestone, Geico and Nationwide.

High-pitched squealing

Screeching or squealing coming from the tires when stepping on the brakes likely means that brake pads are wearing down and the indicator is rubbing against the rotor. Although this is not an emergency situation, it does mean that brakes will need to be replaced sooner than later.

Rattling in the wheel

If you hear rattling inside of a wheel at low speeds which stops as you drive faster, it could mean there is a loose lug nut inside of



the hub cap. That wheel wasn't tightened properly the last time it was removed and replaced. Bring the car to a mechanic as soon as possible.

Clicking

If you try to start the car and only hear a clicking sound instead of the car turning over, a dead battery is likely the cause. Such a noise also may indicate corroded battery terminals that are preventing the current from flowing. Terminals need to be cleaned. The battery should be checked and jumped, if necessary. If a battery is not holding a charge, a new one is needed.

Squeaky or scraping windshield wipers

Squeaking and scraping means the windshield wipers are wearing down or the windshield is dirty. Clean the windshield and inspect the wiper blades to make sure they are in working order. A bad wiper and dirty windshield can reduce visibility and make driving dangerous.

Clunking sounds

Clunking sounds may indicate a few different issues. A clunking sound might indicate worn out shock absorbers, which absorb vibrations from the wheels. Damaged struts also can cause clunk-

ing. Worn out leaf spring shackles that help in off-roading conditions also can cause clunking when they bend or break.

Humming, whining or whirring

These strange noises might have different origins. Check if the differential needs to be lubricated. A wheel bearing also could be worn out and produce a noise. In more severe cases, the transmission could be failing. The best course of action is to get a professional opinion from a mechanic.

Flapping noise

A broken belt typically is the culprit when a vehicle makes a flapping or slapping noise. Something also may be interfering with the fan. Driving with a broken belt may cause severe engine damage, so it's important to address the issue.

Squealing under the hood

Squealing can indicate worn or loose accessory belts. In newer cars it might be the serpentine belt. Belts are relatively inexpensive and easy fixes.

These are some of the sounds that vehicles can make when something is awry. Figuring out the issue can prevent further damage.

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 15A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, that 2086 South Hadley Corporation d/b/a Hadley Mart has applied for a Change of Manager and Change of Officers / Directors / LLC Managers on their All Alcohol License to be exercised at 2086 Memorial Dr., South Hadley, MA.

The Selectboard as Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on said application on **Oct. 21, 2025 at 7:05 p.m. at 45 Dayton St.** 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.

Remote Meeting Connection noted below:

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Please use this URL to log-in:

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Meeting attendees should mute phones (*6 for handlines) unless asking questions or commenting. All attendees should wait to speak until other participants are finished.

Town of South Hadley Selectboard,

Licensing Authority

Jeff Cyr, Chair

Nicole Casolari, Vice Chair

Carol Constant, Clerk

Andrea Miles, Member

Renee Sweeney, Member

*Under M.G.L. Chapter 138,

§ 15A and § 16C, any school, church, or hospital within 500 feet of 2086 Memorial Dr., South Hadley, MA 01075 wishing to object to the issuance of such license must voice objections in writing.

10/03/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Hampshire Probate and Family Court

15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500

Docket No. HS25P0548EA

Estate of: Joanne Marie Bristol

Also Known As: Joanne M. Bristol

Date of Death: May 2, 2025

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Thomas A. Bristol of South Hadley, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Thomas A. Bristol of South Hadley, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative

under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 10/03/2025

Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicles under G.L. c. 255, Section 39A

Notice is hereby given by DM Towing LLC, 254 Old Lyman Road, South Hadley, MA 01075 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that on 10/09/2025 at 12:00 PM at 254 Old Lyman Road, South Hadley, MA by private auction the following motor vehicles will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

2011 Subaru Legacy Reg.# / State: 4TMD12 MA VIN: 4S3BMB69B3252730 Owner: Robert B Macdonald 6 Cherry St. Northampton, MA 01060

2004 Mercedes-Benz CL-Class VIN: WDBPJ75J24A041881 Reg.# / State: 4KKE32 MA Owner: Josean E Plazas 152 Crescent Dr. Chicopee, MA 01013 09/19, 09/26, 10/03/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Hampshire Probate and Family Court

15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500

Docket No. HS25P0618EA

Estate of: Peter Charles Dolan

Also known as: Peter C. Dolan

Date of Death: 08/28/2025

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Priscilla A. Dolan of Granby, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Priscilla A. Dolan of Granby, MA** be appointed as Personal

Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/29/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 26, 2025

Mark S Ames, Register of Probate

10/03/2025

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 Alan Kotowicz to see whether the area depicted on plan(s) referenced are subject to the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act and to see if the boundaries of resource area depicted on plans or maps referenced are accurately delineated with regards to property located on Carver St (Lot between 95 and 103 Carver Street), in the Town of Granby. Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using **Access Code: 282-289-421** or by visiting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/282289421>.

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

place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this "RDA" are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Selectmen's Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street. Additionally, copies of the application may be inspected on the Conservation Commission's web page at www.granby-ma.gov.

William Shaheen, Chair Granby Conservation Commission

10/03/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Hampshire Probate and Family Court

15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500

Docket No. HS25P0628EA

Estate of: Joyce Gagne Roberts

Also known as: Joyce G. Roberts

Date of Death: 08/17/2025

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Roland J. Roberts of South Hadley, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Roland J. Roberts of South Hadley, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/05/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

10/03/2025

UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 29, 2025

Mark S Ames, Register of Probate

10/03/2025

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 Thomasz and Sabina Sroka to see whether the area depicted on plan(s) referenced are subject to the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act and to see if the work depicted on plans referenced is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act with regards to property located on Cold Hill Road and known as Map 3 Lot A 1-1, in the Town of Granby. Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using **Access Code: 282-289-421** or by visiting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/282289421>.

Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this "RDA" are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Selectmen's Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street. Additionally, copies of the application may be inspected on the Conservation Commission's web page at www.granby-ma.gov.

William Shaheen, Chair Granby Conservation Commission

10/03/2025

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** to be held at 1 Library Lane-Old Carnegie Library-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. **7:30 PM-NOI** filed by Laura Stamborski, applicant, Jason Lafleur, owner, for a proposed construction of a single-family dwelling within the 100' buffer to a bordering vegetated wetland including an onsite septic system, well and driveway and associate grading. Closest work proposed greater than 50' of BVW, with regards to property located at Cold Hill Road and known as Map 3-A-Block 12.4, in the Town of Granby.

Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using **Access Code: 282-289-421** or by visiting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/282289421>.

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William Shaheen, Chair Granby Conservation Commission

10/03/2025

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

PUBLIC NOTICES ARE NOW ONLINE

- 1 Email all notices to notices@turley.com
- 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts' public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

Public notice deadlines are Friday at 3 p.m.

visit www.publicnotices.turley.com

Town Reminder OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

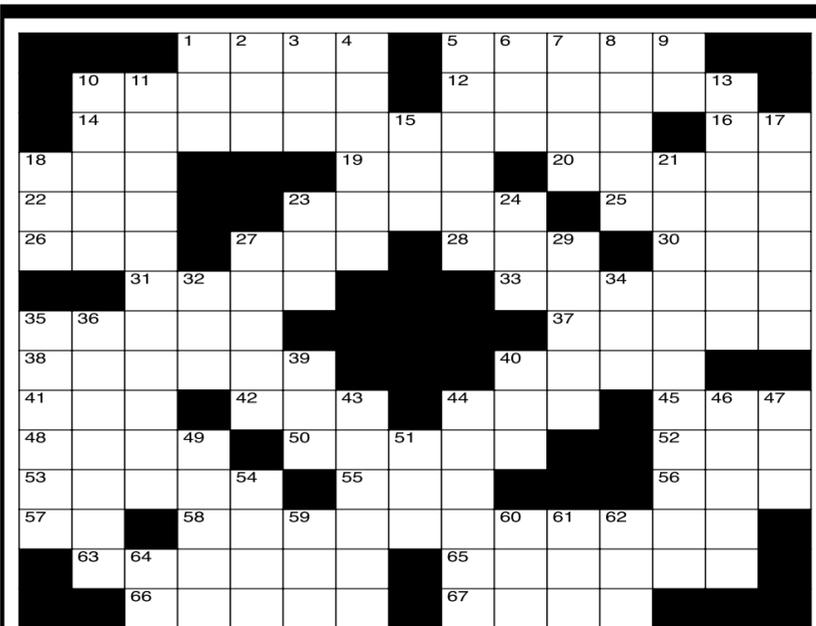
One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

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12. Rods
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20. Dorsal sclerites in insects
22. One from Utah
23. The world of the dead
25. Singer Redding
26. Mafia head
27. Wrongly
28. Unhappy
30. Anger
31. Dark olive black
33. Places to sit and

- eat
35. Made a mistake
37. Damp
38. Banned fuel type
40. Actor Damon
41. What thespians do
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44. Disallow
45. Swiss river
48. A banana has one
50. Afrikaans
52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
53. Agave
55. Journalist Tarbell
56. One-time tech leader
57. Incidentally (abbr.)
58. Intestinal bacterium
63. Loose sheats around the spinal cord

CLUES DOWN

1. Witch
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4. Where rockers work
5. Becomes less intense
6. Consume
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8. "Horsetown, U.S.A."
9. Atomic #50
10. The Muse of lyric poetry
11. Brings back to life
13. Humorous critiques
15. Cool!
17. Worst
18. Wet dirt
21. Useful
23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
24. High schoolers' test
27. Internet device
29. City in India
32. A place to rest
34. Chat responder
35. A way to move on
36. What consumers are given
39. Digital audiotape
40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Church building
47. Georgia rockers
49. Surgeon's tool
51. "Much ___ about nothing"
54. Make by braiding
59. Local area network
60. Unit of work
61. Indigenous person of Thailand
62. Liquefied natural gas
64. Distance to top

Lithium-ion battery risks and ways to minimize them to be addressed

As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ for more than 100 years, FPA announces «Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home» as this year's theme

REGION – Most of the electronics in our homes - smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys, to name just a few - are powered by lithium-ion batteries. However, if not used correctly or damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat and start a fire or explode. In response to these potential risks, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) - the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ for more than 100 years - has announced «Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home» as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 5 through 11, 2025.

“Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they're just about everywhere,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “Making sure the public knows how to use them safely is critical to minimizing the potential risks they pose.”

According to NFPA, devices powered by lithium-ion batteries are largely used without incident. However, reports of fires and explosions involving lithium-ion batteries have been on the rise in recent years, reinforcing the importance of better educating the public about how to use, handle, and recycle them safely.

This year's Fire Preven-

tion Week theme, “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” provides the information, guidance, and resources needed to buy, charge, and dispose of/recycle lithium-ion batteries safely, with a focus on the following messages:

BUY only listed products
When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets established safety standards.

Many products sold online and in stores may not meet safety standards and could increase the risk of fire.

CHARGE devices safely
Always use the cables that come with the product to charge it. Also, charge the device in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.

Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. This could cause a fire.

Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

DISPOSE OF/RECYCLE batteries responsibly
Don't throw lithium-ion



October 5-11, 2025

Fire Prevention Week

batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.

Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit www.call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

Fire Prevention Week is celebrated throughout North America every October and is the oldest U.S. public health observance on record. For more than 100 years, Fire Prevention Week has worked to educate people about the risk of home fires and ways to minimize them. Local fire departments, schools, and community organizations play a key role in bringing Fire Prevention Week to life in their communities each year and spreading basic but critical fire safety messages.

To learn more about Fire Prevention Week and this

year's theme, “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” visit fpw.org. Additional Fire Prevention Week resources for children, caregivers, and educators can be found at sparky.org and sparky-schoolhouse.org.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research, and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

About Fire Prevention Week™

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest-running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation declaring a national observance during

that week every year since 1925. Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more safety information.

About the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)

Founded in 1896, NFPA® is a global self-funded nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property, and economic loss due to fire, electrical, and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach, and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at nfpa.org/freecaccess.

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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