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Human Rights Commission getting started

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY—With a far-reaching mission, the South Hadley Human Rights Commission has started contacting local

social justice organizations for guidance on how to most effectively achieve its purpose.

“We’re looking for strategic assistance and help with DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) projects,” explained South Hadley

Town Administrator Lisa Wong. She added that people have met as subgroups and are looking to have a more strategic focus for the commission moving forward.

While it continues to recruit members from different town

boards and commissions, the human rights commission’s current members spoke with representatives from the Women of Health Equity Collective at its Sept. 25 meeting to see what the group’s next steps might be. The

Collective, as it is known, has a mission to “for women and girls of color to enjoy optimal health and well-being in a socially just world.”

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Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas
The volunteers who worked hard to put together the tag sale, smiling as they celebrate raising over \$2000 for their missions.

Church hosts TAG SALE to support community missions

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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SOUTH HADLEY – When it comes to finding ways to serve the community, All Saint’s Episcopal Church in the center of town is ready with open arms.

One of the ways they do this is through hosting annual tag sales open to the community,

where you can find treasures for your kitchen, bathroom, pets, or bookshelf.

The items in the tag sale came from members of the congregation as well as other members of the surrounding community.

The tag sale, which has been happening for over twenty years, once served as a fundraiser for the church’s youth group but has since transformed into some-

thing new and bigger.

“The people are my favorite,” Reverend Tanya Wallace said about the tag sales. “For me, I come all day, and I love having conversations with the parishioners and volunteers.”

Altogether, almost a dozen volunteers came together to sort the items, price the items, and

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Local artist releases first CD, airs on radio station

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SOUTH HADLEY – Music unites us all in different ways, and for some, it is their link to self-expression and beyond, giving others something to relate to alongside them.

For Kyle Ray, he has been expressing himself through music “since the time I could make noise,” and began to sing professionally at the age of fourteen,

“I would make up little hooks and tidbits in my head and sing them around the house from the time I was little, and I really began to sink my teeth into expressing myself through music when I was around fourteen,” Ray said.

Ray not only sings, but also enjoys playing the piano and guitar, but finds his heart is truly in singing, as sitting down at the piano and other repetitive motions tend to mess with his ADHD.

However, he was made to sing and perform, getting on stage and singing his heart out.

“It’s something I’ve learned to be proud of over the years, especially because of how hard I’ve worked at it. Mariah Car-



Turley Photo Submitted

The talented voice that brought us a new hit song for all to listen to and appreciate.

Ray has actually spoken publicly about being in the same situation, and she is doing just fine,” Ray said.

Ray found his inspiration for his music from all over, from experiences with friends, family, past relationships, and himself, but finds “they’re rooted in a sense of joie de vivre.”

“Sometimes that manifests in a wholesome, reflective song like Shoebox, but it can also come through songs of struggle, uncertainty, heartbreak,

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Event returns to showcase talents and culture

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – When it comes to the melting pot of talents and cultures in our town, it can come as no surprise that there is an event to showcase these talents.

After the first SHOWCASE South Hadley event in October of 2023, the organizers of this great event found that testing out a different season for 2025 could prove more successful, being able to have the schools be more readily available to participate by the spring semesters.

“It is multi-cultural, multi-generational, and collaborative across town departments, academic institutions, and be-

yond. This is not just a singular event, it’s a collaborative town-support three-day festival, and there is a lot of people involved in making this happen,” said John Anz, the Chair of the Cultural Council.

SHOWCASE is a separate volunteer group, and co-chaired by John Anz, Chair of the Cultural Council, and Liz Wood, principal of South Hadley High School, and Ira Brezinsky, President of MASH and member of the cultural council is the treasurer.

“We sort of fast-tracked year one a little bit, and I feel really good about this year being a more collaborative opportunity

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Performers playing music at the Old Firehouse Museum.

Turley Photo by Richard Cuoco

South Hadley High School Pickleball Club

medals at the State Pickleball Championships

SOUTH HADLEY—The SHHS Pickleball Club qualified for the state pickleball championships held in Sturbridge at Pickleball U on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Matt Gillis took home the gold in men’s singles and Yanna Stefalgo and Shaye Maziearz took home the silver in women’s doubles. The SHHS team had an overall finish in second behind Westborough.

This was the first high school state pickleball championships held in Massachusetts. SHHS volunteer coaches Paula Lonergan and Richard Meigs are to be commended for dedicating their time to launch this high school club and the success they have had in their first year.

Coach Lonergan sums up the season by saying, “it was a very successful trial run in every way.”

“It’s exciting to see how much enthusiasm this season generated and there’s no doubt we will see many more schools getting on board next year. The Slammers played extremely well and had a blast,” Coach Lonergan shared.



The SHHS Pickleball Club Team.



Coaches Richard Meigs and Paula Lonergan.



Yanna Stefalgo and Shaye Maziearz win gold for women’s doubles.



Coach Lonergan meets with mixed doubles partners Avery Haber and Ava Asselin before their match.



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Matt Gillis wins gold for men’s singles.



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South Hadley to host community forum

SOUTH HADLEY— The Town of South Hadley is exploring new zoning options along Routes 202 and 33 to support appropriate growth and development along the 1-mile corridor. Potential rezoning under consideration is based on recommendations from a Corridor Study adopted in January 2022. This section of roadway links South Hadley to Granby in the north and Chicopee in the south and is the most heavily traveled route in town. The corridor contains a broad mix of residential, commercial, and open space and recreation uses.

The intersection of Routes 202 and 33 at the heart of the

corridor is centered between the Plains Elementary School and the Big Y shopping Plaza. Zoning recommendations will be informed by public input at a series of four community forums, the first of which is on Monday Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. at the South Hadley Council on Aging at 45 Dayton St.

If individuals can't make the community forum, they can share their thoughts on the future development of the corridor on the interactive project website through the online mapping exercise: <https://community.innesassocltd.com/south-hadley>.

Funding for this project is provided by a Community Plan-

ning Grant from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. The Town has hired Innes Associates Ltd. as the project consultant. A five-member project advisory committee was appointed by the Selectboard in April. Additional community forums will be held Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 to 8 p.m., virtual, <https://bit.ly/4fPZM9P> Or Telephone: +1 646 558 8656 Webinar ID: 883 0895 6522 Passcode: 713870

Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 to 8 p.m. South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal St. and Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal St.



Submitted Photo

From L to R, Lt. Mark Baran, Ofc. Raymond Faginski, Lt. David Gagne, Postal Carrier David Tenczar, Chief Jennifer Gundersen, Officer Corey Whelihan and Sgt. Jeff Goulet.

USPS carrier receives Citizen's award

SOUTH HADLEY— On April 23, at approximately 8:45 a.m., US Postal Carrier David Tenczar was on his delivery route in the area of Lawn Street South Hadley when he heard a male yelling for "HELP" from inside the residence. Upon hearing this, Tenczar wasted no time in contacting emergency services to report there was a person in the home in need of assistance.

Once on scene, first responders were able to locate a

male party who needed lifesaving medical assistance. By taking quick action in the manner that he did, Tenczar may have very well saved this person's life and in recognition of those actions the South Hadley Police Department Award's Committee is honored to present, US Postal Carrier David Tenczar with the Citizen's Award of Appreciation. Tenczar's actions on this day highlight the importance of the "See Something, Say Something" philosophy.

In-Person Early Voting for State Elections begins Oct. 19

SOUTH HADLEY — All in-person early voting for the Nov. 5 State/Presidential Election will be held in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall, 116 Main St, South Hadley.

Early Voting will take place during the following days and times:

- Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Friday, Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 30, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 31, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please reach out to the Town Clerk's office at elections@southhadleyma.gov or 413-538-5030, ext. 6183 with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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SHPD chief office hours

SOUTH HADLEY— The South Hadley Chief of police has added office hours for November and December.

November:
Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior center
Nov. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Senior center

December:
Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Neighbors helping neighbors parking lot
Dec. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the South Hadley Library, Canal Street

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 11 submission of the Town Reminder, there was a statement that Nancy Jenks is the East Meadow school nurse, however this detail was incorrect, and it was later clarified that she helped administer the vaccines at the clinic and the school nurse is actually Becca Drew. Nancy Jenks is the nursing supervisor, dealing with the administrative end of the department and also provides nursing support in the clinic. We apologize for the error.

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Opinion



Husband asks about retroactive Social Security benefits

Dear Rusty:

Both my wife and I are 67 1/2, i.e., past our Full Retirement Age of 66 years and 6 months.

Neither of us have yet filed for SS retirement benefits. My wife is entitled to about \$1,000/month based on her work history, and I plan to wait until age 70 to file. I was entitled to \$3,700 at my full retirement age date and am eligible to receive \$4,800 at age 70. Thus, my wife's spousal benefit, which she can get when I start taking my SS, is another \$850, a total of \$1,850, which is 50% of my full retirement age amount.

We just recently became aware that my wife should have claimed her own smaller benefit earlier and taken her higher spousal benefit later when I claim. But has she lost Social Security benefits because she waited until now to claim?

Signed: Trying Hard to Understand

Dear Trying:

Yes, I am afraid your wife has lost some of her SS retirement benefit by waiting too long to claim. In your specific circumstances (where your wife is eligible for a higher monthly amount as your spouse) it is important to know that her spousal benefit amount reached maximum when she attained her FRA of age 66 and 6 months.

Even though she cannot collect as your spouse until you later claim, her eventual spousal amount does not increase because she is now past her FRA. Thus, waiting the extra year after her FRA did not enhance her spousal benefit amount, meaning she could have been collecting her own smaller SS retirement benefit starting at her FRA. The good news, however, is not all those past benefits are lost.

Once someone has passed their full retirement age, it is possible to claim up to six months of retroactive benefits. Full retirement age is the cutoff point because your wife cannot get retroactive benefits before her FRA but, since she is about a year past, she can claim her full six months of retroactive benefits. Thus, she will lose only about six months of her SS retirement benefit by claiming her benefits to start at age 67 vs. now at 67 1/2, which at least mitigates the loss.

And instead of her FRA amount of \$1,000, her initial SS retirement benefit will be about 3% higher because she is claiming past her FRA. But, nevertheless, your wife's eventual spousal amount when you claim will still be limited to 50% of your full retirement age entitlement.

The important thing to keep in mind is that retroactive benefits can only be claimed after someone has reached their full retirement age and only up to six months of retroactive benefits can normally be claimed. So, in your wife's case, her eventual spousal benefit from you will still be limited to 50% of your FRA amount even though she waited for a year past her own FRA to claim. But she can claim six months of retroactive SS retirement benefits now to soften the financial blow.

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Canada geese in flight

The beginning of this week I heard Canada geese honking as they flew over my house. Often they land in nearby beaver ponds.

The Canada goose is 25 to 45 inches long and is the most widespread and commonly seen goose. It has a black head and neck with a white chinstrap. The body is brownish gray except for a whitish rump.

They vary widely in size, with the smallest forms living farthest north. These geese feed on the ground and in the water. They eat submerged vegetation, grasses, winter wheat, clovers and other grain especially corn.

Canada geese nest at edges of ponds, lakes or swamps on rocks or grass hummocks out in the water. The female lays four to seven white eggs in a nest made of sticks, moss and grasses.

Some Canada geese that used to migrate now overwinter because food is provided for them by people at local ponds. This creates problems in many parks, golf courses and public lands where the geese fowl lawns, overgraze and become aggressive during breeding season. The male gives "ahonk" and the female has a higher "hink" call.

Northern harrier

I received an email on Oct. 5 from a Warren resident, who said, "My husband and I saw a hawk kill a squirrel in our yard last week. It was large and impressive. We had no idea what it was and no Google searches of hawks in Massachusetts mentioned the northern harrier. But now, after looking at many pictures, we believe that's what it was. Very exciting to identify another bird." She lives near the pond where a Brimfield resident saw a northern harrier. She said New

Reed Street is now called Brook Road.

She plans to visit the pond in hopes of seeing the kingfisher the Brimfield resident mentioned

Brimfield resident

The Brimfield resident reported seeing a dark eyed junco on Oct. 1 in his yard. He related a story of a trip to Alaska. "In 2003 my wife and I signed up for a Alaska tour with the American Birding Association. Since we were going to Alaska and might never get back we did a mini pre-tour visit to Nome on our own. The flight to Nome was via Kotzebue and about a third of the passengers were trying to return to Kotzebue. They had been trying to get there for three days, but the planes couldn't land because a river near town was creating ground fog and the planes had to abort their landings. Our flight began its decent and the pilot announced the situation and he would try to land. Suddenly the pilot applied full power and began to climb, no landing at Kotzebue that day. My wife and I heard a nearby native woman say 'we are going to have to kill a raven to get home.' We flew on to Nome, not sure when or if the folks ever go back to Kotzebue."

After returning from his Alaska trip, he did some research about birding in and around Nome. One thing I came upon was a report of a Christmas Count for Nome. I don't recall the year of the report but the folks braved harsh condition and their total for the day was two ravens.

Other birds

The Brimfield resident reported great egrets, great blue herons and Eastern bluebirds at the Warren Ponds. He also saw two common ravens, nine mallards, 10 rock doves, six yellow-rumped warblers and a northern flicker.

He had white-throated sparrows show up in his yard; they are the most common migrating sparrow he sees there. The other day a male Eastern Towhee and four white-throated sparrows taking baths

together. He saw 52 Canada geese and 2 wood duck at Wheeler. There were also lots of turtles taking advantage of a warm sunny day. While sitting in his yard for about an hour he saw a male common yellowthroat, a black-throated blue warbler, two blackpoll warblers and a catbird.

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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Library hosts **Castle Nitor** in Viking wire weaving class

By **Emily-Rose Pappas**
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SOUTH HADLEY – When it comes to learning about history, for many people it can be a laborious task as they memorize facts, dates, names, and battles in their school classes.

However, history doesn't have to be dull and dreary and can in fact have so much more to offer, and Allison and Alex Pettengail shared their love for history and work to bring it to people in new and creative ways.

"Nitor", a Latin word that means "I shine", and that is certainly true, as the Pettengails work to shine light upon our history so all can enjoy it.

"Overall, for Nitor, on the history of things, its biggest



Alex Pettengail showing the different kinds of wire colors available for making the wire weave craft.

goals are to teach history in a fun and hands-on way," Allison said. "I'm a crafty person and I love learning new things, and so does my husband."

"My absolute favorite part is seeing the light in peoples' faces when they see the thing they made, and being able to say, 'I made that,'" Pettengail said.

The Pettengails spend a lot of time looking through history and figuring out special "crafts" to bring to libraries, schools, scout meetings, Renaissance Faires, and more in order to bring a better love and understanding for our history.

You can take classes with the Pettengails from a variety of time periods, from creating bracelets from chainmail, learning the art of Viking wire weaving, block printing, drop spinning, finger loop braiding, and more.

Using a variety of self-taught skills, researched skills, and social media sources, the Pettengails worked to learn about these special crafts, and then teach them to groups while teaching the history of the crafts.

The crafts chosen were things that historians found would be



The materials needed to begin wire weaving, with a close-up of the weaving loops on the dowl as well as a beautiful pair of earrings.

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

done as "fidgets", with shepherds and other workers creating these items to pass the time.

"People back then were just like us, having traditions around food, spending time with friends in the communities and their pets, and decorating their homes and clothing," Allison said.

"By learning about how they lived back then, we can appreciate the things we have now, and learning about history in the everyday life makes it more relatable."

Using her degree in theater, love and passion for history, and love for hospitality, Allison had a dream of a castle- a real castle- where people could come and live in and work in just like a

real medieval community.

Her parents encouraged her to develop a business plan, and from there, she began to seriously look into what kind of business she wanted to run.

"The inspiration for Nitor comes from a lot of things. I have always wanted to build a castle, and that was a lifelong dream for me," Allison said. "One of the big things that really inspired me was a family camp called Sandy Island I grew up going to."

Sandy Island was a week-long camp, and it took care of everything, something a busy mom of three kids now appreciates more, and she expressed her

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Jessica Lamson and Lindsey Palmer lining up their wire to prepare to pull them through the holes to make the wire cord.



Melinda White and Nola Carlson all smiles while making their Viking wire weave.



Winnie Liang and Georgia Shen showing off their work proudly.



Jan Resnick focusing on looping the wire through to create something beautiful.



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- Interested in preserving our historic heritage and cultural resources?

Join the South Hadley Redevelopment Authority!

Contact – Anne Capra, Planning and Conservation Director
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Deadline – Prior to Fall Town Meeting, November 13, 2024
<https://southhadley.org/462/Redevelopment-Authority>

Get ready to ride!



Bike/Walk Social Bike Ride on Oct. 27

SOUTH HADLEY— On Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024 at 2 p.m., the South Hadley Bike/Walk Committee will host a Social Ride led by committee members Jake Woodruff and Anne Barry. Our Autumn Bike Ride will start and end in the Rocky's Ace Hardware parking lot, located at 487 Newton Street (Route 116). The five-mile route travels through neighborhoods and showcases some of South Hadley's existing bike infrastructure. After a bit of climbing at the start

of the ride, participants will use bike lanes, a short car-free connection between neighborhoods, and the recently completed Lyman Street (Route 33) bike path.

Meet at 1:45 p.m. in the center of the lot, away from store traffic. Wear your bike helmet and weather-appropriate clothing. Everyone is strongly encouraged to bring a water bottle. Anne and Jake will ride at the front and back to make sure everyone stays on the route, and we will keep a casual pace and

regroup several times to make sure everyone stays together. Come for a nice and easy autumn bike ride!

All events are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions. For more information, an Autumn Bike Ride route map, or to check for a weather notification (posted by 10am), visit the Town website at: <http://www.southhadley.org/bikewalk>.

Mail-in ballots for state election have been mailed

SOUTH HADLEY—Over 4,500 ballots have been mailed to registered voters who applied to vote by mail for the Nov. 5, 2024 State/Presidential Election.

If you are interested in voting by mail for the State Election, you have until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024 to apply.

In-person early voting will begin on Saturday, October 19, 2024, and run until Friday, Nov. 1, 2024 (excluding Sundays). All in-person early voting will be in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall, 116 Main St., South Hadley, MA. A full schedule is posted at www.southhadley.org/elections.

Please direct any election-related questions to the Town Clerk's office at 413-538-5030, ext. 6183, or elec-

tions@southhadleyma.gov.

Once you have completed your ballot, please seal it in the "Early Ballot Envelope" yellowish/brownish envelope and sign where indicated before returning your mail-in ballot. If the envelope is not signed, the Town Clerk's office must reject it and mail you a new ballot.

There are several options for returning your completed ballot. You may return your ballot by:

Mailing it back using the envelope provided

Hand-delivering your ballot to our office located at 116 Main St.

Using South Hadley's ballot drop box located at 41 Bridge Street, behind the police station

Dropping your ballot off at the Clerk's office during early voting hours.

All Saints' Church Auction Highlights

SOUTH HADLEY—Join your friends and neighbors and other treasure hunters at All Saints' Church, 7 Woodbridge St., South Hadley for an exciting day long Fall Auction on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 in Kidder Hall, the Church Parish Hall.

Arrive at 12 noon to preview the complete display of new, unused auction items, and be ready for the first bidding at 1 p.m. as the Guest Auctioneer raps the gavel to kick off this exciting event. A sampling of the many items to be auctioned off are: tickets to the Majestic Theatre, a surprise "Stay at Home Basket", an Atkins fruit basket, gift cards from Big Y, Stop and Shop and local restaurants, a

handmade quilt, knitted baby blankets and throws to keep you snug on the cool nights ahead.

A highlight item is the Tanglewood Basket which includes tickets for a concert in the 2025 Season, snacks, wine glasses and a bottle of wine. All in all this Auction is a great way to begin your holiday gift shopping, while enjoying some famous All Saints' refreshments. For your convenience two off street parking areas are located adjacent to the Church on the left side of Dunlop Place off Rt. 116, and the other in the parking area behind the Church. Donations or questions? Call Chairperson, Carol Reynolds, at 413-593-9441.

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desire for Castle Nitor to be like that, too, as a place

"We want to take the idea of Sandy Island and make it more historical. Ideally, we dream of making it a fun place where historical arts are celebrated, and you can work in a job you love," Allison said.

The Pettengails took classes and learned from the SCA, or the Society for Creative Anachronism, which is a reenactment group that focuses on teaching pre-seventeenth century skills, arts, and more.

"Doing the process of hand making something- it really puts into perspective the importance of a handmade and handcrafted item," Allison said, sharing the importance of artisans and crafters to our communities.

The Pettengails are currently looking for land to lease to do a glamping site, whether at a town park or old scout camp, or if someone had old farmland they didn't have use for and wanted to rent out for their use.

"When people come to Castle Nitor, my hope is they will have a comfortable and safe space to relax and learn," Allison said. "The goal is for them to feel like they are living out and a part of history."



Alex and Allison Pettengail enjoying their time teaching in their awesome ren faire attire.

The Pettengails teach at a variety of libraries, and you can find a calendar of their upcoming events and classes at <https://castlenitor.com>, and email her for more information through the

website.

You can also find her at the Connecticut Renaissance Faire this weekend, on Oct. 19 and 20, for the Faire's last weekend of the season.

Handbag Bingo is back in town!

SOUTH HADLEY—Saturday, Nov. 9 marks the 4th year of South Hadley's Handbag Bingo. Every year this event sells out and this year will be no exception as only a handful of tickets remain. All of this year's proceeds will

benefit the Buttery Brook Park improvement project. Tickets are \$40 per person. Contact Kim at ksprough@me.com if you're interested in attending to confirm there are still tickets available.

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Associate member vacancy on Planning Board needs filling

SOUTH HADLEY —Applicants are sought to fill an associate member vacancy on the Planning Board for a term ending in June 2026.

Due to a recent resignation on the South Hadley Planning Board, the elected body has a vacancy which needs filling. The position is generally a non-voting member.

All parties interested in applying for the position are asked to apply online here: <https://www.southhadley.org/FormCenter/Selectboard-4/Application-for-Appointment-to-Board-Com-44> Applicants may submit a resume but it is not required.

Applications and any additional documents must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Thurs-

day, Oct. 24. Once received by Selectboard administration, a complete packet for each candidate's submission will be made publicly available.

The chairs of the Planning Board and Selectboard will decide on a suitable date to have a joint meeting of remaining Planning Board members and members of the Selectboard to conduct interviews. Board members will make an appointment at the public meeting scheduled for the interviews or a subsequent public joint meeting.

The joint committee, by way of nomination and subsequent vote to appoint, will fill the associate member vacancy on the South Hadley Planning Board for a term from the date of appointment to June 2026.

Trail of Screams happening now

SOUTH HADLEY — South Hadley Scout Troop 303 will hold its annual Trail of Screams for children on the following weekends: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12, Oct. 18 and 19, and Oct. 25 and 26.

The trick or treat trail is open from 6 to 7 p.m., with a scarier version open from 7 to 9 p.m.

Admission is \$10 or with a canned good it is \$5.

The event is located adjacent to 502 Amherst Road (Route 116) in South Hadley.

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Town bills have been mailed

SOUTH HADLEY—FY 2025 Qtr. 2 Real Estate, Personal Property and first half of FY 2025 Sewer bills were mailed out to residents on Oct. 1. The due date for Real Estate and Personal Property bills is Nov. 1. Sewer bills are due Nov. 15. If you have not received your bills, please email our office at: collector@southhadley.ma.gov or call 413-538-5030, ext. 6189 and we can send you a new bill.

Bills can also be viewed/printed through Invoice Cloud which can be accessed from the website.

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Second Baptist celebrating its 175th anniversary

SOUTH HADLEY— On Oct. 20 Second Baptist Church will host a special Sunday morning service at 10 a.m. to celebrate its 175th anniversary. This Sunday gathering is just one part of a season of celebrating that includes monthly service projects to bless the community. For September, the church gave 175 backpacks with supplies to students in both Holyoke and

South Hadley. Holyoke is where Second Baptist Church began, and South Hadley is where the church moved in 1986. For October, the church plans to collect 175 bags of food for the local food pantry. In November, the goal is to provide 175 meals/volunteer hours to the Springfield Rescue Mission. The season of celebration will conclude with a giving tree coat drive for

the homeless through Between Bridges Ministry. Rev. Dr. Joe Greene, the church's lead pastor, summarizes the church's approach to its anniversary by saying, "For 175 years Second Baptist Church's mission has been to worship God and love people. We hope this season of celebration not only honors our past, but advances that mission in the present and future."

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all of which I find tie back to that same principle: when things are good, you want to sing it from the rooftops, and when things are not, you want to get back to that rooftop, so you sing about the fall down and the entire climb back up," Ray said.

"Showbox," his newest release which came out on music platforms like Spotify and Apple Music on Oct. 11, captures this sense of joie de vivre in every word.

"'Shoebox' is about a real, physical shoebox that I've kept on a shelf in my closet for years," Ray said. "I keep it to preserve all the sentimental things I can't bring myself to throw away, from ticket stubs to birthday cards to old jewelry."

"For me, it's an opportunity to pause and reflect when things get tough, to transport myself back to moments where I felt real joy, and to harden my resolve when I'm struggling and remember good things to come."

He took music lessons in South Hadley with Marilyn Dyer at Michael E. Smith Middle School, and BethAyn Curtis at South Hadley High School.

He also had his early career take off with the help of local producer and coach Donna Lee, who also worked as an entertainer for years.

"She took me under her wing from a young age after hearing me at a karaoke contest at Granby Charter Days in 2008, and with years of lessons, shows together, and just a wonderful friendship, she really helped to make me the musician I am today," Ray said.

When it comes to his message as an artist, it is for you to "lean into life" after believing most of his life his goal as an artist was to help people.

"To have people hear your music and lean in a little closer, remembering how glad they are to be here, to hear something that moves them, and to maybe remember an innocence or a warmth within them that they haven't felt in years," Ray said.

Ray lives in LA now and faced many hardships in getting his first song out to the public. Between job searching, mental health, the COVID-19 pandemic, and other health problems, it took a while for the song to be released, but now it is here.

When it comes to advice for

any new or aspiring musician, he offers two pointers of advice: "One, believe in yourself more than anyone else believes in you... and two, it's a marathon, not a sprint... You know you're doing this because you love it. It makes you feel alive."

During this experience into getting into music, he shared his love of working with his friends, and how much he appreciates his friends who got him to release "Shoebox."

These friends included Georgios Melimipolous and Ryan Song, his roommates in LA, Joel Numa who helped create the record's final mix, Matt Griset the pianist for "Shoebox," Marty Feldman his vocal coach, and Suren Wijeyaratne, who encouraged him to share "Shoebox."

"These guys and many more have made all the difference, and I couldn't be more grateful for their support and their friendship," Ray said.

Ray will be featuring the song at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 21 on FM 97.7 and AM 1250 with local Palmer radio station for an interview, so make sure to set an alarm to hear this amazing song for yourself.

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"This helps to lift up families and communities," explained Wanda Givens, program director for The Collective. The organization works with towns and cities, as well as businesses, to provide analysis and assessments, such as focus groups and interviews to hone in on the issues a municipality or business faces.

"That all feeds into what comes next in terms of coaching, consulting or training," explained Givens. One of The Collective's most provided trainings is one on cultural humility. The initial training offers an introduction to the notion as it fosters connections and helps to contribute to a more "compassionate and equitable society."

Jenise Katalina, The Collective's vice president, added that the organization can help institutions with both small and big ideas. She said that they offer direct programming for people to learn about social justice ideas, supports groups for families to look at moving

beyond poverty and ways for supervisors to support their staff in exploring their own bias.

Commission member Judith Gooch asked how The Collective persuades people who are privileged to look at these ideas. Givens noted that is certainly a challenge, but that they like to help people think of it as "a way of interacting with each other then take that and magnify it to a system level."

Givens added that they want people to "reflect on who they are and how they got there."

Several commission members noted that they'd like to see the commission really get out into the town of South Hadley to see what the challenges are.

Wong noted that, historically, there haven't been a lot of places to have those discussions, but now the commission is "planting seeds" and she hopes that, eventually, community members will be able to have "healthy conversations and healthy problem solving."



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Everyone enjoying finding some new-to-them treasures to bring home.

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collect them for the final big day of the tag sale.

In total, the tag sale raised \$2200 in order to support the various missions the church has set up in order to help the community.

The tag sale now works to raise funding for the various missions of the church, and one of them is The Lawrence House Service Corps, which is for young adults out of college.

The year-long program focuses and highlights the ideas of social justice and training these young individuals how to practice their faith in the community while fighting for the rights and justice of others.

"We're trying to engage in a lot of social justice ministries," Wallace said. "That way we can be there to help with the things the community is in most need of."

Other than the Lawrence House, the church is also sponsoring a refugee from

West Africa, helping her get established here with ESL classes, transportation to jobs, and other necessities.

The Social and Creation Justice Committee also works to sponsor a special focus within the community on an issue that needs help.

Through the month of October, for example, they have been working on how to faithfully vote, putting their decisions based on faith.

In November, they will hold a food drive and donate to Neighbors Helping

Neighbors, and December will have a focus on a coat drive or other services to help unhoused folks.

"It's so much fun, and it's so meaningful, to be able to make these connections with the community, and to be able to help them in some way in the process," Wallace said.

The church is always looking for ways to help the community, and its doors are always open to anyone and everyone.

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for this year," Anz said.

The committee for SHOWCASE South Hadley expressed a goal to make this an ongoing and annual event that people will look forward to, expect, and enjoy having in the town, and to make it the type of event that attracts folks from other towns.

"We know the event will be engaging, exciting, and it will be great for audiences, but from our standpoint, the collaboration and engagement to make sure there are no barriers to anybody, I think that is exciting," Anz said.

"We are celebrating our town, but not just for our benefit, but for other towns, to show that the arts and culture scene is alive and vibrant and on the move," Brezinsky said.

At the core, the three-day event will begin on Friday, April 25, 2025, with a special kick-off to be determined, and having Saturday and Sunday focus on different parts of South Hadley.

"Something new that we will be adding this year is a Friday night event, which will be an open house event with live music, visual art displays, and showcasing local restaurants which will have food stations set up, and it will be free and open to the public," Brezinsky said.

All music performances will be held indoors so they are not hindered by weather, and there will be craft and artisan fairs, family activities, and other programming events available outdoors.

Saturday will feature the center of town, with the churches, academic and performing arts centers, and commons taking part, and on Sunday will feature the Falls, including churches, the library, the Firehouse Museum, town hall, and other areas.

"I think it's important that everyone knows it is accessible to everyone, and this is a community event trying to bring back a sense of community post-COVID," Wood said.

Outreach has already begun to local businesses, musicians, artists, and more, looking for people to take part in this very special event.

"I think it's a time to come together and celebrate the arts in many forms and the culture of South Hadley," Wood said. "I think that this is an exciting opportunity to talk about an event in our community, as well as the rich and cultural things that are happening in the town of South Hadley."

The three-day celebration will be a special, barrier-free celebration of culture and the arts in the community, and every part of it is free and open "so that all can participate and appreciate what's happening," Brezinsky said.

"Through the exploration of culture and art and talent, it also will have a business benefit, and hopefully drive some commerce to our town and interest in our businesses just as much as those coming in for entertainment and performance," Anz said.

Members of the committee for SHOWCASE include Brent Nielsen (Head of School at Pioneer Valley Performing Arts), Frank Newton (Director of Arts at PVPA), David Solender (Cultural Council), and Dan Pease (Studio Manager of SH Community TV). Josh Powers (Assistant Director of Public Affairs and Community Engagement at Mount Holyoke), Hilary Glick (Arts Administrator at Mount Holyoke), Andy Rogers (Human Services Director), BethAyn Curtis (Music Director at SHHS), and Carol Constant (Selectboard), Jackie Gallo (local artist), Regina Zebrowski (President of SH/Granby Chamber of Commerce and General Manager of Chap de Laines Interiors), and Steve Markow (retired optometrist, business person, volunteer).

"This is the committee that is launching and planning the event, and we will continue to grow as we get closer to the event," Anz said.

More information about the developing program, volunteer opportunities, and how to support this event as an individual donor or corporate sponsor will be available at southhadleyarts.org



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Signs showing off the neighboring towns at one of the craft and artisan fairs.



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Tigers score win on new Lions turf

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—While all the other offensive and defensive starters played key roles, the difference maker in South Hadley's Suburban North match-up with Ludlow was Julius Hebenth.

Hebenth, who's a senior tri-captain, led the way both offensively and defensively.

Hebenth had one receiving touchdown and a rushing touchdown. He also had two interceptions leading the Tigers to a 31-12 victory over the Lions on the brand-new turf field at the Ludlow Sports Complex, last Friday night.

"As much as I love being in the spotlight, I wouldn't be as successful without the help of my teammates," Hebenth said. "I'm just glad that my team won tonight's game."

Hebenth also contributed with two rushing touchdowns, and he threw a TD pass on the Tigers two-point conversion plays.

"Julius is one of our leading players on both sides of the ball," said South Hadley head coach Brian Couture. "He's a fourth year member of the varsity football team and we're going to miss him bigtime next year."

South Hadley, who lost at home to the Pittsfield Generals by 40 points in the league opener the previous week, had a 2-3 overall record and a 1-1 league record following the road victory. The Tigers also haven't lost to the Lions on the gridiron in more than 15 years.

"It feels very nice to get back in the win column again," Couture added. "It's always a very tough game whenever we play against Ludlow."

While the Ludlow football team had already played two

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Griffin Soderbaum drops back for a pass.



Nehemiah Marrin rushes for the Tigers.

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Ella Schaeffer sets from the back line.



Peyton Leclair sends a hit over the net.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL KEEPS ROLLING

SOUTH HADLEY – Last week, the South Hadley High School girls volleyball team racked up three more wins. The Tigers defeated Smith Vocational, Holyoke, and Granby, and are now 12-2 and guaranteed a spot in the state tournament. They are also likely for the Western Mass. tournament. The Tigers face Renaissance in their regular season finale. Renaissance is one of two teams to beat South Hadley this season.



Raquel Losty reaches to her right for a bump.

Milana Srefogio goes for a hit near the net.

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Split keeps Rams at .500



Meredith Bartosz sends a punt away during recent action for Granby girls soccer.

GRANBY – The Granby High School girls soccer team is treading at the .500 mark after splitting its last four games. Last week, the Rams fell 1-0 to Easthampton and defeated Chicopee 7-1. With that split, the Rams are now 6-6 heading into its final four games. The Rams are in action against on Saturday morning, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. with a tough challenge from Central Mass.' Quaboag Regional.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
McKenna Zumbruski is pressured near midfield.



Brenna Moreno makes her way up the field.



Eleanor Szlosek tries to settle a loose ball in the defensive end.



Kalli White is nearly tripped up.

Bonsignore scores win at Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, Conn. – Justin Bonsignore was in Thompson Speedway victory lane again on Sunday afternoon. For the 14th time in his career, Bonsignore captured victory on the high-banks in Connecticut - leading the most laps and taking the lead back late after a pit road miscue to rocket to another win.

The victory was Bonsignore's 43rd career on the Whelen Modified Tour, giving him sole possession of third place all-time. His 14th career Thompson win also put him just one off Mike Stefanik's record of 15.

"We worked hard all summer, but haven't had the best car," Bonsignore said. "We brought back 'Old Faithful'. This car has been sitting bare bones since the last Martinsville race and we finally got it back together. It got us back into Victory Lane at Thompson and the guys did a great job today with the quick turnaround. It's humbling to be around Reggie and Teddy and to have your name mentioned with them is really special. Obviously we try not to think about that stuff while we're still racing, but it is really awesome to have that much success in this series over the 15 years that we've been here. Hopefully we've got another 14 or 15 years in us if we can stay competitive."

With the win, Bonsignore closed within five points of Ron Silk in the championship battle with two races remaining. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will return to the track at North Wilkesboro Speedway on Sunday, October 20. The series will then visit Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, October 26, for the season-finale.

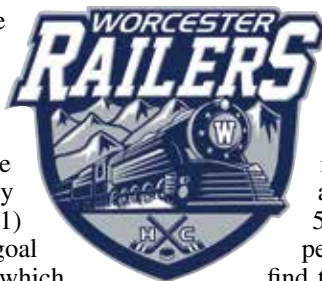
Worcester Railers scored win over Mariners

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers HC (1-1-0-0) beat the Maine Mariners (1-1-0-0) on Saturday night by the final score of 4-0 in front of a crowd of 700 at the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center. The Railers open the regular season next weekend when they take on the Reading Royals at the DCU center on Saturday, October 19th at 6:05 p.m.

Worcester jumped out to a 2-0 lead with goals from Jordan Kaplan (1-1-2) who struck at 3:43 and Justin Gill (1-0-1) scoring just a minute later in the first period. Worcester continued their scoring in the second. Connor Welsh (1-0-1) scored at

13:55 to make the score 3-0 Worcester. Worcester finished the scoring off by notching one more in the third. Joey Cipollone (1-0-1) scored the final goal of the night, which made it 4-0 when the final buzzer sounded.

Worcester wasted no time striking first tonight as Jordan Kaplan (1st) found the back of the net 3:43 into the first period. He was shortly followed up by Justin Gill (1st) who got one by Maine's Ryan Bischel just under a minute after Kaplan got a dish



from Matt DeMelis. Worcester had an opportunity to score on the power play following a tripping penalty with just under 5 minutes in the period, but couldn't find the back of the net.

Worcester went into the first intermission with the 2-0 lead. Shots favored the Railers 14-5.

Worcester's penalty kill got to work early killing off two penalties. The first on Anthony Repaci 30 seconds into the second followed by Jordan Kaplan at the 12-minute mark. The Railers got their own opportunity on

the power play with 6:20 to go in the second and Connor Welsh (1st) cashed in on passes from Jordan Kaplan and Anthony Callin to make it 3-0 going into the third. Worcester outshot Maine 14-7.

Worcester wasn't done yet as Joey Cipollone (1st) scored on a redirected shot 6:08 into the third. The penalty kill would continue their perfect weekend after shutting down two Maine power plays. The Railers went eight-for-eight on the penalty kill against Maine in the pre-season. Cipollone's goal would be the final score of the night, cementing the Railers 4-0 shutout victory.

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New members added to Board of Governors at HoopHall

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced its newly elected Board of Governors, a group of leaders dedicated to preserving the legacy and promoting the future of basketball. Among the outstanding Governors elected at the Board's September 2024 annual meeting is basketball legend Julius "Dr. J" Erving, who will serve as Vice Chairman of the Board.

Celebrated as one of the most electrifying and influential players in basketball history, Erving transformed the sport with his graceful, high-flying style, culminating in his induction into the Hall of Fame in 1993. His position on the Board reinforces his long-standing commitment to basketball's premier institution, having an annual college basketball award named in his honor to recognize the top men's collegiate small forward, and most recently, serving as the host of the Jerry Colangelo Golf Classic at the Biltmore Golf Club in Phoenix this past September.

"We are thrilled to have such distinguished leaders on our Board of Governors," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "Each of these individuals brings a unique perspective,

and their combined expertise will be invaluable as we continue to honor the game's rich history while also shaping its future."

In addition to Erving, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame is honored to acknowledge the leadership of the following elected officers:

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T-Birds settle for split on opening weekend

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-1-0-0) could not get their offensive rhythm going on Sunday afternoon and dropped a 4-1 decision to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (1-1-0-0) at the MassMutual Center.



The visiting Penguins came out with a purpose less than 24 hours after dropping a 7-6 barnburner to Charlotte in their home opener. In outshooting the T-Birds 8-0 in the opening nine minutes, they also chipped in the first goal of the contest at the 5:00 mark when defenseman Nate Clurman was gifted with an open net after a Jimmy Huntington shot ricocheted off the end boards and back in front of Colten Ellis' net.

The T-Birds responded with much better pressure in the back half of the period, but rookie Penguins netminder Sergei Murashov made all 12 saves he needed to make in his first AHL period of play.

It was a similar story in the second, as the Penguins went right to work in the offensive end, causing chaos around the Springfield net. Sam Poulin eventually extended the lead

as he received a centering pass from Emil Bemstrom and elevated it over the blocker of Ellis to make it 2-0 at 3:21 of the period.

Just 2:05 later, Avery Hayes added his second goal in as many games, arriving at the far post to chip a rebound into the top shelf after an initial bid by Joona Koppanen. The lead ballooned to 3-0 for the visitors.

MacKenzie MacEachern finally got Springfield on the board at 12:00, thanks to a fortuitous bounce off the end boards from a Hunter Skinner shot attempt. Corey Schueneman also picked up an assist on the play, his first point as a Thunderbird.

The T-Birds never could get back in rhythm, though, as they mustered a scarce amount of scoring chances in the final period. Boris Katchouk put the game away with a power play goal at 15:47 of the third to close out the scoring, and Murashov picked up his first AHL win with 27 saves.

The T-Birds take to the road for the first time this season on Friday night as they visit the Hartford Wolf Pack at the XL Center for a 7 p.m. puck drop.

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games on their new turf field, last Friday's contest was the official opening. All the Ludlow fall athletes were standing in the middle of the turf field during a halftime ceremony.

"Everybody in the community should be very proud of this entire complex," said Ludlow head coach Ray Saloio. "Hopefully, we can take care of this facility with a lot of pride, and we can use it for many years."

Next spring, the Lions varsity baseball team will be playing their home games on the grass baseball field located next to the football field, which was also redone as part of the project.

The Lions (1-4, 0-2) celebrated a 40-18 victory over Belchertown in the inaugural game on the new turf field on September 27.

Neither South Hadley nor Ludlow were able to score any points during the first twelve minutes of last Friday night's game.

The South Hadley offense did have the ball in Ludlow territory four times before they were finally able to break the ice late in the first half.

The Tigers first scoring drive of the game was set-up following a Hebeneth interception at the Lions 36 yard line.

After two runs by junior quarterback Griffin Soderbaum and three more rushes from sophomore running back Noah Hambley, Hebeneth caught a 12-yard TD pass from Soderbaum in the back of the endzone with 56 seconds left in the first half. Hebeneth then took a direct snap from the center and skipped into the endzone making the score 8-0.

With 11 seconds remaining on the scoreboard clock, Hebeneth intercepted his second pass of the game at his own 28 yard line.

Instead of just taking a knee, the Tigers coaching staff decided to call a passing play. Things didn't work out very well for the visiting team, as senior Anthony Grimm recovered a fumble, and he ram-



Jayden McManis goes for the sack.

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Brody Keller tries to avoid tacklers.

bled into the endzone with no time left in the first half.

The extra point try by senior Kyle Rodrigues sailed wide left.

"We had the momentum at halftime," Saloio said. "We were going to receive the second half kickoff, and it was a 0-0 game at that point in our minds. We did have some trouble executing offensively in the second half."

On the second play of the third quarter, Soderbaum picked off a pass thrown by Ludlow junior QB Mason Morace at the Lions 44.

Seven plays later, Hebeneth took another direct snap and dashed into the endzone on a three yard run. He also scored a rushing touchdown on the two-point conversion play, which extended the Tigers lead to 16-6 with 6:38 left in the third quarter.

"I just have to give a lot of credit to my

offensive line," Hebeneth said. "They did all the work for me."

The members of the Tigers O-line are sophomore Roberto Melendez, junior Jasiel Ramos, junior Jamie Medina, junior Brayden Koske, and senior tri-captain Jayden McMains.

The Tigers other senior tri-captain is Nehemiah Marrin.

Following a Ludlow punt, Hebeneth replaced Soderbaum at the QB position for one series.

After completing a 39-yard screen pass to sophomore Lincoln Belsky, Hambley capped off the seven play drive with a 9-yard touchdown run with 2:28 remaining in the quarter.

The extra point field goal was good by sophomore Cooper Wall.

Trailing, 23-6, the Lions got a little bit closer on the scoreboard when Mor-

ace completed a 35-yard touchdown pass down the middle of field to senior Ashton Leary. A pass on the two-point try was incomplete.

With 2:23 remaining in regulation, Soderbaum scored the Tigers final touchdown of the game on a four yard keeper. Then Hebeneth connected with sophomore Brody Keller for a TD pass play on the conversion try.

Both teams will be making trips west on the Mass.Pike to the Berkshires this week.

South Hadley will be playing a rare Thursday afternoon game against Taconic at Berkshire Community College. Kickoff is slated for 3:30 p.m.

Ludlow will be playing Pittsfield at B.C.C. at 7 p.m. on Friday night.

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Details for the programs listed can be found in the October newsletter or by calling the Welcome Desk

Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m. – Women's Network with Odyssey Book-

shop owner Joan Grenier.

Refreshments supplied by Nic-Nat's, sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors.

Thursday, Oct. 24 at 5:30 p.m. Staying Safe Online. Maria will give a safety presentation. She'll assist you in creating strong passwords, shop safely online and protect your personal information.

Thursday, Oct. 29 1- 3 p.m. Halloween Bingo. Bingo Prizes and refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors. Costumes optional.

Enrollment now open for Massachusetts Home Energy Assistance Program

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities today announced that the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) enrollment period for the 2024-2025 winter heating season will open on October 1. This critical program provides financial relief to eligible households to help them pay their winter heating bills, ensuring they can keep their homes safe and warm during the colder months.

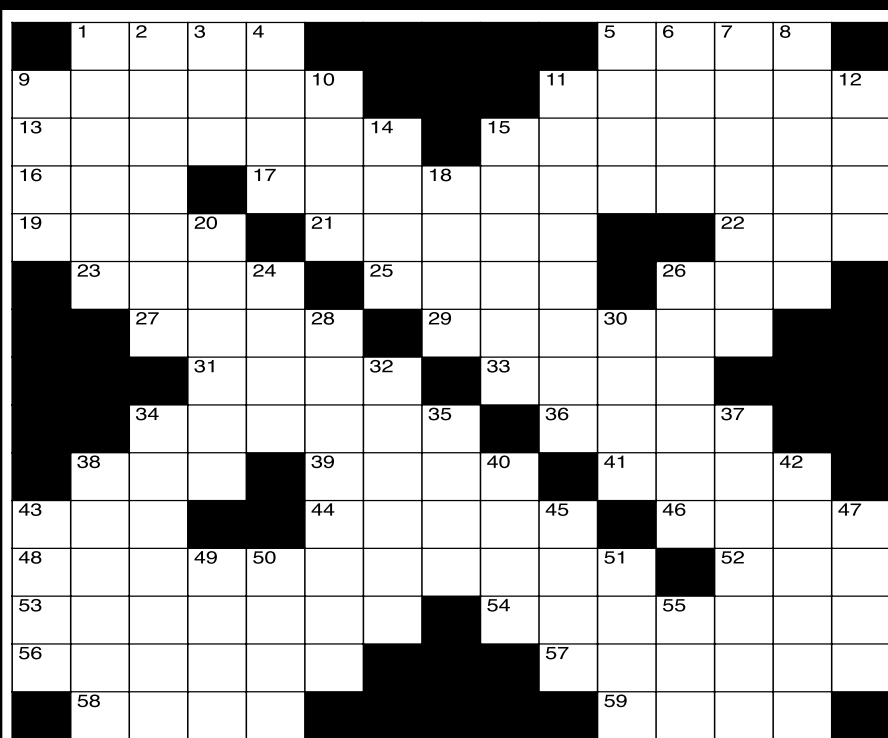
HEAP is a free, statewide resource that assists eligible renters and homeowners by paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their heating companies. Starting Oct.1, homeowners and renters can apply online or through local administering agencies across the state. The assistance period

runs from Nov. 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025. HEAP offers grants that do not need to be repaid; however, households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify.

Eligibility is determined by several factors, including household size and the combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance for all heating sources, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. Households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify.

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- 13. Former UK PM May
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- 16. Standard operating procedure
- 17. Separating
- 19. Particles
- 21. A way to map out
- 22. Referee declares
- 23. Beginner
- 25. Water (Spanish)
- 26. Gov't lawyers
- 27. Non-reproductive parts of an organism
- 29. Spanish friends
- 31. A type of tree

CLUES DOWN

- 33. Walk heavily
- 34. About a wood
- 36. Free-swimming marine invertebrate
- 38. Political action committee
- 39. SB19 hit song
- 41. Scorch the surface of
- 43. Moved quickly on foot
- 44. Sacred state for a Muslim
- 46. Growl
- 48. Pearl Jam frontman
- 52. Irritating person
- 53. Something requiring a solution
- 54. Firing
- 56. Hazards
- 57. Taiwan capital
- 58. Impudence
- 59. Rock frontman

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One who rides an elephant
- 2. Absence of bacteria
- 3. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 4. Men's fashion accessories
- 5. "Honey" actress Jessica
- 6. Round red root vegetable
- 7. Latin term for "charity"
- 8. Doesn't smell good
- 9. Mental health issue
- 10. Millisecond
- 11. Hairstyle
- 12. Edible starch
- 14. Middle Eastern military title
- 15. Protein-rich liquids
- 18. Indian musical pattern
- 20. Cancer and Capricorn

- 24. Country along the Arabian peninsula
- 26. A bend
- 28. Fishes of the herring family
- 30. Antelopes
- 32. Chaos
- 34. Popular music app
- 35. Cooking material
- 37. Musical instrument
- 38. San Diego ballplayers
- 40. Small amounts
- 42. Poured
- 43. Fabric
- 45. Food option
- 47. Finger millet
- 49. The U. of Miami mascot is one
- 50. Alberta, Canada river
- 51. Canadian flyers
- 55. Dry white wine drink

Public Notices

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, November 12, 2024 at*1 Library Lane-Carnegie Building-Top Floor** to consider the following:

1. **7:30 p.m.:** "**RDA**" filed by Chris Plewa and Zhi Tan to see whether the work depicted on the plan referenced are subject/jurisdiction to the Wetlands Protection Act and/or any municipal wetland ordinance or bylaw of the Town of Granby with regards to property located at Lot 2 East Street and known as 5B, , Lot 4-2, in the Town of Granby.

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

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William Shaheen, Chair
Granby Conservation Commission
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1. **7:30 p.m.:** "**RDA**" filed by Debra Peloquin to see whether the work depicted on the plan referenced are subject/jurisdiction to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations with regards to property located at 31 Cold Hill Drive and known as 3A, B-15, in the Town of Granby.

Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using **Access Code:** 282-289-421or 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.

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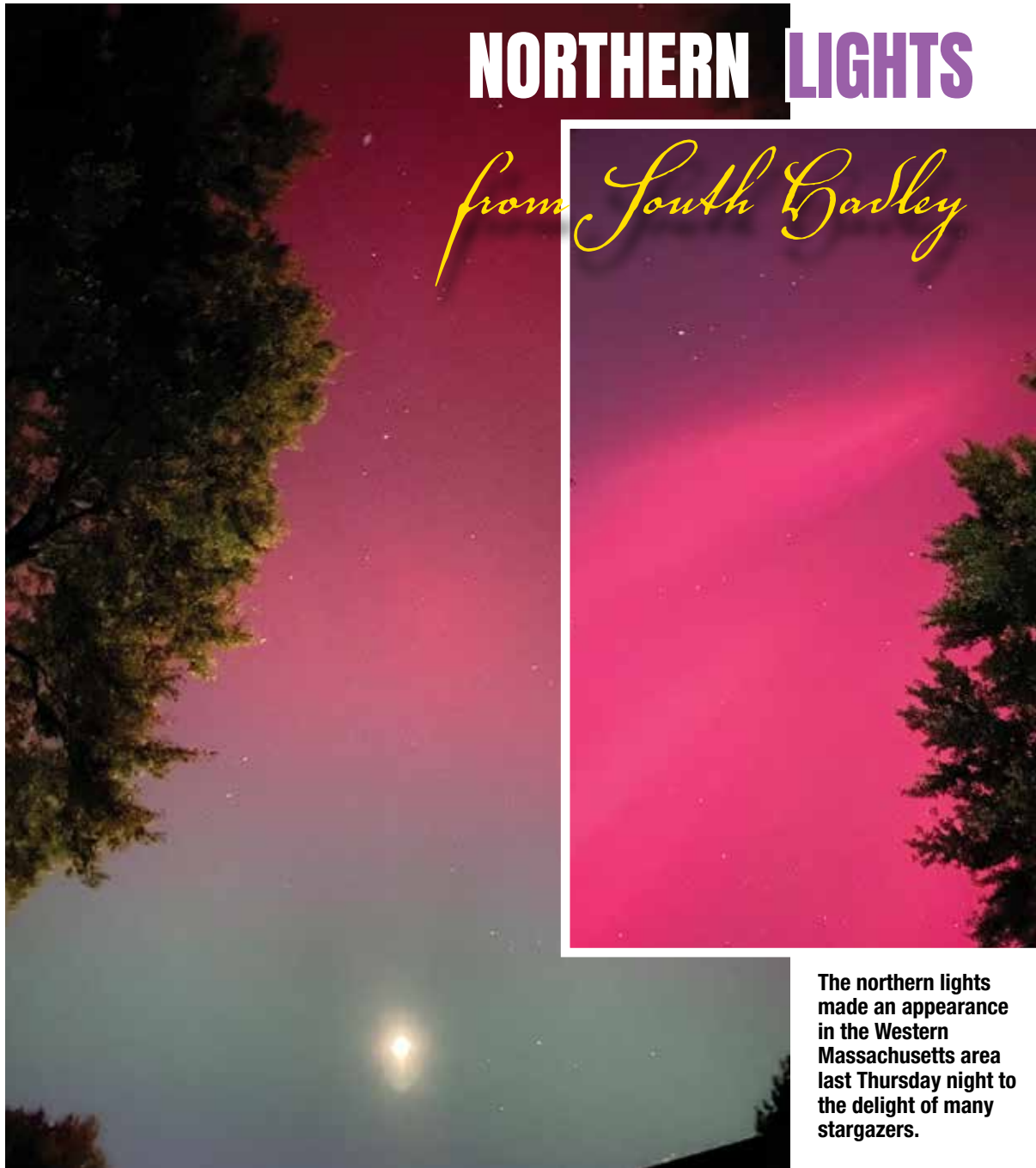


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Greenfield Cooperative promotes Matt Donovan

SOUTH HADLEY—Greenfield Cooperative Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Matt Donovan to Commercial Associate Lender. Donovan brings a wealth of experience to this newly created role.



In this position, Donovan will work closely with experienced commercial lenders to gain valuable skills in deal origination, structuring, negotiation, and underwriting. Through mentorship and hands-on experience, he will develop the expertise necessary to support commercial lending activities and contribute to the growth of the bank.

“We are thrilled to have Matt take on this important role,” said Mike Buckmaster, senior vice president, Commercial Lending. “His expertise in commercial credit analysis, combined with his strong work ethic and dedication to customer service, will be a valuable asset to our commercial lending team.”

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