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Ceremony honors all who serve

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SOUTH HADLEY – Dozens of people gathered at the monuments in front of Town Hall to show their gratitude for those who served on Veterans Day.

The ceremony was led by Director of Veterans Services, Chris Plotniak, who thanked everyone for attending.

"We gather today to recognize and honor the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States," Plotniak said. "Their service, sacrifice, and dedication to our nation have protected the freedoms we enjoy and strengthened the communities we call home."

Plotniak said this year was especially meaningful as the town and the nation both celebrated their 250th anniversaries.

"For two and a half centuries, generations of South Hadley residents have answered our nation's call to service," he said. "From the Revolutionary War to today's Armed Forces, veterans have played a vital role in shaping the history of both our town and our country. As we reflect on 250 years of community, we also honor 250 years of service, sacrifice and commitment."

Plotniak recognized members of the South Hadley Veterans Council, the South Hadley American Le-

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A Scout saluted the American flag during the Pledge of Allegiance at the town's Veterans Day ceremony.

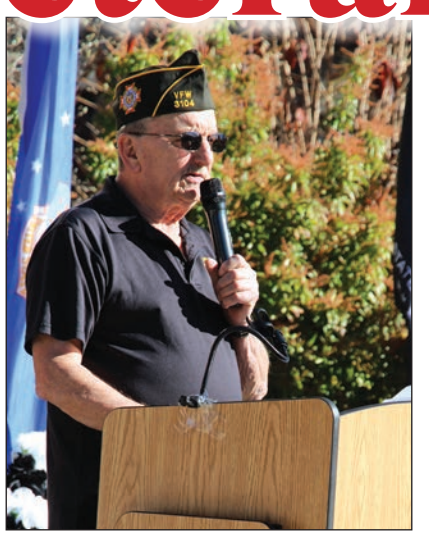


A bugler played "Taps".



A Cub Scout carried a bell to be rang 11 times.

Veterans Day



South Hadley VFW Post 3104 Chaplain Jean Larouche led the invocation.



The American Legion Honor Guard prepared for a rifle salute.

Voters refer recalls article to bylaw committee

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SOUTH HADLEY – A Special Town Meeting was held at the South Hadley High School auditorium where residents voted on 11 articles.

Serving as the Moderator for the Special Town Meeting was John Hine, who recognized speakers to speak on each article.

Article 10 was about recalls of elected officials and was read by one of the petitioners, David White. There was a total of eight sections listed on the warrant for article 10.

Under Section 2, it read, "Before any officer can be subjected to a recall ballot, the petition shall be signed by at least 5% of the registered voters for 75% of the average number of voters in local Town Elections for the previous three year, whichever is the lesser amount."

This article listed grounds for removal and that any holder of an elected office in the Town of South Hadley may be recalled and removed from that office by the voters of the town.

In his statement about this article, White asked what the cost to the town would be for keeping a non-performing town official.

White said, "We ask the town meeting tonight take ownership of this manner, approve this article and send it to Boston."

He said the Bylaw Review Committee voted in a meeting prior to the Special Town Meeting to not recommend this article by a majority vote of 3-2.

With this article, if approved, the town gets the right to do a recall vote if there is any wrongdoing conducted by an elected official. For example, preventing those who may abuse their authority.

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MWRA withdraws Quabbin water increase application

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

REGION – The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority withdrew its application Nov. 5 to increase the amount of water it can draw from the Quabbin Reservoir, a move local officials called a win for watershed communities, but only the start of a longer conversation.

In a letter to the state Water Resources Commission, MWRA Interim Executive Director Stephen Estes-Smargiassi rescinded the authority's Interbasin Transfer Act application. The

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Members of the Granby Veterans Memorial Committee and Friends of Granby Veterans stand below the newly constructed pavilion near the Granby Veterans Memorial. Left to right is Charlotte Mugnier, Brian Sowell, Tom Rousell, Ann Rousell, Rob Chauvin, Rhonda Haska and Jason Richard.

New pavilion added by Granby Veterans Memorial

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GRANBY – The newest addition to the area of the Granby Veterans Memorial was completed this past week.

A new pavilion was added to the property in addition to the memorial wall and tank. This project was made possible by the efforts of the Granby Veterans Memorial Committee and the Friends of Granby Veterans.

The Memorial Committee was appointed by the Select Board back in 2012 for the purpose of finding a place to put the veteran plaques that honor the Granby service members.

The Friends of Granby Veterans is a group of dedicated men and women chartered to finance and care for the Granby Veterans Memorial wall and assist Granby veterans with their needs.

The memorial was completed and celebrated back in 2024. The memorial wall recognizes Granby servicemembers who served from the Revolutionary War to modern conflicts.

The tank currently displayed on the property was delivered to the Granby Veterans Memorial on June 27, 2023. The tank was delivered from Fort Devens and is from the Vietnam War era.

The current project, constructing and installing a pavilion, was completed on Nov. 6 of this year. Chairperson of the Granby Veterans Memorial Committee Jason Richard said this project was supported thanks to many volunteers.

He said contractors donated their labor and many materials for the project were donated as well. The Friends of Granby Veterans supported this project through fundraising.

"It has come a long way," Richard said.

Tom Rousell serves on the friends and memorial committee and has been with the Friends of Granby Veterans for 14 years. He is a veteran who served during the Vietnam War.

Rousell said the Friend of Granby Veterans is made up of 13 members and are always looking for volunteers.

The pavilion project started in the spring of 2024.

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State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine announces retirement

STOW – The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced the retirement of State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine after a career of nearly 30 years in the Massachusetts fire service.

He will step down as Massachusetts' 19th state fire marshal on Jan. 22, 2027.

"State Fire Marshal Davine's leadership and collaboration have helped Massachusetts lead the way in firefighter health, safety, and training," said Governor Maura Healey. "His calm and steady guidance have been invaluable to our crisis planning and response. I am deeply grateful for his service and wish him and his family the very best after so many years protecting public safety."

"From major fires and emergencies to collecting and reporting the data that drives our fire safety strategies, State Fire Marshal Davine has been a trusted leader and a valued partner," said Public Safety & Security Secretary Gina K. Kwon. "His passion and commitment to fire protection at every level of government have helped make Massachusetts one of the most fire-safe states in the nation."

"Serving as State Fire Marshal and leading the Department of Fire Services has been my greatest professional honor and privilege," Davine said. "I especially want to recognize the dedicated staff at DFS, who work tirelessly in support of our firefighters and our Commonwealth. They deliver the highest standards of training, operational support, and fire protection expertise every single day."



Submitted Photo

After nearly three decades in the fire service, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine announced that he will retire early next year.

Davine was sworn in on Aug. 16, 2023. Under his leadership, the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services undertook a series of initiatives, responses, and modernizations to improve fire protection, firefighter training, emergency preparedness, and hazard awareness in the Commonwealth, including:

Coordinating Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive preparation and staffing for the 2026 World Cup games in Foxborough;

Assigning State Police fire investigators, code compliance officers, and support personnel to the Gabriel House fire response and investigation in 2025;

Deploying hundreds of missions to assist local and state agencies battling Massachusetts' unprecedented 2024 brush fire season;

Expanding the fire service's understanding of the risk posed by lithium-ion battery fires by hosting a symposium of subject matter experts and launching new data collection tool in 2023;

Consolidating two Hazmat districts to more efficiently serve western Massachusetts;

Broadening access to free firefighter cancer screening;

Opening a new burn building to improve firefighter training in southeastern Massachusetts; and

Bringing the Commonwealth into the top 5% of states reporting fire data through the new National Emergency Response Information System.

Prior to his state service, Davine was chief of the Northampton Fire Department.

The first state fire marshal to graduate from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, he rose through the ranks there during a 25-year career as a firefighter, Hazmat technician, and member of the Department of Fire Services' Joint Hazard Incident Response Team.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

The state fire marshal is selected by the Massachusetts Fire Service Commission. That eight-member body is appointed by the Governor and represents the fire service, insurance industry, and Executive Office of Public Safety & Security.

Its members will meet in the days ahead to determine the process and timeline for selecting a new marshal.

Massachusetts appointed the nation's first state fire marshal in 1894. Today, the role oversees almost 1,000 full-time employees and contract staff on three regional campuses, with four operational divisions and the administrative offices that support them.

Shrek the Musical to be held Nov. 14 & Nov. 15



SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Players are presenting Shrek the Musical on Saturday, Nov. 14 with showings at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m.

The production will be taking place at the South Hadley High School auditorium.

The production is directed by Cyn Strycharz, musical direction by Dan Mashia, book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire and music by Jeanine Tesori.

Tickets are $20 for adults, students and seniors are $14, tickets may be purchased online at www.southhadleyplayers.com.







St. Nicholas Craft Fair to take place Nov. 14

LUDLOW – Christ the King Rosary Sodality's St. Nicholas Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Christ the King Parish Center located at 41 Warsaw Avenue in Ludlow.

They will be hosting talented vendors along with a 50-50 Raffle and various gift raffles.

A light luncheon, drinks and desserts available for sale. All are welcome to join the festivities.

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South Hadley Committee members participate in Master Plan Forum

SOUTH HADLEY – South Hadley's Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) recently hosted an evening Forum with over 50 appointed and elected town committee members for a candid, cross-committee conversation about South Hadley's future. MPIC's role is to monitor and encourage South Hadley's appointed and elected town committees and incorporate the goals of the Town's Master Plan in their work. The four major MPIC goals:

• Building a welcoming community where all can thrive.
• Preserving natural and cultural resources.
• Ensuring our community is sustainable and resilient.
• Making the town a model for good municipal communication.

The recent Forum focused on the first goal: Building a welcoming community where all can thrive. The purpose of the gathering was to think together, in small, mixed groups, about how to advance this goal. Each discussion group addressed three questions:

• What would a community where all can thrive look like?
• What stands in our way?
• How can we get there?

Following robust discussions there was wide agreement on many issues. Almost everyone said a thriving community was one where people felt connected to one another. They said people want to know what is happening and how to help. They want places to gather and meet neighbors, they want events at the library, the senior center, community spaces, and in neighborhoods. They want affordable and varied housing, strong schools for children of every age, and good local jobs.

Suggestions included: South Hadley needs one easy place to find what is happening in town, such as a shared calendar and regular updates delivered by text or email. There should be more ways for neighbors to connect, from community events to everyday places to meet. People would like neighborhood-level gatherings, such as precinct meetings or informal info sessions where residents can ask questions and meet the people who serve them. There should be clearer ways to get involved, including plain-language explanations of what each committee does, how to volunteer, and what to expect. They agreed that there should be better connections between town boards and committees to share overlapping interests and information.

There were also honest differences among the groups regarding new growth. There was much talk of the value that could be added by attracting new businesses to town and some pointed to the need for new zoning. Others noted the zoning changes that have already been made along the 202/33 corridor. Some raised the need for more affordable housing options and others were concerned about how new housing impacts neighborhoods and town services. They want to be sure that development, whether residential or business, occur in ways that are sensitive to the character of the town.

People also differed on how town government should be organized. Ideas ranged from improving the connection between residents and Town Meeting Members to studying other forms of government. Finally, everyone agreed that they want respectful conversation, even when there is disagreement.

MPIC members agree there is much work ahead! They will be following up on the ideas and information gathered at the Forum through their regular meetings with town committees and boards. If you would like more information or to get involved, please reach out to the MPIC Chair, Nate Therien at natetherien@gmail.com.

Holyoke Pizza named 'Best Pizza Restaurant in Holyoke for 2026'

Dear Holyoke Pizza Team,

We are pleased to inform you that Holyoke Pizza has been officially recognized as the **BEST of 2026 Holyoke Award Winner in the Pizza Restaurant category** - an honor based on verified data from Google Reviews as analyzed and certified by Business rate provides intelligent ranking solutions and comprehensive review, management services to help local businesses thrive in competitive markets through data-driven insights and proven strategies.

This recognition is part of the BusinessRate BEST of 2026 Awards, which identify local leaders in customer satisfaction, brand reputation, and service excellence. Your BusinessRate Score is a complete performance metric that combines all factors with a simple, easy-to-understand score. This comprehensive rating shows how your business ranks against local competitors.

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Warm regards,
Kyle Pittman
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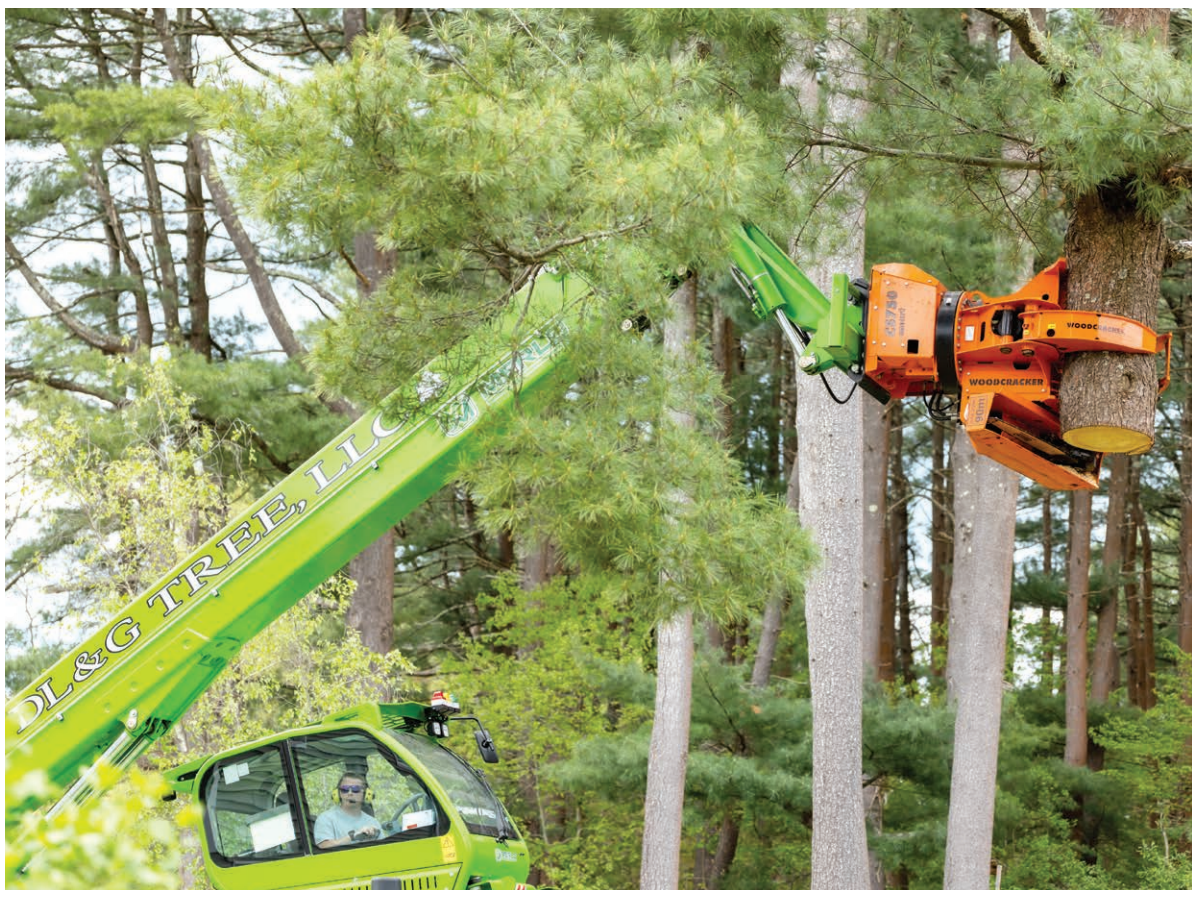
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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

How can I find out what I've contributed to Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I have a simple question (I think).

How do I find out how much I have paid into Social Security over the years?

Signed:
Curious Senior Citizen

Dear Curious Senior:

I expect you might rightfully believe you have contributed quite a lot and, fortunately, there are a couple of convenient ways for you to find out how much you have actually paid into Social Security over your lifetime:

1. If you have an online Social Security account (www.ssa.gov/myaccount) you can simply go to your online "my Social Security" account and click on the link for "Social Security Statement."

In that online Social Security statement, you will see a listing of your lifetime earnings, and at the bottom of that listing you will see how much you and your employers on your behalf have paid in Social Security FICA payroll taxes (or SECA self-employment taxes) over your lifetime.

2. If you do not have your online Social Security account set up, you can also contact the Social Security Administration, either your local SS field office get the local office contact information at www.ssa.gov/locator or call 1-800-772-1213 to ask that a copy of your personal "Social Security Statement" be mailed to you.

Obviously, getting this information online is the most efficient method, so you may wish to create your online account if you don't yet have one. Instructions for doing so can be found at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Having this online account will open the door for you to access all the information Social Security has for you, including details of your monthly benefit and your lifetime earnings history.

FYI, many who seek this information are looking to understand when (or if) they might get back all their contributions once they start collecting Social Security benefits. Of course, much depends on the age at which you claim your benefits, but as a general guide, it usually takes about 5 years or less for you to get back in SS benefits all that you have personally contributed to Social Security. However, the length of time to "breakeven" is longer for self-employed individuals, who must pay both the employee and employer portion of Social Security payroll taxes.

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Carrots beckon to be harvested

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



My youngest daughter loves cooked carrots with a little drizzle of maple syrup, whereby my older one likes them raw with peanut butter on the side.

It's funny that these incentives that we started back when they were little kids and we wanted them to eat their vegetables stuck through the years!

Regardless of what the girls like to eat their carrots with, I am so glad they eat them. Carrots are a nutritious root vegetable, containing beta-carotene which our bodies convert to Vitamin A, potassium and other vitamins, dietary fiber and antioxidants which vary according to the color of the carrot.

For years I struggled to grow carrots when my friends seemed to have an easy time of it. Either the seeds didn't germinate well, or if they did, bugs ate the seedlings when they were just an inch tall.

One year I got past that only to have the roots taste so bitter at harvest that I ended up throwing them all out. All that work for nothing!

The last few years I've done much better, and as we speak my carrots beckon me to finish the harvest. So far I've been in a "pick as needed" mode, but since I don't want to deal with insulating them under layers of straw, time is running out and I better get them out of the ground.

Here are some tips for growing great carrots.

Ideally your soil should be deep, loose and free of stones. Carrots grow well in raised beds for this reason.

Regular garden beds should have the soil loosened to about a foot deep. Be wary of using fresh manure or other sources of fertilizer that are super high in nitrogen. While it's true that carrots like some nitrogen, having ultra rich soil will make for fibrous, hairy roots.

Experts say that if you are going to amend it should be done the fall prior.

It can take a long time for carrot seeds to sprout. Gardeners have tried all sorts of extraneous measures to get them to germinate more quickly and with greater consistency.

Here are some things I have read about and some I have tried.

The old radish trick – try sowing radish seed interspersed among your carrot seed. The radishes will sprout first, marking the row and providing some shade for the developing carrot seedlings. Some people pre-sprout. Place seed in a moist paper towel and set it in a warm spot in the house and it will sprout.

Immediately after sprouting it is sown in place in the garden. The rows are kept moist and ideally the seedlings take hold.

Sadly, I have read that sometimes this causes roots that end up misshapen. Sometimes gardeners use wood, shade cloth or burlap to keep the seedbed moist.

If you miss when the seeds sprout, they could be smothered under these coverings or worse yet, get tangled up in the fabric. Check daily and remove coverings on the first notice of germination. Continue to keep the bed watered or seedlings will perish.

I planted my carrot seeds in shallow furrows just after Memorial Day and kept the plot watered until they were up and growing. Although carrot seed can germinate in early spring – even when soil temperatures are below 50 degrees, I have had better luck with later sowings.

Another concern gardeners have has to do with sowing the tiny seeds and/or thinning the seedlings.

Carrots mature to the right size when given at least two inches between plants. I usually try to sow my seed a half-inch apart and then thin to two inches.

Thinning is a pain to do, especially in bigger plantings, but it can be done. In order not to damage nearby seedlings, I often use a tiny pair of scissors to cut away the crowding seedlings.

A thumb and index finger can also be used to pinch away the excess plants right at the soil line. Sometimes gardeners mix carrot seed with sand or dry coffee grounds to make sowing the small seed easier; using seed tape or pelletized seed are other, albeit expensive, options to ensure more equidistant seedlings.

Regular carrot seeds are viable for two-three years whereas pelletized seed is viable for a year. Tape and coated seeds do still need to be kept as moist as regular sowings – maybe even more so, due to the additional layers.

This past year I thinned early on but probably should have done it again when the plants were bigger. I do have clusters of roots within my rows where some carrots look like "baby" carrots and others are full size.

Ah, such it life. The small ones will take a little more work to deal with, but will taste just as good, I imagine.

It'll be fun to serve carrots at our Christmas dinner. After harvest I'll store them unwashed in perforated bags in the fridge until I am ready to use them. And maybe I'll serve them with a drizzle of maple syrup.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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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in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

I received an email this week from a reader, who shared a photo of a white-breasted nuthatch he took. He said he has not seen a hairy woodpecker in three years.

The hairy woodpecker is a medium-sized woodpecker found across North America, characterized by its black-and-white plumage. Males have a red patch on their head; females do not.

They typically inhabits forests and is known for its energetic climbing behavior while foraging for insects in tree bark.

The hairy woodpecker is the larger of two look a likes – the hairy woodpecker and the downy woodpecker. Although they both possess the same black and white feather pattern color and the red patch on the back of head (males only), the hairy woodpecker has a much longer bill than the downy woodpecker.

The hairy woodpecker measures approximately 9.8 inches in length and has a wingspan of about 15 inches. Its diet mainly consists of insects particularly wood-boring beetles, which it extracts from tree bark.

They also excavate their own nesting cavities often in the dead stub of a living tree. The entrance to the nest is about 2 inches tall and 1.5 inches wide, leading to a cavity 8-12 inches deep.

The inside widens at the bottom to make room for the eggs and the incubating bird. It's typically bare except for a bed of wood chips at the bottom.

They are known for their distinctive drumming sounds, which they use to communicate and establish territory.

The hairy woodpecker's call is a short, sharp peek and is similar to downy woodpeckers, but slightly lower pitched and often sounding more emphatic. They also make a rattle or whinny. This call is also similar to the downy, but does not descend in pitch at the end.

Ravens

The man, who sent the photo of the white-breasted nuthatch said where he lives, the supermarkets are

"raven territory." He recommended reading the book "Ravens in Winter" by Bernd Heinrich..

Bale eagles

A Petersham resident spotted four bald eagles, two in a tree and two flying above, on Saturday, Oct. 31 around 10 a.m. on Popple Camp Road, Petersham. He said, "Perhaps the unlucky rabbit road kill caught their attention or they were a reminder to us all to vote on Nov. 3."

Large flock of blackbird

Three of my grandchildren and I saw a large flock of blackbirds flying overhead in Spencer on Friday, Oct. 30. I guessed there were at least 200 birds, maybe more, in the flock.

Other birds

I spotted a flock of about a dozen robins along the road side recently. I wondered if they were gathering to migrate south or if they were some of the robins that over winter in this area.

I spotted a red-tailed hawk fly across the road on election day, Nov. 3. I have seen a red tailed hawk three different days and in different locations recently.



Hairy woodpecker

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gion Post 260, the South Hadley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3104 and the South Hadley Scouts, who participated in the ceremony.

He gave special thanks to Veterans Council members Chair Adam Jajko, Vice-Chair Riley Kranz, George Francis, Stephen Romeo, Dave Mendoza and veteran Jocelyn Dennett.

After the honor guard from Post 260 presented the colors, the Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Clara Bell Kranz, the daughter of active-duty U.S. Army veteran Riley Kranz.

Post 3104 Chaplain Jean Larouche led the invocation, and asked those in attendance to pause for a moment and reflect.

"We reflect with gratitude on the sacrifices made by generations of veterans who answered the call to serve often placing the welfare of others before their own. Their dedication has helped preserve the freedoms, opportunities, and way of life that we enjoy today," Larouche said. "As South Hadley celebrates its 250th anniversary, we remember those who have served from every generation of our town's history. From the earliest days of our nation's founding to the present day, countless individuals from this community have demonstrated courage, duty, and commitment in service to our country."

Members of the Veterans Council then spoke about the town's 250-year military history.

"South Hadley's incorporation in 1776 places our founding at the very moment the United States declared its independence," Romeo said. "The earliest residents of this town were part of the Revolutionary generation – farmers, tradesmen, and families who lived under the uncertainty of war. Many served as Minutemen, responding to alarms, marching to nearby towns, and supporting the Continental Army."

As the young nation grew, South Hadley residents continued to serve in local militias and state units, Romeo said.

During the War of 1812, citizens contributed to coastal defense and regional readiness, demonstrating that even a small New England town played a role in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty.

During the Civil War, South Hadley citizens joined Union regiments, serving in infantry, artillery, and support roles.

Letters preserved in local archives describe the hardships of camp life, the uncertainty of battle, and the deep sense of duty felt by those who left home to preserve the Union.

"Their service helped define South Hadley's commitment to national unity and civic responsibility," Romeo said.

Jajko shared the town's military history going into the 20th century, when the U.S. joined World War I.

"Local residents once again stepped forward to serve," he said. "They trained in camps across the country, sailed across the Atlantic and entered a conflict unlike any the world had seen."

On Nov. 11, 1918 at 11 a.m., the guns of the Great War fell silent – marking the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I.

"Across Europe, soldiers emerged from trenches, hearing quiet for the first time in years," Jajko said. "Across America, including here in South Hadley, church bells rang, factories paused and families gathered in relief and remembrance."

By 1954, Armistice Day was called Veterans Day, and it became a national observance to honor all veterans.

Jajko said the tradition has been to pause at the 11th hour on Veterans Day, to acknowledge the sacrifice, service and the hope for lasting peace.

South Hadley Scouts lined up to ring a bell 11 times, once for each hour leading to peace when the Armistice was signed.

"This symbolic act honors the end of World War I, the origins of Veterans Day, and the sacrifices of all who served," Jajko said.

Dennett shared South Hadley's military history from World War II through post-9/11.

"World War II brought profound change. Hundreds of South Hadley servicemembers deployed across Europe, the Pacific and other theaters," Dennett said. "The war years strengthened South Hadley's identity as a community united in purpose."

In the decades that followed, South Hadley veterans served in Korea, Vietnam and Cold War operations around the world. Many returned home to build families, strengthen local institutions and contribute to civic life.

"Their experiences broadened the town's understanding of service in an increasingly complex global environment," Dennett said.

From Desert Storm to deployments in Iraq, Afghanistan and other regions, South Hadley servicemembers continued to uphold the responsibilities of military service.

Their professionalism and dedication reflect the same values held by the town's earliest veterans 250 years ago.

"Across all eras, one truth remains constant: South Hadley's history cannot be told without its veterans," Dennett said.

During the ceremony, Plotniak paused to recognize Gold Star Families, those who have endured the profound loss of a loved one in military service.

"Their sacrifice is one borne not only by family members, but my our entire nation," he said. "To our Gold Star Families, we offer our deepest gratitude, respect and remembrance. Your loved ones will never be forgotten."

Veterans Council member Mendoza said Veterans Day is not about a single battle, or conflict, or generation – it's about the enduring commitment of those who served during times of war, peace and uncertainty.

"Today, we honor all veterans whose service has preserved the freedoms we cherish," Mendoza said.

This was followed by a reading of the Veterans Day proclamation from the commonwealth, read by Kranz.

Kranz and Mendoza then placed a 250th commemorative wreath to honor the town's anniversary at the Town Hall Veterans Monument, which was followed by a rifle salute by the American Legion Honor Guard and the playing of "Taps" by a bugler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Plotniak asked all to remember that Veterans Day is not only a day of reflection, but a day of gratitude.

"To every veteran here today and to those who could not be with us, thank you for your service to our nation and to our community," he said. "As South Hadley celebrates 250 years, we recognize that generations of veterans helped build and protect the town we know today. May we continue to honor their service not only with our words, but through our actions, our support, and our commitment to ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten."



The American Legion Honor Guard gave a rifle salute.



Veterans Council Vice-Chair Riley Kranz read the Veterans Day proclamation.



Veterans in attendance posed for a group photo after the ceremony.



Scouts participated in the Veterans Day ceremony.



Scouts lined up to ring the bell.



Girl Scouts lined up to ring the bell.



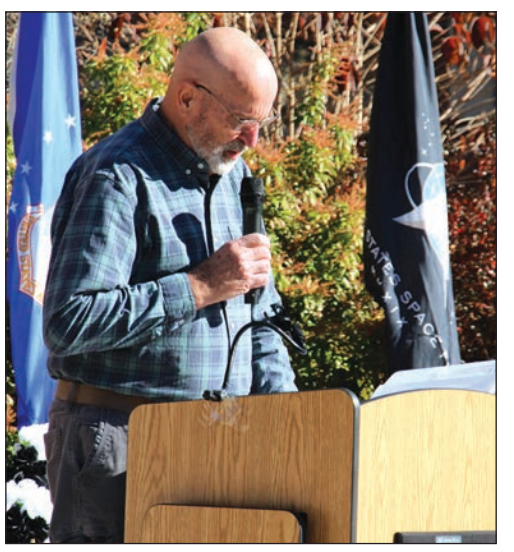
Clara Bell Kranz, the daughter of active-duty U.S. Army veteran Riley Kranz, sang the National Anthem.



Director of Veterans Services, Chris Plotniak, was the master of ceremonies.



Veterans Council member David Mendoza spoke during the ceremony.



Veterans Council member Stephen Romeo spoke during the ceremony.



Veteran Jocelyn Dennett spoke during the ceremony.



Veterans Council Chair Adam Jajko spoke during the ceremony.

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South Hadley boys fall in finale



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Matthew Butler sends a free kick away.



Martin Dixon brings in a pass.

SOUTH HADLEY – After a quick defeat in the Western Mass. tournament, South Hadley hosted rival Belchertown in its final game, a non-playoff match-up, before the state tournament. South Hadley was defeated 3-2 and drew Mt. Greylock for the Round of 32 in the Division 4 State Tournament.



Goalie Xzavies Roasrio collects the ball after a shot.



Jaxon Pueschel is pressured by an opponent.



Hunter Keller makes a pass back to the defense.



Peter Barone tries to turn play around.

Granby boys win in WMass quarterfinals



GRANBY – In the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. Class D quarterfinals, the Granby High School boys soccer team got one first half goal from Austin Carmody and defeated Mt. Everett 1-0. The Rams were scheduled to play Hopkins in the next round. Highlights from that matchup will be in a future edition.

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Conor Callery clears the ball away.



Colby Szymonik goes after a loose ball on defense.

Gabriel Helbok gets a leg out to block a pass.



Brandon Carillon gets ready to receive a pass.



Daniel Brown chases after the ball near midfield.



Jacob Weglarz goes high to bring down an intercepted pass.

Tigers fall in tough state tourney matchup

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Thursday evening, South Hadley High School football, which had a 7-1 regular season, was defeated in the Division 7 Tournament First Round against Rockland High School. The score was a tough 41-0 as South Hadley could not manage to get the ball through the end zone for the first time this season. South Hadley, with its season wins in the region, was placed in the Class B Championship Game for Week 10, and they were scheduled to face SICS on Thursday, Nov. 12.

The Tigers will then host Holyoke on Thanksgiving morning.

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Grounds of removal that were listed in the warrant under article 10 included malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance in office. There was also conviction of a felony, incapacity to serve, abuse of authority or failure to disclose conflict(s) of interest.

An amendment motion was made to remove the word "misfeasance" from article 10. The amendment motion passed by a majority vote.

White said this article is simply a tool with no hidden agenda. A vote in favor of article 10 would

White said 750 signatures would have to be collected to get a recall on the ballot and over 50% of voters must approve a recall. Afterwards, the voters would have to vote in a replacement.

Many residents spoke about the article and said there wasn't enough information laid out or it wasn't thought out properly. It was recommended that the town's Bylaw Review Committee can take a look at the language.

Chairperson of the Bylaw Review Committee, David King, spoke earlier after White's statement to give a brief summary of what the committee does.

King said they review language to make sure items make sense and then decide and vote if they recommend or not recommend. He did confirm with the voters that the Bylaw Review Committee had a 3-2 majority vote to not recommend the article for the Special Town Meeting.

White came back to speak as voters wanted clarification on the numbers that are required for the petition.

He said the rules require 5% of the average number of voters for three years or 25% of the actual registered voters.

Someone at the Special Town Meeting recommended that the Bylaw Review Committee can share some input on it before the town decides to institute a recall process.

King spoke again and said the committee will look at this article if the vote is put forward. If voted, Hine said the town is done with discussing article 10.

The town voted to refer this article to the Bylaw Review Committee by a majority vote of 80-14.

Speaking at town meeting bylaw

Article 3 was a vote to amend the Speaking at Town Meeting bylaw. The additions include the Town Moderator to publish to all residents 30 days prior to the town meeting, the procedure and criteria for non-town meeting members to be allowed to speak at town meeting.

Anyone who speaks at town meeting, including but not limited to town meeting members, upon any matter in which the speaker and/or their immediate family has a financial interest shall begin their remarks by disclosing such interest, unless such financial interest is shared with substantial segment of the population of the town or town precinct.

Some residents made the argument of publishing rules may discourage people from wanting to speak during a meeting. Many voters wanted to know if this limits voices in town meeting.

One comment suggested that a Moderator's responsibility is to speak with members of the public about these policies.

Article 3 passed by a majority vote of 65-30.

Bus camera adoption

The voters discussed article 4, which is to accept provisions of General Law Chapter 40, section 71 to allow the town or school department to install and operate a school bus violation detection monitoring system on a school bus to enforce violations pursuant to General Law Chapter 90, section 14 and 14C.

There were mixed feelings about article 4, wondering if surveillance is necessary. The bigger picture was placing safeguards for children and students.

One resident expressed the ongoing issues of cars passing school buses while children are being picked up or dropped off. Another addressed safety concerns on certain routes, including Route 202.

Town Administrator Lisa Wong said, if passed, this decision would go back to the School Committee who will work with the Police Department for procurement.

Another resident said it is understanding that this is mainly a safety issue, but thinks surveillance does not keep people safe.

Article 4 vote failed by a majority vote of 70-24.

Zoning amendment

Earlier in the Special Town Meeting, article 7 was a vote to amend Article IX Chapter 255-128(H). The motion passed by a 95-1 majority vote.

This decision also connects to article 8, a zoning amendment, which was petitioned by the landowner of 129 College St.

The town would vote to amend Chapter 255 Zoning Map by changing the zoning from Residence A-1 to Business B.

Residents voiced their opinions and recommended not to change the zoning. Direct abutters to the property spoke and said that the petitioner was not present.

Many abutters believed there was no reason to change the zoning to Business B.

A resident said the building at 129 College St. is fully occupied with businesses and residents thought other areas in town have room for development. Many residents claimed the area of the building already has a busy intersection and changing the zoning would not benefit the neighbors.

The article did not pass with a majority vote of 83-9.

FY 27 budget changes

The town voted on article 2, to amend the fiscal year 2027 budget.

The changes included transferring $15,600 from Health Expenses to Health Personnel, $12,000 from Ledges Phone to Ledges Restaurant Doors, $25,000 from Town Accountant Personnel to Town Accountant Expenses and $75,000 from Human Resources Personnel to Police Personnel.

A resident proposed an amendment to strike the $75,000 transfer, which failed to pass.

The original motion on article 2 passed.

Agricultural use bylaw

Article 9 was to see if the town meeting will vote to repeal Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255-25, agricultural, horticultural and floricultural uses.

A resident proposed a detailed amendment for additional language to be added to agricultural uses of the bylaw. The amendment was moved and then voted on; it passed by a vote of 76-20.

Hine clarified that this amendment was to make sure that all Mass. General Laws are followed when it comes to humanly handling animals on the property. The official vote on article 9, agricultural use bylaw as amended, passed 86-6.

Fall concert to be held Nov. 20 & 21

HADLEY – Pioneer Valley Cappella, led by music director Scott Halligan performs its fall 2026 program, "Pathfinding" at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 at Wesley Methodist Church in Hadley and on Nov. 21 at the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, Northampton.

"The program is a meditation on the paths we follow, the paths we regret, and the paths we discover on life's journey". The program includes Three Elizabethan Part Songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Sacred music by Charles Villiers Stanford: "Justorum Animae", sacred text from The Book of Wisdom. "Fern Hill," with poetry by Dylan Thomas, music by John Corigliano inviting us on a path of nostalgia for lost youthful innocence.

The program includes a North American premier: "Crude (oil)," by English composer Bernard Hughes, text by Andrew George.

The program closes with "Untraveled Worlds" by Paul Halley, which sets text from "Ulysses" by Alfred Lord Tennyson. "The music drives us forward and urges us to continue seeking, exploring, pathfinding."

Food pantry wish list

SOUTH HADLEY – Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry wish list for food donations. As the weather turns a bit cooler the food pantry is looking for some basic staples. Any amount of donations would be greatly appreciated. The food pantry is located at 30 Carew St., in South Hadley, Mass.

Items on the wish list include soups, tomato products, canned meats, chilis & stews, condiments, cold cereal, oatmeal, pasta (any kind), personal hygiene items (bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo) and pet food.

The pantry provides nutritious food to those in need while building strong relationships with local neighbors.

With your help, they can create a better future for everyone.

Polish Holiday festival to be held Nov. 14

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Public Library will hold a Polish Holiday festival on Nov. 14 in the Bazan Community Room from 11a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will include exhibitions, make and take workshops beginning at noon, kolendy (carols), refreshments and a kids coloring table.

All events and refreshments are free and everyone is welcome.

The program is funded in part by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council supported by the Mass. Cultural Council.

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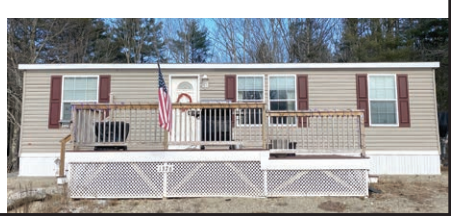
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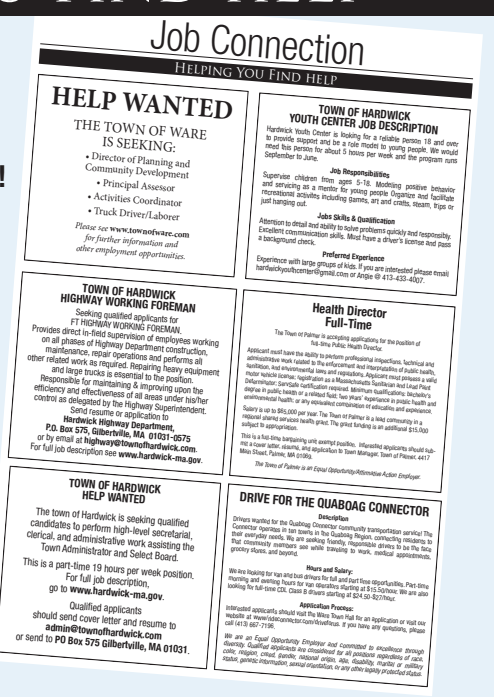
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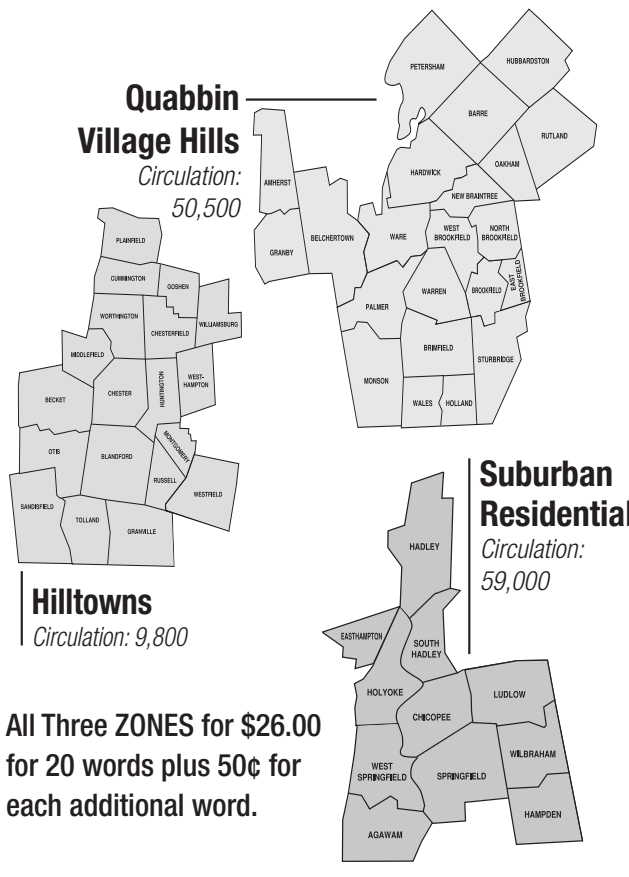
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proposal sought to raise the MWRA's transfer rate by 20 million gallons per day, from about 220 MGD, to accommodate future service-area expansion.

It drew more than 1,000 comments, with elected officials and residents questioning its legal basis, climate assumptions and fairness to communities in the watershed. The MWRA said future requests will be reviewed community by community.

"As stewards of an essential regional water resource, we recognize the importance of maintaining the confidence and trust of the Quabbin communities that have protected and supported the Quabbin watershed for generations," Estes-Smargiassi wrote.

He said the MWRA sought "a full and transparent disclosure of the impacts of increasing withdrawals from the reservoir system," but that "the use of that regulatory option added to confusion and concern, rather than allaying it."

Instead of seeking a single, systemwide increase to cover future growth, the MWRA said it will return to its traditional approach, reviewing the impact on the water source, known as the donor basin and the communities receiving water "contemporaneously."

Each community that applies to join the MWRA system will submit its own analysis of the effects on the Quabbin watershed and a case for its demonstrated water needs.

The MWRA did not name which communities are seeking admission.

Weymouth is applying to join the system to serve the town and the Southfield redevelopment at the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station, according to the town's website.

The town expects an MWRA decision in early 2027 and says pipeline construction could be completed between 2030 and 2032.

Separately, nine MetroWest public water suppliers, known as the MetroWest-MWRA Connect Coalition, entered an intergovernmental agreement in 2025 to study the cost of connecting, the Acton Exchange reported Nov. 7. The suppliers are Acton Water District, Concord, Bedford, Ayer, Groton, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard and Westford.

Local reaction

Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) thanked "legislative colleagues and everyone who made their voices heard" in a statement after the withdrawal.

"This was a collective effort, and the credit belongs to the communities that refused to be left out of decisions affecting their future," he wrote. "While we must remain vigilant against future proposals, today is proof that when communities come together and speak with a united voice, they can make a difference."

Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton) called the outcome "a testament to their collective power and transformative advocacy and organizing." She encouraged continued dialogue with the MWRA.

Rep. Aaron Saunders (D-Belchertown), whose 7th Hampden District includes Quabbin watershed communities, called the withdrawal the start of a discussion.

"I think we can get to a place of fairness and equity, without being overly burdensome on the MWRA ratepayers," he said. "Getting there is going to be a conversation, and compromises will need to be made, but (withdrawal of the application) is a big step. It removes an obstacle."

What's next

Attention is turning to payments and representation for the 12 communities involved in watershed and system discussions: Barre, Belchertown, Hardwick, Ludlow, New Salem, Orange, Pelham, Petersham, Phillipston, Shutesbury, Ware and Wendell. Together they have received about $3 million in payment in lieu of taxes funds for state-owned land.

In an Aug. 12 letter to the MWRA, Gov. Maura Healey proposed a commission to review and recommend changes to the PILOT program. She noted that the Mass Ready Act, as filed, proposed that the MWRA make two years of annual payments of $50,000, in addition to existing PILOT, to each watershed community.

She also proposed working with the communities on technical expertise for water infrastructure, support for local fire and police response, a new forum for raising concerns and statewide drought watering restrictions.

The MWRA Advisory Board, in an Aug. 28 response, backed help with local police and fire response and technical assistance, but cautioned that additional payments should account for more than 40 years of existing funding for watershed protection and "be considered through the Commonwealth's broader review already underway."

Saunders has also filed "An Act relative to the Quabbin Watershed and regional equity," which would create a Quabbin Host Community Trust Fund, add representation for Connecticut River Valley and watershed interests on the MWRA board and cap board terms, such as at 12 years.

The withdrawal comes as the MWRA changes leadership. Jonathan Gulliver, named the authority's next executive director pending contract negotiations, supports withdrawing the application and pursuing "a more focused submission that addresses the demonstrated needs of the communities currently seeking admission to the MWRA system," Estes-Smargiassi wrote. The Advisory Board said in a blog post after Gulliver's appointment that the authority's next phase will require "skilled staff, realistic schedules" and a more public-facing MWRA.

The board wrote that the authority and its member communities could build "a meaningful voice in the decisions communities fund," along with a clearer understanding of what their investment provides and more public partners to help sustain the system.

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Holiday Bazaar to be held Nov. 21 & Nov. 22

SOUTH HADLEY—The 25th Holiday Bazaar is being held at Center Church, UCC, 1 Church Street, South Hadley, on Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 22 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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The Fellowship Hall will be filled with new and gently care for, affordable tree decorations, lights, window candles, gift wrapping supplies, permanent wreaths and trees, table linens, decor items, toys, books, gifts, the list continues.

The Meetinghouse House Room, the Chapel, and the Music Room will have a variety of local crafters for you to start your holiday shopping and decorating.

New this year is a silent auction. Always a favorite is selecting cookies from the Pastry Cabinet. Other tasty treats will also be for sale.

A free children's craft will keep the kids busy. Sit for while at the cafe area taking a break and enjoying a delicious soup lunch, also available to take home.

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SPRINGFIELD — BusinessWest, the business journal of Western Massachusetts, is now accepting nominations for its 19th annual Difference Makers awards.

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Nominations for the Difference Makers class of 2027 are due by Monday, Dec. 21, 2026. They can be submitted at https://businesswest.com/difference-makers-nomination-form/

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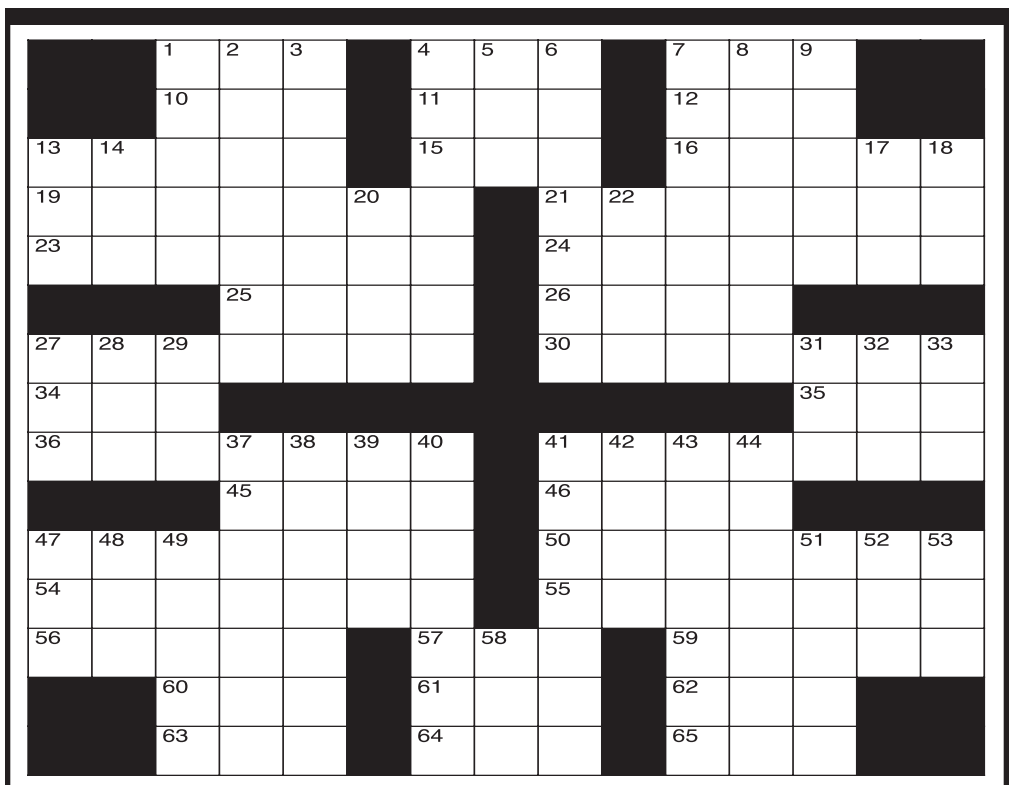
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4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator Fleming
11. Male adult
12. Norse mythological figure
13. Coffin cloths
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. "Losing My Religion" rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

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1. Indoor plant
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
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9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They __
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of "bear"
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

PAVILION from page 1

The work consisted of raising the old garage that was originally on the property. The work involved altering the foundation so the pavilion could be built.

Plans to dedicate the pavilion will take place around Memorial Day 2027.

Rousell said there will be new additions to the pavilion in the near future. For example, a patio with benches and making the area Americans with Disabilities Act compliant.

Underneath the pavilion is a compass pointing north in the direction of where the memorial stands.

With the memorial, the area has become a Veterans Memorial Park dedicated to the veterans and a place for the community to enjoy.

"Dedicated to the veterans, but this is for everyone to enjoy," Rousell said.

A Veterans Day Ceremony took place at the Granby Veterans Memorial on Nov. 11. The memorial and the new pavilion can be found on the corner of North Street and Route 202, 257 East State St.

For more information about the Granby Veterans Memorial, visit www.granbyveteransmemorial.org.



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The Granby Veteran Memorial has been made possible by the efforts of a committee of volunteers.



Shown is a compass pointing north on the ground of the pavilion.



A view of the Granby Veteran Memorial wall and tank from underneath the new pavilion.



The new pavilion was completed this past week as a new addition to the area that honors Granby service members.

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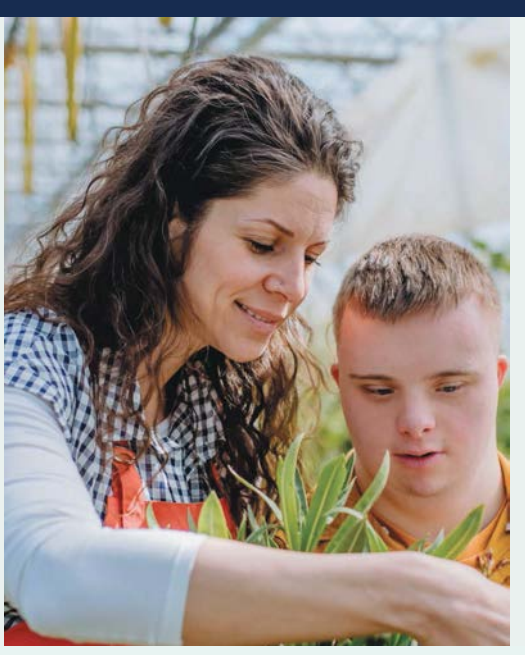
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Come shop from a variety of gift baskets, beautiful knitted & crocheted items, holiday ornaments, and much more. Do you have someone on your list who is hard to shop for? We have got you covered.

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