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why we're still here.”

“So she’s been making these for about a year now,” said Christian Nanas. “She’s a chemical engineer by trade so she just wants something to do, with her, like creative side. Then she loves jewelry as you can see here, it’s one of her passions. So, she loves taking all the different types of natural stone and then creating her own design. We’ve been just trying to get our business up and running and we want to be more a part of the community itself too. One of our friends actually recommended us this. And we were like, ‘perfect’, especially if we can donate some money as well to the school.” The name of their business is Mary and Icy.

Holly Francis also participated in the fair.

“Paper Pie is the name of the company,” she said. “It’s

children’s books, we do anything from newborn to pre-teens. There’s lots of different things you can do. We have book fairs for schools, we have fundraisers, we have a lot of homework helpers for those who are homeschooled or just need extra help, and then lots of books to grow from each stage of life. We have touchy feely books, to finger trail books so they can learn the shape and design of their letters and numbers.”

Many members of the community came to support the music fundraiser. Music is such an incredible creative outlet, and it is fantastic the community recognizes this. It’s clear Beauchemin and each vendor cares deeply about the South Hadley Music Program. For more information about the South Hadley Music Parents Association visit South Hadley Music Parents Association.



Trina Perreault at the Craft Fair in support of the South Hadley Music Program.



Christian Nanas with “Mary and Icy” at the Craft Fair in support of the South Hadley Music Program.

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required to appoint one member. In addition, residents were encouraged to volunteer and were interviewed at selectboard meetings throughout the spring. “With this task force, all community members who expressed interest were selected,” Nick Gingras, co-chair of the task force, explained.

Members include Gingras and Kevin McAllister as co-chairs, Andrea Miles as clerk, and Charles Miles, Dan Luis, Michelle Cruz, Gena Lomelin, Emily Young, Hector Lomelin, Forrest Bowlick, Nicholas Prentiss, and John McCarthy.

The task force’s mission is to examine the town’s budget and identify sustainable fiscal goals. “The Budget Task Force was convened as part of the FY26 budget development process in response to mounting budget pressures and the recognition of a structural deficit,” Gingras said. “The committee is dedicated to understanding how to balance providing necessary and quality services with the financial status of residents. The study will include details about how recommendations impact the tax rate, and also consider other financial pressures that residents and businesses are facing.”

The group’s work is organized into three phases. Phase I involves reviewing the overall budget and diagnosing the key drivers of the projected gap. Phase II—currently underway—focuses on collecting data and conducting in-depth analysis of department budgets, comparing South Hadley’s spending with other communities facing similar challenges. Phase III, scheduled between November and February, will focus on compiling findings and generating the final report.

To make the process more efficient, the task force created two subcommittees: finance/data Collection and communications.

Among the biggest fiscal challenges is a sharp increase in health insurance costs combined with limited revenue growth. With residential property taxes as the town’s primary revenue source, projections for growth remain around 2.5%. “To be able to better insulate the town’s budget moving forward, the community will need to investigate areas to drive more growth and find ways to keep health care costs under control,” Gingras noted.

Transparency and public engagement are central to the task force’s work. Meetings



Liz Lamont at the Craft Fair in support of the South Hadley Music Program.



Karen and Terry Rougeau with “K’s Kreations” at the Craft Fair in support of the South Hadley Music Program.



Samantha Sabbs at the Craft Fair in support of the South Hadley Music Program doing permanent jewelry.



Cheryl Haas at the Craft Fair in support of the South Hadley Music Program.



Veronica Perez at the Craft Fair in support of the South Hadley Music Program.

Legal Notices

Town of Granby Invitation for Bid Charter Day Amusement Rides

Sealed bids for Amusement Rides will be received at the Selectboard Office, Senior Center, 10-B West State Street, Granby, MA 01033, **until Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 1:00 P.M** at which time they will be opened publicly.

Proposals should be placed in a sealed envelope marked **Amusement Rides BID #CD20-01** in the lower left-hand corner and sent to the Board of Selectmen, Senior Center, 10-B West State Street Granby, MA 01033.

Any questions pertaining to the bid requirements or documents should be directed to

Randy Guevin, Chair of Granby Charter Days Committee at 413-241-1893 or: GranbyCharterDays@granby-ma.gov.

If the Town Hall is closed due to uncontrolled events such as fire, snow, ice, wind, or building evacuation, the bid opening will be postponed until 1:00 p.m. on the next normal business day.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Comedic actor Rogen
- 5. Bits per inch
- 8. Tire pressure measurement
- 11. Angels great Mike
- 13. Own (Scottish)
- 14. Notable FI racing team
- 15. Upper bract of grass
- 16. Tax collector
- 17. Electronic counter-measures
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Skeletal muscle
- 21. Popular fish type
- 22. Salts of acetic acid
- 25. Arriving early
- 30. Worded
- 31. Single Lens Reflex
- 32. Amphibians
- 33. Warm greeting
- 38. Belonging to a thing
- 41. Segmented worm
- 43. Concerns
- 45. Audacious
- 47. Wings
- 49. A way to march
- 50. Wind chill formula scientist Charles
- 55. Island close to the U.S.
- 56. "To the ___ degree"
- 57. Daniel ___, French composer
- 59. A way to march
- 60. Where golfers begin
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Of she
- 63. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- 64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Engine additive
- 2. Amounts of time
- 3. Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
- 4. Color properties
- 5. One who hands over
- 6. Thieves of the sea
- 7. Put in
- 8. Nocturnal rodents
- 9. Pouches
- 10. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 12. Greek alphabet letter
- 14. Greek goddess of youth
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Partly digested food
- 24. Dictator
- 25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 27. A major division of geological time
- 28. Angry
- 29. St. Francis of ___
- 34. Romanian monetary unit
- 35. Stale
- 36. Go quickly
- 37. Commercial
- 39. Canadian city
- 40. One who slices
- 41. Perform perfectly
- 42. Nest of pheasants
- 44. Tactile sensations
- 45. Sword
- 46. Climactic
- 47. Adrenocorticotrophin
- 48. Fisherman's tool
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Plant that makes gum
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of