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South Hadley convenes for town meetings

By Samuel Gelinas
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – Voters participated in both the annual town meeting and special town meeting held on May 8 in the High School’s auditorium.

Awards

The night opened with the distribution of awards. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all those who have served the Town of South Hadley.

Linda Young decorated Robert Judge with the “Citizen of the Year Award.”

“Seventy-four years ago, the Lion’s Club initiated the Citizen of the Year award. After they disbanded, the Town agreed to take it over,” said Young in preparation for bestowing the honor.

“We began soliciting nominations. We knew it would not be that easy, but it ended up being a no brainer,” she said.

Judge has been an influential and active member of both South Hadley and Holyoke, including a five year run on the select-board, four years as Holyoke’s Personnel Administrator, and is currently working as Chairperson of South Hadley’s Historical Commission.

In praise of Judge, Young stated that it is not simply his

work with these and other notable local committees and organizations which led him to receiving this award, but his “involvement in our everyday lives that made the difference.

She continued: “Where would we be today without knowing where we have come from? This individual has shown us that you will recognize it with the knowledge they have gained and shared with us on the South Hadley Historical commission... What South Hadley has been built upon, and where we could be going if we pay attention.”

Andy Rogers announced the recipient of the Joseph Taylor Volunteer of the Year Award, awarded to Patrick Dawson for his efforts on behalf of youth recreation.

Speaking of Dawson, Rogers shared that, ““He’s been a strong advocate for doing things the right way, sportsmanship, and treating people with respect. He’s always been a go-to person for me when dealing with adverse situations, and is always there to lend a helping hand.”

Dawson has served as president of the South Hadley Boys Lacrosse Association for over a decade. Through his fundraising efforts, the middle school was able to install a scoreboard and protective netting, and was a strong advocate for the instal-

CITIZEN of the Year



Submitted photo

Robert G. Judge is congratulated by John Hine, Town Moderator, for being decorated as South Hadley Citizen of the Year.

lation of new turf at the High School in 2016.

He was instrumental in having the recreation department of-

fer programs to kindergarteners, when previously athletics did not begin until the first grade. He has coached youth lacrosse and foot-

ball for grades k-8, and is now on the high school staff. Both his wife and kids have been active members of the South Hadley Sport’s system.

Swearing on/reappointments

All newly elected Town Meeting members were sworn in by Moderator John Hine, who also reappointed Steven Hamlin, Joel Prough, and Jessica DeFlumer to three year terms on the Appropriations Committee.

STM/ATM results

The most localized form of democracy, “New England style” town meetings serve as an outlet for raising issues that affect us most directly, which often includes questions around funding and zoning. The results of this meeting are factors deriving from the state and federal tax rate for the 2025 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

The special town meeting brought forward six articles to be voted on, and all of which passed with little to no dissent.

Articles 1 and 2 concerned the paying off of all last year’s bills, town and school respectively. A sum of \$10,814 dollars was moved from Free Cash to pay energy bills and Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Asso-

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Submitted photos

Silver Medalists Olivia West & Eileen Sullivan, Gold Medalists Walter Chudzik & Kai Laroche, Bronze Medalists Eddie Lester & Donna Brogle stand with rackets on the podium.

Pickleball season kicks off

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Friday, South Hadley Pickleball kicked off the first day of its three day Dinko de Mayo tournament at Buttery Brook Park with an intergenerational division, pairing 70+ year-old players with a group of 9 & 10 year-olds.

This division of the tournament was sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors who supplied the giveaways and snacks for players. “Playing

with people seven times their age didn’t faze the kids. One of my ten year-old partners assured me that I was playing well,” commented Eileen Sullivan, one of the senior players.

Following the intergenerational tournament, the Friends of Buttery Brook Park hosted Ray Guillemette for his A-Ray of Elvis performance.

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State Auditor seeks signatures for November ballot question

By Paula Ouimette
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State Auditor Diana DiZoglio has one wish for her birthday on June 5, and that’s to gain the 13,000 signatures needed to get a question on the November ballot.

This ballot question would allow voters to compel the Legislature to be audited. The audit would be performative, and also look at how tax dollars are being spent.

“This is the same type of audit we do for every other entity,” DiZoglio said. “Legislature is the only one refusing.”

Last fall, over 75,000 residents across the commonwealth signed a petition after DiZoglio’s request to audit the Senate and the House of Representatives was denied by the House Speaker and Senate President.

DiZoglio and her office staff have been traveling to towns and cities, asking for help to collect the necessary signatures before the deadline, making a stop in West Brookfield on May 5.

DiZoglio said she has a

“deep love and affection” for policy making and transparency in the Legislature, after spending six years as a state representative and four years as a state senator before taking her current office in 2023.

“We do so many great things here in Massachusetts,” DiZoglio said.

Despite this, the commonwealth is ranked one of the least transparent state governments, she said.

“As your state auditor I’ve been given the really unique opportunity to have a platform; a singular voice,” she said. “We need transparency. There are a lot of tough conversations that need to be had.”

DiZoglio said she has been reflecting on the saying, “knowledge is power,” and she feels that this applies to a legislative audit, and how its results will spread knowledge and power back to the voters.

“I’ve seen knowledge hoarded, essentially, by people in power,” she said. “If we have knowledge about state budget and government, we have an opportunity to join in – to rise against or support.”



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

State Auditor Diana DiZoglio speaks with residents at the West Brookfield Town Hall on May 5. DiZoglio is seeking signatures to get a question on the November ballot regarding an audit of the state Legislature.

DiZoglio said her office works to “bring light” to over 200 state entities. She is it is common practice in many other states to audit the Legislature

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► South Hadley

Small but mighty FARMERS MARKET

Returns for second year

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Returning to Butter Brook Park for its second year, the Farmers Market South Hadley looks to grow and bring in families.

“The market this year will be small, but mighty, highlighting small, local farms, bakers and other food artisans, and crafters,” explained Jen Krassler, market manager. “We are especially excited for Tree of Life to be joining us this year. They so graciously joined us as a sponsor, but also offered to come every week with a giant tent and set up some sort of activity for kids each week.”

Beginning on Wednesday, June 5, the market will run weekly through Oct. 13 from 2 to 6 p.m. Some of the vendors who have committed this year are Whale Rock Farm, Flora and



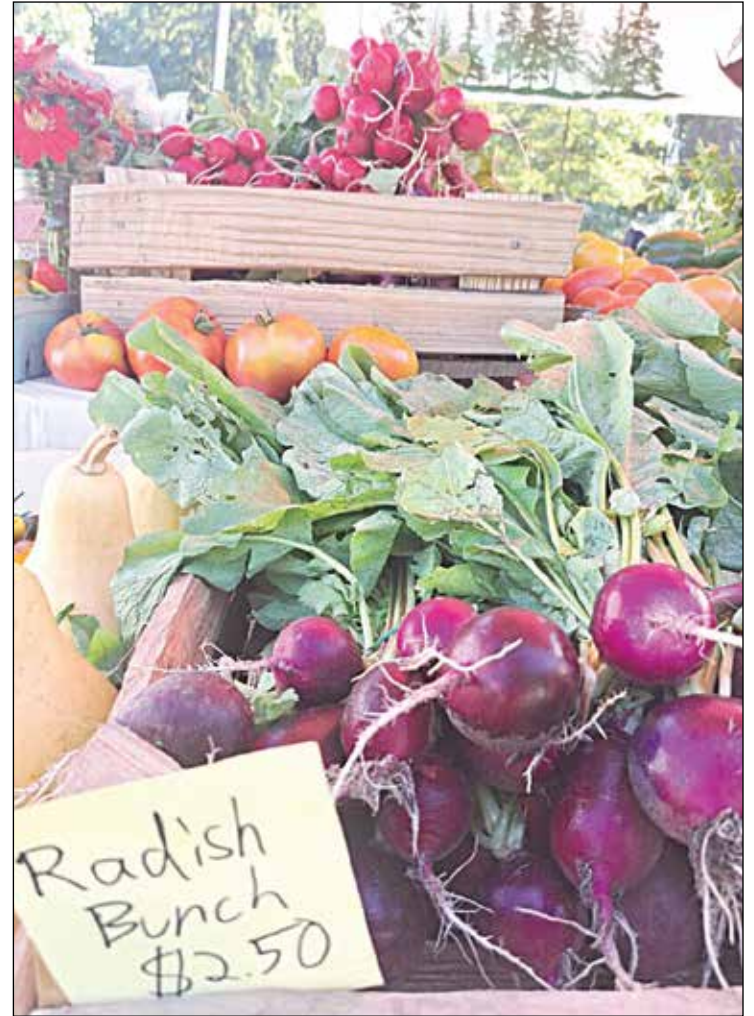
Vendors lined up for the weekly market.

Fauna Farm, Nightjar Farm, Still River Homestead, Love Leaf Farm, Cherished Cookie Creations, Sweet Babu’s Granola, Batch Ice Cream, Wandering Waffles food truck, Sarahcrafts Things and Auntie Janet’s Gifts.

“Finding vendors is a challenge, and attracting customers on a weekday is also a challenge. I think that one of our biggest challenges last year was a lack of things to attract families with children, and this year the addition of the Tree of Life Activity tent has been a godsend,” noted Krassler. “Additionally, food trucks tend to be so busy towards

the end of the week, that it’s hard to get a commitment from established food trucks for an event like this market that is just beginning to establish itself in the community.”

Although the market does have a solid list of vendors, it is hoping to add more to the list. Krassler said that applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, but the market especially would like more small, local farms, bread bakers, cheese, beverages, hot food, local crafters and food trucks! Anyone interested can email farmersmarketsouthhadley@gmail.com.



Radishes from Nightjar Farm.

“I am excited for the season to start, and to start to absorb feedback from vendors and the community, so that we can start

to form a long-term plan for the market with this feedback

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Plants from Flora and Fauna Farm.



Produce from Whale Rock Farms.



Nigel Blake from Still River Homestead.



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Senior volunteers needed

SOUTH HADLEY — The Age Friendly South Hadley Committee and the South Hadley Public Schools are seeking senior volunteers for an inter-generational project to bring seniors and students together for activities this spring. The volunteers will be invited to visit the schools for conversations and participate in activities.

Plains and Mosier Elementary Schools: Volunteers would visit during mid-day recesses to have discussions or play table games with students.

Michael E Smith Middle School: Volunteers would visit classrooms in the morning during the 25 minute community time and participate in meaningful conversations with students.

South Hadley High School: Volunteers would visit on Career Day to share career or work experiences.

Training will be provided and scheduling arranged. A CORI background check will be required. For more information and to apply, please reach out to: Carol Constant, Age and Dementia Friendly South Hadley cpconstant@gmail.com or Courtney Mackey, District Mental Health Coordinator, SH Public Schools, cmmackey@shschools.com.

Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate 2024

The next chapter of the Gaylord Memorial Library

Join the Gaylord Memorial Trustees on Saturday June 8, 2024 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the first 120 years of the library and learn about the next chapter.

Enjoy small treats, great conversation, music, and more under the tent at 47 College St., South Hadley, MA.

Tickets: \$35 a person. Sponsorships available.

Proceeds from the event will be put toward an elevator for the building.

For more information contact: Marie Rohan: 413-533-7261

Celebrate Baystate bike month

SOUTH HADLEY— On Sunday, May 19, at 1 p.m. the public is invited to participate in a bike ride hosted by the South Hadley Bike/Walk Committee. The Ride is approximately 7 miles long, with some hills and will have a casual pace. This ride is for adults and teens; any younger children should be accompanied by an adult. Participants should plan to bring a water bottle.

Meet at 12:45 p.m. in the lower parking lot behind Village Commons, at the end near the street. The lot entrance is on Hadley Street (Rt. 47), past the entrance to the main lot located just adjacent to the stores.

Riders will turn left out of the parking lot onto Hadley Street, and then left again onto Ferry Street, which continues past Brunelle’s Marina on the riverfront, and onto Alvord Street. Before McCray’s farm, riders will turn right onto River Lodge Road that returns to Alvord Street via Upper River Road, Sans Souci Drive, and Stonegate Drive. On the return, riders will turn left back on to Alvord Street, with an option to stop at McCray’s Farm Creamery for ice cream, before continuing back along Alvord, Ferry, and Hadley Streets to the Village Commons Lot. There is also an option to do an ad-

ditional 1-mile loop at the River-to-Range Trail, which has a lookout over marshy wetlands and a short spur that leads to the Connecticut River.

Weather/cancellation information: Bike/Walk Rides and Treks are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or ground conditions. Please the Bike/Walk Committee page on the Town website for any cancellation notices or other details, including upcoming Treks: www.southhadley.org/bikewalk. Should there be a cancellation decision, information will be posted online by 10 a.m. on the day of the event.

AAA offers bicycle safety tips

WESTWOOD— With the weather warming, more cyclists are sharing the roads with drivers. This May, for Bicycle safety month, AAA Northeast is urging all roadway users to take responsibility for preventing crashes on our roads.

More than 1,100 cyclists were killed in traffic crashes across the country in 2022, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Bicyclist deaths are highest in late spring and summer, coinciding with the busy summer travel season.

In Massachusetts, 33 bicyclists were killed in traffic crashes between 2018 and 2022, according to NHTSA data.

“Respect on the roads between cyclists and drivers alike can go a long way to ensuring streets can be safe for all users,” said Mark Schieldrop, Senior Spokesperson for AAA Northeast. “As warmer temperatures bring more people outside, now is the time for drivers to be ready to share the road with cyclists and for those on bikes to refresh their safe riding skills.”

Drivers play a critical role in helping keep cyclists safe: Look for bicyclists before opening a car door and when pulling out

from a parking space. When parked on a street, drivers can use their right hand to open their door when exiting the vehicle to ensure there are no oncoming bicyclists before fully opening the door.;

Pay extra attention for bicyclists when turning. NHTSA reports that more than a third of fatal bicycle crashes occurred at intersections in 2022. Particularly in urban areas, drivers should check their mirrors for bicyclists before making a turn.;

Keep designated bicycle lanes clear, never using them for parking or passing.;

Share the road and give bicyclists room. Do not pass cyclists too closely, and only pass when it’s safe to move over into an adjacent lane.;

Be focused and alert; never drive distracted. Distractions take a driver’s eyes and attention off the road. Put the phone away to help keep everyone on our roads safer.

AAA Northeast offers the following safety tips for bicyclists: Follow the rules of the road by traveling in the right

direction, signaling turns and obeying traffic signs and lane markings, just like a car.

NHTSA reports that 129 bicyclists were killed in 2022 while riding the wrong way.;

Always wear safety gear, including a properly fitted helmet, which offers the best protection. Refer to NHTSA’s step-by-step guide to ensure the best fit and comfort.;

Make yourself as visible as possible. Reflective vests, lights on bicycles and brightly colored clothing can increase a bicyclist’s visibility, especially in low-light conditions.;

Practice bicycle maintenance and always check your equipment before taking off, especially tires and brakes.;

Ride together, when possible. There is safety in numbers, and riding with others can improve visibility.

AAA Northeast members automatically receive two bicycle calls per year. If their bicycle breaks down while thier out for a ride, simply call the AAA Roadside Assistance number, and AAA will transport them and thier bicycle anywhere within 10 miles at no cost.



Vendors wanted for Relay for Life craft/vendor fair

BELCHERTOWN – Crafters and vendors are sought for the American Cancer Society, Quaboag Relay for Life’s 3rd Annual Spring Craft/Vendor

Fair to be held on Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the Common, Routes 9 and 202.

All proceeds from the fair will benefit the American Can-

cer Society, Relay for Life.

For crafter/vendor selling information, please contact Vicki McAndrew by email at sv_jewelry@charter.net.

Applications now open

SOUTH HADLEY— Due to a vacancy on the South Hadley Municipal Light Board, the elected body has one vacancy that needs filling.

The Town of South Hadley is proceeding to address this vacancy immediately. This process is consistent and within MGL Chapter 41, Subsections 10, 11 and other applicable policies or regulations.

All parties interested in applying for the position are asked to submit a letter of interest to Executive Assistant to Administration Kristin Maher via email at kmaher@southhadley.ma.gov or through the mail to: Selectboard Office, 116 Main St., South Hadley, MA, 01075. Applicants may submit a resume, but it is not required.

Letters of interest and any additional documents must be received by 4:30 p.m. on May 19. Once received by Selectboard administration, a complete packet for each candidate’s submission will be made publicly available.

The chairs of the Municipal Light Board and Selectboard will decide on a suitable date to have a joint meeting of remaining Municipal Light 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.

Applicants will not be required to be interviewed if they choose not to be, but still may be considered. The joint committee, by way of nomination and subsequent vote to appoint, will fill the vacancy on the South Hadley Municipal Light Board for a term from the date of appointment to the next annual town election. There will be a position on the annual town election ballot to fill the remaining term of this specific Municipal Light Board vacant position.

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SOUTH HADLEY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

TO BE HELD AT

PVPA - PIONEER VALLEY PERFORMING ARTS
 15 MULLIGAN DR., SOUTH HADLEY, MA 01075

The meeting will be held inside the auditorium at the PVPA

SOUTH HADLEY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

TO BE HELD AT

PVPA - PIONEER VALLEY PERFORMING ARTS
 15 MULLIGAN DR., SOUTH HADLEY, MA 01075

The meeting will be held inside the auditorium at the PVPA

Opinion



Memories on Mother's Day

I came across the column below and it brought back a wonderful memory of my oldest daughter being a year old and her having a fascination with pansy faces.

Fast forward to Mother's Day 2024, 16 years later, and I find a vase of fragrant double narcissus "Bridal Crown" and lilacs in my bedroom from said child. How sweet.

But before I even found and read the column, I was seriously thinking about devoting one of my perennial borders to a garden of memories. Most of the plants in my landscape hold special meaning anyway, but a garden devoted to my childhood would be neat.

It was certainly those early experiences that shaped my career and honestly my life in general. Maybe you can relate.

Read on for a "blast from the past."

Gardening was a big part of my childhood. Our backyard, while under an acre in size, was immense to me, full of nooks and crannies to explore.

We had a rock garden, and garden on a banking, a garden devoted to annuals, and of course, a vegetable garden. We also had a few choice flowering plants and shrubs just outside of the screened porch and fruit trees and bushes tucked in here and there.

One of my favorite spring pastimes as a kid was to pick little bouquets of lily of the valley, lilacs or peonies and place them around the house. I also enjoyed moving plants from one place to another in the yard.

My mom is reminded of one of my adventures in transplanting each time the lawn mower maneuvers around a clump of lilacs planted smack dab in the middle of the upper landing.

Most of the flowering perennials we had were handed down from my mother's grandmother ("Babci") or her Aunt Julia. They aren't rare by any means, but to know they came from a line of strong women before me makes me want to pass these same plants on to my daughter.

My daughter is just over a year old and she has already taken an interest in flowers. This, of course, has made me very happy.

She points them out on her shirt or in books, and each time we stroll around the yard she clamors relentlessly until I give her a stem or two to hold. Recently, a single pansy face held her attention long enough for me to actually do some work in the garden...nothing short of a miracle for a busy little girl like her!

When she is a bit older I think it would be fun to plant a memory garden. In it we could commemorate five generations of flowers and the ladies who grew them.

First, I would include all of the heirloom flowers that my mom has tended over the years originating from her grandmother and aunt's garden: the deep purple bearded iris, the sweetly scented lemon lily and frilly pink peony. Then I'd add her favorites, the flowers I remember her growing when I was a kid: ground phlox, lily of the valley and candytuft.

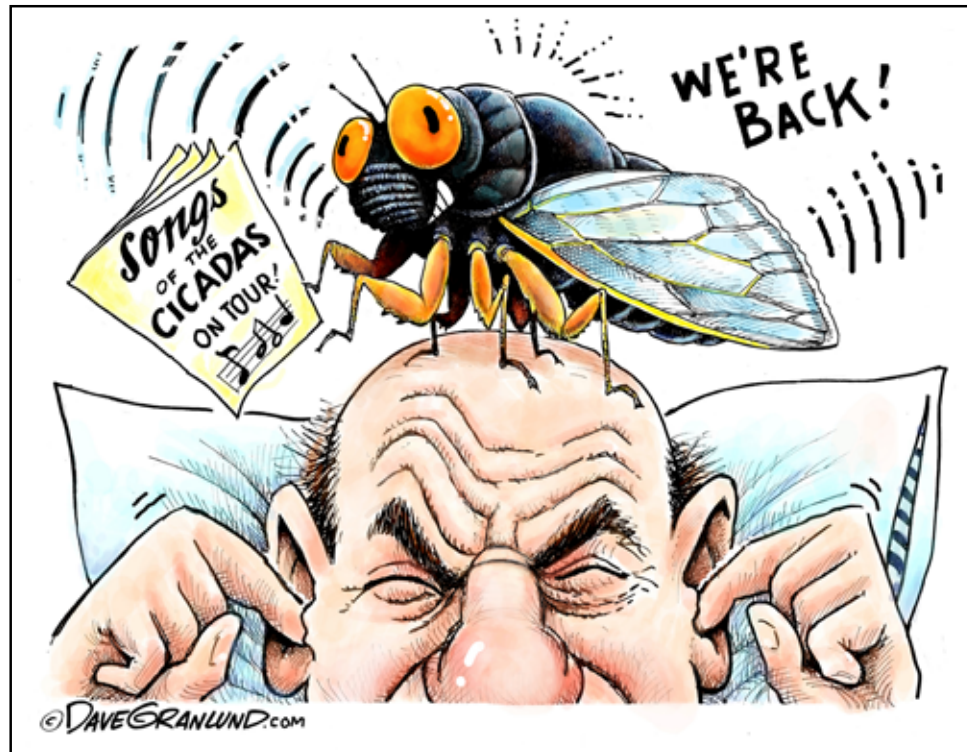
Next would be my contribution, pretty primroses that originated in England and double columbines that I started from seed several seasons ago. My daughter could add her favorites too – this year pansies would have certainly made the cut!

Fast forward to the present day, Mother's Day 2024. Why not consider installing a memory garden of your own?

If you aren't lucky enough to have family heirlooms already growing in place, ask your mom or grandma what their favorite plants are and go from there. I'm sure that many are still available for purchase.

Involve the kids by making stepping stones,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Know your options

To the editor

In South Hadley we have a great advantage in that we are the town with a municipally owned electric company (SHELD). Our electricity cost about half what it would cost in investor owned utility (National Grid or Eversource) town. That means we can usually save money by switching from gasoline, oil, natural gas, and propane to electricity to power our devices. There are other advantages. Electricity does not explode, does not depend as much on foreign markets or peace, requires less upkeep and it is incredibly better for the environment.

Another savings occurs if you are changing out old heating and air conditioning equipment for something new and more efficient. We now have air source heat pumps ducted or mini splits, which are not only more efficient, but come with rebates and tax incentives to make them cheaper. A heat pump is basically an air conditioner which runs both ways so that it will heat and cool a room or a whole house.

Heat pumps will heat the house even in

cold weather. That was not so not true in the past. They do use more electricity as it gets colder, but they are still cheaper than fossil fuels or electric heat as our electricity is very inexpensive. There are low interest or no interest loans to aid in purchasing the new equipment. For a video see heat Pumps 101 <https://www.southhadley.org/533/Sustainability-Energy-Commission>.

For much more information see Heat Pumps at <https://johnhowardsolar.org/climate-change-links/>.

You're installer can help you to the process of getting the rebates. I suggest you get at least three estimates before you decide. I would advise using an electrical contractor or heat pump only installer not a fossil fuel dealer. If you need help sorting out the technical details you can get independent advice, for a low cost, from an advisor at EnergySage <https://www.energysage.com/shop/heat-pumps/>.

John Howard
South Hadley Resident

Concerns with zoning

To the editor

The recent Town Meeting may not have been the longest ever in South Hadley, but it will be remembered as one in which Town Meeting Members spoke out and made it clear that they will take back some measure of control concerning local governance. I was not present due to work commitments, but I did view the entire video.

With respect to Article 27, the proposal to allow multifamily residences within the Business A-1 Zoning District, Town Meeting responded admirably in postponing any consideration of same until after the 202/33 Corridor Study Committee, aided by a hired consultant, makes its recommendations to next year's Annual Town Meeting.

The proposal was initiated by a citizens petition proffered by Liquor Town to its customers but designed to serve only the interests of its owners. It would have resulted in de facto spot zoning, affecting only their one property. The petitioner would thus have been grandfathered in and could then have proposed whatever it wished to the Planning Board, the majority of whom seem too agreeably pro-development as well as, in this instance, tone-deaf to the concerns of abutters.

Fortunately, the original intent of the Corridor Study has been restored with the Amendment to change the implementation date to after next year's Annual Town Meeting, giving Town residents the opportunity to fashion a comprehensive plan including "Capital A" affordable housing, the type that the Liquor Town scheme did not address and for which it gave no assurances.

Kudos to Martha Terry whose voice at Town Meeting included parts of a one minute written statement that she suggested I submit; also, to the rest of her "Kitchen Cabinet" for their vigilance regarding Town actions. If you are not already receiving it, sign up for Martha's "Know Your Town" weekly newsletter e-mail at mterry@knowyour-town.org.

Thank you to Planning Board Member Joanna Brown who cast the sole vote against the original Article at its hearing. Her steadfast advocacy for a more logical and in depth approach to zoning that serves the needs of the entire Town.

Sincerely,
Chevy (M P Chevrette)
Town Meeting Member
Precinct E

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Planning board introduces new Airbnbs

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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SOUTH HADLEY – The Planning Board met last week to discuss and hold two public hearings for special permits and site plans for Airbnbs.

At the May 6 meeting, Chair Diane Mulvaney was accompanied by Vice Chair Nate Therien, Clerk Joanna Brown, and members Brad Hutchison and Rob Watchilla.

Also in attendance were Director of Planning and Conservation Anne Capra and Planning and Conservation Coordinator Colleen Canning to provide insight into the bylaws, as well as updates from the Conservation Commission.

Site plan approvals

The first public hearing was with Sean and his wife Joanne Cleary who bought their property at the end of 2018 with the purpose of transforming it into an Airbnb.

“As time went by, we really fell in love with the property,” Sean explained. He expressed his desire for the home, which he called the “Charming Cottage,” to be a place for families to enjoy and relax in.

The board moved to approve of the site plan and made the necessary changes so that the home would be rented out as a two-bedroom.

Mary Callahan, a new member of the Pine Street community, came to the board with a request to rent out three rooms in her home during the time periods she is away visiting with family every few weeks.

The home, with its pool and tennis

court in the backyard and ample parking space in the driveway and garage, she expressed her desire to share her home with the community.

“I chose this area because I fell in love with the house and the area,” Callahan said. “It’s been a labor of love...I saw the potential, which is why I moved here.”

Three neighbors came with concerns relating to the number of people that may be renting at the home. The biggest concern was that introducing an Airbnb to the neighborhood would change the dynamics and environment.

The board discussed each of these concerns with the neighbors a part of the meeting and ruled that the Airbnb would only be able to be rented by a single party at a time to accommodate the concerns of all parties.

The board then moved to approve

Callahan’s site plan review to rent out the rooms under the bylaw regulations of renting according to three bedrooms as a limit.

Planning/Conservation update

Capra shared the Climate Resilience Committee’s upcoming meetings on May 15 at the Council on Aging to discuss climate change and how it affects our community.

The first meeting, held on April 25, brought members of the community together to learn about climate change, and discuss concerns on how to address these issues.

On June 4, they will be finalizing and “... begin talking about how to address some of these vulnerabilities and identify what the program calls a Seed Project,” Capra said.

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regularly as well.

“The decisions that impact us all should be made in the light of say,” she said.

DiZoglio said no system is perfect, but that the government should strive to be better.

“Our goal and our mission is to help,” she said of the State Auditor’s office. “To make sure everyday people get the best services.”

DiZoglio said the government cannot improve its service to constituents if potential problems can’t be identified and addressed. She said it’s “deeply concerning” that her office’s efforts to get access to the Legislature have been demonized

and talked down about.

“It doesn’t say a lot of good things about how our system is running. What is there to hide?” she said.

DiZoglio said there have been 113 audits of the Legislature completed by her office dating back to 1849. Now, they are unable to get access to information about public tax dollars, she said.

DiZoglio said the audit is a nonpartisan issue, and it’s more about those who have power and those who do not.

“Leadership has a lot of power,” she said.

Retaliation is also a common occurrence in the Legislature, DiZoglio said, adding that this behavior is “unacceptable.”

She said retaliation directed at herself personally is missing the mark, and com-

ing back on the voters who elected her.

“This is something that need to be talked about over and over again...This is not the Massachusetts we know and love,” she said.

DiZoglio urged residents to “have a seat at the table” before decisions are made in the Legislature, asking them to help gather the remaining signatures for the ballot question before the June 5 deadline.

“You have the power to make change, I cannot do this without you,” she said.

For more information about the audit or to sign the State Auditor’s petition, visit dianaforma.com. For more information about the State Auditor’s office and its role in state government, visit www.mass.gov/org/office-of-the-state-auditor.

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plant labels and other simple ornaments to decorate the space. Tailor the design to suit your taste – it certainly doesn’t have to be grandiose, just special, like the gardeners who came before us.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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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ciation insurance deductibles.

Article 2 met unanimous support among the special meeting voters, which approved the payment of school expenses totaling \$57, 994, the majority of which went toward a natural gas bill amounting a total of over \$50,000 after usage.

Article 3 allowed for \$50,000 in Free Cash toward water and ice damage over the 2024 fiscal year.

With 73 voters in favor and 10 against, Article 4 had the most dissension among the Special Meeting articles. With its passing, \$62,000 will be moved from the

Wastewater Enterprise Fund to be used by Ledges Golf Course for 2024’s fiscal year expenses.

Article 5 allowed for highway improvements, while Article 6 granted the payment of \$20,000 toward the Valley-Bike share program, for the fiscal years of 2024 and 2025.

The annual town meeting voted on 28 different articles, ranging from the operating budget, to various bylaw amendments, and the approval of a permit for a multifamily residential business.

Full information and details can be accessed on the Town’s website at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1356/2023-to-2024>.



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Selectboard members review articles

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer
epappas@turley.com

GRANBY – The Selectboard met to discuss various articles and sign warrants for the town, as well as preparing for upcoming construction.

The May 6 meeting was led by Chair Glen N. Sexton, and he was joined by Clerk Crystal Dufresne, member Richard Beaulieu, and Town Administrator Christopher Martin.

New business

The board signed a new highway superintendent employment contract beginning on July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027.

They also reviewed and went over various articles needing addressing and moving forward to fund and approve from parking lot to building work.

Articles included needs from the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and

department heads, including items such as security camera upgrades, new cruisers, vehicles, and other necessary items.

Town Administrator's report

Martin presented three Dufresne rentals to the board. The first, on Aug. 17 from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., with 125 people, requesting access to the parking lot, open field, and pavilion.

The next one, on July 25, will be a summer concert from 5-8 p.m., for over a hundred people in the gazebo and lawn areas. And lastly, on July 28 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., for a family picnic on the large gazebo and field.

"I was contacted by Western Mass Environmental, and we do have our permit," Martin said. The week of June 10 will have the company come to do the tank removal.

"We will have a police detail there to keep the general public away from the active construc-

tion," Martin said.

They discussed the way they would then organize this detail in the interest of the safety of the public.

Old and other business

"We have had some contact from people interested," Sexton said about the Town Accountant position. They then discussed the possibility of it being a hybrid position, partly remote and partly in office.

Flyers have been posted regarding the Open Space Committee, and Crystal is working hard to arrange photos of areas and get the process moving.

For the Council on Aging, applications for activities director and lunch manager, and the cookout is coming later this spring.

The Route 202 Massachusetts Department of Transportation project has been moving along.

Granby High School lists honor roll

GRANBY – Granby Jr. Sr. High School would like to extend congratulations to those students who achieved Honor Roll for the third quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.

Seventh Grade Maximum Honors

Allisandra Crowley, Jocelyn Curran, Addison Hill, Arianna Mislak, Macie Pelletier, Stella Siudak, Mia Smith and Avery Wolmart-Tipton.

Seventh Grade High Honors

Honor DeCarlo, Jack Krupski, Gwen Lepage, Sophia Silchuk, Teagan Spear, Marcela Tapia, Kaylee Vincelette and Kara White.

Seventh Grade Honors

Ella Clark, Rowan Cook, Audree Flowers and Nathaniel Gomez.

Eighth Grade Maximum Honors

Gianna Capone, Noah Chambers, Emily Durham, Ralph El Aouji, Analise Huertas, Wyatt Kennedy, Sophia Labonte, Emma Murphy, Colin Sicard, Kaileena Smith, Richard Sweet, Isabella Tetreault, James Vulpe and Jacob Weglarz.

Eighth Grade High Honors

Vitaly Gavel, Chase Hauschild, Gabriel Helbok, Abigail LaDuke and Kaelynn Slapski.

Eighth Grade Honors

Logan Carmody, Abigail Esquivel, Amar'e Fernandez, Amelia Gardner, Adrien Harrington and Madison Scheinost.

Please see **HONOR ROLL**, page 7

Veterans park grand opening

GRANBY— The Granby Veterans Memorial Committee, The Friends of Granby Veterans, and Granby American Legion Post 266 cordially invites you to attend the grand opening ceremony for the Granby Veterans Memorial Park. To be held at

257 State St., on Sunday, May 26, at 12 p.m.

Limited parking will be located on the site and overflow parking will be available at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church located across the street at 256 State St.

Granby library hosts Spring Book Sale

GRANBY – The Friends of the Granby Free Public Library will host their annual Month-Long Spring Book Sale during the month of May in the Community Room of the Library.

Now through May 31 you will be able to choose from a

large assortment of used and like-new hardcover, softcover, paperback books, teen books and children's books, along with a selection of CDs, DVDs and audiobooks. Stop in during the library's regular operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and

Friday from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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There is no charge to visit this museum and it is appropriate for all ages. Knowledgeable docents are always ready to answer questions.

The museum is not handicapped accessible.

The exhibits, on two floors, cover a broad range of South Hadley's history, including the historic navigable canal, which is the oldest in the country, industries and agriculture, military history and everyday life.

The South Hadley Historical Society always welcomes donations of any memorabilia related to South Hadley history.

HONOR ROLL from page 6

Ninth Grade Maximum Honors

Meredith Bartosz, Sydney Chateaufeuf and Brenna Moreno.

Ninth Grade High Honors

Daniel Brown, Tessa Healey, Madelyn LaPointe, Lauren Piercey, Lydia Pike and Nathan Walsh.

Ninth Grade Honors

Lyla Bergeron, Parker Dufresne, Kyrsten Gaj, Quinn LaVoie, Jaidyn Roberge and Eleanor Szlosek.

10th Grade Maximum Honors

Keith Patterson, Addison Scott and Stephen Szlosek.

10th Grade High Honors

Kaitlyn Curran, Benjamin French, Quinn Fuller, Braeden Gallagher, Maxwell Kennedy, Braydon LaDuke, Mylin Laliberte, Scarlett LaRose, Faith Ramos, Anthony Santiago and Isabella Woods.

10th Grade Honors

Emma Beaulieu, Richard Beaulieu, Lea Charest, Allison Charron, Edward Dziok, Jake Gagnon, Durant Garden, Addison Gardner, Daniel Hackett, Jared Lapite, Allison Maslak and Savannah Rushlow.

11th Grade Maximum

Jena Abbott, Aiden Beach, Mabel Carillon, Margaret Crawford, Gavin Kennedy, Alexis Lapite, Cheyenne Laramee, Cameron LeBlanc, Emma Parsons and Austin Smith.

11th Grade High Honors

Nathan Benson, Cassandra Flaherty, Cole Fuller, Ava McFarland, Justin Merced, Olah Roller, Ava Saunders, Autumn Sicard, Stewart Szlosek and Molly Zumburski.

11th Grade Honors

Junior Alcantara Garces, Sawyer Clarke, Quinlan Cook, John Crawford, Gavier Fernandez, Jr., Katie Grabherr, Brianna Houghton, Lydia Kicza, Bear Lacharite, Chenoa Mestre, Tristan Moe, Jaedyn Pike, Addison Prignano, Maxwell Seymour and Cody White.

12th Grade Maximum

Andrew Feldman, Cindy Kusumo, Tia Looney, Maya Nott, Corey Rondeau, Phillip Silchuk and Noel Summerlin.

12th Grade High Honors

Zachary Auclair, Chloe Castro, Brandie Dumais, Rhea Gagnon, Sophia Gagnon, Jessica Holubowich and Peyton Justin.

12th Grade Honors

Benjamin Berger, Ciara Charest, Jay Dwinell, Sara Lessard, Colin Murdock and Grace Roy.

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Program Highlights at the COA for the month of May 2024

May Supper Club: Food is the Language of Love. Monday, May 20th 2-4 prep and lesson. Tuesday, May 21st 2-4 – Final Fire. Make your own foods to light up your love life. The menu includes assorted appetizers, stuffed croissants and French macarons for dessert. Open to those who have completed the Kitchn Safety Orientation. Register with Chef Magge at: maggiev06021@gmail.com

South Hadley Public Library at the COA. Thursday, May 23rd 12:30 – 2:30pm. Staff from the SHPL will have information about the latest library news, programs, and services.

Memorial Day Breakfast – Thursday, May 23rd 8:30am – PLEASE REGISTER. The event will include a delicious breakfast prepared by the SHHS Culinary Dept, speakers and Military remembrances. This event is open to all Veterans and one guest. Sponsored by the Veterans Services and the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors

Water Spider's Wisdom: Cherokee Women's Textile Diplomacy. Tuesday, May 28th 5:00pm. Patricia Dawson, Assistant Professor of History at Mt. Holyoke College, will explore the history of Cherokee textiles and celebrate Cherokee women's innovation, power, and creativity. Thank you to the Travel Club for sponsor this program.

South Hadley High School band reunion

SOUTH HADLEY – Anyone who was a member of the South Hadley Marching 100 during Roger Farnworth's tenure from 1965 to 1980 is invited to a three-day celebration of the band and its accomplishments

On Aug.16 there will be a casual gathering, with a place and time to be determined. On Aug.17, there will be a meet and greet event, with the place and time to be determined. There will be donuts, coffee and a photo opportunity.

On Aug. 17, the main event will be held at 5 p.m., at The Elks Lodge in Holyoke.

On Aug. 18, at 9:30 a.m., there will be a Breakfast at the Boathouse event.

Join fellow band mates for all or any of the events to make new memories and celebrate the old. For tickets or more information visit: The South Hadley Tiger Marching 100 on Facebook or contact Karen Kawalec Quinn at jkequinn@gmail.com or Craig Parker at craig1414p@gmail.com.

Spaces available for Church of Christ tag sale

GRANBY – The Church of Christ, 235 State St., will host an all town tag and craft fair on Saturday, May 25 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1974 plans 50th reunion

CHICOPEE— It's the time to renew friendships and share memories with high school classmates. The Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1974 will be holding its 50th reunion on Sept. 13, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 460

Granby Road.. The reunion party will begin at 5 p.m. with cocktails and dinner.

Committee members are planning details for the festivities and also working hard to track down classmates and reach out to as many as possible. If individuals

have contact information for long-lost friends, please send it to Linda Parlengas at lparlengas@hotmail.com; Mona Marcil Friberg at tinker245@aol.com, or Lynn Provost Larrabee at penrose43@comcast.net. The committee will be

sending out details soon and would like to include everyone. Information can also be shared on Facebook at Chicopee Comp Class of 1974 Reunion Page or at Classmates.com.

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Approximately 400 people gathered around the front pavilion for this high-energy show, many of whom also enjoyed one of the \$5 margaritas and the free chips and salsa being served by the Friends.

“This is the second year we’ve brought in A-Ray of Elvis for this weekend. We were thrilled with the participation and feel this is a great way to kick off both the Pickleball and the Buttery Brook Park seasons,” said Kim Prough, one of the event organizers.

Cruise Nights at the Park kicks off this Friday, May 17 and runs through September 6. The hours are 5 p.m. until dusk and admission is free.

Steve Lachowetz, cruise night organizer said, “In addition to having a beer tent and a food truck every Friday night, nine of these Friday nights will be designated as special events, and will feature a specific make or model of car along with a live band.

We know people enjoy cruise nights and the free concert series in the Park and we hope to continue to bring more live music to both cruise nights and Buttery Brook Park in general.”

To learn more about South Hadley Pickleball, cruise nights, and the happenings at Buttery Brook Park, including the upcoming concert series, please visit the South Hadley Pickleball, Buttery Brook Park and South Hadley Recreation Facebook pages <https://www.facebook.com/butterybrook-park>, <https://www.facebook.com/southhadleyrecreation/>

Pickleball at BUTTERY BROOK



Ray Guillemette entertains the crowd with his A-Ray of Elvis performance.



Bob Hann playing with 10 year-old Brooke Jenco.

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Caleb Ferguson, Tara Cole and Nicole Casolari enjoy the show.

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South Hadley comes from behind to beat Monson

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON—After capturing the 2023 Suburban West title without suffering a loss to a league opponent, the South Hadley varsity softball team was moved to the Valley Wheel League.

Winning another league title was a little bit more challenging, but the Lady Tigers locked up sole possession of first place in the Valley Wheel league standings following an exciting 4-2 come-from-behind road victory over the Monson Lady Mustangs, last Saturday afternoon.

“We won several games last year without having to work very hard. It has been a lot different for us this season,” said South Hadley senior catcher Ara Powers. “We had to be on our toes in every game. A lot of people didn’t think we could win another league. It just feels amazing.”

Powers, who’ll be a freshman at Penn State University in the fall, is one of the Lady Tigers senior tri-captains, along with Jenna Bobrowski, and Erin Bullough, who started the Monson game at second base.



Seville Kinney extends for the out at first.

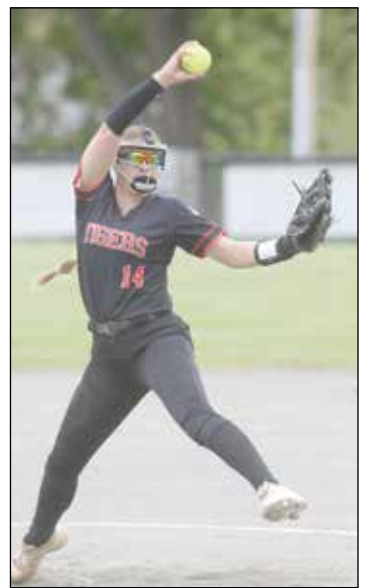
South Hadley, who was ranked 10th in the latest Division 4 state power rankings, had a 12-3 overall record and an 8-1 league record. Eight of their twelve victories were by two runs or less.

Erin Bullough sends an easy throw to first.

The Lady Tigers also clinched the league title on the Quarry Hill Community School softball diamond a year ago with a 3-0 victory against the Lady Mustangs.

“Monson is a quality opponent and they’re also well coached,” said South Hadley

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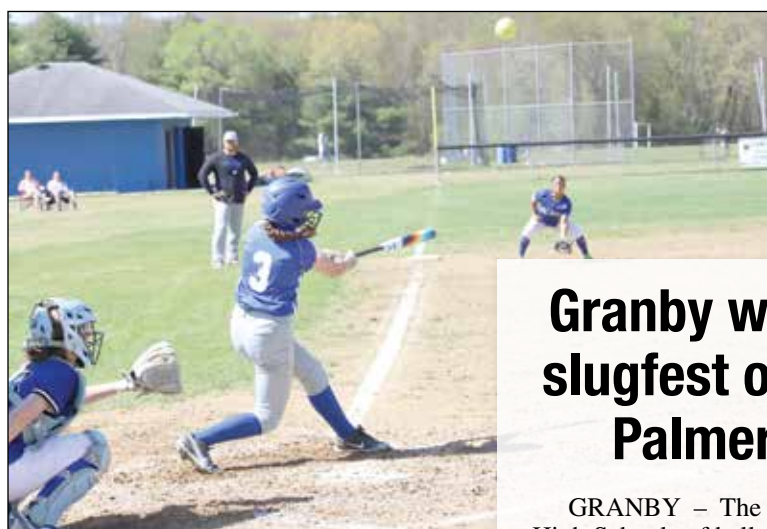


Isabella Schaeffer fires a pitch to the plate.



Ryley McMahon leads off third.

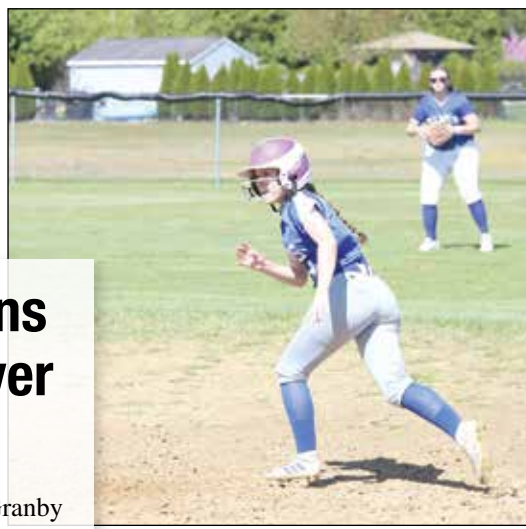
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Kaitlyn Curran swings and connects on a base hit.

Granby wins slugfest over Palmer

GRANBY – The Granby High School softball team secured a berth in the state tournament with a 22-16 win over Palmer. The game had some wild innings, including the second when both teams put up seven runs. The Rams finally put it away for good with a 10-run sixth inning after they fell behind 16-12. Grace Roy and Cassie Flaherty had three hits each and Jordyn Placzek had four RBI and four runs scored. For Palmer, Amhia Mcealareavy had two hits and two runs scored. Jordan Bigda and Jayda Pardo had two RBI each. Palmer is now 7-9 on the season while Granby is 9-5.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Sydney Chateaufneuf leads off first base.



Kaitlyn Curran attempts to get the out from deep second.



Meredith Bartosz throws across the diamond for an out.

Academy names new hockey coach

WILBRAHAM – Wilbraham & Monson Academy is pleased to announce Lawrence Biondo has been named Head Coach of the Boys Varsity Hockey program beginning with the 2024-25 season.

Coach Biondo will take the helm with a strong foundation of current and new student-athletes and support from the entire WMA community. The Titans compete as a full varsity member of the New England Prep School Athletic Council.

“Coach Lawrence Biondo is a prep school person, through and through,” Head of School Brian P. Easler said. “He played at prep school, has coached at prep schools, sent all of his kids to prep schools, and now he chose to return to prep school teaching and coaching after retiring from the New York City Police Department. He is fully committed to WMA and the development of our hockey program for the long term, and I can’t wait to see how it grows under his leadership.”

Biondo’s hockey resume includes both playing and coaching experience at the prep school and collegiate level. As a coach, count Avon Old Farms, St. Benedict’s Prep and The Harvey School in his prep school experience.

Joining Biondo will be Steven McGeary as Assistant Coach. Formerly the Boys Ice Hockey Head Coach at Wyoming Seminary, McGeary played at Bethel University (MN). Assistant Coach and Goalie Coach Brian Musa ’92 will round out a stellar coaching staff. Musa

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Pioneers set to get regular season underway

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — Since they joined USL League Two in 2019, the Western Mass. Pioneers have finished first in the Northeast Division standings twice. They've also finished in second place twice.

The members of this year's squad will be looking to make their fifth appearance in the USL League Two playoffs. The 2020 season was canceled due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

"We're going to try our best to put together another winning season," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari following his team's 9-0 friendly win against 3rd Eye FC at Lusitano Stadium last Friday night. "We do have nine returning players and a bunch of new players. The older players will need to show the new guys how we do things here. Every game that we play is very important because it's very difficult to make up points in this league."

The Pioneers finished the 2023 regular season with a 10-1-3 record (33 points). They finished in second place, one point behind the Seacoast United Phantoms, who finished in first place. The Pioneers lost to North Carolina Fusion U23 in the conference quarterfinals by the final score of 2-1.

The Pioneers were scheduled to kick off the 2024 campaign on Tuesday night with a road match against the Boston Bolts. They'll be facing Pathfinder FC in the home opener at 7pm on Saturday night.

It'll be the second game of a double-header at Lusitano Stadium. The New England Mutiny will be hosting Maine Footy at 4pm in their season opener.

Saturday will be a very busy day for Molinari. He was named as the Mutiny head coach by Joe Ferrera, who's the General Managers for both soccer teams, during the offseason.

"I told Joe if he wasn't able to find a head coach for the women's soccer team, I would help him out this year," said Molinari, who has been coaching the Pioneers since 2012. "Tomas Duben will be helping me out as an assistant coach."

Molinari is also the Director of Coaching for the Western United Pioneers.

Dennis Gomes and Jay Willis are returning as the Pioneers assistant coaches.

Duben, who played in about 30 matches for the Pioneers during the past several seasons, is also the Pioneers new Scouting & Tactical Analyst.

"Tomas knows a lot about soccer," Molinari said. "He can also relate to the players very well. It's a very good connection between the players and the coaching staff."



Patrick Gryczewski attempts to get around an opponent.



Jared Smith looks to send the ball deep.

Ciro Viviano has replaced John Voight as the Pioneers Goalkeeper coach.

The Pioneers' other six regular season home matches will be against Black Rock FC (May 31), Seacoast United Phantoms (June 7), AC Connecticut (June 11), Boston City FC (June 21), Albany Rush (June 28), and Vermont Green FC (July 13).

"Every year is a new season, and you have to start from the beginning," Molinari said. "It's a lot of fun watching your players improve in every game."

One of the Pioneers veteran players is Connor Hicks, who helped the Monson boys' soccer team win back-to-back Division 4 state titles. As a senior in 2016, Hicks scored an incredible overtime goal to beat Cohasset High School in the state finals.

Hicks played college soccer at AIC and has been a member of the Pioneers since 2019.

"I'm getting a little bit older, but it's nice to be back playing for the Pioneers again," said Hicks, who's one of the defenders. "We've made the playoffs every year that I've played for this soccer team. I really enjoy the atmosphere here. It's a lot of fun signing autographs and taking pictures with the kids."

This will be Hicks final season playing for the Pioneers, as he's planning to move to Florida this summer.

Midfielder Khalid Rose, who's another fan favorite, is also returning.

Alec Hughes, who was one of the Pioneers leading goal scorers a year ago, is

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Zach Sauer looks to pass.



Kwame Adu-Gyamfi gets ready to shoot.

back again this year. He was a senior on the UMass men's soccer team last fall.

One of the Pioneers newcomers is striker Scott Testori, who was the leading goal scorer on the 2023 UConn men's soccer team.

The Pioneer's captain is Nicholas

Oberrauch, who's a defender.

Gianluca Cersosimo was the Pioneers' starting goalie in the friendly match.

The tickets prices for all the Pioneers regular season home matches are \$10.

Children 6 years old and younger are free.

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has over two decades of coaching experience, played goalie at Elmira College and is USA Bronze Goalie certified.

As a player, Biondo was a three-year member of a Deerfield Academy team that won the 1983-84 Prep School Championship, and he lettered all four years at Tufts University. He played on the Olympic Development U16 summer program at Lake Placid, N.Y., and the Springfield Pioneers AA Bantam championship team that included WMA alum Rick Bennett '86.

Already a current English

faculty member at WMA, Biondo retired as a lieutenant in 2023 after 20 years of service with the NYPD. Two of his five children are recent alumni of WMA, both Class of 2021, and they are currently matriculated at United States Military Academy West Point and Florida Atlantic University.

"I look forward to building upon the hockey program here at WMA and appreciate the full support I'm receiving from the school," Biondo said. "We have a solid schedule, we're expanding our off-and-on-ice program and we're eager to begin the season this November."

Registration now open to take part in Bay State Games

WOBURN — Registration for the 42nd annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2024 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from May 11 – July 27 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and North Star Ice Sports in Westborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Seven high school showcase sports will take place for a va-

riety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swim-

ming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

Returning in 2024, Table Tennis will take place on June 1 at PingPod in Boston after a 5-year hiatus from the Summer Games sport lineup. New venues include Babson College, which will host the Girls Basketball Showcase, and North Star Ice Sports, which will host Figure Skating and the Girls Ice Hockey Showcase. Game On in Fitchburg will serve as a hub venue for eight sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July.

For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

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Sports

Thompson Speedway holds Icebreaker event

THOMPSON, CT — A much nicer day awaited fans on day two of the 50th Icebreaker at Thompson Speedway held last month. Six star-studded features took to the 0.625-mile oval on Sunday, as did the peaks of sunshine to greet the fans in the stands. While the Street Stocks were able to start their 2024 track championship season on Saturday, the rest of the track championship line-up got their year started with plenty of action on Sunday along with the roar of the mighty NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour with their return to Icebreaker weekend.

Following strong qualifying efforts in time trials, Justin Bonsignore and Jake Johnson led the NASCAR Whelen Modifieds to a short start after Bobby Santos

III lost a right rear tire in mid-pack, dragging Dave Sapienza, Andrew Krause and Eric Goodale into the turn one wall. Back under the green flag, Johnson slid back to third on the restart and gave second to a hard-charging Craig Lutz with Bonsignore still at the helm. Lutz grabbed his chance to take over the lead on a lap 25 restart following a grenaded motor in the Tim Connolly machine.

A second motor expired in the first 33 laps for Trevor Catalano but Lutz again retained control ahead of Bonsignore and Ron Silk. Silk methodically made his way to Lutz's back bumper, pulling up alongside the #46 on lap 59 and using the slide job in turn one to come back and lead lap 60. The field would slow once more

on lap 89 for the spinning Matt Swanson in turn four, leading to a frenzy of teams jumping down pit road for their respective tire changes. Patrick Emerling stunned the competition by winning the race off pit road followed by Silk, Johnson, Bonsignore and Austin Beers.

Silk moved up way high as they motored through turns one and two, forcing Emerling to pull back on the outside and giving him the lead. The final laps saw Emerling and Bonsignore battle for third as Silk continued to grow his lead more and more. Ron Silk took the dominant Icebreaker 150 win followed by a consistently fast Jake Johnson and a hard-charging Patrick Emerling, whose radiator sat steaming in victory lane.

Seeking local host families

SOUTH HADLEY— ASSE International Student Exchange Programs, in cooperation with the community high school, is looking for local families to host high school exchange students aged 15 to 18 from diverse countries such as Australia, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Japan, and more.

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Quabbin League wants to fill remaining roster spots

Rosters spots are dwindling, but there are still some spots available as the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball has begun its season. There are still several open spots to get filled despite the season being underway.

Registration for the 2024 season is now open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league.

The league plays most Sunday from

late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley used as well some expansion to the surrounding area this season. The league does not play on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome

to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertaining taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league. Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team. The league can also pro-rate registration at this point. Simply contact a league board member. Contact information is located at the registration link.

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head coach Junior Perez. "This wasn't a very easy victory for us."

Prior to last season, the last time that the South Hadley team had won a league title was in 2006.

The Lady Tigers only league loss so far this season was an 11-6 setback to East Longmeadow at home on April 15.

Monson also made the move from the Suburban West to Valley Wheel League before the start of the regular season. The Lady Mustangs had a 6-7 overall record and a 3-5 league mark. Despite having a below .500 overall record, the Lady Mustangs were ranked 18th in the Division 5 power rankings.

Last Saturday's game featured two of the best high school pitchers in Western Massachusetts.

South Hadley junior righthander Ella Schaeffer allowed two runs on five hits. She recorded a total of 16 strikeouts giving her 677 career K's. At the beginning of April, she struck out 18 batters in a 9-0 home shutout victory against the Lady Mustangs.

"Ella is just an amazing pitcher," said Powers, who did an outstanding job behind the plate. "She's a very hard worker and she always keeps everybody on the team motivated."

Junior righty Molly Szado also pitched

well in Monson's second annual Homecoming game. She allowed four runs on seven hits with nine strikeouts. She's approaching 400 career strikeouts.

Both teams left several runners in scoring positions during the early innings.

After retiring South Hadley in order in the top of the first, Szado singled to left field with one out in the home half of the inning before stealing second base. Then Schaeffer struck out the next two batters.

The Lady Tigers first baserunner was freshman third baseman Ryley McMahon, who lined a single down the rightfield line with two-outs in the second inning. Junior first baseman Seville Kinney followed with a bunt hit. A wild pitch moved both runners into scoring position. Szado ended the threat with a strikeout.

Maya Summers, who was one of the four Monson eighth grade starters, hit a flyball single to left with one-out in the second before stealing second and advancing to third base when the pitch bounced away from the catcher. The Lady Mustangs starting catcher was stranded at third base.

The Lady Tigers loaded the bases with two outs in the third, but once again they failed to score.

The Lady Mustangs broke the ice with a pair of runs in the fifth inning.

Eighth grade left fielder Cali Zielinski began the rally with a bunt hit in front of



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Ara Powers looks to make a catch.

the plate. She advanced to third base following a throwing error. Eighth grade second baseman Grace Berry also had a bunt hit before stealing second base, which put two runners in scoring position. After the next batter struck out, the third bunt hit

of the inning by junior shortstop Natalie Hull brought home the game's first run.

It was the first time that Monson scored a run against South Hadley since a 1-0 victory in the second meeting of the 2022 regular season.

A sacrifice bunt by freshman first baseman Chelsea Hull scored another run giving the home team a 2-0 advantage.

The Lady Mustangs didn't keep the lead for very long.

Powers leadoff the top of the sixth with a line-drive single to right. Then Schaeffer, who had three base hits, hit a hard chopper up the middle into centerfield. Powers crossed the plate following a fielding error. Schaeffer scored the tying run when junior shortstop Sophia Butler blooped a single into shallow rightfield.

The Lady Tigers took the lead for the first time in the following frame without a benefit of a base hit.

Junior centerfielder Karli Carmody drew a leadoff walk before stealing both second and third. She crossed the plate following a throwing error by the catcher.

Bullough also walked before Schaeffer blasted a triple to rightfield giving the visiting team a two-run cushion.

Schaeffer struck out the first two batters in the bottom of the seventh inning before McMahon fielded a bunt and threw a strike to Kinney ending the ballgame.

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Projects funded by the annual legislation often improve quality of life for residents in every region of the state, and many play a role in environmental mitigation. Every city and town in the state would receive a share of \$200 million in funding to be used on maintenance and construction of roads and bridges. \$150 million would be allocated equally to six programs targeting specific transportation infrastructure, and \$25 million would be allocated to cities and towns through the rural roads program. "Getting around our communities is a fundamental part of everyone's day," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D Ashland). "Whether

the commute takes you on the sidewalk, through a bike lane, across a small bridge, onto your Regional Transit Authority, or to the T, your journey should be quick and safe. By passing today's legislation, we are empowering our cities and towns with the funding to make improvements to the infrastructure our residents travel on, regardless of where they go and how." "I am proud to join my colleagues in the legislature to secure this investment for the sustainability of roads, bridges, and regional transit infrastructure for the Hampden district and communities across the Commonwealth", said Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). "Delegating the implementation of infrastructure funding to municipalities will ensure that improvements at a local level will be addressed appropriately."

A previous version having been passed by the House of Representatives, the legislation now awaits final enactment in each branch, before being sent to the Governor's desk for her signature.

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in mind," said Krassler. "I am excited to be around hard-working, like-minded farmers and small business owners every week as we pedal our goods and exchange stories. We have such a great time and become very close by the end of a season."

New for Krassler this year will be having a paid assistant market manager, Regina Packard, to run SNAP and the SNAP Match program. Regina, a volunteer from last year will help Krassler with running the market.

"I am excited about having an assistant who is enthusiastic, kind, and incredibly smart," praised Krassler. "One of my favorite things about running a market is giving away SNAP Match. Nothing brings me more joy than telling people about this program for the first time."

Thanks to sponsors, the SNAP Match program allows the market to match up to \$10 per week for SNAP households to purchase items at the market.

"We believe that the customers deserve to decide what they would like to purchase, and that all of our small, local farms and businesses deserve the extra sales," said Krassler.

As the summer season ramps up, the market may expand its hours when more vegetables become abundant and in season. No dogs are allowed at Buttery Brook Park or the market. All updates will be posted to Farmers Market South Hadley's Facebook page, including any special events and updated vendor lists for each week. Krassler is hopeful that area residents will come out and support the market and its vendors.

"Opening a brand new market, in a new location, on a weekday, was never meant to be easy, and I was well aware of that from the beginning," said Krassler. "While speaking to a handful of other experienced managers who have done similar things, I've heard that years 2 and 3 are always the hardest years to run a new market, and I have found this to be true so far coming into year 2."

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Obituary

Carole L. Peterhansel, 84

GRANBY – Carole Louise Peterhansel died peacefully on Friday, May 3, 2024, from complications after a fall, at the age of 84.



Carole was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on Oct. 12, 1939, the daughter of the late Charles and Stella (LaBonte) Peterhansel.

She grew up in Holyoke and was a graduate of Blessed Sacrament School and Sacred Heart High School, Class of 1957. She attended Holyoke Hospital School of Nursing in the Class of 1960.

After receiving a certificate from Springfield Trade School, she worked as a dental assistant in Holyoke, first for Dr. Robert Firestone and then for Dr. William Archer and served a one-year term as president of the Dental Assistants' Association. Carole attended Holyoke Community College and then transferred to UMass Amherst where she received a bachelor's degree cum laude in physical education in 1971.

She worked in the Development Office at Mount Holyoke College from 1976 to 1991, first as a research assistant and then as Director of Research and Records. While working full-time, she took courses at Westfield State College and received a master's degree with a concentration in history in 1982.

Carole went back to school full-time and received a bachelor's degree in nursing from UMass Amherst in 1994. She then worked as a charge nurse at Mount St. Vincent Nursing Home in Holyoke from 1994 until her retirement in 2004.

Carole was a life-long learner. She loved nature and gardening, history and genealogy, and ships and the sea. Her favorite vacation places were Cape Cod and Newport, Rhode Island.

She was an accomplished pianist and sang in the choirs at Blessed Sacrament Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Carole was pre-deceased by her parents, her sister Mona Peterhansel Hodnicki and her brother Carl Peterhansel. Carole was the beloved aunt of Lisa and Jill Hodnicki, at home. She also leaves her niece Laura Peterhansel Perrier, and nephews Carl and Mark Peterhansel; her cousins Dale, Lynn, Lance, and Laurel Labonte, and Gail Cauley; and several dear friends.

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Applications open for financial education funding for veterans

BOSTON – In collaboration with the Division of Banks and the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, the State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment announced a new round of funding for Operation Money Wise.

This grant program offers funding to veteran-serving non-profit organizations, public agencies, and higher education institutions to host financial programming that serves the Military, Veteran, Family, and Survivor Community.

Veteran-serving organizations can apply for up to \$5,000 in funding, which must be used before March 31, 2025. Applications close on May 31 at 5 p.m.

For more information about how to apply, visit www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-operation-money-wise.

To date, Operation Money Wise

has served over 6,648 members of the military community. A total of \$262,977 has been awarded to 55 grantees in six grant rounds. The funding allows organizations to use their knowledge and expertise to design or enhance a program that would best serve their community.

Many of these workshops will include strategy sessions on basic budgeting, managing debt, preparing for retirement, and making decisions with money.

"We are proud to help those who serve our country achieve financial stability for themselves and their families," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg in a press release. "Operation Money Wise will continue to support organizations that uplift and financially empower our veteran community across Massachusetts."

"Operation Money Wise helps address the daily financial chal-

lenges that veterans and their families continually face," said Undersecretary of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation Layla R. D'Emilia. "By empowering the organizations that best serve our military, this program is an example of a results-driven, community-focused collaboration in which we are proud to take part."

Previous programs include one-day seminars or multiple sessions hosted by local colleges and financial institutions. Topics featured in past programs include career-training, information tailored to Gold Star Families, the National Guard Reintegration Yellow Ribbon Program, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

Funding is possible through a Division of Banks settlement over alleged unlawful lending practices.

Health

Should I have a lumpectomy or mastectomy?

Questions answered by a Bay-state Health breast surgeon and which you can use in discussions with your own doctor.

SPRINGFIELD – Should you have a mastectomy or lumpectomy? That's a question that can only best be answered in consultation with your breast cancer team. There are many questions to ask your doctor, here a just a few along with some general answers from Dr. Jesse Casaubon of Baystate Surgical Oncology and Breast Specialists.



Submitted photo
Jesse Casaubon

Q: What is a mastectomy, what are the pros and cons of mastectomy and what can be expected after surgery such as restrictions, recovery time, and more?

A: A mastectomy is a procedure that removes all of the breast tissue and is typically compared to lumpectomy which involves removal of the infected area only but leaves the remainder of the breast tissue intact.

There are many pros and cons but the important thing to note is that for breast cancer, either option is effective, assuming that the patient is a candidate for lumpectomy (for example some women have cancer that has spread throughout multiple areas of the breast and require mastectomy/are not candidates for lesser surgery). By effective I mean that the survival between the two is exactly the same. There is a slightly lower risk of having the cancer come back when someone chooses mastectomy, however, if they choose lumpectomy and the cancer returns, it typically recurs within the breast and the patient would then be a candidate for mastectomy which is likely why the survival is the same between the two. Unfortunately, mastectomy is a much larger procedure that is associated with a higher risk of bleeding and infection. It also will permanently change how the chest feels and looks.

Q: What are the different types of mastectomies?

A: There are different types of mastectomies. The most basic

removed compared to how much is being left behind and what will need to be done to the tissue that is being left behind so that it looks good.

mastectomy is called a total mastectomy and involves removing the breast and most of the overlying skin so that the chest wall looks flat afterward. Other variations of the mastectomy involve leaving skin, or sometimes even leaving the nipple and areola so that a plastic surgeon can perform reconstruction or rebuilding of the breast

Q: Will I be a candidate for breast reconstruction?

A: Many women are candidates for breast reconstruction though it is important to note what things make reconstruction riskier such as uncontrolled diabetes and smoking. Only the plastic surgeon can decide after discussing with you.

Q: What is a lumpectomy and what are the pros and cons of lumpectomy and what can be expected after surgery such as restrictions and recovery?

A: Lumpectomy is typically a less intensive/invasive procedure and the recovery is quicker. Everybody is different but usually within a week or so people are feeling close to normal. It is important to recognize that it takes a long time to get completely back to normal with any procedure. Mastectomy takes longer typically, often we will tell people it will be weeks until they are feeling almost like normal.

Q: Are there different types of lumpectomies?

A: Yes. It is typically just related to how much tissue needs to be

removed compared to how much is being left behind and what will need to be done to the tissue that is being left behind so that it looks good.

Q: What will my breast look like after a lumpectomy?

A: Your breast should look relatively similar after lumpectomy to what it did before lumpectomy.

Q: What are the determinants you consider when suggesting one over the other?

A: We typically recommend that women who are candidates for lumpectomy undergo the procedure instead of mastectomy given the survival is the same and the procedure itself is much better tolerated. It is important to note that there are studies looking at quality of life after these 2 surgeries and that it is almost always better (quality of life after surgery is almost always higher) for patients who are able to preserve their breast.

Q: Depending upon the procedure I choose, will I need additional treatment?

A: One of the main downsides of lumpectomy is that often, radiation is recommended which will help decrease the chance of the cancer coming back in the breast. This is one of the reasons why many women elect to remove the breast entirely.

Q: Will I need to have chemotherapy or hormonal therapy?

A: The decision for chemotherapy or hormone therapy is not often related to which surgery you pick and more related to which type of cancer, and how aggressive that type is. The lymph nodes are often sampled during these procedures to understand if the cancer has spread and this will often influence these additional treatment recommendations as well.

For more information on breast cancer surgery at Baystate Health visit: <https://www.baystatehealth.org/services/cancer/treatment/surgery/breast-surgery>.

2024 Belchertown Farmers and Artisans Market participants announced

BELCHERTOWN – Opening day of the 2024 season for Belchertown Farmers and Artisans Market is Sunday, June 9th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the historic Belchertown Common.

The 2024 season runs from June 9 through Oct. 6, with a week off for the Belchertown Fair.

Here is a list (at press time) of the 2024 participating farmers, food makers and artisans: farmers, Austin-Brothers Valley Farm, Grown Up Farm, Hope's Tent, Inner Peace Farm, The Lavender Woods Farm, Oak & Ash Farm, Pretty Pickings Flower Farm, Quabbin Hill Farms,

Root the Future Farm, Rubee Ranch, Sugarbush Garden and Devon Lane Farm; food makers, Auntie Elsie's Weekend Bake Shop, Fortuna Artisan Cookies, P'Frogi by Irida, Cakes by PIP, Pit Beast, Shattuck's Sugarhouse, Sir Barks-A-Lot Homemade Dog Treats and Wicked Good Treats by Elaine; artisans, Cold Spring Soapery, Barton Beeswax Candles, Ishkabbile Crafts, Lois' Creations, Pearl & Company, Pollywoguen Creations and Sara Crafts Things.

In addition to these farmers and artisans, the market will have community tables, activities and entertainment.

Be sure to follow Belchertown Farmers Market on Facebook and Instagram to get all the latest updates and get to know their amazing vendors and wonderful products. Sign up for their weekly newsletter to keep up-to-date on products available each week – visit their website at www.belchertownfarmers-market.weebly.com.

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