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## South Hadley's own Queen

Resident earns  
title at pageant

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SOUTH HADLEY – Last weekend at Holyoke High School, a special pageant was held to celebrate the senior women in our communities.

Representing South Hadley was Carolyn Nestor, who prepared a special dance for her turn with the help of her trainer, owner and operator of Get Movin Fitness, April Marion.

“She represented South Hadley with elegance and grace. At the event, she had the largest cheering squad,” Marion said. “It was a nice little show that they did. They really embrace one another.”

Nestor achieved the second runner-up in Miss Congeniality, along with the Queen of the evening. The opportunity was one that she will remember for a lifetime.

The Ms. Senior Massachusetts America organization that exemplifies dignity and maturity



Submitted Photos by April Marion  
Carolyn Nestor stands with her awards and flowers, proud of her second place winning.

ty for seniors. They go through interviews, then go on to speak and volunteer at different places and programs once they become Queens.

“I was her coach, and I helped and trained her for her

talent, and she danced,” Marion said. “We love and admire her energy and drive. We always think we want to be like her when we turn eighty.”

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## Town lawn bylaw likely to be revised

By Samuel Gelinas  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY For the past year, the Board of Health and Conservation Commission have discussed the usefulness of bylaw 179-4, which mandates that “grass will be kept no higher than six inches.”

Once a debated topic in committee meetings, the Conservation Commission now says, “everyone” is in support of amending the bylaw, which would scrap this restriction from the books.

Other particulars of Town law in the category of nuisance prevented this amendment from passing at Town Meeting a couple weeks ago. “The conversation that delayed the vote, surprisingly, was not the length of lawn, but was questions about decibel levels and furniture on curbs,” shared Rebekah Cornell, Conservation Administrator for the Town.

For those in support of amending the bylaw, this is a, “good sign.” Cornell added that, “everyone seemed in support.”

The vote has been postponed until October or November, according to the Conservation Commission’s latest meeting.

No Mow May, an increased

*“I like the idea of having pollinators, of having wild areas where we can have pollinators, but I think about what would happen if everybody in South Hadley decided never to mow their lawns again.”*

TERRY ROSENFELD

awareness for ecosystems and pollinators, among other factors, have led to the declining popularity of manicured lawns—long a symbol of the American suburbia’s tranquility.

Stephen Frantz of the Board of Health has called the idea of manicured lawns, “ridiculous” and “passe,” adding that “nobody has ever used” the Town bylaw.

Bill DeLuca, a fellow member of the Board of Health, has called it, “too restrictive,” with others saying that it does not take into account people who are

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## Commission on Disabilities works for people in need

By Tina Lesniak  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – Since its creation in 2019, South Hadley’s Commission on Disabilities has worked diligently to ensure all the town’s residents have access to its services and buildings.

“The commission promotes access to individuals with any disability, and looks for areas in the town that create barriers to those individuals,” said Larry Dubois, clerk of the commission on disabilities.

The five-member commission works in coordination with town and state offices to create policies and procedures to ensure that those with disabilities may fully participate in the activities they choose and be safe at locations around town.

“The COD’s charge is encompassing, and we may provide technical guidance in one situation, help people find available resources, or support other efforts in the community,” said Tay Silveira, chair of the commission.

“The commission is currently addressing a safety issue with

how to ensure handicapped individuals are evacuated for town buildings in the event of a fire or other emergency,” explained Dubois. “Past practice drills around the country have seen those individuals left behind for a variety of reasons.”

At its May 15 meeting, the commission met with Sharon Hart, the town’s health department director to discuss what needs to be done or in place so that everyone can be safely evacuated.

Hart explained that one of her main priorities is obtaining evacuation chairs for the town hall, as well as Michael E. Smith Middle School and Plains Elementary School because those buildings have multiple floors. The need for them became clear after a drill at town hall.

Hart intends to seek funding from either the Massachusetts Office on Disability grants or a Public Health Excellence grant. Hart estimated the cost to be around \$30,000 which would include mounting cases and training on how to use them.

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Members of the South Hadley High School softball infield high five during the game against Frontier on Monday at the Western Mass. Class B Tournament, Quarterfinal Round. The tigers lost 9-3.

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## Selectboard brings in new hires and funds

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Select Board met with the Light Board last week in a joint meeting to discuss a potential new hire for the Light Board.

The May 21 meeting last week was led by Chair Andrea Miles, and included Vice Chair Carol Constant, Clerk Nicole Casolari, and member Jeff Cyr.

The board announced a Memorial Day ceremony at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Monday, May 27 for ceremonies honoring our veterans at the Town hall.

### Joint Municipal Light Board Meeting

The board held an interview and appointment with Tom Ter-

ry, who expressed interest in being appointed to fill the vacancy on the Light Board.

The board welcomed Terry to the board to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Town Meeting in 2025.

### Opioid Funds and Updates

“As of May 2024, the town has received \$321,872.12, and we will be getting a total of \$1.2 million,” Miles said in reference to the state funds for opioids.

The funds will be used towards opioid use disorder treatment, supporting people in treatment and recovery, and connecting people to care.

It will also help with harm reduction, provide needs for police and other law enforcement, supporting pregnant or parenting

families, and preventing misuse of opioids with education.

Chuck Romboletti joined the meeting remotely to answer some questions about where this funding will go, and how it can be used.

“There’s definitely a lot of other best practices to go based off of other communities, because a lot of other communities impacted by the crisis are getting these funds also,” Romboletti said.

### New Business and Information

John Williams, with Allied Waste Services of Massachusetts, came to the board with an updated trash and recycling contract for the next six years until 2029.

He shared his concerns with the costs for the pickup and disposal of trash and recycling and shared the offer from the service for the next few years.

The board discussed the various concerns and ways to fund the services and moved to approve the final plan.

The board moved on to discuss the administrative consent order, which detailed an emergency environment need to improve sewer drainage in the event of heavy rains.

They reviewed the consent order from the Department of Environmental Protection and reviewed ways to incorporate these concerns into practice to ensure that future flash floods and storms do not cause as much damage.

### Town Meeting Review Committee Report

The Town Meeting Review Committee came forward to give a report as a memo from Town Administrator Lisa Wong, giving recommendations on new ways to facilitate.

“Mass general law has many specific guidelines for these issues,” Miles said. “Based on the process, it will naturally come before Town Meeting, or before us as a vote.”

They moved forward to accept the recommendations as presented by the Town Meeting Review Committee and will further discuss these recommendations in a later meeting.

## South Hadley observes Memorial Day

### Memorial Day Ceremony

Evergreen Cemetery  
Rte. 47 just below  
Village Commons

Monday, May 27 • 9 a.m.

Everyone is welcome.

The Ceremony will feature Sue English, soloist; readings; raising & lowering of the flag in honor of those Veterans who have fallen; taps by Roger Farnsworth.



## 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.

### CORRECTION

In the Citizen of the Year Award story in last weeks Town Reminder it was stated incorrectly who was now the giver of the Citizen of the Year award. The new organization presenting the award is Know Your Town. We apologize for the inaccuracy.

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# Canvas Sky coming to town this June

SOUTH HADLEY – Hideaway Circus is thrilled to announce the arrival of Canvas Sky, an all-new outdoor show, to South Hadley, MA. Following the unprecedented success of the “Stars Above” tours, this groundbreaking spectacle will make its much-anticipated stop in South Hadley as part of a 35-week journey across 22 states. The show will be presented in partnership with the Town of South Hadley, taking place at Buttery Brook Park, with showtimes scheduled for June 25, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. and June 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Canvas Sky features a heartfelt tale centered on themes of self-acceptance and the power of uplifting one another, portrayed through the journey of a circus troupe. Audiences will follow the story of a clown, struggling to find his place, who discovers his voice with a little help from an unexpected friend. This narrative is brought to life by a cast of ten world-class performers, blending the enchantment of classical circus arts with a contemporary storyline, all set to the backdrop of original music. This all-ages production is performed outdoors, under the vast canopy of sky and stars, on a custom-built circular stage and aerial rig, offering a unique open-air experience.

Creators and producers, Josh and

Lyndsay Aviner seamlessly merge storytelling with physical artistry to create an imaginative performance you’ll want to experience with your friends and family every year. Josh says, “after touring Stars Above for three seasons, we’re thrilled to present a new production with a fresh cast, compelling story, and original music for our devoted fans who have been year after year for what is now becoming a family circus tradition.” Its captivating story resonates with audiences in the current landscape. As Lyndsey describes, “the theme of this year’s show feels very fitting for what I think a lot of people are searching for right now, a way to make the world and their communities full of love and acceptance.”

The show offers three tiers of seating to cater to every preference: General Admission, where spectators can bring their own portable chair or blanket; Premium Seating, providing a comfortable outdoor spectator lawn chair; and the VIP Experience, which offers center-front seating with the most comfortable chairs. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$65.

### Meet the local partner

Buttery Brook Park was created in 1980 by South Hadley Parks Superintendent Joseph Taylor. The land for the park

was acquired from Fire District No. 1 in 1958 and a parcel near the North Entrance was deeded by the Kielbasa Family in 1959. Joe Taylor involved a number of people in the development of the park and bartered for most of the materials. He and his staff crafted many of the picnic tables and benches, and pavilions were built by the Lion’s Club. Part of the property had served as a reservoir from the late 1800s to 1952. The park is nestled in the old Buttery Brook watershed, a remnant of which still exists on the hill overlooking the path of the brook as it winds its way through the Park’s large, open field below the pine grove.

For more information about Hideaway Circus and Canvas Sky, please visit [www.hideawaycircus.com](http://www.hideawaycircus.com).

### About Hideaway Circus

Hideaway Circus is a Brooklyn-based circus, dance, and multi-media producing company founded by Josh & Lyndsay Aviner. Known for their original live theatrical productions, including “Stars Above,” “Beyond Babel,” and “Reflex,” Hideaway Circus continues to push the boundaries of circus and performance art, capturing the hearts of audiences everywhere.

# New Senior Services Director and Veterans Director

The Town has hired a new Senior Services Director and a new Veterans Services Director. Julie Pearce. Julie will start on June 3 as the Senior Services Director. She has



Julie Pearce

been the Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator in Longmeadow, MA since 2020 and previously worked at the Highland Valley Elder Services. She is a licensed clinical social worker and received her

Masters of Social Work and Bachelor of Social Work at Westfield State University.

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Christopher Plotniak, Senior Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force-Retired, will also start on June 3 as the Veterans Services Director. Chris is a South Hadley resident who is coming from the private sector in the Aerospace Life Support Division of the David Clark Co. He is a graduate of Holyoke Community College and the recipient of several Service Medals.

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Hart also explained the need for bariatric cots, which accommodate larger-sized people, at the middle school which is an evacuation shelter for the town.

In addition to those needs for emergencies, Hart also reviewed some of the other accommodations made around town. These include magnifiers and hearing amplifiers at town elections and town meetings, as well as providing training on how to manage seizures and how to use automated external defibrillators.

In talking about these concerns and accommodations, Hart emphasized that she would love to receive feedback from the commission on issues that need to be addressed.

In other news, Silveira noted improvements at South Hadley Public Library that include an accessible van spot and a plan to restripe the lot. Silveira added that library staff are looking at

ways to make its garden more accessible but those estimates, of at least \$20,000, are just too much for the current budget.

The commission is also supporting a project spearheaded by Facilities Director Scott Moor to create an accessible evacuation route from the back of South Hadley High School.

The commission consistently seeks input and feedback from the town’s residents through its work with other town groups and targeted surveys. The commission has informational tables at the South Hadley Senior Center and expects to be at its June Aging in Place event.

Commission members also participate on other boards to share and receive information.

“Members of the commission bring that feedback back to the commission,” said Dubois. “We are looking at targeted surveys to try and extract data that can be useful for town planning.”

The Commission on Disabilities members may be reached at [cod@shadleyma.org](mailto:cod@shadleyma.org).

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“It took some convincing for me to do it,” Nestor said of the pageant.

It took lots of preparation, and hard work, meeting for many rehearsals throughout the week. “April was very faithful to helping me to prepare for the pageant,” Nestor said.

“The fellowship of these people is tremendous; they come together so that anyone can succeed,” Nestor said of the women who compete in these pageants.

“The thing that’s nice, is that when someone wins instead of you, you don’t resent them, and instead you still hope the best for everyone around you,” Nestor reflected. “It really gave me a different perspective on life. The atmosphere was such that you didn’t feel that there were daggers at someone who would do better than you. I felt so comfortable. We applauded each other during rehearsals.”

The pageants were meant to serve as a way to uplift seniors, coming from their own unique communities, to speak for them in any way possible.

“I would like other senior women to know that they are important to our world, our country, our state, and their community because they’ve had lots of life experience to share with people,”



Carolyn Nestor performs her routine on stage.

Nestor said. “I’m constantly encouraging people because if you work to keep and take care of your health, you’ll be able to take care of yourself. I vote for independence for anybody, especially seniors.”

Nestor will move forward to compete again next year, with the goal of getting a higher rank, and taking all of the valuable and wonderful messages she learned with her, and the many friends she has made along the way.

## South Hadley Public Library

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### June Adult Programs

#### Puzzle Swap

Sat., June 1st at 10 – 11 am

Have Jigsaws over 500 pieces? Want a new one... or two. Come on down and bring a complete puzzle. Drop off your complete puzzle starting May 13th at the Library Front Desk. Get a ticket for each puzzle dropped off. We will have all the puzzles available the morning of the swap. Bring your ticket to swap the number of puzzles you brought.

August 17th, 10 - 11 am – School Sports Equipment Swap

September 21st – Small Appliance Swap

October 19th- Halloween Costume Swap (For All Ages)

November 16th – Recipe Swap

December 14th – Jigsaw Puzzle swap

Local History Talk: Old Homes of South Hadley Falls with Leo Labonte

Wed. June 5 at 6 pm

Learn about the historic homes of South Hadley, such as the mill owners, pioneering doctors, and many of the forgotten brick makers, brick layers and tavern owners. He will also talk about Taylor’s Field, aka Canal Village, and the state Champion Trees. The talk will cover from Canal Street to the Plains School. This program is sponsored by the South Hadley Cultural Council. Thank you for your support!

The History of Emancipation and Juneteenth

Wed., June 12 at 6 pm

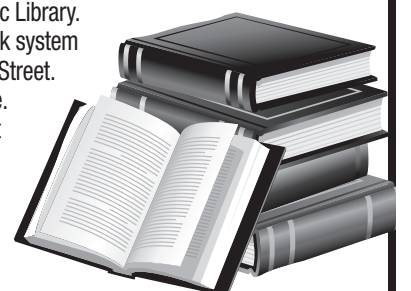
Chris Daley, historian, will present information on the abolitionist movement, the election of Abraham Lincoln, Fremont’s Emancipation, Hunter’s Emancipation, and the General Benjamin Butler’s orders on “Contraband of War.” The Emancipation Proclamation itself; the timing of it, the politics of it and who was actually freed by it. The gradual emancipation of slaves by Federal Troops as they conquered the different Confederate states, the end of the war and the movement of troops into Texas and the famous issuing of General Order No. 3 on June 19th, 1865 at Galveston Texas. And, finally how Juneteenth went from a local Galveston Texas celebration to a national holiday.

Walking History Tour of the South Hadley Canal with Robert Comeau

Sat., June 15th from 10 am – Noon

A walking tour sponsored by the South Hadley Public Library. Explore South Hadley’s navigational canal from its lock system at Riverside Park up to the Bicentennial Park on Canal Street.

Must be able to walk 2 miles. Sign up at Eventbrite.com starting near the end of May. Meet and park at the South Hadley Town Parking Lot at the corner of Bardwell and Main Streets. Leader is Robert Comeau of the Historical Tours of Greater Holyoke. Sign Up at Eventbrite.com or at <https://tinyurl.com/3br79n2s>



# Opinion

## GUEST COLUMN

### Why your adult child needs a HIPAA form

Research indicates that the brain doesn't fully mature until around age 25, but nonetheless: In Illinois (as in most states), 18 is the age at which a child is considered to be a legal adult. And it's when parents lose their right to that child's medical information.

That's why – if you want to be involved in your young adult's health care once they hit that magic age – you need their authorization under the Health Insurance Privacy and Accountability Act, better known as HIPAA.

HIPAA required the creation of national standards to protect sensitive patient health information from being disclosed without the patient's consent or knowledge. The law doesn't care if your young adult is on your insurance and you're responsible for the bills. It also doesn't care whether your child is an 18-year-old college freshman or a 45-year-old out on their own.

Or maybe they were out on their own, but came back to the nest. Thanks to the pandemic and associated job losses, the share of adults ages 25 to 34 who lived with their parents reached historic highs in 2020, according to the U.S. Census: 22 percent of men and 13.4 percent of women.

The numbers aren't quite as high now, but they're still significant. In 2022, 19 percent of men and 12 percent of women in the 25-34 demographic cohabit with their parents. Young adults who are disabled or have mental or emotional disorders also tend to live with mom and dad.

Health issues arise unexpectedly – the young adult could be involved in a car accident, diagnosed with cancer or need an emergency appendectomy. You know my mantra: Be prepared with documentation so that health care can proceed according to your child's wishes.

Verbal authorization can take the place of a signed HIPAA release. Your child only has to tell health-care providers, "I authorize my parents to receive my medical information and be involved in my health-care decisions."

That works if the patient is awake and alert. But what if every parent's nightmare comes true? You get a phone call in the middle of the night that there's been an accident and your child is unconscious. Now what?

A spouse is considered by default to be authorized to receive medical information. If the partners are separated, though, does your child want their soon-to-be ex-spouse involved in their health care? If not, they need a HIPAA authorizing someone else. Your child may be single and not have anyone to designate.

If your child does end up in the hospital, the HIPAA authorization will come in handy. Because hospitals do not want to be fined for violating HIPAA, most will err on the side of caution and refrain from disclosing any information to family members without the properly executed documentation. Without this exchange of information, families can be left out of the loop and doctors may miss important family medical history.

As a companion to the HIPAA authorization form, it is also important for young adults to have a Health Care Power of Attorney so that someone will have the authority to make medical decisions on behalf of your child if they are incapacitated. Without this document, you may have to go to court in order to have someone appointed to make crucial medical decisions.

These aren't necessarily easy conversations to have with an adult child because no one – particularly a young adult who is healthy – wants to think about the possibility of illness or injury. And as parents we need to be careful that we're not acting like mother hens and intruding on their privacy.

It might be worthwhile to have a trusted family member or advisor suggest your child should consider executing a HIPAA authorization and health care power-of-attorney, designating

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## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### Medicare increase results in loss of Social Security benefits

**Dear Rusty:**

My wife and I have taken a Social Security "Cut," no 3.2% raise for us, due to something called Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, based on our income.

We actually took, together, a \$400 a month cut. As far as I can tell from what they told me, we are means tested and were too successful, so our Medicare premiums were much higher, which resulted in our reduced Social Security for 2024. Have you sorted this out? And, if so, can I appeal this disgusting situation?

*Signed: Baffled Senior*

**Dear Baffled:**

We're very familiar with the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, not so affectionately called "IRMAA." IRMAA catches many Social Security beneficiaries by surprise, not only higher earners such as you, but also those who make large withdrawals from a tax-deferred account, who sell property, or who have any other kind of sudden large bump in their taxable income. Essentially, if your income is over certain thresholds for your IRS filing status, you pay a higher IRMAA premium for your Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services) and your Part D (prescription drug coverage). And since your Medicare premium is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment, your net monthly Social Security payment goes down.

Any COLA added to your Social Security benefit is often consumed by an IRMAA increase to your Medicare premiums. And, to further complicate matters, your Medicare premium for the current year is determined by your income from two years prior, which means your 2024 Medicare premiums were determined by your 2022 income.

The IRMAA thresholds are different depending on your income tax filing status, but assuming you file your taxes as married/jointly, your combined 2022 income had to be more than \$206,000 to cause IRMAA to apply in 2024. With income between

\$206,000 and \$258,000, each of your Part B premiums would be \$244.60 instead of the standard \$174.70 and your Part D premium, if you have Part D, would incur another \$12.90 on top of your regular Part D premium amount.

IRMAA premiums further increase on a sliding scale and those with income of \$750,000 or more would pay a maximum Medicare Part B premium of \$584/month and would incur another \$81 per month added to their normal Part D premium. Thus, as you have noted, Medicare premiums are, indeed, "means-tested."

Can you appeal "this disgusting situation?" Well, you can always appeal any Social Security determination, but appealing IRMAA will only be successful if you can prove that the income they used to determine your 2024 Medicare premium was incorrect or if you can convince them to use a more recent year with a lower income to calculate your Medicare premium. If you believe you can be successful, you should call Social Security (1-800-772-1213) to formally appeal the IRMAA premium, or you can submit form SSA-44 to appeal based on a "life-changing event."

I know that understanding how IRMAA works won't soften your dismay, but I can only explain the rules and how they work. Your 3.2% COLA increase for 2024 was used to offset some of the IRMAA Medicare premium increase caused by your higher income and it is IRMAA which caused your net Social Security payment to go down. FYI, your Medicare premiums are recalculated each year, so if your income goes down to below the IRMAA threshold for your tax filing status, then your Medicare premium will revert to the standard amount for each year.

I hope this clarifies why your Social Security payments went down and why you didn't see your COLA increase, but the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer any questions you may have about Social Security.

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### Three of the eight areas of incompleteness

There is a lot going on in my yard. That is a true statement.

Every fall I say I am going to be smarter about what I take on and then spring hits and I am obsessed with gardening. It is all I think about, and it has been this way since I was a teenager.

I guess I could get myself into worse trouble.

Presently I am adding to the front border, redefining a perennial garden, making a permanent spot for dahlias, and waking up the raised beds and vegetable garden. Read on for a taste of what I've been up to.

I'd been on the hunt for a Pink Flowering Dogwood; and this year, because I wanted one, I seemingly saw them everywhere. What a year for the dogwoods!

My husband determined that said tree would be my Mother's Day gift if only we could find one. I made the acquisition early last week and had it planted in the front border within hours.

Cornus 'Rutger's Stellar' is a hardy, disease and borer resistant hybrid, with gorgeous pink bracts.

To plant the tree, I dug a hole bigger than the rootball and amended with nearby soil mixed with moist peat moss. I planted it at the same depth it was in its pot and I'll be careful not to let mulch build up around the trunk.

Now, what can I add to the part sun un-



Dahlias

derstory? Astilbe? Japanese painted fern? Hostas? Hmm. Much to think about in terms of texture and color.

I have lots of perennial gardens here and there. There is a big one in my front yard, left from the original blueprint of the previous owner.

For some reason it was made deep, very deep. Half of this bed is backed by a stone retaining wall, the other half by a white picket fence. I'd like to narrow it up a bit, only keeping a couple of specimen plants and some edgers on the side with the picket fence.

I have one gorgeous Peony plant seems incredibly happy there. It is staked in an extra large tomato cage and for the most part it's doing the trick to hold up what appears to be dozens of potential heavy blossoms.

To use the cage I had to put it in place when the plant was emerging from the soil – to do so now would be disastrous!

If you need to stake your peony and haven't yet, try this method. Insert bamboo or wooden stakes into the ground on the outer edge of the plant to three-quarters of its height. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the stakes, respectively.

Simply start by tying a knot on one



Peony

stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

The search goes on for exactly what plants will finish up that half of the bed.

Dahlias will make their home in the other half. My collection is still fairly small – I think I have seven varieties, but I can feel the fever building.

They are just such an amazing group of plants in so many gorgeous color variations and sizes. From teenie pom-poms to "dinner plate" and every size in between, I am in awe. It's exciting to finally have an area devoted entirely to my collection and I can't wait to get them in the ground.

Plant dahlias in full sun, in fertile soil amended sparingly with compost and organic fertilizers. Most tubers are planted about 3 inches deep and 1 to 3 feet away from one another, depending on plant size.

Providing enough air circulation between plants will help keep diseases at bay.

Most gardeners install a stake at planting time and attach the dahlia to it as it grows, beginning when it is a foot tall. Subsequent ties are made every 18 inches



Pink Flowering Dog

or so depending on variety.

Without the use of stakes, large flowers will likely topple in the wind and rain, sometimes taking a good portion of the plant with it.

Pinching dahlias is another good practice. When the plant has three sets of leaves gently remove its growth tip. This will encourage more branching and inevitably more flowers.

Once blooming starts it is important to cut away spent blooms on a regular basis; tubers will grow stronger because of it. Dahlias thrive on sufficient moisture, especially since they are shallow rooted.

Furnish them with one inch per week during active growth.

Well, there is more incomplete, but you get the gist of my adventures. Chances are you have your own as well. Enjoy now; they'll be time to sit later.

*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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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

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unable to regularly manicure their yards.

Terry Rosenfeld, an associate member of the Conservation Commission, had expressed his hesitancy, and shared what he saw as being potential implications of voting for change.

"I like the idea of having pollinators, of having wild areas where we can have pollinators, but I think about what would happen if everybody in South Hadley decided never to mow their lawns again," Rosenfeld stated. Instead of unrestrained

limits on lawn growth, he had expressed his preference to see some limitation, preventing South Hadley from becoming a "wasteland."

Not only aesthetic, but practical arguments have been made against amending the bylaw, which include the possible threat of increases in snake and rodent populations.

Frantz took a much more positive view on human nature, and said amending this bylaw would not be advocating for messiness. "I'm not worried about a large number of people letting their yards go wild," said Frantz.

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nating you or another individual of their choosing to be an authorized recipient of medical information and make decisions on their behalf.

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to prepare a HIPAA authorization and health care power of attorney, and then hope they're never needed.

*Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN, is a board-certified patient advocate and Monson resident. A critical care nurse for 30+ years, she is founder of NShore Patient Advocates, (www.NorthshoreRN.com). Her book, "How to Be a Healthcare Advocate for Yourself & Your Loved Ones is available on Amazon. She is offering a free phone consultation to Turley Newspaper readers. Contact her at Teri@northshorern.com to set it up.*

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# Forty-third season of Wednesday Folk tradition continues

HADLEY – The Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum continues the 43rd season of Wednesday Folk Traditions concert series on Wednesday, June 19 with The Amherst Area Gospel Choir presenting the 12th annual Horace Clarence Boyer Memorial Gospel Concert with a compilation of songs deriving from slave spirituals, African Diaspora, Boyer’s music, and contemporary pieces in celebration of Juneteenth, which recognizes the Emancipation Proclamation. This and all other performances are held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Sunken Garden at the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum, 130 River Drive.



Submitted photo

**The Amherst Area Gospel Choir was created to promote a gospel singing community that preserves and advances Black gospel music in its spiritual and artistic form.**

Admission is \$12, \$2 for children 16 and under. Picnickers are welcome on the museum’s grounds starting at 5:00 pm. The museum and its grounds are a smoke-free site. For further information please call (413) 584-4699 or view [www.pphmuseum.org](http://www.pphmuseum.org).

Other artists scheduled for Wednesday Folk traditions are as follows:

**June 12:** Tim Eriksen, leader in the “shape-note” tradition, experimentalist and ethnomusicologist, performs traditional ballads from the Appalachians to the Pioneer Valley and original pieces that have been described as “magical realism in song.”

**June 19:** The 12th annual Horace Clarence Boyer Memorial Gospel Concert features The Amherst Area Gospel Choir, who continue Boyer’s tradition

of bringing gospel to all with a compilation of songs deriving from slave spirituals, African diaspora, Tommy Dorsey’s Big Band hits, Boyer’s original music, and contemporary pieces to celebrate Juneteenth.

**June 26th:** The Talamana Trio create cosmic rhythm and order in a world fusion ensemble performing original songs, incorporating elements of Indian and Middle Eastern music with jazz and folk music, based on the lyrics of visionary poets. Musicians include Laila Salins on shruti, Jim Matus on laouta and Robert Markey on sitar.

**July 23:** Stories of Slavery and Independence: Stopping Stones remembrances of Caesar Phelps and Margaret (Peg) Bowen, freedom songs, and a reading

of Frederick Douglass’s speech “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?” A free program offered in partnership with Ancestral Bridges & funded with a grant from MassHumanities.

**July 10:** Zikina - featuring Uganda native Gideon Ampeire, play an exciting fusion of Ugandan folk music with contemporary influences of traditional East African vocals and instruments including enanga, adungu, and kalimba. Mike Cardozo, Roston Kirk and Kade Parkin ensconce Gideon’s vocals within a sonic landscape that flows seamlessly from intense grooves to joyous dance beats to dreamy textures with Gideon’s vocals cutting powerfully through the fabric or floating lightly above

**July 17:** Stomp Box Trio fea-

tures Evelyn Harris, the powerhouse vocalist, former member of Sweet Honey In The Rock, and Grammy nominated composer performing with John Cabán on dobro and stompbox and Paul Kochanski on upright & electric bass and foot-percussion. The group explores the multicultural depths of 20th-century American blues, rock, and soul with some 21st-century mojo.

**July 24:** Jose Gonzales and Criollo Clasico- contemporary rhythms of Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic led by one of today’s foremost exponents of Caribbean music, acclaimed for his original compositions featuring the cuatro.

**July 31:** Thea Hopkins, acclaimed singer songwriter and member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe of Martha’s Vineyard, performs modern “Red Roots Americana,” the scope and reach of Indigenous music in the 21st century along with a sprinkling of traditional, timeless tribal artistry. Grand Prize Winner of the 22nd Great American Song Contest for her song.

Wednesday Folk Traditions is funded, in part, by grants from The Adams Foundation; the Amherst and Hadley Cultural Councils, local agencies funded by Massachusetts Cultural Council; Robinson and Cole; Easthampton Savings Bank; Gage-Wiley and Company, and with generous support from many local businesses.

# Firehouse Museum open every fourth Sunday

SOUTH HADLEY -- The Firehouse Museum is located at 4 North Main St. is open to the public on the fourth Sunday of each month from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

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.

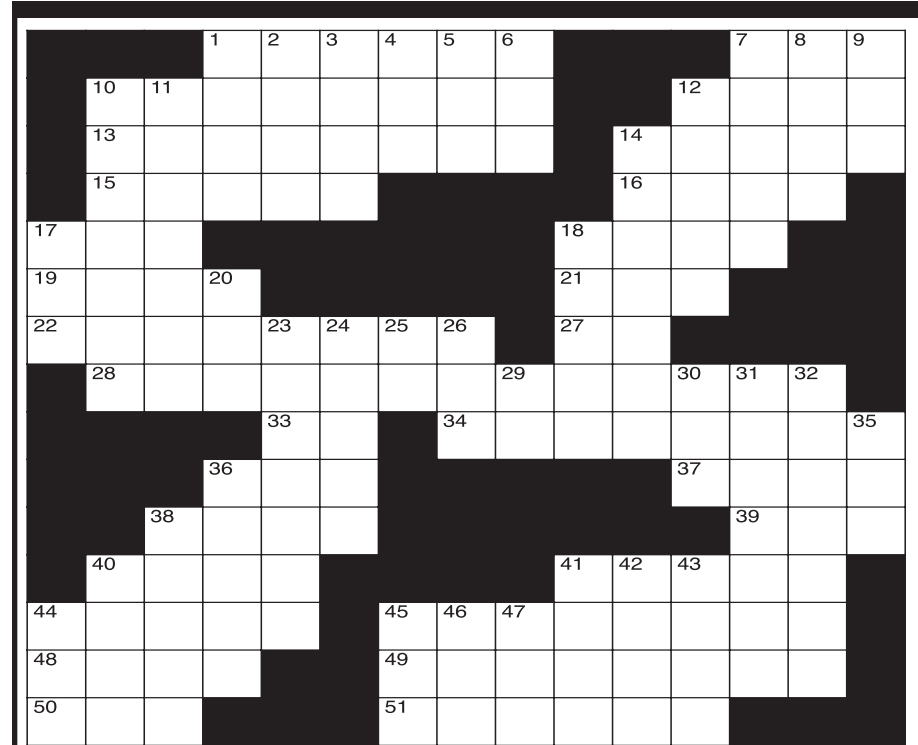
The exhibits, on two floors, cover a broad range of South Hadley’s history, including the historic navigable canal, which is the oldest in the country, industries and agriculture, military history and everyday life.

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

# 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.

To reserve a space, please call 413-364-3785.



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- 22. Settle
- 27. Larry and Curly’s pal
- 28. Basketball’s GOAT
- 33. Exclamation of surprise

- 34. Made tight
- 36. Before
- 37. Actor Nicolas
- 38. Not hot
- 39. Talk
- 40. Pledge
- 41. Abandon a mission
- 44. Trims by cutting
- 45. Aspects of one’s character
- 48. Boxing GOAT’s former surname
- 49. Holy places
- 50. Body art (slang)
- 51. Attributes

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- 7. Choose to represent
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- 26. Santa’s helper
- 29. Rapper \_\_\_ Rule
- 30. Month
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- 35. Young woman ready to enter society
- 36. Unemployment
- 38. Weight unit
- 40. Formal party
- 41. Computer language
- 42. Residue formula in math
- 43. Duty or responsibility
- 44. Part of (abbr.)
- 45. Time zone
- 46. Body part
- 47. Nucleic acid

# Put driving safety on the table for Older Americans Month

*AAA recommends families develop safe driving strategies before problems arise*

May is Older Americans Month—the perfect opportunity for families with older drivers to talk about safe driving and help ensure loved ones can stay active and mobile as they age.

The United States population is increasingly getting older: between 2013 and 2023, the number of adults aged 65 and older increased by 34 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Meanwhile, in 2022, there were more than 51 million licensed drivers aged 65 and up—an increase of 20 million since 2000, according to the latest statistics from the Federal Highway Administration.

In Massachusetts, there were 1.07 million licensed drivers age 65+, including 200,000 drivers age 80+.

While AAA research shows that older drivers are less likely to engage in risky driving behaviors such as speeding or driving while impaired, seniors – particularly those over 80 years old – are more frail and more vulnerable to serious or fatal injuries in crashes.

Talking about safe driving with older family members can be difficult, especially when the conversation broaches the topic of eventually hanging up the keys for good. AAA recommends families start talking about safe driving when seniors are still driving safely and before any incidents occur.

“For many seniors, the ability to drive is essential for staying socially engaged and active,” said Mark Schieldrop, Senior Spokesperson, AAA Northeast. “Families can extend a senior’s driving career with an assortment of effective strategies, such

as avoiding trips at night or during rush hour, or not driving in bad weather. And when it comes time for a senior to retire from driving, a family that plans together can ensure their loved one’s quality of life remains intact.”

AAA offers the following tips for families to share with senior drivers:

- Review new technologies: Today’s new vehicles are often equipped with a variety of safety features, from lane keeping assistance to adaptive cruise control. Review your car’s manual or watch video tutorials to ensure you’re comfortable with how these systems work.
- Monitor your health: Various medical conditions, eyesight problems, or memory issues can make driving more challenging, and some medications can impair driving ability. Talk with your doctor and pharmacist about your safety on the road given your unique medical history.
- Adjust your driving habits when necessary: Some seniors may only drive in the day, avoid highways, or make three right turns instead of an unprotected left turn. Families should discuss the best strategies to keep an older driver safe behind the wheel. Before a trip, review maps and plan less challenging routes.
- Wear your seatbelt: Wearing a seatbelt is the best protection you can give yourself in the event of a crash.
- When it’s time to talk about retiring from driving, AAA recommends that families:
  - Don’t ambush: Abruptly taking keys away from an older driver can backfire. Start the conversation before warning signs appear, such as damage to a vehicle that the senior was not aware of, or an

# Community enjoys classic cars during Wilbraham Hill Climb

By Jason DeGray  
Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Hill Climb took over the center of town on May 11 as one of the most successful years with over 450 cars for the car show and about 30 pop-up businesses for the craft fair which were all accompanied by jazz music.

This event was definitely entertaining for the few thousand attendees.

The Hill Climb is run primarily by the Stonewall Insurance Agency and their president, Jeffery DeMarey, who is also the former president of the Classic Cars Club of America. DeMarey always puts in a large amount of effort to ensure a great time for all of his attendants.

When DeMarey was asked what inspired him to continue this tradition, he said that it is a "Fun event to keep everybody positive. It helps small, pop-up businesses like car people, crafts, and restaurants."

When asked his feelings towards the

craft fair, DeMarey was thrilled seeing everyone support these local businesses.

"Small businesses are the backbone of the country," DeMarey said.

As the line of cars stretched from Monson Road to the end of Rich Hall at Wilbraham Monson Academy, many were overwhelmed and fascinated with the amount of cars along with the history behind them. The line of cars ranged from Fords from the early 1900s all the way up to new Ferraris and Corvettes.

Featured in the front yard of Wilbraham United Church was the craft fair. This usually coincides with the Hill Climb and allows attendees to show their support for jewelers, bakers, artists and more.

At the foot of Monson Road was the lineup of people all attempting to watch antique cars attempt to make it all the way up the hill.

The loud screeching and the gust of wind which followed turned the audience silent with the exception of a few people's gasps of awe.



Turley photos by Jason DeGray

The car was a 1932 Ford Five Window owned by James Maloney from Hopkinton, MA. Pictured left, Jeff DeMarey, pictured middle, James Maloney, pictured right, Ed Cenedella.



A 1914 Model Depot Hack was one of many classic cars on display during the Wilbraham Hill Climb on May 11.



Attendees check out classic cars during the Wilbraham Hill Climb on May 11.



An action shot of a Riley Special during the Wilbraham Hill Climb on May 11.



Attendees watch the classic cars hit the road during the Wilbraham Hill Climb on May 11.



An array of classic vehicles were on hand for residents to enjoy and watch.



Drivers in action as they drive their vehicle during the Wilbraham Hill Climb.

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older driver getting lost in places they've frequented in the past.

• Enlist help: Older drivers might resist the conversation with their adult children. Sometimes, a trusted member of the community like a family doctor can help steer the discussion into productivity.

• Plan for future mobility: Knowing how a senior will get to doctors' appointments and social gatherings makes the

conversation much easier. AAA offers a Senior Mobility Planning Toolkit to help families identify local transportation resources and actively plan for their future.

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# Military Appreciation Day



U.S. Army veteran Peter Selig, left, enjoyed Military Appreciation Day with his friends Mohamed Fofana and Dawrin Geraldo.



Dustin Ruby, Chicopee's Deputy Veterans Service Officer and Tina Brohman, Palmer and Monson's Veterans Service Officer, were on hand to provide information about Western Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association and its services and opportunities for veterans and their families.



Steven Richard, Steve Richard and Sean Ryll represented Race Cars for a Cause. The organization worked with Palmer Motorsports Park to give veterans the thrill of a lifetime.

## Palmer Motorsports Park gives back to those who serve

By Paula Ouimette  
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PALMER – Giving back to those who serve their country and protect our freedom is something that staff and club members at Palmer Motorsports Park look forward to every year.

This past Saturday, 152 veterans, service members, law enforcement personnel and their family and friends, made their way up to the Whiskey Hill track, to enjoy riding passenger-side in a variety of cars driven by a crew of volunteers.

"This is our gift back," PMP Club Director Al Sandy said of the annual event.

This is the seventh year that PMP has teamed up with Race Cars for a Cause, a nonprofit organization founded in 2015 by Jeff Archambeault, dedicated to helping veterans and active military. PMP club members and instructors also donated their time and cars for the event.

This year's event fell on



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Veterans Inc. is a New England-wide organization that works to connect veterans with any assistance they need.

Armed Forces Day, which made Sandy reflect on his memories of his own father, and the gratitude he feels toward those who serve.

As he pinned his father's prop and wings to his lapel, he remembered how his father used to prepare for every patriotic

event; carefully laying his uniform out the night before.

"He was so proud to be a veteran," Sandy said.

Veterans came from across New England, with some visiting Palmer and surrounding towns for the first time in their

lives.

Martha Cobb-Kelly of Carver served over two decades in the U.S. Army, and decided to skip a scheduled motorcycle club ride to attend Military Appreciation Day and fulfill a childhood dream.

"I always wanted to be a racecar driver," Cobb-Kelly said.

Originally from the Dominican Republic, Cobb-Kelly move to the U.S. and served 22 years, nine months and seven days in the military, even serving one tour in Iraq.

"It was very stressful," Cobb-Kelly said of that time. She added that she wanted to go back for another tour with her unit, but her mother didn't want her to go back.

Cobb-Kelly had already taken several laps around the track – in a Porsche, Subaru and a Mustang. While she enjoyed each experience, she said "there's nothing like a Mustang."

Peter Selig of the Boston area was joined by his friends, Dawrin Geraldo and Mohamed Fofana, for his first Military Appreciation Day, as well.

Selig has served in the U.S. Army for two years and was waiting for a turn to ride in a blue BMW, after having lapped the mountain in several other BMWs.

Attending this event brought

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Selig closer to other servicemembers, and made him feel included.

“It’s just like you’re recognized,” he said.

Being in the military means that servicemembers spend a lot of time with each other, and away from their families and support back home. This creates a bond that ties each and every veteran together.

“You feel like you’re part of something,” Selig said. “Getting to be around other military members, we can all relate.”

Military Appreciation Day also gives veterans a chance to meet with various representative from organizations that work to support military members and their families.

Representing the Western Massachusetts Veterans’ Service Officers Association were Chicopee Deputy Veterans Service Officer Dustin Ruby and Palmer and Monson Veterans Service Officer Tina Brohman.

Both Ruby and Brohman work closely with the veterans in their communities, and other organizations.

Christian DiLuzio of Veterans Inc. said all of the organizations rely on each other to offer the best outcome they can for each individual veteran.

“We all work together, we all cooperate with each other,” he said.

Palmer-based HomeFront Strong was represented by its new Chief Program Officer, Melanie Casineau, a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Military Appreciation Day was made possible with support from



**Martha Cobb-Kelly stands next to one of the cars that service members and law enforcement personnel were able to ride along in during Military Appreciation Day.**



**A member of Race Cars for a Cause talks with one of the drivers between laps.**



**HomeFront Strong's new Chief Program Officer, Melanie Casineau, enjoyed her first event at Palmer Motorsports Park.**

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## Boys volleyball could make states



Beau Briere gets a bump for the Knights.



**SOUTH HADLEY** – Despite a loss last week against Ware, South Hadley’s new boys volleyball team picked up three wins last week and are now 8-8 in its first varsity season. The Tigers are ranked well below the top 32 in Division 2. But a .500 record could allow them to get into the preliminary round of the state tournament.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Beau Briere, Moki Kovacs, and James Asselin attempt a block.



Jonathan Grim goes for a spike for the Tigers.

## Tigers score big win over Ware

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

**SOUTH HADLEY** – While Ware had already clinched a share of the Suburban Central League baseball title for the second consecutive year, South Hadley entered last Wednesday’s contest needing a win to accomplish the same feat.

The Indians held a slim 1-0 lead entering the bottom of the sixth inning.

With two outs in the frame, senior first baseman Jack Maziarz smacked a two-run double down the right field line, which wound up being the difference maker in the Tigers 2-1 victory over the Indians on a gloomy afternoon at Thomas B. Landers Baseball Diamond.

“This is the first time that I had a game-winning hit during my varsity baseball career,” said Maziarz, who’ll be attending Middlebury College in the fall. “It also feels great to win a piece of the league title again this year. We didn’t play very well at the start of today’s game, but we managed to put it all together at the end.”

Ware and South Hadley finished the regular season with 9-1 league records.

“We’ve enjoyed playing Ware during the past couple of years,” said South Hadley varsity baseball coach Matt Foley. “It was another fun game today. We battled them.”

The Tigers (13-4 overall record) who lost the first meeting of the regular season against Ware, 1-0, at Memorial Field on April 8, won back-to-back league titles for the first time since 2016 and 2017.

The Indians (12-6) haven’t won back-to-back league titles since 2009 and 2010.

“It stinks having to share the league title again,” said Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery. “We have nobody to blame but ourselves. We just didn’t hit in today’s game.”

South Hadley senior righthander Matt Drobiak, who was the losing pitcher in the first meeting of the regular season between the two rivals, wound up as the winning pitcher in last Wednesday’s game. He went the distance allowing one unearned run on five hits with four walks and five strikeouts.

“It just feels amazing to win another league title,” Drobiak said. “We made a couple

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## Cardinals offense overwhelms Granby



Ava Loughman makes her way up the field.



McKenna Zumbruski looks for an open teammate as she heads up the field.

**GRANBY** – Last Tuesday afternoon, Granby girls lacrosse fell to Pope Francis 20-7. The bright spot for the Rams was Kalli White, who scored four goals in the game. Faith Ramos made 13 saves.



Abigail Landry goes for a shot.



Kalli White is closely pursued by an opponent.

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## Tigers join Unified Track

South Hadley High School co-oped with Holyoke this year to send a participant to the Unified Track program. Amaya Chanon participates in the long jump during a meet held last week.



Hope Santaniello hustles up the field.



Laci Lewis makes a throw-in.



Avery Klingensmith dribbles for the Mutiny.



Alexis Legowski follows through on a pass.



Maddie Fried hustles past midfield.

# Mutiny have solid opening win over Maine

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Hope Santaniello was an All-American during her outstanding varsity soccer career at Agawam High School. She has been a key member of the New England Mutiny, who play their home matches at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, since 2019.

The Mutiny lost to the Lancaster Inferno FC, 2-1, in the UWS East Conference finals in Santaniello's first season. They've also qualified for the playoffs in each of the past two seasons, but they still haven't reached the top of the mountain.

With several key returning players and a couple of talented newcomers, the Mutiny are hoping to win a national championship title for the first time since 2000.

The Mutiny kicked off the 2024 campaign with an impressive 3-1 home win versus the Maine Footy, last Saturday afternoon.

"I feel like everyone is on the same page coming into this season," said Santaniello, who scored a second half goal. "We've only had a couple of practices, but all the players have been so encouraging and so positive. We played very well in today's game. I love playing for this team and I also love the atmosphere here. I'm hoping to win a championship title with this team, so we still have some unfinished business."

Federico Molinari celebrated his first victory as the Mutiny head coach. He took over the coaching reins from Mauricio



Cat Barry tries to outrun an opponent.

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"Toto" Coimbra.

"It feels very good to win my first game as the women's soccer coach," said Molinari, who also coaches the Western Mass. Pioneers. "I thought we played very well in today's game."

A year ago, the Mutiny finished the regular season in sixth place in the East Division standings with a 4-2-2 mark. They lost to the Lancaster Inferno FC, 4-3, again in the first round of the playoffs.

Santaniello, who's a forward, began her collegiate soccer career at the University of Rhode Island before transferring to UMass Lowell a year ago.

"I have one more year re-

maining at UMass- Lowell. Then I'm hoping to play for a professional soccer team," Santaniello said. "Playing at UMass-Lowell was an adjustment for me at first, but I really like playing there now. It's a great group of girls and coaches. I really love it there."

It took the Mutiny less than five minutes to score their first goal of the season.

The goal was scored by midfielder Avery Klingensmith, who graduated from Belchertown High School.

After receiving a pass in the third minute, Klingensmith fired a shot from the top of the box into the right corner of the net

past Maine Footy goalie Sally Rainey for an unassisted goal.

"I've been practicing that shot and it felt very good," Klingensmith said. "We do have a bunch of talented players up top, and I never expected to score the first goal of the season. We're hoping to go all the way this year."

Klingensmith is beginning her third season playing for the Mutiny. She'll also be a junior on the women's soccer team at American University in Washington D.C., in the fall.

The other Mutiny players, who are from the communities served by the Turley Publications newspapers, are Alexis Legowski (McDuffie School/South Hadley), Aida Name (Belchertown High School/ Chicopee), Maddie Theriault (Palmer), and Kendall Bodak (Monson).

"I grew up playing soccer with a couple of the local players on the FC stars," Santaniello said. "I'm hoping a few of the current talented high school soccer players from Western Mass. join the Mutiny in the future."

Laura Gouvin, who's from Monson, was one of the Mutiny key players during the past couple of years. Gouvin won't be returning this year because she has transferred from Boston College to the University of Colorado.

The Mutiny had several other very good scoring chances during the first 45 minutes of the opening half, but they still had a 1-0 lead at the break.

During the 57th minute, Santaniello received a pass from Chioma Okafor, who's one of the newcomers, before putting a shot into the back of the net

making the score 2-0.

Okafor, who's a forward from Blantyre, Malawi, led the UConn women's soccer team with six goals and she also had three assists as a sophomore last season.

"I met her for the first time a couple of days ago, but we already have a good connection," Santaniello said. "She's a very good player and it was a lot of fun playing with her for the first time in today's game. She isn't a selfish soccer player. She's always looking for the open player. She made a great pass to me before I scored my goal."

The visitors from Portland Maine ended the shutout hopes of Mutiny goalie Katrina Chorzepa three minutes later following a corner kick goal.

Megan Scholten booted the ball from the left corner, and it sailed into the far corner of the net cutting the Footy deficit in half.

"We dominated the game from start to finish," Santaniello added. "I thought their corner kick goal was lucky. The score doesn't really show how well we played in today's game."

The Mutiny's third and final goal was scored by forward Cat Berry, who plays college soccer at the University of South Carolina Gamecocks with five minutes remaining in regulation.

The Mutiny, who'll be playing five of their eight regular season matches at the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium, are scheduled to host Sporting CT at 7pm on Friday night.

## Bonsignore grabs third-place finish at Riverhead Raceway

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – Justin Bonsignore continued his streak of top-six finishes to open the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Sunday afternoon at Riverhead Raceway. Bonsignore brought the No. 51 Phoenix Communications machine home in third in the Miller Lite 200 presents Wayne Anderson. The New York native posted his 24th top-five finish in 28 career Whelen Modified

Tour starts at Riverhead.

Bonsignore started fifth on Sunday, one day after a heavy mist in the air postponed the Miller Lite 200 Salutes Wayne Anderson. He would fall just outside the top-five early, but then charge back inside and remain there for the duration of the race. He was up to second at one point, but Austin Beers slid by late, eventually finishing second to winner Ron Silk.

"We were a little off today but all in all, a good day for our Phoenix Communications team," Bonsignore said. "We will get back to work on continuing to work on our cars and be ready for Seekonk in a few weeks."

Justin Bonsignore will return to the track at Seekonk Speedway for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Seekonk 150 on Saturday, June 1.

## 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](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org) to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about

the league.

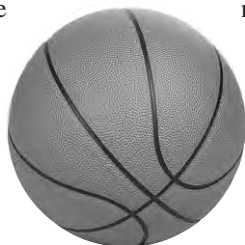
The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley used as well some expansion to the surrounding area this sea-

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# Sports

## New exhibit to open May 31 at HoopHall

SPRINGFIELD – The grand opening of The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame’s newest and most innovative exhibit, will be on Friday, May 31, the Hall of Fame announced Friday.



Visitors will step into an immersive bank vault for a one-of-a-kind journey through the history of the NBA’s most storied franchise. Current and former Celtics legends will be the guides for a unique celebration of Celtic Pride, from Walter Brown to Jaylen Brown, through artifacts such as authentic game-worn jerseys, championship rings, the original ’81 NBA championship trophy, long-lost footage and much more. Celtics legend and Class of 2021 Hall of Fame enshrinee Paul Pierce will cut the ribbon to let the

first visitors into the Vault. The Vault has been made possible through the generosity of MassMutual.

“The Boston Celtics name is known around the world, and we are excited to give basketball fans of all ages this state-of-the-art exhibit featuring the most sought-after Celtic memorabilia,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “We are thankful to MassMutual for their dedication to the city of Springfield and their support of this historic expansion, which promotes our mission of preserving and honoring basketball’s history.”

Visitors will be able to enjoy this exclusive display of Celtics memorabilia for a limited period of time. Tickets for the museum can be purchased online at etix.com or at the door.

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son. The league does not play on 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 entertain 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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of huge defensive plays and Jack won the game for us with his base hit.

Ware senior righty John Mumper, who allowed just one base hit in the home game against the Tigers, pitched very well during the first five innings of the second meeting. He didn’t allow any runs on just three base hits during that span.

Mumper retired the first two batters that he faced in the bottom of the sixth inning. He then issued back-to-back walks to Drobiak and senior third baseman John Viola, which set the stage for Maziarz, who was called up to the varsity baseball team as a sophomore.

“Matt and John walked before I came to bat in the sixth

inning, which was huge,” said Maziarz, who’s a lefthanded batter. “The pitcher threw me a couple of curveballs before I pulled a fastball down the line scoring both runners.”

The Tigers head coach gave his thoughts about his team’s sixth inning rally.

“Drobiak and Viola both saw a lot of pitches during their at-bats, and both of them drew walks,” Foley said. “That was probably the biggest hit of Jack’s varsity baseball career. I’m very happy for him.”

Mumper struck out the next batter ending the sixth inning.

Running around the bases didn’t seem to bother Drobiak very much. He retired the first two batters in the top of the seventh inning on a strikeout and a groundout to third.

Ware senior catcher Dylan

Sutkaitis, who blasted a solo home run over the center field fence at Memorial Field in the April game against the Tigers, kept his team’s comeback hopes alive with a line-drive single to center. The Indians dreams of winning the league title outright came to an end when the next batter hit a flyball which was caught by senior centerfielder Burke Belsky.

“Drobs did another great job on the mound,” Foley said. “He always pitches well under pressure. It never felt like we were ever out of the game. Everyone contributed.”

The visiting team took a 1-0 lead with two outs in the top of the second inning.

The Indians rally began with junior centerfielder Jason Mumper hitting a ground ball which was bobbled by the third

baseman and his throw across the diamond was late resulting in an error. Then junior third baseman Trevor Millet hit a comebacker to the pitcher. Instead of getting the force out at second base, Drobiak threw the ball to the first baseman. It turned out to be a costly mistake as sophomore right fielder Jack Gaudreau hit a groundball that glanced off the shortstop glove into shallow left field for a base hit allowing Mumper to score the game’s first run.

Ware failed to extend their lead during the next two innings as they left four runners on base.

The Indians had another scoring opportunity in the fifth.

John Mumper, who drew a walk leading off the frame, advanced to third base when junior leftfielder Nathan Kaczuwka belted a double to the gap in left

center. With first base open, Foley decided to intentionally walk Sutkaitis, which loaded the bases.

“Sometimes coaching decisions work and sometimes they don’t,” Foley said. “We decided to walk him and load the bases in that inning. The move worked out for us this time.”

Sophomore first baseman Kyle Kaczuwka, who’s the Indians clean up batter, then grounded into a 5-2-3 double play, which was the turning point of the game.

“We really needed a base hit there, but we hit into a double play,” Slattery said. “We had a lot of scoring chances.”

The next batter struck out on a foul tip and the home team was able to take the lead for the first time in the bottom of the sixth inning.

# Summer spurs increased rate of lawn mower injuries

American Family Care physician offers tips to safely navigate your lawn



SPRINGFIELD -- The hum of lawn mowers is a common sound of summer, making it easy to forget that these machines can cause serious harm if proper safety protocol isn’t followed. In fact, approximately 80,000 lawn mower accidents occur annually in the United States, including over 6,300 among children under the age of 18. The medical experts at American Family Care, with locations in Springfield and West Springfield, are reminding local residents to use caution when operating this equipment.

“While mowing the lawn is a routine chore for many, lawn mowers can be dangerous and using them improperly can lead to devastating consequences,” said Dr. Andrew Koslow, associate medical director of AFC for Massachusetts. “A lawn mower blade is extremely sharp and revolves rapidly, making it easy for someone to get critically hurt in the blink of an eye.”

The most common lawn mower-related accidents are linked to cuts, often caused by debris that is kicked out from under the mower. Injuries also happen when replacing mower blades or removing debris from the blades, touching a hot surface on the mower or falling on a slippery surface while mowing.

“The American Academy

of Pediatrics recommends that children be at least 12 years old to safely operate a walk-behind mower, and 16 to operate a riding mower,” said Koslow. “However, parents should consider the individual child’s coordination, maturity level and good judgment.”

Koslow offered the following safety tips to help prevent lawn mower injuries:

Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes, rather than flip-flops or sandals.

Cover your eyes with goggles or sunglasses.

Opt for long pants to protect your legs from flying debris.

Before mowing, walk the lawn and pick up large sticks, stones or other items that could jam the mower or become a projectile.

Turn the mower completely off before removing debris from blades. If doing repairs or maintenance, disconnect the spark plug first. Normally this is done

by removing the rubber boot that connects the spark plug to the wire and turning it around, so the back of the boot faces the spark plug.

Never stick anything into the blade area while the lawn mower is powered on.

Avoid touching the area around the mower’s engine until it has time to cool down.

Minor abrasions and burns can be cared for at home but seek medical care for more serious burns or cuts that may require stitches. Amputations, deep cuts, eye injuries or severe burns require prompt emergency care.

The medical providers at AFC Springfield and AFC West Springfield offer convenient, walk-in care seven days a week for patients of all ages. Services include urgent care for illnesses, sprains and strains; stitches for minor cuts and lacerations; diagnostic rapid tests and antigen tests for COVID-19; physicals and on-site x-rays.

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Notice is hereby given by Hampshire Towing, 650 New Ludlow Rd., South Hadley, MA 01075, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that a SEALED BID auction with bids due **Monday, June 10, 2024 at 9 a.m.** Vehicles can be viewed **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** by calling 413-534-5373.

The following motor vehicles will be sold to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles:

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### TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the South Hadley local wetlands bylaw and regulations to consider a Request for Determination filed by Anabela Cruz to remove two trees within Riverfront Area at 508 River Road (Map 43, Parcel 28).

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 6pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website. A copy of the request is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30am to 4pm Mon thru Fri. Plans are also available online at [www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans](http://www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans).

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Neva Tolopko  
Conservation Chair  
05/24/2024



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### TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a virtual public hearing on **Monday June 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Site Plan Review filed by Ryan Olszewski to establish an owner occupied Short Term Rental at 15 Berwyn Street Assessor's Map 27 Parcel 24, pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw 255-51 (Residential short-term rentals); Article XII (Site Plan Review); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

The public hearing will be conducted virtually on Zoom. Persons may join as follows:

URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84017342705?pwd=QU5CMmh2eURpcU1QNE9yaitGMtEdz09>

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The property is located within the Residential A-2 zoning district and is an existing single-family home.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at [www.southhadley.org](http://www.southhadley.org) on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications'- 'Site Plan Review' under section 'Berwyn Street (15) - Short Term Rental' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1179/Site-Plan-Review>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in

the manner designated. This meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 which extends the March 2020 Governor's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL Ch. 30A Sec. 20 until March 31, 2025.

Joanna Brown, Clerk  
South Hadley Planning Board  
05/24, 05/31/2024

### INVITATIONS FOR BIDS NEW WATER RESCUE BOAT

Fire District No. 1 Prudential Board will be accepting sealed bids for the purchase of (1) new 2024 water rescue boat at Fire Headquarters Chief's office, 144 Newton Street, South Hadley, MA 01075-2372 until 2 PM on June 3, 2024.

The Bids will be publicly opened and reviewed beginning at 6 PM at the Town of South Hadley Public library community room 2 Canal Street, South Hadley, MA 01075 on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

For specifications and information contact Fire District 1 at 1-413-532-5343

The Prudential Board of Fire District No. 1 reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids as deemed in the best interest of Fire District No. 1.

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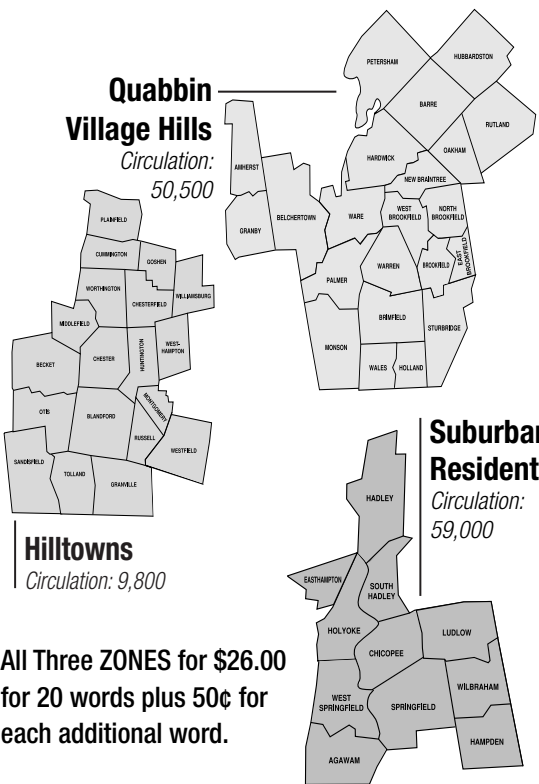
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# CAMPUS Notes

## Granby resident Julia Frappier honored at College of Business Senior Award Ceremony

Western New England University held its College of Business Senior Awards Ceremony on April 30th in the St. Germain Campus Center. The University honored 13 graduating seniors, selected based on their academic achievement in their major or their overall class standing.

**Julia Frappier** of Granby received the Outstanding Student in Pharmaceutical Business award. This award recognizes a graduating senior selected by the faculty for excellence in the study of Pharmaceutical Business. The award was presented by Harlan Spotts, Professor of Marketing.

Frappier is working toward a BSBA in Pharmaceutical Business.

## Sarah Fitts graduates from Stonehill College

**Sarah Fitts** of South Hadley, MA, was among 625 students to process at Stonehill College's 73rd Commencement on Sunday, May 19, 2024.



## HCC celebrates students for 2023-2024 achievements

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College is proud to recognize the students who earned honors and awards for their outstanding achievements during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Awardees were honored Wednesday, May 15, during a ceremony in the Leslie Phillips Theater.

Below is a list of HCC honorees and award recipients for the 2023-2024 academic year. Some students received multiple awards.

A full list of students along with their specific honors and awards can be found at [hcc.edu/awards2024](http://hcc.edu/awards2024)

*South Hadley:*

**Sarah Carragher, Martin Gonzalez-Meyer, Dylan Graveline, Reese Mackenzie, Dominick Valentine.**

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*Granby:*

**Tyler Laramee, Jan Masse.**

## Local residents receive degrees at WPI 155th Undergraduate Commencement

The following students earned bachelor's degrees:

**Hunter Carey**, of South Hadley, Massachusetts, majored in Mechanical Engineering

**Megan Jacques**, of Granby, Massachusetts, majored in Robotics Engineering

## Watt of South Hadley concludes season competing on the Regis College Men's Volleyball Team

**Jalen Watt**, a first-year student-athlete studying Cybersecurity competed on the 2024 Regis men's volleyball team.

The team collected 10 victories during the 2024 season, including victories over AIC, Emerson, and Wilkes. The Pride qualified for the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Tournament for the third consecutive year thanks to five league victories. Only three of the 20 players on the active roster graduated in May, giving the program plenty of experience heading into next season.

## SNHU announces Winter 2024 President's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2024 President's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

**Emma Pouliot** of South Hadley

**Josh Steininger** of South Hadley

**Sara Danio** of South Hadley

**Alanna Bannister** of South Hadley

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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.

The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 East State St. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Granby Library.

## CAMPUS Notes

### AIC student-athlete chosen for Alumni Award

SPRINGFIELD – Eighteen student-athletes were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the success of the American International College Department of Athletics at the 2023-24 Athletics Awards Night held in the Butova Gymnasium on April 24.

The Alumni Award was given to the male and female senior-student athletes "who excel in academic scholarship and athletic achievement". Lucas Mo-

rales-Fernandez of men's soccer was presented the award by Head Men's Soccer Coach Jake Durham '20, '22 MBA.

Morales-Fernandez, of Amherst, rewrote the record books for the men's soccer team in three full seasons as the team's starting keeper, including shutting out eventual national champion Franklin Pierce University for 110 minutes in the NE10 Quarterfinal to break the Ravens' winning streak that had lasted over a year.



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