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# Thre chief retires affer 37 year career

Submitted Photo by Lisa Calkins
Calkins congratulating

Corey Calkins (left), from the Westover Fire Department, with his dad, Chief Todd Calkins, congratulating him in his retirement.

### Community thanked for support

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

SOUTH HADLEY – The District No. 2 Fire Department celebrated Todd Calkins in his retirement as fire chief last week, and the town came together to show their appreciation and support for him.

"I served for District 2 for 37

years starting in 1987 as a call firefighter. In 1991, I started full time with the District 3 Water Department," Calkins explained of his services.

"In 2017, I started full-time on the Fire Department as an assistant chief, and then I became Fire Chief in 2020 during the pandemic, and I retired May 21, 2024."

On May 21, over 75 people came together to the station to congratulate Calkins for his dedication and service.

Town Administrator Lisa

Wong, Superintendent of Water Department Jeff Cyr, State Representative Dan Carey, Karla Youngblood from Mt. Holyoke College, and Father Twohig from St. Theresa's Parish were some of the people in attendance.

"It was a bittersweet day, but to have all my friends and families and coworkers there felt really good," Calkins said. "I went around the room to see everyone to share how they impacted my career."

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# 'From these honored dead, we take increased devotion'

Memorial Day celebrated in South Hadley

> By Samuel Gelinas Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – "We've honored our dead once again," said Brian Willette, South Hadley native, Afghanistan veteran, and Post Commander of South Hadley's American Legion Post 260, said on the various forms of patriotic reverence expressed in town.

Throughout the past week, veterans graves have been embellished with flags, South Hadley's Council on Aging hosted a veteran's breakfast, and a service on Memorial Day was held at Evergreen Cemetery to honor the day of remembrance.

"The tradition of decorating graves with flowers and flags is something that originated in the South," he stated, adding that it is the Union soldiers who "were very moved by the grief displayed in the cemeteries of the confederacy. They

thought it was a perfect way to honor our dead," and as a result brought their practices back home with them.

This year, 4,700 American flags were distributed to veteran's graves in South Hadley cemeteries.

One of these flags decorates the grave of Fr. Ignatius Maternowski, Holyoke's candidate for sainthood, whose story was celebrated by Willette at the veteran's breakfast.

On the morning of June 6, 1944, Maternowski, a member of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division, parachutes into Guetteville, a commune in north-western France.

The night before, the young priest had celebrated Mass and given general absolution to the Catholics of his battalion. Maternowski, 30 years old and hardly five years a priest in 1942, responded to the need for military chaplains due to the U.S. entry into World War II, and would serve 23 months.

"Wanting to aid the wounded, at great risk to his life, he

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### SHELD awarded for excellent service



Turley Publications staff photos by Scott Senecal **Sean Fitzgerald and Ed Morrin pose for a picture with the APPA award.** 

By Scott Senecal Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - South Hadley Electric Light Department has received an award from the American Public Power Association for excellence in service. The APPA measures several criteria for this award including frequency of outages and duration of outages. These are measured against other notfor-profit, community-owned electric utility providers across the country. South Hadley was the only town in Western Massachusetts to receive the award.

The manager, Sean Fitzgerald, said part of the secret to their success is their proactive approach to vegetation man-

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The American flag rests at half staff after the flag lowering ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery on Monday.

### South Hadley



### New badges to be worn by officers

SOUTH HADLEY—Det. Romanovicz and Sgt. O'Connor were able to determine that the South Hadley Police Department was officially funded as part of the town's annual budget on March 16, 1874 at the town meeting. 2024 marks

the 150th anniversary of the police department's creation and service to the town. In celebration of this big anniversary, officers will be allowed to wear this special 150th anniversary badge as part of their uniform. The badge takes influences

from badges that were worn in the early years of the Police Department, when officers were primarily on walking beats and used "call boxes" to communicate with headquarters. Watch for future events to celebrate the 150th anniversary.

#### **SHELD** from page 1

agement. "We don't just have people trim trees when they become a nuisance, we have guys out there actively looking to trim trees, monitoring the vegetation around the lines."

Fitzgerald said of the award, "it means to us that all the work, all the 2 a.m. calls are worth it."

Fitzgerald went on to say, "SHELD is not like other elec-

tricity providers, we are owned by the community, meaning we are not subject to shareholders, but our customers. Anyone in the community is allowed to come to our meetings, they're open to everyone." He went on to say "we cover South Hadley, that's our footprint, which means that if you have a problem we can be out there within the day.'

When asked to pose for a

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picture with the award he asked that one of his workers be in the picture with him, "they're the guys that do all the work, they deserve the award. It's just nice to know that we're at the top and that my employees are getting the recognition they deserve.

SHELD also provides high speed internet. For more information visit shield.org.

### **Volunteer opportunities**

SOUTH HADLEY— Volunteer opportunities are available on South Hadley boards and committees. Consider serving South Hadley by joining one. Boards and committees with vacancies include Bike Walk; Capital Planning Committee; Council on Aging Board; Cultural Council; MPIC; Sustainability & Energy Commission; Tree Committee; Veterans Council; Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Selectboard interviews and appoints candidates three times a year. The Selectboard will next interview and appoint candidates at their June meetings. The terms of these new appointments begin July 1.

Openings, due to term expirations, are available to all interested candidates. These positions are not automatically filled by incumbent reappointment. However, incumbents with expiring terms who wish to continue serving will be given all due consideration. View information on the specific roles and responsibilities of individual boards and committees here and apply here by May 31.

For more information please contact Kristin Maher, executive assistant to administration, at kmaher@southhadleyma.gov or 538-5017 ext 6135.



Submitted Photo

Lisa Goldberg's charcoal on paper, "Waiting to Go Out."

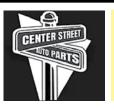
### QAA's new member exhibit at the South Hadley Senior Center

SOUTH HADLEY - The Quabbin Art Association will open their first group exhibit for the summer at the South Hadley Senior Center beginning on June 3 through June 28.

Thirty-five works will be on display from talented members including watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, charcoal, pencil and photography. Viewing will be during regular business hours with many pieces for sale directly from the artists.

Please check the South Hadley Council on Aging website for updated summer hours: https:// www.southhadley.org/324/ Council-on-Aging.

The Quabbin Art Association promotes community interest and appreciation in the visual arts by providing education, support, and opportunity for local artists. To learn more about the organization or to become a member, visit www.quabbinartassociation.com.



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### Our Savior's Lutheran Church announces \$800 donation

SOUTH HADLEY - Last Friday, Pastor Anna Tew and Barbara Callan-Bogia of Our Savior's Lutheran Church presented Mary Lou Guarnera, Director of Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food pantry a check for \$800. Mary Lou thanked Our Savior's and said that your church is always so generous and faithful in giving to the pantry.

Our Savior's, located at 319 Granby Road, South Hadley, held a Grace Notes Concert on Sunday, May 19, to celebrate Pentecost with a free will offering for the NHN Food Pantry. The congregation wanted to hear more of their Music Director Ania Bostock's fabulous music ability. Ania suggested that we hold a concert where some of her students could showcase their talent as well while raising money for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. So the concert sprung to life.

Musicians that day were:

Ania Bostock - Ania grew up in a musical family. She began taking piano lessons at age 5, and participated in many recitals and competitions, including the New EnglandMusic Festival, where she won the New England Piano Championship in 2001. At age 16 she started teaching piano, which inspired her to study music in college. She attended Holyoke Community College, where she graduated with an Associate's in Music, and attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she received her Bachelor's in Music Perfor-



mance and Master's in Collaborative Piano. After 20 years of teaching, Ania continues to be inspired and passionate about music. At Our Savior's Lutheran Church, she plays hymns for the worship services, and participates in special music with members of the congregation.

Wayne Corso - Wayne is a recently retired engineer rediscovering his love for music and working to improve his ability to share it with others.

Maya Checiek - Maya is 10-year-old pianist, fourth-grade student at St. John the Baptist School, and Blue Belt Taekwondo student, with a passion for music, art, dance, and martial arts. Maya's passion for music started to blossom two years ago at Falcetti School of Music. Hard work under the eye of her music teacher, Ania Bostock, gave her first place at the New England Music Festival in 2023. In 2024, she was a finalist in multiple categories, including duet with her brother. Maya also can be found

in the dojo, mastering her skills in Taekwondo which gave her the title of 2023 State Finalist in Krane Karate. But Maya's creativity extends far beyond - with a love for dance, painting, and digital art, she transforms her imagination into vibrant works

Bartosz Checiek – Bartosz is 14-year-old classical guitarist and martial arts enthusiast, eighth-grader and Blue Belt Taekwondo student. He has a wide range of hobbies, from drawing and painting, to poems, literature and history. Bartosz's hard work and motivation in dojo, gave him Grand National Championship in 2023 Krane Karate. Two years ago, Bartosz joined the Falcetti School of Music where he started to master the techniques of free fingerstyle playing. Once he learned Spanish Ballad, he felt music differently, like each string plucked traveled to his soul. The compilation of different techniques and feelings resulted in a beautiful, curated masterpiece that have earned him first place at the New England Music Festival.

**Zahra Minhaj** – Wilbraham Middle School. Zahra is a talented 12-year-old who plays the piano, flute, and violin. She discovered her passion for music at the age of 5. When she's not playing music, you can find her gliding through the water as a skilled swimmer or exploring new destinations with her family. She's also honing her acting skills at drama school, bringing characters to life on stage in various

plays. With her diverse talents and vibrant personality, Zahra is always ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities.

Brandon O'Connor Belchertown High School. Brandon Paul O'Connor is 16 years old and has been playing piano for two years under the guidance of Ania Bostock at Falcetti Music. Brandon is a musician's musician who also plays guitar and trombone in the Belchertown High School concert band. He is a sophomore and a straight A student who also plays on the high school volleyball team and speaks Japanese too. He is influenced by and enjoys a wide range of musical genres, from jazz to classical to rock.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is A Client-Choice Food Pantry Serving South Hadley and Granby.

Everyone needs help sometimes. Neighbors helping neighbors is a nonprofit food pantry that builds strong communities by connecting people with their neighbors in need. Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a client choice food pantry, allowing people seeking food assistance to choose for themselves what products they receive. Neighbors Helping Neighbors produces a list of food available and prepares individual packages based on a client's selection.

Hours of Operation: Wednesday: 12:30-6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Deliveries are made on Tuesday. For more information call (413) 437-7593.

### Community days continue, free guided tour offered

HADLEY — The Porter-Phelps-Huntington-Museum invites all residents of Hadley, South Hadley, and Sunderland to a Community Day on Sunday, June 9, for a free guided tour from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., available every half hour. The museum features a tour that foregrounds the lives of six enslaved Africans at the site–Zebulon Prutt, Cesar, Peg, Phillis, Rose, and Phillis-in addition to exploring the home's transition into a museum. Guests can relax on the back veranda with complimentary refresh-

ments and conversation after the Historic District" by the Mastour. The museum is located at 130 River Drive, Route 47, Hadley MA 01035. The museum and its grounds are a smoke-free site. For more information, please call (413) 584-4699 or go to www.pphmuseum.org/community-days.

Community Days are a staple of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum's programming, and the museum is delighted to offer these events. Recently, the museum was designated the "For-

sachusetts Historical Commission. Members of the community are encouraged to explore the grounds and learn about the history of the Connecticut River Valley. The Museum is also the Connecticut River National Scenic Byway Visitor Center and the starting point of a trail system from the river and to the top of Mount Warner. Community Days will continue on Saturday, June 15, for residents of Northampton, Hatfield, Whatty Acres and its Skirts National ley, and South Deerfield, and on

Sunday, June 16, for residents of Pelham, Belchertown, and Granby The museum's Wednesday Folk Traditions concerts series kicks off on June 12, with Tim Eriksen, a leader in the "shapenote" tradition, experimentalist, and ethnomusicologist. The Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation acknowledges that it occupies the unceded lands of the Nonotuck people

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### Opinion



### There's still time to sow Morning Glories seeds

It's amazing how quickly some seeds can germinate.

I was worried that I was late in sowing my Morning Glory seeds when I planted them on the 17th of May. Lo and behold, two days later they are sprouted, and here we are a week plus more and they are nearly ready to be planted in the garden!

My first experience with Morning Glories was with a childhood friend. Her dad used to grow them so that they climbed up his fancy, road-side mailbox.

That memory has to be over four decades old at this point, but I still remember how well he grew those morning glories.

Are you interested in enhancing a lamp post or trellis with summer color? This annual flowering vine can put on upwards of ten feet of growth in just two months!

Although the trumpet-shaped flowers bloom from just dawn to late morning, most gardeners are enamored by them and their lovely heart-shaped leaves.

Here are some tips to get them off and running:

Morning glories have hard seed coats. To speed up germination, nick the seeds lightly with a file and soak them overnight in lukewarm water.

If you are nervous about the nicking part, even just soaking will help. Sow them one-half inch deep directly in the ground in a spot in your yard that receives full sun or light shade.

It is not necessary to fertilize the soil heavily prior to planting. In fact, soil that is too rich will produce abundant foliage at the expense of flowers.

Once the plants are up and growing, thin morning glories to at least three inches apart. It is important to provide them with some sort of support immediately.

Therefore, install your trellis before planting and provide enough twiggy low branches up against lamp posts or fences for twining stems to reach for until they get established. Wire fencing and twine "cages" will also do the trick.

Morning glories require little care other than water during droughty periods.

The hardest part about growing these climbers is deciding which variety to grow! Choose the deep purple, red-throated heirloom "Grandpa Ott's."

It climbs to a remarkable 15 feet with support and will self-sow abundantly each year. Another old favorite and readily available morning glory is "Heavenly Blue."

This variety has five-inch sky blue flowers

with creamy white throats. It will top off at six to eight feet.

How about the 1939 All American Selections award winner "Scarlett O'Hara?" Her rosy red flowers are three to four inches wide, borne on vines eight to ten feet tall.

A new and most interesting morning glory goes by the name "Cotton Candy." Its flowers are double and ruffled, with a shape similar to that of a naturitum.

With a height of just six feet, this variety is useful on shorter trellises. Another double variety goes by the name of "Sunrise Serenade."

This one boasts three inch flowers with ruby red, frilly petals. Although its height tops off at 15 feet, "Sunrise Serenade" will bloom earlier and stay open longer than most other varieties.

Consult your favorite seed catalog for other neat morning glories, including a pure white, a rosy "chocolate" and numerous bicolors. The sky is literally the limit, and these plants will sure reach for it!

If you want to get a head start next year, sow the seeds indoors two weeks prior to set-

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### **Blood donors are everyday heroes**

Earlier this year, a 77-year-old Massachusetts grandfather was celebrated for his 550th blood platelet donation. Ralph "Rocco" Russo was inspired to begin donating when his best friend's then-14-year-old daughter was diagnosed with cancer in 1996.

And he just kept giving.

We could use more everyday heroes like Rocco. Although the country seems to have weathered the severe blood shortage seen in January of this year, when the Red Cross declared a national crisis, hospitals can't have enough blood. A single trauma patient can require 20 units of blood – or more.

Regular blood donation by a sufficient number of healthy people is needed to ensure that blood will always be available whenever and wherever it is needed. With World Blood Donor Day celebrating its 20th anniversary on June 14, it's a good time to thank donors and encourage new ones.

### Who can give blood?

Even though roughly 7 million Americans donate blood each year, that's only 3 percent of the eligible population. The qualifications are simple: Be 17 or older (there's no upper age limit as long as you're in good health); feel well; and weigh 110 pounds or more. Many people are disqualified because of various infections, low iron, travel, pregnancy and other factors, so if you are eligible, give it some consideration.

At the donation site, after a brief health assessment (temperature, blood pressure, iron level), you'll be able to give the gift of life to a fellow human being.

### Isn't there artificial blood?

Researchers are racing to develop artificial red blood cells that could stand in for whole blood, but we're probably a decade or more away from that becoming reality. For now, there's no substitute for the real McCoy.

### The parts can be greater than the whole

While you can donate whole blood six times a year, platelet donors (like Rocco) can give up to 24 times a year. This is because the donation process takes only part of your blood and returns the rest.

Platelets are tiny blood cells that form clots

and stop bleeding. For millions of Americans, they are essential to surviving and fighting cancer, chronic diseases and traumatic injuries. Every 15 seconds, someone needs platelets.

You may even be able to sign up to donate platelets to help a friend with cancer. In platelet donation and transfusion, it's generally not necessary to match blood types.

#### Why don't more people donate?

The number of people who donate blood has dropped about 20 percent in the last few years. Fears about safety and needles keep some people from donating. There's also the bystander effect: It's common not to take action in a situation if you think someone else will.

Does giving blood actually hurt? It can, but it's usually no worse than stubbing your toe. There's that moment when you know the needle is coming close to the vein in your arm; the best thing to do is look away or close your eyes and keep breathing until that moment passes.

There are also still myths about who and who can't donate. In the early days of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, there were no tests to screen for HIV, so gay and bisexual men were prohibited from donating. The FDA rescinded that blanket ban in 2023 in favor of questions that assess the risk of HIV regardless of gender or gender expression.

Also, yes, you can donate if you have tattoos and piercings, as long as it was more than three months prior, you're completely healed and you took care to be inked or poked at a state-regulated facility. (That also means you can't use fear of needles as an excuse!)

### Virtual reality comes to blood donation

For some people, giving blood is easy – and you get snacks when you're finished. For others, though, it can be unpleasant, and they are unlikely to become first-time donors, let alone repeat donors.

Virtual reality to the rescue, or actually a subset of VR called "mixed reality," which mingles the real and virtual worlds.

In 2023, a blood collection center let donors take their minds off the process by focusing on planting a garden – with just their eyes. Donors used the Microsoft HoloLens 2 to play Paragon, a game created by Abbott Labs and Blood Centers of America. The thinking is that a positive emotional response to blood donation will encourage folks to become repeat customers.

A blood donation truly is a unique gift that transcends gender, age, ethnic and political lines. Find a collection center or blood donor event near you, and roll up your sleeve.

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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### I'm working after age 65; Why aren't I exempt from Medicare Part B Premium?

#### **Dear Rusty:**

Why, as I continue to work after age 65 and have FICA taxes taken from my check, am I or anyone also compelled under the threat of penalties, rate increases, etc. to immediately take Medicare Part

Am I not then effectively paying into the system twice? As more and more people over 65 continue to work, isn't that a consideration that should be evaluated by Congress, if one is working past 65, above a specific level of income and paying FICA taxes, the Medicare Part B premium is waived?

Signed: Working Senior

#### **Dear Working Senior:**

FYI, 6.2% of the FICA payroll taxes you pay while working goes to Social Security and another 1.45% goes to fund Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage, which is free to you). None of the FICA payroll tax you pay from your work earnings goes to fund Medicare Part B, coverage for outpatient services, which is the part of Medicare for which you must

Said another way, your FICA payroll taxes do fund Medicare Part A, which is free to you, but do not provide any funding for Medicare Part B. Part B is funded from two primary sources: the premiums paid by beneficiaries and the federal government from the general Treasury. Premiums from enrollees pay for about 25% of Part B healthcare expenses and the remaining 75% of Part B operating expenses are paid from the general U.S. Treasury, not from Social Security money.

So, it's necessary to separate Part B from your thinking about the payroll taxes you pay while working you're not paying anything to fund Part B through your FICA taxes. You aren't compelled to enroll in Part B (it's optional), but if you don't enroll during your initial enrollment period (3 months on either side of the month you turn 65) and don't have other equivalent "creditable" coverage from an employer, and you enroll in Part B later, a late enrollment penalty will apply (10% additional premium for each full year after age 65 you go without creditable healthcare coverage).

So, your premise in suggesting that Part B be free (the premium waived) if you're working over a certain age or after an amount of time contributing to the program isn't valid, because no one contributes to Medicare Part B through FICA payroll taxes. Part B beneficiary contributions are only made through premiums paid by those enrolled in it. And you don't need to enroll in Part B if you have "creditable" healthcare coverage from an employer. The Part B non-enrollment penalty only applies if you enroll after your initial enrollment period has expired and didn't have "creditable" healthcare coverage after you turned 65. "Creditable" is a group plan with more than 20 participants.

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### **Quabbin Visitor Center lists** First Thursday hikes

BELCHERTOWN - The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, is hosting First Thursday Habitat Hikes each month.

All ages are welcome at these programs; however, dogs are not allowed anywhere at Quabbin Reservoir.

Quabbin is an area of immense diversity of habitat, from shady vernal pools to sunny mountaintops. Staff will be hosting hikes one Thursday each month (weather permitting) to spotlight some of these beautiful landscapes.

Hikes will vary in location and intensity and may focus on an individual species a more general area. For more ingov/locations/quabbin-reservoir or email da704a469c7929. QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov

### **Tower Trail Habitat Hike**

Join a 3-mile moderate Tower Trail Habitat Hike on Thursday, June 6 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (https://goo.gl/maps/9K3L4xf44nbVK4bG7)

This hike will meet at the parking area inside the Middle Entrance off Route 9. It is a moderately difficult hike, approximately 3-miles round-trip up Quabbin Hill through woodland and mountain habitat and back.

Due to safety issues, hikers will not be able to go up to the tower itself, as it is currently closed for renovations. Please wear appropriate footwear and protect yourself against ticks.

https://app.smartsheet Register at: formation and to register visit www.mass. com/b/form/c2dd1551fbb7467bbd-

### **Giant Tag Sale returns to Belchertown Common on August 24**

BELCHERTOWN - The St. Francis Parish Annual Giant Tag Sale returns to the Belchertown Town Common on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; donation collection period dates will be announced soon.

The Tag Sale proceeds are earmarked for the future St. Francis Parish Center building project.

As you do your summer sorting and clean-up, please earmark items for donation to this event.

As items to donate are gathered, the volunteers request that the donation is in saleable condition: not broken, relatively clean, all parts included, and fully operational. Malfunctioning items are not ac-

All donations should be free of bugs and critter droppings; outside storage sheds hold more treasures than are realized at times. The volunteer crew appreciates this attention to detail that makes their volunteer hours easier.

A reminder that clothing and books are not accepted. Used candles, baby cribs and car seats, and clothing, except up to 4 Toddler are not accepted either. With gratitude, the team will be eager to welcome the fabulous suppliers and donators with their contributions in August

### MassWildlife announces free fishing weekend on June 1-2

REGION - The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (Mass-Wildlife) is pleased to announce Free Freshwater Fishing Weekend will take place statewide June 1–2, 2024. During this weekend, residents and visitors can fish in any public lake, pond, reservoir, stream, or river in Massachusetts without a fishing license. This annual event is designed to encourage people of all ages to experience the joys of fishing. Participants must adhere to catch limits and all other fishing regulations.

There are countless rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds to explore across the state offering ample opportunities to fish. Use the Go Fish MA! fishing map to find places to fish close to home. Anglers can also explore trout stocked waters or handicapped-accessible fishing sites.

For those looking to learn how to fish for the first time or wishing to improve their fishing skills, MassWildlife offers free Learn-to-Fish Clinics throughout the state. Anglers of all ages and abilities can practice casting, baiting a hook, and reeling in a fish. Fishing gear is provided to borrow for free at these events. View the calendar of MassWildlife's upcoming



fishing clinics here, including locations in Boston, Granby, Easton, Woburn, Turners Falls, Swansea, Avon, Reading, Berkley, Bolton, Stoughton, Sudbury, and Grafton.

Other than Free Fishing Weekend, you need a license to fish in fresh water if you are 15 or older. If you're 15-17 or 70 and older, your license is free. Funds from fishing license sales support Mass-Wildlife's fisheries research, fish stocking program, and angler education programs. Buy a fishing license here. For saltwater anglers, there is an upcoming Free Saltwater Fishing Day on Father's Day, June 16, 2024.

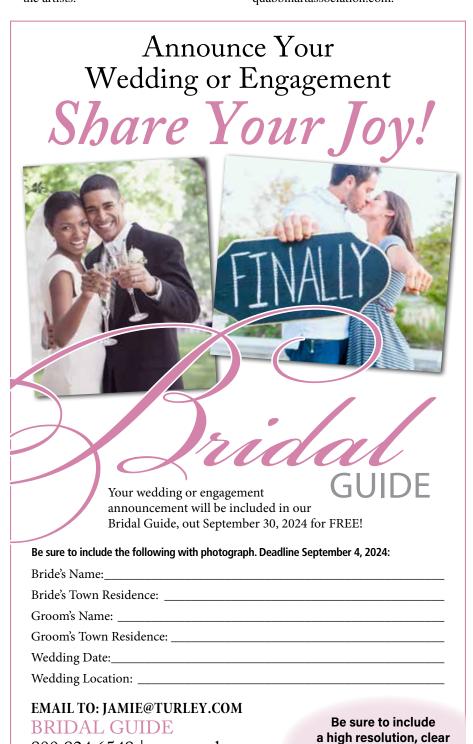
### QAA holds first group art exhibit

SOUTH HADLEY— The Ouabbin Art Association will open their first group exhibit for the summer at the South Hadley Senior Center beginning on June 3 through June 28. Thirty-five works will be on display from talented members including watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, charcoal, pencil and photography. Viewing will be during regular business hours with many pieces for sale directly from

Please check the South Hadley Council on Aging website for updated summer hours: https://www.southhadley.org/324/ Council-on-Aging.

The Quabbin Art Association promotes community interest and appreciation in the visual arts by providing education, support, and opportunity for local artists. To learn more about the organization or to become a member, visit www. quabbinartassociation.com.

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### REMEMBERING THE FALLEN OF THE 'LOST TOWNS'



NSDAR National Vice Chair for Veterans Services Paula Renkas, gave greetings from the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Denise Kindschi Gosselin, Regent of the Berry Allen Chapter DAR speaks about honoring patriots for America's 250th anniversary.

### New monument honors Revolutionary War patriots

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

WARE – Since 1947, there has been a ceremony at Quabbin Park Cemetery to honor the military dead from the "Lost Towns" of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott for Memorial Day.

This past Sunday, this longstanding tradition continued, welcoming members of the Cooley, Crowther, Hall, Wendemuth and Schmidt families; names that have deep roots stretching back to those disincorporated towns.

The ceremony was conducted by the Veterans Council of Belchertown and the Chauncey D. Walker Post #239 American Legion, with support from the Friends of Quabbin, Inc. and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection, Quabbin/Ware Region.

The ceremony was emceed by Keith Poulin of Chauncey Walker Post #239, American Legion.

The Quabbin Park Cemetery has served as the center of Memorial Day ceremonies for the Lost Towns since they were disincorporated 86 years ago. The ceremony not only serves to remember lives lost, but also what residents of those towns had to leave behind.

"We recognize the sacrifice of so many whose lives were forever changed," Poulin said.

With the nation preparing to celebrate its 250th anniversary, this year's ceremony also unveiled a new Revolutionary War monument, recognizing the 43 patriots from Hampshire, Worcester and Plym-



Quabbin Regional High School NJROTC Cadet Hunter Labier escorts a representative of the Wendemuth family to place a wreath on the Prescott monument.

outh counties, whose graves were relocated to the cemetery prior to the flooding of the Quabbin Reservoir.

Joining the ceremony were several chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, including the Betty Allen Chapter DAR of Northampton, Duxbury Chapter DAR and Mercy Warren Chapter DAR of Springfield. DAR members traveled from as far as North Carolina to attend.

Denise Kindschi Gosselin, Regent of the Betty Allen Chapter, said, "as we prepare to celebrate the 250th, we honor Revolutionary War veterans."

She said these veterans not only sacrificed their lives, but they sacrificed their homes for the creation of the reservoir.

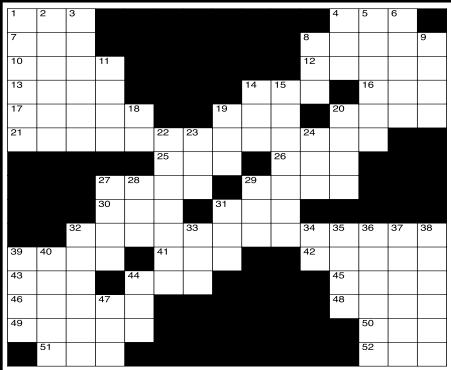
Kindschi Gosselin said we need to assure that those veterans' hopes and dreams are passed on to the next generation of patriots. The monument was made possible from a grant from the NDSAR America 250! Celebration Grants program.

NSDAR National Vice Chair for Veterans Services Paula Renkas explained what the organization was about and how its mission is historic preservation, education and patriotism. To become a member, you must be able to trace your lineage back to a patriot of the American Revolution.

Renkas said she was thrilled to see so many people in attendance at the ceremony.

Terah Allen Harootunian, Regent of Duxbury Chapter DAR, thanked Friends of Quabbin President Gene Theroux for his help with the monument project. Theroux is also a members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Seth Pomeroy Chapter.

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Fashion accessory
   Engine
- additive 7. Small, faint
- constellation 8. Gives a job
- 10. Self-righteous person
- 12. Caucasian language 13. Surinam toad
- 14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 16. Former French coin
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  19. What stage
- performers do 20. Egyptian Sun god 21. Localities
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  Botswana
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- 45. Very eager 46. Edward \_\_\_, author and writer
- 48. Flying insect 49. Dragged forcibly
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- is 9. Cast out
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- 39. Nursemaid 40. Type of tooth 44. To be
- demonstrated 47. Defunct European group



The Daughters of the American Revolution were represented by the Duxbury Chapter.



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left our lines, and went out to approach the Germans," Willette said. Unarmed, his helmet hanging from his belt, and a red cross adorning his arm, he set out to meet the Nazi's top medic.

In an attempt to form a common hospital, Maternowski intended to negotiate with the Germans about combining the numbers of German and American injured. An American glider had crashed nearby, and had resulted in many casualties.

"He spoke Polish. He met some Germans, and they were able to communicate...He made an arrangement with the Germans to collect our wounded and treat them together, so they would have a chance to live," said Willette.

"On his way back to our lines he was shot and killed by the Germans," becoming the first of almost 500 chaplains to be killed throughout the second World War, and the only chaplain to lose his life on D-Day.

Today, in Guetteville, a memorial honors his heroism, depicting him kneeling over a clothed corpse, eyes on a small handheld missal, offering prayers for those who died just hours and minutes before him. The backdrop features a demolished plane and a field of cows, depicting the events of the day.

By our own country, he has been honored with a Purple Heart, and his religious order, the Conventual Franciscan Friars, have begun the process of investigating his case for sainthood.

Born in Holyoke on March 28 of 1912. Maternowski is an alumnus of Mater Dolorosa Parochial School in Holyoke. After attending St. Francis High School in Athol Springs, New York, he began studying for the Catholic priesthood, entering the religious order of the Conventual Franciscan Friars.

He was ordained in the Chapel of St. Hyacinth, at what was formerly St. Hyacinth Seminary in Granby.

Maternowski will be honored with a candlelight vigil on Wednesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Mater Dolorosa Cemetery, where the captain-priest is buried.

Willette also paid special tribute to the 25 servicemen who lost their life in the B-24 plane crash into the side of Mount Holyoke. July 9 will mark the crash's 78th anniversary.

The servicemen were World War II veterans, on a training mission. Close to midnight, and minutes after leaving Westover Field, the pilot was unable to fly over the

peak of Mount Holyoke, after the plane's tail and wing were caught in trees, forcing the plane into the side of the mountain.

Speaking of the victims, Willette shared that, "These are people from all over the country." Two of the victims' images were honored at the breakfast with a shrine: Lieutenants Talbot Malcolm, and John Logan.

"Our goal is to let those family members know their loved ones are being honored right here in the town that they fell," Willette continued. "By next year, our update should be that we found more family members and spread the word to their local communities."

Willette educated those gathered on the sacred character of Memorial



The Senior Center's art theme for the month showcases the stories of local service men and women.

Day, describing it as "a tribute," that, "we pay as individuals, as a post or as a district, in our way."

These various Memorial Day celebrations were put on by a wide network of individuals. These include Vocal Roar, who featured several musical tributes at both the veteran's breakfast and the Memorial Day service at Evergreen, and members of the High School's culinary program prepared the veteran's breakfast.

Linda Young organized the flag lowering-service at Evergreen; the National Anthem was sung by Susan English.

Dr. Roger Farnsworth, teacher of the High School band from 1965-1980, was present at the flag lowering, and shared his motive for participating.

"My father served for five years in the Army Air Force under Douglas MacArthur's command in World War II. He served and traveled wherever MacArthur served including the Philippines and the Far East. There are also family members of former band members who have given their lives for our country. I want to make sure they are all honored," he said.

For Memorial day, "No observance is prescribed. That's why in some towns you might have a parade or a service at school," said Willette.

"In May of 1868...John Logan issued what was called General Order Number Eleven,"



Fr. Ignatius Maternowski, "Holyoke's candidate for sainthood," was honored for his exceptional heroism on D-Day.

which was read during the Veteran's breakfast. General Order Eleven designates Memorial Day "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country."

"Those exact orders given to us all those years ago are being fulfilled right now, this week, right here in South Hadley... They could not have imagined that we'd be honoring the dead at a veteran's breakfast in South Hadley Senior Center 160 years ago."

Willette also extended veneration toward the 21 South



Two of the 25 victims of the Mount Holyoke Crash in 1946 were enshrined for the Veteran's Breakfast.



Roger Farnsworth (left) alongside Vocal Roar's Michael Beauchemin, a junior at South Hadley High School.

Hadley natives who gave their life in the Civil War and are memorialized in the center of the Village Commons. Inscribed on that memorial are the words of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address, starting with the lines: "From these honored dead, we take increased devotion..."

> Brian Willette, right, marching ceremoniously at the veteran's breakfast.









Submitted Photos by Lisa Calkins

Smokey the Bear protecting the delicious cookies and cake for the celebration.

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Many people came forward to give speeches commemorating the many years of service that Calkins has given to the community.

"You've been working



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really diligently and hard," Wong said as she awarded him with a certificate thanking him for 37 years of service. "I am confident that you have been a really great leader, and you are leaving the town in great hands."

Calkins welcomed former captain Ryan Moore into the position as chief, and the pair shared a warm handshake as Calkins passed on the mantle to Moore.

"Firefighting is in our family, and I couldn't wait until the day I turned 18 to be a firefighter," Calkins said. "I love helping people, and it's a great way to do that and help the community.'

Calkin's son, Corey, who is on the Westover Fire Department, marks the fifth generation of Calkins serving as firefighters.

"I would like to thank all of the board members in my career, both in the water commissions and the Prudential Committee, and all the residents for their support for our department," Calkins said.



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**LEFT: Retired District No. 2 Chief Todd Calkins shakes** hands with the new District No. 2 Chief, Ryan Moore.



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### Rams sweep Indians to win WMass title

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—Prior to facing each other in the Western Mass. Class C finals last Saturday morning, the Ware and Granby boys' varsity volleyball teams had never won a sectional title.

The top-seeded Rams, who joined the varsity ranks a couple of years ago, took home the championship trophy for the first time following a 3-0 victory (25-19, 25-16,28-26) over the second-seeded Indians at the Herbert H. Curry Gymnasium, which is located inside Chicopee

"I'm very excited and honored that we were able to win the Class C title for the first time," said Granby senior co-captain Michael Swanigan, who'll be playing volleyball at Curry College next year. "We worked very hard during the regular season to earn this spot. I never expected us to win today's match 3-0 because Ware is a very strong volleyball team."

Granby, who graduated eight players a year ago, only have eight players listed on this year's varsity roster. They entered the



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Granby boys volleyball captured the Western Mass. Class C Championship.

Division 2 state tournament with an impressive 19-2 overall record. Their only two losses during the regular season were against Frontier Regional and Longmeadow, who defeated Ludlow in the Class B finals.

The Rams also captured the West Division league title with a perfect 10-0 record.

Swanigan, who had a team-leading 16 kills in the Class C finals, was a member of the Rams' inaugural boys varsity volleyball team.

'I was a sophomore when we played our first varsity season. We had a 6-11 record that year,"

Swanigan said. "We went 13-7 last year. Our volleyball program has improved a lot during the past several years."

Swanigan began playing volleyball at Granby High School at the j.v. level when he was in the seventh grade. Chad Gagon has been his only head coach.



**Braeden Gallagher sends the** ball back inbounds.

"Michael is one of the first volleyball players who played for our program," Gagon said. "He's also going to be the first student from Granby High

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Raquel Losty makes her way up the field.







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MONSON - Last Monday afternoon, South Hadley poured on the offense as it defeated Monson 20-7 in the regular season finale. The Tigers finished the season at just 6-11, but scored their seventh win over Lee High School in the Western Mass. Class C semifinals. The Tigers were scheduled to face Hoosac er this week.



Margaret Watkins makes a pass on the run.



Caitlin Dean gets around a defender and goes for the goal.

Riley Nestor looks to pass out of the goal.

Rachel Yabra tries to get around an opponent.

### **Sports**

### Pioneers post shutout in home opener

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW-A couple of hours after winning his first soccer match as the New England Mutiny head coach, Federico Molinari guided the Western Mass. Pioneers to another win in their home opener.

The Pioneers, who held a 2-0 lead five minutes into the contest, posted a 4-0 shutout victory over Pathfinder FC at Lusitano Stadium on May 18.

"It feels very good to win our first game of the season in front of our fans. I'm happy for them," Molinari said. "Scoring the two early goals gave the team a lot of confidence.'

The Pioneers (2-0) began the regular season with a 1-0 shutout road victory against the Boston Bolts on May 14.

The only goal of that contest was scored on a header by Scott Testori following a corner kick in the middle of the second half.

"Our first game of the season was very close," Testori said. "It was still scoreless going into the last twenty minutes. Then Jared Smith sent a perfect corner kick to me, and I headed it home. We were able to keep the clean sheet in that game."

Testori, who's one of the Pioneers first-year players, assisted on the Pioneers first goal in the home opener, which was scored by Alec Hughes during the third minute. Hughes is a second-year Pioneers

A couple of minutes later, Testori received a pass from Camilo Comi before lining a shot into the right corner of the

"We really needed to have a quick start in tonight's game," said Testori, who'll be a senior member of the UConn men's soccer team this fall. "Alec got things going with a huge goal. Then Camilo made a perfect pass to me, and I was able to finish the play by scoring a goal of my own. I'm very excited about being a member of this soccer team."

Testori and Hughes, who was a senior on last year's UMass men's soccer team, both graduated from different high schools in Connecticut.

"My high school soccer team never

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Scott Testori looks to center the ball.



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Jared Smith looks to get around an opponent.



Patrick Gryczewski advances the ball up the field.



Kwame Adu-Gyamfi sends a pass up the field.



Alec Hughes clears the ball away.

### Konowalchuk named new head coach of T-Birds

Blues President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Doug Armstrong announced today that the team has named Steve Konowalchuk head coach of its AHL affiliate, the Springfield Thunderbirds.

"We went through an extensive interview process, and through those conversations, it became clear that Steve best fit what we were seeking in a head coach," said Thunderbirds General Manager Kevin Maxwell. "We look forward to seeing him work with the next wave of Blues prospects and developing them into successful NHL players in St.

Konowalchuk, 51, spent last season as an associate coach with the AHL's Colorado Eagles, where he helped lead the team to a 40-25-7 regular-season record and a 5th-place finish in the Western Conference. The Salt Lake City, Utah, native's coaching career began in Colorado where he served two sea-

ST. LOUIS, MO - St. Louis sons as an assistant coach for the Avalanche. Then, in 2011, he was named head coach of the

> WHL's Seattle Thunderbirds and went on to spend six seasons behind their bench. During his tenure, he guided the Thunderbirds to five postseason appearances, including 2017 when they captured the

Ed Chynoweth Cup (WHL championship). Following his time in Seattle, Konowalchuk served one season as an assistant coach with the Anaheim Ducks before spending two seasons as head coach of the WHL's Red Deer Rebels.

As a player, Konowalchuk was drafted by the Washington Capitals in 1991 and enjoyed a 14-year NHL career. Overall, he dressed in 790 career NHL regular-season games, including 693 with the Capitals. He also represented the United States in several international competitions, including the 1996 World Cup of Hockey, where he captured a gold medal.

### **Joey Doiron dominant in Granite State homecoming**

CLAREMONT, N.H. - The last time the a flat tire. Casagrande, still searching for his Granite State Pro Stock Series raced at Clare- first GSPSS win, lined up alongside Doiron mont Motorsports Park, Joey Doiron turned in a dominant performance to take home the big

And neither a year away from the tricky third-mile nor a different car could keep the two-time GSPSS champion from the winner's

Doiron led every lap of Sunday night's Key Auto Group 125, earning his seventh career GSPSS win and a \$5,000 check.

The veteran racer from Berwick, Maine, was quick all night, turning the fastest lap in time trials and handily winning his qualifying heat. Former series regular Jeremy Sorel lined up alongside Doiron after his own heat win, but Doiron jumped out to an early lead as Sorel faced challenges from Casey Call and Cory Casagrande.

Call and Casagrande settled into second and third, and as the field stretched out over a long green-flag run, the three leaders drew closer together, setting up a thrilling battle for the closing laps.

Contact between Alex Quarterley and Ryan Green brought out the race's second caution on lap 77, though, and as the yellow flag waved, Call made a beeline for the pits with for the restart, but Doiron slipped away with the advantage.

Once again, Casagrande reeled in Doiron, closing the gap as the laps wound down. But he could not catch Doiron to make a move, and the veteran racer held on for his third career win at Claremont.

"I don't know how much [Casagrande] had left," Doiron said after the race. "But if that was all he had, I had a little bit more in the

Doiron joins Gabe Brown and Ray Christian III as drivers who have scored consecutive GSPSS wins at Claremont. Doiron's third win also ties him with Brown, Christian and D.J. Shaw for the most series wins at the track.

Casagrande matched his GSPSS career best with his runner-up performance. Outside polesitter Sorel matched his own career best in third. Call drove back from his flat tire to place fourth, while Sorel's teammate and crew chief, Quarterley, was fifth in his GSPSS de-

With top-five finishes in the first two races of 2024, Casey Call unofficially leads the point standings headed to the series' next race, a stop at Speedway 95 in Maine on June 16.



### Sanford named to Dean's List

**Emma Sanford** of South Hadley was named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University in the Spring 2024 semester

Dean's List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses, has been granted to Emma Sanford in the Spring 2024 semester.

### Sullivan honored at 2024 honors Convocation at The College of Saint Rose

**Shannon E. Sullivan** of South Hadley, MA, has been recognized by The College of Saint Rose during its 2024 Honors Convocation.

Sullivan received the following awards: The Outstanding Student in a Graduate Program Award, Social Work.

### Lasell University students named to Spring 2024 Dean's List

The Spring 2024 Dean's List includes students who have completed at least 12 credits as a full-time student in that semester and have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. The following local students were named to the Lasell Dean's List.

**Antonio Centracchio** of Granby **Teagan Anz** of South Hadley **Robin Mullin** of South Hadley

For more information contact: Ian Meropol, Chief Communications Officer, at 617-243-2150, or imeropol@lasell.edu.

### Local students graduate from College of the Holy Cross

Holy Cross celebrated 751 bachelor of arts degree recipients at its 178th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 24 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Dr. Laurie Leshin, director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and former president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute delivered this year's address to the Class of 2024 and received an honorary degree.

The following local students earned degrees:

**Amy Hampson**, of South Hadley, Magna Cum Laude

**Lindsay Marjanski**, of South Hadley, Summa Cum Laude

### Gauthier receives recognition at Syracuse University

**John Gauthier** of South Hadley attends Syracuse University and has achieved the following accolades. He is a rising junior.

- Sigma Gamma Tau, Aerospace Engineering National Honor Society
- Tau Beta Pi, Engineering International Honor Society
- Pi Mu Epsilon, Mathematics National Honor Society

• Syracuse Success Scholar

- Dean's List, College of Engineering & Computer Science: Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024 (every semester)
- Syracuse ECS Award for Achievement by Aerospace Engineering Sophomore
- Student Member of AIAA and Member of Syracuse University Chapter of AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics)

### Springfield College recognizes Dean's List students for the 2024 Spring Semester

Springfield College has named **Kaelyn Croteau** from Granby, MA to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester.

Croteau has a primary major of Health Science.

Springfield College has named **Joshua Hart** from Granby, MA to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester.

Hart has a primary major of Business Management.

Springfield College has named **Steven Pisano** from Granby, MA to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester.

Pisano has a primary major of Health Science / Pre-OT.

Springfield College has named **Jade Samlall** from South Hadley, MA to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester.

Samlall has a primary major of Social Work.

Springfield College has named **Lily Sterling** from South Hadley, MA to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester.

Sterling has a primary major of Exercise Science / Applied ES.



### 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, Ish-

kabbile 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.belchertownfarmersmarket.weebly.com.

The Belchertown Farmers and Artisans Market, Inc. is a nonprofit organization which provides a unique venue for the public to purchase foods and other products directly from local producers in an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere.

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played against Alec's team," Testori said.
"Our club soccer teams did face each other a few times. It has been a lot of fun being teammates with him for the first time. He's an outstanding soccer player. We complement each other very well."

Last Saturday's home opener wasn't the first time that Testori played a match on the turf soccer field located on Winsor Street in Ludlow. A couple of years ago,

he played for AC Connecticut, which lost to the Pioneers.

"I've played a game in this stadium two years ago, so I already knew what the atmosphere was like here," said Testori, who signed several autographs following the match. "To have these fans rooting for you is just a great feeling. This is a talented soccer team, so I wanted to join them this year. I'm hoping that we can qualify for the playoffs."

During the 36th minute, Patrick Gry-

czewski dribbled the ball down the right side before cutting into the middle of the box. He then slid a shot into the lower right corner for the Pioneers third goal of the match, which was unassisted. Gryczewski, who's also from the Nutmeg state, plays college soccer at U.R.I.

Holding a commanding 3-0 halftime lead, the Pioneers final goal was scored by Lawrence Goddard, who's a returning player, during the 72nd minute.

Western Mass goalie Gianluca Cer-

sosimo didn't see very much action in recording his second consecutive clean sheet.

The Pioneers defensive unit is led by Jared Smith, Zach Sauer, Aidan Kelly, and team captain Nicholas Oberrauch.

The Pioneers were scheduled to play at the Albany Rush on Wednesday night (May 22) before returning home to face Black Rock FC at 7 p.m. on May 31.

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### Granby

### **Labonte secures seat on Select Board**

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

GRANBY – Town Clerk Katherine A. Kelly-Regan, CMMC released the unofficial results from the annual town election held on May 20.

A total of 874 (17%) of the town's 5,070 registered voters cast their ballots to fill open positions.

David Labonte received the majority of votes to secure a three-year term on the Select Board, with 307. Other candidates included Micheline Turgeon with 271 votes, John Ar-

couette with 191 and Nathaniel Masse with 84.

Douglas Smith was elected to fill a four-year unexpired term on the Housing Authority with 292 votes, followed closely by Ronald Richard with 269 votes. Incumbent Joseph Furnia retained a five-year term on the Housing Authority with 638 votes, challenged by write-in candidate Dakota Richards with 39.

All other positions were uncontested, including: Assessor for a three-year term, Dakota Richards, 715; Board of Health for a three-year term, Lee Lalonde, 739; Moderator, Lynn

Snopek Mercier, 734; Town Collector for a three-year term, Nicole Menard, 736; Treasurer for a three-year term, Steven Nally, 680; Planning Board for a fiveyear term, James Trompke, 600; School Committee for two threeyear terms, Jennifer Bartosz, 677 and write-in candidate Jill Pelletier, 25; Commissioner of Burial Grounds for a three-year term, 701; and Library Trustees for three three-year terms, Denise Conti, 664; Bernadette Archambault, 36; and Jenniver Chauvin, 142.

### Granby library lists upcoming events Thursda

GRANBY – The Granby Free Public Library, 297 East State St., will host Planting "Seeds of Intention" Crystal Terrarium Workshop On Thursday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m.

This class gives a fun overview of the benefits of crystals.



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Assemble a terrarium using small plants, soil, small assorted crystal chips and sands while planting our "seeds of intention" into the soil. Calming music, tea, and a fun crystal quiz will make for a great introspective experience for all.

Space is limited. Sign-up is required. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Granby Library.

### Thursday Yoga class offered

SOUTH HADLEY relax and renew with this all levels yoga outdoor class with Michele Lyman. This class offers a blend of gentle movements, breathwork, and mindfulness practices to help you find balance and inner peace. All levels welcome and modifications of poses are always ok. Classes will be held at Gaylord Library's back lawn, 47 College St., on Thursdays, June 6, June 13, and June 20, from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information contact Sarah, Adult Services Librarian, Gaylord Library, 413-538-5047.

### Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate 2024 taking place June 8

The next chapter of the Gaylord Memorial Library

Join the Gaylord Memorial Trustees on Saturday June 8, 2024 from 5 -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

### **Aaron's Race Event returns to Belchertown on June 15**

BELCHERTOWN – The third annual Aaron's Race Event will be held on Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., on the Belchertown Common.

This event is to help raise awareness around teen suicide. Teen suicide is currently the second leading cause of death of youth ages 10-24.

This event includes a pinewood derby car race, where all ages can pre-register to make a pinewood derby car to race the day of the event. Families can also sign up and bring a pinewood derby car they may have made in the past.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the several free family activities: a bounce

house, UMass motorcycles and horses, touch a truck from the Fire Department, K-9 demonstrations, a car show, face painting, balloon animals, a magic show, henna tattoos, popcorn, cotton candy, and even snow cones. There is also the Super Raffle where everyone can choose to buy tickets to try their luck toward many generously donated baskets and prizes.

Food and ice cream will be available for purchase as well. All proceeds go towards teen suicide prevention and education.

For more information, please join the Facebook page: Aaron's Race 01007.

### **RAMS** from page 9

School to play volleyball in college. I'm very proud of him and the rest of these guys."

The only other Granby senior is Nicolas Grandmont, who joined the volleyball team a year ago.

Grandmont was a member of the boys' soccer team, which defeated Monson, 2-1, in the Western Mass Class D finals, last October. Sophomore co-captain Jake Gagon and sophomore Daniel Santiago were also members of the Rams boys' soccer team last fall.

The other four members of the Rams boys' volleyball team, who are looking to make a run in the Division 2 state tournament, are sophomore Braeden Gallagher, sophomore Durant Garden, freshman Nate Walsh, and eighth grader Ralph El Aouji, who's a libero.

"We might be a young team with only two seniors, but these guys are very talented volleyball players," coach Gagon said. "They practice very hard and play the game with a lot of passion. They also play a lot during the offseason. They're 100 percent committed to this program."

The Indians will enter the Division 2 tournament with a 14-7 overall record.

"Playing in the Western Mass. finals was one of our goals before the start of the regular season," said Ware head coach Steve Jarvis. "It was a close match, but Granby just played a little bit better than we did today."

The Indians four seniors are Josh Mulligan, Jake Riethele, Kyle Gordan, and Remy Cahalan.

Mulligan and Cahalan are co-captains. "The seniors have done a very good job of leading this team," Jarvis said. "We're now hoping to play well in the state tournament."

Rounding out the Indians varsity roster are junior Brody Paul, junior Jayden Kern, junior Nathan Harmon, sophomore Sean Bernier, who's a libero, sophomore Ryder Cahalan, sophomore Jonathon Ad-



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  ${\bf Jake\ Gagnon\ makes\ a\ set.}$ 

kins, and freshman Dalton Marquis.

It was the third meeting of the 2024 season between the two league rivals.

The Rams didn't have very much trouble dispatching the Indians, 3-0, in the first meeting of the regular season at Sullivan Gymnasium during the second week of April. A couple of weeks later, the Indians (14-7) held a 2-0 lead in the second meeting, which took place at Paul Orszulak Gymnasium. The Rams came storming and won the final three sets to complete the reverse sweep. "We didn't play very well in the first two sets of that match, and we just needed to wake up," said Swanigan. "After we took a 2-0 lead after the first two sets of today's



Michael Swanigan goes a for spike for the Rams.

match, I didn't want the same thing to happen to us. I just told my teammates to stay focused entering the third set."

The score was tied ten times in the opening set before the Rams managed to pull away with the help of a 7-2 run. Gagon sealed the deal for his team with one of his six aces. He also had 10 kills.

"Winning the first set was very important for us," said Jake Gagon, who was also a member of the first varsity team. "It helped set the tone for the rest of the match."

The Indians took an early 5-2 lead in the second set following a kill by Remy Cahalan.

The score would remain close until the



Daniel Santiago sends the ball back over the net.

Rams took a 23-15 lead with the help of a 7-0 run.

After Ware won the next point, the Rams locked up the second set by winning the final two points.

With Jake Gagnon handling the serving duties, Granby built a 5-0 advantage at the start of the third set.

Ware did battle back and took a 9-8 lead following a block by Gordon.

The Indians managed to hang onto the lead until the score was tied 24-24.

After the two teams traded points, back-to-back kills by Swanigan locked up the championship title for the Rams.

### Public Notices

#### Sale Of Motor Vehicles Under G.I. C.255 Sec. 39A

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.

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**TOWN** Reminder

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 shortterm 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:

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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 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

> LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF GRANBY

The Select Board will

hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 5:31 PM at the \*\*Senior Center Building located at 10-B West State Street, Granby, MA to grant permission to Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

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05/31/2024

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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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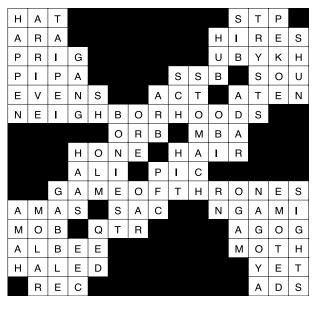
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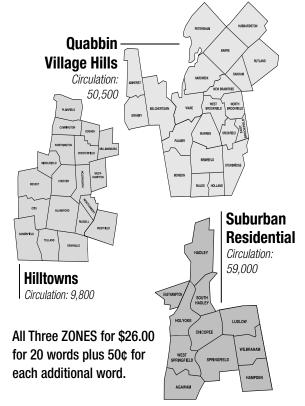




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#### **QUABBIN** from page 6

"I encourage all of you to please take the tour today and visit Revolutionary War veterans' graves," Harootunian said to the crowd.

Chris Tourtellot delivered greetings on behalf of Massachusetts SAR President Jim Holmes, who was unable to attend. Tourtellot said his ancestors hail from the town of Dana.

Aaron Bateman and Theo Girard of Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281 led the Pledge of Allegiance and Nathaniel Knight of L.A. Tifft Camp 15 gave the Gettysburg Address. Director of Veterans' Services Charly Oliva recited "In Flanders Fields".

State Senators Jo Comerford, Peter Durant and Jake Oliveira attended along with state Reps. Aaron Saunders and Todd Smola.

Durant said this ceremony serves to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"Their legacy is all around us," he said. "We are their legacy."

Smola said the Quabbin Park Cemetery is a "very sacred place in Western Massachusetts." He thanked the Belchertown Community Band for always providing an impressive performance of patriotic songs and marches.

Oliveira spoke about the Revolutionary War monument, and how he was honored to be a part of securing funding for it in the fiscal year 2024 budget. He said he hopes the monument will renew efforts to recognize those who have served.

Saunders said the Quabbin Park Cemetery Memorial Day



A monument memorializing the Revolutionary War patriots was unveiled during the ceremony.



The Belchertown Community Band performed patriotic songs throughout the ceremony.

ceremony is always moving and inspiring, especially when he hears the words of President Abraham Lincoln.

He said this event is important because there is no Memorial Day event in those Lost Towns

anymore.

"There is no home to come back to," Saunders said.

Comerford said this was the first time she attended the ceremony, and it will not be the last.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

The Sons of the American Revolution Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Honor Guard lead the march through the Quabbin Park Cemetery this past Sunday.



The Swift River Valley Historical Society participated in the ceremony.



The Ware Historical Commission participated in the ceremony.



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