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Class of 2024 SOUTH HADLEY HIGH SCHOOL Graduates

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School class of 2024 graduated at Mount Holyoke College's Gettell Amphitheater on Friday, May 31. As the high school concert band played 129 students descended the stairs and graced the stage for an emotional ending to their high school experience.

Valedictorian Caleb Cox began the evening with a farewell address to his fellow classmates highlighting discipline and gratitude.

Jaden Yeung, Salutatorian, discussed the challenge of writing his speech with a 48 hour deadline, including a previously scheduled trip to the beach, and finishing at 11 p.m. the night before it was due.

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John Viola high-fives his classmate Eric Cole on his way to receive his diploma.

Turley Publication photo by Kara Walsh-Vey

Big plans for South Hadley Recreation Department

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - The South Hadley Recreation Department has crafted a busy summer of concerts and camps, plus a circus and big rig day, for all of the town's residents, children and adults alike.

“With slime being so popular, I thought this would be a good addition that kids and families would enjoy.”

DANIELLE BACHAND
Asst. Recreation Director

Unlike some towns that offer a wide range of activities and programs for youth, South Hadley does have many opportunities for adults in the community.

“I feel like that gets overlooked sometimes as the majority of our programs are for kids,” said Danielle Bachand, assistant recreation director.

For adults who want to improve their tennis game, or learn how to play, the town is offering

weekly tennis lessons throughout the summer. Those will follow the weekly tennis lessons for children, with those broken up by age.

Concerts on the Commons will begin June 27 and run through August 29. The season kicks off with the South Hadley Community Band, then has appearances from Cottonwood, The Willies and Blue Devil Blues - just to name a few.

Friday Cruise Nights have returned to Buttery Brook Park and will run through Sept. 6. The free event offers a chance to see vintage cars, enjoy some food made by local “celebrity” chefs and - new this year - enjoy a free concert from local musical favorites like Johnny & the Flashbacks and Union Jack.

Of course, the whole family can come out to the town's fireworks on July 3 at the Michael E. Smith Middle School. The rain date will be July 5. In addition to an impressive fireworks display to end the evening, the event generally features a wide range of activities for kids, like a bounce house and face painting, as well as food booths and other vendors. Final details are still being worked out at this time.

The kids will have fewer opportunities to say “I’m bored”

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Roger Farnsworth played the piano while Frank Fuller and former band members sang along in the dining commons, as they had done over fifty years ago.

Tigers Marching One Hundred reminisce

By Samuel Gelinas
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – In its prime, the South Hadley Marching One Hundred would spend a week each August at Camp Becket preparing their half-time formations for football season, learning the complexities of bandwork, like marching and concert music, as well as intangibles such as teamwork, work ethic, and camaraderie.

Over fifty years later, Dan Pease, Studio Manager at South Hadley Community TV 15 filmed former directors and band members as they reminisced at various locations throughout the camp.

These places include Gibson Hall where the band rehearsed their music, the football field where they practiced their half-time formations for football games, and the Dining Commons where they enjoyed meals together.

According to former band member and producer of the documentary, Elizabeth Moynihan Ballard, “A documentary on the South Hadley Tiger Marching Hundred would not be complete without filming at ‘Band Camp.’”

Frank Fuller, who in the 70's acted as Associate Band Director, spoke about how this location had been chosen.

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► South Hadley

Resident commissioned as Second Lieutenant in U.S. Air Force

SOUTH HADLEY — On Sunday, May 19, Benjamin Chevrette was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force after five years in the ROTC, Detachment 370, UMass Amherst, with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Chevrette will serve as a Civil Engineering Officer, with the location as yet to be determined.

Because he had to give up his seat as a pilot, Chevrette needed another job, as he could not be commissioned without one.

There were four candidates for commissioning, but Chevrette was the only one presented by Lieutenant Colonel Lucas Hall, the Commander himself, as a leader who has already faced adversity and disappointment but has taken it in stride.

Chevrette was to have received flight training in Pensacola after receiving his Commission, when it was discovered that he had red-green vision deficiency. Because of this, Chevrette will never be a pilot.

After considering other career paths, Chevrette received a pleasant surprise when the Air Force gave him the job of Civil Engineer.

During his four-year commitment to the USAF, he will not only be able to determine whether he wants to stay in the military, but will also have a firm



Benjamin Chevrette and his father, pictured in front of the UMass sign.

Submitted photo

basis to decide whether to continue in an engineering career.

At the ceremony, comments were made by both the Mas-

ter of Ceremonies and Lieutenant Colonel Hall, as well as Chevrette's own address to those gathered. The commander joked

about Chevrette letting him win in trivia, and when his father went onstage to pin him with his Lieutenant's Bar, he followed

up by saying that he never let Chevrette win any game or sport – "and now look at him!"

"I already miss him," said his father, M.P. Chevrette. "I hope I didn't embarrass him by singing the National Anthem; although two people complimented me on my 'performance' -- one thought it was part of the program -- I would have sung stronger had I known I'd be doing a solo."

Chevrette and his father, along with the cadets and officers, joined in singing the "Air Force Song" at the close of the program.

Chevrette had to have a job to be commissioned, but doesn't know where he will be stationed.

Instead of the AFSC number, the assignments of all the cadets were given their common names so that those in attendance would have a better idea of what they'd be doing. However, the Air Force was not able to assign Ben to a location to be posted on such short notice.

The Air Force Specialty Code is an alphanumeric code used by the United States Air Force to identify a specific job. Officer AFSCs consist of four characters, and a letter prefix or suffix may be used with an AFSC when more specific identification of position requirements and individual qualifications is necessary.

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Hadley Historical Society presents show on June 28

HADLEY — The Hadley Historical Society, in partnership with the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum, presents The Red Skies Music Ensemble's Corn Stalk Fiddles: Soundscape and Place in 19th Century Hadley, a research-based interpretive tour of the musical and social geography of 19th century Hadley.

Written by Red Skies' Artistic Director and Co-Founder Trudy Williams, the show offers a fascinating narration illustrated by live music and theatrical vignettes, archival images, and a special appearance by the children's Corn Stalk Fiddle Choir, directed by Cindy Naughton, Music Director

of the Amherst Community Theater.

Alan Weinberg, of the Hadley Historical Society, said that "the show is inspired and built around discovered items and documents in our collection and on research at the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum."

Funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Hadley Cultural Council, performances will take place at the Hadley Public Library, 50 Main St., on Friday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Sat., June 29 at 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m.) Reservations are not required. Suggested donation: \$15.

Relay for Life craft/vendor fair is June 8

BELCHERTOWN — There will be over 95 crafters and vendors at the Quaboag Relay for Life's 3rd Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Fair to be held on Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the Common, Routes 9 and 202.

There will be face painting all day, balloon sculpting by Ed Popielarczyk from 12:30-2:30 p.m., food, music and raffles.

All proceeds from the fair will benefit the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life.



Buttery Brook Park Events

June 7 - Cruise Night, featuring free concert with Johnny & the Flashbacks, 5-7:30 p.m.

June 12 - Farmer's Market, 2-6 p.m.

June 14 - Cruise Night, w/ Beer Tent & Foley's Franks Food Truck, 5-7:30 p.m.

June 25 & 26 - Hideaway

Circus (tickets @ hideaway circus.com)

Pickleball Courts - Daily Open Play (Mon-Sun), 8:30-11 a.m. / Weeknight Open Play (Mon-Fri), 4:30-10 p.m.

Spray Park - Open weekends until June 15th (10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

Giant Tag Sale returns to Belchertown Common

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 accepted.

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 donors with their contributions in August 2024.

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when they participate in the many offerings from the recreation department. Weekly camps will be running for sports, including baseball, softball, basketball, field hockey and soccer. The department also has a flag football program and Skyhawk Sports and Games. There are also art programs and the new program Challenge Island.

"With slime being so popular, I thought this would be a good addition that kids and families would enjoy," said Bachand.

For those kids who love music, there will be three children's concerts at Buttery Brook Park in July. The recreation department partnered with the South Hadley Family Center, Tree of Life, South Hadley Cultural Council and Friends of Buttery Brook Park to host In

the Nick of Time Music, Annie and the Natural Wonder Band, and The Toe Jam Band.

The circus also comes to town on June 25 and 26. Hideaway Circus's Canvas Sky show blends a classic circus with a contemporary storyline and original music.

On July 18, kids will have the chance to climb into the cabs and meet the operators of fire trucks, police cars, utility trucks, ambulances and more at Big Rig Day at Buttery Brook Park.

Although the department offers a huge range of activities, it is always on the lookout for new opportunities

for its residents.

"We try to evaluate how popular our current programs are and then look at any new proposals people send in. We are always open to adding new programming," said Andy Rogers, director of the recreation department. "Ideally people can enjoy all South Hadley has to offer - whether that be a special event like the fireworks or Big Rig Day, going to a concert, going to a park to play basketball or pickleball, or using any of our trails."

For more information about the department's summer offerings, visit its social media pages.

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Opinion



June question for the Garden Lady

Aline, who gardens in Springfield wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "In my yard I have several trees with a grey/white substance. A plant expert at Sixteen Acres Garden Center diagnosed it as lichen. He said there was nothing I could do to treat it. This substance is covering my trees. Could lime on the soil help? My soil is acidic. I also have Japanese maple trees. I do not want lichen to attack them. There has to be a solution. Thank you for your assistance."

This was one of my more interesting questions!

Lichen is a living organism that is part fungus, part algae. It grows on many different things, from rocks, to trees, even the ground and other surfaces like gravestones and metal fences.

As far as your trees go, it isn't hurting them. Because it grows on the surface of the bark, it doesn't affect the vascular system of the tree. In other words, it doesn't rob the tree of vital nutrients or moisture because it cannot penetrate that part of the plant; it is only on the surface.

Lichen simply needs sunlight, moisture from the air and a place to attach! Kind of amazing, if you think of it.

I realize you don't like it though, so what can we do?

One expert recommended spraying a soapy solution (made with a mild detergent) on the lichen and rubbing it off with a soft brush. I would be extra careful if I did that, especially on young trees or trees that have soft bark.

As you may have gathered, liming the soil will not help.

Melissa wrote in with this question: "Lilacs are among my favorite bushes! I really wish they had a longer bloom time than they do – doesn't everyone!? I didn't have as many flowers as I should have this year. I think my shrub needs to be pruned. Can you please advise? I remember hearing that you shouldn't do it too late in the summer, and how much is too much? I have some old stems that are a good 5-6 inches in diameter. I think they need to go but I wanted to hear what you had to say. Thank you!"

Here are the basics of lilac pruning, starting with deadheading. As soon as possible after the flowers have gone by it's important to remove spent blossoms down to the first leaf.

By doing this you will stop seed formation, energy will be conserved and redirected to next season's flower production. Since buds are set in summer you should tackle any necessary stem or branch pruning soon after flowering.

If pruning takes place in fall, winter, or in spring prior to bloom there is a good chance you will cut off next year's flowers!

How do you know if pruning is necessary? One reason to prune would be because your flowers are out of reach- the bushes have simply gotten too tall. Another reason, and it usually joins the first, would be that the main stems have gotten woody and unsightly – this sounds like your concern.

Consider rejuvenating the plant. Start in the center of the bush at ground level and work out, cutting out the oldest stems. Then concentrate on reducing the overall height to 6-8 feet.

Severely overgrown lilacs can be handled in this manner over a three year period, pruning out 1/3 each year. You will see flower production increase dramatically if you follow these directions.

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.



Social Security's earnings test and Cost of Living Adjustments

Dear Rusty:

Is there a limit on earnings when you're fully retired? Also, should all retirees receive Cost of Living Adjustments or is there an exception?

Signed: Retired But Wondering

Dear Retired:

Your questions are fairly simple but, nevertheless, often perplexing to those wishing to apply for Social Security, because the SS rules are many over 2,700 of them and those about to apply for their benefits may be simply unsure and want to avoid a costly mistake. I'm happy to answer your questions and, hopefully, clarify any uncertainties you have on these topics.

Social Security imposes an earnings limit on anyone who collects Social Security before reaching their Full Retirement Age. If you haven't yet reached your FRA somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on the year you were born and you continue to work, there is a limit to how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits.

So, the answer to your first question is, yes, there is an earnings limit \$22,320 for 2024 if you haven't yet reached your Full Retirement Age. If the annual earnings limit is exceeded, Social Security will take away some of your benefits (\$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit, up to the year you attain FRA when the assessment is less). However, if you have already reached your Full Retirement Age the earnings limit no longer applies and you can earn as much as you like without consequence. And here's a nuance to be aware of: if you work and exceed the

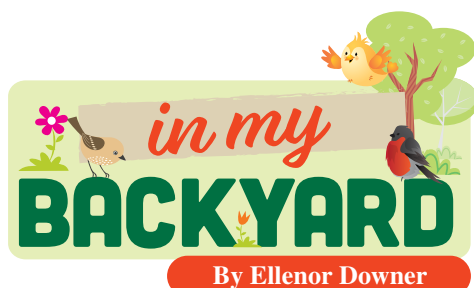
earnings limit and have some benefits withheld as a result, when you reach your FRA, you will get time credit for any months you didn't get benefits, which will result in your monthly amount being a bit higher after your FRA.

Regarding Cost of Living Adjustment, everyone, without exception, who has earned a Social Security benefit and reached eligibility age (62) receives the annual COLA increase whether they are already collecting their benefits or not. If you're not yet collecting, the COLA is added to your "primary insurance amount" or "PIA" on which your benefit will be based when you claim.

If you are already collecting SS, COLA will be added to your gross monthly SS benefit amount. However, since there was a \$9.80 increase in the 2024 Medicare Part B premium, and since the Part B premium is taken from everyone's SS benefit payment, Social Security recipients enrolled in Medicare Part B will not see the full 3.2% COLA in their net monthly Social Security payment. Everyone will receive the COLA increase, but no one enrolled in Medicare Part B will get the full COLA increase in their net SS payment because some of the COLA increase is used to pay their increased Medicare premium.

Social Security's rules are myriad and often confusing, but no question is too simple to be asked. The AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service is available, at no charge, to answer all your Social Security questions - [SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org](mailto:ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org) via email or call 1-888-750-2622.

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I received an email from a Brimfield couple, who spotted a male and female rose-breasted grosbeak a their feeder. They also had an indigo bunting and reported their hummingbirds were back.

The female rose-breasted grosbeak like many female bird species lacks the brilliant colors of the male. The female has a white eyebrow, brown in color with heavy streaking and two white wing bars. She shows yellow "armpits" in flight.

The male has a black head and back with a red triangle on its white breast. In flight it shows white patches and rose-red "armpits." Grosbeaks are eight inches long. Their song is a rapid series of whistles often called a "robin in a hurry." Their call is a distinct squeak like a "sneaker on a gym floor."

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“During my first year in South Hadley, I was looking for a summer job and applied for a position at Camp Becket YMCA camp. I interviewed at the camp in the spring and toured the facility...I agreed to a staff position for the summer.”

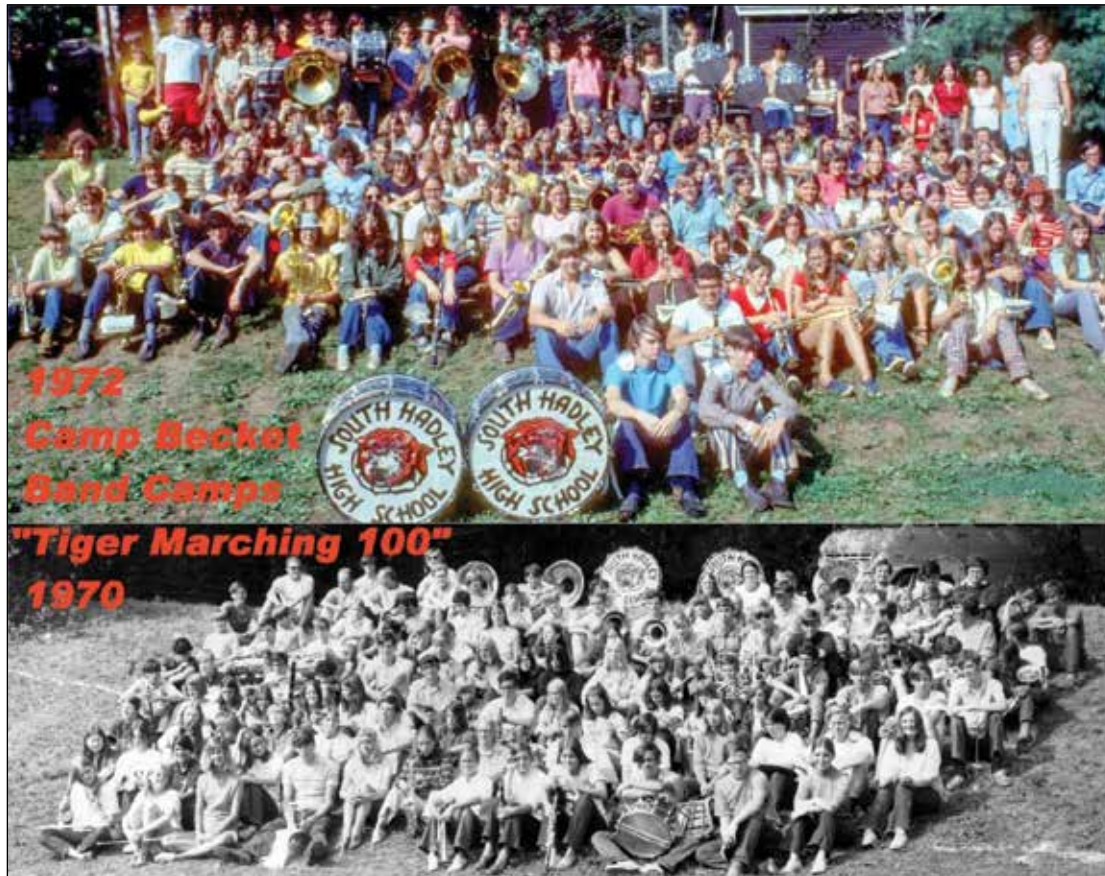
Fuller shared that Band Director Roger Farnsworth, who held the position from 1965-1980, “expressed frustration” with the “spotty attendance” at band camp, which up till this point had been held in the High School, every day during the week leading up to the first day of school.

“I knew Camp Becket was large enough to handle our group. We needed a football sized drill field, an indoor concert hall, a dining facility to feed 150 students, staff and chaperones and girls and boys cabins, it was all there. Roger immediately agreed and set about making it happen by contacting the camp and reserving a week in August.”

Concerning the ‘spirit’ of the camp, what Fuller recalls more than anything, “is how hard everyone worked.”

“Roger put together a demanding schedule of early calisthenics, morning afternoon and evening marching rehearsals and concert rehearsals. He expected a freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior band member at every table during meals to encourage teamwork.”

“The week flew by and the progress we made in those seven



Submitted photo

The band at Camp Becket in 1970 and 1972.

days was amazing.”

Steve Boisvert, a former member of the band, shared similar sentiments, and shared that, “Being a part of the Tiger Marching Hundred was not easy.”

He continued, saying that, “At times it was hard work, but what thing that has value comes easy? We worked hard, we played hard, we laughed, we cried, we toiled, we triumphed, we came in individually, we

came together collectively, and we each were better because of our experiences.”

Both Boisvert and Ballard shared how their experiences of being on the band have since impacted their entire lives.

According to Ballard, “I honestly can say that I do not believe there is any part of my life that has not been informed / impacted positively by my experiences of being a part of this band. I learned leadership in many ways

by Dr. Farnsworth and Mr. Fuller’s leadership.

I saw two men that saw things in their students that many of those students did not see in themselves and then they encouraged them to see it and work to attain it. In my professional life I use that example in leading others. I learned to envision big things, things that do not seem possible, and then develop a plan to make those visions come to be and bring

together others that could also see the vision and work together with them to bring others along for the adventure...”

She closed her reflection by stating that, “Some of my success in every job, every endeavor that I have undertaken after High School was born in part from the lessons learned by being a part of the band,” adding, “No, this is not hyperbole.”

Boisvert shared similar sentiments, and is of the opinion that despite all the national attention and success the band was able to accomplish, this fanfare “pales” in comparison to the very real and positive impact the Marching One Hundred had on hundreds of lives.

“This legacy stands in my life and after our visit and the reminiscences of the group that took the time to walk the paths of our past time at Camp Becket, I came to realize this was also true in the lives of all of us there.”

Some lessons learned were compiled by the group, such as, “Success does not come on the day of the performance, it comes on the first day and each day of practicing,” and, “You win by helping others to be better.”

The group shared that the best part was enjoying the day with former band director, Dr. Roger Farnsworth and former associate band director, Frank Fuller.

According to Ballard, “We all still feel the love and camaraderie we once had more than 50 years later.”

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The female lays three to six pale blue eggs with irregular brown spots in a nest of coarse and fine twigs lined with horsehair, rootlets and grasses placed in the branch of a tree 5 to 25 feet above the ground.

Belchertown birds

A Belchertown resident sent this email, “We saw our first Northern oriole this year on Thursday, May 9. He was scolding my husband as he changed the bird bath water. We usually have a pair nesting in the shagbark hickory in front of our house. Hopefully, they will do so again this year.”

She also said she had not seen any chickadees and usually has many in her yard. She wonders why. She also has red-wings, goldfinches, house finches, mockingbirds, cat birds, robins, bluebirds, swallows and house wrens.



Female rose-breasted grosbeak

Birds at Warren ponds

A Brimfield resident often reports on the birds he sees. He visited a pond on South Street in Warren on May 9 and saw an osprey and six great blue heron. There were two new nests at the pond making a total of four nest there. Other birds were a red-tailed hawk, turkey vulture, two mourning doves, one crow, three three

swallows, one barn swallow, six common grackles and six red-winged blackbirds.

On the same day, he visited a pond on New Reed Street in Warren and saw two spotted sandpipers, two

double-crested cormorants, two turkey vultures, three Eastern kingbirds, five tree swallows, four red-winged blackbirds, six common grackles and on yellow warbler.

He said, “This week in the yard we have 4 catbirds, and a pair has started a nest in the quince bush near the house. I’ve see two female ruby-throated hummingbirds and one male. A male was seen April 29t a little earlier than usual.”

More birds

The same Brimfield resident saw two female Baltimore orioles and one male at the orange and jelly feeder. A common yellowthroat and an American redstart, both males, were in the yard recently as was a house wren. The wrens have nested in nesting boxes the last several years. He

also said a Cooper’s hawk has been patrolling the area the past week or so, but hasn’t seen any piles of feather.

Another visit to Warren ponds

At the South Street pond in Warren, he said, “The ospreys are continuing to tend their nest

and there are now four for sure, maybe five great blue heron nests. One of the heron nests has three chicks as of a few days ago.”

On New Reed Street in Warren, there were two double-crested cormorants for about a week until yesterday and I saw a blue-headed vireo there.

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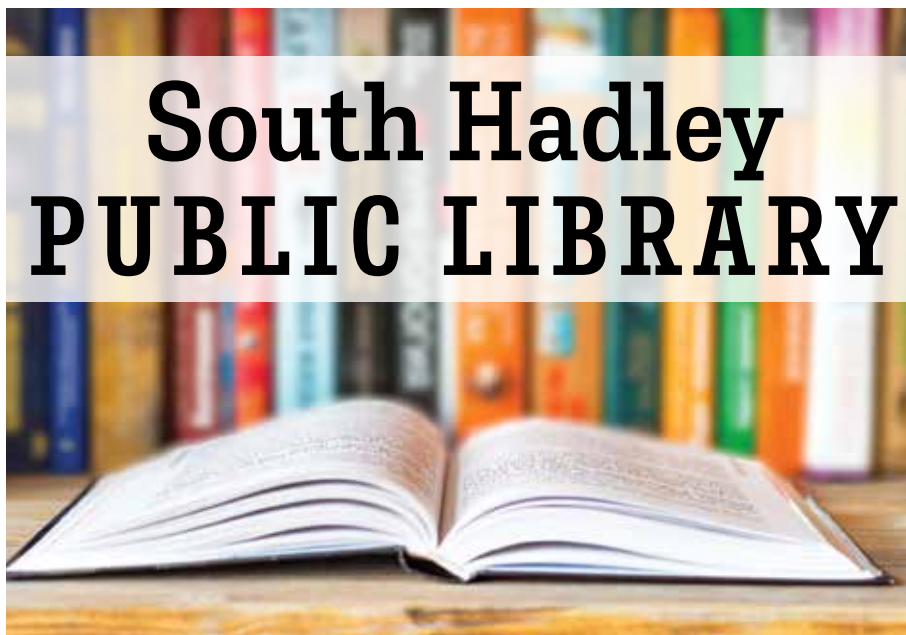
Library News and Events

SOUTH HADLEY – The warmer weather means our summer reading program is coming soon! This year's theme is Read, Renew, Repeat which features the idea and practice of conservation while encouraging reading as a restorative method of self-improvement and self-preservation.

Adult Programs at SHPL

For the Love of History! We have so many history programs this month! Come on down to the library to enjoy all the in-person programming for adults. First local historian Leo Labonte gives a talk on Old Homes of South Hadley Falls. Sponsored by the South Hadley Cultural Council, it will be at Wed., June 5 at 6 p.m. 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 the general area from Canal Street to the Plains School.

Do you enjoy happy endings or perhaps a series of romance novels? Whether you are already a romance reader or are new to the genre, join us for a monthly get-together of romance novels that offer happy endings and often are part of a series. The next meeting of the Between the Covers Book Group is Tues., June 11 at 3 p.m. at the library. Copies of the book we will discuss, *Tight Rope* by Amanda Quick, are available at the library. We hope you will join us!



Historian and retired history teacher Chris Daley will give a talk on The History of Emancipation and Juneteenth on Wed., June 12 at 6 p.m. Learn more about 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." And finally, how Juneteenth went from a local Galveston, Texas celebration to a national holiday.

Finally, we have Robert Comeau of Historical Tours of Greater Holyoke giving a Walking History Tour of the South Hadley Canal on Sat., June 15 from 10 a.m. - noon. Explore South Hadley's navigational canal from its lock system at Riverside Park up to the Bicentennial Park on Canal Street. Attendees must be able to walk 2 miles. Sign up at Eventbrite.com. Meet and park at the Town Parking Lot at the intersection of Bardwell and Main Streets, across from Iona's Restaurant.

Online Author Programs

- For the Love of Mars: A Human History of the Red Planet with Smithsonian Curator Matt Shindell, A Library Speakers Consortium and Smithsonian Institution Collaboration. Monday, June 3 at 2 p.m.

- Psychological Thrillers and the Queen of Twists- An Author Talk with Freida McFadden, New York Times Best-selling Author of *The Housemaid*, *The Housemaid's Secret* and *The Housemaid Is Watching*. Thursday, June 13 at 8 a.m.

- Unpacking a History of Systemic Racism in the American Education System with Tiffany Jewell, New York Times Bestselling Author of *This Book is Anti-Racist* and *Everything I Learned About Racism I Learned in School*. Thursday, June 20 at 2 p.m.

- A Visit to Deckawoo Drive with Mercy Watson and Kate DiCamillo (PreK-2nd Grade), Newbery Medal Winner for *The Tale of Despereaux* and New York Times bestselling author of over 30 books for children. Tuesday, July 9 at 2 p.m.

Teen Programs at SHPL

We continue our regular monthly programs for tweens and teens with Crafternoon, Snackternoon and Xbox1. Our Crafternoon on Thurs., June 13 at 4 p.m. will feature Button Making. The Snackternoon on Thursday, June 27 at 4 p.m. will feature Fruit Tacos! Thank you to the Friends of the South Hadley Public Library for sponsoring our Teen Snackternoon. We'll have a different game selection for this month's Xbox1 sessions on Tues. June 4 & 18 at 3:30 p.m. Reach out to Bethany through email with questions or see the Teen Room door for more information. We will end the month with our Teen Night Craft where we'll be crafting Bubble Painting on Tues., June 25 at 6:30. This ongoing program is held on the last Tuesday of the month.

We will be continuing our new program this month called Book Tasting on Monday June 3 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Come and check out all the brand new, not even circulated YA books, graphic novels and manga that we've gotten in for the month - get first dibs for check out!

Our Teen Takeaway craft this month is CD Wind Spinners! See Bethany for more details or to sign up. Finally, our Teen Advisory Board will be meeting Tuesday, June 11 at 4 p.m.

Children's Programs at SHPL

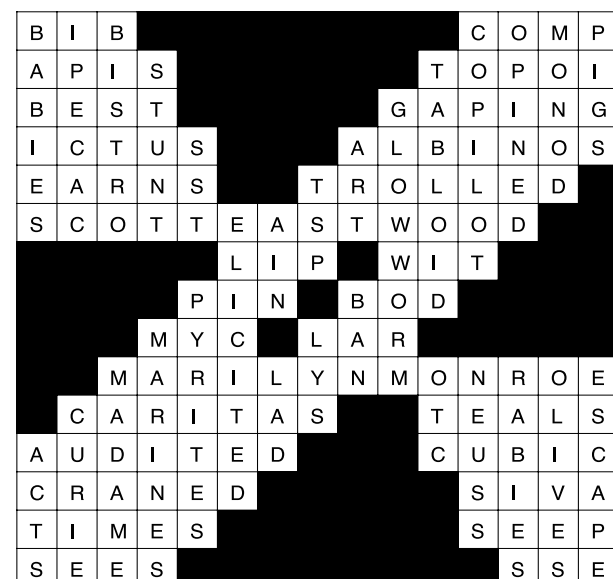
Happy Summer! This month, we celebrate Father's Day, Juneteenth, and Pride and we celebrate our students who have completed another school year! We encourage everyone to sign up for our summer reading program and read a book of their choice for 20 minutes every day!

We'll kick off summer reading at noon on Friday, June 21 at 12 p.m. with a visit from Jarrett J. Krosoczka, award-winning creator of the Lunch Lady graphic novels, as well as many picture books, and graphic novels for teens and adults (*Sunshine and Hey, Kiddo*). After a one-hour presentation and drawing demo, "JJK" will sign books. This program is supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

A few more special programs in June:

- Special musical guest Caylin at Rhyme Time on Tues., June 11, from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

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Local students recognized with American International College Academic Awards

American International College (AIC) has recognized more than forty students during the College's 2024 Academic Awards ceremony held in the College's Griswold Theatre on April 23. These awards shine a spotlight on excellence across all subject areas, celebrating the hard work and achievements of our learners.

Gabrielle Walz of Granby, was presented with the honor of Undergraduate Physical Therapy Academic Excellence.

Nora Young of Granby, was presented with the honor of Outstanding Performance in Criminal Justice.

AIC congratulates these deserving students for their remarkable achievements.

Local student Valedictorian at Northfield Mount Hermon graduation

Willow Kwak of Amherst (01002) was the class valedictorian at Northfield Mount Hermon's commencement ceremony on May 19.

Kirejczyk inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society

Cylie Kirejczyk from Granby, MA, was welcomed into Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society on April 18 at the Western New England University chapter's annual induction ceremony held in the Clarke Reading Room, D'Amour Library on the University Campus.

Pi Sigma Alpha is the national honor society in political science. Membership maintains high standards of scholarship and academic distinction in the political sciences and the society seeks to promote excellence in the study of political science through a variety of programs.

Stratton named to James Madison University Dean's List

South Hadley resident **Alexis Stratton** has been named to the Dean's List at James Madison University for the spring 2024 semester. Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Stratton is majoring in Biology - BS.

Ireland Stevenson recognized for outstanding contributions during AIC Awards Ceremony

Ireland Stevenson of South Hadley was among fifty students recognized by American International College (AIC) during its 2024 Co-Curricular Leadership and Involvement Awards Ceremony on April 22 in the College's Schwartz Campus Center Auditorium.

The Co-Curricular Awards Ceremony shines a light on students who embody AIC's spirit through their leadership, service, dedication as student employees, volunteerism, and other outstanding contributions.

Stevenson was presented with the John Homer Miller Emerging Leadership Award, given to first-year sophomore students who have demonstrated leadership early in their college careers. John Homer Miller served as Acting President of AIC from 1948 to 1950 and provided the needed resources for organized and structured student activities and leadership development programs.



The Gnomes are coming June 18

Gnomes are coming to the Granby Free Public Library as part of the Adult Summer Reading Program, "Summer Reading with My Gnomies!" June 18th through August 16th.

Events include:

• **Gnome Bingo**

Kick off your summer reading by signing up for our Adult Summer Reading Program and receive your bingo sheet to earn raffle tickets to win weekly prizes.

• **Guess the Name of the Book**

Guess the correct title of the books based on our weekly clues. Correct answers earn a chance to win a Dunkin' gift card at the end of the summer.

• **"Bring Home a Gnome"**

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Tigers lacrosse take Western Mass. title

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD—A year ago, the South Hadley girls' lacrosse team captured the Western Mass Class B title for the first time.

The Lady Tigers competed in the Western Mass. Class C tournament this spring and they took home the championship trophy once again.

Following a slow start, the top-seeded Lady Tigers battled back for a 19-15 victory over the second-seeded Hoosac Valley Hurricanes at Berte Field, which is located on the Springfield Central campus, last Wednesday.

"This was a very difficult game for us," said South Hadley head coach Danielle Clark. "Our senior captain suffered an injury during the first period. We also lost another player to a yellow card. We didn't have any subs left, but the players continued to work hard."

With 10:15 remaining in the opening period, South Hadley senior captain Maddie McArdle suffered a left knee injury, and she didn't return to action.

The other four South Hadley seniors are Maddie Mendoza, Emily Piligian, Rachel Yabra, and Elliana Britton.

"We were just happy playing in the championship game last year, but we really wanted to win today's game," Clark added. "It's very exciting and I'm very happy for these girls."

Junior Caitlin Dean was given her second yellow card early in the second period and she was forced to sit on the bench for the rest of the game.

A memorable moment took place for the Lady Tigers during the third period.

Junior Margaret Watkins re-

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South Hadley girls lacrosse captured the Western Mass. Championship last week.



Emily Piligian tries to pick up a loose ball.



Izzy Scott advances up the field.



Margaret Watkins circles around and looks to shoot.

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Madison Bruso follows through as she returns the ball.

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Girls tennis falls to Belchertown in WMass semifinals

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—Five of the seven starters on the Belchertown girls' tennis team are members of the senior class. Winning a Western Mass. title is one of the few things that they haven't accomplished during their high school tennis careers.

The top-seeded Lady Orioles advanced into the Western Mass. Class B finals for the second consecutive year and for the third time in the last four years after dispatching the fourth-seeded South Hadley Lady Tigers, 5-0, in the semifinals held at Belchertown High School on May 22.

"This is going to be our third time playing in the Western

Mass. finals during the past four years," said Belchertown head coach Alanna Grady. "We lost to Longmeadow in the finals during the COVID season. We lost a heartbreaker to Ludlow in last year's finals. We've had a core group of players during the past several years. It's very special for them to be going back to the finals again."

The Lady Orioles (17-3), who captured the Valley Wheel league title with an undefeated record, haven't won a Western Mass. title since 2016. They were slated to face either second-seeded St. Mary's of Westfield or third-seeded Pittsfield in this year's finals. They haven't faced either of those teams in recent years.

While the Lady Orioles' main objective was to bring home the championship trophy for the first time in eight years, the Lady Tigers (7-10) were satisfied just qualifying for the Western Mass. tournament for the first time in a couple of years.

"Just making this year's Western Mass. tournament is a very big thing for us," said first-year South Hadley head coach Kelly Gearin. "The girls have been working very hard and they're dedicated. We're also a young team and I'm really hoping everyone comes back next year. Our season isn't over yet because we'll be playing in the



Yanna Stefoglo squares up a return in second singles.

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Pioneers piling up goals, pick up another shutout

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The Western Mass. Pioneers outscored their first four opponents of the regular season, 14-0.

The Pioneers improved to a perfect 4-0-0 and remained in first place in the USL-2 Northeast Division standings with a 5-0 shutout victory over Black Rock FC before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, last Friday night.

“It’s always very nice to win a home match,” said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. “We scored a couple of early goals, which took a lot of pressure off the players. The starters and the reserve players played very well tonight. I’m very happy with the performance.”

The Seacoast United Phantoms, who are the only USL-2 team to beat the Pioneers on their home turf since the start of the 2019 regular season, will be making their only visit to Ludlow during the regular season on Friday night.

“That’s going to be a very big match,” Molinari added. “The players have been working hard so far this season. We must continue to work hard next week at practice and remain focused.”

While the Pioneers will have a full week to get ready for the home match, the Phantoms (3-0-0) were scheduled to play at Block Rock FC on Tuesday night.

“We’re now looking forward to next week’s home match against Seacoast,” said Pioneers forward Alec Hughes. “If we can win that one, we’ll be a very tough team to beat this year. We’re the top two teams in the Division and it’s a game that you always want to win.”

A year ago, Seacoast walked into Lusitano Stadium and celebrated a 2-1 victory. It was the Pioneers’ only home loss during the 2023 regular season.

The dynamic duo of Scott Testori and Hughes combined to score three of the five Pioneers goals in last Friday’s home match against Black Rock.

“I scored two goals and Scott scored



Gianluca Cersoismo sends a long kick away.

one goal, but I also thought we left a few goals on the table,” said Hughes, who has another year remaining as a member of the UMass men’s soccer team. “We share a lot of the same traits and it’s a lot of fun playing with him. We work well together.”

Testori, who plays college soccer at UConn, scored the first goal of the match on a tap in during the sixth minute of the opening half.

Patrick Gryczewski was credited with the assist.

During the 20th minute, Hughes added his name to the scoring sheet following a corner kick goal.

Jared Smith sent the ball into the box from the left corner where Hughes headed it into the net past Black Rock goalie Christian Braae-Anderson.

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Santiago Gomez guides the ball left.



Zach Sauer advances up the field.



Kerman Sukia traps the ball and looks to pass.

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state tournament next week. I’m very proud of these girls.”

A year ago, the Lady Tigers beat Leicester, 3-2, in a MIAA Division 4 state preliminary round match before losing, 4-1, to Saint John Paul II in the round of 32.

Gearin, who’s from Lunenburg, is a Health/P.E. teacher at South Hadley High School. She graduated from Westfield State University in 2022 where she was a member of the women’s lacrosse team.

“I’ve coached several different sports in the past,” Gearin said. “I have a passion for coaching, and I’ve really enjoyed coaching this tennis team. I’m already looking forward to next year.”

The only senior listed on the South Hadley roster is Sarah Cormier, who didn’t play in the quarterfinal match because of an injury. She normally starts at third singles.

One of the Lady Orioles senior starters is Ava Shea, who has played first singles for the past three seasons. Shea started at second singles as a freshman before replacing Natalie Nowakowski at the number one spot.

“When I was a freshman, I started at second singles,” Shea said. “Natalie was a stronger player than me and she also had more playing experience. I just wanted to help my team win any-



Abby Ngure swings and connects in first doubles.

way that I can.”

In last Wednesday’s semifinal match, Shea posted a 6-0, 6-0 win over South Hadley freshman Estella Estrada, who’s a homeschooled student.

“Even though I lost, it was a very good learning experience for me,” said Estrada, who has been playing for the South Hadley girls tennis team since the seventh grade. “I faced the same opponent during the regular season and she’s a great tennis player.”

At the end of April, the Lady Orioles posted a 4-1 non-league win over the Lady Tigers at Mount Holyoke College.

Shea was impressed with Es-

trada’s performance.

“I think she has a lot of potential,” Shea said. “She has improved a ton since the first time that I played her, especially with her serving. We also had a couple of very good rallies.”

Next year, Shea, who has compiled an impressive 55-8 record during her varsity career, will be continuing her tennis career at Springfield College. She’ll probably start her collegiate career by playing doubles.

“I would like to play doubles in college because I’ve never played it before,” Shea said. “I think it’ll be fun to have a partner out there.”

The tennis courts at Belcher-



Estalla Estrada gets the backhand in first singles.

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town High School are named in honor of her grandmother, Marilyn Higgins, who was the long-time Orioles boys tennis coach. Her grandfather, Chris, is an assistant coach for the girls’ tennis team.

“My grandfather introduced me to tennis when I was six years old,” Shea said. “He has really helped me become a much better tennis player over the years.”

Ava’s father, Chris, is the head coach of the Orioles boys’ varsity volleyball team and her younger brother, Ryan, is a sophomore member of the team.

The last Belchertown girl’s tennis player to play the sport at the collegiate level was Jordyn Paul at Wheaton College. Meghan Bernard also played college tennis at the Division 1 level at UMass-Amherst. In the second singles match, Belchertown senior Anna Stamp defeated South Hadley junior Yanna Stefoglo 6-1, 6-1.

Rounding out the singles action was Lady Orioles sophomore Amanda Murray who celebrated a 6-2, 6-1 win against junior Anna Agudelo.

The first doubles match featured a couple of cousins battling each other. Belchertown junior Mia Corish, who partnered with senior Emalee Chaisson, to defeat her cousin Madsion Brusco (sophomore) and sophomore Abby Ngure, 6-2, 6-1.

“We always have a lot of fun playing tennis against each other,” Corish said. “We also defeated her during the regular season. We’re hoping to win the Western Mass title this year, especially for the seniors.”

Despite the setback, Brusco also enjoyed facing her cousin in the Western Mass. tournament.

“I wanted to beat my cousin, but it was still a lot of fun playing her,” Brusco said. “I’m hoping to finally beat Mia next year.”

Rounding things out for the home team was the senior duo of Alena Karabetsos and Kasey Gibbons, who pulled out a 6-4, 6-2 win over freshman Cara Dean and sophomore Grace O’Shea in the second doubles match.

Sports

New names make Bay States Games HOF

BOSTON – Boston Field Hockey Umpires Association, Fred Roach (Softball Coach), and Kevin Cummings (BSG Executive Director) have been selected for induction into the 2024 Bay State Games' Hall of Fame. The inductees received their award at a pre-game ceremony at Fenway Park on May 25 prior to the Red Sox game against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Boston Field Hockey Umpires Association - Field Hockey

The Boston Field Hockey Umpires Association (BFHUA) was founded in the mid 1960's and is the largest field hockey umpire association in Massachusetts with over 200 members that officiate at the middle and high school level. BFHUA has supported Bay State Games on a volunteer basis since the early 1980's. Accepting the award, Patti Rowe has been on the organization's executive board since 1987 and has served as president since 2020. Fred Roach - Softball

Fred Roach is from South Hadley, Massachusetts. Fred has coached high school softball in western Massachusetts for the past 24 years, currently at West Springfield High School. Fred has been Head Coach of the West Region softball team for 21 seasons, having led the team to many gold medals. He has served as a dedicated volunteer for decades and mentored countless western Massachusetts softball players who have gone on to successful playing careers in college. Kevin Cummings - Bay State Games Executive Director

Kevin Cummings from Medford, Massachusetts has been involved with the Bay State Games since 1984 and is celebrating his 40th year with the organization in 2024. Kevin started with the organization as a Sport Coordinator and was promoted to Executive Director in 1999. He has dedicated his life's work to organizing the Bay State Summer & Winter Games and helping to provide

opportunities to tens of thousands of athletes over 40 years. Kevin's induction into the Hall of Fame was a surprise organized by board members and fellow staff members. The Bay State Games Hall of Fame was created to recognize past participants who have gone on to prestigious and successful athletic careers, as well as former and current coaches, officials, sports organizers, and volunteers who have made significant contributions to the organization throughout its 38-year history. Past inductees among the over 60 previous honorees include the NBA's Dana Barros ('06), Tom Thibodeau ('17) and the late Reggie Lewis ('02); WNBA's Rebecca Lobo ('03), the NHL's Bill Guerin ('09) and Keith Yandle ('14); Major League Baseball's Carlos Pena ('11) and Rich Hill ('13); Olympians Nancy Kerrigan ('07), Jim Pedro ('04) and Bill Cleary ('14) as well as US Paralympic Gold Medalist Joe Lemar ('15).

T-Birds hosting Community Caravan

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds today announced the return of the T-Birds Community Caravan, with support from MassMutual. This marks the second annual iteration of this community program.



The T-Birds Community Caravan will make a total of three stops in the Springfield area throughout the summer months:

Saturday, June 8 - Look Park (Northampton), 12 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 20 - Forest Park (Springfield), 1 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, August 17 - Amelia Park Arena (Westfield), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Each event will feature an appearance from Thunderbirds mascot Boomer and team staff, as well as a wide variety of activities and vendors, street hockey activities, and various food options. Additionally, each Caravan will also feature a benefactoring non-profit organization.

"We're delighted to support the Springfield Thunderbirds not only on the ice but also throughout the local community," said Dennis Duquette, head of community responsibility at MassMutual and president of the MassMutual Foundation. "Their caravan provides terrific activities for local kids and families, and we're proud to be a part of it!"

"After a successful launch of this event last summer, we are excited to see it grow even more this year," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "We are excited to welcome MassMutual as a new partner for this initiative, and we thank them for sharing in our goal of being champions within our community, even in our offseason months."

More details of each Caravan stop will be announced in the coming weeks on the Thunderbirds website and social media platforms.

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Jared Smith tries to settle the ball.

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"It's always nice to score a goal, especially on a set piece," Hughes said. "It gave us an early 2-0 lead."

The Pioneers third goal also came on a header from Aidan Kelly following another corner kick.

Braudilio Rodrigues, who was a member of the Western Mass. Pioneers in 2022, was recognized during a ceremony at halftime. He's currently playing professional soccer for the Seattle Sounders.

Twenty minutes into the second half, Gryczewski sent a pass from the right side to Hughes, who finished off the scoring play by putting a low shot into the left corner of the net.

Lawrence Goddard, who scored a pair of goals in the Pioneers' previous road match against the Albany Rush, replaced Hughes.

About ten minutes later, Mama-di Jiana, who played soccer at Chi-

copee High School, also came off the bench and scored an unassisted goal.

Holding a commanding 5-0 lead, the only question remaining for the Pioneers faithful supporters during the final twenty minutes of the match was if goalie Gianluca Cersosimo would post his fourth consecutive shutout.

"This is just an amazing team," said Cersosimo, who didn't have to make any saves. "Even though I didn't have to make any saves, I still had to remain focused for the entire match, especially during the final twenty minutes. Shutouts are nice, but the most important thing for us are the wins."

Cersosimo, who's a second-year member of the Pioneers, graduated from Long Island University. He also replaced Nicholas Oberrauch as the team captain for the match. Oberrauch didn't play against Black Rock because of an injury.

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corded her 100th draw control of the 2024 campaign.

"We started tracking draw controls this season. To see Margaret achieve that milestone in today's game is just amazing," Clark said. "She has also scored more than 100 career goals and points."

Watkins, who also plays for the Lady Tigers varsity soccer team and is a member of the Longmeadow co-op girls hockey team, gave her thoughts about reaching 100 draw controls.

"It's a very special accomplishment," she said. "Winning the draw is a very difficult thing, but my teammates always help me out with it. We've worked very hard this year."

Watkins wasn't the only South Hadley player to reach 100 career goals and points during the regular season.

Junior Raquel Losty also accomplished the same feat.

"It's great too two players to reach that milestone," Clark said. "Plus, they're only juniors, so they have another whole year. Both are very talented players."

Losty scored a team-leading



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Maddie Mendoza passes on the run.

five goals in the Western Mass. finals.

Junior Ava Asselin finished the Class C finals with four goals and three assists.

Piligian and Yabra each scored three goals.

South Hadley, who entered the Western Mass. finals with a 7-11 record, were trailing 2-0

two minutes into the contest.

Asselin scored the Lady Tigers first goal of the match with 9:19 left in the first period.

Then four consecutive goals by Asselin, Losty, and Piligian and sophomore Lilliana Chandler gave the Lady Tigers a 5-3 advantage with a little more than four minutes left in the opening



Raquel Losty takes a shot on goal.

period.

South Hadley never trailed again the rest of the way.

The Lady Tigers entered the second stanza with a 7-4 lead following a goal by Dean.

Both teams scored four goals in the second period and the Lady Tigers held an 11-8 half-time lead.

Following Watkins magic moment in the third period, she scored a free position goal.

Another goal by Yabra increased the Lady Tigers lead to 14-10.

"We've come-from-behind to win games several times during the regular season," Yabra said. "We've learned how to deal with it. We're a small team and winning another Western Mass. title just feels great."

Hoosac (12-5), who played in the Western Mass. finals for the first time, closed the gap to three goals a couple of times during the final twelve minutes of the match, but the Lady Tigers never let it slip away from them.

Yabra is planning to play both soccer and lacrosse at Juniata College, which is a Division 3 school in Huntingdon, Pa.

South Hadley freshman goalie Riley Nestor was credited with 12 saves.

The Lady Tigers entered the Division 4 state tournament as the 24th-seed. Their season came to an end following a 21-10 road loss to ninth-seeded Hamilton-Wenham in a round of 32 contest, last Sunday.

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Caleb Cox
Valedictorian



Jaden Yeung
Salutatorian

GRADUATION from page 1

Class President Jenna Bobrowski spoke about her peers overcoming challenges and thriving despite them. She expressed setbacks are not the end of the road, but detours to a new beginning.

Principal Elizabeth Wood presented awards to students and announced the pro merito graduates during the ceremony.

School Committee Chairperson Eric Friesner, Superintendent Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Voyik, Assistant Principal Mary Bonavita, Assistant Principal Patrick Lemieux and Principal Elizabeth Wood presented the diplomas to the eagerly awaiting students.

Student Council President Emma Yee closed the ceremony with a personal and sentimental speech asking for a moment of silence for those who were not able to be there. Yee commended her class for overcoming many challenges. She recalled freshman year being online due to the pandemic, sophomore year also stuck at home due to black mold and finally senior year having to deal with road construction and trying to avoid potholes in front of the school. She praised the patience and determination of her class.

The class of 2024 has a bright future with students furthering their education, joining the workforce or representing our country in the military.



Emma Yee
Student Council President



Jenna Bobrowski
Class President



Andrew Phillips and Nalani Peters smile at the crowd.




Caleb Cox accepts his diploma from Principal Elizabeth Wood.



Brady Currier



Aleysha Otero



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Brayden Carlin

The CLASS of 2024



Emily Piligian, Class Secretary, accepts her diploma.

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LEFT: Graduates celebrate by throwing their caps into the air.

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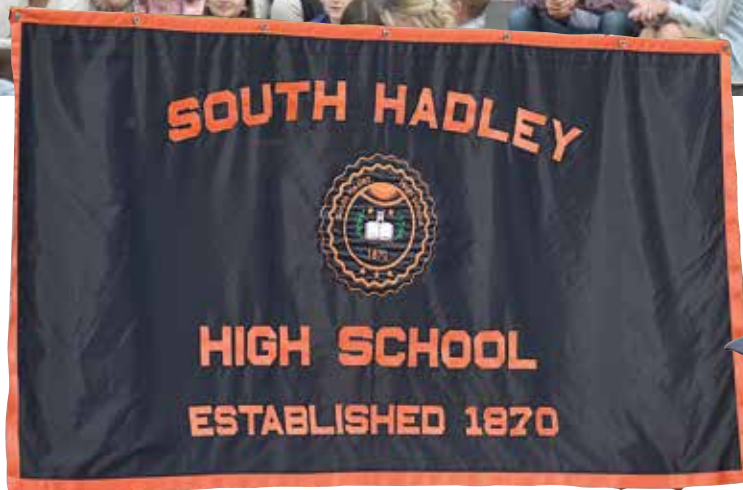
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Victor Long



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Ara Powers



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Madison Mendoza



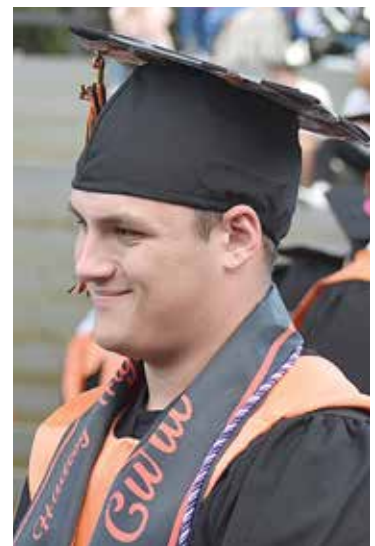
Rachel Yabra



Evelyn Gingras chats with a classmate before the ceremony begins.



Mia Beaulieu



Sly Curto



Two classmates congratulate each other after graduation.

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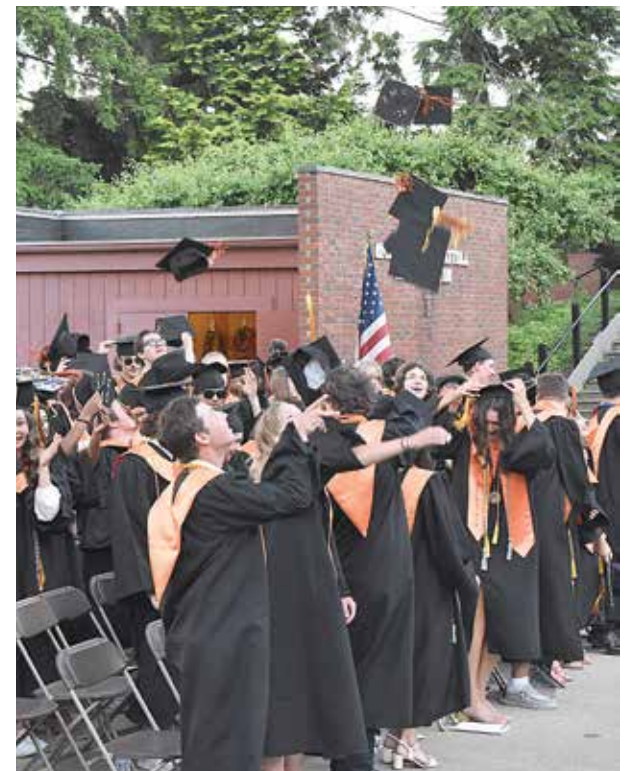
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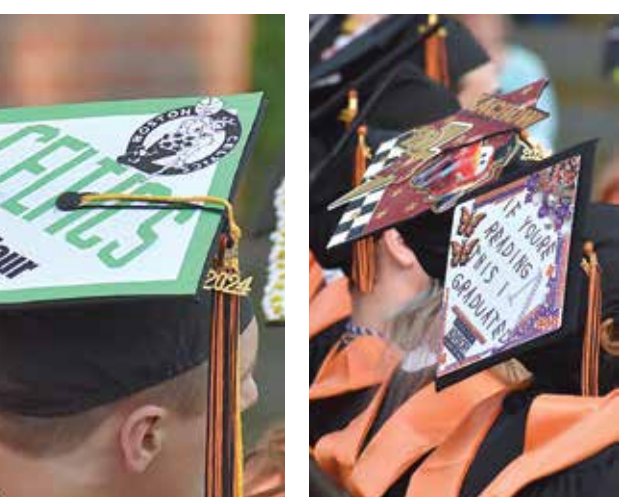
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3.2.10 and Section V – Special Use Regulations and Performance Standards 5.14 – Special Event Venue at 145 Harris Street, and known as Assessors' Map 12-A-1 in the town of Granby, MA.

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Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

James Trompke, Chair
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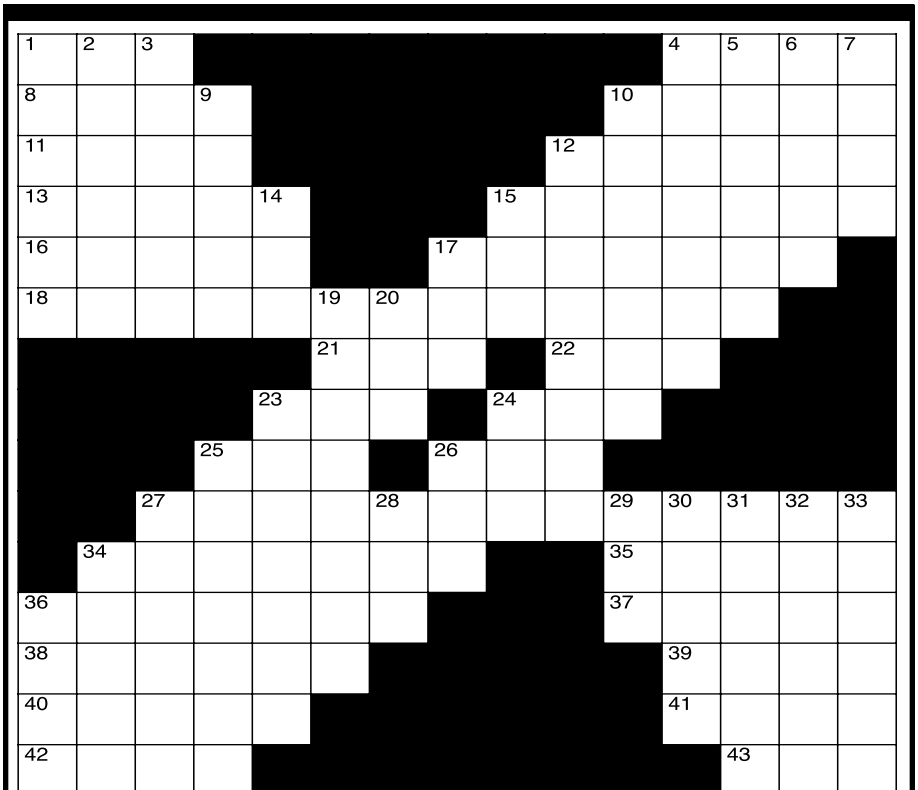
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11. Top-quality
12. Expansive
13. Seizure
15. People with congenital absence of pigment
16. Gains
17. Mocked online
18. Clint's son
21. Body part
22. Humor
23. Code number
24. Your physique

CLUES DOWN

1. Nestlings
2. Induces vomiting
3. A place to eat
4. Partner in the air
5. Offered one's take
6. Nobel-winning French biologist
7. Farm animals
9. Prevent from growing
10. Sensationalist periodical
12. Soft-bodied beetle
14. Very fast airplane
15. Imaginative creation
17. Recipe measurement (abbr.)

19. Evoked a response
20. French river
23. Shiny yellow minerals
24. Make illegal
25. U.S. military branch
26. River in France and Belgium
27. A woman of refinement
28. Male child
29. Type of medication
30. German city
31. Animal disease
32. Mediterranean dietary staple
33. Sneak out
34. Radioactivity unit
36. Performs on stage

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- Health and Safety Essentials for Parents of Young Children on Sat., June 22, from 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
- Special musical guest Michelle K. at Playgroup on Thurs., June 27 at 10:15 a.m.

Regular weekly morning programs will continue: Rhyme Time on Tuesdays, Story Time on Wednesdays, and Playgroup on Thursdays. In the afternoons, we will now offer Lego and board games on Monday and Wednesday from 3 -4:45 p.m., and Comics Club on Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45 p.m. Happy reading!

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- Sidewalk Chalk on Sat., June 29 at 10:15 a.m.

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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'Froggi by Irida, Cakes by PIP, Pit Beast, Shattuck's Sugarhouse, Sir Barks-A-Lot Homemade Dog Treats and Wicked Good Treats by Elaine; artisans, Cold Spring Soapery, Barton Beeswax Candles, Ishkabbile Crafts, Lois' Creations, Pearl & Company, Pollywoguen Creations and Sara Crafts Things.

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

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

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