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Repair work completed at Lithia Springs

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - One of South Hadley's natural gems has received a much-needed makeover that makes it both more structurally sound and more accessible for hikers.

"Construction is finished except for potentially an invasive species treatment in August," explained Rebekah Cornell, conservation administrator and planner for the town of South Hadley. "Fences are down and all equipment is gone. Erosion control removal will likely occur in the late fall or spring when the site is fully stabilized."

The dam repairs and upgrades included the demolition of the existing gatehouse structure which was replaced with a new deck, the replacement of the intake gate valves and the installation of the gate valve at the gatehouse outlet pipe, the installation of a new headwall, improvements to the access road and turnaround and installation of a new timber spillway crossing footbridge to improve hiker

accessibility.

"I feel installing the footbridge over the spillway is a huge improvement that the hiking community has been asking for," noted Cornell. "It was a small addition to a big project that hikers have been asking to have for years." She added that the town hopes that the new footbridge will help deter prohibited ATV use over the spillway.

The contractors worked carefully during the project to ensure that the area would be disturbed as little as possible.

"Due to the remote access to the site, the new deck is made of concrete precast pieces brought in on a truck with portions of poured concrete in places," explained Cornell. "The contractor used small pieces of equipment to ensure minimal disturbance to the access road and project area. During construction, three areas of the access road received minor improvements."

The necessary improvements came about after a 2021 inspection that deemed the dam to have



"It is a hidden gem."

- Rebekah Cornell

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Footbridge installed over the spillway will be an improvement for hikers.

Submitted photo by Rebekah Cornell



Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

The line dancing participants shown with Jennifer and her husband seated in the front row.

Church hosts free line dancing lessons

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SOUTH HADLEY - The Second Baptist Church holds free, line dancing lessons hosted by Jennifer Jones on Tuesday nights.

Jones, with her group, Line Dancing: Good for the Sole, has been going since 2018, and Jones has been dancing since 2012.

She became inspired to begin choreographing her own songs after listening to some songs on the radio, and the rest is history as she began to use her church's gymnasium for the dance classes.

Anyone is welcome to dance, and knowing how to line dance is not required. The first half hour, 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., is dedicated to "ultra beginners", and after that goes live for other people to join in remotely.

"I try to teach them it's ok to make mistakes, to not be perfect," Jones said. "I love watching people learn."

The classes have anywhere from 15 to 50 people dancing in the church's gymnasium, and Jones provides a donation box for those who wish to contribute. The donations go towards the church, in order to fund its

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Board addresses a request for a land swap

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SOUTH HADLEY - The Planning Board met virtually with two members of the community in order to review the ANR plan for a land swap request.

Chair Diane Mulvaney held the July 22 meeting virtually, and in attendance were Vice Chair Nate Therrian, Clerk Joanna Brown, and members Brad Hutchison and Rob Watchilla.

Staff member Colleen Canning was also in attendance.

Land swap request reviewed

The board met with Neal O'Meara and Paula Wanat to discuss and review a request for a land swap between their two parcels of land.

The plan focuses on the evening of the lots at two addresses, one at 10 Lithia Springs Road, and the other at 12 Lithia Springs Road.

"What we are trying to do... is a bit of a swap where I take a little bit of land from the back of (Wanat's) lot, so we're evening the lot line to match up with the rest of the building lots," O'Meara said.

Finding no issues with the land swap plan, the board moved

to accept and approve of the land swap request, reminding the owners of the land to notify the proper authorities.

"Happy changing around, Neal," Mulvaney said to O'Meara.

Upcoming events

Brown came onto the board to give a commendation to Rebekah Cornell and her library talks at the library, the first being in person on Wednesday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m. called Growing Wild.

The Fascinating Story of Where Our Vegetables Come From, presented by the Massachusetts Master Gardeners Program and Cornell, which was a few days later on July 27 at the library.

You can find recordings for both of these events listed under the Conservation Commission's page on the town website.

In the spirit of more events, Canning announced several upcoming events for the Route 202/33 Corridor Zoning Amendment Project.

The first event will occur on Monday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. The next will be held virtually on Wednesday, Oct. 16 also at 6 p.m.

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▶ South Hadley

A new initiative to make South Hadley greener

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SOUTH HADLEY – The library hosted a special talk with Rebekah Cornell, the Conservation Administrator and Planner, and Tree Warden, to talk about a new goal to fill the town with plants.

Growing Wild is an initiative from the Conservation Commission that is attempting to shift towards having more pollinator-friendly yards and gardens across the town.

“I do this work with the Conservation Commission because we are seeing an increase in changes in our climate,” Cornell explained. “Shifting our view to see the importance of an unmowed field.”

Being able to create yards that encourage the growth of pollinators in South Hadley will only bring about positive changes and growth.

By having yard with a diverse combination of native and non-native species of plants, the diversity in pollinators will grow.

From bees to birds, pollinators and wildlife are an important part of our ecosystem. Having diverse yards can also provide shade, beauty, and depending on the plants, some food to be enjoyed.

By maintaining diversity in urban areas, it helps the area to maintain and develop climate resiliency. This is how plants can keep coming back even after times of drought or severe weather.

But it doesn't have to be hard to begin. “One of the recommendations I have to wild your yard is fill in the spots hard to mow,” Cornell said.

She showed pictures of local yards where this was done. Is that hill in your front hard too hard to mow? Plant some local flowers, plants, and bushes.

Is there a need for shade in your yard? A few trees will help with that. But even if you live in a small space, and the best you can do is a pot on your front porch or a raised garden bed, that's still making a difference.

“Small changes are going to make big differences,” Cornell said. “One of my favorite things about gardening is just sitting and listening. We have a beautiful world, so go and enjoy.”

Doing some research is easy, starting something like a compost pile or bin and filling it with food scraps and egg shells, is an excellent start to creating rich soil for all your plants.

Water sources are easy to create, from bird baths filled with

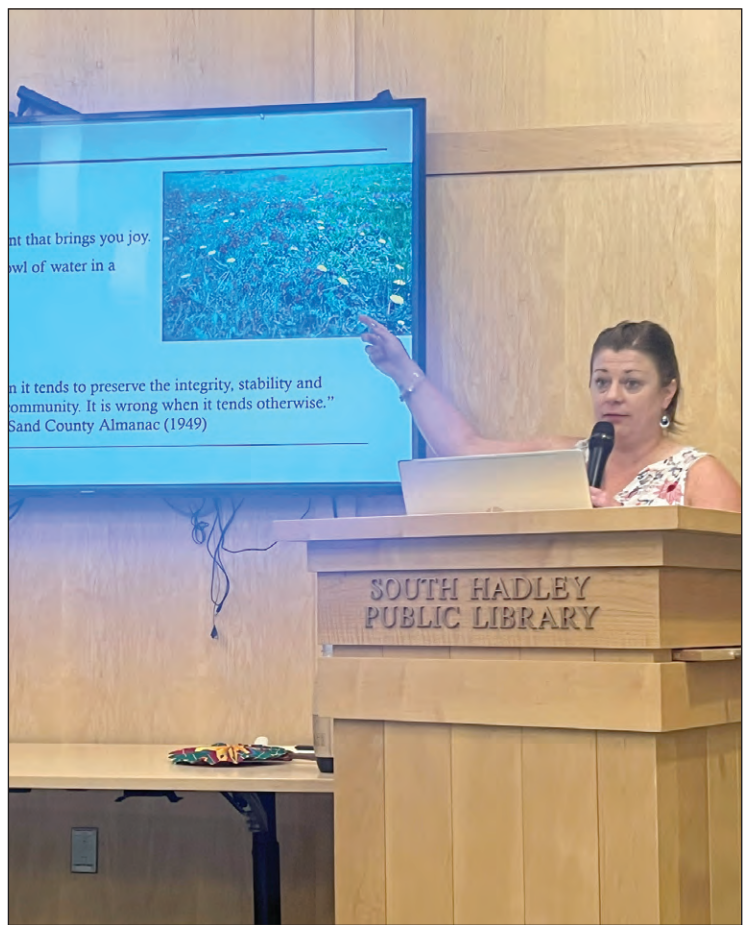


From left to right, Kathy Davis, Rebekah Cornell, and Tom Dennis.

stones for bees and birds to rest on to get a drink or making your drain spouts pretty with a few dishes to make a fountain.

“I'm really impressed to see the work of the community,” Cornell said.

Water, soil, plants... and that's all you need to make a garden, and already, people can see the difference just a few extra gardens have been able to make for the town of South Hadley.



Rebekah Cornell giving pointers about how to start your own pollinator garden.



Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Raffle items to help get people started in creating their own pollinator gardens.

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Students participate in ambassador program

Baystate Wing offers the chance to explore healthcare

PALMER— In an effort to provide local high school students the opportunity to explore healthcare fields to help them determine a career path, Baystate Wing Hospital launched its first-ever student ambassador, mini medical school program. The program is an intensive two-week mini-medical school where students learn just some of the many different roles. Nine local students spent two weeks in July at BWH rotating through six different departments, attending educational sessions that were both hands-on and observation, and receiving some training like CPR, How to Stop the Bleed, and hand hygiene. Each day they experienced something new.

"I heard about the Student Ambassador Mini Medical School program during morning announcements at school and decided to put in an application to attend," said George Wheeler from Belchertown High School. "I'm interested in a career in healthcare and thought this would allow me to explore different fields of medicine. Every day was a great experience. During the two weeks at Baystate Wing, I rounded in so many different departments and enjoyed learning from everyone. I found it interesting to learn about all aspects of healthcare, from clin-



Submitted Photo

Student Ambassador-Mini Medical School candidates from the left to right Back row: Jack Lucarelle (Minnechaug HS), Aidan Dzierwinski (Minnechaug HS), Lucia Hellyar (Belchertown HS), Ena Amoakohene (Ludlow HS), George Wheeler (Belchertown HS) Left to right, front row: Michele LaPrade, Volunteer Coordinator, Jamie Bellerose (East Longmeadow HS), Kami Wlodyka (Belchertown HS), Chloe DaCosta (Belchertown HS), Abbigail Deren (Belchertown HS).

ical to non-clinical members of the team, especially liked hearing from the finance department and the quality team; together everyone cared that all patients had a good experience. What I gained from attending Mini Medical School is that I have an interest in clinical rehab, particularly occupational health, and hope to pursue that in college after I graduate next year."

At the end of the two weeks, a graduation ceremony was held

where each student had to give a 3-4 minute slide presentation about their experience and journey through the program to their family and BWH team members. As they shared the highlights of their hospital experience and journey, they also shared if they were about to determine or reaffirm a career path decision or if they wanted to delve into a particular area further. The students also receive a Certificate of Completion for doing the program.

"The Student Ambassador Program has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. Not having had this kind of opportunity when I was in school brings me immense joy to be able to provide the first step in these students' career path," said Michele LaPrade, volunteer coordinator for the hospital.

The program, also offered at other Baystate Health Hospitals, is designed to offer selected high school students, 16 and

older, who have a keen interest in pursuing careers in healthcare, the unique opportunity to explore some of the many different healthcare roles and experience in the hospital setting.

"Our goal is to help them either make a decision as to what medical career they wish to pursue or guide them in taking a deeper look into a particular field before they make the decision on what college to attend that fits their healthcare career choice," note LaPrade.

"The launch of the Student Ambassador Program, Mini Medical School at Baystate Wing Hospital marks a significant step towards nurturing the healthcare leaders of tomorrow," said Karli Barrett, chief nursing officer/ chief administrative officer for Baystate Wing Hospital. "As the program progresses, it promises to not only enrich the educational journey of each student but also strengthen the bond between our hospital and the communities we serve."

Baystate Wing Hospital plans to continue offering the Student Ambassador Program annually for two weeks each summer. The hospital will reach out to local schools in the coming year with details and applications for interested students. For more information about the Student Ambassador Program - Mini Medical School program or volunteer opportunities at Baystate Wing Hospital contact Michele LaPrade at 413-370-5295 or michele.laprade@baystatehealth.org.

Dual stream recycling still in effect

SOUTH HADLEY—This is a reminder to South Hadley residents that dual stream recycling is still in effect until June 30, 2025.

Recycling materials need to be separated into 2 bins: paper and cardboard in one bin, and bottle/cans/glass into another bin. Republic Services has reported that

combined recyclable violations have increased since July 1.

The single stream recyclable collections will coincide with the new trash carts starting July 1, 2025.

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Two-time Purple Heart recipient honored

Joined by her husband Mark, Barbara Herbert pays homage to her father Phillip Girard on Aug. 15. Dozens of veterans gathered to honor World War II veteran and two-time Purple Heart recipient Phil Girard on Aug. 15.

Opinion



I was self-employed and don't have enough credits for Social Security

Dear Rusty:

For a thirty-year period, I was making a living as an independent contractor and freelancer.

I was working on behalf of myself. Thus, I was only paying state and federal taxes when applied. Due to changes in the employment landscape, I wish to apply for benefits at age sixty-four, as receiving said SS benefits would serve as supplemental income to what I would be receiving from outside sources.

I recently discovered through the SSA that I do not have enough "points" to apply for Social Security benefits. What would be the method to obtain those required points in order to receive benefits?

Signed: *Needing Points*

Dear Needing:

Social Security is an earned benefit and eligibility is attained by contributing to SS through FICA payroll taxes or Self-Employment tax on your net earnings from self-employment, over your lifetime. You must have at least 40 "quarters of credit" to be eligible for Social Security benefits essentially you must work one quarter of each year earning at least a specified amount during that quarter to earn one credit and you can earn a maximum of four credits for each year you work.

The amount of earnings per credit varies each year, but for 2024, work earnings of \$1,730 give you one credit (annual work earnings of \$6,920 earn four credits). Usually, you must contribute to Social Security for about ten years to be eligible for benefits.

You must have earned at least 40 quarter credits to collect Social Security retirement benefits/ If you have less than 40 you are not eligible for SS retirement benefits.

For self-employed individuals, SECA SS tax is paid when you file your federal income tax return – you pay into Social Security when filing your annual Self-Employment income tax return (the self-employed must pay both the employee and the employer portion of Social Security tax).

If you did not file an income tax return for each year over your lifetime you were self-employed, you didn't earn any SS credits for that year. You pay SECA tax on your net earnings from self-employment (after all business expenses are deducted).

If you are just a few credits short of the 40 necessary to be eligible for benefits, you can still earn those extra credits needed by working and paying SS FICA or SECA taxes on your work earnings. For each \$1,730 earned this year, you will earn one SS credit, up to a maximum of four per year.

But you must contribute to Social Security from those earnings – if you work as a company employee you will have FICA taxes withheld from your earnings, and if you are still self-employed you would need to pay SECA taxes on net earnings over \$6,920 when you file your self-employment income tax return. You would need to do that for as long as it takes for you to attain the minimum 40 quarter credits needed to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. (FYI: you cannot "buy" the extra points needed; you need to earn them by working and contributing to Social Security from your earnings).

One final point: whenever SS benefits are claimed before one's Full Retirement Age Social Security's "earnings test" applies. The earnings test limits how much you can earn from working before some of your SS benefits are taken away. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA and, if

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Second Chance expresses gratitude, appreciation

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of everyone at Second Chance Animal Services to express our gratitude and appreciation for the tremendous support we received for the 12th Annual Second Chance Golf Tournament. This event was a great success made possible by generous sponsors and supporters.

The tournament was held to raise funds for programs to benefit the underserved at Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals, a cause near and dear to my heart. Our four hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester provide access to full-service veterinary care. Each location offers subsidized rates to those that qualify so all pets can get the care they need. This helps keep pets in their homes with the people they love.

Thank you to the golfers who joined us for a fun-filled day of golf at Cold Spring Country Club. We are particularly grateful

to our sponsors including Ted and Barbara Hebert of Teddy Bear Pools and Spas, St. Germain Investment Management and Tito's Handmade Vodka, as well as all the prize and auction item donors, and volunteers who made this event possible. Your contributions helped us reach our fundraising goals and bring awareness to our mission. The generosity shown by our community is a testament to the importance of animal welfare and highlights the significant role that animals play in our lives. We could not have achieved this success without the support of our community.

On behalf of Second Chance Animal Services, I extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the event. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Doray
Chief Development Officer

Letter to the Community

Dear Editor,

Over the past couple of months, instances of scammers posing as employees of the Hampshire Sheriff's Office have been reported with alarming frequency. Since mid-May, my office has posted three Scam Alerts to our Facebook page reminding Hampshire County residents that under no circumstance do HSO employees make calls seeking to extract personal information or extort money.

But just this morning we learned of a county resident who paid thousands of dollars to scammers claiming to be HSO representatives.

We recommended that the individual report this occurrence to local police and we are hopeful that the money can be recovered.

Although the best tactic is to simply hang up, anyone receiving such a fraudulent call might also consider visiting the FBI website www.fbi.gov for information about how to avoid such scams.

Here are some additional tips from the

Better Business Bureau on what to do if a scammer calls:

Hang up - don't press any buttons and, if you received a voicemail, don't call the scammer back. We all like to have the last word, but returning the phone call may just give the scammer information they can use.

Don't trust caller ID - scammers have technology that lets them display any number or organization name on your screen.

Never give out any financial information - if you did not initiate the call, do not provide bank account, credit card or Social Security numbers over the phone unless you have thoroughly done your research and verified the caller.

The duty of the Hampshire Sheriff's Office is to protect public safety. We want everyone to stay safe, and to remember, please, please remember, that my office will never make, or be a party to, these kinds of phone calls.

Patrick J. Cahillane
Sheriff, Hampshire County

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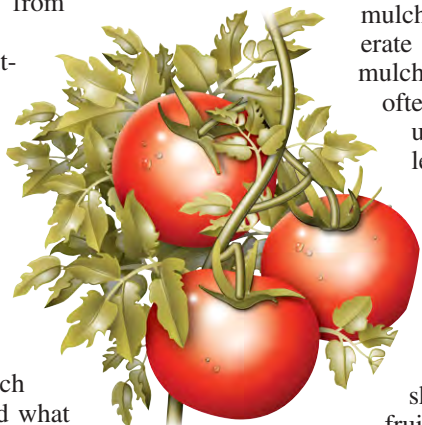


Tomato dreams and then there's reality

I always have such high hopes for my tomato plants.

They go into the ground so healthy and green and for the first few weeks manage to stay that way. Then the inevitable yellowing and dropping of some bottom leaves happens from early blight.

The plants are outgrowing their cages and this point, though, so I just accept this as a normal condition and get excited for the first harvest. Some tomatoes look OK, but others are exhibiting strange, less than perfect, symptoms.



Read on to learn which conditions are which and what that means for your harvest.

My paste tomatoes in particular seem to always be susceptible to blossom end rot. It looks exactly as it sounds and is characterized by leathery brown or black spots on the bottom of the fruit.

Usually, it is seen on the first few developing tomatoes and occurs when there is trouble with calcium absorption.

The plan of action for this year would be to regulate your watering, since calcium assimilation can get botched up when plants suffer from drought. Applying a layer of mulch will help to encourage the deep rooting that is essential for nutrient transmission.

In the meantime, send a sample of your soil off to the UMass Extension Service Soil Testing Lab and adjust calcium levels per their recommendation if need be. If by chance you are growing a new variety of tomato and are experiencing blossom end rot for the first time, consider switching to another variety; some are more susceptible to it than others.

In my garden it is habitually only the paste tomatoes that suffer.

Regarding harvest and use: if you cut the end of the tomato off and then cut into the seed cavity and there is no black area,

feel free to use. Sometimes there will be sections of black within the cavity but not always.

This malady can also be seen on peppers and eggplants. Sometimes, though, sun scald can sort of look like blossom end rot in peppers. Planting peppers closer together so that foliage shields developing fruit can help with that issue.

Fruit cracking around the stem, either in rings or radiating downward is caused by overwatering; we or Mother Nature can be at fault. This year I will blame her for some of it.

A little over a week ago many gardeners in the area received an inch or more of rain in two separate deluges. Keep in mind that most veggies require about an inch per week. Adjust your irrigation to accommodate.

As mentioned above, mulches do well to moderate soil moisture; if you mulch, you can water less often! If cracking ends up being a big problem for you, consider scouring the seed catalogs for varieties that are resistant to it.

As long as the cracks are fresh, and haven't begun to show mold, I use the fruit anyway.

Another problem many gardeners experience is a condition called yellow shoulders, in which tomatoes never ripen fully on the top or stem end. This is usually a genetic problem, but it can be lessened by allowing the fruit to ripen slowly under the cover of surrounding foliage rather than out in the open.

High organic matter content and a pH of 6.4 or lower is said to help with this condition –another good reason to have your soil tested and see where it stands.

You can still use these tomatoes. Simply cut that portion off or use it regardless.

These conditions don't have to mean the end of your harvest. By working around the issues, making some minor adjustments and choosing appropriate resistant varieties, tomato sauce is still in your future!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 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.

She also gave a reminder on continuing to separate recyclables and trash, because the combination of waste removal will not occur until 2025.

Updates and correspondence

There will be a joint meeting on Aug. 6 with the Select Board and MPIC in order to discuss the Master Plan Implementation and various updates and edits.

The board members discussed the meeting details, and what will be discussed, reviewed, and adjusted, as well as planning who will attend which events and meetings coming up.

ty. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Operation Backpack looking for donations for this school year

SOUTH HADLEY— With summer nearing the halfway point, kids and parents start to think about starting of the school year. For some families, school supply list may require a little help from Operation Backpack.

Operation Backpack gives every child a new backpack, filled with supplies for their grade going into. No child should have to go to school feeling uncomfortable or embarrassed on not being prepared for class.

The volunteer program gathers school supplies and backpacks for the local children and families from the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. I reach out to the families who have been suggested by the program sponsor St. Patricks Church. In addition, I put up fliers around town, and rely on word of mouth to reach families in need of assistance. No child will be turned away.

The program is in need of backpacks for all ages, as well as pencils, pens, rulers, colored pencils, crayons, colored markers, scissors, yellow highlighters, calculators, pencil pouches, notebooks, 1 1/2 inch binders, wide rule filler paper and folders. My theory is remember investing in our students now and will lead to a better future for all of us. The are our future.

The town has a list of locations for people to drop off their donations. Berkshire Bank- 74 Lamb st., St. Patricks Church-30 Main st., Neighbors Helping Neighbors-30 Carew st., Newton Street Dental-488 Newton st., Westfield Bank-32 Willimansett st., Polish Credit Union-Granby Rd., or at my house 36 Chestnut Hill Road. People can also send or drop off monetary do-



nations that I use to fill in any gaps in supplies.

I need to thank the community for supporting Operation Backpack in 2023. St. Patricks parishioners, all businesses and companies in South Hadley. Center Church. South Hadley has been so generous in helping me do this each year. Keeping up with demands of Operation Backpack can be a time consuming task. But I love doing it and seeing the smiling children opening up their backpack and seeing all the supplies. Last year I gave out 213 new and filled backpacks.

For more information, you can contact Sheila Adams by calling 4135365316 or email Shoperationbackpack@yahoo.com All checks can be made payable to Operation Backpack c/o Sheila Adams 36 Chestnut Hill Road, South Hadley, Mass 01075.

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The third and fourth events will be held at the library on Thursday, November 14, and Thursday Jan. 16, 2025, at 6 p.m.

Mulvaney gave an announcement about an upcoming training session from Assistant Town Administrator Chuck Romboletti for training for boards, committees, and staff on Sept. 5 at 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The training program will feature more trainings, as well as a s DEIB initiative trainings for the members of the town staff to best serve our community.

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you turned 64 this year, your FRA is 67. Self-employed individuals are also subject to an hourly limit of 15 to 45 working hours per month in their first year of early retirement.

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August Highlights

SOUTH HADLEY— These are the events for the South Hadley Council of Aging for August.

Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m.

South Hadley Conservation Areas
Join Rebekah Cornell, Conservation Administrator/Planner, to learn about the town's most popular and accessible conversation areas. We will talk about recent projects as well as some of the flora and fauna you might see on the trails.

Tuesday, Aug. 13 – 11 a.m. to noon

Office Hours – Sen. Oliviera, stop by and ask questions.

Wednesday, Aug. 14 – 10:30 a.m.

Medicine Drums Making Workshop with Jan Lucier.
The experience of making one's own medicine drum is rewarding and magical. Creating your own drum will give you a valuable tool for health and wellness. Contact Jan Lucier at jlcier50@msn.com to register for this workshop.

Multimedia Art Presentation with Diego Salazar 3 p.m.

Join us for a unique immersion into art and the artwork of Diego Salazar. This presentation will include a video component on top of original artworks similar to his presentation in January, but on a larger scale in our multipurpose room. Diego, who is inspired by artists such as Peter Max and Van Gogh, has worked in many mediums including up-cycled furniture, canvas, mixed media and sculpture.

**Thursday, Aug. 15
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Blue Cross Blue Shield – Table Talk
Brian Guagnini, Field Outreach Consultant, will have handouts and will be available to answer your questions. Stop by and introduce yourselves.

Birthday/Anniversary Party with Musically Married 2 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries for the month with cake and great music by the Musically Married duo sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors. Don't forget to enter your name into our raffle if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

Tuesday, Aug. 20 – 1 p.m.

Summer Fun Bingo
Join us for free Bingo with prizes and ice cream sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors.

**Wednesday, Aug. 21
2 to 4 p.m. – Cost \$4.00**

Monthly Social Dance Club with Richie Mitnik
Richie plays all the songs you want to hear, and dance to! Two hours of great music to get you moving and feeling great!

**Thursday, Aug. 22
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Second Chance Animal Services
Appointments are 10 minutes each. Sign up for an appointment and please contact the COA. Second Chance is a nonprofit animal welfare organization providing access to the highest-quality veterinary care for all.

Pet Health Day at the SHCO 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a day devoted to keeping your pet healthy. Presentations to include Holistic Pet Health by Dr. Perdrizet from

the Sanctuary Animal Clinic; Dealing with the loss of a pet by Ken Dolan-del Vecchio; Pet Therapy by Bright Spots and Wildlife Rehabilitation by Suzanne Lijek. There will also be local information about the South Hadley Dog Park, dog licensing with our Assistant Town Clerk, SHPD comfort animal program, puppy snacks and more.

Friday, Aug. 23 11 a.m.

Wistariahurst Museum Presentation
Penny Martorell, Curator, Holyoke City Historian will present - Wistariahurst: Unveiling the Skinner Family Legacy. Martorell's expert narration will illuminate not just the architectural history but also the vibrant lives and legacies of its former inhabitants.

Wednesday, Aug. 28 – 1:30 p.m.

New Women's Network.
A monthly social program for women featuring guest speakers. Refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors. This month our guest speaker will be Meteorologist Janna Brown.

Road work through August

GRANBY— Road resurfacing on East Street between New Ludlow Road and Ludlow Town Line will commence on the week of Aug. 26. Please seek alternate routes if possible. Roadway detours and/or closures are anticipated.

Residents may experience short term inconvenience/delays due to construction operations.



Community blood drive at Cooley

NORTHAMPTON— Adults interested in donating blood will have an opportunity to do so at a community blood drive at Cooley Dickinson Hospital on Wednesday, Aug. 28 and Thursday, Aug. 29.

Cooley Dickinson is partnering with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Brigham & Women's Hospital, and the Kraft Family Blood Donor Center to bring their blood mobile to Northampton. The blood mobile will be set up in the parking lot in front of the hospital's North Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, and between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday.

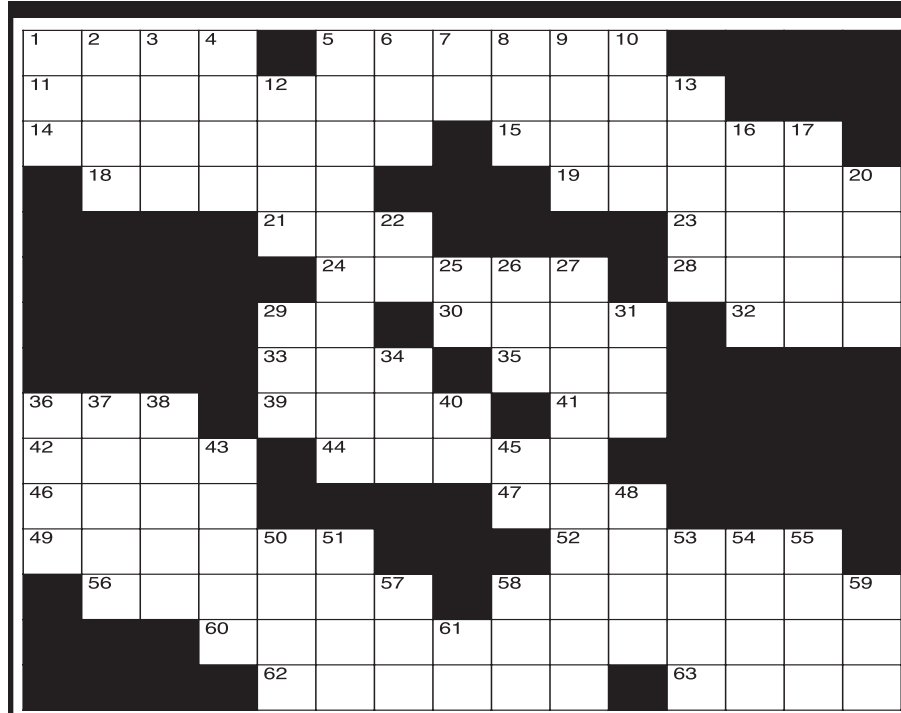
"Donating blood is a crucial act of generosity that saves lives," said Catherine Reed, administrative director for Clinical Services at Cooley Dickinson. "We are profoundly grateful for our com-

munity's continued support in providing the essential blood supply our patients depend on."

All blood donors will receive a \$10 gift card for Sunoco. A photo ID is required for blood donation. Donors are also advised to be well hydrated, drink extra water, and eat before donating blood. All donor types are welcome.

To make an appointment, please visit the online donor portal at: tinyurl.com/CooleyA2024 (for Wednesday) or tinyurl.com/CooleyAu2024 (for Thursday). For donation eligibility questions, email BloodDonor@partners.org or call 617-632-3206.

Blood products collected during this drive will be used to care for patients in the Pioneer Valley and within the Mass General Brigham system.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nasal mucus
- 5. Hairs on the back of a dog
- 11. Ones who build anew
- 14. Consume too much food
- 15. Praised
- 18. Provides weapons
- 19. Become less lively
- 21. Engine additive
- 23. Thought or suggestion
- 24. South Korean city
- 28. Midday rests
- 29. Expression of acidity or alkalinity
- 30. Group of rockers
- 32. Very fast airplane
- 33. One who is paid to do something

- 35. Buzzing insect
- 36. Monotheistic religion founder
- 39. Strong dark beer
- 41. Blood type
- 42. Square measures
- 44. Honorific titles in NW Semitic languages
- 46. Present
- 47. Afflict in mind or body
- 49. Duty
- 52. Municipality in Stockholm
- 56. In a normal way
- 58. Rode a bicycle
- 60. Charitable
- 62. Verandas
- 63. Uncredited

CLUES DOWN

- 1. No seats available
- 2. Russian river

- 3. A European river (abbr.)
- 4. Phrase
- 5. Idol
- 6. Keyboard key
- 7. Prefix indicating mutual
- 8. Kilometers per hour
- 9. Set an example
- 10. It's among the "Great" ones
- 12. VV
- 13. Murdered
- 16. Icelandic poems
- 17. Seas
- 20. Famed cartoonist
- 22. Partner to "Ma"
- 25. Equal to one quintillion bytes
- 26. Speak incessantly
- 27. Disquiet
- 29. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 31. Upper-class young woman
- 34. S. American plant
- 36. Monetary unit of Thailand
- 37. Regions
- 38. Baseball legend Yogi
- 40. Ancient Egyptian notion of spiritual part of humans
- 43. Fishing net
- 45. Tinseltown
- 48. MacBeth's wife was one
- 50. Took a spill
- 51. Adversary to pets
- 53. Town in Galilee
- 54. Secret racist society (slang)
- 55. About aviation
- 57. Longing or yearning
- 58. Hawaiian dish
- 59. Field force unit
- 61. Partner to "Pa"

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Fall school sports equipment swap

SOUTH HADLEY— There will be a school sports equipment swap on Aug. 17, at the South Hadley Public Library. 1st Grade through High School equipment will be accepted; Field Hockey, Soccer or Football. Bring the cleaned sports equipment, and gear and trade them for something in a different size. Drop offs will run until Friday, Au-

gust 16. Participants will receive a ticket for each item dropped off. Example: a pair of cleats equals one ticket for a pair of gloves, etc. Bring the tickets to swap on Saturday, Aug. 17. The library doors open at 9:30 a.m. Participants can begin to line up at the Community Room Door then. Doors don't open until 10 a.m.



Submitted photos by Rebekah Cornell.

Lithia Springs is a scenic location for people to enjoy and preserve.

LITHIA from page 1

structure deterioration at the spillway training wall and gatehouse, erosion along the dam crest and deficiencies with the pipes. Left unaddressed all of these could pose public safety risks.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation regularly monitors and regulates the dam and provides regular maintenance such as mowing and invasive species control. The reservoir and part of the downstream area are mapped as Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) for a retired public water supply and based on the outstanding recreational, ecological and aesthetic values. Both certified vernal pools and potential vernal pools exist in this area.

"It is a hidden gem," said Cornell. "Human conflicts threaten access and enjoyability of many recreational sites. I want to encourage people visiting Lithia Springs to respect the limited parking, keep dogs on a leash, carry out their trash, and respect the no swimming signs."



A gravel path leads to and from the bridge at Lithia Springs.

LINE DANCING from page 1

various needs, even being able to help with some additions to the sanctuary.

"I teach, and I want you to be successful," Jones said. "I always tell people they're here to have a good time."

Jones has worked with and choreographed line dances from popular pop songs from Ed Sheerhan to country hits, to contemporary Christian hits by Jordan Feliz.

Famous choreographer John Robinson has also attended several classes done by Jones, and he even took her cho-

reography of the song "From the Day" by I AM THEY to performances all over the world.

There is a song and dance for everyone, from the most experienced to the newest line dancer out there, the lessons are easy to follow, and you are sure to have an amazing time.

Jennifer Jones also holds line dancing classes at Keystone Assisted Living in Ludlow and Brimfield Winery on Thursday nights.

And, always remember what Jones always says, "Kindness counts... 5, 6, 7, 8".



The line dancers are getting ready to start dancing.

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Doing the steps to the song "Trustfall" by artist P!nk.



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returning to Westview Farms Creamery



Annual Car Show Returns with a Heartfelt Mission and Exciting Fall Festivities

MONSON— The engines are revving, the excitement is palpable, and the countdown has begun for the much-anticipated Cruise for Critters to Westview Farms Creamery on Saturday, Sept. 21. Now in its 12th year, this beloved car show, proudly presented by Al Widlan, owner of Service Connection, is set to once again make a meaningful impact on the lives of pets in need at Second Chance Animal Services.

Widlan has championed this remarkable event for over a decade, rallying car enthusiasts and compassionate hearts alike to come together for a worthy cause. As the wheels of time turn, Cruise for Critters continues to shine a light of hope for furry companions across Massachusetts.

This year's Cruise for Critters promises an array of fall-themed activities for attendees of all ages. A captivating vendor fair will offer unique items of all kinds, and the much-loved Halloween Barktaacular kids' games will be back, thanks to dedicated Second Chance volunteers who are gearing up to provide an unforgettable experience for children and families alike.

Lindsay Doray, Chief Development Officer of Second

Chance, extends her heartfelt gratitude to Al Widlan and Westview Farms Creamery for their unwavering commitment to the welfare of pets. 2024 has been a challenging year for Second Chance, and funds raised through this event directly contribute to vital programs that make a real difference for pets in the community.

The festivities are set to kick off at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m., featuring great food and ice cream and an assortment of fall attractions that Westview Farms Creamery is renowned for. From pumpkin picking to navigating through a corn maze, a delightful autumn adventure awaits. Live music by the Barberic Band will provide the perfect soundtrack for the day, which will also include raffle and more.

The event is sponsored in part by Ted & Barbara Hebert of Teddy Bear Pools & Spas and by Joe Campisi, a longtime friend of Second Chance. Organizers extend a warm invitation to local businesses and vendors, calling upon them to unite in support of pets in need. Information on sponsorship opportunities, item donations, and becoming a vendor can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/cruise.

The event will welcome spectators free of charge. Car enthusiasts are encouraged to take part in the show by contributing a \$20 entry fee per vehicle, with every dollar earmarked for the betterment of pets' lives. A rain date has been set for Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024. Mark your calendars and join us for a day of fun and support for a great cause.

SHHS band to hold three day celebration

SOUTH HADLEY— There will be a reunion for the South Hadley Marching 100 during Roger Farnworth's tenure from 1965-1980. There will be a three-day celebration of the band and accomplishments. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 16, Casual gathering, place and time TBD.

Saturday, August 17, SHHS Meet and Greet at 9 a.m.; Donuts, coffee, photo-op and tour of the band room.

Saturday, August 17, Main Event, The Elks Lodge in Holyoke at 5 p.m., \$25 per person.

Sunday, August 18, Breakfast Buffet at the Boathouse in South Hadley MA at 9:30 a.m., \$29 per person.

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

Hampden DA warns residents of Facebook marketing scam

SPRINGFIELD— Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni is issuing a warning to residents about a recent Facebook scam where hackers gain control of someone's account and falsely claim that a loved one has entered a long-term health care facility, prompting them to sell the loved one's possessions. Gulluni urges all residents to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions to protect themselves from falling victim to this scam.

Gulluni said "My office has recently become aware of this Facebook scam that looks to exploit your emotions and preys upon your relationships and friendships. Don't be fooled, always verify where you are sending money before hand, and be

preventative, make sure you are securing your accounts adequately to deter a security breach. switch your passwords regularly on your high priority accounts in the event your credentials were exposed in a data breach."

Hackers target Facebook and email accounts to obtain personal information and take control of them by stealing login credentials. Once in control, they post messages pretending to be the account owner, claiming a loved one has had to enter a long-term health care facility and that their possessions need to be sold urgently. The scammer then asks for money to be sent electronically, often for items that do not exist, preying on the emotions and trust of friends and family.

How to stay safe:

Strengthen Your Passwords:

Use a unique, strong password for your Facebook account that includes a combination of letters, numbers, and special characters.

Avoid using easily guessed passwords such as birthdays, names, or common words.

Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):

Activate 2FA on your Facebook account to add an extra layer of security. This feature requires a second form of verification, such as a code sent to your phone, in addition to your password.

Be Cautious with Friend Requests:

Do not accept friend requests from people you do not know personally. Scammers often create fake profiles to gain access to your personal information.

Monitor Account Activity: Regularly review your account activity and privacy settings. Look out for any unfamiliar logins or changes that you did not make.

Educate Yourself and Others:

Stay informed about common online scams and share this information with friends and family to prevent them from becoming victims.

How to Avoid Sending Money to Scammers:

Verify Claims Independently:

If you receive a message from someone claiming to sell possessions due to a loved one's health situation, contact the person directly through a trusted means (e.g., a phone call) to verify the claim.

Be Skeptical of Urgent Requests:

Scammers often create a sense of urgency to pressure victims into sending money quickly. Take your time to verify the authenticity of the request.

Do Not Share Personal Information:

Avoid sharing personal or financial information through social media or messaging apps. Scammers can use this information to further exploit you.

Report Suspicious Activity:

If you suspect you have been contacted by a scammer, report the message to Facebook and local authorities. Additionally, inform the person whose account has been compromised.

If you find yourself being a victim of hacking be sure to contact your local police department and make a report it to protect yourself.



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Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce, Cooley Dickinson award scholarships

AMHERST— The Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Cooley Dickinson Hospital, is proud to announce the celebration of the 20th year of their joint scholarship program. This long standing collaboration highlights their commitment to supporting the academic and career ambitions of local high school students.

This year, four outstanding seniors from Amherst Regional High School, Hopkins Academy, Frontier Regional High School, and Belchertown High School were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. These scholarships recognize students who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, community involvement, and a commitment to pursuing a future in business or health-care-related fields in Massachusetts.

“The Chamber and Cooley Dickinson Hospital have jointly awarded these scholarships for two decades, reflecting our deep commitment to fostering local talent and supporting our community’s future leaders,” said Jacob Robinson, executive director of the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce. “Each year, we are impressed by the caliber of students in our region, and we are proud to support their educational journeys.”

Historically, the scholarship recipients have been presented their awards at the Chamber’s annual charity golf tournament, with further recognition at the A+ Awards Ceremony in November. This year, to give these exceptional students the spotlight they deserve, the awards were presented at a standalone event held at the Boltwood Inn, providing an intimate setting that celebrates their achievements.

Dr. Lynnette M. Watkins, President and COO of Cooley Dickinson Hospital, expressed her enthusiasm for the program. “It’s an honor to continue this partnership with the Chamber, contributing to the education of promising young individuals who are poised to make significant impacts in their fields and the future of our community,” stated Dr. Watkins. “These scholarships are a testament to Cooley Dickinson’s commitment to fostering the next generation of leaders and professionals who will drive innovation and excellence in business, health care, and beyond.”

The following students are the scholarship recipients.

Emalee Chaisson, of Belchertown Belchertown H.S.

Emalee has been recognized for her outstanding achievements in academics, activities, and community outreach. She aspires to study occupational therapy at Springfield College, aiming to become an occupational therapist helping patients regain independence.

Declan Sullivan-Flynn, of Amherst Amherst Regional H.S.

Declan is celebrated for his excellence in academics, activities, and community service. His goal is to pursue biochemistry on a pre-med track at Amherst College, with aspirations to earn a medical degree and work in a hospital setting.

Dominic Aloisi, of Hadley Hopkins Academy

Dominic is honored for his achievements and community contributions. He plans to study construction management



Submitted photo

The newest recipients of the Scholarship Awards from Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce and Cooley Dickinson Hospital Partnership.

with a minor in business and accounting at Western New England University, aspiring to own and operate his own business.

Tenzin Smith, of Conway Frontier Regional H.S.

Tenzin is acknowledged for his academic excellence and community involvement. He aims to study biology at

the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, with the goal of becoming a dentist.

The Chamber and Cooley Dickinson Health Care look forward to the continued success of this program and the bright futures of its recipients. For more information on the scholarship program or to participate in next year’s application process, please visit www.amherstarea.com.



Co-ed softball tourney set for Aug.10

LUDLOW— On Saturday, Aug. 10, our third annual co-ed softball tournament will be held at the Ludlow Fish and Game club, 200 Sportsman Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tournament is to benefit Forever Young Veterans, a 501c (3) organization out of Tennessee. Forever Young Vets provide trips and wishes for veterans to military sights and locales including Washington and Hawaii. They sent several veterans to Normandy’s 80th celebration this year where they met President Biden and several other dignitaries from all over the globe. Four teams representing branches of the service: Air Force, Army, Navy and the Marines will play a total of five games and the cost to enter is \$20 per person.

Free refreshments, a 50/50 raffle will be available and military members of the community will be on hand for any questions participants may have about the organization. Any questions about team participation or Forever Young Veterans please call 413-209-2594.

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Quaboag Hills Chamber announces 2024 golf fundraiser

PALMER – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, the nonprofit organization that promotes business and development within surrounding communities of Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties, has announced the return of its annual Golf Outing.

This year the event will take place at the renovated Hardwick Crossing Country Club in the village of Gilbertville on Thursday, Oct. 3 and is presented by J. Stolar Insurance Agency and Monson Savings.

“The annual golf event was a highlight of our calendar pre-COVID and a significant fundraiser for the Chamber”, stated James Przypek, Chief Executive Officer for the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, in a press release. “This year will mark the return of the golf outing for the first time since 2019. We have tailored the event, so it is a

fun and welcoming day for participants at every level, between a nine hole/half day scramble format, and a catered Awards Lunch at the region’s most outstanding and distinguished golf and event venues.”

Beginning in 2022, Hardwick Crossing Country Club has experienced a significant renaissance following the purchase of the former Dunroamin Country Club by Kenneth Uracius, who owns and operates Stone & Lime Inc, a prominent historic restoration company. Renovations and additions to the property include an overhaul of the former clubhouse, improvements to the course layout and greens, and the construction of a full-service restaurant and modern banquet room.

Proceeds from the golf fundraiser will benefit the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce and its on-going mission to assist its more

than two-hundred member businesses succeed and grow with programs and initiatives throughout the year.

Interested participants and sponsors can visit QHMA.com for full details.

About the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1978 and headquartered in Palmer, the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce’s purpose is to advance economic growth, interests and tourism for our members through policies, programs and development in the Quaboag Hills region, including the 15 towns of Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield.

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Aldenville reaches American Legion district finals



Ryan Netkovick waits for a throw.

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By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD—Things didn't start out very well for the Aldenville Post 337 Legion baseball team in the District 3 Senior Division semifinals against East

Springfield Post 420. Aldenville was trailing, 3-1, before they came storming back in the bottom of the fourth inning. After Post 337 tied the score, Topher Reardon, who was the Post 337 starting pitcher, blasted a double to deep left field bringing home all three baserunners giving his team a 6-3 lead.

Aldenville never relinquished the lead as they advanced into the District 3 championship game for the second time in the past three years with a 7-5 victory, at Springfield Central, last Tuesday night.

"This is the second time that we'll be playing in the finals in the past three years," said Aldenville manager Mason Scott. "I just have to give these kids a lot of credit. They came here and played very hard. We fell behind early, but we were able to battle back. This team never gives up."

The contest was scheduled to be held at Szot Park in Chicopee, but that field was unplayable due to rain. Aldenville also plays



Topher Reardon fires a pitch home.



Spencer Labonte pounces on the grounder.

home games at South Hadley High School, which was also unplayable. The game was moved to the brand new turf baseball field at Springfield Central and Aldenville remained the home team.

Please see **LEGION**, page 12



Justin Moskal watches the ball into his glove.



The Tigers' Brad Bullough delivers a pitch.

Quabbin regular season nearing end

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League continues Sunday morning action into August with just three more games remaining in its regular season. So far, the Orioles are at the top of the league followed by the Tigers in second place. The Quabbin League playoffs will follow, and this year, the league will be hosting a fall league for players 28 and over.



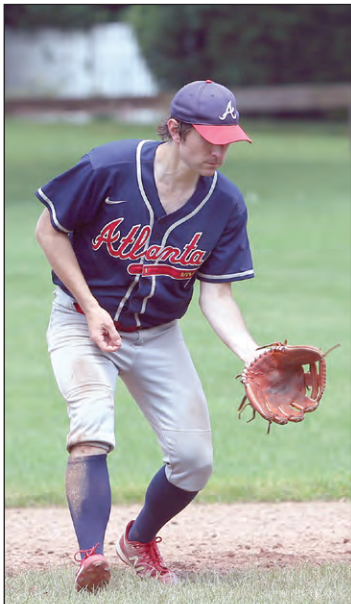
Colin Fecteau makes a throw across the diamond.



The Braves Jamie Ryan throws to first.



Adam Kinney, of Wilbraham, delivers a pitch for the Braves.



Justin Morin fields the bouncer to third.



Randy Marseau fields a grounder for the Tigers.

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Big inning leads Blue Sox to win

HOLYOKE— After the Blue Sox took both games of Saturday's double-header, they were hungry for more against the Westerners on Sunday afternoon.

Valley capitalized on an eight-run seventh inning to win Sunday's game 13-5. The Blue Sox continue to cushion their lead of the eighth seed in the NECBL playoff picture.

Danbury starter Alex Mach struggled early and gave up four runs in the bottom of the second inning. Blue Sox designated hitter Jay Bant hit his third home run of the season. Two of those runs were scored as unearned as Danbury made two errors (one on catcher Roman DiGiacomo and second baseman Carl Schmidt). After two innings, it was 4-0 Valley.

Danbury chipped its way back into the game, scoring one run in the third, fourth and fifth innings. In the top of the sixth inning, Danbury left fielder Jaden Sheffield, son of Major League Baseball superstar Gary Sheffield, struck out looking and was ejected by home plate umpire David Speranza.

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Pioneers defeated in second round of playoffs



Leonel Vergara makes a throw-in.



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Kwame Adu-Gyamfi tries to keep the ball from going over the sideline.

LUDLOW – After a phenomenal season, the Western Mass. Pioneers were defeated for just the third time this season. The Pioneers lost 2-1 against Lionsbridge FC on the road. The Pioneers opened up the playoffs with a 3-1 win against FC Mottown. The Pioneers season ends at 13-3-1.



Lawrence Goddard sends a shot on goal.



Aiden Kelly goes for a long pass.

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Going into the top of the seventh inning, Valley had the 4-3 lead. KJ Lavoie surrendered singles to Kobe Mentzer and Lorenzo Rios. Danbury took a 5-4 lead going to the bottom of the inning.

Mach entered the bottom of the inning and was taken out after immediately loading the bases on an E4, walk and single. Max Foster entered the game and got two quick groundouts.

Jonathan Hogart and Bant singled in runners. Anthony Scarabino walked and Zev Moore also singled in runners. Kyle Henington capitalized the eight-run seventh inning to make it 12-5. Valley tacked one more in the bottom of the eighth and won 13-5



Quabbin League seeking to start fall league

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to start an eight-game fall program for the over-28 population. The league, which plays a spring/summer regular season with six teams for 15 games followed by playoffs, is hoping to continue the fun into the fall with a short eight-game schedule for interested players.

Preliminary details are still being worked on, but the league is looking to have four teams with six “regular season” games followed by a semifinal in the seventh week, and a final/consolation game in the eighth week.

The league will be a bit more informal than the regular spring/summer league with the goal being for players to have fun playing more baseball, work on field and batting skills through more innings in the field and extra at-bats, or potentially working on

or trying out pitching.

As has been traditional in other fall leagues, the Quabbin League will likely be wood-bat only for the fall.

There is an interest form and survey interested players can fill out at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. The league is open to all current Quabbin league players as well as players from other leagues who are age 28 and over during the calendar year of 2024.

The league will look to keep the cost very low for the league with preliminary indications having the league in the \$40-50 range to play eight games.

Games will likely be held in the West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick area and are likely to be held on Sunday mornings, though a few games may be held at alternate times. Games are scheduled to begin in September after Labor Day.

Hopkins takes win in Calef 125

WALPOLE, N.H. - A busy stretch of four races in four weeks for the Granite State Pro Stock Series wraps up this Friday night at one of the series’ staple venues.

Lee USA Speedway, only a short drive from the New Hampshire seacoast, welcomes the GSPSS back for their first of two visits this year with this Friday’s Clash on Calef 125.

Unique among the tracks on this year’s GSPSS itinerary, Lee hosts its own regular Pro Stock division, welcoming the class back to its weekly program a few years ago. Lee’s own big-ticket Pro Stock shows earlier this year boasted plenty of names familiar to GSPSS fans and followers. But Friday night’s showdown, named for the state highway on which Lee has been situated since the 1960s, is the first opportunity for those Pro Stock wheelmen to score points toward the series crown.

That contest took an intriguing turn Saturday evening at Speedway 95, with hometown hero Mike Hopkins the fifth different driver to wave the GSPSS checkered flag this season. The two strongest title threats in attendance, Casey Call and Evan Beaulieu, each faced their own pitfalls in the race. But where Call exited early with chassis damage, Beaulieu recovered from a mid-race spin to finish fifth, chipping away at Call’s healthy advantage.

Call’s calamity ended a season-opening streak of finishing no worse than fourth, while Beaulieu has back-to-back top-fives after a slow start. Both drivers have a lot of work ahead to be ready for Friday, and with the season’s deepest entry list in hand, winning promises to be a tall order.

A trio of Maine rookies have run the majority of the races this year, with Jamie Wright, Morgan Call and Miller Buzzell all set to carry on their season-long efforts at Lee. Joining them from the Pine Tree State is veteran Gary Smith and multi-track titlist Dave Farrington, Jr., who won his GSPSS debut back in 2016.

Wiscasset Speedway veteran and 2023 Speedway 95 winner Josh St. Clair is on the entry list, as well as Nick Jenkins and Matt Dow. Cole Robie, who hails from Maine, but has Granite State ties through his father Jarod and grandfather Carleton, plans to make his series debut as he graduates from Legends and Bandoleros into full-size fendered cars this season.

Local racers Bobby Bailargeon, Bobby Frappier and Frankie Eldredge plan to put their Lee expertise to the test. Dan Winter has stepped up his GSPSS appearances this year

and wants to replicate his top-five run at Star Speedway in May’s season opener. Andy Shaw missed the season opener, but he and the Dale Drew Racing team have been at every event since.

Massachusetts teammates Alex Quarterley and Jeremy Sorel are back for more GSPSS action, with Sorel still smiling after his second-place finish at Claremont Motorsports Park earlier this month.

Cory Casagrande is back after a week off, with the Connecticut star anxious to avenge a hard crash at Lee a month ago. Fellow Nutmeg Stater Anthony Bello is back with the series as well, racing for Maine car owner Shawn Knight.

With big-league racing on a summer recess, Maine native and NASCAR spotter Derek Kneeland is dusting off his race car for his first GSPSS start since 2022. Kneeland accompanied his driver, Kyle Busch, to June’s Keen Parts 150 at Lee, where he and Busch both outlasted the carnage to post top-five finishes.

But the early favorites are sure to be those who have a record of past success at Lee. Ryan Green’s redemption arc remains in play after a grinding crash at June sidelined his own race car. Green borrowed a car from friend Joey Doiron to race at Claremont this month, reintroduced his repaired mount at Hudson two weeks ago, and will be a threat in whichever car he brings to the track this week.

Brandon Barker, the first Pro Stock champion at Lee after the division’s revival a couple years back, won the Keen Parts 150 in June and took home a \$10,000 prize. Barker has a pair of GSPSS wins at Lee in 2018 and 2019 and would love to add to the trophy case.

Reigning Lee track champion Wayne Helliwell, Jr. last won a GSPSS feature in 2014, a dry spell the New Hampshire all-star would love to erase. Helliwell’s longtime rival, Joey Polewarczyk, won a GSPSS feature at Lee that season, one of two touring wins at the track. “Joey Pole” was victorious at Hudson Speedway two weeks ago, his eighth series victory.

And Corey Bubar won the GSPSS’ last outing at Lee, taking home \$8,500 in last fall’s Bosowski Properties 150. The Beech Ridge Motor Speedway veteran is one of several racers who came to Lee after Beech Ridge was shuttered, and one of many to find success at his new home track.

In a showdown between the proven veterans and the optimistic hopefuls, the sure winners are the fans in the stands who can take in Friday night’s on-track fireworks.



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Notes

Western New England University celebrates Graduate Class of 2024

Western New England University held its graduate commencement ceremony on May 19 at the MassMutual Center, celebrating the Class of 2024. The keynote speaker, MA Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner Ashley Randle L'14, encouraged the students to "be willing to do what's right despite opposition" after sharing how her time as a student at Western New England set an example for her career path.

Congratulations and best wishes to the newest Golden Bear Alumni. WNE is proud of you!

Morgan T. Lukasik of Granby, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Doctor of Occupational Therapy.

Connor James Moriarty of Granby, graduated with a MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Naghm Thamer Abdulsattar of South Hadley, graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy.

Elyse G. Merrigan of South Hadley, graduated with a Juris Doctor.

Matthew J. Reilly of South Hadley, graduated with a MS in Organizational Leadership.

Over 670 students named to WNEU Spring 2024 Semester Dean's List

Western New England University (WNE) takes immense pride in recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of over 670 students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester.

A WNE education provides career-span agility through a curriculum grounded in professional/experiential studies, enhanced by the liberal arts, and enriched by mentored research that equips graduates to adapt and succeed in the workplace of the future.

Jack Hartling of Granby, is working toward a BS in Computer Science.

Eric Puffer of Granby, is working toward a BS in Computer Science.

Carrick Remillard of Granby, is working toward a BS in Computer Science.

Alexander Galusha of Granby, is working toward a BS in Computer Science.

Logan Watts of South Hadley, is working toward a BS in Information Technology.

Emma Boryczka of South Hadley, is working toward a BSBA in Business Analytics & Information Management.

Robert Walsh of South Hadley, is working toward a BSBA in General Business.

Kaily Godek of South Hadley, is working toward a BSBA in Sport Management.

Shelby Edwards of South Hadley, is working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

WNEU honors Class of 2024 graduates

Western New England University held its undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 19 at the MassMutual Center, celebrating the Class of 2024. The keynote speaker, esteemed journalist Latoyia Edwards, talked about the importance of bringing passion and intensity to one's work without overshadowing what's most important: family. "If you don't remember any piece of advice that I give you this morning, remember to never take anyone who loves and supports you for granted."

Congratulations and best wishes to the newest Golden Bear Alumni. WNE is proud of you!

Hayley Rae Boisjolie of Granby, graduated with a BS in Health Sciences. Hayley also graduated with a minor in Chemistry and Psychology.

Julia Lauren Frappier of Granby, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BSBA in Pharmaceutical Business. Julia also graduated with a minor in Marketing.

Julia Donna Fernandes of South Hadley, graduated with a BSBA in General Business. Julia also graduated with a minor in Art.

Shelby Grace Edwards of South Hadley, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Biomedical Engineering.

Zachery P. Scott of South Hadley, MA graduated with a BSBA in Finance.

Local residents named to Clark University's Spring 2024 Dean's List

The following local residents were named to Clark University's Spring 2024 Dean's List:

John Gregory Parrish, of South Hadley, was named to second honors.

Henry R. Strand, of South Hadley, was named to second honors.



Western New England University Spring 2024 Semester President's List

Western New England University (WNE) takes immense pride in recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of over 540 students who have been named to the President's List for the Spring 2024 semester.

A WNE education provides career-span agility through a curriculum grounded in professional/experiential studies, enhanced by the liberal arts, and enriched by mentored research that equips graduates to adapt and succeed in the workplace of the future.

Cylie Kirejczyk of Granby, is working toward a BA in Political Science.

Briyanna Coelho of Granby, is working toward a BS in Biology.

Eric Cabezudo-Peters of South Hadley, is working toward a BS in Construction Management.

Nicholas Parker of Granby, is working toward a BS in Criminal Justice.

Maxwell Sands of Granby, is working toward a BSBA in Finance.

Jordan Croteau of Granby, is working toward a BSBA in Finance.

Abdul Azeem Chaudhry of South Hadley, is working toward a BSBA in Finance.

Connor Asselin of Granby, is working toward a BSBA in Sport Management.

Dylan Laramée of Granby, is working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

Local students receive Bachelor's Degrees from UMass Amherst

Approximately 7,000 students received bachelor's degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Undergraduate Commencement on May 18, 2024 at the McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

Below is a list of students from your area who earned a degree.

GRANBY

Jaime Colon, Taylor Dumais, James William Elfman, Haley Gilpatrick, Celia Morgan Huard, Lucas Matthew Monaco, Isha Ghanshyam Patel, Shannon Marie Tremblay.

SOUTH HADLEY

Eric Joseph Bergeron, Sarah Rose Bisson, Raeghan Ariaunna Brousseau, Caitlin Theresa Brown, Nicholas Merritt Cirone, Jack Henry Desautels, Anna Katherine Hellyar, Ethan Nelson Kennedy, Lila Amber Masand, Alyssa M. Mazza, Anna Dorothea Murphy, Paige Elizabeth Parlangas, Jill Elise Feingold Pietrantonio, Emily Remillard, Jayna Belle Schaarschmidt, Riley Paige Sullivan.

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Reardon, who lives in Holyoke and was a school choice student at Easthampton High School, hurled the first five innings against East Springfield. He wound up as the winning pitcher after allowing three runs on seven base hits with three walks and seven strikeouts.

"Topher didn't have his best stuff in tonight's game, but he just battled out there," said Scott said. "He was able to keep us in the game. He also helped us with his bat."

Reardon threw a total of 108 pitches and won his first Legion playoff game.

"This is my first win in a legion playoff game and it's a great feeling," said Reardon, who's planning to be a freshman member of the Anna Maria College baseball team next year. "We're now looking forward to playing in the championship game."

Aldenville finished the regular season with an 11-7 record.

Post 337 began their postseason journey by squeaking out a 7-6 home win over West Springfield Post 207 in a first round game. Lefty Brady Burnett was



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Nate Carillon makes the off-balance throw after fielding a grounder.

the winning pitcher in that contest. They then defeated Pittsfield Post 78, 7-1, in the quarterfinals with righthander Matt Drobiak earning the victory.

Aldenville's season came to an end following a 6-5 loss to

top-seeded Belchertown in the finals.

The four Aldenville players, who'll be too old to play for the legion team next year, are Nate Carillon, Nik Misiaszek, Oldenberg, and Burnett.

Carillon, who began the semifinal game at shortstop, replaced Reardon on the mound in the sixth inning. He allowed two runs on two hits. His younger brother, Noah, was Aldenville's starting centerfielder and his cousin, Brandon, started the semifinal game in left field.

"It's awesome playing on the same baseball team with my younger brother and cousin," said Nate Carillon, who was a freshman on the Westfield State University baseball team last spring. "I did play high school baseball with my brother when I was a senior at South Hadley. This is the first time I've been teammates with my cousin. He has played a key role for us during the playoffs."

East Springfield (9-6-2) scored the two runs of the semifinal game on a ground ball single into centerfielder by first baseman Sal Ortiz with two outs in the second.

Burnett, who started at first base, drew a leadoff walk in the third before crossing the plate on a throwing error by the pitcher, which sliced Aldenville's deficit in half.

Another RBI single by Ortiz gave his team a two run advan-

tage with one-out in the top of the fourth.

Aldenville took control of the contest as they batted around in the bottom half of the frame.

After loading the bases against righty Eddie Villavane, Brandon Carillon, who's a member of the Granby varsity baseball team, walked making the score 3-2. Two batters later, Nate Carillon knocked home the tying run with a single into left field. After the next batter struck out, Reardon delivered the biggest hit of the ballgame.

"The pitcher threw me a fastball right down the middle," Reardon said. "My extra base hit changed the momentum of the game."

Reardon struck out the final two batters that he faced in the fifth inning leaving the bases loaded.

East Springfield closed the gap to 6-5 in the top of the sixth, but Aldenville added an unearned run in the bottom half of the frame.

It turned out to be a huge insurance run, as East Springfield had a runner standing on third base when Nate Carillon ended the game with a comebacker.

Public Notices

Town of Granby Massachusetts

Conservation Commission

The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday, August 13, 2024 @*1 Library Lane-Carnegie Building-Top Floor** to consider the following:

1. **7:30 p.m. "RDA"** filed by Marlene Bedell to see whether activities depicted on plan(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act with regards to property located at 25 Cold Hill Drive and known as Map 3-A-C-3, in the Town of Granby.

Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using **Access Code:** 282-289-421 or by visiting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/282289421>.

Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this "RDA" are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Selectmen's Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street. Additionally, copies of the application may be inspected on the Conservation Commission's web page at www.granby-ma.gov.

William Shaheen, Chair
Granby Conservation Commission

08/02/2024



Town of Granby Board of Appeals

The Granby Board of Appeals will hold public hearings on **Tuesday, August 20, 2024, commencing at 5:30 p.m.** at 1 Library Lane, Old Carnegie Library, top floor, to consider the following petitions:

1) Applicant Alan Kotowicz, and owner Peter Gaj, seeking a Special Permit under Section 6.2 of the Granby Zoning By-Laws, and Section III- Use Regulations, 3.3.9 - Residential Uses, dwellings and housekeeping facilities for employees and non-paying guests of owner or lessee in accessory building to be located at 125 Maximilian Drive, Granby, MA, known as Map 14-A-18-1-2.

In addition to the above hearings, the Board of Appeals may conduct other agenda items following said hearings as time permits. This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 40A and Chapter 39, Section 23B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Kathleen Bronner,
Chairman

Granby Board of Appeals
08/02,08/09/2024

Town of Granby Massachusetts

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1.) **7:30 p.m. "RDA"** filed by Dakota Richards to see whether activities depicted area/ referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and whether the boundaries of the resource area referenced

are accurately delineated with regards to property located at 163 Burnett Street and known as Map 2-B-22.2, in the Town of Granby.

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1. **7:30 p.m. "RDA"** filed by Dressel's Service Station to see whether activities depicted on plan(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act with regards to property located at 161 West State Street and known as Map 3--C-10.1, in the Town of Granby.

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William Shaheen, Chair
Granby Conservation Commission
08/02/2024



Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

LEGAL AD PUBLIC HEARING

September 9, 2024 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS / NEW ZONING BYLAWS

The South Hadley Planning Board will hold a virtual public hearing on Monday, **September 9, 2024 at 6:30PM via the Zoom virtual platform** to discuss proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 as indicated below, and on the adoption of two proposed new bylaws, as indicated below.

The public hearing will be conducted virtually/online using the Zoom Webinar platform and persons may join the meeting by either joining Zoom Webinar or by phone. The log-in information is as follows:

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255-31 Flexible Developments - Proposed Amendments
<https://southhadley.org/DocumentCenter/View/13057/255-31-Flexible-Development-Bylaw---Proposed-Amendments---752024>

Use Regulations Schedule - Proposed Amendments
<https://southhadley.org/DocumentCenter/View/13046/Use-Schedule-Amendments-7524>

255-47 Multifamily and multiple dwellings - Proposed Amendments
<https://southhadley.org/DocumentCenter/View/13058/255-47-Multifamily-and-multiple-dwellings---Proposed-Amendments---782024>

Proposed NEW Bylaws - Common Drive and Common Open Space

<https://southhadley.org/DocumentCenter/View/13059/255-95-Common-Drive-and-255-96-Common-Open-Space---Proposed-NEW-Bylaws---782024>

Alternatively, hard copies of the documents may be viewed at the South Hadley Planning and Conservation Department office.

Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, regarding this application should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated. The public hearing is being conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40-A, Section 11, Massachusetts General Laws as modified by Chapter 53 of the Special Acts of 2020 and the Governor's Executive Orders pertaining to public gatherings during the COVID 19 State of Emergency.

Joanna Brown, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board

07/26, 08/02/2024

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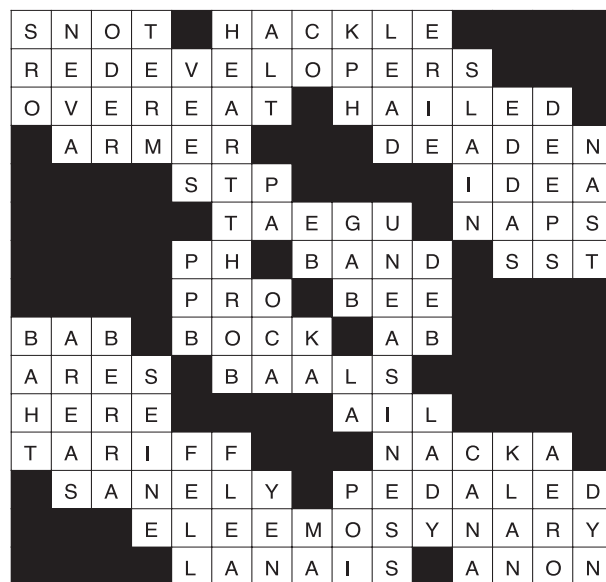
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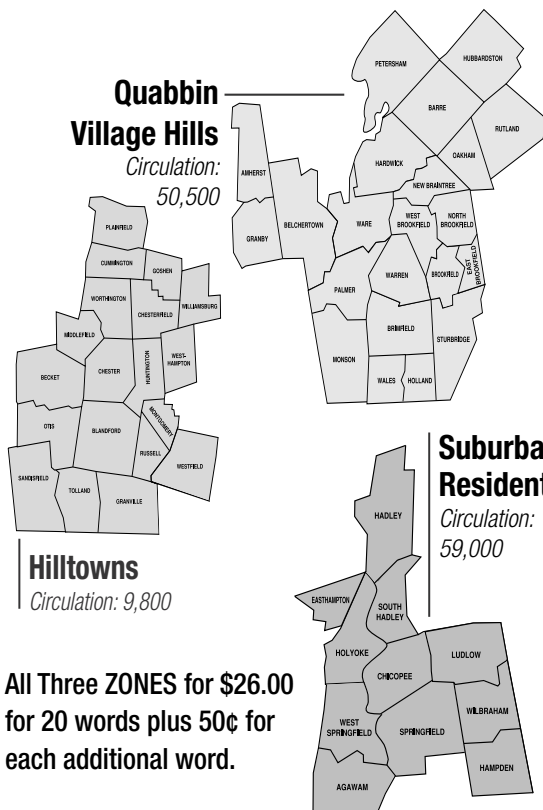
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Sign up today at zontaqv.org/golf or contact Mary Knight at 413-323-4806. We also welcome sponsorships from local businesses. Be a champion for women and girls. Join in on the green.

Swift River Sportsman's Club to host Chicken BBQ, Aug. 24

BELCHERTOWN— The Swift River Sportsman's Club, 350 Cold Spring Road, is hosting a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 24, from noon to 6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by The Time Trippers from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets are just \$20 each

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