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Dottie celebrates her Centennial

Resident is pretty in pink
for 100th birthday

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SOUTH HADLEY – Birthdays are a special occasion, and for Dotty Barry, she has reached her 100th year blessing the community with her smile.

“Here’s a glimpse of the Dot Barry we all know and love,” Carolyn Mongeau said, one of the organizers of the party.

The party featured Barry’s friends and family, and an afternoon of fun and joy to be had in celebrating the role model and friend of many in the town.

Nineteen people came to the party, with was held at the home of Cecile and Rich Girard, on her birthday on July 24.

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Submitted photos

Getting ready to party like its 1924.
INSET: Dotty smiling at all the guests who came to celebrate her on her special day.

SHELD addresses major power surges

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Electric Light Department met together in a hybrid format out of the library’s Trustees Room to discuss reports on outages and finances for the month of April.

The July 25 meeting was held in a hybrid by Chair John Hine, and members Ron Coutu, Tom Terry, and Paul Dobosh.

Also, in attendance include Manager Sean Fitzgerald, Kim Mendoza, and Adam St. Martin, Michael Conchieri.

Manager’s Report

Manager Sean Fitzgerald came on to give a report on what the Electric Light Department has been doing, including a survey of outages for the month, and updates for AMI and MDU.

There were three electric outages this month, affecting 219 customers, most significantly on July 17. A tree went down, affecting the power lines in the area.

“All of those customers’ were restored in three and a half hours, some less,” Fitzgerald said.

“Our crews did a great job getting the trees out safely and swiftly,” Fitzgerald said. “There was not too much damage, no

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BOA celebrate new roles, opportunities

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Board of Assessors met to discuss various updates, as well as celebrating a fellow coworker in getting accepted to a higher position.

The July 22 meeting was held virtually by Chair Kevin Taugher, Clerk Thomas Reidy, member Lynn Masson, and Melissa Couture.

Member of assessors receives new position by MAAO

Maureen Cronin, the assistant in the Assessor’s Office, received a special letter from the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers regarding an application for a position.

The letter stated that she was accepted by the MAAO Professional Admissions Committee voted to approve her of her application to be recertified as a professional assessor.

“I am super uber proud of her,” Couture said. “I don’t believe that she gets the recognition from others that she should for this designation, so I wanted to make sure that it is out there in public because it is not an easy lift.”

It takes seven courses to get the designation for the role and needs to continue credits in order to receive it every two years.

The board members congratulated Cronin and her accomplishments in finishing the hard work to get the required credentials for her new position.

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Summer field hockey league offers players opportunities for growth

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – For many local field hockey players, opportunities to play and work on their skills outside of the fall season were limited and expensive - until several local field hockey lovers came together six years ago to create an affordable and accessible summer program - the Western Massachusetts Field Hockey Summer League.

“This idea was born when we started talking with another well-known field hockey lover in the valley, Katie Hopp, about how there are no summer leagues for field hockey players,” recalled Tara Cole, one of the league’s three



Submitted photo

The summer field hockey league plays seven versus seven games every Wednesday night for seven weeks.

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Operation Backpack collects backpacks for students in need

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SOUTH HADLEY – As summer draws to a close and the stores begin to fill with back-to-school supplies, it is only a matter of time before the school supply lists come in.

With everything costing an-arm-and-a-leg nowadays, it can be difficult for some families to afford these school supplies, but local resident Sheila Adams has a solution.

“My theory is no child will go to school without a backpack or the supplies they need,” Adams said. “These children are our future. If we don’t take care of them now, where will we be?”

After starting with the Neighbors Helping Neighbors ten years ago, Adams took it on after volunteering there, where she is now gathering supplies, filling, and distributing backpacks to the community from her home.

“I don’t turn away from anybody who needs help. I fill the backpacks and get them to the families,” Adams said. “I enjoy doing it. I’ve met some great families along the way. I like paying forward what I do.”



A large volume of grandparents taking care of their grandkids. “They are so grateful that there is someone here to help them,” Adams said.

Adams receives sponsoring from the congregation of St. Patrick’s Church in South Hadley, and in addition receives money and donations from local businesses and community members.

“Being retired from Baystate Medical Center, I wanted to get into some good things here, and this was really gratifying when I was doing it, and it just has grown and grown,” Adams said.

Adams works hard to put up flyers in the community and send letters to businesses requesting donations of supplies grades Pre-K to 12.

“When I started doing this, I really felt this was something I wanted to stick with and do. I just love it,” Adams said.

You can find drop-off boxes at several locations around South Hadley for any and all donations you wish to give to the project.

Drop-off boxes can be found at Berkshire Bank at 74 Lamb Street, St. Patrick’s Church at 30 Main Street, and Neighbors Helping Neighbors at 30 Carew Street.

More include Newton Street Dental at 488 Newton Street, Westfield Bank at 32 Willimansett Street, Polish Credit Union on Granby Road, or at Adams’ house a 36 Chestnut Hill Road.

The program is in need of pencils, pens, rulers, colored pencils, crayons, colored markers, scissors, yellow highlighters, calculators, pencil pouches, 1 ½ inch binders, wide-ruled filler paper, folders, and of course, backpacks.

“The feeling of seeing a child receive their new backpack, and then open it up and see everything they have received is just so gratifying, and it just tugs at my heart,” Adams said.

Last year, 213 filled backpacks given out last year to students in need. Adams is hoping to beat that number this year, but is looking towards the community for help.

Schools in South Hadley have her contact and the counsellors reach out to Sheila Adams with requests for replacement supplies as the students go through the year.

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry will have a notice with her contact information in a flyer in each bag of food they give out so that families in need can utilize this opportunity.

“So far, the community has been absolutely wonderful to me, and they know me well,” Adams said. With the help of the community, Adams hopes to bring a smile to the faces of more students every year.

“I need to thank the community for supporting Operation Backpack in 2023,” Adams said. “St. Patrick’s parishioners, all businesses in South Hadley... has been so generous in helping me do this each year.”

You can contact Sheila Adams via her email, shoperationbackpack@yahoo.com, or by calling her at 413-536-5316.

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 report-

ed 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.

For any questions, please contact the DPW at 413-538-5030.

Local business grants available

The South Hadley & Granby Chamber of Commerce has created a capacity building grant program for businesses in our municipalities. Under our grant program, funded by the Commonwealth of MA’s Workforce/Economic Development Initiative, the SHG Chamber will award eligible South Hadley and Granby businesses up to \$5,000 each. Grants

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Picklemania returns to Buttery Brook Park

SOUTH HADLEY— On Monday, Aug. 12 will mark the 2nd annual Picklemania pickleball event. This event is open to high school and college-aged students. The cost is \$5 and includes, food, drinks, music, photo booth, fun pickleball contests with prizes, and lots of give-aways. “We have a growing youth population at the courts and we wanted to continue to offer this event as a way to celebrate and encourage more youth participation at the courts,” said Kim Prough, one of the organizers for South Hadley Pickleball.

There will be a round robin tournament from 6 to 8 p.m. in which sign up is required as the tournament is limited to 20 people. The music, food, games and give-aways is from 8 to 10:30 p.m. and does not require sign up. More information and tournament sign up is available through the TeamReach app (code 01075) and on South Hadley Pickleball’s Facebook page.



Second annual Picklemania pickleball event to be held August 12.

Buttery Brook Park Happenings

SOUTH HADLEY — The Buttery Brook Park will be holding events throughout August.

Friday, Aug. 9, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. - Cruise Night featuring the band the Willies on the Buttery Brook Park stage.

Monday, Aug. 12, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. - Picklemania - a pickleball event for high school and college-aged youth.

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2 to 6 p.m. - Farmer’s Market

Friday, Aug. 16, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. - Cruise Night

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

Spray Park - Open Daily, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Community blood drive at CDH

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 Wednes-

day, 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 community’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/CoolleyA2024 (for Wednesday) or tinyurl.com/CoolleyAu2024 (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.

Chicken BBQ set for 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 which includes a meal consisting of 1/2 chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob and a roll. A cash bar will also be available.

For more information, including tickets, please contact Mike at 413-205-6778 or Ed at 508-981-7249.

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poles ripped down, so that was a good thing.

He also shared a fiber outage on July 11, which caused there to be a network-wide phone and internet disruption, and the power surge caused a pop in Springfield on 1500 Main Street and mostly affecting Leveret and Shutesbury.

“The SHELD and HG&E network operations, they did conduct a post-outage meeting with Shutesbury... to address the outage. They discussed improvements (and) the issues that occurred,” Fitzgerald said.

“This is a really rare instance,” Fitzgerald said. “I mean, it’s rare to have a power surge like that come into a building like that and all the way to the equipment and UPS’s on the equipment and everything that got damaged.”

The board discussed their gratitude in being able to handle the outages, but also discussed how to handle these outages better in the future, including how to contact customers in the event the phone lines go down again.

Fitzgerald moved on to provide an AMI Update, which is SHELD’s meter upgrade program, which gave good news to the board.

“We continue to make great progress,” Fitzgerald said. “We have installed 7,231 meters. We are at ninety, ninety-one percent completion rate, with under a thousand meters, roughly 780 meters to go.”

Fitzgerald also gave a MDU Update, stating, “The board approved the River Crest condominium’. We’ve begun our network device sites, and visits are being scheduled.”

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The Board of Water Commissioners – Fire District No.1, South Hadley, is seeking a qualified individual to be appointed to fill a vacant position on the Board of Water Commissioners,

and to hold such position until the next Annual District Election.

Applicants can submit letters of interest to the attention of the “Board of Water Commissioners” in person at the Water Department office located at 438 Granby Road, South Hadley, MA,

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Or letters of interest can also be emailed to pmcclafin@shdistrict1.org

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Opinion



Ask Rusty – Does Congress pay into Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I've been told that members of Congress do not have Social Security deducted from their pay. Additionally, their retirement dollars come from the Social Security Administration purse even if they only serve as a member of Congress for a short number of terms. Also, if this is true, are there other individuals that enjoy these advantages?

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

Signed: Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior:

I'm afraid this is one of those "urban legend" kind of rumors that just seems to keep popping up, especially when the issues surrounding Social Security's financial problems come up. In addition to being untrue, it often is used to display the public's animosity toward elected officials and the feeling that Congress and other elected officials are above the fray, so to speak, and therefore not affected by the implications of Social Security's looming insolvency problem.

Here's the reality. Since Jan. 1, 1984, all members of Congress, the President and Vice President, Federal judges, and most political appointees, are covered under the Social Security program. The rumor that these elected officials do not pay Social Security tax most likely is attributable to the fact that from 1920 to 1983, they were participants in the Civil Service Retirement System, the federal retirement plan federal workers used even before the Social Security Act was passed. CSRS provided a pension for federal employees, so they were exempted from contributing to or collecting from the new Social Security program.

In 1987, then, the federal government officially changed over to the Federal Employee Retirement System and all employees hired from that point forward are now covered under FERS. There are multiple parts to FERS, and one of them is mandatory FICA contributions. So, all federal employees including members of Congress are subject to the 6.2% FICA tax, are eligible for Social Security retirement benefits and are governed by the multitude of rules and regulations associated with Social Security.

But other than standard SS benefits which they may normally be entitled to, no Social Security funds are used to supplement Congressional retirement. In other words, the rumor that Congress didn't pay into Social Security was actually true prior to 1984, but today it is a misstatement of fact. And the federal employee retirement plans (both the prior CSRS plan and the current FERS plan) are totally independent of Social Security and do not negatively affect program solvency.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Climate anxiety, change is happening

We are all worried about what climate change can do to our world. Some deal with it by denying it is happening. The rest of us are realizing more and more as the years go by and the world gets hotter, that our climate is changing.

One of the most powerful ways to handle Climate Anxiety is to do something about the problem. What can I, one person do with such a huge disaster, I hear you thinking. Think of yourself it's a raindrop. By itself pretty insignificant. As a shower there is some effect, a usual season of rain can make our crops grow, and in a storm raindrops can wash away a town. There are billions of us and we are all together in this. There are millions, from scientists to politicians, to the folks who put up solar, already working on climate change.

One of the best things about working on climate change is that it makes you feel less helpless! We created this problem and if we work hard and fast enough, we might be able to fix it. Once one starts to work on climate change you start to begin feeling better about the fear.

There are small things to do like insulating your pipes and sealing your house. They were bigger things like replacing appliances with energy saving devices. There are boring things like recycling, reusing and repairing things, and there are very important things like voting for environmental candidates and laws. And there is talking with everybody about the issue. We are not alone in this.

George Washington lost many battles

before he won our country. We will have to lose and then win many more to keep it. The Climate is the one we can not lose.

A Few We Can Do about Climate Change

Easy

Reduce Don't buy, Redesign, Repair, Recycle, Rent Don't buy, Renovate, don't build, Refuse to eat beef, Reheat food, Respect your belongings, Reduce food waste

Insulate Pipes & Electric Outlets, Seal Doors & Windows, Buy Locally, Don't Buy Things in Plastic (Tide is a box at Target), Avoid Plastic in General, Recycle plastic Bags (about half can be), use LED Lights, Conserve Energy, Wash Clothes in Cold Water, Conserve Paper (it was a tree), Heat/Cool Home Less, Compost, When Not Using Water Turn it Off (when brushing teeth, washing, hands etc.), Don't Idle the Car, Cook Pasta in Its Sauce (Google it)

Harder

Buy Efficient Appliances, Talk About Climate Change to Others, Write to People in Office, Educate Yourself & Vote, Run For Office, Work to Change Laws, Eco-Travel, Learn About the Inflation Reduction Act it is Huge & Will Save You Money

Costly Up Front (not long term)

Install Solar, Buy an Electric Vehicle, When Replacing an Old AC Install A Heat Pump, Reduce Your Workplace Climate Footprint (ex: Carbonauts)

John Howard

South Hadley resident



My daughter, Paula and family along with their dog JoJo experienced an unusual bird sighting.

Last week my daughter, Paula and family were running on the rail trail from the covered bridge to the Gilbertville mill. She said, "A hawk dropped a dead pigeon into the woods about ten feet away from us. JoJo thought it was a food delivery for him. I couldn't tell what kind of hawk it was, but it didn't seem big enough for a red-tailed."

It was rusty/brown color on wings and back and barred feathers on underside. They didn't see it come back for the poor pigeon.

Since it was smaller than a red-tailed hawk, I think it might be a sharp-shinned hawk. The sharp-shinned hawk is 11 inches long and has rounded wings with a long narrow tail. It has heaving streaking on the breast and belly. It has reddish brown barring. The adult is blue gray above. The immature is dark brown above, lighter brown below and keeps that plumage for one year.

Sharp-shinned hawks feed by catching small birds in midair and carrying them off to eat. They also may hunt around bird feeders. A plump pigeon would be quite heavy



for this smaller hawk and probably that is why it dropped it.

The female lays three to eight whitish eggs with dark marks in a platform nest of sticks lined with bark, placed in a tree. They inhabit mixed deciduous and coniferous woods in summer and winters in woods and near bird feeders.

They make a rapid series of high "kek kek kek kek" notes given during alarm. The largest number of sharp-shinned hawks are seen on spring and fall migrations as it flies alone the coasts or mountain ridges.

Hummingbirds

I saw at least two ruby throated hummingbirds feeding on the flowers on my hostas and on the tall phlox in my yard. I knew it was two different birds because I saw them at the same time and the flowers are located about 15 feet away from each other. Usually, hummingbird moths come for nectar at the tall phlox, but I have not seen one yet.

Wild turkeys

Wild turkeys are a common site and I often seen them when driving. Usually, there are several turkeys and sometimes I see poult with the adults.

Foxes

Tuesday night I saw two foxes and in different towns. The first fox was smaller than the second one. I saw its eyes reflect in my headlights near Deacon Allen Drive on Barre Road. The second fox was a bit larger and I saw it on Depot Road in Barre near the Oakham line. Both looked healthy and had good coats of fur.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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SHHS band reunion begins Aug. 16

By Sam Gelinas
Correspondent

If you were a member of the South Hadley Marching Hundred during Roger Farnsworth's tenure from 1965-1980, you are invited to a three-day celebration of our band and accomplishments. The reunion will take place the weekend of August 16-18.

Itinerary and ticket information is provided below:

Friday, August 16 - Casual gathering, 5:30 Yarde House Tavern, South Hadley Center

Saturday, August 17 - SHHS Meet and Greet at 9:00 AM; Donuts, coffee, photo-op and tour of the band room!

Saturday, August 17 - Main Event - The Elks Lodge in Holyoke MA at 5:00 PM. \$25 per person.

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

Sunday, August 18 - Noon time cruise on the Lady Bea at Brunelle's Marina following the Breakfast Buffet.

Elizabeth Moynihan Ballard, class of 1973 and who is organizing a documentary on this 'golden era' of the South Hadley band, shared that much of her motivation for putting the documentary together was to promote the legacy of Dr. Roger Farnsworth.

"Dr. Farnsworth was a true visionary and worked so hard to make the band a success. He once told us, 'There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you kids.' We can all attest that this is absolutely true."

She sees this as an opportunity for former band members to relive and remember experiences, as well as show gratitude for the work of those who made the band possible.



Submitted photo

Left to right: Former band members Karen Kawalec Quinn, Shelly Boulais Brezinsky, Charlene Malanowski Maloney and Karla Koenig Zukowski holding a sign of picturing the Tournament of Roses in 1974, as they stand outside South Hadley High School to advertise the band reunion taking place next week.

"As former band members under the reign of Dr. Roger Farnsworth, we are delighted to have this opportunity to come together and celebrate all of our band's accomplishments. Former band members will be flying in from all over the country, from Florida to California to join us for the band reunion weekend.

"We also view this as an opportunity to show our gratitude to Dr. Farnsworth, former band director and Frank Fuller, former associate band director for all they

did for us. Being in the band not only enriched our high school years but profoundly affected the rest of our lives. Everyone of us has a story to tell about how our lives were made better from being in the band."

For tickets or more information visit: The South Hadley Tiger Marching 100 on Facebook or contact Karen Kawalec Quinn at jkequinn@gmail.com or Craig Parker at craig1414p@gmail.com

Massachusetts offers tax-free weekend this weekend

Many states offer tax-free weekends or tax holidays to encourage spending and give shoppers a price break on must-have supplies. Tax-exempt items might include back-to-school items, disaster preparedness supplies, or other consumer goods. Each state has its own list of qualifying items, usually up to a maximum price. With some planning, you can take advantage of your state's tax holidays for serious savings.

How to make the most of a sales tax holiday

- Research what items will be tax-exempt. Tax holidays aren't just for parents of school-aged children. Besides school supplies and electronics, some states offer tax exemptions on tools, Energy Star products, generators, emergency preparedness items, and even gun safes and hunting supplies. Check the FTA's website early in the year to see if your state will be waiving taxes on any items you need, particularly high-dollar items like appliances or electronics.

- Know the cost limits. States usually cap how much an item can cost to be tax-exempt. For example, some states allow for computer tax exemptions that cost up to \$1,000. Check your state's rules to determine the limits where you live.

- Don't be confused by advertising. Just because a store advertises a "Back-to-School Sale" doesn't mean the items are tax-free. Double-check your state's dates and tax-free list to be sure.

- Set your budget before you go shopping. It can be easy to go over

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Select Board announces TA search

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GRANBY – The Select Board met last week to discuss many things, including the announcement of Town Administrator Chris Martin’s retirement and adog bite concern.

Chair Crystal Dufresne held the July 29 meeting with Clerk David A. Labonte, and member Glen N. Sexton. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Christopher Martin.

Town Administrator reports decision to step down

Martin announced that he will be retiring from service as Town Administrator on Nov. 1, with his last day in office being Oct. 31.

“Thank you, I know you do a lot here, and people may not realize that,” Dufresne said. “Thank you so much for all the time you’ve given to Granby.”

Martin has worked for the town of Granby for 23 years, and in total, has worked in public service for forty years.

The board discussed with Martin the next steps, including the steps to take to move forward in defining the role of the Town Administrator, as well as receiving advice from Martin on what to consider.

Dog bite incident

Carl Lindberg of 19 Cedar Drive came forward to the selectboard regarding a case of a dog bite, providing a police report, and giving the story.

While on one of the trails at Dufresne Park, Lindberg’s wife

was jumped on by an unleashed dog, that with either tooth or nails, left a noticeable mark and scratch.

The dog, according to another community member she spoke to, is named Whiskey, and “has been a problem since he was a puppy”.

“I am not anti-dog, I love animals, I am anti-irresponsible dog owners. That’s the issue here,” Lindberg said.

He expressed concerns regarding Chapter 14 and the canine control laws the town does have, and his concerns about the absence of leash laws.

“I think this is a big liability for the town,” Lindberg said. “I want to affect change- positive change... but people in a park, children, smaller women... should not be afraid to walk in the park.”

The board and Martin discussed with Lindberg how he could petition a change in verbiage to the bylaw, and how to then take this change request to a town meeting.

Dinofest announced

Chair and organizer of Dinofest, Dennis Doucette, came to the board with a letter regarding the Little Village, and the use of the village for Dinofest on Sept. 14.

The Little Village, which is a model of the historical buildings of Granby, and the Historical Society requested to assemble it next to the courthouse across from the common during Dinofest.

The board moved to approve the request to transport the Little Village and use it for

people to view and explore at Dinofest.

New business and regular meeting business

The board discussed an opening on the Conservation Commission, where the member will be switching to a different role within the town leadership.

Approve and sign maintenance warrants, including moving to approve payments of bills and other important pieces.

The board also approved and made adjustments as needed to meeting minutes from past meetings and signed and approved requests for Common Victualler licenses.

The board also reviewed One-Day Liquor License requests, and approved the type of alcohol to be served, and how much they can have on the premises.

The board met with OPM Contact members in order to discuss the West street Building Project, and the hiring process for the general manager of the process.

The board went over and signed Sewer Commitment 24-02, and the 2024-2025 Gravel Permit Applications from the various building projects around town.

The board also moved to approve a Beer and Wine License for Something Special Catering, and approved and signed the Sealer of Weights and Measures FY-25 Contract.

The board will continue to the next meeting in order to finish the last of the agenda meetings.

Granby Back-to-School drive

GRANBY— School supply drives help ensure that all kids have the same opportunities to start the school year right. Please check out the list of needed items and consider donating to the Granby School Supply Back to School Drive

Please drop donations off at the Granby Public Library during open hours. Aug. 1 through Aug. 16. All donations to be given to the Granby To Go Program prior to the start of school.

East Meadow School:

New backpacks, crayons, glue sticks, wide ruled compo-

sition notebooks, pencil boxes, thin dry erase markers, #2 pencils, colored pencils, headphones, and reams of white copy paper.

Granby Jr. / Sr. High School:

New backpacks, hand sanitizer, 12” ruler, Graph paper pad, colored pencils, crayons/ markers, loose lined paper, pencils, pens, notebooks, folders, travel tissues, highlighters, index cards, and TI-48 Plus CE Calculators.

This drive has been organized and run by Granby senior, Austin Smith. Thank you in advance for helping the Granby Students.

Month long fall book sale

GRANBY— The Friends of the Granby Free Public Library will host their annual month long fall book sale during the month of September in the Community Room of the Library. Patrons will be able to choose from a large assortment of used and like-new hardcover, softcover, paperback, teen and children’s, along with a selection of CDs, DVDs, video games and audiobooks. Stop in during the library’s regular operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Library is now accepting donations of hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, music CDs, playable video games, and audiobooks in good condition acceptable for re-sale. The Library does not accept donations

of: Textbooks, encyclopedias, Reader’s Digest books, or books with smoke, mold, mildew, or water damage.

Donations are accepted at the Library during open hours. Please do not leave donated books outside the library or in the book return.

If patrons have more than a few boxes to donate, or need assistance, please call the library beforehand at 413-467-3320 and a volunteer will be scheduled to help upon availability.



State Health officials announce season’s first human case of WNV

First animal case of EEE

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced the first human case of West Nile virus (WNV) and the first animal case of Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) in the state this year.

The individual is a male in his 40s who was exposed to WNV in Hampden County. The EEE infection was diagnosed in a horse exposed in Plymouth. Mosquito samples collected in Dedham also tested



positive for EEE. These findings raise the EEE risk level to high in Plymouth and to low in Dedham.

This is in addition to the two communities currently at high risk for EEE: Carver and Middleborough. There are 12 communities already at moderate risk for EEE: Amesbury, Groveland, Halifax, Haverhill, Kingston, Merrimac, Newburyport, Plymouth, Plympton, Salisbury, Wareham, and West Newbury.

The risk of human infection with WNV is moderate in the Greater Boston area (Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties), and in parts of Bristol, Essex, Hampden, Plymouth, and Worcester counties.

The first WNV-positive mosquitoes in Massachusetts this year were announced on July 2 from Quincy. On July 3, the season’s first EEE-positive mosquitoes in Massachusetts were announced from Carver. There have also been EEE-infected mosquitoes previously identified in Halifax and Kingston in Plymouth County, Barnstable in Barnstable County, and Amesbury and Haverhill in Essex County.

“Historically, August and September are the months when most people are ex-

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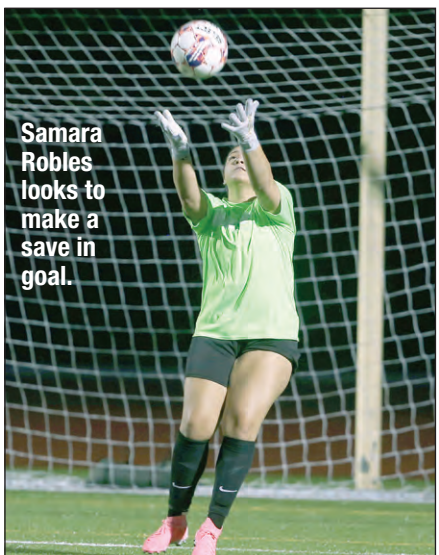
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Heat falls in semifinals

CHICOPEE – Last Wednesday evening, the Heat, which features players from throughout the region, fell in the semifinals to Luistano Women in the Women’s Division playoffs of the PVSSL 3-1.



Emily Ottomaniello, of Agawam, makes her way up the field for the Heat.



Samara Robles looks to make a save in goal.

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Kassandra Liquori sends a pass away.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Joanna Mull, of Belchertown, makes her way up the field.



Spencer Parsons sends a pass away.



Matt Gillis tries to outrun an opponent.

Tigers fall in B Division semifinals

CHICOPEE – Last Thursday evening, South Hadley boys summer soccer was defeated by Chicopee 5-0 in the B Division semifinals at Brooks Park. The Tigers reached the matchup with a win in the quarterfinals over Wilbraham B 1-0. The Tigers now look forward to the start of the fall preseason set to get going in a couple of weeks.



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Carlos David tangles with an opponent.



Nolan Masse passes ahead of pressure.



Paige Marjanski, of South Hadley goes for the header.



Kelly Callahan, of Monson, punts the ball away.

Here for Beer scores upset

MONSON – Facing the higher-seeded Monson Mustangs last Monday in the PVSSL Women’s Division quarterfinals, Here for Beer scored a 4-3 upset at Rogers Field. They would make it all the way to the finals before falling to the Luistano Women last Friday night. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week’s edition.



Mackenzie Shean, of Agawam, fights to keep the ball.

Sports

Barnett leads way at Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, CT — Although early rains made for a shortened practice schedule on Thursday, Thompson Speedway lit-up the night for the final round of Thursday Night Thunder this season. Dominance was the word to describe Thursday's racing action at Thompson Speedway with the night starting off under the command of the fan-favorite Street Stock class. Former multi-time track champion 'Leadfoot' Larry Barnett led the 20-lap main event for the Street Stocks from the drop of the green flag to the twin checkered flags for his first win of the season. While 'Leadfoot' dominated up front, all eyes were on Ryan Waterman as he charged from eighth-place to third in the fast-paced feature event.

The dominance continued in the AZ Roofing SK Light Modified ranks. While Nick Hovey led from the point, point leader Tyler Chapman came to the front for a side-by-side battle with plenty of sparks. Chapman would pull up bumper to bumper before getting loose on the outside groove again and again, finally getting just the right push off to claim his fourth win of the year over Hovey and Meghan Fuller.

The Mini Stock showcase saw one of the fiercest battles of the night between defending champion and point leader Jarred Roy and Ryan Pomposelli. The two fought tooth and nail across the 0.625-mile Thompson Speedway with Roy making his final pass with just two laps remaining to claim his fourth win of the year with Pomposelli taking second and Kevin Moore turning around a tough-luck season for third.

The growing Thompson Sunoco Modified division was once again under the control of young

Jon Puleo. The Mr. Rooter Plumbing machine was on rails for the Twisted Tea Midsummer 50-lap main event on Thursday with the young-gun never leaving the lead position. Puleo took down his third win of the season followed by Keith Rocco and leading rookie Isaiah Newcomb at the line.

The Late Models rounded out Thursday's showcase. A final show of dominance saw former Late Model track champion Brian Tagg lead all 25-laps on the field for his first win at Thompson Speedway this season with defending track champion Nick Johnson coming home second followed by Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP) finalist Derek Gluchacki in third.

Thompson Speedway returns to Wednesday night racing action in less than two weeks on Wednesday, August 7 for the Tripoint Showdown 50-lap main event for the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds. The Late Models, AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds, Street Stocks and Mini Stocks make it a five division card with a 6:00pm Post Time on Wednesday, August 7.

For more information about the American-Canadian Tour, contact the ACT offices at (802) 244-6963, media@acttour.com, or visit www.acttour.com. You can also get updates on Facebook and Twitter at @ACTTour.

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T-Birds sign three for upcoming season

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds announced today that they have signed goaltender Cam Johnson, as well as forwards Tarun Fizer and Reece Newkirk, to one-year AHL contracts.

Johnson, 30, has been the backstop for each of the Florida Everblades' three consecutive Kelly Cup championships. In 63 career playoff games in the ECHL, Johnson has a sparkling 47-13-3 record, 11 shutouts, a 1.97 goals-against average, and a .928 save percentage. He was the June M. Kelly Award winner as ECHL playoff MVP in 2022 and 2023. The former University of North Dakota

National Champion also has 53 games of AHL experience with the Binghamton Devils and Cleveland Monsters.

Fizer, 23, is entering his third full professional season. As a rookie with the ECHL's Utah Grizzlies in 2022-23, the Chestermere, AB native scored 50 points (27g, 23a) in 62 games. Last season, he skated in 30 games for the Belleville Senators, posting two goals and three assists. He also chipped in 10 points (4g, 6a) in 10 games for the ECHL's Allen Americans. Before turning pro, Fizer skated in five WHL seasons for the Victoria Royals. In 2021-22, he captained the Roy-

als and put up 51 points (17g, 34a) in just 35 games.

Newkirk, 23, is set to begin his fourth professional season. Originally a fifth-round pick by the New York Islanders in the 2019 NHL Draft, Newkirk has skated in 45 AHL games with Bridgeport, putting up 10 points (2g, 8a). In 102 ECHL games with Worcester Railers, the Moose Jaw, SK native has 78 points (37g, 41). Before turning pro, Newkirk starred with the WHL's Portland Winterhawks, where he accumulated 162 points (69g, 93a) in 205 games.

Quabbin Valley Over-28 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.

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 begin on Monday, July 29, and run until Friday, August 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.

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Associate assessor's report

Couture gave a report that she received her first ever subpoena to appear in court for the first time in order to provide a deposition in a civil case.

This deposition will be on August 9 during the Weeks vs. Presley case in Hampshire County.

Maureen Cronin hosted a table at the Aging in Place Fair and provided information on excise and abatement information.

Couture gave a report of her time with Cronin at two conferences, one a Vision Virtual Conference, and took some sessions together.

They also attended the annual Summer Conference, "which was absolutely amazing," Couture said. "We learned about battery storage evaluation, which is the next wave of solar."

She explained a little bit about what she and Cronin learned at the conferences and were able to take from them and into their roles, including exercises that taught those in attendance more about how to be stronger and more successful leaders.

"It's little things like that that you take away that have nothing to do with assessing," Couture said. "But they make you a bet-

ter manager or a better person. And it was really cool."

Board receives right of first refusal

The board received a Right of First Refusal for the property owned under HBB Trust, at 31 Albert Street, owned by Margaret Bagg and John Brenahan Jr.

A Right of First Refusal is a contract that gives someone priority to purchase or make a transaction with an asset before anyone else.

Bagg and Brenahan, the owners of a 5.3 acre property on Edgewater Lane, and the plan for the purchase of the parcel was brought to the board to discuss.

"There's an issue with Edgewater Lane because it's not really a road, even though there are houses on it," Couture said, explaining that the owners of the parcel then had to "prove this road actually was in existence and nothing has come back to the town."

The Selectboard has received the Right of First Refusal and has it on the agenda to further discuss at their August 6 meeting.

Couture also announced she attended the MAAO e-board meeting on July 9, and co-chaired the ft MAAO Education meeting of the year on July 11.

June monthly reports

Couture went over the various motor vehicle expenditures, including the 2023 motor vehicle excise, which across two transactions totaled \$120.75.

The 2024 motor vehicle excise came in across thirty-six abatements, totaling \$4,707.63, and the 2024 boat excise came across three transactions, totaling \$71.24.

The board moved to approve the June monthly reports on their expenditures.

Regular meeting business

The board discussed and went over drafts of minutes from the open session and executive session meetings on June 3, 2024.

They also discussed various bills payable, directed by Couture, which totaled to be \$650 for the quarterly map maintenance, and more for utility evaluations totaling \$2,600.

Couture also provided an update on the projected ending balance of \$1,070.60 for the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 9.

Couture also announced a special training session for leaders for DEIB training on Thursday, Sept. 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

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founders, a South Hadley youth coach and local official, who also coached the South Hadley varsity team for 16 years. "In fact, if a player wants to play in the off-season the only options are expensive indoor leagues or summer camps. We thought why not create a financially accessible summer league for kids who just love the game and want to keep playing."

The league saw success almost immediately. Founded by Cole; Katie Hopp, a local field hockey official; and Nicole Casolari, who initially coached the junior varsity team at South Hadley High School and then took over for Cole as the varsity coach, its first season had 70 players from eight towns participate. The league grew steadily, even through the years of Covid-19 restrictions to 250 players this year from 14 different towns. The league is self-coached with no adults offering instruction during games.

"We hope that the players will take away a love for the game. We want them to have fun, sharpen their skills and build their ability to be a reliable teammate," said Cole. "This league stresses the importance of teamwork and communication. This helps their growth, confidence and teamwork."

The league plays seven versus

seven games every Wednesday night for seven weeks in the summer, six weeks of regular play and then a double elimination tournament night as the finale. The players are guaranteed two games every week and the tournament winners receive swag like t-shirts and hats.

"As the organizers, we get to see the players grow from week to week. We get to see some great hockey, lots of laughter and smiles. Area coaches get to know that their teams are playing together in the summer setting the foundation for their pre-season work," said Cole. "Caregivers now have a responsible option for summer play - the league is \$75 for the summer. Keeping the price low helps caregivers rationalize the cost - even if their player misses a week due to vacation, etc., it's not a big financial loss."

As the numbers continue to grow, so do the league's offerings. Two years ago, it started with an official website. Last year brought summer clinics and this year brought numbers to the players' pinnies and players have press packs and college coaching packs to hand out. The goal is to continue to bring these playing opportunities to more and more western Massachusetts players.

For more information, visit the league's website www.wmfhs.com.

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posed to West Nile virus in Massachusetts. This is also the first year with elevated EEE activity since our last outbreak in 2019 and 2020," said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "Populations of mosquitoes that can carry and spread these viruses are large this year and we continue to see increases in the number of EEE- and WNV-positive mosquito samples throughout the state. Residents should continue to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites."

WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. There were six human cases of WNV and no animal cases in 2023. No animal cases of WNV have been detected so far this year.

EEE is a rare but serious and potentially fatal disease that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. There were 12 human cases of EEE in Massachusetts in 2019 with six deaths, and five human cases with one death in 2020. There were no human cases of EEE in Massachusetts in 2021, 2022, or 2023. No human cases of EEE have been detected so far this year.

"We continue to recommend taking steps to prevent mosquito bites until the first hard frost," said State Epidemiologist Dr. Catherine M. Brown. "People should use mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered active ingredient, clothing to reduce exposed skin, and consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during the evening or early morning."

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient, such as DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), or oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-menthane-3,8-diol (PMD) or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools - especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV- and EEE-positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at Mosquito-borne Diseases | Mass.gov, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

Seniors South Hadley Council on Aging

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

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 jlucier50@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 due 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.

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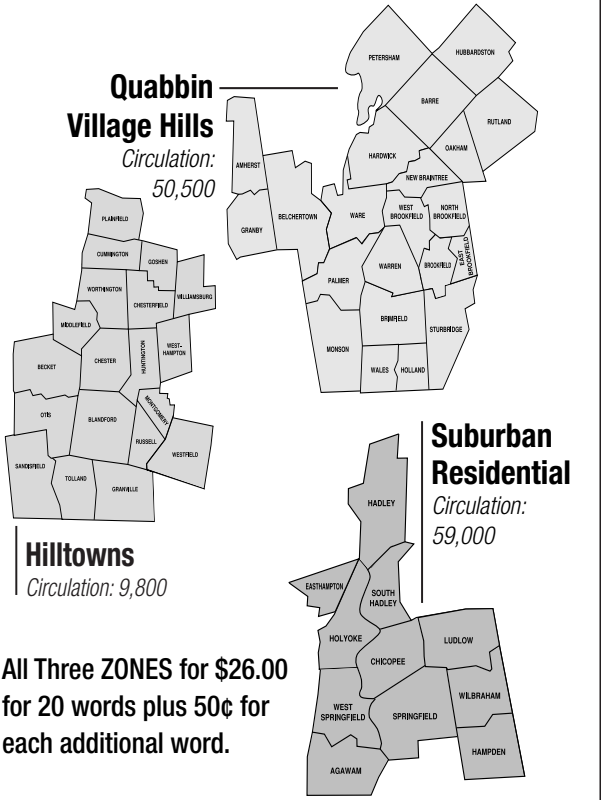


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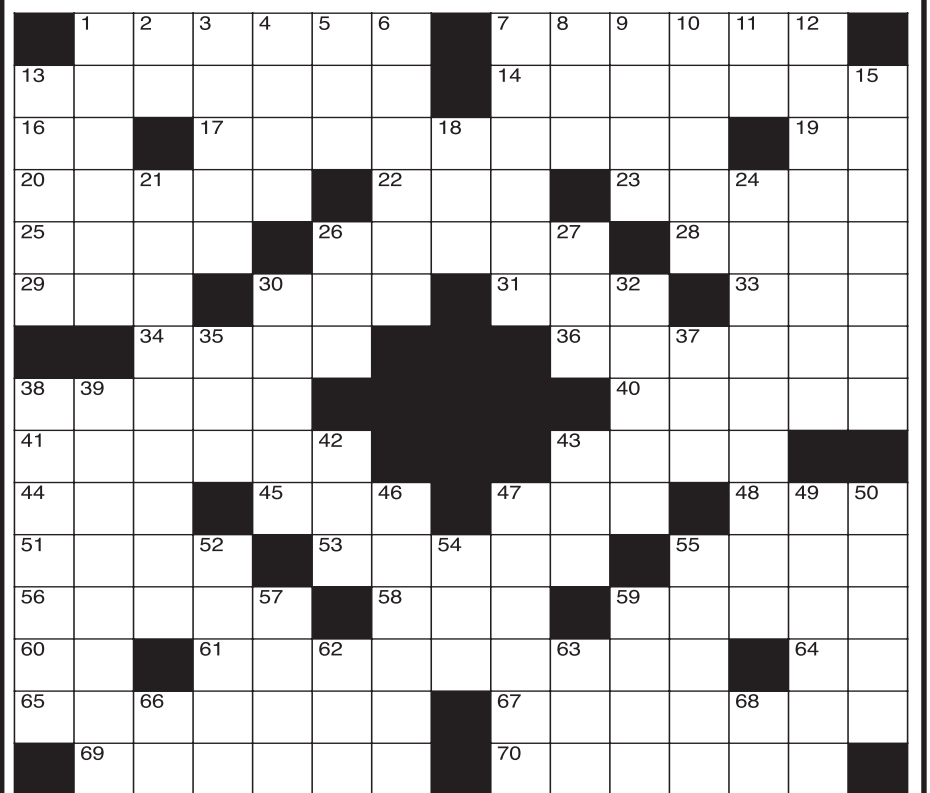
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7. A solution
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. Blood group
17. A way to compare
19. Gov't lawyer
20. Actor Ciaran
22. Calendar month
23. Very willing
25. ___ ex Machina
26. Satisfies
28. Type of berry
29. Distinctive practice
30. Popular pickup truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
40. German founder of psychology
41. Endured
43. A female domestic

44. A situation you can be in
45. Cigarette (slang)
47. Fiber optic network (abbr.)
48. Belgian composer Walter
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Belonging to the bottom layer
55. Musical or vocal sound
56. Yankees' great Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. South Dakota
61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
64. Atomic #79
65. Former Braves pitcher Julio
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Arts and crafts supplies
4. Containers
5. Investment vehicle
6. A way to greet in a friendly way
7. Bulged downward
8. "A Day Without" singer
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Negative
12. Caused to be loved
13. Prominent in Islamic eschatology
15. Sincere
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Bill Murray chased one
26. Pouch
27. Swedish krona
30. Start over
32. Wild white or yellow flower
35. Fourteen
37. Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
38. Up-to-date
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Chilean city
57. Central Japanese city
59. Garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. The man
68. Top government lawyer

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SOUTH HADLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REVISED

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40-A of the Massachusetts General Laws, and Article X of the Town of South Hadley Zoning By-Law, the South Hadley Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the South Hadley Library Community Room located at 2 Canal Street, South Hadley MA 01075** to hear the petition of Marc Desrosiers, 310 Amherst Road, South Hadley MA 01075 to appeal the decision of the Building Commissioner to **not** issue a cease and desist for operation of a convenience store at 460 Amherst Road, Assessors Map 58 Parcel 80. The subject property is within both the Business B and Agricultural Zoning Districts and has historically been used as a convenience/retail store. The application is on file with the Town Clerk's Office. The application and submitted

materials may also be viewed on the Town's website on the Zoning Board of Appeals page under the tab "Amherst Road (460) located here: <https://www.southhadley.org/1434/Amherst-Road-460> Anyone interested in, or wishing to be heard on, the application should appear at the time and place designated. Stephen Frantz, Clerk South Hadley Zoning Board of Appeals 08/09, 08/16/2024

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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

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Dottie celebrates her

Centennial

Dotty's friends and family gathered to celebrate her special day.



Dotty with her daughter and son-in-law, Kate and Joe Gadbois.



The woman of the hour, Miss Dotty, wearing her "100 and Fabulous" sash.

Submitted photos

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There were sixteen neighbors who came to celebrate, including the five party committee members who put it all together, Linda Young, Cecile Girard, Carolyn Mongeau, Jackie Burkett, and MaryAnn Wordsworth.

Also in attendance were her daughter and son-in-law, Kate and Joe Gadbois.

A friend of the family, Freddie Marion, came to give her musical talent to the party by singing "Happy Birthday", as well as "You Make Me Feel So Young", "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby", and to honor Dot's Irish heritage, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling".

Linda Young has known Dotty her whole life, since she and her late husband, Jack, built their house on the same street as her. "Jack was always a kidder, and I loved him," Young said.

Carolyn Mongeau and her husband, Jack, moved in across the street from Dotty in 1999, and "from that date forward, we realized we hit the jackpot with our new neighbors," Mongeau said.

Dotty and Jack made a huge impression on their neighbors, and the love they had for each other is apparent in the ways in which they speak of each other and interact.

"From the first time I met Dotty and Jack, it seemed they were inseparable," Mongeau

said. "Whenever you saw one of them, the other was right by their side. Jack had a true Irish wit that Dotty 'tolerated'."

The party, a surprise for Dot, was put together by her closest friends, who poured all their love and admiration for her into the planning of even the smallest of details.

"My favorite part was surprising her," Linda Young said about the party for Dotty.

"Kate and Joe told her they were taking her out for lunch, but when they were driving up the street, Dot saw all the cars and the people on the front lawn, recognized all the faces, and then realized the party was for her," Mongeau said.

In order to honor the many years Dot created floral arrangements at Carey's Flowers in South Hadley, Young had the lemon layered cake with raspberry filling decorated with beautiful hand-painted flowers.

Dotty Barry has left a marked impression on many people, and her words of wisdom have encouraged her friends and family for years.

"Dot inspires me every day by her willingness to plug on, to enjoy people, and to live life to the fullest despite all of her setbacks," Young said.

"I admire her for her self-reliance," Mongeau said. "She is a proud woman, and I respect that about her. Her late husband Jack was the same way. The only thing they wanted from you was

your friendship, but they got more than that from me. I consider them family."

Dot has always been a person to celebrate and, is a good friend to everyone, always willing to meet new people and welcome them.

"Dotty is sharp and has a killer memory. When she reminisces about people and places from the past, she knows all the names," Mongeau said.

Dotty and her late husband have lived in South Hadley their whole lives. They were married in 1949 and have lived in their home on Mosier Street for seventy-five years.

John "Jack" Barry passed in May 2020, and was the former Postmaster at the South Hadley Post Office. They have two children, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Dotty's advice for the people today in her community is simple: "Realize that life can go good, and life can go bad, just realize this and go with it!"

Her daughter, Kate Gadbois, and her son, John "Jeff" Barry, are who she is most proud of, including her marriage, and the home she built with her husband.

Dotty is a beloved member of her community, and her birthday was a reflection of that: just how much of an impact she has made on her friends and family, and how much more she will make in the days to come.

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