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## Master Plan committee looks to move forward

By Tina Lesniak  
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SOUTH HADLEY - After its meeting with the South Hadley Select Board and Planning Board on Aug. 6, the town's Master Plan Implementation Committee met on Aug. 8 to plan out how to move forward with the last five or so years of the plan.

Chair Nate Therrien said that

he thought the meeting went better than such meetings have gone in the past, noting that he felt the select board is an ally in the committee's work to achieve the goals of the master plan before its next update in 2030.

The plan, updated in 2020, set out four main goals: building a community where all thrive; preserving natural, cultural and historical resources; promoting

sustainability and resiliency to challenges such as economic downturns and climate change; and improving, and even becoming a leader, in communications between the public and all aspects of the municipality.

The master plan lays out specific tasks that need to be accomplished to achieve the four main goals. These tasks have been assigned to different committees

and commissions on town who each have timelines for when and how they complete their tasks.

Therrien explained that "the real work is meeting with committees" to guide and assist them with their tasks. Each member of the master plan implementation committee has been assigned to several committees and commissions to act as a guide and liai-

son.

Therrien created a template for his committee members to reach out to their respective groups to get started with that work. Several committee members noted that the overall spreadsheet that outlines the goals and tasks, as well as comments from previous years'

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## South Hadley hosts PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

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SOUTH HADLEY - Pickleball is a game designed for fun, friendly competition between the players and their opponents.

The first ever game was played in the 1960's, and since then, it has been a favorite of community members to get together and play together.

"South Hadley Pickleball was thrilled to sponsor this event and we were glad to have the participation from so many students," one of the event coordinators, Kim Prough, said.

The tournament was for high school and college-aged students. Families came to watch their kids play, and teachers and mentors, too.

Many of the players for the night are South Hadley locals, but players from Northampton, Agawam, Longmeadow, Chicopee, and Holyoke all came out to test their skills at the tournament.



Submitted photos

Fred Koran (left) and Brooke LaValle (right), ready to get into the game for their first tournament

## Dangerous dog ordered put to sleep

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SOUTH HADLEY - The Select Board held a formal hearing for the dangerous dog incident from the end of June, and after an emotional two-hour hearing, came to their ruling regarding Boone, a pit bull.

Chair Andrea Miles held the hearing, alongside Vice Chair Jeff Cyr, Clerk Carol Constant, and members Renee Sweeney and Nicole Casolari, as well as the board's attorneys.

At the July 9 meeting, residents of Pynchon Road in South Hadley came to the board in an open forum to share their concerns over a pit bull who they allege had caused great anxiety and fear.

Miles allowed community members to come forward to share their thoughts regarding the hearing of the dangerous dog, and then would move into hearing from the police and animal control to discuss the attack that occurred.

Residents came forward, including Kevin Lumb, who injured his shoulder when trying to help Harper, a small dog killed by the pit bull, to give their testimonies and share their fears regarding the dog.

The board held the hearing, and Chair Andrea Miles began by first reading the official summoning to the hearing to Mr. Matthew Jeznach, the owner of the pit bull named Boone, and all gathered.

The purpose of this hearing is to gather and review all evidence provided, in order to determine whether or not Boone should be categorized as "dangerous" or a "nuisance".

Read to those gathered for evidence included the animal control officer's request for a dangerous dog hearing, the incident police report, the dog licenses for both dogs owned by

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DJ Brady Cote spinning the hits.



Event organizer Kim Prough (left) and SHHS teachers Nicle Casolari, Paula Lonergan, and Tara Cole.

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## Library finishes summer reading with indoor mini golf

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SOUTH HADLEY – Its not every day you can say you went mini golfing indoors, and especially not in a library.

The South Hadley Public Library hosted Mobile Mini Golf to set up a ten-hole course through the first floor of the library.

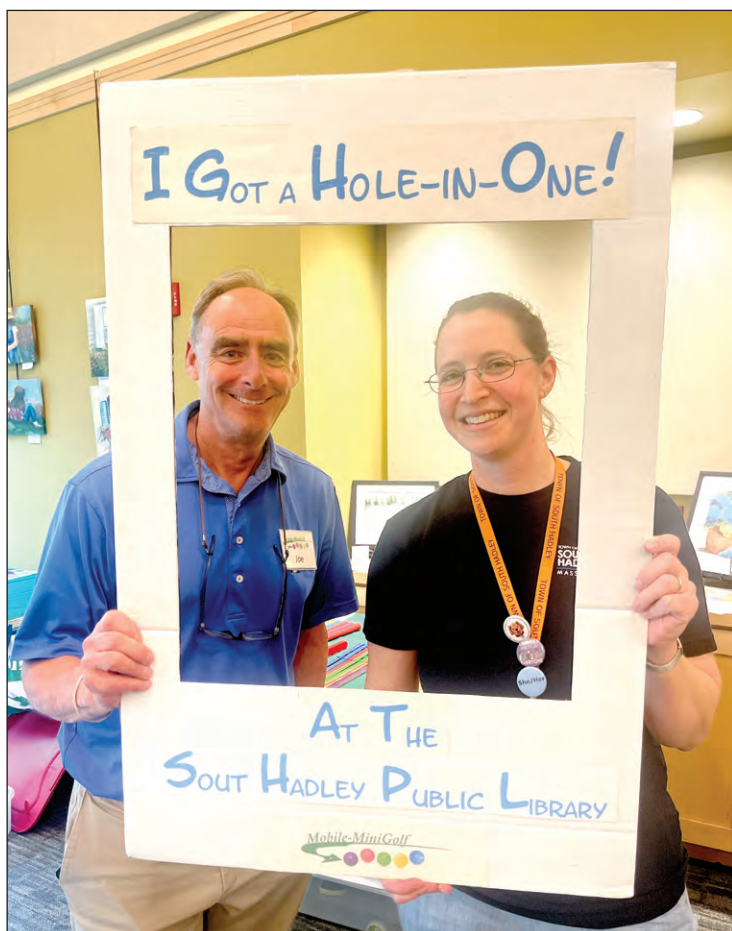
Kids and their parents, families, and friends started in the conference room and selected their golf club and ball during one of the three, one-hour play slots for the evening.

The course took them from the conference room, past the book sale and circulation desk, and into the children's library, weaving between book stacks as kids explored the library trying to get a hole-in-one.

The event had a fantastic turnout, with over 125 people in attendance, ready to play and challenge their friends to see who could get a hole-in-one and get a chance for a picture in the "Hall of Frame," first.

"Mini-golfing in the library was a fun, weather-proof program for all ages, perfect to celebrate the official end of summer reading," Jenny Arch, the Children's Library coordinator, said.

"Participants got to play through the first floor of the library which means some people



Joe Buckley and Jenny Arch posing in the Hall of "Frame."

got to discover parts of the library building or collection they hadn't seen before," Arch said.

The owner of Mobile Mini Golf, Joe Buckley, has created courses and brought them to

schools, companies, and libraries for the past fourteen years.

After staying in his late grandmother's home after college, he

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One of the very unique holes Joe Buckley has to offer for the course.

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Lining up that perfect shot... trying to avoid the obstacles.

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# South Hadley Council on Aging

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## • August 19 – August 23 •

Just a reminder that we do not have Tuesday evening hours.

Our evening hours will begin in September and be held on Thursdays.

### Monday, August 19

12:30 p.m. Pet Therapy

### Tuesday, August 20

9 a.m. - Nutrition Evals – by appointment. Call the COA to make an appointment

10 a.m. - Brown Bag – folks already

signed up should come at 10 a.m. (time is subject to change)

11:30 a.m. – Big Y Shopping – Let us do the driving.

1 p.m. – Summer Bingo. Join us for a free Bingo. Prizes and Ice Cream sponsored

by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors

### Wednesday, August 21

12:30 p.m. – Fitness Orientation. You must complete your application. Applica-

tions are at the front desk.

2 p.m. - Social Dance Club with Richie Mitnick. \$4 each

### Thursday, August 22

9:30 a.m. – Veterinarian Appointments begin – FREE!

An appoint every 10 minutes – call and register for an appointment

11:30 a.m. – Pet Therapy. Hello Riley!

1 p.m. – Pet Health Day to include Holistic Pet Health; Loss of a pet, Bright Spot Pet Therapy,

Wildlife Rehab; Info and folks

to speak with about the South Hadley Dog Park; Dog licensing and a presentation from the SHPD about the Comfort Animal Program

### Friday, August 23

11 a.m. – Join Penni Martorell, Curator and Holyoke City Historian Wistariahurst: Unveiling the Skinner Family Legacy

## Pet Day at the South Hadley COA set for Aug. 22.

SOUTH HADLEY —Free appointments will be available with the Second Chance Animal Services on Thursday, Aug. 22.

Second Chance is covering everything from flea treatments, vaccines, Heartworm, Felv/Fix tests; nail trims; de-wormers and micro chipping

Appointments begin at 9:30 a.m. and

run until 12:30 p.m.

You must call to get your free 10 minute appointment.

The afternoon will be with holistic Pet health, by Dr. Perdrizet from the Sanctuary Animal Clinic; Dealing with the loss of a pet with Ken Donlan-del Vecchio; Pet Therapy programs with Bright Spots, South Hadley dog park with Dave Men-

doza and dog licensing with Assistant Town Clerk Zoe Ingram. Emily Tebo, SHPD will talk with you about the new SHPD Comfort Animal Program.

These programs will begin at 1 p.m. and go to 4:30 p.m.

Pet Snacks will be available. Call us if you have any questions. 413-538-5030 Option 3.

## 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.

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

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Jeznach, and several photos.

Animal control officer Steve Mailhott came forward to share his part in receiving two calls about a dog being hurt on Pynchon Road. That dog named Harper, was owned by the Wall family.

He went over the order of events of how he learned about the attack, and how Kevin Lumb, a neighbor, heard the screaming, and had tried to stop the pit bull from attacking another small dog.

Boone was put into quarantine for 10 days, and then a 45-day quarantine.

Mailhott asked Jeznach if he knew where the dog got out, “and he said yes. He believes it got out by the right side of the fence. There’s a gate there that was a little kind of washed out, per se and it was able to get out through there,” Mailhott said.

“This never should have happened,” Ed Wall said. He shared the emotional toll this has taken on him, his wife Stephanie, and their daughter, Georgia.

However, Wall felt uncomfortable being cross-examined, and, after reiterating that all witnesses will be cross-examined, Miles moved forward to have the hearing move forward.

Attorney Jeremy Cohen from the law office of Boston Dog Lawyers, who represented the Jeznachs, expressed his condolences to Ed and moved on to listen to Georgia’s testimony.

“I was using my whole body to try and get my dog out of its mouth,” Georgia said. She recounted with tears how she watched Boone run off with Harper’s body to the driveway of Boone’s residence.

Chelsea Udry, where Georgia was babysitting, came to recount how she heard and saw the aftermath of Boone’s attack on Harper, and how it has affected her family.

Stephane Wall, who was bitten on the leg by Boone, gave her statement tearful-

ly, sharing how she felt thankful for Kevin Lumb, and his son, Colin, for coming to her and her daughter’s aid.

The Wall’s other daughter, Veronica, who was at the movies at the time shared with the board and those gathered how she had heard about what happened over the phone while at the movies with friends.

“But Harper, she was one of those emotional stuffed animals you could find at the kids section,” Veronica said, reading from a poem she wrote.

A neighbor, Terry Seva at 48 Pynchon Road, gave her report on coming to the aid of the Walls, and how she provided the box that little Harper was laid to rest in.

“Everyone’s terrified these dogs are going to attack again,” Seva said. She also brought forward a petition signed by 114 people.

Kevin Lumb, and his son, Colin, had run out onto the scene to help Stephanie and Georgia, and in the process of trying to pull Boone off, tore his rotator cuff.

Kevin and Colin shared about how they worked to try and get Boone to let go of Harper, and “protect them”, Kevin said. The

There were two other reported attacks, however, made by Boone, and Ginger Moore came forward to testify about the \$14,000 worth of surgeries for her little dog, Jackie, who was mauled by Boone in December of 2023.

The Jeznach’s lawyer came to their defense, specifying that Boone never attacked a human, using the family vet as an example, and as having no real threat listed by them.

“That’s an important step because there’s dogs with bite people and there’s dogs who bite dogs. So, I understand the fear... but unless it’s a small child who’s wearing a furry Halloween costume on the other end of the leash, probably we’re not going to see your child get attacked by Boone,” Cohen said.

Alice Jeznach, Boone’s owner and the one who has been training him, came forward and spoke of the added fence and precautions like reminders to close doors and door gates in the house, as well as a muzzle he wears.

Chair Andrea Miles and member Nicole Casolari expressed concern to them that not all precautions were truly taken to keep Boone from jumping the house or leaving the property.

Miles read out loud the definitions of a nuisance dog versus a dangerous dog, according to the definitions written into the state laws Chapter 140.

Carol Constant addressed Alice Jeznach and sympathized with her, and after voting in agreement, the board came to the conclusion that Boone is a dangerous dog.

The board discussed the seven options they have regarding dealing with a dangerous dog and talked together about what to do about it.

“How do we protect others, while giving Boone a good life,” Renee Sweeney said.

Nicole Casolari also shared her concerns about Boone’s safety while being restrained, as listed in the other options given to the board for dangerous dogs according to state laws.

“We don’t like to be at these hearings... and one of the charges of the selectboard... is for public safety, and so we are being asked to do that very specifically right now,” Miles said.

“I don’t want to be here for the time that a human or child is bit,” Casolari said.

The board ultimately decided to make a motion to order for Boone to be humanely euthanized, for his safety, and the safety of other pets and people in the community.

## Buttery Brook Park Happenings

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

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

**Wed, Aug. 18,** from 2 to 6 p.m. - Farmer’s Market

**Fri, Aug. 23,** from 5 to 7:30 p.m. - Cruise Night with Moose & the High Tops performing on the BATTERY Brook stage

**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.

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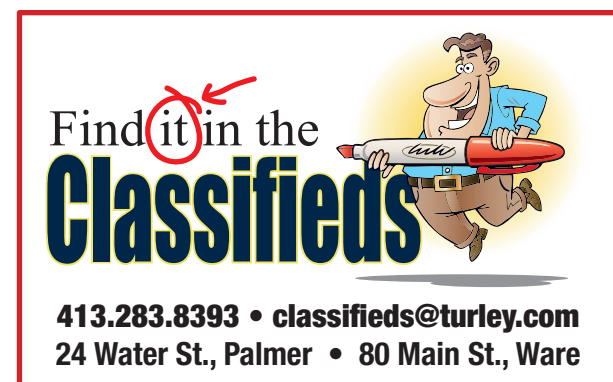
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# Opinion



## Will my wife get a spousal benefit from me?

Dear Rusty:

I will be turning 70 (yikes) this coming November. I will begin taking my Social Security benefit at that time. My age 70 SS benefit will be approximately \$4,500 per month. My spouse (who is currently 74) began receiving her SS benefits about 10 years ago before her Full Retirement Age. She receives approximately \$1,900 per month.

My question is, based on my expected SS monthly benefit of approximately \$4,500, would my spouse be eligible for an increase in her monthly SS benefit? I've read some articles about this topic, but none of them seem to be on point so I thought I'd reach out to you.  
*Signed: Seeking Answers*

Dear Seeking:

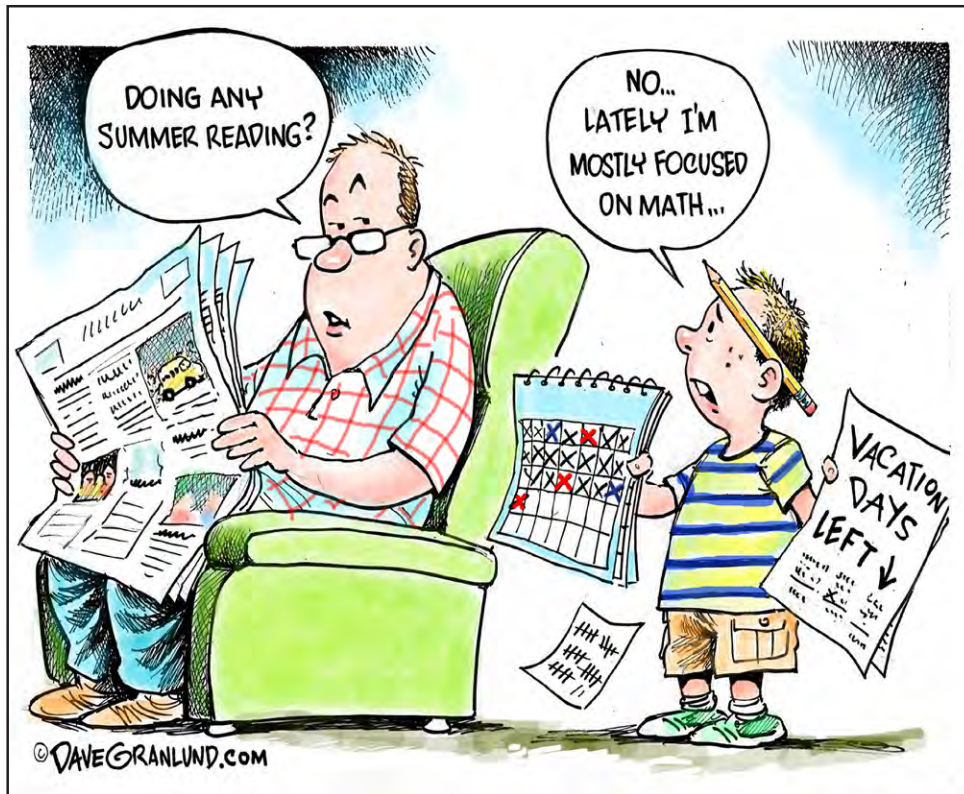
Congratulations on choosing a claiming strategy, which will maximize your Social Security. Waiting until age 70 to claim guarantees you will get the most you can personally receive for the rest of your life, along with annual Cost of Living Adjustments. But the spouse benefits available to your wife when you claim are not based on your age 70 amount. Rather, spouse benefits are calculated using Full Retirement Age amounts. Here's what that means:

If your age 70 benefit will be about \$4,500 then your FRA amount was likely around \$3,450. If your wife claimed at, say, 64, then her FRA entitlement would probably have been around \$2,200. Your wife will only get a spousal boost if 50% of your FRA amount (not your age 70 amount) is more than her own FRA entitlement. From what you've shared, 50% of your FRA amount would be about \$1,750, which is less than your wife's FRA entitlement and her current age 64 amount, which means that she would not be eligible for a spousal boost to her own amount from you.

Spouse benefits can be tricky, because they're based on FRA entitlements, regardless of the age at which benefits are actually claimed. That is not so, however, for surviving spouse benefits. If you were to predecease your wife, her benefit would be your entire \$4,500 amount, instead of her own smaller current amount. Surviving spouse benefits are based on the amount each of you are currently receiving, not on your amounts at your full retirement age.

I hope this answers your question, but we're always here if you need any further assistance.

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## A question that will encourage blooms for a non-blooming peony

A reader wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady regarding Peony culture: "I hope you can offer some suggestions for me. I have a couple peonies that my mother-in-law gave me. I just kind of put them in the back of our property. They are sad in that they do have foliage but no flowers. I want to transplant. My question is, where do I plant them and at what time of the year?"

You are in luck! Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area.

This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes. Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day.

Without knowing the exact size of your plants or if you will be able to lift and move the whole clump, it's hard to advise on the exact size of the hole. Just make sure there is ample room around the plant so that the roots will be able to extend out easily.

If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and aged compost or manure.

Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that, bring up your pH by adding lime.

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers, and I know you are looking forward to flowers!

For that reason, choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients. After the third season fertilize after blooming, as well as in the fall.

An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will also help to promote good flowers.

Heavy peony flowers, especially the



old-fashioned types will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished.

Middle weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively.

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

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis.

Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground.

Haul them off to the trash, don't compost. If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry.

Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well. Disinfect clippers in between cuts.

I hope that this additional information will help you to achieve the long-awaited flowers that you are hoping for! It may take a year or two for transplanted peonies to get adjusted and do their thing, but once set they will bloom happily for decades!

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# PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

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At the tournament, the players enjoyed the game, but also music from DJ Brady Cote from Cote Lighting and Entertainment, snacks, and the chance to win a medal made by the talented students at Westfield Technical School.

DJ Brady Cote continued to play after the tournament, with open play and pizza and raffle giveaways.

“We were also happy to see so many family members and teachers who came to the courts to cheer on the kids,” Prough said.

Two college students who fell in love with the game, Brooke Lavalley and Fred Koran, began playing as a team this summer, and have enjoyed the game since the start.

“We wanted to start doing competitions, and then we heard about this one,” Lavalley said. Lavalley, a current student studying business at Skidmore College in New York, came to the tournament ready to play.

“It’s competitive and fun, and it’s quick,” Fred Koran, an engineering student at McGill University in Montreal. “I’ve never competed in a tournament before, so I’m excited to see where this goes.”

“We have a lot of fun and the game is a lot of fun- and there’s a lot of community. It’s a stop and play after your shift ends at five sort of game,” Lavalley said. “It’s a very addicting sport and the people and the competition make it fun.”

The pair of friends jumped into the game with the other eighteen players and showed off their skills.

At the end of the tournament, the three winners got to stand on some risers, and taking first place with the gold medal, was Koran himself. At his sides were new friends Jackson Keller with silver, and Brody Gouin with bronze.



South Hadley High School Students, Joe Sabourin, Avery Haber, Jackson Keller, and Brody Gouin.

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Tournament Winners (left to right) Jackson Keller with silver, Fred Koran with gold, and Brody Gouin with bronze.

## SHHS band reunion starts today

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 Boat-house 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 [jkequinn@gmail.com](mailto:jkequinn@gmail.com) or Craig Parker at [craig1414p@gmail.com](mailto:craig1414p@gmail.com).

## Last Day to register to vote

SOUTH HADLEY— The last day to register to vote in the State Primary is Saturday, Aug. 24. The Town Clerk’s office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for in-person registrations. Voters may register to vote, or update their existing registration, online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/>. Online registrations must be received by midnight on Saturday, Aug. 24.

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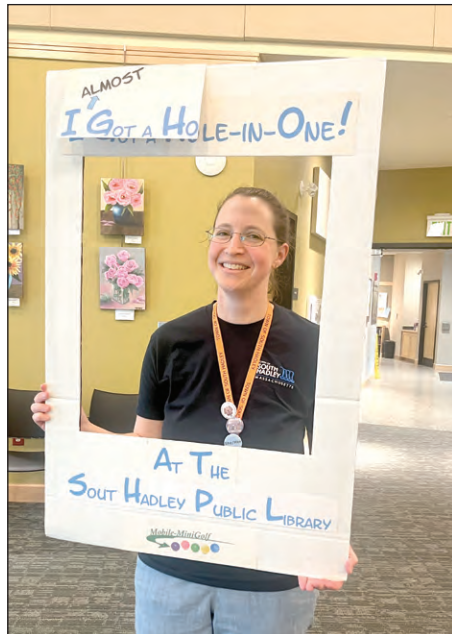
hosted a party, and built an eighteen-hole mini golf course throughout the house using boxes.

"It was the genesis of something bigger," Buckley said. After working in HR for many years, he took that same golf course idea, and used it to create a course for his coworkers to enjoy.

And the rest is history. He started his business, calling it Mobile Mini Golf, and began constructing different courses with different materials.

"I keep designing them, keep creating," Buckley said. "Today was only ten out of the twenty-five courses I have made, all dependent on event and age and skill level."

He has constructed over five full courses, and the one he took with them was his fifth iteration, showing the constant growth and evolution of these courses.



Director of the children's library, Jenny Arch smiling in the "Hall of Frame".



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Nicole Peltier and her daughter, Lilly, and their friends J and Xiao Li enjoying an evening golfing.



There are many colors and patterns to choose from. Which will you choose?

"I do a lot of these courses to kick off or end summer reading programs at libraries," Buckley said. Since his start, he has done between forty to fifty library events a year, in any season, inside or outside, all over New England.

"The library ones- those are my favorite because I really like seeing the kids play. I really like goading the parents into playing with their kids, too," Buckley said.

People who have attended past mini golf events with him have returned to play more, having a great time at each one, finding new holes to try and new courses to experience.

The library has many fun events to look forward to before school begins, including The Poop Museum on August 17.

Next month, kids and their families can enjoy an Animal Builders program from the Hitchcock Center on Sept. 9, Music with Mr. Liam on Sept. 17.

There will also be two book clubs, a My First Book Club for kindergarten and first grade on Sept. 14, and a graphic novel club for ages nine through twelve.

The library is home to all sorts of fun and ways to explore, and mini golf is just one of the many ways you can choose to explore your local library.

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## Here for Beer comes up short in PVSSL finals

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Six of the ten women teams in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League qualified for the playoffs.

The Lusitano Women and Here for Beer finished the regular season with 6-4-2 records and a coin flip was held to determine their playoff seeds. The two squads wound up facing each other in the championship match.

The fifth-seeded Lusitano Women took home the championship trophy for the first time since 2019 with a 3-0 shutout victory over the sixth-seeded Here for Beer at historic Lusitano Stadium, last Friday night.

“We’ve always made the playoffs, but it feels really good to win the championship game for the first time in five years,” said Lusitano Women player/coach Taylor Jordan. “We’re an experienced team this year, and



Lindsey Marjanski, of South Hadley, makes her way up the field.



Mackenzie Shean of Agawam dribbles up the field.

everyone showed up ready to play in tonight’s match.”

Jordan shared the coaching duties with Stephanie Goncalves.

The Lusitano Ladies, who play their home matches at Lusitano Stadium, advanced into the finals after defeating the fourth-seeded Western Mass. Xtremes, 1-0, in the quarterfinals, and the second-seeded Heat, 3-1, in the semifinals.

“We won our first two playoff matches on the road. We

just wanted to end the season by playing another game on our home field,” Jordan said. “It’s always very special to play a match here.”

Back in 2019, the Lusitano Women celebrated a 3-0 victory over the Xtremes in the championship match. The previous year, they lost by the same score to Here for Beer in the finals.

Following the last Friday’s championship match, Julia Farnham, who’s a third year member

of the Lusitano Women, received the M.V.P. award.

“I didn’t score any of the goals or had an assist, but I did help my teammates set up the goals,” said Farnham, who’s a midfielder. “It feels great to win a championship game for the first time in the three years that I’ve been playing for this soccer team.”

Farnham lives in Amherst, and played soccer at Vassar College, which is in Poughkeepsie, New York. She led her college soccer team in minutes last fall as a senior.

Here for Beer, who plays their home matches at South Hadley High School, advanced into the finals after posting a pair of road victories. They beat the third-seeded Monson Mustangs,

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## Bankers take 11th consecutive playoff title



Joe Ferry fields a base hit to left.



Seth Allen looks to get things going for PeoplesBank.



Jimmy Flahive delivers a pitch home.



Pete Hogan hustles down the first.

HOLYOKE – PeoplesBank of the Tri-County Baseball League continues to field one of the best rosters in Western Massachusetts. Last Tuesday evening, the Bankers would capture their 11th consecutive championship with a two-game sweep of Hilltown Tents, ending with an 8-3 win last Tuesday night. The Bankers had an unusual playoff path, having to wait nearly two weeks after the end of the regular season to compete in the playoffs. The quarterfinal series went through several postponements following the end of the regular season. When the Bankers finally came to play, they rounded off four wins in five days to take the semifinals and finals. The Bankers defeated St. Joe’s, their longtime rivals, in the semifinals.



Dave Clark connects on a home run to left in the first inning.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

## Conte leads way in Owls golf tourney

WESTFIELD – Sunny skies met the 33 registered foursomes for the 18th annual Owl Club Tournament at Crestview Country Club in Agawam, Mass. on Monday.

The tournament is a key fundraiser for Westfield State athletics with alumni, sponsors, families and university coaches and staff all participating to net more than \$21,000 to support Owls’ athletics. Westfield Bank again served as the lead sponsor of the event.

Westfield State president Linda Thompson welcomed the players at dinner and thanked them for the support of the University and Owls athletics. She mentioned her increased focus on the success of the Owls athletic teams and their role in university life, and reminded players that the University will be celebrating its 185th anniversary this fall with a gala event as part of the homecoming weekend on Oct. 18.

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## Sports

### Actions picks up at Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, CT — What started out as a gloomy day in the quiet corner of Connecticut turned sunny for the teams, fans and supporters of the 5/8-mile Thompson Speedway. Track championship action started with the AZ Roofing SK Light Modified division under the command of John O'Sullivan and Rob Schultz. O'Sullivan quickly took charge on the bottom groove with Schultz sliding back on the outside. Launching into a four-car race saw Meg Fuller, Tyler Chapman and Nick Hovey join O'Sullivan under a blanket at the front.

Fuller stole the lead before a hard-charging Chapman took over on lap five as Nick Hovey stalked from behind. The extra-distance feature saw the three leaders run nose-to-tail before a mid-race caution for the spinning Rob Schultz set up a dash between Chapman and Hovey. The two leaders turned sour in turn two, spinning off the treacherous turn and leaving Fuller the lead for the restart with eleven laps remaining. In just five laps, Hovey and Chapman returned to the front as Hovey tried his best to claim the win but Tyler Chapman took down his fifth win in a row at Thompson with John O'Sullivan taking third.

The Mini Stocks were next on the field with Rick LaFlesh and Steve Michalski in command under the green flag. LaFlesh led the early goings before Kevin

Moore powered through on the bottom to lead lap 4 with defending champ Jarred Roy patiently making his way to the front. After battling LaFlesh for second place lap after lap, Roy finally made his way into the runner-up spot with five laps remaining and set his sights on Moore. Side-by-side under the white flag, both former champions gave it all they had but it would be Kevin Moore at the line to snap Jarred Roy's four-race wins streak with Ryan Pomposelli joining the podium in third.

Moving on to the Street Stocks, rookie Austin Flanagan and Icebreaker winner Al Stone III brought the fan-favorite division to the initial green with trouble early for Ryan Waterman and Scott Souza as they dragged across the length of the backstretch wall. After rookie Flanagan led lap one, Stone powered back to the lead with Scott Sundeen, Corey Fanning and 'Lead-foot' Larry Barnett following him on the bottom. Fanning used a strong run through turns one and two to launch under Stone and lead lap seven.

The Thompson Late Models jumped on the highbanks for their 25-lap feature with Ryan Morgan and Derek Gluchacki leading the charge into turn one. Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP) finalist Gluchacki led the early circuits with Jake 'The Jet' Johnson trying to track him down as

Connor Souza made a physical battle in his fight to third-place. Three wide with former champions Morgan and Nick Johnson, Souza battled hard to join the top-three. The physicality continued to the lap 10 caution with Souza sent to the rear for contact that sent Morgan around in turn two. One final late race caution for rookie Kyle Gero's dust-up in turn three set up a final chase to the checkers with Derek Gluchacki becoming the first repeat Late Model winner at the Big-T with Jake Johnson and Matt Lowinski-Loh rounding out the podium.

The Tripoint Showdown 50-lap main event for the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds rounded out the evening's program under the lead of Danny Cates and Josh Carey. Cates led from the start as Jon Puleo motored into second with Kieth Rocco looking to come from the back of the pack. Puleo and Cates would swap lanes over and over again with crossovers galore as Rocco watched from two car lengths back in the catbird seat. The first caution would slow the field as Derek Ramstrom smacked the turn one wall with Puleo getting the restart jump on Cates. Cates and Josh Carey would suffer the same fate on lap 27, slamming into the turn one wall. Jon Puleo would take off on the restart and lead down to the wire with Keith Rocco and Isaiah Newcomb rounding out the podium three.

### Newport Gulls win NECBL title

NEWPORT, RI — The final game of the 2024 season was one for the history books, as the Newport Gulls capped off their 2024 campaign with a bang in extra innings for an 8-7 victory following the continuation of game two on a sunny Saturday evening at Cardines Field.

In the bottom of the second, the Gulls struck first as Tyler Hare (Wofford) crushed a solo home run to right center to put the Gulls up 1-0 early. However, the Mainers responded immediately in the top of the third. The Mainers tied the game on an error and then Jackson Tucker (St. John's) hit an RBI double to put the Mainers up 2-1.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Gulls put up a crooked number to take the lead 6-2. Dixon Williams (Eastern Carolina) crushed a two-run home run to the thrill of his teammates. After that, Matt Oss-enfort (NC State) crushed his own three-run home run to add a cushion for the Gulls.

Meanwhile on the mound, Gulls starter Kade Shatwell (Oklahoma City) brought the energy for the team. Shatwell pitched 6.1 strong innings, allowing just three earned runs

with eight strikeouts, pumping up his teammates. However, after Shatwell came out, the Mainers marched back. In the top of the seventh, Devan Bade (Binghamton) hit a two-run single to cut the deficit to 6-4, then in the top of the eighth, Caleb Shpur (UConn) came through for the Mainers, tying the game with a two-run home run to even the score. Later in that same inning, the Mainers took the lead 7-6 on a single by CJ Willis (Quinnipiac), turning the tide once again in favor of Sanford.

Down to their final three outs, the Gulls sent Hare to the plate with one out and Hare delivered, crushing his second home run of the night into the right field netting to tie the score at seven apiece and force extra innings.

In the tenth, Drew Delucia (Franklin Pierce) did his job for the Gulls, keeping the Mainers off the board and giving the team a chance to walk it off. In the bottom half of the inning, the Gulls did just that. Williams came through with the game-winning RBI single, walking it off 8-7 to clinch the Fay Vincent Sr. Cup for the Gulls.

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4-3, in the quarterfinals, and upset the top-seeded Westside Sports Shop, 2-0, in the semis. Westside Sports Shop had won the last three women's championship titles.

"We began the season well before suffering a couple of injuries," said Here for Beer player/coach Cassie Ashwell. "I never thought that we would make it to the finals this year, but we knocked out the top-seeded team in the semifinals. It was a fun season."

Ashwell, who was selected as the M.V.P. of the 2018 championship match, shares the coaching duties with Gina Lord.

Ashwell is normally a midfielder, but she was the starting goalkeeper in this year's finals.

"Our starting goalie, Sue Jenney, suffered an ACL injury during the regular season. Our back-up goalie, Kelly Callahan, suffered a season ending injury in our semifinal match on Wednesday," Ashwell said. "I've never been a goalie before the other night. I was our starting goalie in tonight's game and it's the first time I've played a full game at that position. You just need to have a different mindset being a goalie than a field player. I just needed to step up for my team."

The Lusitano Ladies took a 1-0 lead following a free kick goal during the eighth minute.

Ada Siepman, who plays soccer at Mount Holyoke College, fired a high shot that Ashwell couldn't save. The ball landed in the right corner of the net.

"I tried my best to make the save on their first goal," Ashwell said. "I just hesitated a little bit and the ball got past me."



Here for Beer were the Women's Division runners-up.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Two minutes later, Lauren Cantin delivered a pass from the left side to Trystin Burger, who finished off the play by scoring the Lusitano Women's second goal.

Burger also played soccer at Granby High School and AIC.

The final 30 minutes of the opening half was evenly played.

Here for Beer best scoring chance came on a shot attempt during the 18th minute of the first half from Lauren Majanski, who graduated from South Hadley High School.

The Lusitano Women built a 3-0 lead following a goal by Jordan Chatman with about twenty minutes remaining in regulation.

The Lusitano Ladies will be looking to defend their PVSSL women's championship title a year from now.



Emily Landry, of Agawam, heads past midfield.



Hannah Duggan, of Palmer, goes for a header.



# West wins Bronze in Bay State Games

WALTHAM – The Western Mass. representative in the Bay State Games for boys soccer captured the bronze last month. Here is a look at a couple of their matchups during the games.

West played a strong game offensively against Metro, winning 4-1, scoring four goals. Imran Daher (Roxbury, Boston Latin Academy) was the only Metro player that was able to get a goal against West. Daniel Martin (Easthampton, Hampshire Reg HS) had a good game. Martin made two goals and assisted another. Martin assisted Thomas Wadas (Ludlow, Ludlow HS). Alex Hensch (Longmeadow, Longmeadow HS) assisted Owen Miller (South Hampton, Hampshire Reg HS) on West's third goal of the game.

West would lose to Northeast 3-1. Northeast only al-

lowed one goal this game. It was made in the first half by Jack Walsh (East Longmeadow, East Longmeadow HS). Northeast didn't trail for long, they responded to Walsh with three goals of their own. These goals were scored by Alexander Faiella (Littleton, Littleton HS), Andre Groberio (Wenham, Hamilton-Wenham Reg HS), Jayden Dullea (Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury HS).

West would defeat Coastal 2-1. Coastal was able to hold West off until the second half of the game. During the first half, Landen Freitas (Fall River, B.M.C. Durfee HS) of Coastal scored a goal which Michael Gallagher (Longmeadow, Wilbraham & Monson Academy) of West responded to with one of his own. West's second goal was scored by Ayden St. Martin (South Hampton, Hampshire Reg HS).

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work, attached to them can be daunting and perhaps should be simplified. Member John Parenteau noted that the committee doesn't want the spreadsheet to be too cluttered and perhaps they could remove all but the most recent comments. The committee will continue to work on that.

The committee members will begin reaching out to their assigned committees this fall to check in on the status of their tasks. Therrien suggested that committee members check in on the appropriateness of the tasks to the committees and to make sure the timelines for completion are reasonable. He

also wanted everyone to check in on groups that share tasks to make sure those groupings work and to see what kind of support, if any, the groups may need to complete their assigned tasks.

Therrien explained that he's pleased the selectboard seems to understand and encourage this committee's need to work directly with the town's other committees and was thankful for Town Administrator Lisa Wong's commitment to creating a common template to help the committees follow the master plan.

The master plan implementation committee generally meets remotely the second Thursday of each month.

# 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/console 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](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org). The league is open to all current Quabbin league play-

ers 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.

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Westfield State director of athletics Richard Lenfest, Jr. formally introduced Westfield State's new head football coach Lou Conte, Jr., as the guest of honor at the tournament's post-round dinner, sponsored by Westfield Gas and Electric and Whip City Fiber.

"Coach K and Coach Marino I held in high regard as a young man," said Conte in his remarks about the Owls previous two head coaches, both in attendance at the tournament. "I knew what I wanted to do, I wanted to coach football .... They were kings to me, and to be able to follow in the footsteps of the path that they laid out, both individually and together, and I am so appreciative, and so lucky to be here. I'm so excited for the season and there are many great things here that makes it feel like the right move for us."

Conte, an Agawam native, noted that he and his wife and children were excited to be able to set down roots in Western Mass again after stints coaching at Lenoir-Rhyne and the Citadel in South Carolina.

Players played in the scram-

ble format at Crestview, former home of the LPGA's Friendly's classic and a qualifying site for the PGA's Travelers Championship. Players received lunch, sponsored by College Hype Sportswear and Screenprinting, and competed in variety of contests on the course, including long drive, pot of gold, a putting contest, shot for a \$5,000 hole in one prize, and contested closest-to-the-pin on multiple holes. Carts were sponsored by the Follett Campus Bookstore.

The Owls 2023 MASCAC Champion women's soccer team helped out as volunteers on the course, running several of the contests and staffing the players' Oasis on the course, which was sponsored by Pepsi and Commercial Distributing. Part of the proceeds from the event will help support women's soccer's season-opening trip to the Nashville, Tenn. area for a multi-day tournament.

Conte's big day continued as his foursome won the tournament's open division with a remarkable score of 17-under par.

"I hope his playbook is as good as his scorecard," joked tournament director Dave Caspole, the Owls associate di-

rector of athletics, in announcing the winners.

A foursome headed by Conte's father, Lou Sr., topped the senior division with a 16-under score.

Westfield State athletic trainers Cheryl Lee Sceccina and Katie Sylvain were part of the winning coed foursome with a score of nine-under.

Other honors went to baseball alumnus Jack Mosko '78 who won the putting contest, hockey alumnus Chad Lesage '78 who topped the long drive, and Deb Murphy p'17 who topped the women's long drive. Closest to the pin honors went to Tom Mathis, Jake Hough, and former Owls men's basketball guard Austin Joseph '18. Retired Owls cross country coach and Owls Hall of Famer Bill Devine '73 won the pot of gold drawing after hitting the green in regulation on the 11th hole.

The tournament is annually contested the first Monday in August, as the Owls ramp up for their teams to arrive for fall pre-season. Conte's football team will be the first ones back on campus beginning Aug. 13.

# Local festival raises money for veterans

By Emilia Alves  
Correspondent

PALMER – This weekend, tribute bands from as far as Florida will rock the night away at the Rockfest Music Festival.

This festival is organized by Miguel Goncalves, a life-long Ludlow resident and a member and manager of the AC/DC tribute band, Back in Black. Back in Black is based in Ludlow and has been for the past 34

years.

The festival will take place at Pulaski Park in Three Rivers, Palmer, from 5-10 p.m. on Friday, and 2-10 p.m. on Saturday. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to sit and enjoy the music or to dance like no one is watching.

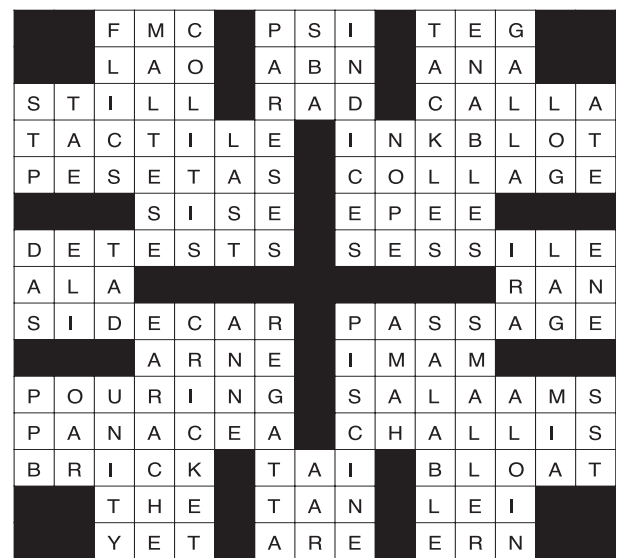
Goncalves partnered with Tunnel 2 Towers, a foundation that builds and donates homes to wounded veterans, to put on this festival. Along with Tunnel 2 Towers, Goncalves has

many local sponsors that will be advertised on stage.

On the first night of the festival, Aug. 16, gates open at 5 p.m., Back in Black, the first act, starts at 6 p.m., and Completely Unchained, a Van Halen Tribute from Florida, will close off the first night at 8 p.m.

On the second night, Aug. 17, gates open earlier at 2 p.m., Back in Black returns to the stage at 3 p.m.,

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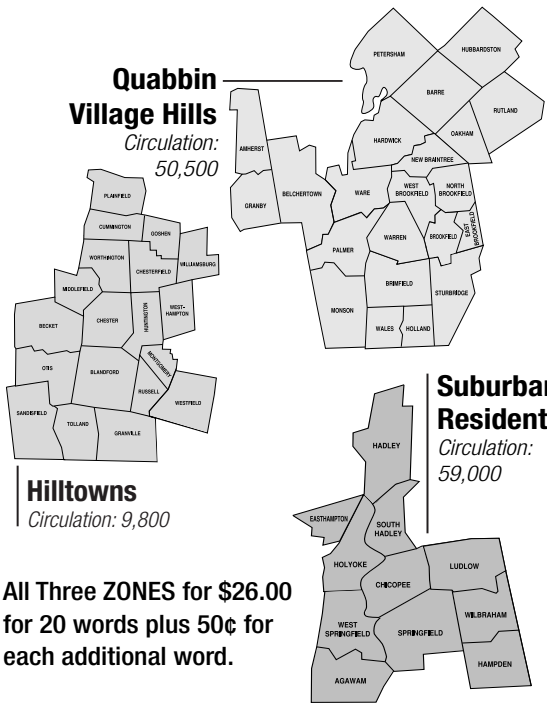
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## SOUTH HADLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REVISED

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.south-hadley.org/1434/Amherst-Road-460> Anyone interested in, or wishing to be heard on, the application should appear at the time and place design-

ated. Stephen Frantz, Clerk  
South Hadley  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
08/09, 08/16/2024

**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.**

## FESTIVAL from page 9

later at 4:30 p.m. Black Cadillac will play, then Project 267 at 6 p.m., and Backstage Pass, an 80's tribute band, at 8 p.m. will close off the festival.

Both Back in Black and Completely Unchained are national acts that travel all over the country to perform at many different events. They both offer authentic and excellent performances that perfectly mirror the bands they are covering.

Tickets can be bought online on Eventbrite or at the gate. The ticket price for one night is \$25, and \$45 for both nights. This is an all ages show, and kids ages 16 and under are free. Parking is a first come first serve basis, and is free as well. 100% of the profits goes towards the Tunnel 2 Towers foundation.

Delicious bites and beverages, such as perogies and other typical festival food will be available, at the Pulaski Park kitchen and bar. The food and drinks will be available both nights, all night.

This is Rockfest's first year partnering with the Tunnel 2 Towers foundation and they are excited to raise money for the cause. Guests are encouraged to donate to the foundation directly as well. The foundation aims to eradicate veteran homelessness, by building mortgage-free homes for Gold Star and fallen first responder families, and specialty homes for wounded veterans.

The first Rockfest Goncalves organized was in 2009. He then went on to organize Rockfest in 2010 and 2011. Rockfest took a 10-year hiatus and came back in 2021 stronger than ever. Since then the festival has been growing and is set to amass a large audience this year. Goncalves hopes to bring in people from all over Western Massachusetts.

With the hard work of Goncalves, Rockfest is shaping up to be a fun and entertaining event with excellent musical acts, good food, and an amazing cause behind it. Ludlow should get ready to rock at this year's Rockfest.

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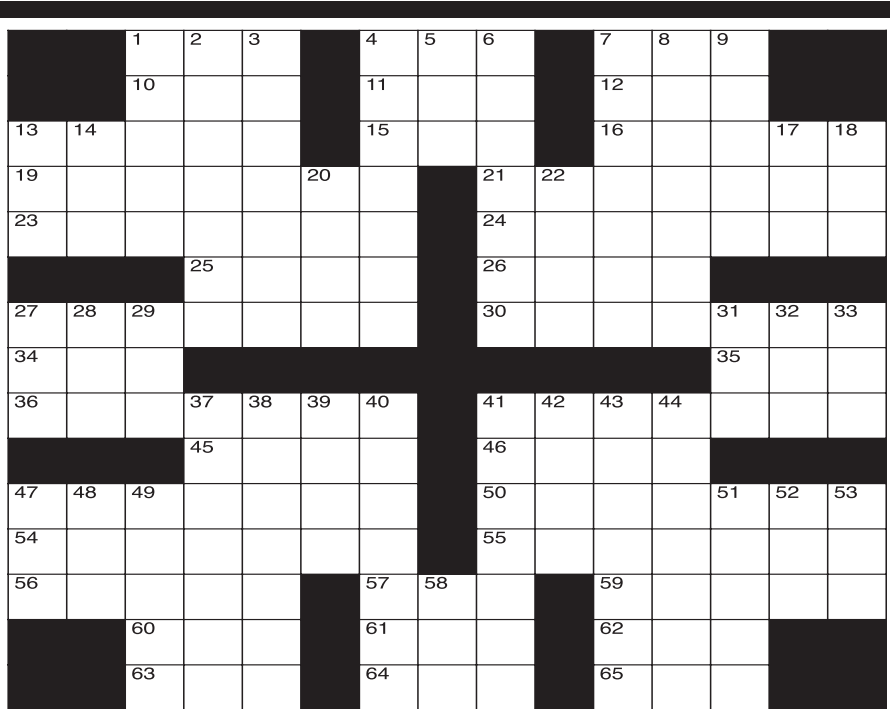
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10. Indigenous person from Laos or Thailand
11. Up in the air (abbr.)
12. Actress de Armas
13. Not moving
15. Cool!
16. Bog arum genus
19. Perceptible by touch
21. Type of test
23. Monetary units
24. Collection of various things
25. Sum of five and one
26. Type of sword
27. Hates

30. Immobile
34. Pie \_\_ mode
35. Moved quickly
36. Passenger's place on a motorbike
41. A way through
45. Former US Secretary of Education Duncan
46. Leader
47. Flowing
50. Greetings
54. Remedy
55. Soft lightweight fabric
56. Building material
57. Sea bream
59. A way to cause to be swollen
60. One and only
61. People get one in summer
62. Wreath
63. Thus far
64. They \_\_
65. Sea eagle

### CLUES DOWN

1. Policemen (French)
2. Toy dog
3. Inflamed colon disease
4. Can't move
5. Helps little firms
6. Lists of names, subjects, etc.
7. Takes down
8. Makes possible
9. Wife of Julius Constantius
13. Engine additive
14. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
17. Written account
18. Consumed
20. Something the first shall be
22. No (slang)
27. Gov't lawyers
28. Peyton's little brother
29. Small amount
31. Investment

- vehicle
32. Fall behind
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Head pain
38. Popular sport in England and India
39. King Charles's sister
40. Boat race
41. About fish
42. Maidservant
43. Able to be marketed
44. Tinier
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- 4.9 Oneness
51. Bitter chemical
52. Not around
53. Very fast airplane
58. Swiss river

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