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Resident invents clip to keep flags waving proud

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SOUTH HADLEY – Resident Kim Cook takes pride in her American flag she has in front of her house but discovered a problem: tangling.

“My flag kept getting tangled, and so I looked for a solution online, and there wasn’t one, so I invented one,” Cook said. “A big piece of why I did this is because of the pride we have in our flags.”

She was tired of seeing her flag, and the flags lining the telephone poles and on houses in town, wrapping around their poles because of the wind, causing damage and rips.

She knew she wanted something that could be attached to the flag, wouldn’t look out of place, and could serve anyone with any kind of flag that got irritated when it flipped around the pole.

And so, the “No-Flip Clip” was born, and Cook jumped into researching how to make it possible.

“One of the biggest things when talking with people about their flag flipping, frustration was at the top,” Cook said.



Turley photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

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Kim Cook standing proudly with her invention on her flag.

Granby school year off to good start

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY — At its recent meeting on the beginning weeks of the 2024-2025 school year, the school committee heard from the interim superintendent and student representative.

Student Representative Cole Fuller said the school year started with new staff and sports is underway.

He said the new tardy rule is being enforced, but there haven’t been many issues.

According to the student handbook, the new rule is that: “All students who arrive at school after 7:30 a.m. must report immediately to the main office and sign in. Accepted excuses for tardiness to school are the same as those for being absent (court appointment, doctor’s appt., religious observance, family hardship, family emergency, and approved school activity). Arriving tardy to the same class three times results in an absence from the class (three tardies equals one absence). Excessive tardiness may result in loss of credit for that class (more than

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Granby finishes summer reading with fun opportunities

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GRANBY – The library finished their summer reading program with great participation from the community, including 470 youth, 124 teens, and 60 adults.

Those who participated got the chance to read books throughout the summer, and was done with a handy log to use to track reading to make sure goals were met.

For the adults, they were given a bingo sheet and for each bingo, got a raffle ticket. Each square was to read a book from different genres, and one was to make a recipe from a library cookbook.

“It gave them some find things to do in order to make a bingo, and we even had some bring in their recipes they made to share,” Jennifer Crosby, the director of the library, said.

For the kids and teens, they had to each read at least 15 minutes per day for 25 days, tracking

“I loved seeing how excited everybody was coming in with bingos.”

- Jennifer Crosby

their progress on a log sheet that they would turn in at the end.

“When you reach 25 days of reading, turn in your log. You will receive a coupon for a free Cindy’s Drive-In ice cream cone and a free book coupon,” Janice McArdle, the library’s youth service librarian, said.

The log page turned in also served as a raffle to be put in for a \$175 gift card for Southwick’s Zoo, and a \$125 Lupa Zoo Family Season Pass.

The kids and teens could also take part in several themed raffles throughout the summer, where each week had its own theme and a raffle for prizes.

The weeks included Pokémon Week, Super Hero’s Week, Har-

ry Potter Week, Disney Week, Bugs Week, and many more. “Kids earned raffle tickets for checking out the theme book, just stopping in, or attending the theme program,” McArdle said.

Prizes for the adults included Starbucks and Dunkin’s gift cards, tote bags, coffee mugs, and fun library merch like t-shirts and tote bags with new logo from last October’s logo contest.

While the kids and teens got to enjoy many different themed weeks, the adults had “Summer Reading with My Gnomies,” and a friend crocheted adorable little gnomes, in total selling enough to give \$300 towards the Friends.

A summer reading program at the library is not the same without events, and while kids and teens could find something for any of their interests, the adults were able to have two special events alongside their monthly book group.

The first to kick-off the summer was a Crystal Terrarium Workshop, where people could

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A tote bag and t-shirt with the library’s new logo designed by a local resident.

► South Hadley

Student Art Show in Village Commons

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Eliza Moser Fine Art, a studio and gallery in the Village Commons, will host a student art show beginning this weekend showcasing a dynamic range of works.

“Our core program focuses on oil painting and pencil drawing, so this makes up the majority of the work, though there will be a few pieces in other mediums as well,” explained Eliza Moser, owner and namesake of the gallery and studio. “I hope the variety in the style, subject matter, and mediums will be an example of one of the key goals of the studio: to equip students with the skills to pursue their own unique artistic expression.”

The show features over 25 pieces from 19 of the studio’s students who attended weekly classes, workshops or private lessons. Although most of the students are adults, there are a couple as young as 13 years old.

“While every student begins by learning the same process, once they have developed their foundational skills they are encouraged to choose the subject matter and style that inspires them on a personal level. As a result, we have a very dynamic show with a wide variety of artwork,” noted Moser. “I hope all my students see this exhibition as an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments, and see just how far they have come. Art is meant to be shared and enjoyed, and I think showcasing their work in an exhibition like this is a perfect way to do just that.”

Moser, a realist oil painter, found herself drawn to a classical style of painting at a young age. As she took inspiration from “the old masters,” Moser found it difficult to find instruction in that style. At 19 years old, Moser moved to Italy and studied at The Florence Academy of Art.

“While my style has evolved over the years, the influence of the classical method is still very prevalent in my work and my methods of teaching,” recalled Moser. “In 2023, I opened my own studio and gallery. My vision for this place was to blur the lines between gallery, studio, and



Work by Mary Campbell



Work by Kate Quinlan

classroom, and provide a place for people to learn about and appreciate art. Since then we have built a wonderful community of students, and it is their artistic accomplishments which we will be celebrating at our upcoming exhibition.”

Moser hopes the community’s artistic expression helps to foster appreciation for the world around them.

“When a student learns how to paint



Owner Eliza Moser stands in the studio surrounded by art.



Work by Amy Chalifoux-Nyzio

or draw, they must first learn how to slow down and look at the world through the eyes of an artist. And in practicing their artistic skills, they also develop the means to express themselves as an individual,” said Moser. “I myself was very lucky to learn painting and drawing at a young age, and the fact that I had parents who encouraged that creativity is something for which I will always be grateful. For this reason, while the classes at the studio are not specifically made for children, I do make it a point to welcome students of all ages and skill levels.”

The student art show opens on Saturday, Sept. 7 with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. which is free and open to the public. The collection itself will remain on display at the gallery until Oct. 5.



Eliza Moser teaching in a classroom.

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 re-

ported 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.

SH chorale to begin rehearsals

SOUTH HADLEY—The South Hadley Chorale will begin rehearsals for its 40th season on Wednesday, Oct. 9. The program will feature Randall Thompson’s Frostiana, Giovanni Battista Pergolesi’s Magnificat, and Johann Sebastian Bach’s Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 7 Woodbridge St. They will continue through Nov. 20 and will resume on Jan. 8, 2025 until the concert on March 16, 2025.

The Chorale is pleased to welcome back Anita Anderson Cooper as conduc-

tor and music director. Ms. Anderson Cooper is a member of the faculty of the Paul Baird Middle School in Ludlow and directs the Smith College Handbell Choir. She is also a composer and a frequent soloist and guest conductor both locally and throughout the East Coast.

The South Hadley Chorale is made up of approximately 60 singers from 17 communities. All interested singers are invited to attend. There are no auditions. Most singers, however, have had some choral experience. For more information, please visit www.southhadleychorale.org or call 413-533-3833.



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South Hadley to host community forum

SOUTH HADLEY— The Town of South Hadley is exploring new zoning options along Routes 202 and 33 to support appropriate growth and development along the 1-mile corridor. Potential rezoning under consideration is based on recommendations from a Corridor Study adopted in January 2022. This section of roadway links South Hadley to Granby in the north and Chicopee in the south and is the most heavily traveled route in town. The corridor contains a broad mix of residential, commercial, and open space and recreation uses.

The intersection of Routes 202 and 33 at the heart of the corridor is centered between the Plains Elementary School and the Big Y shopping Plaza. Zoning recommendations will be informed by public input at a series of four community forums, the first of which is on Monday Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. at the South Hadley Council on Aging at 45 Dayton St.

If individuals can't make the community forum, they can share their thoughts on the future development of the corridor on the interactive project website through the online mapping exercise: <https://community.innesassocltd.com/south-hadley>.

Funding for this project is provided by a Community Planning Grant from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. The Town has hired Innes Associates Ltd. as the project consultant. A five-member project advisory committee was appointed by the Selectboard in April. Additional community forums will be held Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 to 8 p.m., virtual, <https://bit.ly/4fPZM9P> Or Telephone: +1 646 558 8656 Webinar ID: 883 0895 6522 Passcode: 713870

Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 to 8 p.m. South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal St. and Thursday, Jan.16 at 6 p.m. at South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal St.

September is for library card sign-up

SOUTH HADLEY — Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month this September with the South Hadley Libraries and the American Library Association. Everyone is invited to discover the incredible resources and opportunities available at the local library by signing up for a library card.

This year, the library is thrilled to have Optimus Prime from the Transformers as the special ambassador, highlighting that

there's more than meets the eye at South Hadley Public Library and Gaylord Memorial Library. Whether looking to enhance skills, find valuable information, or connect with fellow avid readers, a library card unlocks a world of possibilities.

The library will have a curated Library of Things that patrons can check out items, including Kindles donated by E Ink, a telescope, garden tools, and much more. There's truly something for every-

one. Getting a library card is easy and is an essential step toward academic success and lifelong learning for students. Everyone should have one.

Come visit us throughout September to sign up for a library card and be entered into a raffle to win a \$50 gift card to the Odyssey Bookshop in the Village Commons. For those of you who already have library cards, play our Library Card Bingo for a raffle entry.

Celebrate South Hadley Arts with the Cultural Council

SOUTH HADLEY — The South Hadley Cultural Council (SHCC) invites the public to attend a reception to showcase the work of this year's grantees and learn how to apply for funding for the 2025 grant cycle. The SHCC Grantee Celebration and Information Session will take place in the Community Room of the South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal Street, South Hadley, Mass., on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, from 5:30-7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

At the Grantee Celebration, attendees can also learn about applying for a grant to fund a project in 2025.

Cultural Council Chair John Anz said, "My fellow council members and I look forward to recognizing our 2024 grantees, and also sharing ways we can support the coming year's grant applicants thanks to the resources we receive from the Mass Cultural Council. We look forward to helping to continue to grow the cultural

community in and around South Hadley." The Mass Cultural Council has awarded the South Hadley Cultural Council \$18,000 to distribute among grant applicants for 2025 projects. Applications for the 2025 grant cycle will open on September 1, 2024, on the Mass Cultural Council's webpage.

All applications must be submitted through the MCC site during the time it is open from September 1 through mid-October. In January 2024, The South Hadley Cultural Council awarded 45 grants totaling \$17,420, for cultural programs in or near South Hadley. Funding for these grants comes from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Amounts granted ranged from \$150-\$850.

This year's grant recipients include local organizations involved with the high school musical and Summer Concerts as well as a host of local artists planning public events at the South Hadley Public Library and the South Hadley SeniorCenter. A complete list of recipients and grant amounts can be found at this link to massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/south-hadley/

About the South Hadley Cultural Council

The South Hadley Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. Funds are awarded based on individual community cultural needs, assessed and set by Council members. Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by the municipally appointed volunteers who serve on LCCs. For South Hadley's local guidelines and recent grant awards visit: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/south-hadley/> For more information, including a list of Cultural Council members, please visit <https://www.southhadley.org/385/Cultural-Council> . For questions about the reception, please contact gdeberly@gmail.com.

Buttery Brook Park Happenings

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

Friday, Sept. 6, 5 to 7:30 p.m. - Final Cruise Night of the season
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Project 351 distributed gifts to local first responders

Ariana Kleotka, Jenna Bobrowski, Erin Bullough, and Leah Bobrowski distributed thank you packages to local first responders.



Routes 202/33 Corridor Zoning Amendments

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Can't make it to the Forums?



Scan for our interactive project site and stay engaged throughout the process!

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Be sure to share your opinions on the future development of Routes 202 and 33 in South Hadley!

Attend the Community Forums or comment on the interactive project website.

Opinion



Advice sought on when to claim Social Security

Dear Rusty:

I could use some advice on whether or not I should start collecting my Social Security benefits now. I am 67 and three months old and plan to continue working for at least for the next year or two.

Signed: Seeking Answers

Dear Seeking:

Deciding when to claim Social Security is, indeed, an important decision, as it will affect you for the rest of your life. Mainly, deciding when to claim your SS retirement benefit should consider your financial needs, but your life expectancy and marital status are equally important.

At your current age past your Full Retirement Age of 66 years and six months you are already earning Delayed Retirement Credits at the rate of .677% higher benefit for each month you continue to delay.

That adds up to an additional 8% benefit for each full year you wait beyond your FRA to claim, and that growth will continue until you are 70 years old. At that point, your benefit will be 28% higher than it would have been at your FRA.

If you expect to achieve about "average" life expectancy about 84 for a man your current age, then waiting until 70 to claim, will get you both a higher monthly amount and the most you can get in cumulative lifetime benefits. Waiting, however, only makes sense if you expect at least average longevity.

If your health is poor and you have reason to believe you won't live to the "average," then claiming earlier makes more sense. FYI, you may find this tool helpful to determine your potential life expectancy: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>.

You can, of course, simply delay claiming for as long as you are still working and then file for benefits at that time. When your paychecks stop is frequently the best time to start your SS benefits to supplement the lost work income. And, if you are married and your wife will be entitled to a survivor benefit from you, then waiting longer to claim enhances the benefit your surviving spouse receives at your death; your surviving spouse would get your benefit amount, instead of her own smaller amount. If that is a consideration, then waiting, at least until you stop working or age 70 if feasible, is often a prudent choice.

So, the choice is yours to make, considering your financial needs, life expectancy and marital status. You no longer need to worry about Social Security's annual earnings test for those collecting benefits before their FRA but, if it is financially feasible, waiting still longer will mean a higher monthly benefit for the rest of your life.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Take Back our Flag

To the Editor of the Town Reminder,

As a child, I spent six years living in a developing nation that was struggling to establish a democratic form of government. My father worked for the State Department which afforded me the opportunity to also visit other nations in economic and political distress. I remember the reverence I had, and still have, for the US flag as a symbol of freedom, possibility, comfort, and safety.

Over the past several years it has saddened me to witness large US flags flying on

the backs of pick-up trucks, painted on sides of barns, and planted alongside lawn signs that primarily support Donald Trump.

This has grown to such proportions that now some of us might be reluctant to display the US flag at our homes because we will be mistakenly identified as Trump supporters. What a sad situation!

There is strength in numbers. I urge you to join me to take back our flag. It belongs to all of us.

Liz Austin
South Hadley

Rebuttal to 'Helping Vice President Harris'

To the Editor:

A recent submission to "LETTERS" convinced me of the need to challenge some of the author's arguments in support of the election of Vice President Harris to become President.

Regarding Kamala's described support of Democracy. Did she achieve her nomination via legitimate voters in State Primaries? Or did she achieve this thru what was essentially a coup? She was anointed to this position by a cabal of the very highly placed leaders of her Democratic party, not elected. Hardly a democratic process.

Claiming that Ms. Harris supports women "instead of abusing them", well yes, she supports the woman. But seems to be rather unsupportive of a viable baby that has a life of its' own. That baby is getting zero support.

As to her support for the "climate," maybe you better check her latest take on Fracking. An issue that was a major part of her policy in recent years seems to have been cast aside in the interest of gaining some

Pennsylvanian votes. What's 1 degree Celsius versus 1 million votes? This radical change in position is a common theme with her these days.

Last but not least, is the contention that Vice President Harris "supports peace and safety instead of riots...". Oh yeah! She and her running mate, Governor Walz, have a history of "supporting" riotous turmoil in the streets. The burning and looting of buildings, businesses, and police stations for instance. Pretending that these were peaceful demonstrations. Tell that to the families of the 19 people that died during these "peaceful protests".

So you go ahead and support this façade of realities. Encourage folks to buy into a wishy-washy, flip-flopping Socialist. And then wait until the real Kamala shows herself. Reminds me of someone who would buy and drive around in a Pinto, and then plaster signs all over it proclaiming its' inherent faults.

Russ Boudreau
South Hadley



Questions on lilacs and onions for the Garden Lady

Nancy wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "I am hoping you can tell me why the leaves on my lilac bushes are turning brown, crispy and then fall to the ground."

I had very nice lilac flowers this past May but now the leaves are not doing well. Thank you for any suggestions you can give me so my bushes will be back next spring."

What you mention Nancy, seems to be happening to a lot of lilacs in the area. All you have to do is ride in the car and you will notice brown leaved lilac bushes or those that are nearly devoid of leaves altogether! My best guess is that Pseudocercospora leaf blight of lilac is the culprit.

Last year it was quite noticeable as well. Some lilacs even lost their leaves then sported flowers in October because the plant, after leaf loss, was tricked into thinking it was time to flower and grow new leaves.

Because this new growth is very tender,

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OPINION PAGE/ LETTERS POLICY

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(Left to right) Dave Pare, CJ Eldridge, and Chris Peterson with their sign at the front, ready to welcome customers.



Submitted photo
One of the upper seating areas, with plenty of room to chat and make new friends.

Three friends open new brewery for community

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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BELCHERTOWN – The community has gained a new hotspot for socializing, and it is at Arcpoint Brewing Company, right on Front Street.

The brewery was started by Chris “CJ” Eldridge, and Chris Peterson, the creator of the different beers to be had. They were then joined by Dave Pare in 2022, and since then the trio have worked together to open this new destination for all to enjoy.

“Belchertown needs a place like this, where people can hang out and listen to music,” Peterson said. “It’s great to see the town’s reception to it and to continue bolstering that relationship.”

After opening to the public officially after a series of soft openings on August 16, the brewery has made for itself a place where the community can come together to relax and meet up with friends.

“My favorite part in all this is interacting with the people drinking the beer, and to see the excitement on their faces to see a local spot they can go and be a part of,” Eldridge said.

Chris Peterson, the head brewer, began experimenting with and really making beer when he moved to Belchertown and his neighbor, a home brewer, showed him how.

“It started with Chris home brewing, and then he started pursuing it more, and wanted to take it further. He came to me and asked me to join him, and I jumped right in,” Eldridge said.

“I wanted to know more about the science, so I started reading and researching how to home brew and it kick started this whole process,” Peterson explained.

As the friends celebrate their new space, they have many beers for the community, and Peterson has worked to create the perfect brews.

“Brewing beer is still a mad science- everyone’s still learning as they go,” Peterson said.

The brewery’s best seller is a traditional German style Kolsch Beer, and they offer three different hoppy and hazy IPA’s- Cold Spring, a hazy pale ale, IPA Journey, and a double IPA called “Chico”, a reference to the movie Scarface.

They also offer a delicious coffee stout, which is called “Reveille”, which is French for “to wake up”, and is also played in the mornings on base. The coffee beans come from Rao’s Coffee Roasting Company in Hadley.

Peterson also offers a special Saison, which is their base Saison with blueberry added to it, which is called “Shut Up and Color”, another military reference. “We try to have fun with all the names,” Peterson said.

Peterson is working on two new beer recipes currently, and one is a Pilsner, and the other a West Coast IPA.

“When I met Chris and CJ, my original plan was to help them financially as an investor,” Dave Pare said. “We moved into working together as business partners. I was retired, so I was able to help keep up with the business side of things.”

The name Arcpoint, came from Eldridge and Peterson’s roles in the Air Force, where they work on airplanes, and it references the GPS the aircrafts use.

“On the GPS, there are three arcs, and where they meet is the arcpoint- where the GPS location and destination is,” Eldridge explained.



The lineup of different containers through the years of brewing.



The current design of the cans at the brewery, right at the tap, and ready to drink.



Getting ready to serve some delicious varieties of beers.



The “Beer it Forward” board, where people can buy drinks for specific people and write their names on the board.

And that is what the three hope Arcpoint Brewing Company will be- a destination that people from all over will be able to utilize in order to enjoy time together.

“It’s been amazing. The goal was always to be here in Belchertown. The building is fantastic, and Rick and Sue Staples have been fantastic,” Pare said about their business neighbors, RAS Machinery.

“Having this place means everything. This was always the goal, and its fantastic to have that place to engage with people,” Peterson said.

“Being able to have this space makes the dream come to life,” Eldridge said. “To be able to see it all come together is amazing, and we can now provide a much-needed space for the town.”

Arcpoint is a space where veterans are valued, and they are open to being a place to support them, where different veteran organizations can come and have their fundraisers hosted.

“Being able to help with that means a lot,” Eldridge said, sharing his heart to those who have served this country like he has.

“My favorite part of this journey was the journey. There’s been so many hurdles, but everyone at Town Hall has been so supportive. They knew the town needed this like we did,” Pare said.



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas
Owners Chris Peterson, CJ Eldridge, and Dave Pare.



The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a Virginia rail in Hampshire County at Lake Wallace in Belchertown.



Virginia rail

The Virginia rail is a small rail of nine inches. It has a long bill, which can be reddish at the base. Its back has dark feathers with reddish brown edges. The face is gray. It summers on freshwater and brackish marshes and winters in salt marshes. It feeds on mud flats in

search of worms, snails and aquatic insects. The rail is heard more than seen. Calls are given mostly at dawn and dusk, but may occur at other times of the day or night. The male's territorial call is a metallic "kit kikit kikit kikit." It also gives a "kikikikeer" and a series of descending grunts. The female lays five to 12 buff eggs with dark marks in a loose, canopied, cup like nest of coarse grasses, reeds and sedges placed on the ground.

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident frequently visits ponds in his area. He said in an email, "On Aug. 17 I saw five great egrets at the no named pond on New Reed Street in Warren. Great egrets have shown up there starting in August most years, usually one or two. I had never seen more than three at that location previously."

He said, "A few days before that sighting I had seen a great egret at the osprey pond on South Street that is about half a mile from the pond on New Reed Street. I had never seen a great egret at that pond before."

Belted kingfishers

He observed interesting behavior between two belted kingfishers at the pond in Warren. He said, "A female was chased all around the pond for over half an hour by a male. I saw brief begging behavior from the male so think it might have been a juvenile looking to be fed. The male would fly towards the perch where the female was sitting. Sometime the female flew off the perch before the male got close and other times the female sat for a bit before flying away. This continued, around and around, back and forth, all around the pond. I never saw

either bird hover like it was attempting to catch a fish. Occasionally the male would land on the same branch as the female and she would fly away immediately."

Wild turkeys

The Brimfield resident has a wildlife camera in his yard. On Aug. 17 he checked the camera and it showed two adult turkeys and three poults had visited the yard. He said, "We knew turkeys had been about because my wife found a feather in the driveway. We haven't seen turkeys much the last few years and it has been some time since we have seen poults."

Earlier this week, I saw a large flock of wild turkeys consisting of a few adults and many poults in Hubbardston. After I took the where is photo for the paper, I returned home the same way. The flock was still there.

Massachusetts Audubon sightings

Massachusetts Audubon Society reported in Berkshire County a Baird's sandpiper on Bridgeview Lane in Sheffield, two Caspian terns at the Cheshire Reservoir in Cheshire, a Bonaparte's gull on Lake Onata in Pittsfield and a black-crowned night heron in Dalton.

In Franklin County there were a modest numbers of red crossbills at the Montague Sandplains Wildlife Area in Montague where at least 33 were tallied, a summering ring-necked duck also continued to be seen at the Turners Falls Power Canal.

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seven absences in a semester course and more than 14 in a yearlong course).

Procedures for tardiness:

- Students arriving tardy to school report to the main office.
 - Students will receive a yellow tardy pass.
 - Students will hand the classroom teacher the yellow pass.
 - The classroom teacher will adjust the "T" in the gradebook to present."
- He also highlighted students are still

in the grace period to pick up or drop classes.

Interim Superintendent Mary Jane Rickson spoke about school choice. So far this year, there have been no changes.

There will be an update for the committee on Sept. 17.

"Some families still may be on vacation. After Labor Day, sometimes, that's when students really start to come in," said Rickson.

She also updated the board about new staff orientation.

Much like new students to the schools,

the staff got a chance to meet their principals and mentors.

They also covered topics like the strategic plan "to focus on high-quality instruction and building strong relationships."

"That is something we talked about throughout the two days was building relationships with our students," Rickson said. "It's kind of the theme of the year. We also dedicated time to preparing classrooms and working on curriculum development."

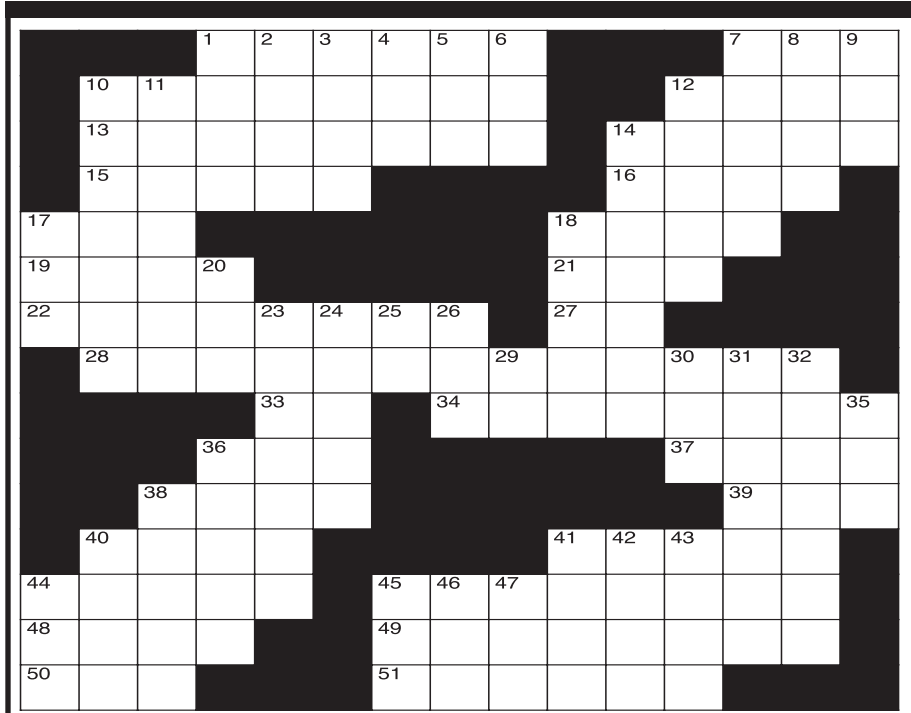
School Committee Chair Jen Bartosz also visited during the orientation, which Rickson said was appreciated.

Also, part of the welcoming crew was the Granby Police Department and backpack deliveries from the United Way.

Rickson said the backpacks included crayons, pens and other school supplies.

If there are family members who are interested in getting a free backpack, they can contact their child's principal or the central office, and they will be provided with one.

The School Committee also decided to wait until its next meeting to determine sub-committees and members.



CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Current unit | 5. Court decision | 25. Atomic #58 |
| 7. Reciprocal of an ohm | 6. Finish line | 26. Patti Hearst's captors |
| 10. God of the sea | 7. Young women | 29. Natural logarithm |
| 12. A way to disfigure | 8. Hives of activity | 30. Talk incessantly |
| 13. Positioned | 9. Hyman Roth's right-hand man | 31. Went by |
| 14. Tall tropical American tree | 10. Eastern U.S. river | 32. Strives |
| 15. Large deciduous trees | 11. Popular cooking ingredient | 35. Fall back |
| 16. ___ and ends | 12. Greek mythological princess | 36. Manila hemp |
| 17. Part of a machine | 13. Scent for men | 38. Not easily explained |
| 18. Brews | 14. Scent for men | 40. Former "Double Dare" host |
| 19. One who leads prayers in a mosque | 17. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.) | 41. Mollusk |
| 21. Indian state | 18. Once more | 42. Capital of Togo |
| 22. Partisans | 20. Irrate | 43. Letter of Semitic scripts |
| 27. Top lawyer in the land | 23. Triangular spaces above a door | 44. Founder of Babism |
| 28. Former Dodgers MVP | 24. Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik | 45. Indicates near |
| 33. Title for women | | 46. Family of regulator genes |
| 34. Heated and | | 47. Indicates before |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Continent |
| 2. Submissive |
| 3. There's a lot in a bowling alley |
| 4. Sun up in New York |
| 15. Allowed to slowly cool |
| 16. Copycat |
| 17. Sounds |
| 18. One-time Israeli diplomat Abba |
| 19. Part of (abbr.) |
| 20. Hateful |
| 21. Collide |
| 22. European football |
| 23. Heavyweight |
| 24. One who works for you |
| 25. Song |
| 26. Ancient marvels |
| 27. Bridge building degree |
| 28. Delivery boys |

GARDEN from page 4

you may notice tip dieback in spring on those areas of new growth and/or flowering. It simply didn't have enough time to harden off before winter.

Lilacs are tough plants, though, so don't despair.

What can we do to help, you ask? First of all, clean up fallen leaves and debris so that it won't spread the inoculum. Second, water the bushes well and at the base if this fall is droughty.

In the spring, prune out any dead branches, disinfecting your tools in between cuts. You can also choose to prune the plant in such a way so that there is better airflow throughout. That always helps to cut down on diseases.

I'm not a chemical girl – I really try to enhance my cultural practices to strengthen the overall health of the plant. I am sure there are options out there for this particular malady should you wish to research it. Maria grew three varieties of onions this year. "The first variety has dropped all of its tops. What do I do next? Can I use them now or do they have to go through some kind of process before putting them in storage?"

This is a great question. I did a column some time ago on how to best cure onions.

Read on for some great tips: Many of my onions gave me the signal a week or two back that they would soon be ready for harvest. You see, their tops began to fall over.

After most of them did, I bent the rest on purpose. A few days later I pulled them up and laid them, tops and all, on the ground in the sun. I turned them once or twice over the last couple of days.

When the tops turn completely brown, I will cut the stems to one inch and spread them on screens single file in a warm and dry, well-ventilated area to cure further. They can rest in that spot for up to two months, then will be placed in mesh bags in a winter location where temperatures stay close to 40 degrees.

Instead of cutting the stem, you can braid them, for a pretty and heirloom style



storage option. Start out with three onions, tying some jute or string around one of the stems to add strength.

Braid the three together one round, then add an onion each time you cross over. When you have 10 or 12 onions running the length of the braid, quit and wrap the jute around the stems to end your work.

Make a loop and now you have way to hang it. Once hung, you can simply yank off the size onion you need from the braid.

A couple of notes: Apples, bananas, and tomatoes are kept clear of onions in storage because these vegetables excrete ethylene gas as they ripen and will cause onions to sprout prematurely. Also, use bulbs that have two centers first, they won't store well.

It is interesting to mention that the same compound that starts the tears flowing when we cut into onions – sulfur, is also a potent fungicide and bactericide.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

FLAG from page 1

The packaging, a small box with the star on the clip visible, has this slogan: "No more frustration of seeing your flag wrapped around the pole. Attach this clever device to your flag and it will fly freely."

Over the course of five years, Cook worked to find the right materials and business partners after coming up with her idea: a perfectly weighted clip to put on the flag itself to keep it from having the wind blow it around the pole.

The clip, in the shape of a star, has a nut and bolt on the inside that gives the product its weight. After getting her idea patented and registered of Easy IP, she went to the ADD FAB Lab on the UMA-SS Amherst campus for 3D-printing.

"Getting to the end and finding the right one was for sure the best part," Cook said, describing the process she went through to design the perfect clip.

"Being able to 3D print was significant," Cook said. "It was a huge piece for me in that it made it more real. We got to work on what we thought would and wouldn't work."

After getting the final design idea completed at the campus's 3D printer, Cook immediately began her search for business partners.

"I think my favorite part was finding my business partners and having them be excited about it, too," Cook said. "They really believed I have a successful product."

In the end, she found the perfect fit with Universal Plastics Solutions in Holyoke, and the packaging for the clips was made possible with Tiger Press in East Longmeadow.

"It was important to me this could be made locally, here in the United States, and even better, right next door," Cook said.

The product went out for sale online on her website, noflipclip.com, just before the Fourth of July, and will be available for purchasing at the upcoming Big E for under \$20 each.

"I feel like it's the perfect product for the Big E," Cook said.

You can find her with a table at the Feel Good Shop Local area on the Front Porch at the Big E from beginning to end, Sept. 13 to 28.



Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

The No-Flip Clip, hanging from Kim Cook's flag, keeping it safe from tangling on the pole.

The clips in their perfect packaging, ready to go to the Big E.

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At the East Meadows in Northampton in Hampshire County there was a northern shoveler, four sandhill cranes, four short-billed dowitchers, nine stilt sandpipers and a dickcissel. Elsewhere in the county there was a Virginia rail and a marsh wren at Lake Wallace in Belchertown, four sandhill cranes in the fields off Old Post Road in Worthington and two blue grosbeaks at the Honey Pot in Hadley.

Hampden County had two blue-winged teal and a red-necked phalarope at the Longmeadow Flats in Longmeadow and two Caspian terns at the Ranch Golf Course in Southwick.

In Worcester County four sandhill cranes were seen on Hall Road in Hardwick and eight red crossbills at gate 43 at Quabbin Reservoir in Hardwick. At Birch Hill Wildlife Area in Winchendon three Acadian flycatchers and 28 red crossbills were counted. Five evening grosbeaks were present in Royalston. A sanderling was spotted at Quaboag Pond in Brookfield, and two blue-winged teal and a Louisiana waterthrush were seen at Bolton Flats Wildlife Area in Lancaster.

Another pond visit

The Brimfield resident and his wife, who regularly visits local ponds, saw two great egrets, six mallards, a belted kingfisher and a male goldfinch at the New Reed Street pond in Warren.

At South Street in Warren, the couple saw a great egret, two male wood ducks in eclipse plumage, two osprey, a juvenile and an adult, who brought a fish for the juvenile. At Sherman Pond in Brimfield there were no birds just a lone fisherman and at Wheeler Pond three wood ducks and a green heron.

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Center Church Fall Tag Sale this Saturday

SOUTH HADLEY - Center Church Fall Tag Sale, 1 Church Street, South Hadley, is being held on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday Sept. 8, Noon to 5 p.m. Except COVID years, this well-established event has been happening since 1996. Changed in 2022 from October to September, this local favorite is a must to do. We fill our large Fellowship Hall, as well as the Meeting House Room and Chapel, with terrific bargains.

Items for sale will include decor, books, lamps, linens, kitchen items, dishes, glass-

ware, baskets, puzzles, jewelry, handbags, outdoor items, office/school supplies, fabric, yarn, frames, pictures, toys, stuffed animals, vases, candles, and the list keeps on going. New this year is the Treasures Room, filled with special merchandise.

Our church bakers will be making homemade goodies and treats. Every year is an adventure and a surprise what can be found. Come to Center to explore and enjoy shopping at the Tag Sale. You will likely go home with some great bargains.

Elder Veteran benefits event set for Sept. 9

HADLEY — All U.S. military veterans, their family members or caregivers or survivors are invited to a free event being planned for their benefit by the Central Hampshire Veterans Services' District on Monday, Sept. 9, at the Hadley Senior Center.

From 4 to 6 p.m., several organizations will be on hand to explain the variety of benefits and services to which elderly veterans and their family members may be entitled to receive.

The Hadley Senior Center is located at 46 Middle Street. Participants are asked to RSVP by calling (413) 587-1299 or by emailing vetadmin@northamptonma.gov.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 4,000 veterans aged 65 or older live in Hampshire County. These veterans served in conflicts around the world including World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and in the Persian Gulf and even in the Post 9/11 era in locations such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Sept. 9 event will address

a variety of issues faced by these veterans including increased health risks as well as financial challenges in respect to long-term geriatric care.

"Elderly veterans may be eligible for a wide variety of benefits," said Steve Connor, director of the Central Hampshire Veterans' Services District. "More and more senior veterans are seeking our help, and we have an obligation to provide them with the information they need to make the right decisions regarding their health and well-being."

Topics explored include geriatric programs at the local, state and federal level, such as eligibility for home-based and nursing home and residential care, caregiver support, elder legal assistance, end of life care, and burial benefits.

About a dozen presenters will be on hand, including the federal Veterans Health Administration, the Holyoke Veterans Home, Cooley Dickinson VNA and Hospice, and experts on Medicare, and elder law.

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make their own succulent plant terrarium with crystal chips, and another program called "Messages from the Other Side".

"Anything to get people into the building, and that was our goal," Crosby said. "I loved seeing how excited everybody was coming in with bingos."

For the teens and kids, they got to take part in a Craft Camp, and a Bug Hunt with Hands On Nature. They also got to see Jay Mankita of Playful Engineers give a hands-on creative engineering workshop, which was sponsored by the local Cultural Council.

Each event had an average of about 45 attendees, and other events included a Rock and Mineral Program by Jack Marcy, a DIY Dinosaur Lego Glasses Build, a Dinosaur I-Spy, a Super Hero Take-Home Lego Mystery Challenge, and at Craft Camp, made many things.

At the Gotta Catch 'Em All event, kids could do a Pokémon scavenger hunt, and Disney week had a fun activity. Artful Mechanisms in July with Jak Mankita was a hit, and so much more happened.

"Seeing children who join the summer reading program keeping their minds active and entering school in fall ready to learn and ready to succeed," McArdle said.

"It's been fun watching people come in and scramble so they can try and fill in the bingo sheet. It's a cool thing to see people get excited about reading, and it makes my job a lot of fun," Crosby said.

"Our summer events bring families together for fun programs that are free and open to the public. We are truly a community center," McArdle said.

While the summer reading program may be done for this year, the library is hosting a month-long fall book sale from Sept. 3 to 28.

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Beloved vet clinic celebrates new location

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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BELCHERTOWN – Mill Valley Vet Clinic has been around for years, offering services for pets and beloved animals from the tiniest of kittens to the biggest of horses.

Mill Valley, opened by Dr. Cliff Morcom about 35 years ago, was purchased by Kyle Koob and Jess Sugrue, a husband-and-wife duo that worked together to run the clinic after purchasing it in 2019.

Sugrue, who loves her job, began her desire to work with animals because of Morcom. When she was eight years old, her neighbor's horse needed to be treated for a wound.

Sugrue made a deal with her neighbor, after becoming fascinated with the process of treating the horse, that if they let her help with the wound, she could ride the horse in exchange.

The neighbor agreed, and after learning the steps and what to do with Morcom guiding her steps, she became enthralled with the process of helping the horse.

"It's about loving animals. I am a big believer that if you have a passion for something, work for it," Sugrue said. "You have to know this is something you want to do."

"Mill Valley Vet has always been mixed practice," Koob said. "We help both big and small animals, and we're growing out the building."

The clinic has helped families for generations, some clients coming with their pets now came with their childhood pets for care. "We take pride in being family-oriented," Koob said.

"I have incredible clients, and I get to see them, and handle animals, and see them go home with their owners better than before," Sugrue said. "The clients and the people I work with and the animals I can help make this job worth it."

Sugrue and the team at Mill Valley have made many friends, and helped save many animals. Her most memorable was a two-year-old golden retriever named Sven, who got into something he shouldn't have and had a blockage in his intestines.

Because it was right before Thanksgiving, there wasn't many people at the clinic, but Dr. Chelsea Mullen came to save the day on her day off to help make the procedure possible,

"It was such a big win because not only did the dog survive, but Mullen came to help when she didn't need to," Sugrue said.

"Mill Valley is just so unique, and I didn't want to lose our individuality, and keep it running the way Morcom made and began it," Koob said.

The clinic offers many different services, including many that are hard to find at other practices, including laser surgeries.

They also have a lab on premises, so they can get day-of results rather than waiting for them to come in from an outside source.

After the pandemic hit, the clinic had to stop taking new clients, but after getting through the minor bump in the road, they were able to grow into something even bigger.

The clinic is home to six veterinarians, four full-time, and two part-time, so that they can offer travelling services to any animal in need, whether a big horse that gets car sick, or to help a little animal cross the rainbow bridge in the comforts of home.

"The community we have here is pre-



Submitted photos
Kyle and Jesse and their son and cheerleader, Odin, at the new location with big smiles.



Kyle and Jesse standing proudly with their new horse stalls at the back, ready for the horses to come and stay in comfort.

ty amazing, and we didn't want to lose it," Koob said. "The staff here is also amazing, not only to work with, but also with the animals and our clients."

Because of the positive growth in the clinic as a whole, they are outgrowing their little repurposed house and need to move into something bigger.

And the clinic's new location is under-way to completion, with foundations built and rooms carved out not a few hundred yards down the street from the current residence.

The new building features a large lobby, with a private euthanasia and recovery suite, both with their own doors to enter and exit, so the lobby doesn't have to be used.

There is also a conference room on the top floor where the clinic will one day host puppy classes, and a new large animal scale will be placed to weigh in horses or cattle right on the property.

Other new features will include equipment for equine breeding, and a large room for surgery, and another for dental

surgeries.

There will be boarding rooms, one for cats and one for dogs, as well as three inpatient stalls for horses if they need to be kept overnight, complete with a small paddock.

There will also be six exam rooms, a pharmacy, and even more.

"It's so exciting, and we're happy for our own staff and clients," Koob said.

"I am so happy and eager to see it finally complete," Sugrue said.

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McArdle scores in Tigers' tie



Katherine McArdle makes her way up the field.



Allison Fleury looks to make a move.

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School girls soccer team got on the field early with a Labor Day matinee to open up the regular season. South Hadley, which made the state finals last year, opened up the 2024 campaign with a 1-1 draw against rival Belchertown. Katherine McArdle scored the lone goal for South Hadley on a pass from Margo Watkins. Goalie Olivia Athas saved 13 shots for the Tigers, which were scheduled to face Agawam on Wednesday. The Tigers travel to Hampshire Regional on Friday, Sept. 6 and then Wahconah on Monday, Sept. 9.



Emma Levreault clears the ball away.



Maddie Soderbaum follows through on a pass.



Maggie Evans looks to her right to make a pass.

Rams, Pioneers use scrimmage to get ready for season

PALMER – Last Friday afternoon, with the regular season looming this week, Granby and Pathfinder boys soccer engaged in a pre-season scrimmage. It was the last major scrimmage action for both teams before regular season action begins this week. Granby and Pathfinder both were playoff contenders last season and both should be in the mix this year. Granby opened the season on Thursday, Sept. 5 at Smith Academy. Pathfinder, which co-ops with Palmer High School, traveled to Athol on Sept. 5 for a game.



Cody White chases down a loose ball.



Cole Fuller dekes and continues his dribble.



Gavin Moreno winds up for a long kick.



Riley Goodhind possesses the ball, and contemplates his next move.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

2024 Fall SPORTS SCHEDULE

SOUTH HADLEY HIGH SCHOOL

FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 13	Away	Wahconah	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Home	Greenfield	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27	Home	Chicopee Comp.	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Home	Pittsfield	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11	Away	Ludlow	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19	Away	Taonic	6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 24	Away	Putnam	6 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 1	Home	Chicopee	7 p.m.
Nov. 8/9	TBD	Week 9 - TBD	TBD
Nov. 15/16	TBD	Week 10 - TBD	TBD
Thursday, Nov. 28	Home	Holyoke	10 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 2	Home	Amherst	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 4	Home	Southwick	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 6	Away	Easthampton	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Away	Frontier	7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Home	Hampshire	5 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16	Home	Wahconah	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18	Home	Mahar	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Away	Lenox	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Away	Southwick	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Away	Mahar	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Away	Wahconah	7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10	Home	Lenox	4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14	Home	Frontier	6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	Home	Easthampton	4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 21	Home	Chicopee	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 22	Away	Minnechaug	7 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 2	Home	Belchertown	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 4	Away	Agawam	6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 6	Away	Hampshire	7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Away	Wahconah	4:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 11	Away	Pittsfield	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Home	Chicopee Comp.	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Home	Pope Francis	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Home	Agawam	6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Home	Hampshire	5 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30	Home	Wahconah	4:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Home	Pittsfield	6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10	Away	Chicopee Comp.	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Away	Pope Francis	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Away	Ludlow	6 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 21	Away	Monument Mtn.	6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 24	Home	East Longmeadow	6 p.m.

GOLF

Wednesday, Aug. 28	Home	Mohawk	4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 29	Away	Belchertown	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 3	Home	Chicopee Comp.	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Home	Northampton	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Home	Hampshire	3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Away	Amherst	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16	Home	Belchertown	3 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 18	Away	Chicopee Comp.	3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Away	Monson	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Home	Chicopee	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 25	Away	Northampton	3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26	Home	Hopkins	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30	Home	Amherst	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Away	Ware	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Home	Ludlow	3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Home	Easthampton	3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 7	Away	Frontier	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Home	Smith Vocational	3 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 3	Away	Southwick	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 5	Away	Commerce	5:15 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Home	Hampden Charter	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 11	Away	Smith Vocational	5:45 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Away	Baystate Academy	6:15 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16	Away	Granby	5:15 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 18	Home	Duggan	5:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Away	Athol	5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Away	Renaissance	5:15 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Home	Southwick	5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Home	Commerce	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Away	Hampden Charter	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Home	Smith Vocational	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10	Home	Holyoke	6:15 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11	Home	Granby	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Away	Duggan	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	Home	Renaissance	5:30 p.m.

GRANBY HIGH SCHOOL

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 5	Away	Smith Academy	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Home	Gateway	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Away	Mt. Everett	4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14	Home	Chicopee	11 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 16	Away	Pioneer	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18	Home	Hopkins	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Away	Southwick	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Away	Sci-Tech	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Home	Greenfield	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Home	Smith Academy	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Away	Gateway	4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10	Home	Mt. Everett	4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14	Home	Pioneer	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Away	Hopkins	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	Home	Sci-Tech	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 22	Away	Greenfield	3:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Tuesday, Sept. 3	Away	Northampton	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 6	Home	Monson	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Away	Palmer	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Home	Chicopee	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16	Home	Ware	4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 20	Home	Southwick	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23	Away	Amherst	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 25	Away	SICS	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27	Home	Northampton	5 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30	Away	Monson	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 2	Home	Palmer	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Away	Chicopee	6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11	Away	Easthampton	4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14	Away	Southwick	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Home	Amherst	4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19	Home	Quaboag	11 a.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday, Sept. 4	Home	Pope Francis	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Home	Monson	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18	Away	PVCIC	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 25	Away	Palmer	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Home	Gateway	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Away	Easthampton	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Away	Westfield Tech	3:45 p.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday, Sept. 4	Home	Pope Francis	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Home	Monson	4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 18	Away	PVCIC	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 25	Away	Palmer	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Home	Gateway	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Away	Easthampton	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Away	Westfield Tech	3:45 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 3	Away	Renaissance	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 5	Away	Southwick	6 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Home	Commerce	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 11	Away	Hampden Charter	5:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 13	Home	PVCA	5:15 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16	Home	South Hadley	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18	Home	Smith Vocational	5:15 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Home	SICS	5:15 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23	Home	Ware	5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Sep. 24	Away	Duggan	5:15 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Home	Renaissance	5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Home	Southwick	5:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Away	Commerce	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Home	Hampden Charter	5:15 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11	Away	South Hadley	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Away	Smith Vocational	5:45 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	Home	Duggan	5:15 p.m.

Hall hosts Community Day

SPRINGFIELD – On Thursday, Aug. 22, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame hosted NBA 2K Community Day for the first time. This exclusive, invite-only event brought together over 80 NBA 2K players from 10 different countries, giving them an early preview of the latest edition in the series, NBA 2K25. “We were honored to be chosen to host NBA 2K Community Day and bring the international 2K community to the Birthplace of Basketball, showcasing our wonderful city of Springfield on a global stage,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of

the Basketball Hall of Fame. Attendees of this year’s Community Day had an exclusive look at the all-new dribble engine, ProPLAY™ animation expansion, key updates across offense and defense, and more. Creators also had opportunities to explore the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Museum. Additionally, the Hall of Fame welcomed a number of sports gaming media on Thursday as part of the NBA 2K Community Day celebration, including outlets from Australia, France, and the United Kingdom.

Boosters hosting comedy evening

SOUTH HADLEY – The Booster Association of South Hadley (BASH) is pleased to announce a night of laughter for a great cause. Funny 4 Funds is a comedy group that helps specific groups fundraise to achieve their goals, whatever they may be. The BASH is hoping to bring out many members of the community to the event,



which will help the many sports at South Hadley High School. BASH seeks to do all it can to benefit the various athletes at SHHS. On Saturday, Sept. 14, the Castle of Nights will open their doors to this event. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by using the QR code. There will also be raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and auctions. This is an 18 and over event.

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► Sports

Four-run eighth leads A's to Valley Wheel title

LONGMEADOW – The A's Dan Baker doubled in a run in the bottom of the eighth inning to break a scoreless tie and lead the Athletics to a 4-2 victory over the Cubs in the 18th Valley Wheel Baseball League championship game.

League Commissioner Jim Nason who sat right behind home plate for the action stated, "I think it might be the most exciting and best-played Valley Wheel game I've ever seen."

A picture-perfect day for baseball at DiPippo Park in Longmeadow turned into quite the pitcher's duel with defensive gems all over the field. The top seeded A's were taking on the 3rd seeded Cubs in a rematch of the 2023 Valley Wheel Championship, in which the A's won 13-12 after erasing an early 7-0 deficit.

The Cubs have had revenge on their minds all season and came out swinging their sticks. A's starter Mike Bielen took a perfect game into the 5th inning when he faced the Cubs a month ago, but any thought of a no-hit bid ended when the Cubs leadoff hitter Jon Campbell singled to start the game. Cory Conardo followed with another single before Bielen walked Mark Caputo to load the bases with no outs. Bielen would bear down. He got a strike out and two pop ups to leave the bases loaded and es-

cape the jam. Bielen would only give up one more hit over his next five innings of work.

Cubs starting pitcher Jon Campbell was coming off a 10-strikeout performance in the Valley Wheel semifinals and was just as dominate in the championship game. Campbell scattered three hits over six innings without giving up a run.

A's manager/infielder Tim Provost continued to employ his playoff strategy of giving Bielen mid-game breaks so that he could start and finish the game. The A's Erick Velez came on in relief in the 3rd inning and retired the side in order with two spectacular leaping catches by shortstop Kevin Hill. Bielen would return in the fourth inning and struck out two in a one, two, three frame.

Hill then stepped on the mound in the sixth inning and Campbell led off with a bunt single. Conardo followed with another hit. After a ground out that held the runners, Hill walked Bryan Ring to load the bases. Hill then induced a 4-6-3 double play to get out of the jam.

In the top of the sixth inning the game remained scoreless when Jason Mikesell walked and advanced to second on a wild pitch. The next hitter popped up down the first base fence line but A's first baseman Ryan Walsh made a sliding catch for the sec-



Submitted photo

The Valley Wheel Athletics captured the championship on Sunday, Aug. 25. The A's defeated the Cubs 4-2 to take the title.

ond out and the runner held up. After another walk, Bielen got a pop up to end the inning.

In the top of the seventh, Hill returned in relief and with two outs gave up back-to-back singles to Aaron Holcomb and Ryan Lopes before hitting John Britt with a 1-2 pitch to load the bases. Hill then found an extra gear as he struck out the Cubs with their leadoff hitter up to end the inning.

In the bottom of the seventh inning with Britt on in relief, the

A's threatened for the first time all game. Bielen walked and got to third base with one out. Michael Waterhouse hit a hard grounder to third and Bielen was thrown out at the plate. After Hill singled the A's would have second and third with two outs before Britt would get a pop up to end the inning.

With Bielen back on the bump, he retired the 2-3-4 hitters of the Cubs in order in the eighth inning. The game remained tied 0-0 heading into the bottom

of the eighth inning when Dan Oleksak would leg out an infield single. Provost followed with a walk, before Dan Baker doubled over the head of the left fielder to plate the first run of the game. After an error, Provost scored. Baker would score on a wild pitch, before Walsh hit a sacrifice fly to center to give the A's a 4-0 lead.

Bielen went out to close the game in the ninth inning, but walked Jonathan Downs to lead off the inning before Chris Curtis singled. Bielen retired the next two hitters before walking Greg Gallivan to load the bases. With the Cubs down to their last out, Paul Audette grounded to shortstop, but the A's second baseman could not corral it giving the Cubs life and their first run. A wild pitch would plate another run and put the tying run at second base when Bielen got a ground ball he refused to let get by him. He tossed it to first for the final out of an epic game.

The A's won their seventh Valley Wheel Championship and became the second team to win the pennant as the top seed in the regular season and win the championship in back-to-back seasons. The Indians did it in the inaugural two seasons in 2006 and 2007. The A's who started off the season 0-3, finish by winning 12 of their last 14 games.

Relics put cap on season

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Dan Jasak delivers a pitch.



Derrick Green looks to tag out John Richards.

LUDLOW - The Western Mass Relics, a softball league for elder citizens in the region, wrapped up its season a couple of weeks ago with playoffs and a championship game. It was the Q-Tips who came out on top in the league, which is based in Ludlow.



Jerry Ago sends a pitch away.



George Slattery looks to slide safely into second.



Paul Grugden takes a swing.

National Champion UConn to play on Enshrinement Weekend

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame is excited to introduce the Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement Game benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer as part of Enshrinement Weekend. This special event will feature a matchup between the back-to-back NCAA National Champion Connecticut Huskies and the Rhode Island Rams on Monday, Oct. 14, at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut.

This game will be the Huskies' first appearance since clinching their second consecutive title in April. UConn head coach Dan Hurley previously led Rhode Island from 2012-18, guiding them to the NCAA Tournament in 2017-18.

"We are thrilled to host and partner on this exhibition game as part of our Enshrinement Weekend festivities," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "This game not only brings together two outstanding college basketball programs but also highlights

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September Programs

Celebrating 10 years on Canal Street in October

Can you believe it's already been 10 years since the new South Hadley Public Library opened on Canal Street? We've been around since 1897 but this past decade has been especially full of wonderful memories and growth. We will be holding an event in October to look back at how the new library came to be. Great communities make great libraries.

Adult Programs at SHPL

Tuesday, Sept. 17

National Voter Registration Day is happening on and we've got a big election coming in November. Assistant Town Clerk Zoe Ingram will be at the library from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to answer questions about your voter status and register new voters.

Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.

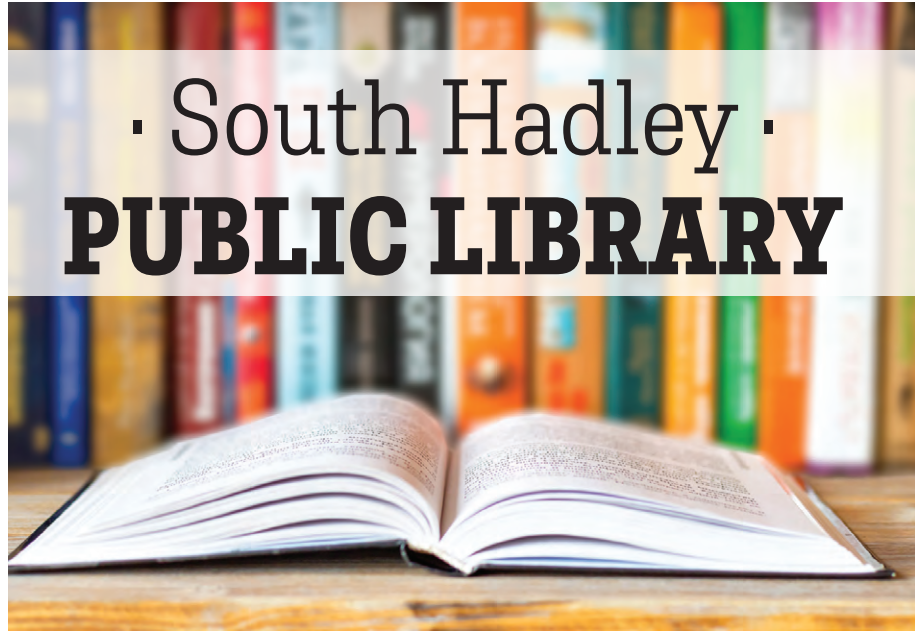
Looking for some live music this fall? SHPL will host a free Folk Music Concert with Sparkie Allison. Come on down and enjoy the sounds of this local singer/songwriter.

Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10 a.m.

Small Appliance Swap - Do you have a kitchen item sitting on your counter that is clean, still works, but you no longer use? Bring it on down to the library and swap it for something new to you! Examples include a rice cooker, coffee maker, or air fryer- bring it in. It must be in working condition and clean, if it is not clean it will be refused. Drop offs will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 3 through Friday, Sept. 20. You will receive a ticket for each item you bring, then come to the swap on Saturday, Sept. 21. The library doors open at 9:30 a.m. and you can begin to line up at the Community Room door. Doors won't open until 10 a.m.

Online Author Programs

- Capturing the Human Drama of 9/11 and D-Day Through Oral History with Garrett Graff, New York Times Bestselling Author and Pulitzer Prize Finalist. Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m.
- Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World-with Nate Klemp, PhD,



New York Times Bestselling Co-Author of Start Here: Master the Lifelong Skill of Well-Being. Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m.

· A Deep Dive in Character Development with Global Sensation Liane Moriarty, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author of Big Little Lies, The Husband's Secret, and Apples Never Fall. Saturday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

Teen Programs at SHPL

We continue our regular monthly programs with the popular Crafternoon, Snackternoon and Xbox1 programs.

Crafternoon

Thursday, Sept. 19 at 4 p.m. will feature Perler Beads.

Snackternoon

Thursday, Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. will feature Breakfast Sushi. Thank you to the Friends of the South Hadley Public Library for sponsoring our Teen Snackternoon.

Xbox1 gaming session

Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Night Craft

Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Crafting DIY Stress Balls, and this program is typically held on the last Tuesday of the month.

Our Teen Takeaway craft this month is Paper Plate Dragons! See Bethany for more details or to sign up.

Reach out with any questions about teen services through email or call the li-

brary 538-5045 and ask for Bethany. You can also check out the Teen Room door for more information.

Children's Programs at SHPL

Monday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.

Animal Builders program from the Hitchcock Center. How do squirrels prepare for fall? Perfect for kids in kindergarten through third grade!

Also coming up...

Pajama Storytimes: Monday, Sept. 16, 23, and 30, from 6:30-7 p.m. Wear your jammies!

Animal Builders: Squirrels: Monday, Sept. 9 from 6-7 p.m.

Graphic Novel Book Club: Thursday, Sept. 12 from 3:45-4:45 p.m., for kids age 8-11

My First Book Club: Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10:30-11:15 a.m., for kids in kindergarten and first grade

Mr. Liam joins Rhyme Time: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Farmers' Market Storytime: Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 4 p.m.

We have weekly storytimes, rhyme times, playgroups, Lego and board games, comics & crafts, and Read to a Dog. Learn more about our weekly and monthly year-round programs for kids and our Book Bundle service on the children's programs page of our website!

Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15, so come check out some of the fantastic books that celebrate the culture and contributions of Hispanic and Latino

Americans! If you haven't yet read a book by Raúl the Third, Meg Medina, Claribel Ortega, Pam Muñoz Ryan, or Margarita Engle, now's the time!

Sneak peek at an early October program...Brie's Balloons is coming back!

Gaylord Memorial Library Programs

Spice Club returns to Gaylord this fall. We'll be sampling spices from local favorite Southern New England Spice Company, starting with Buffalo Spice on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Preregister at the Gaylord circulation desk to register in person.

Gaylord's Garden Volunteers meet Friday, Sept. 6 at noon. Find out how you can get involved with Gaylord's growing garden programs! Later in the month, bring your extra fall plants and bulbs to our Fall Plant Swap on Friday, Sept. 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. and take home something new to plant!

Chainmail Bracelet Making Class

Castle Nitor, teacher, Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. Participants can keep what they make.

Story Time every Friday at 10:30 a.m. with Miss Janet.

Our special guest on Friday, Sept. 6, will be when Miss Mary visits us from Berkshire Hills Music Academy to read braille books and sing for the kids.

Lego Club meeting Thursdays, Sept. 5 and 19 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Open Crafts for Kids Thursdays, Sept. 12 and 26 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Outdoor Water Play on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10:15 a.m.

Outdoor Games on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10:15 a.m.

Town of South Hadley

The South Hadley Cultural Council (SHCC) invites the public to attend a reception to showcase the work of this year's grantees and learn how to apply for funding for the 2025 grant cycle. The SHCC Grantee Celebration and Information Session will take place in the Community Room of the South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal Street, South Hadley, MA, on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 5:30-7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Attendees can also learn about applying for a grant to fund a project in 2025.

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the power of our sport to make a positive impact off the court. By supporting Coaches vs. Cancer, we are proud to contribute to the fight against a disease that has touched so many lives. We look forward to a memorable weekend that celebrates the spirit of basketball and those who inspire us all."

The NCAA waiver-approved charity game will cap off the Hall of Fame's weekend's festivities, which also features the Class of 2024 Enshrinement Ceremony on Sunday, October 13, in Springfield, Massachusetts – the Birthplace of Bas-

ketball. All net proceeds from the game will benefit Coaches vs. Cancer and the American Cancer Society.

"We appreciate the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame's support of our work to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families," said Dr. Karen E. Knudsen, CEO of the American Cancer Society. "Our partnership with the NABC has been invaluable in helping us fund research and directly support those going through a cancer journey. The support and awareness this game will provide extends our reach even further and moves us closer to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive

cancer."

Coaches vs. Cancer is a nationwide partnership between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). The program brings together coaches, fans, and the basketball community to support the American Cancer Society's efforts in advancing cancer research, providing patient support, and advocating for those affected by the disease. Currently raising over \$10 million annually, the Coaches vs. Cancer initiative has raised more than \$167 million to help fulfill the mission of ending cancer. For more information, please visit coaches.cancer.org.

"Mohegan Sun is a proud partner of both UConn and the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, and we're once again thrilled to have an expanded role in Enshrinement Weekend, which will now include this marquee exhibition game inside the 10,000-seat Mohegan Sun Arena," said Jeff Hamilton, President & GM of Mohegan Sun. "UConn vs. URI on October 14th, benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer, will be a great experience for fans, and it is a great way to cap off one of the most exciting weekends of the year at Mohegan Sun."

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TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

HIGHWAY POSITION OPENING

The Town of Worthington is soliciting letters of interest from qualified candidates to fill two full-time **Equipment Operator/General Laborer** positions in the Town Highway Department. Valid MA CDL operator, Hydraulic Hoister's licenses and OSHA-10 certification is preferred.

Further information can be found on the Town's website: www.worthington-ma.us

Questions will be answered by the Highway Superintendent at 64 Huntington Road, Monday - Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM; the telephone number is 413-238-5830.

Send letter of interest, resume and three (3) references with relevant contact information to: worthingtonhighway@gmail.com or to Worthington Highway Department, P. O. Box 643, Worthington, MA. This posting will remain pertinent until the position is filled.

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Public Notices

GRANBY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, Sec. 11, the Granby Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on **Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:45 PM, at 1 Library Lane, Old Carnegie Library, Top Floor, Granby, MA.** The nature of the hearing is to consider the petition of Wayne Beaulieu (Owner/Applicant), seeking a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval under Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the Granby Zoning Bylaws and applicable of Section III – Use Regulations, 3.7.5 Accessory Uses, regarding a private garage or stables exceeding Twelve Hundred (1200) square feet in area to be located at 47 Amherst Street, and known as Assessors' Map 3-A-9.3 in the town of Granby, MA.

In addition to the above hearing, the Planning Board intends to conduct a public meeting prior and following said hearing. The complete application and plan is available for public inspection during regular business hours (9:00AM – 3:00 PM, Monday-Thursday, and 9:00AM – 12:00 PM Fridays) at the Selectmen's Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street, Granby, MA 01033.

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

Kathleen Bronner, Chair
Granby Zoning Board of Appeals
James Trompke, Chair
Granby Planning Board
09/06, 09/13/2024

TOWN OF GRANBY LEGAL NOTICE

The Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, September 16, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. at *10-B West State Street, in the Senior Center large meeting room relative to**

the following:
Amending the General Bylaws of the Town, by replacing existing **CHAPTER XIV. CANINE CONTROL** with New **Chapter XIV. ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW.** (Copies of full text of said amendments are available from the Selectboard's Office, Town Annex and on the town's website: www.granby-ma.gov)

Crystal L Dufresne
David Labonte
Glen N Sexton
Granby Selectboard
08/30, 09/06/2024

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

Notice is hereby given by Hampshire Towing, 650 New Ludlow Rd., South Hadley, MA 01075, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that a SEALED BID auction with bids due **Monday, September 23, 2024 at 8 a.m.** Vehicles can be viewed **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** by calling 413-534-5373.

The following motor vehicles will be sold to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles:

2006 Nissan Sentra
VIN: 3N1CB51D56L540187
Diogo Gomes Martins
62 S Plain Rd
Sunderland, MA 01375

2005 Ford Escape
VIN: 1FMYU93135KA35428
Glenn Cruz
470 Memorial Dr Apt 350
Chicopee, MA 01020

2005 Ford E Series
VIN: 1FDWE35P55HB30430
Griswold Connecticut Powersports
1801 Glasgo Rd
Griswold, CT 06351

2013 Kia Optima
VIN: KNAGM4A78D5402229
Angelica Rivera
37 Leary Dr
Holyoke, MA 01040

2002 Acura MDX
VIN: 2HNYD18602H531861

Brett Desrosiers
434 Russell Rd Apt 6
Westfield, MA 01085

2009 Mercury Milan
VIN: 3MEHM08Z39R617348
Jesseina Sepulveda
47 Colony Rd Apt 1B
West Springfield, MA 01089

2012 Hyundai Veloster
KMHTC6ADXC046078
John Slater
6 Pinevale St
Indian Orchard, MA 01151

2014 BMW 5 Series
VIN: WBA5B3C50ED535691
Richard Racine
47 Richelieu St
Chicopee, MA 01020

2004 Chevrolet Cavalier
VIN: 1G1JC52F447358136
Stephen Joley
8 Crest St
Wilbraham, MA 01095

2007 Infiniti FX35
VIN: JNRAS08W47X200873
Maritza Santiago Martinez
54 Bridge St Apt D70
South Hadley, MA 01075

2007 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BK46K77U513618
Dalisha Marrero
294 Elm St Apt 4A
Holyoke, MA 01040

2006 Audi A6
VIN: WAUKH94F96N086194
Paola Rodriguez Vazquez
5 Oconnor Ave., 2nd Fl
Holyoke MA 01040

2006 BMW x3
VIN: WBXPA93426WG76038
Tracey Thompkins Saeed
145 Cabot St., Apt 3L
Holyoke MA 01040

1997 Geo Prizm
VIN: 1Y1SK5261VZ449722
Nachaly Moreira
303 Maple St., Apt 241
Springfield MA 01105

1992 Buick Regal
VIN: 2G4WB14L6N1499294
Maureen Lesage
183 Eagle St., Apt 2
North Adams MA 01247

2008 Toyota Camry Solara
VIN: 4T1CA30P88U153654
Ann Dukett
30 Allen St
Gardner MA 01440

2012 Ford Focus
VIN: 1FAHP3K22CL326955
Donna Dyer
12 Maple St
Westfield MA 01085

2006 Honda Pilot
VIN: 2HKYF18596H506705
Madelyn Boyce
7 Franklin St., Apt 1
Holyoke MA 01040

2008 BMW 3 Series
VIN: WBAWL73528PX52851
Jason Truong
122 4th St
Medford MA 02155

2003 Acura CL
VIN: 19UYA41653A000120
Thomas Nathaniel Jordan
5800 Spruce St
Philadelphia PA 19139

2005 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM66515A079303
Edgar Berrios Rivera
70 Belmont Ave., Apt 1R
Springfield MA 01108

2011 Hyundai SONATA
5NPEB4AC1BH063100
Angelica Roman
58 Washburn St
Springfield MA 01107

2002 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCG56662A003081
Shakeem Rios
1537 N. Main St., Apt 2L
Palmer MA 01069

30ft Carver Boat
VIN: MS3543KV
Robert Carter
42 Fitchburg Rd
Ashburnham MA 01430

1998 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 2T1BR12E3WC094841
Janice Marie Ortiz Vargas
320 W. King St., Apt 5
Lancaster PA 17603

2010 Acura TSX
VIN: JH4CU2F6XAC014298
Juan Rentas Rivera
16 Cabot St., Apt 3R
Holyoke MA 01040

2007 Utility Reefer Trailer
VIN: 1UYVS25307M051811
Cedt Inc
874 Memorial Ave
W. Springfield MA 01089

2000 Nissan Quest
VIN: 4N2XN11T7YD824853
Ricardo De-Leon
12 Hamilton St., Apt 1R
Holyoke MA 01040

1997 Mercedes-Benz E-Class
VIN: WDBJF55FXVA404601
Elvis Methoxha
8 Avon St., Apt 3
Melrose MA 02176

2008 Audi S5
VIN: WAURV78T58A040061
Sylvia Cotton

PO Box 1
Springfield MA 01101

2005 Acura TL
VIN: 19UUA66275A026690
Mandy Medina-Cruz
65 Whittier St
Springfield MA 01108

1999 Dodge Dakota
VIN: 1B7GG22X8XS105772
David Baker
25 Eastview Dr
Westfield MA 01085

1997 Chevrolet Tahoe
VIN: 1GNEK13R8VJ372128
Michael Mansfield
146 Northampton Ave., 1st Fl
Springfield MA 01109

2007 Audi A6
VIN: WAUAH74F97N055433
Marlon Brown
312 Hundson Harbour
Poughkeepsie NY 12601

2002 Nissan Pathfinder
VIN: JN8DR09Y92W706694
E. R. Mariamarte
89 Sunset Dr
Patterson NY 12563

2011 Subaru Forester
VIN: JF2SHADC5BH723361
Michael McCarthy
10 Harvard St
Quincy MA 02171

2007 Subaru Impreza
VIN: JF1GG61647H812158
Gabriel Williams
14 Graves St., Apt A
South Deerfield MA 01373

2008 Ford Edge
VIN: 2FMDK49C08BB26803
Hildamarie Roig Escalera
103 Newton St
Holyoke MA 01040

1997 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 2T1BA02E0VC195285
Luis Cabrera
384 Appleton St., Apt 1
Holyoke MA 01040

2014 Acura RDX
VIN: 5J8TB4H39EL023698
Kevin Figueroa
654 Meadow St
Chicopee MA 01013

2002 Infiniti Q45
VIN: JNKBF01AX2M003190
Toni Galvin
107 Orange St., Fl 1
Springfield MA 01108

2007 Mitsubishi Outlander
JA4MT41X77Z005501
Raven Wienczek
31 Salem St
Springfield MA 01105

Bayliner Boat
VIN: BIYC09CJF888 Michael
Sullivan
16 Wakefield St
Webster MA 01570

2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee
VIN: 1J4GW48SX1C693485
Juan Ortiz
163 Artisan St
Chicopee MA 01013

2007 Mazda CX-7
VIN: JM3ER29LX70131605
Janilisse Espada Ortiz
464 Maple St., Apt 4B
Holyoke MA 01040

Larson Boat
VIN: LAR05795K586
Sean Santucci
256 Colemore St
Feeding Hills MA 01030

2003 Volkswagen Passat
VIN: WVWVD63B23E072707
Xavier Colon
265 College St., Apt E
Chicopee MA 01020

2001 Lexus RX 300
VIN: JTHJF10U210167274
Lori Pinsonneault
1522 East Rd
Bennington VT 05201

2007 Volvo XC90
VIN: YV4CZ852271372355
Jacqueline Miller
8 Clark St
Springfield MA 01105

2008 Jeep Compass
VIN: 1J8FF47W48D784903
Douglas Sutton
68 Willard Ave
Springfield MA 01109

2001 Ford Ranger
VIN: 1FTZR15E21PA96603
Owner Unknown
Address Unknown
09/06, 09/13, 09/20/2024



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.

St. Francis announces upcoming Car and Bike Show, Sept. 14

BELCHERTOWN— St. Francis of Assisi Parish located at 24 Jabish St., is hosting a Car and Bike Show on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is one of many planned fundraisers which

will be held to support the building of a much-needed parish center on their Jabish Street Campus.

All makes and models of cars and motorcycles will be on display. Music will be provided by Bruce

Marshall of Valley's Classic Hits and food will be available for purchase.

The general public is invited to this free event. The entry fee for show vehicles is \$15 and trophies

will be awarded to the top three cars and bikes.

If a rain date is necessary, this event will take place on Sunday, September 15 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

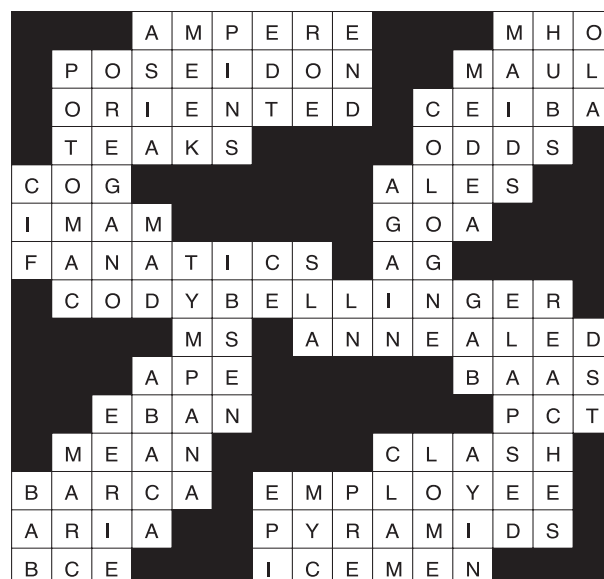
Town Reminder
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.



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- Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts' public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

Public notice deadlines are Mondays at noon, Fridays noon for Monday holidays.

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Local eastern coyote sightings on the rise

SOUTH HADLEY – There have been reports that there is an eastern coyote raising a litter of pups in Black Stevens Conservation Area, next to the South Hadley High School. This is a reminder to all that you should not interact with wildlife. Ever. It can put you and the wildlife in danger.

In accordance with Conservation Area Regulations, this is also a reminder that all dogs must be on a leash. Please keep your dog, yourself, and others

safe by following this rule.

In February of this year, a coyote was captured on a trail camera in Black Stevens on the unmarked southern trails. It is likely that it (or the mate) gave birth in a den to 4–8 pups in April or May. Two pups were captures on a trail camera in July. Coyotes maintain seasonal social units that consist of the adult pair and the pups until the pups disperse on their own in late autumn. Please maintain awareness of your surroundings while hik-

ing.

The eastern coyote resembles a medium-sized dog in body size and shape, but has longer, denser fur and pointed, erect ears. The tail is long, black-tipped, and bushy. Typical coatcolor is a grizzled gray but can vary from creamy blonde to red or nearly solid black. Typical weights for females are 33–40 pounds, while males typically weigh 34–47 pounds. A very large male may weigh in the neighborhood of 60 pounds, but such an animal is

exceptional. Coyotes often look heavier than they are because of their thick fur. MassWildlife is a great resource to learn more information about the Eastern Coyote.

The chance of being attacked by a coyote is extremely low. You have a far greater chance of being seriously bitten by a domestic dog or hit by a car than being attacked by a coyote. The mere presence of a coyote in an area is not cause for concern. However, if you encounter a coyote on the

trail it is recommended you quietly and calmly turn around and walk away. If you feel threatened, you can make loud noises by yelling or blowing a whistle. Keep your dog on leash to avoid unwanted attacks. A coyote may see a dog as a threat to it's young and attack. Please be aware and mindful of your surroundings on the trails!

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Rebekah Cornell, Conservation Administrator. 413-538-5030 x6129

Sand for Seniors program

SOUTH HADLEY — It's that time of year again. TRI-AD & The South Hadley COA present the Sand for Seniors program. Winter is coming, and so is a special sand delivery for your home. This sand superhero saves the day by adding grip to those slippery spots like steps and walkways. Say goodbye to icy slips and falls - stay cozy and safe during the chilly season!

To sign up, contact the South Hadley Senior Center at 413-538-5030, option 3. Sign up deadline in Sept. 15, 2024. Distribution of the buckets will begin on Sept. 24.

Sunny perch...



A house finch is perched on this sunflower landing pad as he takes a break from his busy day.

Turley Publications photo by Kara Walsh-Vey

Fall Festival set for Sept. 28

HOLYOKE— St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 485 Appleton St., will hold their Fall Festival on Sautday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall and on the Church grounds. There will be something for everyone: Gift Basket Raffles, \$5 Fun Raising Raffle, Vendors, Plants, Bake Sale, a Cafe', and Outdoor Activities for Families. Free ample parking is located behind the Church and all are welcome.

For more information, please call the Church Office at 413-532-5060.

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