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Work continues for the Redevelopment Authority

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Deep into the work of revitalizing South Hadley Falls, the South Hadley Redevelopment Authority continues to expand and progress with its goals and visions.

At the Nov. 13 special town meeting, the group will request to elect another member to complete its board. This will allow for another perspective to hear and more hands to complete the work. The authority intends to work on seeking out a new member in the coming weeks through

advertising and in-person conversations.

As part of those and other efforts, the group hopes to hold two informational sessions for local residents and business owners in South Hadley Falls to review the purpose and goals of the group. At its Sept. 4 meeting, the

group tentatively agreed to host both meetings in October, one on a weekend and one on a weekday evening so that they could bring in the widest range of people. The hope is for the group to get to know the business in the area better, to provide an overview of future events and to have a ques-

tion and answer period.

The group also continues to work on a memorial fund to remember former select board member Frank DeToma who passionately cared about the revitalization of South Hadley

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SHELD announces new fiber opportunities

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SOUTH HADLEY - The SHELD commissioners met to review and go over some new and exciting news including the expansion of their services to surrounding towns.

Chair John Hine held the August 29 meeting, and he was accompanied by Ron Coutu, Kurt Schenker, Paul Dobosh, and Tom Terry.

Also in attendance were Sean Fitzgerald, Kim Mendoza, Michael Conchieri, and Master Plan Implementation Committee member Susan Perry.

Fiber Expansion

"This is a very exciting topic," Fitzgerald said. "SHELD building the IST business for

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TAG SALE for the community



Nancy Perman, Karen Anderson, and Corinne Chartrand with the bakery table.

First Congregational Church hosts annual tag sale

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SOUTH HADLEY - The First Congregational Church of South Hadley, or called by locals, Center Church, hosted its annual tag sale for the community.

The first tag sale, started by congregation member Corinne Chartrand in 1996, was put together in order to raise funds for various projects.

At the time, there was a craft fair on the common the weekend after Labor Day, and it became the best time as the church's location was able to bring in the traffic from that fair.

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Kids with their moms showing how they can color in the lines.

Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

Ranger brings stories and fun to kids

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GRANBY - The Granby Public Library hosts the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge in Hadley to the library with Ranger Tasha Daniels to give a special story.

Daniels, in partnership with the director of the youth services at the library, Janice McArdle, creates a lesson about nature and includes a hands-on craft for them to complete.

This week, the program was on woolly bear caterpillars, a well-known bug that comes out in the fall, and what these fuzzy little creatures turn into - the Isabella Tiger Moth.

Daniels read the book "The Secret Life of the Woolly Bear Caterpillar" by Laurence Pringle

and illustrated by Joan Paley to the kids, ages three to five years old and their siblings.

The book follows the travels of a woolly bear caterpillar named Bella and her journey to becoming a beautiful Isabella Tiger Moth.

"I like connecting people to nature through programs at the library," Daniels said. "And I love books, and reading. If I didn't become a ranger, I would work with books."

Daniels has worked as a ranger for seventeen and a half years, and got her bachelor's degree in environmental science and master's degree in wildlife conservation biology from UMASS Amherst.

"I'm a people person and a nature nerd," Daniels said, describing her work in providing these programs for the kids and

their families at the library.

The refuge located in Hadley, is home to all sorts of wildlife and plant life, but it is different from a park or sanctuary in that it takes care of the animals and plants and insects already on the land, providing education and care for these ecosystems.

"We take care of (the land) and teach the public about it," Daniels explained. "People are welcome to come and visit and enjoy the nature."

The Refuge has trails to walk on, that are ADA compliant and stroller-friendly, ready to be utilized by anyone that wishes to take a stroll through nature.

There is also a special Storybook trail where pages of a story are put throughout a path in a garden, directing people through

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► South Hadley

Committee raises money to support Air Force base

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Westover Galaxy Council has been holding annual golf tournament fundraisers for the past four years at Ledges Golf Course.

“We were discussing different fundraisers, and we have golfers on our board, so we decided to do a golfing fundraiser,” Donna Charette, a member of Galaxy Council said.

Donna Charette has a nephew who served in the marines, and has been a part of the committee for ten years, using her time to come up with ways to support the airforce base.

The name of the council represents the C-5 Galaxy planes that are found on the airforce base, and the committee works to provide and create fundraisers in order to support the men and women on the base and their families.

Because so many members on the committee enjoyed competing in golf tournaments, they decided to host one of their own, and Ledges came forward to host the event.

“It’s good to be able to give back and help people see what we can help them with,” retired army veteran Norman Dufresne said.

The committee is focused on helping and being there for the base and its res-



Chicopee Mayor John Vieau hitting the ball.

idents, helping them in whatever ways they need help.

The committee is formed of civilians who care for the military, and strive to give whatever they can to the base, and celebrated their 35th anniversary as an organization in 2023.

Al Chwalek, who has been a member of the committee for thirty years, joined in on the tournament, and shared his love for the military, and desire to help.

“Being part of the team that organizes



Bob Longerin, Andrea Anderson, Tim Pelletier, and Missy Candiano enjoying their time golfing.

the event is my favorite part,” Chwalek said. “All the money we raise goes to the men and women on Westover Airforce Base and their families.”

“Our thanks to the 120 folks who come to play in our tournament, and all the volunteers,” Chwalek said, excited about what the committee has been able to accomplish.

“My favorite part is helping the military,” Charette said. “It makes you feel good to see and support the military who do so much for us.”

The tournament, which featured raffles

and prizes, a hot dog and chips for lunch, and eighteen holes of golf with beautiful scenery and mountains in the distance.

In total, there were thirty groups of four that signed up for the day, and the event actually sold out, with all 120 people coming for the day.

Mayor Vieau of Chicopee also came to play the eighteen holes of golf, saying, “We’re happy to support Galaxy.”

The council has another event coming up on Oct. 19, a car show at the Westover Metropolitan Airport from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with raffles, food trucks, and music.



Jack St. Clair, Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, Elizabette Batista and Craig Biela with the Chicopee DPW enjoying the nice weather.



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas; Submitted by Chris Marion, Westover Galaxy Community Council
Donna Charette and Norman Dufresne at their Westover Galaxy Community Council table, ready to welcome golfers as they passed.

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Celebrate South Hadley arts with the SHCC

SOUTH HADLEY— The South Hadley Cultural Council 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 St., on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

At the 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 Sept. 1, on the Mass Cultural Council’s webpage. All applications must be submitted through the MCC site during the time it is open from Sept. 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 Senior Center. A complete list of recipients and grant amounts can be found at this link to massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/south-hadley/.

Learn about running for local office

SOUTH HADLEY—South Hadley voters are invited to attend an information session at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23, 2024 in the Community Room at South Hadley Public Library at 2 Canal Street to learn about running for local office. Now is the time to think about the April 8, 2025 Annual Town Election. Having information now can be helpful for those considering running for an office as the timeline for running typically starts just as the busy holiday season is coming to an end and the new year begins.

Running for election as a Town Meeting Member can be a good starting point for residents who would like to be more involved in and better understand Town affairs. As Town Meeting is the legislative session that votes on our policies

and budget, members learn a great deal about how our town works and its finances. Each of South Hadley’s five precincts has 24 Town Meeting Members, for a total of 120 elected members. Members serve staggered 3-year terms, with eight seats on the ballot each year for every precinct. Town Moderator, John Hine, will join the meeting to provide some more insight on Town Meeting.

Participants will learn about being a precinct-based Town Meeting member, as well as the Town-Wide elected offices outlined in our ByLaws. The requirements to be a candidate, how to run for local office, and the timelines for running will also be covered. The event is hosted by the South Hadley Town Clerk’s office and Board of Registrars.

Upcoming Fall Festival

HOLYOKE— St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 485 Appleton St., will hold their Fall Festival on Saturday, 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.

National voter registration day is Sept. 17

SOUTH HADLEY — In honor of National Voter Registration Day, the South Hadley Town Clerk’s office, in collaboration with the South Hadley Public Library and Council on Aging, is holding 2 events for South Hadley voters to stop by and check their registration status and/or ask any questions related to the election process.

Assistant Town Clerk Zoe Ingram will be at the South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal St., on Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon. Town Clerk

Sarah Gmeiner will be at the South Hadley Council on Aging, 45 Dayton St., on Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for voters to check their voting status before the State Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Voters may also contact the Town Clerk’s office by phone at 413-538-5030, ext. 6183, or by email at elections@southhadleyma.gov. Many resources are available online through the Secretary of the commonwealth’s website at www.VoteinMA.com.

Sand for Seniors program

SOUTH HADLEY — It’s that time of year again. TRIAD & 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 good-

bye 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.

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Falls. Although details are still being worked out, the group hopes to announce the fund at the November special town meeting and knows that the fund will help support initiatives and programs about which DeToma felt strongly. A retired Mount Holyoke College professor, DeToma spent 30 years as a water commissioner and 45 years as a member of the former South Hadley Lions Club. In addition to serving on the select board, he also served on the redevelopment authority and the historical commission. He passed away earlier this year after a battle with cancer.

Staff contact Anne Capra, director of the planning and conservation department, also provided two updates for the area at the Sept. 4 meeting.

The long-awaited Center Street reconstruction project has completed the design phase and will enter into the construction phase. The town will ask for \$950,000 to be released for construction funds on Sept. 16 and the project will provide “a major facelift and improvement all around,” said Capra.

In addition, the renovation of Main Street from the Chicopee line to the library is nearing the 90 percent mark in its own design phase. Capra explained that there has been a lot of back and forth with Massachusetts De-

partment of Transportation around what the department requires and what would be best for the town. Most of those issues have stemmed from requirements for improvements in pedestrian and biking access and parking availability. The project is slated for construction in spring 2025 but that date is tentative.

The South Hadley Redevelopment Authority was created in 2014 to work on the revitalization of the Falls area. In February 2020, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development approved its urban development and renewal plan.

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Planning Board Meeting

DATE: Monday, September 23, 2024

TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Planning Board

Virtual Meeting

Login Link and Draft Bylaws online: <https://southhadley.org/1318/ProposedDraft-Bylaws>

Proposed Zoning Bylaw amendments seek to:

- Revise the Flexible Development Bylaw to eliminate confusion with the Subdivision Regulations and encourage use, thereby creating much needed new housing and protecting important open space;
- Create uniformity throughout the Zoning Bylaw on Common Open Space requirements;
- Create a Common Driveway Bylaw and Regulations for non-subdivision roadways.

Please join us to learn more and share your thoughts on zoning pathways to support new residential housing development and the future of open space in South Hadley.

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Opinion



Husband upset about his wife's survivor benefit

Dear Rusty:

This is a matter that I find particularly irksome.

My wife, a retired teacher, was told that, should I pre-decease her, she is not eligible to get survivor benefits from my Social Security payments. I'm sure there is some arcane, bureaucratic justification for this, but I think it unconscionable. Is this true and if so, what sort of major miracle would be required to alter that?

Signed Disgruntled in Texas

Dear Disgruntled:

If your wife was a teacher in a school district, which includes all Texas school districts that exempted her from paying into Social Security, then any Social Security surviving spouse benefit she becomes entitled to from you will be affected by a provision called the Government Pension Offset. The GPO will reduce her Social Security survivor benefit by two-thirds, 67%, of the amount of her (non-covered) teacher's pension, which can and often does eliminate her surviving spouse benefit. The GPO affects teachers in about 15 states, who have opted not to participate in Social Security.

For information, this is similar to what happens to a spouse who has also earned a Social Security retirement benefit, their survivor benefit is offset by their Social Security retirement benefit and only the excess, if any, is paid.

The GPO is actually a bit more generous, in that your wife's survivor benefit is only offset by 2/3rds of her non-covered teacher's pension, whereas the offset is 100% for other surviving spouses who have earned SS retirement benefits as well. This is a provision that has been law since 1977, affecting all those who have a pension earned without contributing to Social Security. Its premise was to better equalize the way SS benefits are paid to everyone.

How can that be altered? Well, the only way is by Congress changing Social Security law. There have been numerous attempts to change the GPO law over the years, none of which have been successful. Indeed, there is a proposed law, H.R. 82 The Social Security Fairness Act, which was introduced in Congress last year. That proposal, to eliminate the GPO and a sister provision called the Windfall Elimination Provision, has essentially made little Congressional progress, short of a few committee hearings and the outlook for passage at this point is about zero.

I'm afraid I can't be optimistic that the GPO will be repealed, as Congress is more keenly focused on resolving Social Security's looming solvency issue, set to come to a head in less than a decade.

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How to best store your produce for winter enjoyment

The question I answered last week on how to best cure onions spawned a number of follow up questions.

Gardeners are looking for advice on storing potatoes, apples, winter squash and more. Read on for some timely tips that will keep your produce in tip top shape for off-season eating and enjoyment.



Why don't we start with potatoes, since they are perhaps the most tricky vegetable to store. Curing them properly will help to prevent rot, premature sprouting, and toxic greening of the skin and flesh.

By waiting a week or more after the plant has died before digging up the tubers, the skins will thicken and be less prone to injury during harvest. Once they are dug, a week spent in a cool and totally dark space will further firm their skin and change sugars to starch, completing the ripening process.

Never wash potatoes prior to storage! Gently brush off dirt and store in a single layer in the darkness at 55-60 degrees.

Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Use any pitchforked or shovel-marked spuds first, as damage to the skin will invite rot.

Harvest winter squash after vines have died back or prior to an impending frost. A pretty New England autumn scene is fields of pumpkins or colorful squash curing under sunny skies.

If you follow the farmers lead, just be sure to lift squash off the ground, and cover if rain or frost threatens. Two weeks in the field or a sunny, well-ventilated space is sufficient for curing, at which point the skin should be hard enough to resist the dent of

a fingernail.

Gently washing squash in a 10% bleach solution will help to prevent rot prior to storing at temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees. The flavor of many of our favorite squashes only improves with age.

My garlic was harvested well over a month ago, after the plant gave me a signal with one-third of its foliage withered and browned. It was dried stems and all in a shady, protected spot up off of the ground.

Soon I'll gently rub off dirt and cut back the stems to a couple of inches before storing for the winter in a cool and dry location, in mesh bags or on slatted trays etc. Soft neck types of garlic have pliable foliage that lends itself well to braiding.

In any case, allowing for good air circulation will ensure a long storage life.

I don't grow enough apples of my own to store just yet, because my orchard is still very young. To get the low-down on best storage practices I consulted a couple of great books on the subject and this is what I came up with: According to "The Apple Cookbook" by Olwen Woodier (Storey Publishing) the key to preserving the flavor and texture of apples is to put them in a cool place immediately after picking or purchasing.

But first, sort them, setting aside any with blemishes for immediate use- the old saying "one bad apple spoils the whole barrel" is true! Next, put them in perforated bags (you were right on, Mom!) and store them in the hydrator drawer of the refrigerator at temperatures between thirty-two and forty degrees.

No room in the fridge? Try storing them in the cellar at temperatures close to thirty-two degrees and eighty to eighty-five percent humidity.

Janet Chadwick, in her book "The Beginner's Guide to Preserving Food at Home" (Storey Publishing) recommends storing apples in sawdust inside a cardboard box lined with a plastic.

Although they will ripen more quickly at even slightly higher temperatures, don't let the lack of a super-cold spot dissuade you from storing your apples. Sure, they won't keep till spring, but you may get a month or two out of them.

Any that turn a little soft will still make great baked apples. Late season apples would lend themselves to winter storage better than those that are ripe now.

Enjoy the fruits (and vegetables!) of your labor by proper curing and storage!

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.

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Three friends coloring squirrels and a paper bag for their craft.



Lauren, and Sally Squirrel reading a book about Squirrels to the kids.

That's Nuts!

Squirreling around at the library

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SOUTH HADLEY – The library hosted Lauren Dausch from the Hitchcock Center to come to the library Monday night in order to read a book, do a craft, and learn about squirrels.

During the program, kids got to share facts they knew about squirrels with the group, as well as learn about the different kinds of squirrels there are and where they live.

Dausch also gave the kids baskets to walk around the outdoor area at the library and the garden to collect fallen leaves, pine needles, or anything soft that a squirrel may use for their nest in a tree trunk.

“I just like nature, and I like working with kids,” Dausch said. “It’s really fun because its outside of the classroom, and you can see their personalities shine.

The game, where each child was a “squirrel”, was a challenge where they had to race to collect as many bottle caps as they could before the time ran out, mirroring how a squirrel has to collect as many food items as possible before winter.

Dausch has been at the Hitchcock Center, beginning as a camp counselor, before moving

into working as an educator for a year and a half now.

“I feel like I’m always learning, too,” Dausch said. She works with the Hitchcock Center to do outside programs at libraries and public schools, and also does after-school and homeschool programs at the center.

“I’ve always loved kids and nature, so I found this and it was perfect,” Dausch said. “I like talking about the cool adaptations animals have. I feel like the more I learn about animals, the more I see that they’re like us.”

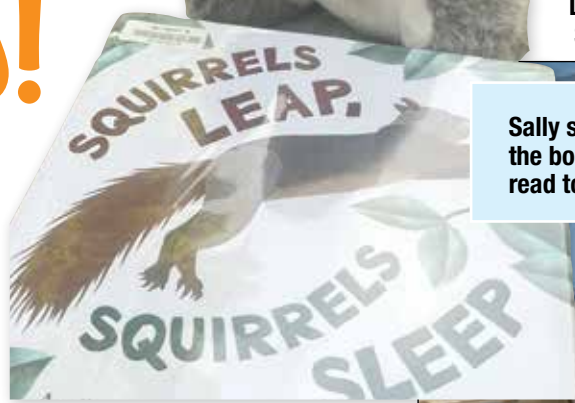
The kids got the opportunity during the Animal Builders story and craft time to make a new friend, and name their little squirrels they got to color.

One kid who especially enjoyed the craft time, picked out and colored six squirrels for their log home, and had a grandma and granpa squirrel, a mommy and daddy, and two baby squirrels.

“We are passionate about welcoming all kinds of kids,” Dausch said. “We at the Center work to be as accessible as possible.”

The Center is accessible to everyone and anyone, no matter ability or who you are, and the Center also has several LGBTQ folks and people on the spectrum working at the Center.

There are so many things to do and enjoy, including doing programs at public schools, hosting field trips, and more.



Sally squirrel and the book the kids read together.



Baskets of leaves, ready to be used for squirrel homes.



Owen and his Aunt Mary planning out how to create the home for their squirrel.



Learning about a squirrel’s home with a fun craft, squirrel home materials ready.

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Rows of treasures, ready for browsing and new homes.

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Even though the craft fair no longer happens on the common, the church continued its tradition of hosting a tag sale for the community to enjoy.

The sale, put together by members of the congregation, would spend a whole year gathering trinkets and knick-knacks to sell at the tag sale.

There is home décor, vases, pitchers, silverware, glassware, antiques, art, books, toys and stuffed animals, countless puzzles, and more to find at the tag sale that need new homes.

"It's only grown every year," Chartrand said. "It became important to give it time and space... so we started collecting at the beginning of the summer with the goal of filling the big room."

This year, the church was able to collect several pieces of antiques, jewelry, and more and put it all together in a beautiful display in the "treasure room".

"Our goal is to encourage friends, family, and church members to gather things and put them together," Chartrand said.

Karen Anderson, who worked to organize the tables of items into categories, had fun organizing and setting up displays of the items brought in throughout the summer.

"I'm a recycle person... I like recycling and reusing. I've been thrifting since my 20's, and seeing things get a new life is so important," Anderson said.

Anderson's favorite thing to do is organizing, and she took that skill to good use, organizing the various trinkets that came in to be sold for the weekend.

There was a selection of beautiful purses in need of a new home, and dozens of Hard Rock Café glasses of all shapes and sizes to find amongst the trinkets.

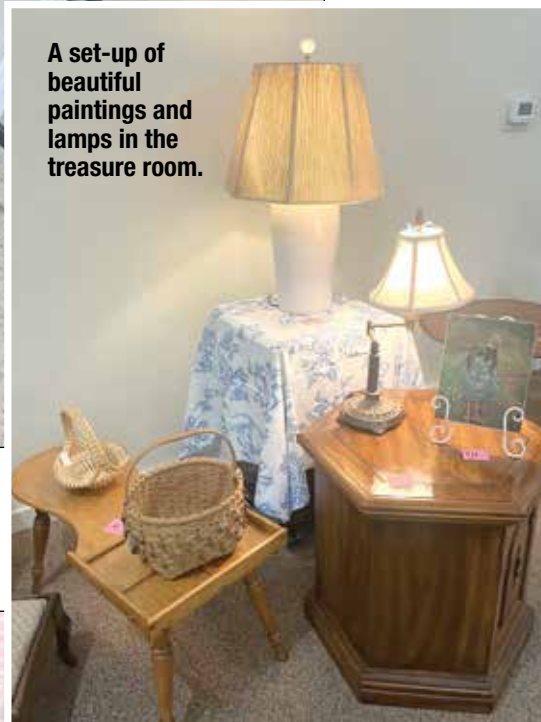
With thrifting becoming so popular, being able to have this tag sale going "means the world to see so many people coming in to enjoy it as much as we do," Chartrand said.

"I think the fact that people gather here-fundraising is good- but the fellowship, that's my favorite part," Anderson said. "The relationships you make here is my favorite. It's the most important part."

Other than being able to build connections with the community while at the tag sales, the church strives to use the funds raised to support the various projects and events and services they provide for the family.

The church uses the money raised during the tag sale to support improvements to the church building, as well as support activities for the Sunday School, and provide scholarships for Silver Lake Summer Camp.

They also have a mission, where they go into Northampton to cook, serve, and deliver meals to the homeless.



A set-up of beautiful paintings and lamps in the treasure room.



A beautiful antique piece for any home.



A gold silverware set, and a beautiful painting to match a lamp and its matching glass shade.



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Tigers grab shutout on Agawam



Maddie Soderbaum fights to keep the ball.



Gwen Marion watches her kick go past midfield.

AGAWAM – Last Wednesday night, the game started a bit slow, but South Hadley girls soccer would grab a 2-0 win over the Brownies with Simone Quinn and Katherine McArdle scoring goals for the Tigers and Olivia Athas making eight saves for her first shutout of the season. South Hadley is out to a 2-1-1 start to its season.



Mikayla Weaver tries to hold off an opponent and keep control of the ball.



Hannah Haesaert sends a pass ahead of pressure.



Allison Fleury makes a deke move before getting past an Agawam defender.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Tigers outlast Hampden Charter

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley girls volleyball team played Hampden Charter Monday afternoon. According to catch Sabrina Bardwell, South Hadley won in five sets, 16-25, 23-25, 25-20, 25-11, 15-6. Hampden played excellent defense playing balls that seemed down or out with no chance for them to be dug. Their serve receive was also extremely consistent with great passing.

South Hadley struggled the first two sets missing 15 serves. It is a difficult to fight back when you continue missing serves, and getting into a groove is almost impossible. Finally in the third set we had a turn around with 3 straight aces. The momentum finally started to change and we won 25-20.

Set 4 Tali Quinn served 16 in a row with 5 aces finishing the set 25-11.

Set 5 started with Quinn at the line again to continue her serving run. With six more serves in a row and two more aces, she helped South Hadley to a 6-0 lead and all the momentum. Grace Matyszewski helped with five aces of her own. South Hadley finished the fifth set with a final score of 15-6.

Granby girls volleyball defeated in opener



Cailin Kibble goes for the serve.



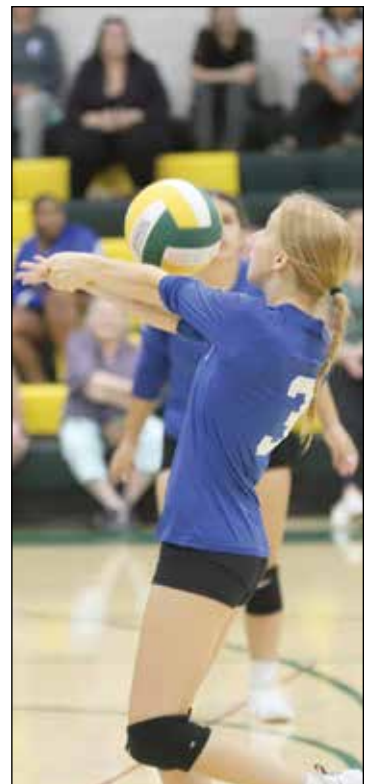
Gracie Pula gets the hit from the back line.

SOUTHWICK – Last Thursday evening, Granby girls volleyball was swept 3-0 by host Southwick in the opener for both teams. The Rams dropped to 0-1 on the young season.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Lyla Bergeron keeps the ball in play.



Audrey Pleisch goes for a bump

Sports

Railers trainer moves into AHL position

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders) announced today that Alex Maring has been hired by the Tampa Bay Lightning to be the next Head Athletic Trainer of the American Hockey League's Syracuse Crunch.

Maring, 24, goes to Syracuse after serving as the head athletic trainer for the Railers for the 2022-23 & 2023-24 seasons. He first joined the Railers after serving as an athletic training intern with the Springfield Thunderbirds of the American Hockey League during the 2021-22 season, joining them on their way to an AHL Eastern Conference championship and Calder Cup Finals appearance. He shadowed with the Utica

Comets of the AHL during the 2015-16 season, working under current St. Louis Blues assistant trainer Dustin Flynn.

"We're excited to see Alex take the next step in his career," Chief Operating Officer Michael G. Myers said. "This is something that's well deserved, and we look forward to following his success in the coming years. The Railers are extremely proud of our track record and commitment to developing employees to get to the next level both on and off the ice."

The New Hartford, NY native graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training from Springfield College in May of 2021. Maring graduated from Springfield College's Master of Education in Sport and Exercise Psychology program in May of 2023.

"I'd like to thank the Railers organization and the city of Worcester for the past two years," Maring said. "The Railers gave me the opportunity to provide the best possible care to every athlete that came through the door. I was able to foster great relationships with all of our amazing partners and staff in Worcester. I look forward to maintaining the connections I made in Worcester for a lifetime."

The Worcester Railers HC 2024-25 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Sat., Oct. 19th and Sun., Oct. 20th vs. the Reading Royals. The new 508 Club is now on sale for the 2024-25 season! Get access to games this season, exclusive events and additional benefits by calling the Railers front office at 508-365-1750 or by visiting RailersHC.com.

MIAA looks to honor officials

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association is looking to collectively recognize the efforts of our Game Officials. The fall National Officials Appreciation Week will be held Oct. 6 to 12. Once again, MIAA staff members will travel around the state to personally thank officials and support their efforts on the local level. We hope that you will consider recognizing them in some manner. The Winter Officials Appreciation Week will be Jan. 13-18, 2025 and the Spring Officials Appreciation Week will be April 6-12, 2025.

Thunderbirds announce another season of great promotions

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds are cranking up the volume on their impending ninth season of play in the American Hockey League with a loaded promotional schedule that features brand-new giveaways, returning staple events, and some never-before-seen elements at the Thunderdome.

It all starts on Saturday, Oct. 12 with

Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield. Before puck drop, fans can flock to the Plaza at MGM Springfield for the Community Bank N.A. season-opening Block Party, with support from the Springfield BID, from 4 to 6 p.m., featuring live music, food & drink to drop the puck on another magnificent season. The team anticipates a ninth

consecutive Opening Night sellout and a 15th consecutive sellout dating back to last season.

Fans can expect to see five specialty jerseys corresponding to the team's traditional theme nights: Teddy Bear Toss, Throwback Night, Ice-O-Topes Night, Military Appreciation Night, and Pink in the Rink. Should we do six specialty

jerseys? Stay tuned for more info. The fan-favorite blue third jerseys will return this season on the following game nights: Friday, Oct. 25; Friday, Nov. 22; Tuesday, Dec. 31; Monday, Jan. 20; Friday, March 28; and Friday, April 18.

The full promotional schedule can be found at www.springfieldthunderbirds.com

Small appliance swap day Sept. 21

SOUTH HADLEY—Do you have a kitchen item sitting on your counter that is clean, and still works- but you no longer use it? Bring it down to the South Hadley library and swap it for something new to you! For example: 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 off is until Friday, Sept. 20. Individuals will receive a ticket for each item they bring. Then come on Sat., Sept. 21. The library doors open at 9:30 a.m. You can begin to line up at the Community Room Door then. Doors don't open until 10 a.m.

Car and Bike show this Saturday

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.



South Hadley chorale to begin rehearsals Oct. 9

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 con-

tinue 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 conductor 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 so-

loist 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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Fiberspring... we have a couple of new opportunities that have surfaced."

The town of Longmeadow reached out via their municipal task force seeking to hire SHELD as their service provider, and at an upcoming selectboard meeting, will move to invite SHELD to discuss rates, and services for this project.

"I believe that this is a great opportunity for SHELD, and all of our customers that we represent," Fitzgerald said.

"I think that there is little to zero risk for us, and that there is a huge potential of upside for us to leverage our existing business to help reduce our costs and help us earn more potential revenue," Fitzgerald said.

The town of Hampden also reached out to SHELD, expressing interest in hiring SHELD for their services as well.

Fitzgerald assured us that these new opportunities will not affect the services the current Fiberspring customers have and is looking forwards to the positive changes these expansions will bring for the town and SHELD.

Manager's Report

Sean Fitzgerald gave a report, stating that there have only been four outages, affecting thirty-five customers, making it a "relatively quiet month".

The outages were a result of animal contact and one tree contact "all within an hour or less, which is great for restoration. I think we had one that was an hour and three minutes, so very short duration outages," Fitzgerald said. "It was a very quiet month."

Fitzgerald then went on to share an update regarding the July 11 network outage that HDE experienced, where the outage affected Leveret, Shutesbury, and South Hadley.

The power outages were a result of a mechanical problem "out of our control", Fitzgerald said. However, despite these setbacks, positive reports detailed high numbers of positive help for customers over the phone came in.

To update on the commissioners' ongoing AMI project, they have announced that 7,717 meters have been completed, and there is only 220 meters to go.

"I'm hoping that within the next thirty to sixty days, we have something to test," Fitzgerald said.

Employee Survey

Under SHELD's Strategic Plans Goals includes a "workforce" heading, to show their dedication to their workforce and employees by surveying them, which began in 2019.

"The survey objective was and is always to benchmark employee perspective," Fitzgerald said.

These areas of perspective include employee job duties and work conditions, supervisor performance, management performance, company satisfaction or dissatisfaction, and company benefits.

The surveys are completed each year, and the results have shown, on average, that employees are responding positively to their employment with SHELD.

Master Plan Implementation Committee

Susan Perry from the MPIC came to

the board to continue a hearing to check in on the Master Plan items for SHELD to complete for this year.

Fitzgerald shared his approval of the list, and asked what MPIC wanted to see SHELD accomplish, and Perry responded with a request for their final report to be put in by the end of the year.

Perry also asked if there was anything that MPIC could assist SHELD with and wished the board luck.

June 2024 Financials

Conchieri shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the financial statements of June 2024, sharing that the 2024 kilowatt hour sales have gone up by 1%, and have gone down about \$252,000.

"The decrease in revenue was attributable to lower selling prices, and that was offset by a higher selling volume," Conchieri said.

The details also revealed that the 2024 kilowatt hour purchases were up by 4.6%, or by \$2,457,000, and the cost of power sold was up by about 7%, or \$319,000.

"Because we had an actual budget increase in total operating revenues that was smaller than the actual budget increase in cost of power, our budgeted net revenue was down by about \$267,000," Conchieri said.

All operating expenses combined was \$5,082,000, and was up from 2023 by about \$685,000, and up from the budget by about \$433,000.

The period ended "with a year to the day loss of about \$13,000," Conchieri said. "We will hit our budget numbers by the year's end."

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 Board of Appeals

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

1.) Appellant Wendy Watson, 161 Harris Street, an abutter, appealing Special Permit given to Heather Reynolds Labonte (Owner/Applicant), under Sections 6.2 of the Granby Zoning Bylaws and applicable of Section III – Use Regulations, 3.2.10 Special Event Venue and Section V – Special Use Regulations and Performance Standards 5.14 -- at 145

Harris Street and known as Assessors' Map 12-A-1 in the town of Granby, MA.2.

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

Kathleen Bronner, Chairman
Granby Board of Appeals
09/13, 09/20/2024

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Conservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a Request for Determination filed by Sue Corwin to replace existing retaining wall and patio and regarding within buffer zone of a bordering vegetative wetland. The project location is 208 Mosier St (Map 39, Parcel 21).

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the Request for Determination is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 - 4:00 P.M. Mon - Fri. Plans are also available online at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Neva Tolopko
Conservation Chair
09/13/2024

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.

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470 Memorial Dr Apt 350
Chicopee, MA 01020

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Griswold Connecticut
Powersports
1801 Glasgo Rd
Griswold, CT 06351

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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
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47 Colony Rd Apt 1B
West Springfield, MA 01089

2012 Hyundai Veloster
KMH7C6ADXC046078
John Slater
6 Pinevale St
Indian Orchard, MA 01151

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

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Holyoke MA 01040

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Nachaly Moreira
303 Maple St., Apt 241
Springfield MA 01105

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Maureen Lesage
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North Adams MA 01247
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Madelyn Boyce
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Thomas Nathaniel Jordan
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Philadelphia PA 19139

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Edgar Berrios Rivera
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Angelica Roman
58 Washburn St
Springfield MA 01107

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Palmer MA 01069

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42 Fitchburg Rd
Ashburnham MA 01430

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Janice Marie Ortiz Vargas
320 W. King St., Apt 5
Lancaster PA 17603

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Juan Rentas Rivera
16 Cabot St., Apt 3R
Holyoke MA 01040

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Cedt Inc
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W. Springfield MA 01089

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Ricardo De-Leon
12 Hamilton St., Apt 1R
Holyoke MA 01040

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

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89 Sunset Dr
Patterson NY 12563

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

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Gabriel Williams
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South Deerfield MA 01373

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Hildamarie Roig Escalera
103 Newton St
Holyoke MA 01040

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

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Kevin Figueroa
654 Meadow St
Chicopee MA 01013

2002 Infiniti Q45
VIN: JNKBF01AX2M003190
Toni Galvin
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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: JTJHF10U210167274
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

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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a request for an Order of Conditions filed by South Hadley DPW. The proposed project will replace a damaged culvert and its associated headwalls carrying an unnamed intermittent stream between 755 and 775 New Ludlow Rd. The Project will reset the inverts of the pipe and remove accumulated sediment to facilitate positive drainage.

The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, September 25 at 6pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the request is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Mon-Fri. Plans are also available online at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

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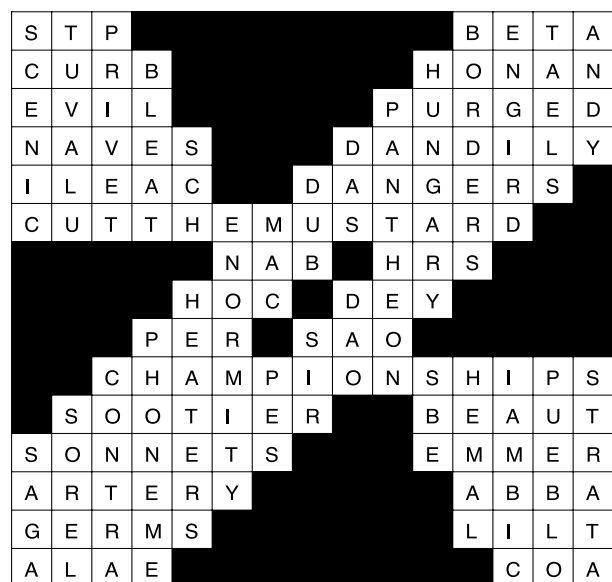
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10th annual Geek Is Glam event set for Oct. 13

WORCESTER— Hundreds of middle school girls will convene at Worcester Polytechnic Institute Sunday, Oct. 13, to celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts 10th annual Geek Is Glam STEM event and it's not too late to participate.

The day-long interactive STEM conference for girls in grades 4 through 8 is hosted by Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts and WPI with over 60 area education and adventure collaborators. Participants will be exposed to some of the area's top scientific and engineering minds as they engage in the hands-on aspect of exploration and discovery while they build, explore, assemble and imagine. The day kicks off at 9 a.m. with keynote speakers Miss Massachusetts 2024, Kiersten Khoury and Miss Massachusetts' Teen 2024 Maggie Leighton.

Participants will spend the day in interactive workshops, demonstrations, and hands-on exhibits presented by: Boston Society of Civil Engineers, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, Smith College STEAM Team, UMass Amherst Polymer Science and Engineering, UMass Department of Dermatology, Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream, New England Bo-

tanic Garden at Tower Hill and Women in Aviation- Boston Chapter to name a few. From Discover Museum to DuPont, from rainbows to robots, girls will be engaged in interactive activities, games and displays.

For more information and to register go to <https://www.gscwm.org/en/discover/activities/special-events.html> or call 413-584-2602. The fee is \$55 per girl and includes lunch, snacks, a Geek is Glam t-shirt, drawstring backpack, and an exclusive Geek is Glam patch. Financial assistance is available. No previous Girl Scout experience is necessary to attend. Registration closes Sept. 19.



Cemetery tours on Oct. 12

HOLYOKE— Step past the cemetery gates and peer behind the veil with Wistariahurst as volunteers channel the spirits of Holyoke's ancestors, leading tours through the meandering paths of Forestdale Cemetery on Oct. 12. Established in 1860, Forestdale Cemetery is a serene yet beautiful landscape and the final resting place for many of Holyoke's founding families, politicians, and other notables who helped breathe life into the city. Guests will walk amongst the monuments, markers, crypts, and crosses to discover the mystique of Holyoke's vibrant heritage.

"Learn some of Holyoke's history through the tales of the people that lived and died here," Penni Martorell, City History, said. "Forestdale Cemetery is such a unique and beautiful setting to reflect on the history we share with the people you will see represented in our tour."

Discover all there is to know about

living and dying in Holyoke from narratives of the people who now find solace beneath these hallowed grounds. Cemetery Tours at Forestdale Cemetery include walking and standing on cement and gravel walkways with tours lasting around forty-five minutes. To fully enjoy this tour, we ask that guests wear comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. In the event of rain, the tours will be canceled, refunded, and not rescheduled. Wistariahurst Museum's Cemetery Tours blend history, concepts of the afterlife, and local connections to create an unforgettable outing. Tickets for this delightfully spooky and educational tour sell fast, so make sure to purchase your tickets before they're gone. For more information and to register for the tours please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cemetery-tours-at-forestdale-cemetery-tickets-998568383917?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

ElderCare celebrates successful online auction last month

HOLYOKE— WestMass ElderCare is proud to announce the resounding success of its Fabulous 50th Online Auction, which ran from Aug. 8 to Aug. 30 in celebration of their 50th anniversary. Thanks to the generosity of the community sponsors, donors, and bidders, over \$12,500 was raised, surpassing the fundraising goals for this first-time event.

The overwhelming support from the community allowed a wide range of exciting items and experiences for auction, drawing participation throughout the event.

"We couldn't be more grateful for the incredible response from our community," Roseann Martoccia, executive director at WMEC. "This fundraiser not only marked a milestone in our 50-year journey but also helped raise essential funds to support the critical programs and services that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities across our region."

As WestMass ElderCare celebrates

their 50th anniversary, they are engaging the communities they work and live in to ensure that their mission continues for the next 50 years. With funding struggling to keep pace with inflation and rising operational costs, fundraising events like this have become increasingly essential to sustaining to their vital programs. The support of the community enables WestMass ElderCare to fill these gaps and continue empowering individuals to age with dignity and independence.

The success of the Fabulous 50th Online Auction reinforces WMEC's dedication to innovative and inclusive approaches to fundraising, further strengthening their ability to serve the community. WestMass ElderCare extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this achievement, from the sponsors and donors to the bidders who made this event possible.

For more information about WestMass ElderCare visit wmeclercare.org or contact us at 413-538-9020.

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- Irish surname
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- Stylistically
- Intestinal
- Negative potential outcomes
- Lived up to a standard
- Snag
- Time units (abbr.)
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- More intensely black
- Slang for lovely
- Petrarch is known for them
- Old Eurasian wheat
- Body part
- Swedish rock group
- They're worth avoiding
- Rising and falling of the voice
- Wings
- Enzyme import for respiration

CLUES DOWN

- Idyllic
- South Pacific island nations
- Shrub of the olive family
- Boundaries
- Encircle
- Weights
- Samberg is one
- Sheep sound
- European country
- Respected group of people
- Trigraph
- Prosecutors
- Assign a nickname
- Huge size
- Partner to cheese
- Fastballs

- Principle underlying the universe
- Distinct units of sound
- Title of respect
- Against
- Foot (Latin)
- One point east of due south
- Concerning the blood
- Type of pentameter
- North American peoples
- Layers of rock
- Georges ___, French philosopher
- Lengthy tale



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Looking closely at the pictures in the book, and trying to copy them.

RIGHT: Tasha Daniels with the book they read together.



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to read the entire story.

This year, there is a story about invasive species that Daniels herself wrote, that talks about the dangers of invasive species to the environment and local wildlife and plant life.

The Refuge is always looking for volunteers, and every spring, they look for people to help them remove invasive plants from the refuge lands, pulling up the plants so the natives can grow freely.

“We will teach things, and most importantly, have fun,” Daniels said. There is plenty of things to do and learn at the Refuge, and there is always things to visit and explore along the refuge.

A local to the area, Daniels holds the areas between and around Springfield where she grew up and Amherst where she studied her home. “This is my community,” she said.

“I am so thankful for the South Hadley Public Schools, and my mom and dad, who encouraged my love for science and nature,” Daniels said.

The nature story times are a testament to the love the kids have for hearing the talks, listening to “Ranger Tasha”, and enjoying a relaxing morning doing crafts, and listening to a story.



Hannah and her little stuffed cat, Miso, working together to color a woolly bear caterpillar.



A photo of the recently completed benches at the rest area near parking lot on Mosier St. across from Smith Middle School.

Guided Leaping Well Nature Trail, Arboretum Trek on Sept. 21

SOUTH HADLEY— On Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 at 1 p.m., the South Hadley Bike/Walk Committee will host a guided Trek led by Bike/Walk member Jim Buckley on the Leaping Well Nature Trail, which runs behind Mosier Elementary School. New accessible seating and walkway areas have recently been added thanks to funding secured by Rep. Dan Carey, along with parking improvements by the DPW. Volunteers for South Hadley’s Growing Wild initiative have been working on native plant installations. The trailhead and lot are located on Mosier Street, just before the elementary school, and across the street from Smith Middle School. People of all ages are invited to come meet people, socialize, and enjoy the outdoors!



Located on the 21-acre former Toth property behind the elementary school, this 0.66-mile neighborhood trail is relatively recent addition to South Hadley’s ever-improving trail system on town-owned lands. The trail consists of natural surfaces—grass, dirt, or wood chips. The route contains a few minor ascents and descents, and winds through a young forest, an old farm field, a forest of ornamental pear trees and across several wetlands along wooden boardwalks.

For those who wish to enjoy an optional Trek extension, when we have completed the Leaping Well Loop, we will continue across the street to

explore the Hahn-Warner Arboretum, which is located past the athletic fields at the top of the large hill behind the Michael E. Smith Middle School. Each year a new tree is planted by the Conservation Commission to honor a person or group in South Hadley in connection with Arbor Day festivities.

Meet at 12:45 p.m. at the seating area near the trailhead kiosk in the small hiker lot located off Route 116 on Mosier Street, just before Mosier elementary school. Participants may also park in the large school parking lot. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and safe footwear (be prepared for some possible wet and slippery ground conditions), and bring water and walking poles, if desired. New Trekkers are always welcomed!

All events are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or ground conditions. For more information, trail maps for Leaping Well Nature Trail and Hahn-Warner Arboretum, or to check for a weather notification (posted by 10am), visit the Town website at: <http://www.southhadley.org/bikewalk>.

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