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Celebrate the 'freedom to read' at library

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SOUTH HADLEY – The town's Public Library is inviting members of the community to celebrate the "freedom to read" at an upcoming event.

"Grab a book and a lounge chair and head to the South Hadley Public Library for Let Freedom Read, a statewide read-in to celebrate the freedom to read." Library Director Joseph Rodio released in a press statement.

The event is scheduled from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at which point residents and readers are invited to "read freely on the library lawn."

"Libraries across the nation and in Massachusetts have experienced a surge in book challenges," said James Lonergan, Director of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. "We may not agree on what to read, but hopefully we can all agree that the freedom to choose what we want to read is a vital part of a democratic society. Libraries across the Commonwealth develop collections that meet the diverse needs of the communities they serve. Everyone is welcome to find a good read from their library and join the celebration."

This is an all-ages event, and families are invited to attend and read together, according to the press statement. The event will be moved inside to the Children's Room, if necessary, due to weather; additionally, light snacks will be provided by the Friends of the South Hadley Public Library.

"Books have been reported as divisive in national media coverage," Rodio said. "But we want our library read-in to show that books are more likely to bring communities together."

According to the American Library Association (ALA), there were 45 book challenges in Massachusetts in 2022 affecting 57 titles. That's more than the past nine years (2013-2021) combined, which totaled 38 challenges, Rodio released. Nationwide, ALA reported 1,270 book challenges in 2022, up significantly from 350 in 2019.

"Let Freedom Read is supported by South Hadley Public Library and the Joint Task Force for Intellectual Freedom with members from the Massachusetts Library Association, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Massachusetts Library System, and the Massachusetts School Library Association."

SHOWCASE SOUTH HADLEY



The Harlem Gospel Travelers

Submitted Photo

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SOUTH HADLEY – The town is set to host its very first Showcase South Hadley festival, a three-day cultural extravaganza celebrating the town's diverse talents and cultural offerings.

Event organizers have announced that the event will feature a special performance by The Harlem Gospel Travelers, a quartet known for their '50s and '60s old-school gospel and soul style, according to a press statement.

"Showcase South Had-

ley is made possible with the generous support of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Town of South Hadley, the South Hadley Cultural Council, as well as contributions from local businesses and individuals, in collaboration with MASH (Music and Arts South Hadley)," event organizers released.

Here are more activities planned for the festival, according to event details:

Banned Books Brunch, Puppet Building, Star Gazing

Among the "diverse range of activities" happening at various locations in South

Hadley are the Banned Books Brunch at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Center Church Fellowship Hall, moderated by South Hadley resident and censorship expert Martin Garner of the Amherst College Library, Joe Rodio from the South Hadley Public Library, and Joan Grenier from the Odyssey Book Shop.

The Center Church will host a "captivating dance performance: at 3 p.m. Saturday by the School for Contemporary Dance and Thought, followed by a show at 5 p.m.

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Courtesy Photo, Town of South Hadley

A portion of Route 116/Newton St. is scheduled to close Sept. 23-24.

Town announces road closure, Sept. 23-24

SOUTH HADLEY - A portion of Route 116/Newton St. will be closed to through traffic on Saturday, Sept. 23, and Sunday, Sept. 24, while the culvert beneath the road is fully replaced.

"The culvert is being replaced near Black Stevens Pond by South Hadley High School," the town released in a statement. "The closure of Newton Street will be in effect for the duration of this timeframe."

The road will not be closed during the work/school week.

"MassDOT has installed detour signs and message boards are being delivered. MassDOT's timeline is subject to change."



Courtesy Photo, South Hadley Police Department

NATIONAL POLICE WOMAN'S DAY

In honor of National Police Woman's Day, held on Sept. 12, the South Hadley Police Department extended thanks in a recent statement on social media to "the hard-working women of the South Hadley Police department for all they do."

Annual Source to Sea Clean up this weekend

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SOUTH HADLEY – Members of the community are invited to join the annual Source to Sea Clean Up this weekend.

"Each year, the Connecticut River Conservancy sponsors the annual Source to Sea Clean Up," the town of South Hadley released in a statement on its website. "This year, South Hadley will be participating both Friday, Sept. 22, and Saturday, Sept. 23, in the Falls."

The town has invited residents to volunteer if they are able.

Friday, Sept. 22 - 8:30-11:30 a.m.

According to the town, there will be 14 high school students that will walk with their teacher from the school to join volunteers from the UMAss Five College Credit Union at Beachgrounds Park on Main

St. This location is across from Town Hall, 116 Main St. The entrance to the parking lot is between the basketball court and the playing fields. There will be coffee, snacks, and water at the parking lot.

Register for Friday's event using this link:

secure.qgiv.com/event/source2seacleanup2023/team/934288/

Saturday, Sept. 23 - 8:30-11:30 a.m.

The Falls Neighborhood Association is taking the lead on holding a Saturday event this year, the town released. This group will clean up below the bridge and along the river near Lower Riverside Park. Meet at the parking lot on Main St. at Lower Riverside Park, across from River's Edge Barbershop and Iona's Kitchen.

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▶ South Hadley

South Hadley Chorale to perform at Showcase South Hadley

SOUTH HADLEY – The town’s Chorale will perform at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, at All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 7 College St., as part of Showcase South Hadley.

Dick Matteson, of South Hadley, will conduct a “fun, entertaining program of spirituals and folk songs highlighting the group’s musical versatility,” according to a press statement. Michael Rheault will accompany on the piano.

Barbara Ayers, President of the South Hadley Chorale, said that the Chorale is “pleased and excited to be part of this cultural showcase.”

“I hope that many in South Hadley and the surrounding areas will support and attend this event, and particularly our concert. We are deeply appreciative of the long-time support of the South Hadley Cultural Council and of the grant awarded us by The Friends of South Hadley Seniors to help with the expenses of this festival,” she added.

For more information about the South Hadley Chorale, visit southhadleychorale.org.



Submitted Photo
Dick Matteson leads a rehearsal of the South Hadley Chorale in preparation for Showcase South Hadley.

‘Be Active in South Hadley’

Presented by Know Your Town

SOUTH HADLEY – An event titled “Be Active in South Hadley” will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, in the Community Room at the main Public Library.

The program is free and open to the public, according to a press statement.

“Please come to hear about the many, many opportunities for activities in town. Bring a friend or family member,” event organizers released.

Here is the list of participants in this program:

- Know Your Town - Martha Terry
- Girl Scouts - Debbie Mendes
- Boy Scouts - Jeff Holmes
- Farmer’s Market - Jen Krassler
- Historical Society - Diane Laroche
- Historical Commission - Bob Judge

Neighborhood Association - Diane Laroche

Showcase South Hadley - Ira Brezinsky

Music & Arts - Ira Brezinsky

Stand Up Paddleboarding - Jessica Carey

On-line Fitness Yoga - Jessica Carey

Community Band - John Bobbin

Line Dancing - Jennifer Jones

Community Garden - Sue Kelsey

Fitness & Nutrition - April Marion-McClure

Board & Brush - Karla Pickleball - Kim Prough

DCR - Notch Visitor Center & Mt. Holyoke Skinner House

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

“Thank you to Linda Young for setting up this program,” the press statement adds.

Climate change event next week

SOUTH HADLEY – The town’s Sustainability and Energy Commission is sponsoring an event titled “What Might Climate Change Mean for South Hadley?” at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the town’s library on Canal St.

The presentation will be in the Trustees Room by the main entrance and will end at 7:45 p.m., according to a press statement. Presenter Sue Donaldson will discuss the basics of how climate change works, how human activities have affected the climate, and what to expect over the coming years in the town and region.

“She will also discuss what South Hadley residents can do to adapt to the changing and what we can do to slow these changes,” event organizers released.

Donaldson is a retired M.D. who now “takes the planet as

her patient” and is a full-time climate activist, according to the press statement. South Hadley’s Sustainability & Energy Commission (SEC) was approved by Town Meeting to serve as a forum to promote high levels of energy efficiency, energy and natural resource sustainability, to guard against the impacts of energy and natural resource disruption/depletion and climate change, and to assist in implementing the town’s Master Plan.

“The SEC has most recently been working to help unlock the hundreds of thousands of dollars that are available to towns that join the state-sponsored Green Communities Program. The program provides grants, technical assistance, and support to Massachusetts communities for projects that conserve energy in municipal buildings and schools.”

Members needed for town boards, committees

SOUTH HADLEY - Volunteer opportunities are available on town boards and committees.

“Consider serving South Hadley by joining one,” a press statement reads.

A total of 11 boards and committees have vacancies needing to be filled, including:

- Capital Planning Committee;
- Commission on Disabilities;
- Council on Aging;
- Cultural Council;
- Historical Commission;
- Human Rights Commission;
- Master Plan Implementation Committee;
- Sustainability & Energy Commission;
- Town Meeting Review Committee;
- Zoning Board of Appeals;
- Veterans Council

“The Selectboard is seeking citizens with diverse interests and abilities to apply for these available positions. There are no special requirements for any of the boards and committees (except for the veteran status requirement for the Veterans Council) other than a willingness to serve. However, applicants must be registered to vote in the Town of South Hadley,” a press statement reads.

Those wishing to apply to

serve on a board or committee must do so online. See the full list of vacancies and term expirations on the town website under the “I want to” tab, then “apply for,” “Boards & Commissions.” Applicants will be contacted with instructions for how to attend an interview by the Selectboard. The board will interview and make appointments in October.

Questions may be directed to Kristin Maher, executive assistant to administration, at kmaher@southhadleyma.gov.

September is ‘Library Card Sign-up Month’

SOUTH HADLEY - During the month of September, residents are invited to sign-up for a new library card at the town’s public library and Gaylord Memorial Library to be entered into a raffle with a chance to win a \$50 Odyssey Bookshop gift card.

“Children can get a library

card at the age of five or older, so bring in your littles and meet Jenny Arch, our new Children’s Librarian, at the main library on 2 Canal St.,” the library released. “Are you a new student at Mt. Holyoke Col-

lege? Pop across the street to the Gaylord Memorial Library to check out our collection and programs.”

Current patrons may replace their lost or damaged cards for free this month.

“We love visitors,” the library added.

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Register for Saturday here: secure.qgiv.com/event/source-2seacleanup2023/team/936733/

Volunteers are asked to wear long pants and sleeves to protect from poison ivy and ticks.

“Wear sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. Bring your own water, bug spray, and sunscreen. The Conservation Department will provide gloves, grabbers, and trash bags for both recycling and trash.”

Town seeks veterans to join new Veterans' Council

SOUTH HADLEY - The town has created a veterans' council and is seeking members. All seven members must be residents of the town of South Hadley, legal veterans, and registered to vote in South Hadley, according to a press statement. Each member will serve a three-year term and is appointed by the Selectboard.

"The veterans' council shall advise and make recommendations to the director of veteran services, the town administrator and Selectboard on legislation pertaining to veteran's affairs," the town released in a press statement. "It will promote the welfare of veterans in the town of South Hadley and be responsible for conducting the annual South Hadley Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Day Ceremony, and Flag Day parade. Additionally, it will be responsible for other related duties as may be

voted by the Selectboard." The veterans' council shall meet at least four times a year or upon the call of the chairperson. Those who meet the membership criteria may apply on the town website under the "I want to" tab, then "apply for," and "Boards & Commissions."

"Please be ready to provide veteran discharge paperwork." The initial appointments will serve staggered terms as follows: two will serve one year (2024), two will serve two years (2025), and the remaining three will serve three years (2026). Following the first term, all appointments will be made for a term of three years.

The Selectboard will interview and appoint candidates in October. Questions may be directed to Kristin Maher, executive assistant to administration, at kmaher@southhadleyma.gov.

Council on Aging announces October save-the-dates, upcoming events

SOUTH HADLEY - The town's Council on Aging has announced several upcoming events next month.

Dementia Series: Monday, Oct. 16, at 3 p.m.
A series on dementia will be presented by the South Hadley Dementia Committee at the South Hadley Senior Center, including the "when, where, and how of obtaining a dementia diagnosis."

Presented by Karen Sander-Buscemi, PMH-NP, Geriatric NP, and Maureen Couture, RN, South Hadley Public Health Nurse.

Is it Forgetfulness or Alzheimer's? Monday, Oct. 23, at 3 p.m.
Presented by Carol Constant, Certified Dementia Practitioner, and Karen Sander-Buscemi, PMH-NP, Geriatric NP.

Living with dementia, family dynamics and care-partner-

ing: Monday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m.
Presented by Rachel Tierney, RN, PhD, and Rose and Dave Helman, moderated by Karen Sander-Buscemi, PMH-NP, Geriatric NP.

The Council on Aging has also announced several events for the week of Sept. 26-29, including:

Tuesday, Sept. 26
11:30 a.m. - "Let us do the driving—sign up for Big Y Shopping." Departs at 1:30 p.m.
3 p.m. - Trivia Club: "Guest facilitator—who could that be?"
3:30 p.m. - Sustainable Fashion: Upcycling with Petula. "Give your wardrobe a new look. Bring your own clothes and have fun thrifting."
5:30 p.m. - Sexuality and Aging: Jane Fleishman, PhD, Med, MS, is a writer, teacher,

award winning educator, sexuality researcher, and AASECT Certified Sexuality Educator.

Wednesday, Sept. 27
10 a.m. - Tech Time with Sandy, by appointment. Call the Welcome Desk.
2 p.m. - Birthday/Anniversary party with Steve and Tom.

Thursday, Sept. 28
11 a.m. - Pet Therapy with Riley.
1 p.m. - Public Health Nurse: Maureen Couture will be there to answer questions.

Friday, Sept. 29
9:30 a.m. - Corn Hole Competition with the COA staff. "What a way to end National Senior Center month."
1:30 p.m. - "Let us do the driving—sign up for Aldi shopping." Departs at 1:30 p.m. Call to schedule a ride.

Online application for 2024 cultural grants available

SOUTH HADLEY - The town's Cultural Council is accepting grant applications from local artists and organizations planning community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs in 2024.

The application is available online now at: massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process

"Applications are submitted through the Mass. Cultural Council grants management system according to the instructions found at this link," the

South Hadley Cultural Council released in a press statement. All applications must be submitted by midnight on Tuesday, Oct. 17; late applications cannot be considered.

"The South Hadley Cultural Council welcomes applications from individuals and groups that promote the arts, humanities, and sciences through programs that entertain and inspire the citizens of South Hadley. The Council may approve grants for a broad range of projects and programs, such as operating support, ticket subsidies, field trips, artist residencies, public

art, fellowships, community events/programs, site-specific projects, and other activities."

The South Hadley Cultural Council released that it "especially welcomes applications for" the following: programs and organizations by and for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities; programs and organizations that make arts and culture more accessible to more South Hadley residents, including individuals with disabilities, low-income communities, seniors, and individual artists; and programs and organizations that bring art

and culture to students in South Hadley Public Schools and to South Hadley youth.

This year, the South Hadley Cultural Council will distribute about \$17,300 in grants. "Applications for projects or operating support should be convincing about the way the program benefits the citizens of South Hadley. Applicants must reside or be located in Massachusetts."

For local guidelines and more information, visit the South Hadley Cultural Council's website at: southhadley.org/385/Cultural-Council

Mid-autumn Chinese Festival at library

SOUTH HADLEY - In its story time room, the South Hadley Public Library will host a cultural tour to learn about the Moon Festival, which will be celebrated on Sept. 30.

"All are welcome at this free educational workshop where families can learn about the story behind the festival and all the traditions associated with it," the library released in a press statement.

Activities include:
The origin of the Moon Festival

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SOUTH HADLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
YOUR VIBRANT CENTER

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH!
CALL TO REGISTER FOR THESE AMAZING PROGRAMS.

I'll Have What They're Having: An Intro to Sexuality and Aging
Sept. 26th at 5:30 p.m.
Research informs us that older adults are having sex, and that sex is good for their health. In this exciting program, Dr. Fleishman describes the current research in the field of sexuality and aging, provides tips, and answers questions about sex for older adults.

Birthday/Anniversary Celebration
Sept. 27th at 2:00 p.m.
This event is FREE! Join us as we celebrate our September birthdays and anniversaries with cake and great entertainment from Steve & Tom!

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Tuesday Nights
6:30pm

Pitch Night

Friday, Sept. 22
5-7pm

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, Sept. 22
7:30pm

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Opinion



Will opening a joint account affect my disabled father's 'SSI'?

Dear Rusty,

I live in Michigan and my senior disabled father lives in rural Kentucky. His income is part Social Security and part disability. I talked to a local credit union near his home and explained I would like to open a joint account. They said as long as he comes in with his ID it's possible.

My question is will adding money to our joint account affect his SSI and disability?

Signed: Caring Daughter

Dear Caring Daughter

First, I need to clarify that there are two types of disability programs administered by the Social Security Administration – Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income. The acronym "SSI" normally refers to "Supplemental Security Income," which is a benefit for disabled senior adults and children, who have very little income and very few assets.

"SSI" is not Social Security income; rather it is a general benefit program jointly administered by the Social Security Administration and the State in which your father lives. In contrast, Social Security Disability benefits are earned from working and are not affected by the recipient's assets, as are "SSI" benefits.

From what you've written, I assume that your father may have a small Social Security retirement benefit (because he has reached his full retirement age and SSDI isn't available after full retirement age) and he is also receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits.

If this is the case, although your father's Social Security retirement benefit would not be affected by opening a joint account at the credit union, his Supplemental Security Income disability benefit likely will be.

As co-owner of the joint account, your assets would count towards your father's "SSI" asset limit and your assets, as well as any "in kind" assistance you otherwise provide, would likely put your father over the SSI income/asset eligibility limit and result in his SSI benefits being terminated.

So, although the credit union may be willing to open a joint account for you and your father, I'm afraid that would result in your father losing his SSI benefits, leaving him with only his small Social Security retirement benefit.

You may wish to review the SSI eligibility information at this link: www.ssa.gov/ssi/eligibility or you could contact the Social Security Administration and ask to speak with someone experienced with Supplemental Security Income matters.

For clarity, "SSI" assistance is jointly administered by the Social Security Administration and each State's Human Services department, and assistance available varies somewhat depending on the recipient's state of residence. Thus, since your father lives in Kentucky, you might also contact that state's human services agency to discuss your options for providing remote assistance to your father without jeopardizing his Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit: www.chfs.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



Friends in the garden

For the last couple of weeks, I have been eagerly observing a garden spider in one of my flower beds.

It is so beautiful.

Spider foes might balk at that particular choice of words. But if the shoe fits, wear it!

This spider is indeed a beauty. Over an inch long, yellow and black in color and attached to an intricately woven web, the spider on guard, waiting for unsuspecting prey.

Many years ago, when I grew flowers that were members of the *Celosia* genus in a big cut flower garden, it seemed this particular spider was a frequent visitor. I haven't seen one like it in a few years.

Lo and behold, she's attached to some plumed celosia, doing her thing. Read on to learn more about a real hero, garden style!

This particular garden spider goes by the name of Argiope (rhymes with calliope). Besides its brilliant color, other distinguishing characteristics include a large, egg-shaped abdomen, three claws on each foot, and a foot wide (or larger) web that has a zig zag band of silk called "stabilimenta" running through its center.

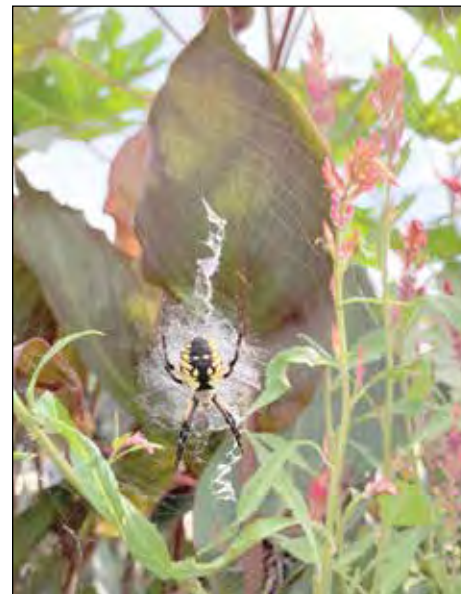
The argiope makes its home in most of the lower 48 states, Mexico and Central America as far south as Costa Rica. It prefers sunny areas among flowers, shrubs and other tall plants to construct its web.

If weather permits, the female spider will construct and repair her web both day and night and will remain there unless food is scarce, or disturbances are frequent. Males generally roam in search of a mate, and when they find one will sometimes build a small web nearby to begin courtship.

Although their vision is rather poor, males get their intentions across by plucking and vibrating the females' web.

Once mating is complete, it is presumed that males die. Females produce up to three brown egg sacks, each one containing 300-1,400 eggs.

The sacks are positioned close to mom, nearby her resting position in the center of the web.



Submitted Photo

This garden spider, an Argiope, is a helpful friend to gardeners.

Unfortunately, she will die prior to or as a result of the first hard frost, and although her eggs will hatch within the sack they do not emerge until spring. In warmer climates the female argiope may live for several years.

As with all spiders, the black and yellow garden spider is carnivorous. Its orb-shaped web will capture all sorts of flying insects, including aphids, flies, grasshoppers, and even wasps and bees.

Amazingly, she can bring down prey nearly twice her size thanks to a venomous bite that immobilizes its victims. We need not worry about this spider.

Although it is large, it bites only when harassed, and reportedly, its venom poses no threat to humans. In fact, the argiope is a valued predator of grasshoppers in American rangelands.

The spider will be fun to watch as the season progresses.

I have to admit I am a little sad that she won't survive the winter. I will have to be on the look out for her egg sacks.

Nature is just amazing. Be sure to stop and admire the spiders every now and then and smell the roses, too!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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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South Hadley



South Hadley Pickleball supports teachers

Last week, South Hadley Pickleball collected school supplies to support its community of teachers. "We know our teachers pay out of pocket for many supplies, and the community wanted to come together to support them," said Kim Prough, South Hadley Pickleball coordinator. "This is a wonderful way to support South Hadley teachers and students," added Teacher Christine Webber.

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val and the Lunar calendar.
How to make a Moon cake, and a tasting.

Learn to write a few moon-related Chinese characters in calligraphy. Arts and crafts projects that are related to the festival. This program is presented

by the Chinese Association of Western Massachusetts; free and open to the public. The South Hadley Public Library is located at 2 Canal Street, South Hadley.

Guided trek this weekend at Black Stevens Conservation Area

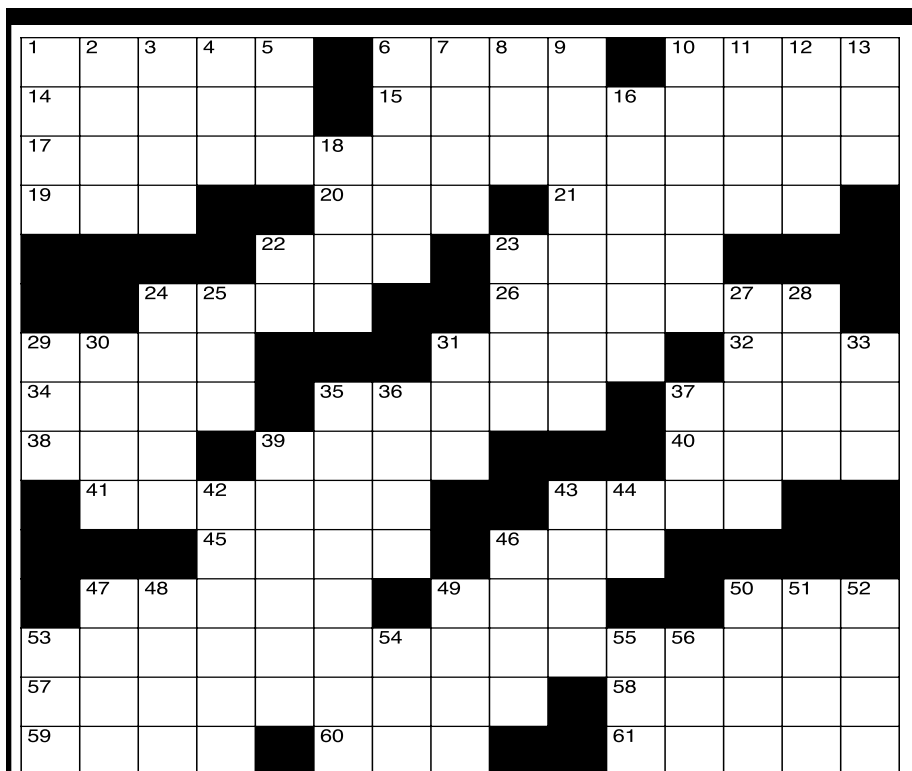
SOUTH HADLEY - The town's Bike-Walk Committee will host a guided trek at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. The trek is scheduled to last around an hour and will be 1.75 miles long, according to a press statement. "There are some uphill portions to start the trek, as well as some raised roots along the way. Black Stevens is the conservation area between the High School and Plains Schools, and is a very popular place to walk," event organizers released. "Bike-Walk Committee member Jim Buckley will be the trek host and anyone can attend."

The trek will start from the parking lot in front of South Hadley High School at 153 Newton St. near the Black Stevens Pond. Attendees should bring water, wear long sleeved shirts/pants due to mosquitoes/ticks, and are encouraged to have some bug spray. A decision to cancel because of inclement weather will be made by 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22. "If we cancel, it will be posted on the town website, the Recreation Department website, and the Recreation Department's Facebook page."

'Stirring the Ashes' event this weekend

HADLEY - On Saturday, Sept. 23, in partnership with Ancestral Bridges, the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum will host a commemorative Stopping Stones memorial markers ceremony. "Join us as we stir the ashes in remembrance during the eighteenth century at the Porter-Phelps farmstead in Hadley," a press statement reads. "Acknowledging and learning about this difficult past is necessary to live responsibly in the present and strengthens our collective responsibility to create a better future. With soulful

expression through music and renowned storytellers, Onawumi Jean Moss and Dr. Shirley Jackson Whitaker, we invite all members of the community to honor the lives and share the histories of Zebulon Prutt, Cesar Phelps, Margaret (Peg) Bowen, her daughters Rosanna and Phillis, and granddaughter Phillis who were enslaved at this farmstead." This event is free and open to the public and supported by grants from Mass Humanities and Stopping Stones, a national project of the Engagement Arts Fund. More information is available at pphmuseum.org.



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Type of cat
 - 6. Weaponry
 - 10. Western Christian Church service
 - 14. Significant eruption of pustules
 - 15. Baltic nation
 - 17. Start of American holiday season
 - 19. Unhappy
 - 20. Maintains possession of
 - 21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables
 - 22. Mountain pass
 - 23. Vestments
 - 24. Type of dish
 - 26. Escaped quickly
 - 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
 - 31. Wings
 - 32. Political action committee
 - 34. Touches lightly
 - 35. Stood back from
 - 37. Philippine Island
 - 38. Popular winter activity
 - 39. Type of amine
 - 40. Small freshwater duck
 - 41. Filled with love
 - 43. Without (French)
 - 45. Vetch
 - 46. Swiss river
 - 47. Describes a sound
 - 49. Sign language
 - 50. Hair product
 - 53. Have surgery
 - 57. Quality of being imaginary
 - 58. Far-right German party
 - 59. Drove
 - 60. Former French coin of low value
 - 61. Hard, durable timbers
 - CLUES DOWN**
 - 1. Body art
 - 2. Middle East military title
 - 3. Actor Pitt
 - 4. Container
 - 5. Speak incessantly
 - 6. Relating to algae
 - 7. Jacob ____, journalist
 - 8. Rock TV channel
 - 9. Boat's cargo
 - 10. Most wise
 - 11. Within
 - 12. Chinese industrial city
 - 13. Scotland's longest river
 - 16. Not capable
 - 18. Footwear
 - 22. Savings account
 - 23. Capable
 - 24. Vaccine developer
 - 25. Tax collector
 - 27. Fencing swords
 - 28. Native religion in China
 - 29. Promotional materials
 - 30. A shot in a film production (abbr.)
 - 31. Afflict in mind or body
 - 33. A passage with access only at one end
 - 35. Breathing devices
 - 36. Employ for wages
 - 37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
 - 39. Popular Boston song
 - 42. Made amends
 - 43. Selling at specially reduced prices
 - 44. Atomic #18
 - 46. With fireplace residue
 - 47. Unleavened cornbread
 - 48. Draw out
 - 49. Southwestern Alaska island
 - 50. Where the Pyramids are
 - 51. People of Nigeria
 - 52. Smaller quantity
 - 53. Destroy the inside of
 - 54. City
 - 55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)
 - 56. No (Scottish)

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Granby



A recent story time event was presented by Tasha Daniels, park ranger/visitor services specialist at the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.



Children at the Granby Library enjoyed nature story times, crafts, and hands-on activities with Ranger Tasha.

Nature story times upcoming with Ranger Tasha

GRANBY - Tasha Daniels, park ranger/visitor services specialist at the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, will hold several upcoming nature story time events at the town's library.

Ages three-five are welcome, as well as siblings and homeschoolers.

The events are held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., according to a press release. Here are the upcoming dates:

Oct. 3: Bats

Learn about these nocturnal, bug-eating mammals. Make a bat puppet and more.

Oct. 17: Owls, whoo, whoo—it's you!

Children will surely become wiser about owls after hearing a story and exploring some hands-on feathers and puppets.

Nov. 7: Wild Turkeys

Learn some facts about these big birds that strut around the forest's edge, as well as how they were special to Native Americans.

Nov. 21: Happy Earth, Sad Earth

Hands-on watershed model, pour water and see how pollution spreads from Granby to the ocean.

Dec. 5: What Animal Is It?

Learn how to identify what animal you hear outside by the sound it makes. Check out feathers from local birds, fur from a gray fox, and more.

Dec. 12: Animal Tracking

How do you know what animal track you see in the snow? Make a track mold, and identify some skulls and pelts.

Granby to offer Bulky Waste Day next weekend

GRANBY - The town is offering a Bulky Waste Day from 8 a.m. - noon on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Highway Garage at 15 Crescent St.

"Please approach the collection facility from West Street," a press statement reads.

Bulky waste includes non-recyclable items such as mattresses, appliances, furniture, carpeting, and electronics that are too big to be collected with a normal trash pickup.

There are fees for disposal; money orders or checks only, the town released. Checks are to be made payable to "Town of Granby."

"Illegal dumping will result in a loss of privileges," the town added. "Anyone using the facility must be able to produce proof of residency upon request."

According to a fees slip, here are the fees per item:

Bulky Items

- Doors, rugs - \$10
- Bulky furniture (couches, recliners, armchair) - \$50
- Mattresses or box springs (a piece) - \$100
- Appliances without freon - \$25

- Hot water tanks - \$30
- Dehumidifiers - \$25
- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners - \$50

Electronics

- TVs (up to 14-inch screen) - \$20
- TVs (up to 25-inch screen) - \$25
- TVs (over 25-inch screen) - \$35
- VCR, printers, microwaves - \$5
- Miscellaneous electronics - \$5
- Computers (including monitor, CPU) - \$10
- Copy machines (desktop) - \$15
- Copy machines (large standing units) - \$25

Miscellaneous

- Lawn mowers and snow blowers - \$15
- Propane tanks - \$30
- Wood stoves - \$15
- Car batteries - \$15
- Auto tires/auto tires with rim (each) - \$15/\$20
- Large truck tires/with rim (each) - \$30/\$40
- Tractor tires (each) - \$100

Granby Police Logs

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 178 calls for the week of Sept. 8 through Sept. 14. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Sept. 8

12:32 p.m. - A motorist reported a minor two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

Sunday, Sept. 10

10:28 a.m. - While on patrol, an officer performed a random plate query and discovered that the registration had been revoked due to lack of insurance. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a criminal citation for operating with a revoked registration and no insurance.

11:45 a.m. - A motorist reported a minor two-car accident in the Dollar General parking lot. An officer responded and completed an accident report.

4:38 p.m. - Several residents reported that a large tree fell, blocking both lanes on Cold Hill Road. Power was out in the area. National Grid and the Granby Highway Department were notified.

8:05 p.m. - A resident reported that her tailgate was damaged by a party to known to them. An incident report was completed.

Monday, Sept. 11

6:16 a.m. - While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 58MPH in 35MPH zone. The vehicle was

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Library hosts 'Talk Like a Pirate Day'

GRANBY - The town's Public Library has recently hosted a "Talk Like a Pirate Day" on Sept. 19, and patrons of all ages celebrated.

"Pirate hats and eye patches were given to patrons to complete their pirate attire to earn Pirate's Booty snacks," the library released in a press statement. "Activities included a pirate puzzle table, pirate jokes and phrases, and a Treasure Hunt to find the treasure chest. Fun was had by pirates of all ages."



Submitted Photo

Argh! Pirate Brooks and Pirate Jack, of Granby recently enjoyed activities at the Granby Public Library's "Talk Like a Pirate Day."

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Marjanski notches 100th point in girls soccer win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY—Since becoming the girls' varsity soccer coach at South Hadley High School in 2018, Rich Marjanski has watched three players reach 100 career points (goals and assists). Two of them are his daughters.

His youngest daughter, Lauren Marjanski, became the latest to achieve the feat in South Hadley's 8-0 win over Pittsfield last Wednesday afternoon.

Lauren Marjanski, who joined the varsity soccer team in 2020, has had a very memorable high school athletic career.

Marjanski, who's a forward, put her name into the history books during the first half of the Lady Tigers 8-0 home victory against Pittsfield on September 13.

The senior captain entered the non-league contest with 98 career points. She assisted on the Lady Tigers second goal of the game, which was scored by junior Cian-na Gurek during the tenth minute.

"I came into tonight's game needing only two points for 100," said Marjanski following the match. "I was really hoping to achieve the milestone with a goal and an assist."

The magic moment took place 15 minutes later when Marjanski fired a low shot into the left corner of the net for an unassisted goal.

"I've been working towards this milestone for a while now, so it feels great," Marjanski added. "After I watched my older sister do it in the state finals, it has always been one of my goals. My sisters and I are very competitive."



Lauren Marjanski holds a poster made for her after she scored her 100th career point in a big win for the Tigers over Pittsfield.

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The first South Hadley girls' soccer player to reach 100 career points was Alexa Blaney in 2018. Blaney finished her varsity soccer career with 68 goals and 39 assists for a total of 107 points. Lindsay Marjanski recorded her 100th career point during the Lady Tigers 3-0 shutout victory over Stoneham in the 2019 Division 3 state finals at Commerce Bank Field at Foley Stadium in

Worcester. It was a family affair that season for the Marjanskis. Lindsay's younger sister, Paige, was a junior on the first state championship girls' soccer team in school history. Lindsay Marjanski is currently a senior member of the indoor and outdoor track team at Holy Cross College in Worcester. Paige Marjanski is a junior on

the Stonehill College women's soccer team. Following the milestone goal, which gave the Lady Tigers a comfortable 4-0 lead, Marjanski was replaced by sophomore Allison Fleury. Gianna Roy is the other South Hadley senior captain. The Lady Tigers two junior captains are

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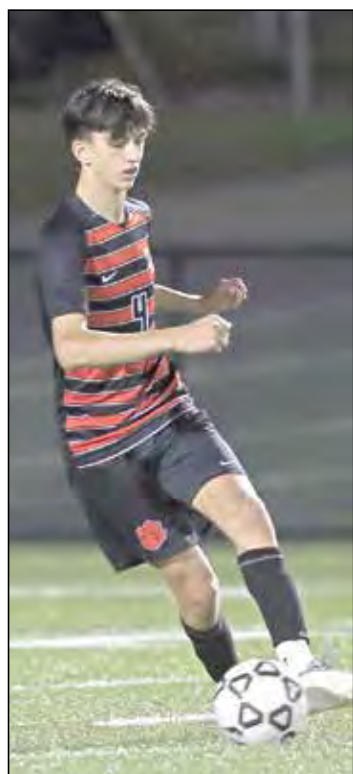
Sofie Quinn works away from the sideline.



Madelyn McArdle makes her way across the middle of the field.

Difficult start for defending champs

SOUTH HADLEY – After a huge season that included a state championship, South Hadley High School boys soccer has gotten a lot younger following the graduation of 14 seniors. The inexperienced team that has started the 2023 season has struggled thus far, especially on offense. South Hadley is 0-3 and has scored just once in those three games, that being the most recent one, a 7-1 loss against Hampshire Regional on the road. The Tigers also have losses against Amherst Regional and Frontier Regional. The Tigers seek their first win on Friday afternoon at Southwick Regional at 4 p.m.



Anthony Adams attempts a pass.

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Goalie Nate Carillon punts the ball away.



Sam Morozov settles the ball for the Tigers.



Cooper Skiebel looks to avoid an opponent.

Sports

Young Rams fall to Palmer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Palmer girls' varsity soccer coach Celso Sandoval and Granby girls' varsity soccer coach Bob Weaver have been co-workers at the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission for the past nine years.

The head coaches were really looking forward to facing each other for the first time at the varsity level last Tuesday afternoon.

Charlotte Theriault scored five goals and added an assist, as the Lady Panthers improved their early season record to 2-0-1 with a 7-3 victory over the Lady Rams.

"Bob and I talk about soccer all of the time and it's a big part of our lives," Sandoval said. "I had this game circled on my schedule ever since it came out. It would've been a lot of fun facing him for the first time in a varsity game. It's a little bit disappointing that he had to leave. We'll be playing them again down the road."

It was the first meeting on the soccer pitch between the two squads since September 21, 2019. Granby won that game by the final score of 5-2.

Palmer, who hadn't defeated Granby in more than 15 years, finished the 2022 regular season in second place in the Grieve Division standings behind Mount Greylock. The Lady Panthers moved into the Central Division, along with Amherst Regional, prior to the start of this season.

"We haven't played most of the teams in our league before," Sandoval said. "We're still trying to figure it out."

The Lady Rams (0-3), who are a very young squad, were looking to get into the win column for the first time against the Lady Panthers.

"We're a very young soccer team and Palmer is a very good soccer team," said Mick, who has been coaching soccer at different levels with Weaver for many years. "I thought we



Sophia Gagnon possesses the ball.

played much better during the second half."

It was the first time that Mick coached a varsity soccer game.

"I've always enjoyed coaching with Bob. I never thought about becoming a varsity coach," he said. "This is the first time that he had to leave a game in the eight years that we've been coaching the Granby girls' varsity team."

Theriault, who also scored five goals in a 5-5 home tie versus Amherst six days earlier, scored four of her goals against Granby in the first 30 minutes of the contest.

During the third minute of the opening half, Theriault, who's approaching 100 career points, fired a shot into the right corner past Granby freshman goalie Meredith Bartosz (10 saves).

Junior Gianna Perry was credited with the assist on Theriault's first goal.

Perry also assisted on Theriault's second goal a minute later.

"Charlotte is an outstanding soccer player, and she's a lot more focused this year. She's



Kalli White stops the ball.

a very hard worker," Sandoval said. "Her teammates always support her."

The contest was evenly played for the next 22 minutes.

During the 26th minute, Theriault received a pass from junior Jayda Pardo before firing a shot into the upper left corner of the net.

A couple of minutes later, Theriault scored an unassisted goal giving her team a 4-0 lead.

The Lady Rams broke the ice during the 36th minute when senior Emily Tremblay lifted a shot over the head of junior goalie Aubrey Boucher (3 saves) into the back of the net for an unassisted goal.

Then a breakaway goal by freshman Kalli White sliced the Lady Rams deficit in half at half-time.

Granby couldn't get any closer than two goals, as a long shot by Perry sailed into the net pushing Palmer's lead to 5-2.

The Lady Panthers first goal of the second half was assisted by Theriault.

Theriault scored her final goal of the match, which was assisted by junior Nevaeh Solis



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Cassandra Flaherty clears the ball away.



Mabel Carillon looks to make a pass.

during the 56th minute.

Another breakaway goal by White cut the Lady Rams deficit to 6-3 in the middle of the second half.

Junior Kelly Lynne Kennedy was credited with the assist.

Palmer's final goal of the



Elaenor Szlosek hustles after the ball.

match was scored by junior Loretta Petraszewicz and it was assisted by Pardo.

The second meeting of the regular season between the two squads is scheduled to take place at Granby High School on October 4.

Bonsignore adds 11th Riverhead Raceway win

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – Saturday night's NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race at Riverhead Raceway came down to the final five laps, with the two championship contenders battling it out to the finish.

At the checkered flag, Justin Bonsignore scored his 11th career Riverhead Raceway victory, tying Mike Ewanitko for the most all-time at the New York bullring. The win was also his 40th career in NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour competition and fifth of the 2023 season.

Bonsignore is one of just four drivers in the history of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour to win 40 events. He is currently just two wins behind tying Ted Christopher for third on the all-time list.

With the win, Bonsignore took over the points lead over Ron Silk with just three races remaining in the season. Silk finished third on Saturday after the two battled down the stretch.

"Tying Mike Ewanitko has been a goal of mine since I was fortunate enough to start winning races here on the Whelen Modified Tour," Bonsignore said. "I wish he was here tonight, but I'm sure I will get something funny in texts later tonight. It was a heavy-weight fight for sure tonight. This is an awesome event that everyone here puts together to keep racing going on Long Island and honor Ed Partridge. The momentum has been on our side lately - onto North Wilkesboro in two weeks."

The next event on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule is set for Saturday, Sept. 30, as the series heads to North Wilkesboro Speedway, one of the most historic tracks in NASCAR history. For more information on three-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow his Athlete page on Facebook for the latest news and updates from the track.

Westfield State University girls get big win

WESTFIELD - Westfield State junior forward Delaney Parker (Orange, Mass./Mahar HS) notched her 52nd career goal to set the Owls' career goals record in a 5-0 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's soccer match at Alumni Field on Saturday afternoon.

Westfield, the defending conference champs and picked first in the league's pre-season poll, looked the part as they outshot Buccaneers 28-0 in the first half, and 37-1 in the match. The Owls improve to 3-3, 1-0 MASCAC. Mass Maritime is now 0-4, and 0-1 in the league.

Parker's record-setter was the Owls fifth goal of the first half, as she scored on PK after the Owls Ryan Moran was taken down from behind while attacking the goal in the 42nd minute.

Parker's shot was just off the left side of Buccaneers starting goalkeeper Brady Deschamps (Brewster, Mass./Nauset).

It feels great," said Parker. "I could tell the shots I was taking

earlier were just me in my head. I was thinking 'I need to get it' but I was just off."

The crowd surged with excitement for each Owls scoring chance for Parker, but she delivered a couple of shots high over the cross bar in the early going.

Westfield made sure the game was over by the half.

Tia Tollis (East Longmeadow, Mass.) put the Owls on the board in the eighth minute with a nice header off of a corner kick from Jaida Cochran (Middleboro, Mass.). Kiana Maratsuka (Mili-lani, Hawaii) delivered a pair of goals, both on feeds from Parker, and Kiana Patel (Nairobi, Kenya) tallied her first collegiate goal with an assist from Maratsuka as the Owls got out to the big early lead.

The Owls peppered Deschamps with 28 total shots as she made 11 saves in the first half. Reagan Kerecz (Tolland, Conn./Ethel Walker School) played between the pipes for the Bucs in the second half and came up with six saves to keep the Owls off the board in the second frame.

Westfield used 26 players in-

cluding two goalkeepers. Kayla Santucci (Agawam, Mass.) didn't face a single shot in the first half in getting the win, and Michaela Monchecchi (Winsdor, Mass./Wahconah) came out of the net to play a wide shot from Deschamps, who played in the field in the second half, late in the game on the only serious incursion into Owls territory for the Buccaneers.

Parker now has 52 goals, one more than Owls hall of famer Sandy (Pinto) Graham '97. Parker shares the team lead with Maratsuka with five goals each this season. Parker led NCAA D3 in goals with 31 as a freshman and added 16 in her sophomore season.

Westfield State was playing its first home game of the season after starting with four straight on the road. The Owls travels took them from Gorham, Maine to Cortland, N.Y. while playing schools from Maine, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. Westfield traversed 1,114 miles in facing those four foes.

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from Happier Valley Comedy.

On the common, master puppet builder Eric Weiss will “get his Geppetto on while Dazzle Day Face Painters paint faces, twist balloons, and apply (temporary) tattoos.”

An Open House will take place at the Mount Holyoke College Observatory Saturday night from 9-11 p.m.

And Sunday at 10 a.m., a South Hadley local history walking tour heads out from the town library.

Jazz Brunch on Sunday at Iona’s Kitchen

On Sunday, Iona’s Kitchen Banquet Room will host the Claire Arenius Trio with Ron Smith and Joe Salens. Jazz Brunch Tickets are \$30 and available at southhadleyarts.org. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., with brunch at 11 a.m. and the show at 11:30 a.m. A portion of each ticket will go to support “A Place at The Table,” a pay-what-you-can community meal for seniors and veterans on Sunday, Nov. 5, at Iona’s, sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors, South Hadley’s Veteran Services, South Hadley’s Council on Aging, Iona’s Kitchen, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and the South Hadley Cultural Council.

Music on the Main Stage

The main stage on the South Hadley Common will showcase “an impressive lineup” starting at 1:30 p.m. and running until 10 p.m., including the Harlem Gospel Travelers, Young@Heart Chorus, Peter J. Newland and RadioX, Eavesdrop, the Kevin Sharpe Group, the Bombyx Brass Collective, and more to be announced.

The main stage headliner, the Harlem Gospel Travelers, emerged from a non-profit music education program led by musician and music industry vet Eli “Paperboy” Reed. They’ve garnered high-profile fans, according to event organizers, including Elton John, and have earned festival slots at events ranging from Pilgrimage to Telluride Jazz, and now, Showcase South Hadley.

Celtic and Bluegrass at the Firehouse Museum. Rock at the library.

Live music at the Firehouse Museum on Sunday starts at 1 p.m. with Celtic Chaos, Below The Gaff, and the Eric Lee duo. The museum will be open all day, and visitors can explore one of the city’s fire trucks. The South Hadley Public Library will host The Midlife Crisis Band and Eagles tribute band Seven Bridges Road.

Concerts in South Hadley Churches

Saturday starting at 1 p.m., the All Saints Church will host concerts from the South Hadley Chorale, Allan Bonde (piano) and Mara Bonde (soprano), and the Holyoke Civic Symphony String Quartet. At 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, the Center Church Sanctuary will host the Pioneer Valley Community Band composed of 50 players with special guest conductor Tom Bergeron (Deerfield Academy, Springfield Symphony), and sax soloist Ronald R. Smith (Northfield Mount Hermon, Soulful Jazz Trio) playing jazz and pop selections. The Methodist Church hosts players from the Berkshire Hills Music Academy, Bill’s Seafood Allstars (with Tom Boates) and the Amherst Jazz Orchestra at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Artisan Village for Local Artists

On Sunday from 12-5 p.m., Fred Smith Park will be transformed into an Artisan Village showcasing exhibitions from numerous local artists. Crafters, woodworkers, ceramicists, handcrafted goods makers, and others interested in participating can email hello@southhadleyarts.org to apply for one of the available booth spaces.

Event organizers added that Showcase South Hadley “aims to attract residents from throughout the Pioneer Valley, encouraging them to explore and enjoy South Hadley and its cultural offerings.”

“The event is a collaborative effort, guided by a passionate steering committee representing the business, educational, and cultural communities.”

For more information, volunteer, or sponsorship opportunities, visit southhadleyarts.org.

Health officials warn of mosquito-related illnesses

By Kimberly Palmucci
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REGION – Mosquitos across the region have tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE), prompting public health officials to issue a reminder to residents on ways to stay safe.

“Being prepared and doing what you can to decrease your risk of mosquito bites is important to avoid potential exposure and illness,” the Quabbin Health District released in a press statement. “There are currently no vaccines or treatments for either WNV or EEE.”

The following are symptoms of WNV, according to reports.

“Eight out of 10 people exposed to WNV do not develop symptoms. About one in five of the people do experience fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash and will recover slowly,” health officials released. “About one in 150 will develop severe illness, including high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness, and paralysis.”

People over age 60 are at higher risk for severe illness, along with those with cancer, diabetes, kidney disease, hypertension, and those who are immunocompromised, according to reports.

“Recovery from severe illness may take several weeks or months. Some effects to the central nervous system may be permanent,” reports indicate. “About one in 10 of those who develop severe illness will die.”

The following are symptoms of EEE, according to health officials.

“Some people exposed to EEE

will not develop symptoms. Severe cases of EEE infection begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills, and vomiting that may progress into disorientation, seizures, encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), and coma. Approximately a third of patients who develop EEE die, and many of those who survive have mild to severe brain damage.”

There are several ways to protect oneself and family members from mosquito bites: apply insect repellent when outdoors (use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient); be aware of peak mosquito hours (dusk to dawn); clothing can help reduce mosquito bites (long sleeves, pants, etc.); mosquito proof the home by draining standing water, checking gutters and drains, and installing or repairing screens.

Additionally, residents are encouraged to protect their animals by flushing water troughs at least once a week and more.

“Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE.”

If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including WNV and EEE positive results, can be found online at mass.gov or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

The Quabbin Health District serves the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham.

NYC bus trip upcoming

REGION – A New York City bus trip is planned for Dec. 9. The 36-seat King Gray motor coach is scheduled to depart Ludlow High School, 500 Chapin St., in Ludlow at 7 a.m.; passengers arrive for 6:45 a.m., according to a press statement.

Drop-off is Times Square around 11 a.m., depending on traffic.

“You can spend the day shopping, sightseeing, visiting museums, or seeing a Broadway show,” a press statement reads.

The bus will depart New York City at 6 p.m. (arrive 15 minutes early) at New York Palace Hotel, 455 Madison Ave and 50th Street.

Arrival at Ludlow High School is expected to be 10:30 p.m., depending on traffic.

The cost is \$77 roundtrip and includes driver’s gratuity; send checks payable to G. Fortunato, 52 Deer Run, Belchertown, MA. 01007; additionally, event organizers ask that a cell phone number be written on the notation line, and the check secures the bus seat. The deadline is Nov. 1, and a waitlist will be kept.

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stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

5:48 p.m. – Several motorists and residents reported a tree fell, taking power wires down and landed on two cars. Granby Police, Fire and Highway Departments responded. The vehicles occupants were advised to stay in their car until National Grid arrived. There were no injuries and the vehicles appeared not to be damaged.

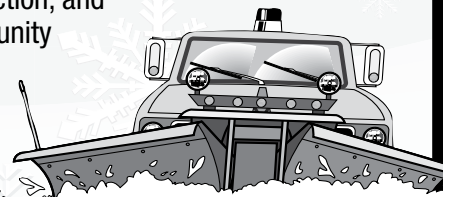
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Submissions will be received at the Department of Public Works up to the **deadline on Monday October 16, 2023 at 11:00 AM**, when they will then be publicly opened and read at that place and time.

Note the requirement for payment of prevailing wage rates no longer applies to snow and ice removal operations, as it is considered a safety function, and is therefore exempt. The Town of South Hadley is an equal opportunity employer. Minority business enterprises that are certified and qualified are encouraged to submit applications.

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ABOVE: Rachel Yabra fires a pass away ahead of pressure.

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Lauren Marjanski makes her way up the field. The four-year striker now has 100 career points after South Hadley's latest victory.



TIGERS from page 7

Katherine McArdle and Maddie Soderbaum.

South Hadley senior goalie Drew Alley sat out the Pittsfield game with an injury. Coach Marjanski had three players play the goalie position.

Junior Margo Watkins played the entire first half in goal. Freshman Cara Dean played the first twenty minutes of the second half.

McArdle was the Lady Tigers goalie during the final twenty minutes of the match. It was the first time that she's played the position in a varsity game.

Because the Lady Tigers (2-0) are scheduled to play five road matches, Lauren Marjanski really wanted to achieve the milestone in front of her family and friends on the South Hadley turf field.

"I was really hoping to do it in tonight's home game," she said. "It made it a lot more special to me."

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Lady Tigers only played ten games when Marjanski was a freshman in 2020. She finished that campaign with ten goals and seven assists.

During the next two seasons, Marjanski combined for 59 goals and 20 assists for a total of 79 points.

"Lauren knows how to put the ball into the back of the net and I'm very glad that she did it in a home game," coach Marjanski said. "She also makes her teammates better. I'm very proud of her."

In the 2021 Division 3 state tournament, the 10th-seeded Lady Tigers were upset by 23rd-seeded Ursuline in the round of 32.

A year ago, South Hadley, who defeated Belchertown in the Western Mass. Class B finals, was the top-seeded team in the Division 3 state tournament with a 16-1-1 record. They posted shutout victories against 33rd-seeded Advanced Math & Science and 16th-seeded Swampscott before losing to 8th-seeded Dover-Sherborn, 1-0, in the round of eight.

The Lady Tigers are hoping to make it a



Cianna Gurek changes directions to keep possession.

little bit farther in this year's state tournament.

"We're hoping to go as far as we can this year. We would like to win another state title," Lauren Marjanski said. "We did win the Western Mass. title last year."

Following in the footsteps of her two older sisters, Lauren Marjanski will be playing soccer at the College of Saint Rose located in Albany, New York next year.

"When I made my visit to the school, I really liked the atmosphere, the head coach, and the members of the women's soccer team," Marjanski said. "It just felt like a very good fit for me."

Lauren has really enjoyed being coached by her father during the past four years. Her mother, Tracy, also gives her a lot of support.

"My parents' have always supported me," she said. "We always try to keep soccer at the field and talk about other things at home."

The other South Hadley goal scorers against Pittsfield were senior Rachel Yabra, sophomore Kiana Ramos, freshman Mikalya Weaver, Dean, Fleury, and Soderbaum.

It was a very memorable evening for Lauren Marjanski and her teammates.


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