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Eric Weiss, a member of the council, showing his talent for creating puppets.

LOCAL TALENT Opportunities

Cultural council announces new grant programs for 2025

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Cultural Council held a special information session last week to bring awareness to the commu-

nity about their new grant programs for this year.

Members of the Cultural Council, including several people who were able to receive grants for their creative endeavors from the Springfield Symphony to plays, were present to

share what these grants can do for artists.

“Our mission is to see arts and culture expand in the town of South Hadley,” John Anz, the Cultural Council’s Chair, said.

The session included Nick Kachulis, a talented author who shared a piece from the book he published, and Robert Freeman, who received grant funding for a

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Planning board holds public hearing for zoning bylaw amendments

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Planning Board continued a Public Hearing from Sept. 9 to hear proposed amendments to the town’s Zoning Bylaws.

The September 23 meeting was held by Chair Diane Mulvaney, and she was accompanied by Vice Chair Nate Therian, Clerk Johanna Brown, and member Brad Hutchison.

Also in attendance were Director of Planning and Conservation Anne Capra and Colleen Canning from the Conservation Department.

Public Hearings for New Flexible Development Bylaws

Anne Capra began the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation detailing the continued public hearing from Sept. 9 detailing proposed alterations to the flexible development bylaws.

“This process began with the planning board back in July 2023,” Capra said. “We began working on those amendments to the flexible development bylaw since January 2024.”

The proposed amendments and new bylaws included 255-31 Flexible Development Bylaw Amendments, 255-46 Multifamily and Multiple Dwellings Amendments, a new

Common Driveway Bylaw, and a new Open Space Bylaw.

Because the subdivision regulations were last updated in 1955, it is time to make changes in order to come back into compliance with the Massachusetts Subdivision Control Law.

This will help to improve safety, improve stormwater management to address climate change, integrate community character and quality of life standards, and improve the administrative processes for more efficient compliance and enforcement.

“In our updates, we’re trying to improve the functionality and safety for multimodal transportation,” Capra said in reference to those who walk or ride bikes in these areas.

In order to understand what these changes will mean for the town, it is important to understand what, exactly, a flexible development bylaw is.

A flexible development bylaw is a zoning tool that regulates the use of land and creates a residential development with protected open space.

The original bylaws were adopted in 2004 in order to replace the old Cluster Development Bylaws, and as such, moved to be under review by the planning board beginning in January.

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Mosier PTA works hard to bring supplies, programs

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Every year, the Mosier Elementary School PTA works hard to bring unique and supportive experiences to the school’s students. The organization fundraisers to add to the curriculum of each grade with special resources and field trips.

“We are a parent-driven organization but we work in close collaboration with the school on everything we do,” explained Kristina Smith, president of the Mosier PTA, who just headed a successful project to supply the school with new recess equipment. “The recess project was a new fundraising experiment for us. Generally, we host fundraisers without a specific project in mind. Funds go to our general account and we distribute to our various

efforts. With the recess equipment we sought direct donations specifically for the project. We created an Amazon wish list and invited people to donate specific items. The response was great!”

The community celebrated the fundraiser’s success with Party on the Playground, where 275 people saw the unveiling of the new equipment and had a chance to connect with other families early in the year.

“We had great success with our recess makeover. We provided new equipment and a new shed to store everything,” said Smith. “The purpose of this event was to help classmates and their families connect early in the school year.

The other enhancements the non-profit organization fundraises for are field trips (at least

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Lion’s Club member offers free eye screenings for kids in local schools

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GRANBY – Eye screenings are an important part of early development in order to help determine if a child will need glasses or not.

Steve Markow, a retired optometrist, took the Lion’s Club motto “we serve” to heart, and decided to take his skills into the classrooms to provide free eye screenings for preschool children.

“I recently joined the Granby Lions Club after the South Hadley Lions Club disbanded. At one of the meetings, we were talking about what to do with involvement with the community,” Markow said.

One of these areas of community involvement and service

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Submitted photo
Steve Markow (seated) conducting the eye screening with assistant Pat Poder.

SHHS Pickleball Club Team wins first home match

SOUTH HADLEY – The newly formed South Hadley High School Pickleball Club team won their first home match this past Wednesday at the Buttery Brook Park courts. SHHS hosted the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School. “We had a great turnout of players and I’m so proud of the sportsmanship demonstrated by our team today,” commented coach Paula Lonergan. South Hadley won the overall match with a team win of 4 to 1. SHHS player Avery Haber reflected on the match by saying, “It was fun and it gave us some good competition. It was a good experience for the team.” Coach Eric Cestero, the other team’s coach, thanked Coach Lonergan on the team’s way out and said

to her, “I want to congratulate your team on their sportsmanship and the way they treated our team and helped out some of our newer players.” This interaction demonstrates how pickleball brings all ages and all abilities together in a competitive, fun, and inclusive way.

South Hadley High School is among four high schools in Western Massachusetts participating in a pickleball pilot program. The South Hadley Club has drawn interest from 20 student players. Westfield Technical School and Springfield International Charter School join South Hadley High School and Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School as the four schools competing in Western Massachusetts.



South Hadley High School Pickleball Club team won their match against Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School.



SHHS player Ava Asselin reaches for a lob during her match



SHHS player Peyton Marion hustles to return a shot in his match.



The players from both teams listen to instructions before the match.

Public invited to review SHPD staffing study

SOUTH HADLEY— The public is invited to a forum to review and discuss the South Hadley Police Department Staffing Report produced by MRI, Inc of New Hampshire who was hired this year to conduct a staffing study of the department. The forum will be held Wednesday,

Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at the South Hadley Senior Center at 45 Dayton St.

MRI performed a multi-year look-back at various aspects of the organization including calls for service, staffing levels, budget and projected data into a reasonable future view to assist with

identifying what the town should anticipate for staffing now and in the future.

Learn more and read the study here: <https://www.southhadley.org/1427/Police-Department-Staffing-Study>. Send comments and questions to Selectboard@southhadleyma.gov.

Growing wild potluck

SOUTH HADLEY — Celebrate the end of the growing season with friends on Thursday, Oct. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the South Hadley Library Community Room.

Join community members at a fall potluck to talk about successes, failures, and share ideas about native plants. Please arrive by 6:30 p.m. if bringing food. All are welcome, no gardening experi-

ence required.

Special Guests will be from Ben and Meg’s Farm and Garden Center, Dave’s Natural Garden. There will be giveaways of Perennial Plugs from New England wetland plants and raffle prizes.

Sign up for the Pot Luck at the link <https://tinyurl.com/54t8wx9u> or email rcornell@southhadleyma.gov with the dish.

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SH chorale to begin rehearsals

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

The Chorale is pleased to welcome back Anita Anderson Cooper as 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 soloist and guest conductor both locally and throughout the East Coast.

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

IHOM Craft fair set for Nov. 2

GRANBY— Please join in at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the annual Craft Fair/Holiday Bazaar. Many vendors, basket raffles, lottery raffles, food and more.

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one per grade), assemblies and recognition for staff and teachers.

"As a Title 1 school we think it's important to make these special experiences free of charge so we can ensure everyone in our school community can participate," said Smith. "[The community events] are great opportunities for families to connect and develop greater bonds as a community."

In addition, the PTA often funds special projects for classrooms such as last year's purchasing of butterfly larvae for third grade teachers who were teaching life cycles and purchasing recorders for the school's music program.

None of these experiences would happen without tremendous support from the community, who contribute to the fundraisers and volunteer for them and the community events.

This year, the students will be selling pie and cookie dough (a perennial favorite) during the first half of October. On Oct. 25, the PTA will host its annual

South Hadley to host community forum

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

The intersection of Routes 202 and 33

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

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

Funding for this project is provided

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

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

Tag sale and soup event

SOUTH HADLEY— It's Fall and once again the famous All Saints' Church tag sale and delicious soups event will be on Monday, Oct. 14, open at 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Safe off-street parking, a handicapped accessible building, great place for late brunch or an early lunch right inside the Church, and holiday shopping in the Parish Hall. Kidder Hall will be filled with books, plants, holiday decor, housewares and lots more to meet your shopping needs.

This is a great opportunity for area college students to add to their dorm decor and all others to find items for their homes, and special toys and games for the younger set.

All Saints' Church is conveniently located at 7 Woodbridge St. (Rt. 116) just a few steps across from the east side of the South Hadley Post Office.

Trunk or Treat event for Mosier families.

"We get a lot of support for our fundraisers but could always use more help," noted Smith. "Today most of our contributions come from student families. We would welcome participation from the broader South Hadley Community."

Although plans are still being finalized, the PTA hopes to host Books on the Common, a community event and book fair collaboration with Odyssey Book Shop; a fun run; and a trip to a University of Massachusetts men's basketball game with other district schools. In addition to the October fundraiser, plans are in the works for a calendar raffle and Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraisers later in the year.

"The best feedback we get from our children is the smiles on their faces," said Smith. "We also frequently receive thank you cards from the children after field trips."

The PTA welcomes direct monetary contributions and event suggestions from the community. Interested people can email MosierTigersPTO@gmail.com.

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OCTOBER EVENTS

Sign Up for the Genealogy Programs and Dream Interpretation on the South Hadley Public Library's Website at shadleylib.org or call 413-538-5045.

Genealogy Program:

Search to Failure-It's Not a Mortgage Application!

by Dave Robison

Wed., Oct. 2 at 6 PM

How many Smith's can you find with all the genealogical details: dates, life events, locations, etc.? Likely none to few are the correct ones. Learn why. How many Smiths can you find the last name only? Close to 125 million! Typical on-line search failures that can easily be cured. Learn how!

BIGFOOT! IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

by The Vogel Brothers

Sat., Oct. 5th from 10 - 12

Are they living in our towns, your local forests, parks and woods, farms, backyards? Or, are they moving through Western Massachusetts? New England, and beyond? Do they even exist?

Genealogy Program: The Dangers of Online Family Trees

by Dave Robison

Wed., Oct. 9 at 6 pm

How can your Great-Grandma have had three children shortly after she died at age 87? Do you automatically believe the online family trees that others have created? Or do you double and triple check the information to confirm you know who is on that tree and the information is correct?

Local Folklore: Cryptids, History and Storytelling

by Jordan J. Hall

Wed., Oct. 16 at 6 PM

Meet author Jordan J. Hall and join us for an hour of cryptids, history and storytelling as he details some of the monsters found in western Massachusetts.

Halloween Costume Swap (For All Ages)

Sat., Oct. 19 at 10 AM

Dressing up on October 31st? Drop off gently used Halloween costumes for babies through adults. We will start accepting items on Monday, Sept. 30th through Friday, October 18th. You will get a ticket to show you dropped off a costume. You will receive a ticket for each costume you donate. Then come on Saturday, October 19th to pick up the same number of costumes you donated.

Dreams: Introduction to Symbolism and Interpretation with Winnifred of AwenTree

Wed., Oct. 23 at 6 pm

What are your dreams telling you?

Our soul speaks to us through our dreams, but how do we interpret those messages in a way that makes any sense to our waking self? Join Winnifred to learn techniques to help you get started unpacking the insight and wisdom held within your dreams. Winnifred is a professional, intuitive tarot reader and teacher for 20+ years. As a teacher, she is engaging, knowledgeable and candid; empowering her students to step into their own agency when it comes exploring the intangible world of dreams.

In House Author Talk:

Murder at the Alma Matter: A Nora Phillips Mystery with author Katherine M. Anderson (Book set at Elms College)

Wed., Oct. 30 at 6 pm

It's the story of New York Times bestselling author Nora Phillips who has made a name for herself with her beloved Charlie Donahue mystery series. Her editor has unceremoniously rejected her latest work, leaving her with mere weeks to come up with another installment of Donahue before she's forced to pay back her hefty advance. Teaming up with a current Elms student, Nora finds herself immersed in the details of an unexpected crime that just might repeat itself if she doesn't solve it fast. Katherine Anderson is also the author of "Hospital Hill," set at Northampton State Hospital, and "Shadows in the Ward," set at Westborough State Hospital, Anderson treasured her time at the Elms.



SNOWPLOW CONTRACTORS WANTED:

The Town of South Hadley, through its Department of Public Works and Chief Procurement officer (CPO), is seeking applications from plowing and heavy equipment contractors for plowing snow, snow removal, and/or sanding/salting/de-icing for the Department of Public Works for this coming winter. An application form and a copy of the "Snow Plowing Contractual Agreement" for the 2024-2025 winter season may be picked up at the Department of Public Works office at 10 Industrial Drive, South Hadley, MA between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, or by email if preferred to klempe@southhadleyma.gov.

Submissions will be received at the Department of Public Works up to the **deadline on Friday, October 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**, 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.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, as in the Town's judgement, the best interest of the Town of South Hadley would be served by so doing, all in accordance with the applicable General Laws.



in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



Extending the life of summer annuals

It was a lot of fun decorating the porch in an autumnal theme this afternoon.

The switch over from summer to fall always poses a dilemma for me, though. Do I throw out the summer annuals or try and overwinter them?

Or maybe I should take a cutting instead and keep them going that way. Hmmm.

I usually end up at least trying to keep the annuals that I love, and if successful they become houseplants of sort. There are geraniums, coleus and fuchsias that are now part of my plant family.

Perhaps you too are trying to decide whether or not to haul these annuals or others off to the compost pile. If you are up for an experiment, why not consider taking a few cuttings.

Read, on, straight from the archives to learn the skill.

Getting a piece of stem to form roots is relatively easy. Here are a few tips that will guarantee your success.

First, make sure that the plant you are taking the cuttings from, called the "stock plant," is insect and disease-free and well hydrated. Plan to take cuttings in the morning before the heat of the day has a chance to cause any wilting.

A clean, sharp pair of scissors or hand pruners is the best tool for the job. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season; in the fall, sooner is better than later.

Begin by examining your stock plant. Those stems with the closest placed nodes are the best choice for cutting material.

Nodes are the point on the stem from which the leaves grow. There is a strong accumulation of hormones in this area; for that reason, stem cuttings are taken just after a node.

Terminal cuttings, (those from the growth tip) three to four inches long are desirable. It is tempting to take longer pieces, figuring that the end result will be a larger plant.

These are likely to wilt before they root or take a very long time to root because the stems are woodier the further down you go. Play it safe with stout cuttings.

There are all kinds of potting mediums in which to place the cutting while it grows roots. Ideally it should be able to hold enough moisture to keep the cutting turgid yet not hold so much that it rots the stem.

Sand, perlite, and soilless potting mixes have all been used with success. Water is not recommended as "watery roots" will have a harder time adapting to potting soil later on.

I have had good luck rooting cuttings in peat-based potting mixes that are formulated for seed starting. Moisten the material well and fill your clean container of choice up to the top and tamp it down.

Cut only a few cuttings at a time so that wilting doesn't occur while you prepare the stems for insertion into the growing medium. Strip off the bottom one-third of leaves from the cutting.

If you wish to shorten the amount of time it takes for rooting to occur a commercial rooting hormone can be used. These come in powder or liquid forms. Follow the directions on the container. I have found that "less is more" when using these products.

When you are ready to "stick" the cutting make an indentation into the growing medium with a pencil or dibble first- do not push in with the stem! After the cutting is inserted firm around it well so that it stays in place.

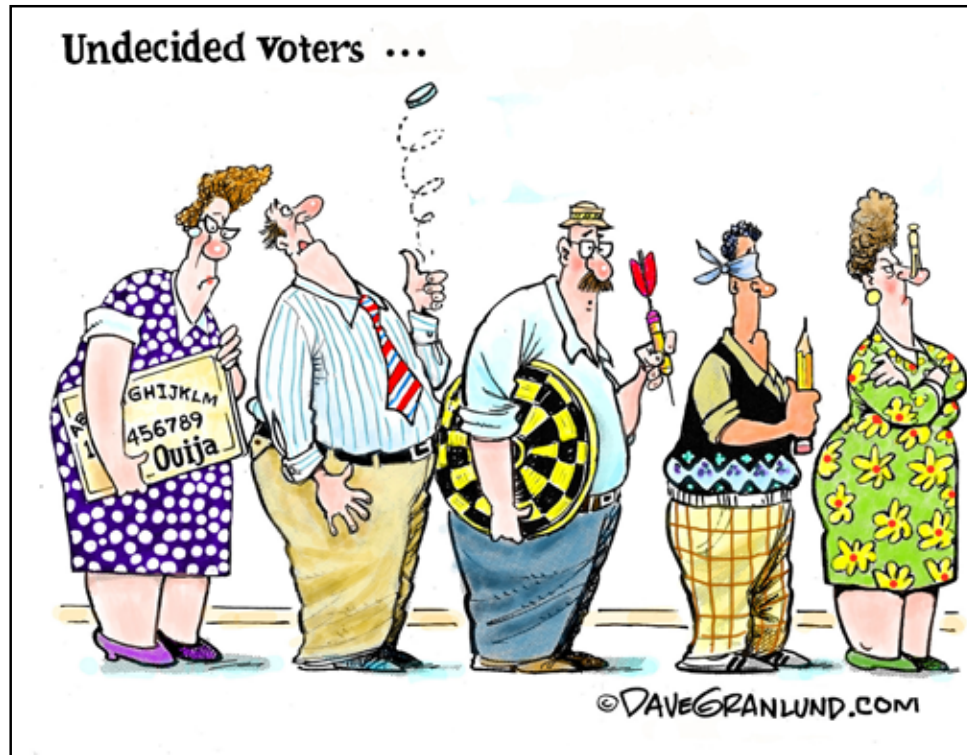
Put the container, cuttings and all in a clear plastic bag and place in a shady location. The humidity within the bag ought to prevent the stems from wilting. Water well, only about once weekly.

After a month or so roots will begin to form. Transplanting into individual pots can be done once the roots equal or surpass the size of the cutting. I like to start out with a small pot and transplant up a size or two at a time as the plant grows.

Most annuals prefer a cool but sunny location in the house to overwinter.

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.

Opinion



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Public discussion important

I'd like to add my voice to South Hadley residents who repeatedly call for either the resumption of in-person board and commission meetings or hybrid meetings, specifically when there is a proposal of such significance that a public hearing is required by law. I understand there are good reasons to remain online. Our courts value the ability of citizens being to express themselves 'freely' more than ensuring the safety and security of municipal employees, which includes most members of boards and commissions. However, we can do better.

Yesterday, I attended an online event sponsored by EldersClimateAction-Mass in cooperation with the Sierra Club for a "Deep Dive on Protecting Our Public Watershed Forests and Wildlands". There were over 50 attendees and we could all see each other. Persons who wanted to comment or ask questions were shown in cue, and the moderator also took questions from the chat room (where we were able to dialogue with

each other). In short, it was 90 minutes of expert information, no chaos, and time well spent.

Additionally, I've served on boards and committees and it makes sense for each group to operate independently. However, before proposals are presented to Town Meeting that'll affect every resident, e.g., the Planning Board's Flexible Development, Open Space and Common Drives bylaws ... it might be helpful for other boards and commissions to weigh-in during the public hearing process. We are fortunate to have a tremendous amount of expertise serving on the Conservation Commission, Sustainability and Energy Commission, Zoning Appeals, Tree Committee, and Board of Health. While I don't always agree with their positions, their ideas and input as entities that serve particular purposes are indispensable to the public discussion.

Denise Presley
South Hadley



Should my husband file and then suspend his benefits?

Dear Rusty:

My financial advisor used a computer program, which told my husband to take his SS at age 68, then suspend it after a few months. What I understood was if my husband started and then stopped taking distributions, he would earn delayed retirement credits and thus get more at age 70. I know waiting increases SS amounts, by 8% a year, but does purposely starting and then stopping SS increase distributions even more?

Signed: Confused

Dear Confused:

Suspending receipt of one's SS benefits after their Full Retirement Age as in your husband's case does result in him earning Delayed Retirement Credits, but the DRCs earned accumulate at the same rate as if he simply waited longer to claim his SS benefit in the first place. DRCs are earned up to 70 years of age, at which point your husband's maximum SS benefit is attained. FYI, DRCs earn .667% of additional benefit for each month benefits are delayed or suspended or 8% per year.

But I see no advantage to your husband starting his benefits now at 68 and then suspending them several months later to earn DRCs, the number of DRCs earned are the same in either case, so he could simply wait to

apply for his Social Security benefits until he is 70 to get his maximum amount.

The only rationale I can think of to claim and then suspend after doing so is to get a few months of his benefit payments before suspending. But the few months he received benefits before suspending will be considered when he later unsuspends his benefit, so that his total payment amount will be a bit less at 70 than it would otherwise be if he simply waits longer to claim SS.

And, just for information, he can't "file and suspend" his benefits so that you can receive a spousal benefit from him. That option to file and suspend, enabling a spouse to receive benefits was eliminated by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 while your husband's benefits are suspended, you cannot receive a spousal benefit from him.

So, frankly, I see no advantage to your husband claiming his benefit now and then suspending them a few months later. If his goal is to maximize his SS benefit, then the best way to do that is simply wait longer to claim.

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is in the field of health, and sight. Markow and a group of volunteers from the Lions Club got together to budget ten days to go to six different private preschools to provide these screenings.

“Between the six facilities, we hope to screen as many as we can, which will be at least three hundred out of the four hundred students,” Markow said.

Spread across Granby and South Hadley, Markow started on September 18 at Brighter Beginnings in South Hadley, and on Sept. 19 and 20, went to Children First in Granby.

Markow went to the three locations of Alphabet Soup Preschool on September 23 and 24 and will go again on the 30. He also went to the Tree of Life at Center Church in South Hadley on Sept. 25.

He will also go to The Academy of the Little Flower at St. Theresa’s Church in South Hadley on Oct. 1, and The Gorse School with Mount Holyoke College, scheduled two days, dates to be determined.

Markow’s passion for ensuring children have access to eye screenings stems from an experience he had in fifth grade when the teacher called on him to answer a question on the board and he couldn’t see it, then went to go get glasses.

“I remember it vividly- it was Halloween, and I was in my costume when I picked up my first pair of glasses,” Markow said.

He was an optometrist for 40 years,

and opened a business in 2001, Village Eye Care, and ran it for almost twenty-one years, before selling the practice to a new owner after his retirement.

“It was a sweet practice, and I loved my patients, and I loved the practice,” Markow said. It was this love for the practice that led him to performing free eye screenings for children.

“My favorite part is just knowing there’s an opportunity to help a child who needs eye care, and how that can change the child’s life forever,” Markow said.

“The reason these screenings are so important is because the area to discern 20/20 vision exists in the span of six months and six years,” Markow explained. “That is the time to get vision correction so the brain can see with 20/20 vision.”

By having these screenings, it can prepare parents and families for the child’s care and ensure they can get the care needed in order to achieve equal vision in both eyes.

“It is so important for parents to make sure that children get in for eye exams before the age of six, and if there’s something discovered, get the proper care for



them to have that 20/20 vision,” Markow said.

Ensuring that a child gets their eyes scanned early is important to their educational futures, as well. If a child doesn’t get the corrections they need, they become bored and don’t engage because they can’t see and may become disruptive in the classroom.

“In school, the child learns mostly through their visual input,” Markow said. “Almost 80% to 90% of learning is done through visuals, and that’s why vision is so important for school-aged kids.

The procedure of the eye scan is quite simple- it is performed in a slightly darked room, and a small device uses light to look at the eyes.

No pictures are taken, and the machine simply shines light towards the eye, reads how light shines from the machine into the eye, and takes measurements of the eye.

The test screens for several things instantly, including nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, unequal correction between the two eyes (one eye might be nearsighted the other might not be), eye-misalignment/ eye turn, and unequal pupil size.

The Lions Club doesn’t keep anything on any children, and if something is found, they print out a report and give everything to the parents, nothing is kept by the Lions Club.

After the exam, all information is given to the parents or guardians, and Markow urges them, if the results point to anything needing attention, to “make an appointment with a local optometrist or ophthalmologist to get a vision exam.”

Because of how important access to eye care is, the Lions Club has some funding, though “its limited, to offset the cost of funding eye exams or glasses for those children who fall between the cracks financially,” Markow said.

“If people would like to continue to support this cause of helping to provide glasses and exams for people who can’t afford it, can donated to the South Hadley Lions Club Fund through the Community Foundations of Western Massachusetts,” Markow said.

The CFWM holds money for many different organizations, including the South Hadley Lions Club Fund. Simply mail the CFWM a check with the memo stating the money goes towards the South Hadley Lions Club Fund, and you’ll be able to help with this important cause.

You can indirectly donate to South Hadley Lions Club Fund through the CFWM, and it is tax deductible. You can also donate directly to the Granby Lions Club.

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However, because these bylaws have only been used three times in the past nineteen years, the complicated and confusing setup of the bylaws has made it difficult to work with.

“Basically, what we are hearing from developers is that they are simply not able to break even at this point in doing these new housing developments,” Capra said.

Discussing Open Space and Residential Areas

When it comes to residential areas and open spaces listed in the definition of a flexible development, they are specific in what these areas can include.

An open space within a residential area may include conservation areas, scenic views, cultural, historical, or significant areas of property, like stone walls, and other important open space areas for the town to take advantage of like parks.

Some examples of residential devel-

opments with open space protection that the general public liked included Olympia Oaks in Amherst, Village Hill in Northampton, Treehouse at Easthampton Meadow in Easthampton, and Cherry Hill Cohousing in Amherst.

Public Comments and Questions

The first member of the community to come on and share her concerns and ask questions regarding the size of the zoning was Martha Terry.

Terry was concerned that the density in acreage would cause there to be too much traffic into the neighborhoods, especially with a switch from five acres to three acres as a minimum.

Linda Sachs, another member of the community, expressed her concerns with the five to three acre switch, as well as about switching from having special permits to instead having site plan reviews for developers.

Mark Adams also came on to the board to ask about perhaps a blend of three and

five acre zonings and asked about the plans for the ability for emergency response vehicles to come into these neighborhoods.

Sara Harper, an architect, came on to share her gratitude that the board had created a “very good” amendment to the zoning bylaw.

The board, at a three in favor one against vote, moved to send the final drafts to the Selectboard for the list of things to be discussed at the November 13 Special Town Meeting.

Conservation Commission Report

Anne Capra gave a special report from the conservation commission to detail that Rocky’s is looking to make some changes and will discuss it with the commission at the Oct. 7 meeting.

The first forum was held last week on Sept. 16, and Capra expressed her gratitude to all who came to attend.

The Master Plan Implementation Committee will be hosting a Master Plan Annual Forum on Friday Oct. 11 for boards and committees from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the library.

All members of the planning board, selectboard, and MPIC are invited to attend, as well as one member from each of the other boards.

The meeting will focus of Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging trainings, as well as how to address various situations that may occur.

Vacant Board Member Position – South Hadley Redevelopment Authority

- Interested in redevelopment of South Hadley Falls?
- Interested in economic growth and development?
- Interested in supporting the creation of new housing for all income levels?
- Interested in preserving our historic heritage and cultural resources?

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Contact – Anne Capra, Planning and Conservation Director
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WINEHAUS

Fall Pop-Up Vendor Fair

Local winery celebrates being part of the community

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer
epappas@turley.com

GRANBY – The WineHaus is nearing its one-year anniversary this October and held its Fall Pop-Up Vendor Fair over the weekend with over a dozen vendors and artisans.

Owner Jim Trompke bought the winery and started making wines pre-COVID, then after a brief hold, began making wine to bottle in 2021.

All grapes come from California's Lodi Valley and Suisun Valley, and people at the winery work to crush all grapes on property, and all wines are then made on property.

"We are growing some grapes on property and are hoping to have an estate red and an estate white," taproom manager Jennifer Ledoux said.

The Fall Pop-Up featured a day of fun, fellowship, and delicious wine as community members got together to enjoy the beautiful fall weather and shop from the local artisans.

While The WineHaus has only been open since its soft opening in 2023, they have held four craft fairs. The first was for the Grand opening on Columbus Day Weekend, and a Fall Pop-Up two weekends later.

The Winterfest Vendor Fair in February with hot cocoa was a hit, and the April Spring Pop-Up had twenty-four vendors come, making it the largest one vendors-wise.

"People were really excited about our opening," Ledoux said.

Ledoux has a background in culinary arts and hospitality management, and it was fate that she met Jim just as her family business was closing and the pair hit it off.

"Jim and his family have welcomed me and my family as a part of their family," Ledoux said. "I didn't just gain a boss, I gained another family, and that was wonderful."

"We built this community where everyone wants to come in to work."

The WineHaus boasts a vari-

ety of wines, from dry to sweet, or red or white, there is something for everyone's specific taste buds.

"It's a dream job, honestly," Ledoux said. "I was able to do all the start-up with him, and it was a blank canvas for me. I got to hire all of the staff inside the tasting room, and we just have a wonderful team of people."

During the warmer months and throughout the fall, The Wine Haus hosts live music, pop-ups like these, and last winter they hosted a special breakfast with Santa.

"We try to keep things different and have events circulating but try to have music on the weekends," Ledoux said.

With your wine, you can enjoy cheese and cracker boxes, charcuterie trays, and occasionally food trucks will stop by, and the WineHaus also offers a non-alcoholic wine slushie.

There is also a hutch inside the tasting room featuring delicious baked goods from Nic

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Tessa Healey from Deere Creek Farm selling beautiful flowers, maple syrup, and tallow from the farm.



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Kristen Kras selling some of her beautiful, hand-crafted glass artwork.



AJ Guzman, a boy scout selling popcorn for Troop 306, and the owner of his own small business, Fire Forge Works. His work below features a wine rack, butterflies, and frogs made from horse shoes he forged together himself.

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Nat's Bakery in South Hadley, and Deere Creek Farm in Granby have items for sale in the tasting room.

"We are a space where our community can just come in any time they want. We're very local and people can come and enjoy some place close to home," Ledoux said. "We've got a great location and a great group of regulars that come in."

Make sure to mark your calendars on Columbus Day weekend for The WineHaus's one-year anniversary party, featuring live music Oct. 11, 12, 13, 14, food trucks on the 11th.

The WineHaus is also building a Pitch League and is looking for teams. The league starts on Oct. 8 and runs to Nov. 12, on Tuesdays starting at 5:30 p.m. for a special open day.

If you are interested in joining the Pitch League, email Jennifer Ledoux at hausmanager@wine-haus.com to sign up.



Seniors

South Hadley COA

October 2024

SOUTH HADLEY— Update on sand for seniors program. Distribution of sand will take place on Oct. 3 and then again on Oct. 29. If individuals have an empty bucket, feel free to leave it to be picked up. Any questions about this program feel free to call the South Hadley Council on Aging at 413-538-5030.

Details for the programs listed can be found in the October newsletter or by calling the Welcome Desk

Thursday, Oct. 3 5:30 p.m. – Sound Bath Meditation

Friday, Oct. 4 at 10:30 a.m. and each following Friday until Nov. 22.

Ethnographic Research Design with Professor Roth and Mount Holyoke College students

Office Hours: Senator Oliviera, Tuesday Oct. 8 at 11 a.m.

Chief of Police Gundersen, Thursday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. - Birthday/Anniversary celebration with Matt York and MacDuffie School students.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 4:30-6:30 p.m. SHCOA Art Gala.

Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 12:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social with Mont Marie Rehab and Healthcare Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. New Senior Center Music Group.

Thursday, Oct. 17 at 5:30 p.m. Medicare Made Easy: SHINE Office Hours with Sue.

Thursday, Oct. 17 at 5:30 p.m. Continue the Conversation from Rebekah Cornell's August talk. Learn about the town's conservation area and the flora and fauna you will see on trails.

Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m. – Women's Network with Odyssey Bookshop owner Joan Grenier.

Refreshments supplied by Nic-Nat's, sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors.

Thursday, Oct. 24 at 5:30 p.m. Staying Safe On-line. Maria will give a safety presentation. She'll assist you in creating strong passwords, shop safely online and protect your personal information.

Thursday, Oct. 29 1- 3 p.m. Halloween Bingo. Bingo Prizes and refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors. Costumes optional.

Artist fall exhibition

MONSON—The Monson Arts Council is pleased to present its 4th annual Artist's Fall Exhibition. This show features a variety of art works in multiple genres by MAC artist members. This year's presentation brings together more than thirty-five artists showing a multitude of original works of art. The two-day show is open to the public at the House of Art at 200 Main St., on Saturday, Nov. 2 and Sunday, Nov. 3 from 11a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

A reception featuring food and beverages will be available to all friends, family, patrons, artists and art lovers on both days. Look us up at www.monsonartscouncil.org. Enjoy all of the beauty this tremendous organization has to offer.



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SPORTS



Jack Chagnon takes a run across the middle of the field.

Tigers shut out Mahar

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Wednesday afternoon, South Hadley boys soccer picked up its fourth win of the season 4-0 against visiting Mahar Regional. Four different players would grab goals as the Tigers had no trouble with the Senators in this matchup. Jack Chagnon, Matt Gillis, Carlos David, and Joe Sabourin each scored for South Hadley. Noah Carillon had two saves for the shutout.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Carlos David crosses midfield.



Matt Gillis takes a shot on goal.



Ethan Markham tries to keep the ball in play.



Art Alatalo chases down a loose ball.



Nolan Masse tries to beat Mahar's goalie to the ball.

Athas scores shutout of Chicopee Comp

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY — Freshman Olivia Athas has replaced Drew Alley as the Lady Tigers starting goalie this season and she hasn't missed a beat. Athas posted her fourth shutout in a 1-0 home win versus Kurty/Fielding Division rival Chicopee Comp, last Tuesday afternoon.

"Olivia has only allowed two goals in our first six games of the season," said South Hadley head coach Rich Marjanski. "She's only a freshman, but she has stepped into the starting position and has played very well so far. She has been getting better and better every day, which is a lot of fun to watch."

Athas, who has made more than 50 saves so far this season, made nine saves against Comp.

Marjanski also praised the defense for their outstanding performance against the Lady Colts. That unit is led by junior Gwen Marion, senior Margo Watkins, senior Emma

Levreault, and senior Maggie Evans.

"This is probably one of the best defenses I've had over the years," Marjanski said. "They're very experienced. They've been through a lot and seen a lot. They're very good with their feet and body, but they're also winning balls in the air. I've never had that air presence from any of my teams. These girls' step in and head it out of troublesome areas."

The shutout victory improved South Hadley's overall record to 4-1-1, while the Lady Colts headed back home with a 3-2 overall mark.

The Lady Tigers defense was able to shut down senior's Taryn Carriveau, and Kaitlyn Gilhooly, who are the Lady Colts leading scorers.

"We only had a couple of scoring chances," said Comp head coach Molly Burke. "We just need to work a little bit harder."

South Hadley senior goalkeeper Mo Donoghue made 15

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Marcela Tapia nears the goal.

Turley photos by David Henry
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Eleanor Szlosek gets ready to clear the ball.



Autumn Sicard makes her way up the field.

Rams back to .500 with win



Molly Zumbuski fights to keep possession.

GRANBY – Last Monday afternoon, McKenna Zumbuski and Kalli White scored the goals for Granby in a 2-0 shutout of Ware. The Rams are now an even 3-3 on the season. Meredith Bartosz got the shutout with three saves



McKenna Zumbuski quickly changes directions as she heads for the Ware goal.

Sports

Mike Hopkins keeps streak alive at Speedway 95

HERMON, ME – Since D.J. Shaw won the Granite State Pro Stock Series' Maine debut in 2016, every race in the Pine Tree State had been won by a Main-er leading into Sunday afternoon's show-down at Speedway 95.

And July winner Mike Hopkins kept that streak alive, picking up the win at his home track for a clean sweep of both visits to the Hermon, Maine, third-mile.

The penultimate round of the GSPSS title chase thrust full-season challengers Evan Beaulieu and Casey Call into a Vacationland turf war, with past Speedway 95 winners Hopkins and Josh St. Clair leading the charge alongside reigning champion Travis Benjamin, still winless at the historic speedway.

St. Clair and Hopkins topped the charts in time trials, with Dave Farrington, Jr. clocking in third. Beaulieu qualified fifth and Call eighth, both thinking about the big picture as the green flag flew.

Unencumbered by the bigger picture,

Hopkins drove to the front, putting on a clinic in front of the hometown fans. Benjamin was Hopkins' biggest threat, but he could not catch Hopkins in the final laps, coming up about four seconds shy at the checkered flag.

St. Clair settled for third, with Ryan Deane and Farrington rounding out an all-Maine top five.

Nick Jenkins was sixth, with title contenders Beaulieu and Call seventh and eighth. Veteran Gary Smith and Granite Stater Bobby Frappier rounded out the top ten.

Beaulieu now carries a 21-point advantage over Call into the season finale, with fans assured of a first-time GSPSS champion when the dust settles.

The GSPSS' 13th season concludes on Oct. 6 at Lee USA Speedway, where the championship will be decided as part of Russ Conway's Oktoberfest. Details of the championship finale will be released soon.

Railers set to host preseason games

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders) and the Maine Mariners announced today a pair of preseason games to be played on Oct. 11 and 12, the weekend before the regular season begins.

The Mariners will host a game on Friday, Oct. 11 at Sidney J. Watson Arena at Bowdoin College at 7 p.m. while the Railers will host a game on Saturday, October 12th at the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center at 7:00 p.m. The preseason series kicks off the fourth season of the "VIP Rivalry Cup," presented by VIP Tires & Service.

The Railers have won the VIP Rivalry Cup, the regular season series between Worcester and Maine, in two of its three

seasons. The Railers won six of ten meetings last season between the teams, and will face off against Maine ten more times during the 2024-25 campaign.

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The Worcester Railers HC 2024-25 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. the Reading Royals.

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saves, and she kept her team in the game from start to finish.

"Mo is an outstanding leader for us," Burke said. "She did play very well in today's game."

The Lady Colts first-year junior varsity soccer coach is Jess Nelson, who's also an assistant girls' varsity basketball coach and is also an assistant varsity baseball coach at South Hadley High School.

"Jess has worked very well with the kids and she's a huge asset for us," Burke said. "I do have some family here in South Hadley and that's how I know her."

Burke will be marrying James Foley, who's also an assistant varsity baseball at South Hadley High School, next year.

James's uncle, Matt Foley, is the Tigers longtime varsity baseball coach.

Another former member of the South Hadley girls' varsity soccer team is Lauren Marjanski, who scored a team-high 43 goals and had 11 assists as a senior a year ago. She's currently a freshman member of the Siena College women's soccer team.

Senior Kate McArdle has taken over the scoring duties for the Lady Tigers so far this season. In the home match against Comp, McArdle netted her fifth goal of the season following a free kick during the 32nd minute of the opening half.

"We have some young girls and some experienced girls that are really taking a role in scoring goals. They know we don't have that big-time goal scorer," Marjanski said. "The girls are really adapting to

Obituary

Patricia A. (Heffernan) Brodeur

Patricia A. (Heffernan) Brodeur, a devoted mother and cherished grandmother, quietly passed away on Sept. 23, 2024, in West Springfield, MA at Bear Mountain. Born on July 17, 1927, in New York, New York, she was the loving daughter of the late Patrick and Mary (Mahoney) Heffernan and was predeceased by her sister Rita Burns. She married the late Paul Brodeur and together they built a family founded on strong values and deep affection. Patricia is survived by her children, Patricia Pluta and her husband Anthony of South Hadley, MA, Carol Pellerin and her husband Jan Pellerin of Huntington, MA, and Douglas Brodeur and his wife Paula of Manchester, NH. She will be fondly remembered by her 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, who were the joy of her life.



For over 20 years, Patricia served as a secretary at Mount Holyoke College, where her dedication and diligence were deeply valued. Outside of her professional life, she was an active participant in the Rosary Altar Society at St. Theresa of Lisieux Parish and a devout communicant of St. Patrick Church in South Hadley Falls. Patricia's faith was a cornerstone of her life.

Patricia spent her formative years in the vibrant city of New York but found her true home in Massachusetts, where she resided in South Hadley for 60 years. She also lived in Holyoke and Chicopee. An avid crossword puzzle enthusiast, she enjoyed the mental challenge these offered and could often be found shopping or spending quality time with her grandchildren.

The family has opted for private services and burial will take place at their convenience. In lieu of flowers, they kindly ask that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Beers & Story South Hadley Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements. For more information visit <http://www.beersandstory.com>

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Drive-thru vaccine clinic

SOUTH HADLEY— On Oct. 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. there will be a drive-thru vaccine clinic at Beers and Story. The vaccines that will be avail-

able are SHINGRIX, TDAP, RSV, COVID, PEMOCOCCAL. For more information, please visit www.south-hadley.org.

Community vaccine clinic

GRANBY—The vaccine clinic will be for flu and COVID vaccines for any interested individuals ages 6 months and older at East Meadow School gym, 393 E State St., on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Individuals should bring their insurance card, but no one will be turned away due to lack of insurance. Pre-registration is highly encouraged and recommended. If individuals need help registering, please call 413-587-4903 or email nurses@northhamp-ton.gov.

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Town of Granby Board of Appeals

The Granby Board of Appeals will hold public hearing on **Tuesday, October 8, 2024, commencing at 5:30 p.m. at 1 Library Lane, Old Carnegie Library, top floor**, to consider the following petition:

1.) Appellant Naomi & Jon Szymonik, 193 Amherst Street, are appealing a letter from the Granby Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer under SECTION IV - OVERLAY DISTRICT REGULATIONS of the Granby Zoning Bylaws and applicable of Section 4.2 - Agricultural Preservation District and Granby General By-Laws Chapter XXIII-Right to Farm By-law and M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 3 at 193 Amherst Street and known as Assessors' Map 2-B-3 in the town of Granby, MA.

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
09/20, 09/27/2024

Town of Granby Massachusetts Conservation Commission

The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday, October 08, 2024** at *1 Library Lane- Carnegie Building-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. 7:30 p.m.: "RDA" filed by Aleksandra Ponomareva to see whether the activities

depicted on the plan referenced are subject/jurisdiction to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations with regards to property located at 51 Forge Pond Rd, #2 and known as 14C-A14, in the Town of Granby.

Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using **Access Code: 282-289-4210** by visiting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/282289421>.

Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this "RDA" are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Selectmen's Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street. Additionally, copies of the application may be inspect-

ed on the Conservation Commission's web page at www.granby-ma.gov.

William Shaheen, Chair
Granby Conservation Commission

09/27/2024

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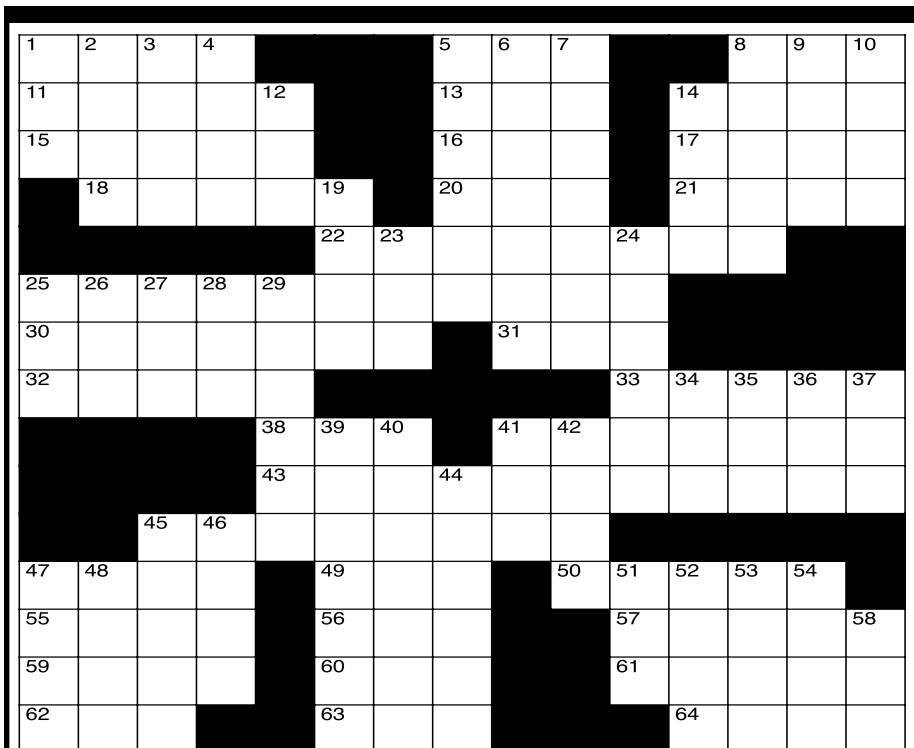
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- 21. Goo Goo Dolls hit
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- 30. Plumbing fixtures
- 31. Tooth caregiver
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- 33. Say aloud
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- 41. Absolute

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 43. Untimely
- 45. Area or neighborhood
- 47. Juicy fruit
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- 56. Influential American president
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- 60. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
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- 63. Body part
- 64. Tableland

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- 3. Invests in little enterprises
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- 6. Laughed
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- 27. Matchstick game
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- 29. Divinatory

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- 35. Follows sigma
- 36. Sea eagle
- 37. Type of bread
- 39. Bit used with a set of reins
- 40. Time away from work
- 41. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 42. Lots on your plate (abbr.)
- 44. Actor Brosnan
- 45. It's part of packaging
- 46. Towards the oral region
- 47. Public Theater creator Joseph
- 48. Ancient Syrian city
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Eagle Scout works to bring beauty to church reflection pool

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer
epappas@turley.com

BELCHERTOWN – Every church needs someplace to go to relax and be somewhere quiet for a place of reflection.

One church that was blessed with a brand new one was Belchertown's St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Jabish St.

At the back of the property, past the priest's home in the woods, is a beautiful little pond, a bench, and a large statue of Jesus on the cross to serve as the church's place of reflection and peace.

For member of the church and Boy Scout Peter Root, using his Eagle Award requirements to build, organize, and construct a garden for the space was a no-brainer.

"I wanted to do something at the church, and thought I'd make the garden," Root explained. "It's really beautiful with the cross and the pond, and the garden just makes it better."

Peter has been in scouts since he was little, and since he began as a little cub scout, his parents have stood by him and supported him with pride as he went on to achieve the goal of an Eagle Award.

In order to achieve the Eagle Scout Award, a scout must have earned all twenty-one required merit badges, and come up with a project that will benefit the community in some way.

The project has to be an original idea



Peter Root (center, white tank) standing with his friends who helped him complete the beautiful garden.

Submitted photo

the scout comes up with on their own, that they then write up and present a proposal for to a board of adults, and after approval, move forward with the projects.

Eagle Scout Projects require thoughtful and considerate planning no matter what the project is in order to ensure that

it will completely and totally benefit the community.

The project, through the planning, presenting, implementing, and organizing facts of it all, teaches those going for the award character building, project management, and tenacity to see the project

through to the end.

"He is becoming a reliable and hard-working young man," Peter's mother, Beata Root, said.

"The sky's really the limit for these kids, and I've loved seeing them work together," said Chris Root, Peter's father.

Peter, with the help of his friends, put into the garden three white rose bushes, four red mums, a butterfly bush, and several grasses.

The boys worked to lay down a tarp, dig holes to put in the plants, and lay down a bed of red mulch over the top.

"The community that they build and the friendship that they have is my favorite part of watching them," Beata said. "They do things together."

"They can take these skills into the workforce and their futures," Chris said. "One of the big concepts of scouts is the adults have very low interaction, so that they can learn and grow independently."

The plants and materials were donated by Five Star Gardens, Tractor Supply, and Lowes for the project. "They were a huge help in donating for the garden," Peter said.

"This is all about repaying the community," Peter said. "I love the church, and I love the community here and I wanted to just give back to them."

The beautiful garden put in at the pond at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be remembered by the parish, and by Peter, for many years to come.

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play about Ukraine, which ended up going out live on Aug. 25, Ukrainian Independence Day.

For the 2024 grant rotation, the SHCC saw sixty applicants, funded forty-four, and was able to award \$17,420.

This year, for the fiscal year 2025, the council is eager to hand out funds from their pool of \$18,000 to work with, and the hope for even more people to come and apply.

The applications for these grants open on September 1, and closes at 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 16, so make sure to get your applications in before then.

Late applications will not be able to be accepted, so don't miss the deadline. You can find the applications at www.mass-culturalcouncil.smartsimple.com.

"We are a direct grant cultural council," Anz explained. "When you're approved for a grant, as soon as you receive the contract, we send you the funds. The sooner you get in the application, the sooner you can get your money."

The application process is fairly simple, though the more details you provide will help you better your chances at becoming approved for the grant.

The application will ask you basic personal information like your name, ad-

dress, and contact information, and then go on to ask for the specifics of your project, including what it is, your budget, how much you're asking for, and how it will benefit the town.

Once the SHCC has received all of the applications submitted, they will begin the process of reviewing the applications and discussing them, and these meetings will begin October 7, and end somewhere around early November.

If your project is chosen, the Massachusetts Cultural Council will contact you, and the SHCC will soon after to meet with you in order to discuss the next steps and moving forward.

"We're excited to see more arts come to the town. We've got a vibrant community, and the applications are increasing," Anz said. "I'm looking forward to see what comes next from the people who apply."

The SHCC is looking for applications for programs and organizations by and for the BIPOC communities, and other residents including those who have disabilities, low-income communities, seniors, and individual artists.

Any program or organization that encourages the spread of art to the youth in the South Hadley Public Schools is also encouraged.

While the SHCC encourages all and anyone to submit applications, it's im-



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Members of the Cultural Council that were present for the grant program: Eric Weiss, Joy Jarne, John Anz, Mary Anne Myers, and Ira Brazinsky.

portant to keep in mind that the council will generally only fund up to 50% of your total budget.

For this reason, it's important to have a budget plan, as well as a source of outside revenue. Make sure to also include dates and venues for your program, and

participants and partners or collaborators. "Help us help you," Anz said.

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