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## Celebrate the 'freedom to read'

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SOUTH HADLEY – The first week of October is Banned Books Week, and the South Hadley Public Library is planning two events to celebrate the freedom to read.

"Reading is a foundational skill, critical to future learning and to exercising our democratic freedoms, a statement on the town's website reads. "Intellectual freedom is the right of library users to read, seek information, and speak freely as guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Today, this freedom to read is threatened by organized movements seeking to bring national culture wars to local library and bookstore shelves."

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 4-6 p.m., SHPL will be taking part in a state-wide Let Freedom Read "read in" where residents

and readers can come to the library for an enjoyable afternoon of reading whatever book they want to. The event will be moved inside the Children's Room, if necessary, due to weather. Light snacks will be provided by the

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## School Comm. discusses range of topics

By Samuel Gelinias  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – During its first meeting of the school year this month, the town's School Committee discussed a range of topics, including the use of AI by students, transportation, bullying, and more.

### "Handle with Care Massachusetts"

Courtney Mackey, the District Mental Health Coordinator, presented about "Handle with Care Massachusetts," a program "designed to enhance what already exists as communication between law enforcement, community services, and the schools, regarding any traumatic events that children might be exposed to."

"During the summer, the Hampshire County DA's office, in conjunction with the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County, worked with local police departments and local school districts...this program already exists and runs successfully throughout more eastern and central Massachusetts."

"People support the schools with their tax payer dollars," added Mark McLaughlin, interim superintendent for South Hadley schools. "And it's important that when we have these good partnerships, that people know about them, that they understand the money that supports the PD, the money that supports the school, are given back to the community in ways that are tangible. And this is one of those ways."

### Transportation

Jennifer Voyik, a member of the Committee as well as the school department, updated those present on the current

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## Select Board continues law firm contract

By Tina Lesniak  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – During its Sept. 19 meeting, the town's Select Board opted to continue its contract with the law firm of Mead, Taleman, and Costa for town counsel services through June 30, 2024.

The town had come to the end of its current three-year contract with the law firm, but it declined to move forward with another three-year contract until all members could be present. Member Jeff Cyr was not in attendance for this meeting. Overall, the feedback for the firm was positive.

"I have really liked working with them," said Town Administrator Lisa Wong, who added that she's had significant experience with counsels in her previous job. "The value is there. The quality is there."

Currently, the town spends \$4,500 per month for the retainer for the firm's services. Other services are billed at \$180 per hour. In fiscal year 2023, the town spent about \$80,000 total for town counsel services. Wong explained that she had reached out to see what other firms would cost, and found that while some firms would cost roughly the same, many would actually cost more.

The Board also approved shifting responsibility for the street lights on Baker Street from Shadowbrook Estates to the town. When the development was built, Shadowbrook Estates assumed responsibility for the lights even though Baker Street is a town road. Neither side could explain why this happened.

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Magic the Gathering players at the Granby Library.

Submitted Photos

GRANBY - Youth ages 10 and up are welcome to drop in to play "Magic: The Gathering" every Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Granby Library. Magic is a collectible trading card game of fun-filled, strategic games to play with other players. Magic has something for everyone and countless ways to play, the library released. The Granby Library group plays all formats and all levels. Decks will be provided if needed.

"Bring decks if you have them," the library released. "Please leave your contact information if you would like to play, in the event of a cancellation."



## TA's Update: Select Board seeks public input

By Kimberly Palmucci  
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SOUTH HADLEY – The town's Select Board is requesting input from the public, according to Town Administrator Lisa Wong, on several items.

### Room Tax

Town Meeting would have to approve tax of up to six percent on hotel and room accommodations that would encompass new short-term rentals, as well as a possible three percent community impact fee, Wong released in

a recent community update.

### Short Term Rental Application Fee

"As the Attorney General's office recently approved the STR bylaw, the town is developing an application," Wong

released. "The Selectboard will have to vote on the fee."

### Senior Work-Off Program

The details of a potential program to allow qualified individ-

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# Seniors

## COA announces upcoming October highlights

**SOUTH HADLEY** – The town’s Council on Aging has announced several events to be held in the month of October.

### Life History, Genealogy Workshop

Friday mornings, 10:30 a.m.

This workshop will be held with support by students from Mt. Holyoke College.

“Your history can provide these college students with insight from the decision you made at key moments in your life. You can document your life or work on a more extensive family history,” the COA released.

### World Food Month Supper Club

Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m.

Free and open to all; this Supper Club will celebrate World Food Month and include a chef demo and meeting.

“Join us for a screening of the documentary ‘We Feed People,’ the story of the World Central Kitchen. Enjoy an authentic paella, prepared by Chef Maggie with a recipe from the new WCK cookbook. Sign up for a trip to Washington DC, Feeding Hope Festival.”

Sign up or email questions to Maggie at [maggiiev06021@gmail.com](mailto:maggiiev06021@gmail.com).

### Table Talk

Friday, Oct. 6, 11 a.m. – noon

Robin Davis of Valley Speech Services will have a table with some information on what Valley Speech can do for South Hadley.

### Quabbin talk with J.R. Green

Friday, Oct. 6, at 2:30 p.m.

J.R. Green talks about Quabbin; he will present his narrated slide program, “The Creation of Quabbin Reservoir”. J.R. will have books and calendars for sale.

### Table Talk

Friday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. – noon

Marguerite Szczwainski will have a table with information about the Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program, which is a service that provides residents with permanent disability access to the telephone network.

### Berkshire Hills Music

Thursday, Oct. 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Music with Berkshire Hills Music Academy. Come listen and singalong with the “Magnificent 7” from Berkshire Hills.

### Cupcakes and Coffee

Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m.

Join for cupcakes and coffee and to get to know some of the students from the MacDuffie School.

### October Culinary Lessons

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2-7 p.m.

Feeding a crowd—South Hadley Paella, handcrafted bread, Apple-cranberry crisp. \$8 per person, limit of 30 cooks, attendees must register with Maggie by Oct. 4. Her email is [maggiiev06021@gmail.com](mailto:maggiiev06021@gmail.com).

### Free Men’s Breakfast

Friday, October 20, at 8:30 a.m.

This month’s breakfast will be hosted by Chuck J.M. Romboletti, Assistant Town Administrator and Human Resource Director.

### Boo Birthday and Anniversary Bash

Tuesday, October 31, 5 p.m.

Join for this spooky Halloween party. Costumes are optional but encouraged. There will be prizes for the top three costumes. Free refreshments and entertainment by the Agawam Melody Band.

### Tuesday Evening Programs

Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 5:30 p.m.

The Three P’s of Investment Fraud: Profile, Persuasion and Prevention: Join Eric Giroux, a senior council in the S.E.C. Enforcement Division, from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Free handouts.

Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 5:30 p.m.

Author discussion with Andrew Noone, who will offer a reading and discussion of his book, “Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Conspiracy.”

Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Jan Lucier will be sharing the history of essential oils, methods of delivery, and practical uses for healing and overall increased well-being. Free aromatherapy roll-on to take home.

## Police warn of recent scams

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**REGION** – Police are warning residents of a recent scam targeting the elderly population.

“Belchertown Police has received multiple reports recently regarding a scam that we would like to bring awareness to,” police shared in a statement. “Residents in town have reported that they have been reached out to in various ways, whether it be via phone call or through computer hacks.”

According to police, these calls or “hacks” have been done to elicit a response from the victim. “When people have been replying and returning phone calls, the unknown person through the phone will create a false, yet believable, story,” reports indicate. “They will also be very demanding.”

Police said the story is used to “bait” the caller.

“The person over the phone will typically request the caller to go to their bank and withdraw large amounts of cash. They will then instruct the caller to go to a location that has a Bitcoin ATM, and instruct them to deposit their cash to a fraudulent account,” police released. “Once this cash gets deposited, the people over the phone are able to take control of that money, resulting in it being stolen from the caller.”

Bitcoin is a digital form of currency, police added, making it “hard to retrieve this money once deposited.”

“It has also been reported that these people on the phone request the callers to scan their driver’s licenses to them, resulting in their identity further being compromised,” police said.

This scam has appeared to target the elderly population, according to reports.

“If you or someone you know is 60 or older and has been a victim of fraud, the National Elder Fraud Hotline is willing to help,” the police statement reads.

This hotline can be contacted over the phone at 1-833-FRAUD-11 (1-833-372-8311) or online at [justice.gov/stopelderfraud](http://justice.gov/stopelderfraud), “which has many useful resources about fraud,” police added.

“The Belchertown Police can also be called to document any fraud reports.”

Additionally, police encouraged residents to not “fall for the story given over the phone.”

“Always ask family, friends, or businesses you are associated with and confirm if the story is legitimate or not,” police added.

## Granby library monthlong book sale ending soon

**GRANBY** – Throughout the month of September, a fall book sale is ongoing at the Granby Free Public Library.

Through Sept. 30, book lovers can choose from a large assortment of used and like-new books in fiction and non-fiction, according to a press statement. Used DVDs, video games, audiobooks, and CDs will also be on sale. Stop in during the library’s regular operating hours, which are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 E State Street, Granby. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Granby Library.

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Friends of the South Hadley Public Library.

Additionally, on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10-11:30 a.m., the library will be taking part in a Banned Books Brunch being held at Center Church as part of the Showcase South Hadley cultural festival.

“This panel discussion will feature local speakers an independent bookstore and academic, public, and school libraries,” an event description reads.

Light refreshments will be provided.

“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 communi-

ties they serve. Everyone is welcome to find a good read from their library and join the celebration.”

“Books have been reported as divisive in national media coverage,” Library Director Joseph Rodio released in a press statement. “But we want our library readers 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.”

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Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting God and His power. **D.D.**

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# 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; and 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@south-hadley.ma.gov](mailto:kmaher@south-hadley.ma.gov).

# Vaccine drive-thru clinic set for Oct. 10

SOUTH HADLEY - The town is offering a Vaccine Drive-thru Clinic from 2-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Immunizations include: Influenza (standard injectable); Quadrivalent; COVID-19 (Pfizer); RSV (ABRYSVO, AREZVY); Prevnar 20; and Herpes Zoster (Shingrix).

The clinic will be held at 646 Newton St., Beers and Story Parking, in South Hadley.

For more information, visit [southhadley.org](http://southhadley.org).

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status of the transportation contract between South Hadley Public schools and Five Star Transportation.

"This past spring and summer, the Transportation Subcommittee met... as expected we only had one bidder for transportation, and that was Five Star Transportation who South Hadley has partnered with for many years," Voyik said.

"When the transportation bid came in, we were all shocked to see a 10 percent increase on that bid information for this year [the school year of 2023-2024]."

As a result, "there was a lot of healthy discussion back and forth between myself and Five Star, explaining where they're coming from and the inflation that they are dealing with, and having to keep up with labor costs; that they need to be able to pay drivers a living wage in order to keep drivers in their system."

Instead of a 10 percent increase for one year, it will be a six-and-a-half percent increase, and then over the five-year contract, it will gradually decrease, according to meeting discussion.

In the current contract, there will be a 5.5 percent price climb for years two and three, and 4.75 for year four.

"Ultimately, over the life of the contract the negotiation saved the district approximately \$15,000," Voyik said.

This transportation contract with Five Star was voted through a unanimous vote by the School Committee.

### Bullying

McLaughlin stated that up to this point in the school year, there have been five incidents between teachers and students.

"If the students in those homes listened to the language that was expressed to the principals, the director, and the teachers, those students were listening to that from a family member. There is very little doubt that what seems acceptable at home would translate into what might be seen as acceptable in school, and then school is responsible for addressing it," McLaughlin said. "We have students for six hours a day, and then they leave and see modeled behavior at home and in the culture that very typically becomes part of the school culture, and we don't have anything to do about that."

"We try to create a safe space for students to express. We have a very robust component of our bullying prevention policy about retaliation. I can tell you just how much effort goes into addressing these issues."

He mentioned all the hard work school officials put into mediation.

"We have counselors who bring students together all the time and help them

mediate through problems. Sometimes, we get parents who complain that having mediation or that restorative practice isn't strong enough, that it's too passive. They want punishment; they want suspension. So, in many cases we're trying to mediate because these are children...it's a very complicated thing."

### Temperature control in schools

As part of the superintendent's report, McLaughlin addressed the half days given in the first few days of school due to the heat.

"The reality is what it is in South Hadley. Our buildings, except for Plains, are old. They are not outfitted with state-of-the-art climate control systems, particularly at the high school," he said, adding that, "two years ago at this time we had a very significant problem [at the high school] with mold."

He continued by highlighting the lack of funds available to make drastic changes to the school's air conditioning.

"We do not have the funding available, at present, to create the conditions to introduce climate-controlled environments in our buildings. Nor do we have the funding or the infrastructure to support lesser interventions," McLaughlin said. "School is what we do, and whenever possible we should have school."

He noted the safety and health of students is a primary concern, and that the classroom should be a place where learning can take place without the fatigue or distraction of inclement weather.

Voyik and Scott Moore, who had been hired as building operations manager for the town this past summer, discussed the general ballpark of what expenses would look like to introduce climate-controlled environments.

"We're talking several millions of dollars," Voyik said.

"When Plains was built in 2016, there was air conditioning installed.

So, as we hopefully move forward and Mosier is potentially the next school to be rebuilt, that [air conditioning] is something that will be discussed in the building process."

"Our goal tonight was really to address some of the conversations we became aware of the past few days, which might suggest there's easy fixes and why aren't we doing them," Voyik said.

### MCAS Ballot Question

Amy Foley, an English and special education teacher, asked for the support of the Committee that if the MCAS question makes it onto the ballot, they would consider voting to end the need for the standardized test to graduate.

The ballot question no longer makes it mandatory to pass the MCAS to graduate. Foley presented her opinion.

"Our high school teachers have seen the stress and anxiety this requirement places on our students who already struggle with the pressure of testing...it should not determine whether our students graduate high school or not," Foley said.

Her request was met with no response by the Committee.

### AI

Elizabeth Wood reported the town will be using the plagiarism scanning technology, "Turn It In," to detect dishonest work, including the use of artificial intelligence (AI) by students. Concerning artificial intelligence, Wood noted that "we are also continuing to examine ways that AI can be beneficial to our students because it's not going away."

### Looking for Athletic Trainer

The South Hadley Public schools continues its ongoing search for athletic trainers, and Committee members have been scouting potential candidates in the area, according to meeting discussion.

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**Adult Programming South Hadley Public Library**

**ONGOING LIBRARY PROGRAMMING**

**Tuesday Night Knitting Group**  
*Tuesdays 6 pm - 8 pm • Trustees Room*  
 Join the library's Tuesday Night Knitters for some quality knitting and crocheting time. All skill levels are welcome.

**Hello Sunshine Book Club**  
*First Wednesday Evenings of the Month at 7:30 pm Trustees Room*  
 A book discussion group focusing on selections from Reese Witherspoon's Hello Sunshine book club.

**Gatehouse Writer's Group (Online Writing Group)**  
*Every Friday Online via Zoom from 10 am - Noon*  
 Contact Linda Rowland-Buckley at [rowbuc1998@gmail.com](mailto:rowbuc1998@gmail.com)  
 Our library writing group, the Gatehouse Writing group, the Gatehouse Writers, is a supportive peer-led environment open to all levels and styles.  
 This group is led by Linda Rowland-Buckley and Richard Buckley.

**Mahjong at the Library**  
*First and Third Friday's of the Month from 1 pm - 4 pm*  
 For experienced Players

**Spanish Conversation Circle**  
*3rd Saturdays of the Month at 10:30 am*  
 An opportunity for Spanish speakers to practice their language skills. Participants should have some basic conversational skills to join the group. This is NOT a language class.

**IN HOUSE PROGRAMMING**

**Author Talk: Food for the Dead: Vampires in New England by Michael Bell**  
*Wednesday, October 4 at 6 pm • Community Room*  
 Michael Bell relates the stories of families who dug up the bodies of their loved ones and burned their hearts to save the living. Bell summarizes his quest for this authentic vampire tradition, detailed in his award-winning book *Food for the Dead: On the Trail of New England's Vampires* (Wesleyan University Press, 2011), that has led him into the field to conduct interviews, find cemeteries and gravestones, and even investigate archaeological digs.

**Music Concert: Guitarist Peter Biedermann**  
*Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm • Community Room*  
 The focus of the concert program will be on pieces from Peter Biedermann's catalogue of recordings beginning with 'Sound & Spirit' (2000) through the latest live release 'Say What?' (2020). The program also encourages questions from the audience and will include some of the history and evolution of original fingerstyle guitar playing.

**Learn Henna with Magic Tree Henna: For Adults and Teens**  
*Wednesday, October 18 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm • Community Room*  
 Call 413-538-5045 or go to [www.shadleylib.org](http://www.shadleylib.org) to sign up. Henna is an all-natural, plant based art form that dates back 5000 years in Egypt. Come learn how to apply Henna!

**Agawang Paranormal: Evidence Review**  
*Wednesday, October 25 6 - 7:30 pm • Community Room*  
 This is a historic public reveal featuring the Firehouse Museum, the Old Village Cemetery, and the Gaylord Library. An introduction as to the historic value and events that happened there, then we will get into the actual investigations that were conducted and finally end with the potential evidence captured on site.

**VIRTUAL LIBRARY PROGRAMMING**

**European Travel Tips and Tools with Guidebook Author Rick Steves**  
*Tuesday, October 10 at 4 pm*  
 Sign Up Here: <https://library.org/shadleylib/34327>  
 Via Zoom Join guidebook author and TV host Rick Steves as he shares the latest in smart European travel. In this entertaining, information-packed slideshow lecture, Rick will teach you the secrets of safe, smart, inexpensive travel.

**A Lifetime of Writing: A Conversation with John Irving**  
*Thursday, October 26 at 7 pm.*  
 Sign Up Here: <https://library.org/shadleylib/32565>  
 Via Zoom You are in for a treat when you join us for an intimate conversation with John Irving as he chats about not only his most recent novel, *The Last Chairlift*, but also about his prolific body of work and a lifetime spent writing.

**Hollywood, Home, Heart, and Healing: A Conversation with John Stamos**  
*Wednesday, November 1st at 8 pm*  
 Sign Up Here: <https://library.org/shadleylib/32978>  
 Join us for an intimate conversation with Full House star, John Stamos, as he leads us through his incredibly moving and vulnerable memoir, *If You Would Have Told Me*.

# Opinion

## GUEST COLUMN

### Three great ways to make Massachusetts more sustainable

By the Belchertown Energy and Sustainability Committee

This past summer, with the highest heat ever recorded, the unrelenting forest fires and the flooding due to massive storms can make a person feel that sustainability is impossible. But this is not the time to give up on sustainability. Everyone can do many things all year long to help make the earth a better, cleaner, safer and more sustainable place to live. Even if what one individual can do seems small, an individual's actions added together with so many other individuals, can have a big impact. In addition, many activities which save resources can also save money. Sometimes the government and some companies provide grants and free services to assist individuals in saving energy and other resources. Other companies offer discounts and rewards to customers who recycle through their company. Think of sustainability as the idea that we can continue to live well by rethinking how we can better use our limited resources.

#### Free Home Energy Audit

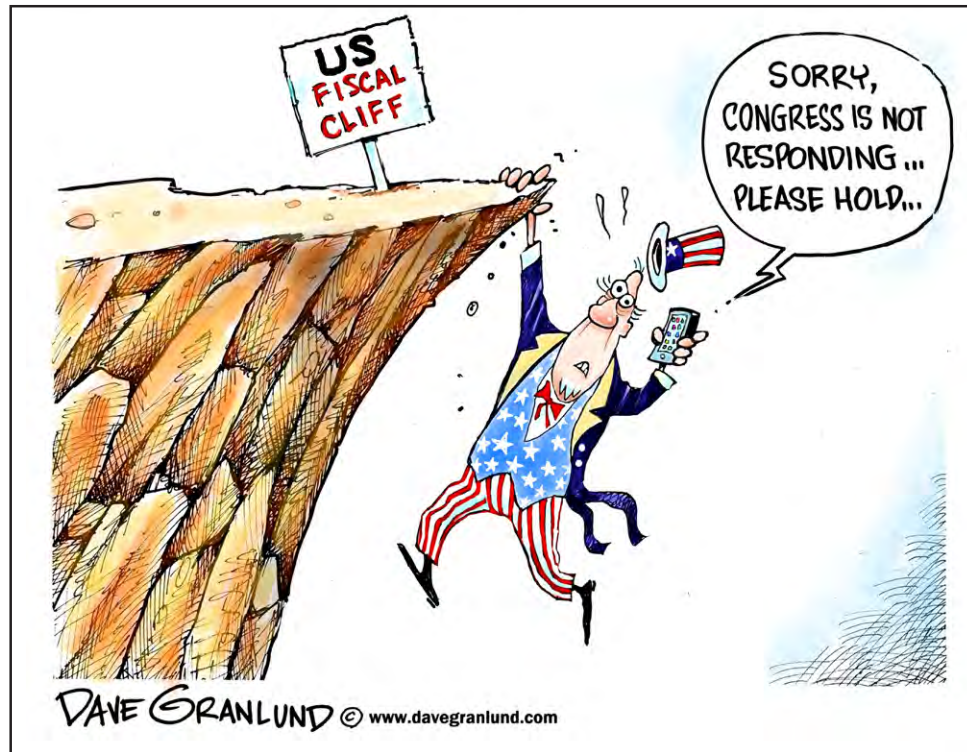
One of the best ways to reduce the energy you use would be to have a home energy assessment. Decreasing your household energy will also help you save money. According to the U.S. Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy about 21 percent of total U.S. energy consumption comes from residential properties. If you are a Massachusetts resident who owns a home or rents in a 1- to 4-unit property, you are probably eligible for a free home energy assessment through the Mass Save program. This program is sponsored and paid for by the utility companies, using funds from a charge on customers' energy bills. In our area, if your energy bill comes from National Grid or Eversource, you are eligible, even if you receive your energy from a different company. Not only will the energy assessment provide you with the steps toward decreasing your energy consumption, but it will also include some instant saving measures to start you off. In addition, the audit will include information on ways to pay for major improvements. You will learn about cash rebates, tax incentives and low or no cost loans for improvements which decrease your energy usage. You are under no obligation to follow the recommendations, but if you are able to do so, you would be able to save even more energy while improving the comfort of your home. Visit [masssave.com/en/residential/programs-and-services](http://masssave.com/en/residential/programs-and-services).

#### Go Beyond the Recycling Bin

Besides the paper, plastic, metal and glass we normally recycle in the recycling bins, we can recycle many items which previously were thrown in the trash. You can keep your empty ink cartridges, used florescent and LED light bulbs, dead lithium/button batteries and old electronics out of the trash. You can safely and properly recycle them by bringing them back to many retail stores. Check the websites of big box stores to learn what they will accept and if there is any charge. Some of the stores actually offer store credit for dropping off ink cartridges and smaller electronics! Larger electronics such as TV sets usually require some payment for disposal.

Many items like textiles which we used to throw into landfills are now required to be recycled. As of November 2022, textiles and mattresses are no longer accepted in landfills. The textiles required to be recycled include clothing, bedding, curtains, fabrics, footwear, and other fabric-based items. Sort through old clothes and other textiles so that you can donate the usable ones to your favorite charity. Your very worn and stained items can be

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Recycling Plastic

Dear Editor,

We are all upset by the amount of plastic trash on our streets, our oceans, our water, and now microscopically in our own bodies! It is costing us money to remove and killing birds, animals, and some of us. We have also heard that much of plastic recycling is not really recycling.

There are a few plastics that we can recycle! Both Stop & Shop and Big Y have

plastic bag recycling in the rooms with their bottle and can recycling. The Nextrex corporation will collect them and turn them into plastic decking. They will take: Produce Bags, Newspaper Sleeves, Dry Cleaning, Bubble Wrap, Plastic e-commerce Mailers, Ziploc and Other Re-closable Bags, Cereal Box Bags, Bread Bags, Ice Bags, Store Gags and Case Overwrap Bags.

John Howard



### Cleaning up and planning ahead

Let's just say that all the rain made vegetable gardening a real challenge this year.

Why don't we call it a wrap and do what we can now to get ahead of the game for next year!

Most of my veggie plants have already called it quits. Other than a half row each of carrots and beets, and the last succession of green bean plants, there is pretty much nothing left to harvest in my main garden.

I still have some great peppers in the raised beds. Clean up will start in the main garden for now.

Where do I begin? First, I will haul off whatever I can to the compost pile, excluding as many weeds as possible. I will also leave out thick plant stalks such as broccoli; they will take too long to break down.

Diseased plants are also a no-no; they belong in the trash.

Think of the compost pile as an outdoor lasagna made of layers of brown and green plant parts. Brown, carbon rich ingredients (such as chopped leaves) can be layered with green, nitrogen rich ingredients (such as grass clippings, over grown vegetables and scraps, and those non-weedy plant parts) to get the pile cooking.

Add a shovel full of garden soil or finished compost per layer to inoculate it with microbes and water well. Let the pile sit for a year or turn it frequently for faster results.

Compost is a near neutral source of humus, a well-balanced fertilizer and soil tonic good for all types of gardens and even the lawn.

The garden plot is looking better, but I still have lots of weeds to deal with. I've been told that if you miss one year's seeding it's seven years weeding, so there is no way I am going to take the easy route and rototill them in.

As I pull up the weeds by hand, I vow to be a better weeder next year, or better yet, mulch more and weed less.

My chickens, however, are thrilled with my shortcomings! They gobble down those seed heads faster than their morning dose of carrot peelings.

At last, I have a clean slate. In preparation for sowing winter rye seed, I scuff up the soil surface.

If any Jumping Worms cross my path, I feed them to the chickens. Stay tuned for an entire article on the subject of these invasive worms next week.

Once prep is complete, I rake the soil smooth and broadcast the seed. At a rate of four pounds per one thousand square feet of garden, I use ten pounds.

It's a good idea to divide the seed in half and try to cover all the area you have once, then go back and fill in the light spots with the rest. After the seed has been sown, I'll drag the flat end of a steel rake over the soil surface to bury it ever so slightly.

My goal is to have the seed sprout now, so that its roots will hold the soil and its nutrients in place over the off season. Winter rye will put on an amazing amount of top growth by spring- weed whack or mow it first to make incorporating easier.

I am also contemplating "tarping" it to solarize the soil at the same time, then working in the dead plants by hand. Either way, if you do this for a few years in a row you'll watch the organic matter content of your soil soar, reportedly at a rate of three to four thousand pounds per acre!

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](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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## Nonagenarian war veteran asks about extra credit for his service

Dear Rusty

I'm turning 95 this year and am caretaker for my wife in our 70th year of marriage. I served before 1968 (1951-53) during the Korean War. How do the "special extra credits for military service" work for me? Is it retro-active? My wife, who only worked a short time, gets half of my Social Security so would it affect hers, too?

Signed: Korean War Veteran

Dear War Veteran

First, I want to express my gratitude for your wartime service to our country and I also applaud your 70 years of marriage. Thank you, and congratulations.

Regarding the "special extra credit" for military service, Social Security FICA taxes weren't withheld from military pay prior to 1957 so you didn't pay Social Security payroll taxes from your military earnings during the years you served.

As a result, Social Security would have no record of your military earnings during those 1951-1953 service years. But when you claimed Social Security later in life, they would have asked if you served in the military and given you "special extra credit" in the form of presumed earnings for your service years.

They likely would have asked for a copy of your DD-214 and would have added \$160 to your earnings record for each active duty month during those 1951-1953 years. Note they do not give you an extra amount of Social Security; rather, for benefit computation purposes, they reflect your earnings for those years a bit higher than are shown in your earnings record, which would likely show zero for your service years.

For example, if you served 12 months active duty in 1952, when your Social Security benefit was calculated they would consider your 1952 earnings as \$1,920 (\$160 x 12), instead of the zero shown in your record because you didn't actually pay FICA tax on your military pay. But whether those extra earnings credits would have any effect on your Social Security benefit is a separate item.

Assuming you had earnings from regular employment over your lifetime and paid into Social Security from those non-military earnings, you became eligible for Social Security benefits from earnings outside of your military service. If you worked and earned a decent salary for at least 35 years, then those special extra credits for your military service years would have no effect on your Social Security benefit.

If you had less than 35 years of regular non-military

employment, then those extra earnings added for your military service years counted and provided you with a slightly higher Social Security benefit when you claimed.

So, the bottom line is this: if, over your lifetime, you worked for at least 35 years paying into Social Security via FICA payroll or self-employment tax, then the "special extra credits" for your military service years had no effect on your Social Security benefit. But if you worked less than 35 years in which SS taxes were withheld from your earnings, then those "special extra credits for military service" contributed to and increased your Social Security benefit when you claimed.

However, even if you worked for over 35 years outside of the military and the extra credits didn't matter for your Social Security benefit, your service to our country did, indeed, matter a great deal. From one veteran to another, thank you again for your service to our country.

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dropped into some of the large metal collection boxes in local parking lots. These companies will sort the textiles and can turn unusable ones into rags or recycled fiber. For locations of collection boxes visit [recyclesmartma.org/beyond-the-bin-search](http://recyclesmartma.org/beyond-the-bin-search).

Since November 2022, mattresses were also excluded from landfills. One of the easiest ways to recycle a mattress is to have the company where you are buying a replacement mattress collect the old mattress when it delivers the new one. When you negotiate the price of your bedding, ask that the store include taking back the old mattress at no cost. If you are not buying a new mattress, you will need to con-

tract your trash hauler or your town DPW about the cost of recycling it.

Instead of dropping unwanted household items into the trash, you can recycle them at many charity thrift stores. Just be sure to call or look online to learn what items they are accepting for donation. You can also check with the town DPW to find out if they have a swap shop. If you have a transfer sticker for Belchertown, you might be able to drop your items off at the Belchertown Swap Shop, which is sponsored by a grant from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Buy items made from recycled goods. When you buy goods made using recycled materials, you encourage more manufacturers to develop and produce more products made from recyclables. Goods

made using recycled materials are everywhere. Look for them when you shop. There are packages of printer paper made from some or all post-consumer recycled fiber. There is clothing made from recycled water bottles and recycled fibers. You can even find patio furniture made with recycled milk bottles. Make a concerted effort to look for products with the word "recycled" on the label. You will be surprised at how many items contain recycled materials.

These are only a few of the many simple actions which you might incorporate into your day-to-day life to become a bet-

ter guardian of the earth. If want to learn about other ways you can make a positive impact, visit the web page, what you can do about climate change at the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency website: [epa.gov/climate-change/what-you-can-do-about-climate-change](http://epa.gov/climate-change/what-you-can-do-about-climate-change)

You can also visit [belchertown.org](http://belchertown.org), Committees, Energy and Sustainability, for a listing of Community Resources.

As always, feel free to contact us at [energycomm@belchertown.org](mailto:energycomm@belchertown.org) to ask us questions and/or make suggestions.

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## Granby to offer Bulky Waste Day this 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

## Jury to hear closing arguments in Cara Rintala murder trial

REGION – The jury in the Cara Rintala murder trial heard closing arguments Wednesday morning in Hampshire Superior Court, after which they began deliberating.

According to a press statement from the office of Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan, Rintala faces a single count of murder in connection with the strangulation

death of her wife, 37-year-old Annamarie Cochrane-Rintala, in 2010 in their Granby home.

The trial began Sept. 6 with jury selection, followed by opening statement on Sept. 13. The Commonwealth called 20 witnesses during its case, after which the defense called two. The case is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Suhl and First Assis-

tant District Attorney Steven E. Gagne. Rintala is being represented by Attorneys Rosemary Scapicchio, Chauncey Wood, and Melissa Ramos, of Boston. Judge Francis E. Flannery is presiding over the trial.

This is the fourth trial for Rintala. The first two concluded with mistrials after the juries were unable to reach unanimous verdicts, according to reports.

## Trick-or-Treat movie event upcoming

GRANBY - The Friends of Granby’s Parks and Recreation is hosting a Trick-or-Treat Movie in the Park event on Friday, Oct. 13, at Dufresne Park in Granby. The event will start with Trick-or-Treating at 5 p.m., followed by a showing of a Halloween-themed Disney Pixar movie at 6:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$3.00 per person. Costumes are encouraged, snacks will be available for purchase, and “please

bring your own chairs or blankets,” event organizers released.

“This is a fundraiser for the Friends of Granby’s Parks and Recreation, a nonprofit volunteer group,” a press statement reads. “We are still looking for companies interested in distributing candy at the event.”

Those interested may email granbyparkfriends@gmail.com or visit the group’s Facebook page to learn more about the event.

## Craft fair event scheduled in Granby

GRANBY – The Immaculate Heart of Mary Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 4.

The event, sponsored by the IHM Men & Women Club, will be located at 256 State St. in Granby.

## Gaylord library’s ‘Spice Club’ is back

SOUTH HADLEY – The Gaylord Memorial Library’s popular Spice Club is back on Oct. 5.

“Join us at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month October-April to pick up a spice sample from Southern New England Spice Company,” the library released. “Come share tips and recipes, and meet other spice enthusiasts. Take your spices home to enjoy, and return next month to let us know what you made.”

Pre-registration required; sign up at gaylordlibrary.org, or call 413-538-5047.

## Mid-autumn Chinese Festival at library this weekend

SOUTH HADLEY – In its story time room, the South Hadley Public Library will host 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 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.

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“This is essentially to correct a longstanding error,” said Andrea Miles, chair of the Select Board.

She noted that the town is “taking over something that should be ours.”

The motion did get approval from both the police department and the department of public works.

In other news, Holyoke Gas and Electric received a waiver from the Board to be able to access its property along the river and perform land management. This will allow its crews to deal with vegetation that needs to be maintained.

McCray’s Farm also received approval for an entertainment license to be able to hold its many fall and winter events. Among those are the ever-popular and perennial favorite Monster Mash Scream Park with its haunted hayride

and the newer Holiday Light Walkthrough that began just last year. Currently, the farm is hosting carnival rides on the weekends and pumpkin picking. Owner Stephen McCray voiced concerns about the licensing process, and the Board assured him that they will be holding a hearing in October to discuss how these issues are handled.

Additionally, the Board noted several community events coming up during the month of October. Showcase South Hadley will take place the weekend of Oct. 7-8; throughout the two days, many events will happen at various town locations and feature local artists and performers. BATTERY BROOK PARK FALLS FEST will happen at the park from Friday, Oct. 22, through Sunday, Oct. 24. This event will feature a cornhole tournament, multiple pickleball tournaments, music, and other activities.

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uals to volunteer to offset up to \$1,500 in real estate taxes.

“Town Meeting will have to vote on accepting the Mass Gen-

eral Law, but the Select Board can shape certain details of the program,” Wong released.

**Business at 460 Amherst Road**  
“The hearing for the beer

and wine license will continue,” Wong said, adding that input may be emailed to the Select Board at selectboard@south-hadley.ma.gov and at the Oct. 3 Selectboard meeting.

## 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 2023-2024 winter season may be picked up at the department of Public Works office at 10 Industrial Drive, South Hadley, MA between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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.

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.



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## Tigers overcome early deficit for second win



Owen Dawson scrambles as he is pursued.



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Julius Hebth tries to avoid a Comp tackler.



Jasiel Ramos, Griffin Soderbaum, and Ethan Haber work together to bring down a Comp ball carrier.



Burke Belsky runs through traffic.

CHICOPEE – Despite scoring first, Chicopee Comprehensive football was not able to hold on to the lead and lost to visiting South Hadley 28-19. South Hadley came back with two touchdowns in the second quarter to take a 14-7 lead, and didn't look back from there. The Tigers improved to 2-1 on the season while Comp would drop to 0-3. Both teams will begin conference play this week. Comp's tough AA schedule begins with Central on Friday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. while the Tigers travel to Pittsfield for a matchup that begins at 5:30 p.m. in Suburban North action.



Jake Gagnon makes his way up the field.



Colin Murdock sends a quick pass away.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Tristan Moe advances up the field.

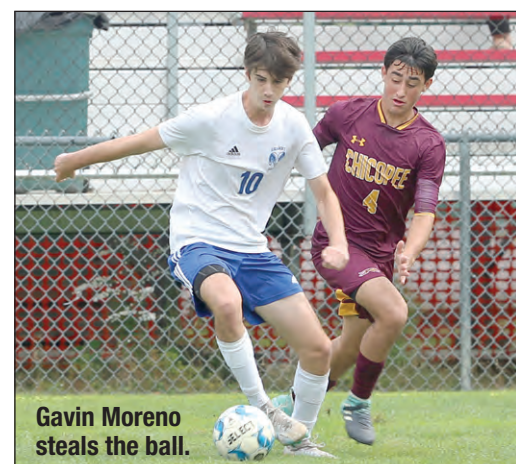
## Girls soccer off to positive start

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School girls soccer team completed a 2-1 week last week, finally getting in a number of games after the beginning of their season was slowed by rainouts and heat issues.

Unfortunately, the week included their first loss of the season, which came against Pope Francis 3-0 last Friday.

The Tigers would rebound and defeat Hampshire Regional last Saturday afternoon. In the win, Lauren Marjanski kept up her pace after scoring her 100th point. She had two goals for the Tigers while Allison Fleury scored the third goal.

The Tigers are now 4-1 on the season and will rematch against Hampshire on Friday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m., then face league rival Wahconah for the second time on Monday, Oct. 2.



Gavin Moreno steals the ball.

## Rams win fourth game

GRANBY – The Granby High School boys soccer team remain successful so far this season, suffering just one loss against Chicopee, but have four wins and a pair of ties to go with that. Last week, the Rams grounded out three wins and a tie, defeating Hopkins, Sci-Tech, and Greenfield. Last Saturday morning, the Rams tied Smith Academy 1-1. Granby next faces Gateway on Sept. 28.



Cody White chases down a loose ball.

# Sports

## Monadnock season concludes with championship races

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Five track champions were crowned last Saturday – Nate Wenzel and Michael Yeaton both first timers – as Monadnock Speedway closed out its 2023 racing season on Championship Day at the high-banked quarter-mile.

Late Model ace Tim Wenzel won his crown for the second season in row, Louie Maher is now a two-time king of the Mini Stocks, and then there's Chris Davis. Davis ran a conservative race Saturday to wrap up his fourth Pure Stock title, those along with a Mini Stock championship to boot.

Cole Littlewood and Geoff Rollins led the swarming 19-car NHSTRA Modified field to the green Saturday, with the 100-lapper not only deciding the 2023 track championship, but also contested as the third of four NHSTRA Quest For The Cup races.

Defending track champ Tyler Leary entered Saturday two points ahead of Nate Wenzel, while Wenzel sat atop the Quest leaderboard. Others, including Rollins, were in the Quest hunt too, a battle that will be decided at Lee.

Leary took the lead from Rollins on lap three but, seven circuits later, it was open-wheel rookie Scott Zilinski at the point, his mirror soon filled by Trevor Bleau's ride and, just behind that, JT Cloutier's.

Bleau took charge on lap 19 but his stay up front was brief, as Cloutier had the lead three laps later. In front, he'd open a huge lead until a lap 43 caution – one of a dozen on the afternoon – brought the pack back to his bumper, and Zilinski to his side.

Getting the jump, Zilinski began his second run at the head of the class on lap 44, again with some major thunder at his back bumper. Wenzel, his nostrils filled with the warm aroma of a pending championship, took over on lap 74, and he never looked back.

When Leary and Zilinski made contact in turn three five laps later, the title chase was over. Cloutier, who'd survived an unnecessary bouncing off the frontchute wall back on lap 59, got back up for second on the 80th go-round, then following Wenzel under the checkers to conclude his own successful season.

With Wenzel earning his first NHSTRA track Modified crown, and solidifying his point lead in the Quest chase, he joined his younger brother, Tim, in celebrating their 2023 sibling Monadnock championships. With Cloutier strong in second, Kimmy Rivet, who earlier this summer survived a horrific crash, ended her summer on the podium with a third-place finish.

Rollins, who struggled through a large-

ly forgettable Saturday afternoon, made masterful use of no fewer than four trips to the pits to stay on the lead lap and finish fourth, keeping his Quest hopes alive for the series' finale next month.

Tim Wenzel, as his brother Modified hot shoe Nate would do later in Saturday's event, closed out his championship summer with an exclamation point, romping to his track-high sixth victory of the summer in the Late Model main.

Taking the lead from Andrew Brousseau on lap 19, Wenzel never looked back. Brousseau, though, didn't fare as well. Picked off by a lapper with three to go, he finished fifth on the day. Hillary Renaud concluded her successful summer in second, and Claremont's Dylan Zullo used a last-lap pass to earn the third-place hardware.

Cameron Sontag rocketed to his third win in a row in the Mini Stock feature, taking the lead from Louie Maher with two laps to go. Maher, though, offered little resistance, riding his runner-up finish to the 2023 championship. Pat Houle, in his strongest run of the summer, came home third.

Colton Martin, trading rides for the day with Andrea St. Amour, blew the field away to win Saturday's Pure Stock feature. Chris Chambers, in St. Amour's team

car, was second, and Zach Zilinski earned the first of his two Championship Day trophies in third.

Chris Davis, who'd seen a title slip away from him in last year's season finale, stayed clear of trouble Saturday, cruising home in fifth to add another championship trophy to his large collection.

Zach Zilinski wired the Six Shooter feature to win his second in a row. Steve Miller Jr. stayed glued to the 16-year-old pilot's bumper to finish second, while Michael Yeaton's third-place run netted him the 2023 championship.

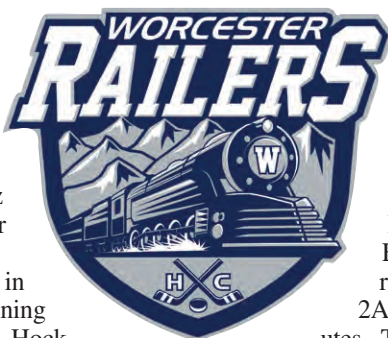
Markus O'Neil led all the way to score his second Young Gun victory of the year Saturday. He had four-time winner Owen Zilinski draped all over him for most of the way but never faltered en route to victory. Addison Brooks came home third.

Oval-tracker Cole Littlewood, aboard the family Honda, won Saturday's Spectator Race finale, stealing the win out of the last turn from Xander Stillwell.

Last Saturday's 2023 Championship Day event concluded Monadnock Speedway's 2023 racing season. The high-banked speedplant will take on a new and improved look in the coming weeks, as it receives an entirely new racing surface, its first since the initial paving was completed a half-century ago.

## Railers signings round out roster

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders), and General Manager and Head Coach Jordan Lavallee-Smotherman announced today that the club has signed defenseman Jake Schultz to an ECHL contract for the 2023-24 season.



Schultz, 27, signs in Worcester after winning the Federal Prospects Hockey League Defenseman of the Year award with the Binghamton Black Bears during the 2022-23 season. As captain in Binghamton, Schultz recorded 33 points (12G, 21A) in 41 games played to go with 136 penalty minutes. He notched career highs in goals, assists, and points last season. The 6'3", 209lb defenseman suited up in five road game for the Worcester Railers in 2022-23, recording two goals in a weekend series against the Newfoundland Growlers.

"Jake brings a toughness and size to our back end that we were missing last season," Lavallee-Smotherman said. "We noticed

quickly in his brief time with us the positive impact he had on our locker room, and can't wait to have him embrace a leadership role for us this season."

The Rochester, NY native has made previous stops in the ECHL with the Indy Fuel, Wheeling Nailers, and Greenville Swamp Rabbits. In 48 career ECHL games, Schultz has recorded seven points (5G, 2A) and 127 penalty minutes. This will be the seventh season of his professional career.

"I'll do whatever it takes to earn the trust and respect of my teammates," Schultz said. "After last season, I'm hoping to put up some good numbers, too. I'm looking to bring that confidence that I had with me in Binghamton."

The Railers have announced twenty-three players officially signed for the 2023-24 season as Schultz joins Jack Quinlivan, Chris Ordoobadi, Connor Welsh, Myles Abbate, Todd Goehring, Ryan Verrier, Andrei Bakanov, John Copeland, Zach

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## Framingham edges WSU football

WESTFIELD – Framingham State's Jared Martino blocked a game-winning field goal attempt in the closing seconds as the Rams held on for a 9-8 win over Westfield State in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference football game at Bowditch Field in Framingham on Saturday afternoon.

Both teams had to grind it out in rainy and windy conditions all day long, with the Rams taking a 3-0 lead late into the third quarter before Westfield seized the lead on a 22-yard Gabriel Fernandez touchdown pass to Michael Foley. On the ensuing point after try, the Owls came up with a two-point conversion when the kick attempt resulted in a broken play, and holder Owen Thompson was able to pitch the ball ahead to Blake Simpson in the endzone for the two point conversion. Thompson released the ball just as he was being brought down by the rush to give Westfield an 8-3 lead with less than a minute left in the third quarter.

Westfield had a chance to extend the lead in the fourth quarter, but a fumble gave Framingham possession at their own 5-yard line midway through the fourth quarter. The Rams mounted a seven-play, 95-yard scoring drive that was fueled by a bold 54-yard halfback option pass to Manny Lara out of the Framingham endzone, and capped by a 3-yard TD run from Devaun Ford to bring the score to give Framingham a 9-8 lead. The two-point conversion

failed when Westfield State's Cam Danahy dropped Kevin Leal in the backfield on the try.

The Owls got the ball back for a final scoring try with 3:57 left to play after a short punt gave Westfield 1st and 10 at their own 42. Westfield worked the ball into scoring possession with a methodical drive, getting a key fourth down conversion on a pass to Will Brewster and a pair of third down conversions to keep the drive alive.

Westfield set up for a 32-yard field goal try with seven seconds left, that could have won the game, but Martino flew in from the right side of the formation to block the attempt.

On a day where offense was hard to come by, Fernandez finished 12-29 passing for 162 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Brewster caught three balls for 62 yards, and Foley added five catches for 54 yards.

Ford led Framingham with 158 rushing yards on 27 carries, and the 54-yard pass that keyed the winning drive.

Tyler Cooley led Westfield with six tackles and a fumble recovery. Danahy picked off a pass for the Owls.

Westfield is now 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the MASCAC. Framingham is 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

The Owls will be home next Saturday, Sept. 30 to host Mass Maritime as part of Family and Champions weekend, with a noon kickoff at Alumni Field.

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**QUABOAG HILLS SUBSTANCE USE ALLIANCE**

# Supporting positive youth mental health

**By Abaigeal Duda,**  
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Use Alliance

To promote wellbeing, here is information with a focus on opportunities to support positive youth mental health available to individuals, families, schools, and communities.

Every two years, the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance conducts Prevention Needs Assessment Surveys in regional schools at the eighth, 10th, and 12th grade levels to better understand how youth are thinking, feeling, and behaving with respect to a range of topics, including substance use, mental health, safety, and familial and community engagement.

Overall, students, families and schools appear to be making great choices to provide a solid foundation for healthy growth in the Quaboag Hills region. There are areas of concern, of course, and not every student is thriving.

These surveys provide the data that is the foundation for selecting evidence-based programs that promote healthy choices.

Our goal is to increase what we are doing well, to find ways to address gaps in support, and to share information with community partners, such as schools and Boards of Health. Particularly since the COVID pandemic, mental health for all ages has become of greater concern both nationally and locally.

When people talk about youth and mental health, they are often discussing mental health challenges or disorders. However, it is also about youth growing and achieving mental and emotional milestones.

Because many health behaviors and habits that are established in adolescence will influence choices over a lifetime, it is very important to help youth develop good mental health early in life. However, the pandemic disrupted many school-based services, increased parental burdens, and potentially affected long-term health out-

comes for caregivers and children alike.

What can I do to support youth mental health?

While we cannot remove all adversity/risk factors, we can help youth develop resiliency, the protective factors in youth's environment, that help them deal with adversity. Those factors include, but were not limited to, "family support and monitoring; caring adults; positive peer groups; strong sense of self, self-esteem, and future aspirations; and engagement in school and community activities," according to a collective of 14 federal agencies working together to promote positive youth development (youth.gov).

Specifically, they note the following among positive factors that can benefit youth mental health development:

- Opportunities for engagement within school and community
- Presence of mentors and support for development of skills and interests
- Positive norms that support healthy choices
- Physical and psychological safety
- Family provides structure, limits, rules, monitoring, and predictability
- Supportive relationships with family members
- Clear expectations for behavior and values
- Positive physical development
- Academic achievement/intellectual development
- High self-esteem
- Emotional self-regulation
- Good coping skills and problem-solving skills

Engagement and connections in two or more of the following contexts: school, with peers, in athletics, employment, religion, and culture

How are we doing in the Quaboag Hills Region?

The Prevention Needs Assessment Survey addresses these types of risk/protective factors. Taking a look at just a couple of

areas listed above - opportunities to participate in school or community activities and clear expectations for behavior - suggest how well our communities are addressing needs and how we might improve.

When asked about why students do not participate in sports or other activities, more than 15% of respondents cited expense or transportation as barriers, and more than 20% noted that they had too many other responsibilities (helping with sibling child-care, employment, etc.) Addressing those issues could help more students participate in activities that studies show help foster positive mental health development.

In terms of setting clear expectations, one of the questions related to this topic was, "my family has clear rules about alcohol use."

The percentage of those who answered that they "strongly agree" or "agree" were as follows: At the eighth grade level, 94%; at the 10th grade level, 91%; and at the 12th grade level, 86%.

Eighth graders, who felt their families were the clearest about alcohol use rules, were the least likely to use that substance, and 12th graders, with the lowest percentage of clarity regarding alcohol use, were the most likely to use alcohol. This may be an oversimplification of contributing factors, but many studies suggest that having conversations about expectations and clear household rules support making healthy choices.

One of the most important factors for positive mental and physical health for youth is having conversations, whether with parents, school staff, or other trusted members of the community.

**QHSUA supporting mental health**

To learn more about the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey, see the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance website, [www.QHSUA.org](http://www.QHSUA.org). The 2021 report is linked to the home page, and the 2023 report will be ready soon.

The Alliance and Healthy Quaboag are

hosting a free Youth Mental Health First Aid Training at the Palmer Public Library on Oct. 19 from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Emily to register by emailing [ecoderre@townofware.com](mailto:ecoderre@townofware.com).

Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course for persons who interact a lot with youth that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues.

For youth looking for a way to connect with our communities, the Alliance is forming a regional youth advisory council. Contact Brandon Milton by emailing [bmilton@townofware.com](mailto:bmilton@townofware.com).

Healthy Quaboag is also organizing a Community Health Improvement Plan that is addressing mental health along with transportation, housing, and access to healthcare providers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Arianna Palano by emailing [apalano@townofware.com](mailto:apalano@townofware.com).

**About QHSUA**

The Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance <https://qhsua.org/> (QHSUA); a regional coalition serving local communities located in Hampshire, Hampden, and Worcester Counties – the towns of Barre, Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, Hardwick, Hubbardston, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield.

Join them by going to their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/QHSUA/> or website, [www.qhsua.org](http://www.qhsua.org).

If you or a loved one needs help for substance abuse, call the statewide helpline at 1-800-327-5050 (TTY: 1-800-439-2370); the phoneline is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week; you can also go to the website at: <https://hub.helplinema.org/findhelp>. The 988 Lifeline (call or text) provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.

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White, Quinn Ryan, Christian Evers, Brendan Robbins, Mike Higgins, Blake Christensen, Blade Jenkins, Max Johnson, Nick Fea, Artyom Kulakov, Anthony Callin, Keeghan Howdeshell, Adam Goodsir, and Anthony Repaci as the twenty-three signees. This concludes the Worcester Railers signings ahead of the 2023-24 season. The team's professional tryouts & full training camp roster are expected to be announced next week.

The Worcester Railers HC 2023-24 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Saturday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 22 vs. the Adirondack Thunder and Trois-Rivieres Lions. Season memberships, mini-plans, and group packages for the 2023-24 season are on sale now by calling the Railers front office at 508-365-1750 or by visiting [RailersHC.com](http://RailersHC.com).

## Granby Police Log

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 126 calls for the week of Sept. 15 through Sept. 21. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.*

**Friday, Sept. 15**

7:50 p.m. – A motorist reported that a white van was driving all over the road.

7:52 p.m. – An officer caught up to the white van mentioned in the previous call and after observing it operate erratically, a motor vehicle stop was conducted.

9:28 p.m. – After an investigation the operator, Brian Morin, age 36, of Broad Brook, Conn., was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs, child endangerment, operating a motor vehicle with a child under the age of 14 while under the influence and crossing marked lanes.

**Sunday, Sept. 17**

11:02 a.m. – The CVS manager called to report that two parties stole items from the store earlier today. An officer responded and an incident report was completed. The matter is under investigation.

**Monday, Sept. 18**

3:02 p.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident near Barton Street. There were no injuries, and an accident report was completed.

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**

9:04 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign. After stopping the vehicle, the officer discovered that the operator had a suspended MA driver's license. The operator was issued a criminal citation for failure to stop and operating with a suspended driver's license.

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**

10:03 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer

performed a random registration query. It was discovered that the registered owner had a suspended MA driver's license. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a criminal citation for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

2:09 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident with air bag deployment. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries, and an accident report was completed.

5:10 p.m. – A resident came to the station to report a past theft from their home. An incident report was completed, and the matter is under investigation.

**Thursday, Sept. 21**

7:04 a.m. – A motorist reported that a pick-up truck crashed into the rear of a school bus. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries, and an accident report was completed.

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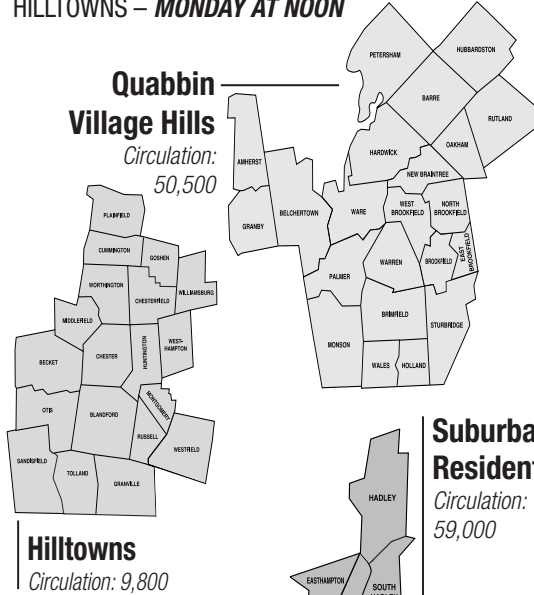
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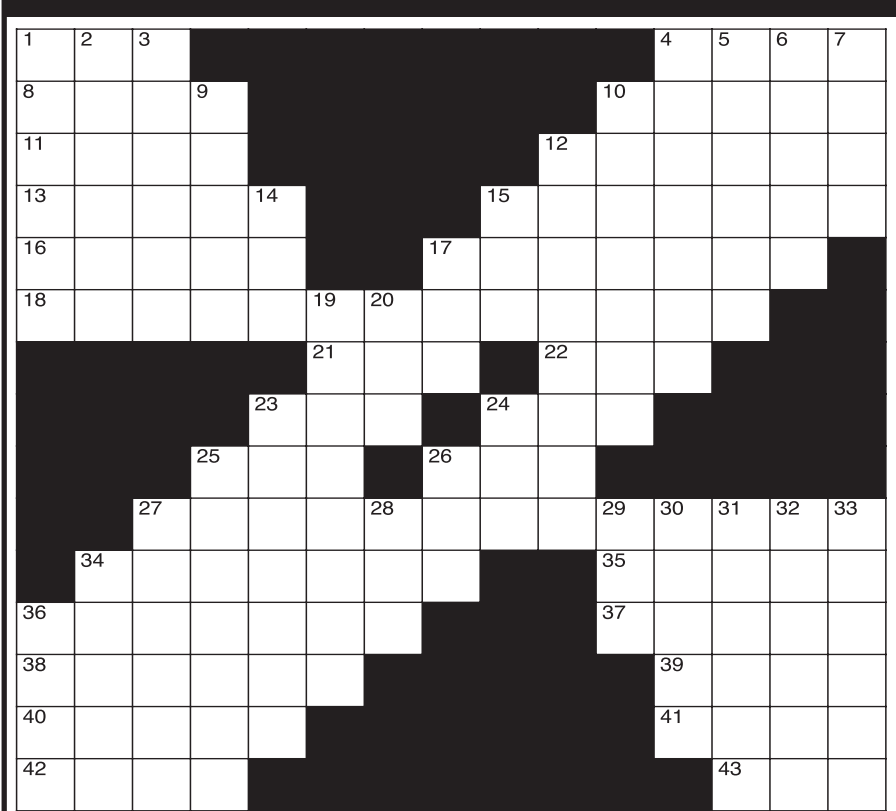
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- 11. Spiced stew
- 12. Passionately
- 13. Monetary units
- 15. Group of living organisms
- 16. Organic compound derived from ammonia
- 17. High honors
- 18. 5-year-olds' classes
- 21. Swiss river
- 22. Old woman

- 23. Cash machine
- 24. A way to soak
- 25. Hair product
- 26. Deride
- 27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
- 34. Cause to become insane
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Supported with money
- 37. Type of equation
- 38. Court officials
- 39. Indian god
- 40. Rids
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Units of ionizing radiation
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

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- 1. Native of Slovakia
- 2. Deli meat
- 3. Fibrous substance in fungi
- 4. Cutting
- 5. Vedder and Van Halen
- 6. Horror comic novelist
- 7. Rulers of Tunis
- 9. Shaped like a circle
- 10. Make a pig of oneself
- 12. Aphorism
- 14. Witness
- 15. Single Lens Reflex
- 17. Freshwater North American

- fish
- 19. Nautical ropes
- 20. Leg (slang)
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. Moved quickly on foot
- 25. Fix-it shops
- 26. Type of bread
- 27. Repaired
- 28. Synthetic diamond (abbr.)
- 29. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 30. German city along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini necessities
- 33. Get away from
- 34. Village in Mali
- 36. Djibouti franc

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

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 "ANRAD" 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 inspected on the Conservation Commission's web page at [www.granby-ma.gov](http://www.granby-ma.gov).

William Shaheen, Chair  
Granby Conservation Commission  
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# Pathfinder Collision Repair teacher hosts 30th, final car show

By Dallas Gagnon  
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PALMER – After 30 years hosting the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School annual car show, PRVTHS Collision Repair teacher Craig Sankey hosted his final show and is passing the torch.

“It’s very bittersweet... we’ve met so many wonderful people over the years and lost great people within the community,” said Sankey.

He said that after hosting the show for three decades, he and his crew believe their “time has come,” adding PRVTHS Superintendent Eric Duda “wants the show to continue,” and may form a car-show committee in the future.

Jeanine Sankey, wife to Craig, said the show started off as “an idea 32 years ago,” to help offset the costs for students to participate in the SkillsUSA program.

Proceeds from the event have continued to provide financial support for the Collision Repair students to participate in the SkillsUSA competition as well as non-budgeted expenses such as shop shirts and sweatshirts.

Former Collision Repair adult program student Krista Wilson said Sankey “always puts the students first,” and “is big on community.”

“They’ve done so much over the years,” said Wilson.

Sankey “deserves a lot of kudos,” for all he has done for the students and the show, she said.

In the closing remarks, Jeanine Sankey revealed that with the help of PRVTHS Vocational Director Amy Skowyra, \$4,000 worth of sponsorships were secured in addition to the funds raised from the event.

The show generates money from a \$15 vehicle registration cost, a \$3 general admission fee and optional purchases of



Shown is an orange 1969 Chevy Camaro SS.



A classic yellow buggie Volkswagen, featuring a roof-rack and dice, was on display at the 30th annual Palmer Regional Vocational Technical High School car show.

raffle tickets.

According to Sankey, the Sept. 17 car show was the largest and final showing, with over 300 registered vehicles in attendance.

“Our first show had 58 cars... My wife and I did everything,” said Sankey.

Cousin to Sankey, Bonnie Spaulding, said she and husband, Kris Spaulding, have supported Sankey with the car show since 1997, starting off as volunteer cooks.

“It went from being extremely stressful (as) cooks, to just showing up and filling in,” said Spaulding.

She added after the first eight years or so, the group went from trying to break registration from 100 cars on the lot, to trying to break 200.

“It’s pretty incredible considering how many (vehicles) showed up,” said Spaulding.

Sankey recognized several volunteers who helped make the show possible over

the past three decades, and said he has received “a lot of great support,” from family and friends.

“We’ve had family by our side for 25 years,” said Sankey. “We couldn’t do it without (them).” said Sankey.

Daughter Lauren Sankey said that although her father’s retirement from hosting the show is “bittersweet,” it will create more opportunities for the family to enjoy attending shows opposed to organizing them.

“It’s a lot of work,” she said. “It takes up our entire summer, speaking with sponsors, going out to shows (and) handing out fliers,” said Sankey. “Maybe my dad can restore his 1970 Dodge Dart.”

While Sankey recognized the top 40 vehicles as chosen by himself and a judging team, he showed appreciation for “some people who make things happen.”

“They say it takes a village; we definitely have a village,” said Sankey.

He recognized friends and family, including Donna and Glenn Sinon, Bonnie and



A 1967 Ford Mustang was in attendance, sporting a soft, metallic, green paint job.

Kris Spaulding, Tom Cote, Adam Holst, Jason Bushey, Debbie August, Tom Willard, Rick Bushey, Jeanine Sankey and his parents.

“We have had an amazing crew over the last 30 years,” said Sankey. “We appreciate everything.”

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