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AG office rules SHELLED violated state meeting law

By Walter Hamilton
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - The state Attorney General's office last week declared that the SHELLED commission violated the state Open Meeting Law when it failed to provide "any summary of the actual discussions" at a December 20, 2022, closed-door session called to discuss a new contract for the town-owned utility's general manager.

The contract was approved in a January 2023 open session by a 3-2 vote. Commission Chairman John Hine and Commissioners Denise Presley and Paul Dubosh voted to approve the one-year contract that granted General Manager Sean Fitzgerald an 8.5 percent raise and a \$25,000 bonus.

Fitzgerald's salary has increased by 28 percent in six years, from \$159,500 in 2017 to \$221,336 this year, not including one-time bonuses. Bonuses in that time have totaled \$50,000.

Former commission member

“ALTHOUGH A TRANSCRIPT OF THE DISCUSSIONS IS NOT REQUIRED, AND THE MINUTES NEED NOT INCLUDE EVERY REMARK OR OPINION PRESENTED, MINUTES MUST INCLUDE A SUBSTANTIVE SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION ON EACH TOPIC.”

KERRYANNE KILCOYNE
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF THE DIVISION OF OPEN
GOVERNMENT

Gregory Dubreuil voted against the contract on Jan. 26 and resigned on Feb. 6 from the commission, blaming a "decline in transparency" within the board. Member Kurt Schenker also voted against approving the contract that he considered excessive in light of a 28 percent upward "adjustment" in the charges for

electricity in 2022.

In a Sept. 25 letter to South Hadley Electric Light Department (SHELLED) lawyer Katharine Shove, of the Springfield firm of Brodeur McGan, PC., KerryAnne Kilcoyne, Assistant Attorney General of the Division of Open Government, ordered the SHELLED commission to amend the minutes of its December 2022 executive session to accurately summarize its discussion of the manager's contract, and within 30 days certify that office that it has done so.

The letter was also copied through email to Hine, the town clerk, and complainant Walter Hamilton.

Hine did not respond to an invitation to comment before press deadline.

In her letter, Kilcoyne stated that after reviewing the complaint and the commission's response to the complaint, the notice and executive session minutes of the December 2022

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'Pink patches' promote Breast Cancer Awareness

By Kimberly Palmucci
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SOUTH HADLEY - The police department is selling special pink patches to fundraise for and promote Breast Cancer Awareness.

The patches are on sale now at the police station; patches are \$10, according to reports.

"The [Pink Patch Project] is an innovative public awareness campaign designed to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and to support breast cancer research organizations in combating this devastating disease," the police department released in a statement on social media. "The Pink Patch Project has the simple goal of increasing awareness about the life saving benefits of early detection and

Courtesy Photo
The South Hadley Police Department is selling pink Breast Cancer Awareness patches.

intervention in the fight against breast cancer."

The program centers on "vibrant pink versions of the public safety officer's uniform patch," police said, with the goal of "stimulating conversation within the community and to encourage public awareness about the importance of early detection and the on-going fight against breast cancer."

Those interested in purchasing the South Hadley Police Department's Pink patch may do so in two ways.

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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 his-

tory,” the COA released.

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.

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.

Free Men’s Breakfast
Friday, October 13, 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. 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.

Council on Aging announces Monday closure, updates

SOUTH HADLEY - The town’s Council on Aging will be closed Monday, Oct. 9.

“We’ll be back open on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 8 a.m.,” the COA released.

According to a press statement, the COA has also announced a date change for the October Men’s Breakfast event; originally scheduled for Friday, Oct. 20, this event has now been rescheduled to Friday, Oct. 13.

“Meet Chuck Romboletti, newly-appointed Assistant to the Town Administrator and HR Director,” the COA released.

Here are even more events scheduled for the week of Oct.

10-13:

Tuesday, Oct. 10
 8:30 a.m. – Hampshire Hearing will be in for their monthly check; make an appointment with the Welcome Desk.

10 a.m. – The Low Vision Group meets on the 10th. Any senior who has received a medical diagnosis of legal blindness, visual impairment or low vision can join. The meet monthly

11:30 a.m. – Big Y in South Hadley, “let us do the driving,” the COA released; call the Welcome Desk to reserve a seat.

4:30 p.m. - Dinner and a movie; “wear our favorite team shirt and enjoy free popcorn and

a drink.”
 The movie will be “80 for Brady.”

“Purchase your dinner in the café and join us for this fun event. ‘80 for Brady’ is produced by former NFL quarterback Tom Brady, starring Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda, Rita Moreno, and Sally Field.”

Wednesday, Oct. 11
 There are new hours for Tech Time with Sandy, including: Wednesday from 9 a.m. – noon and 1-4 p.m. Call the Welcome Desk to make an appointment.

9 a.m. – Veterans Social; free pastry and coffee provide by VFW Post 3104 and American Legion Post 260.

Visit with Mike Slater, Veteran Service provider, and fellow veterans. This is a monthly event, according to the COA.

9 a.m. - Nutrition Counseling: Individual Nutrition Counseling will now be available.

“Meet the Registered Dietitian Jennifer Nill,” the COA released. “Jennifer is an experienced Registered Dietitian that has worked in inpatient and outpatient settings. Jennifer will be offering individual nutrition counseling for people 60 years and older. Appointments are tailored just for you and customized to fit your specific needs, goals, and lifestyle.”

Thursday, Oct. 12
 10:30 a.m. - Berkshire Hills Music Academy is cancelled for

this appearance.

Friday, Oct. 13
 8:30 a.m. - Men’s Breakfast with Chuck Romboletti, Sign-up with the Welcome Desk.

10 a.m. – Marguerite Szczwainski will have a table from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. She will answer questions on the Mass. Equipment Distribution Program (MassEDP), a service that provides folks with a permanent disability access to the telephone network.

10:30 a.m. – New program; Genealogy Workshop.

“Mt. Holyoke College students will be here to help document your life or assist with a more extensive family history.”

Sign-up at the Wellness Desk or call 413-538-5030.

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<http://springfieldmrf.org/whats-recyclable-at-the-mrf>

Buttery Brook Park's 'Fall Fest' upcoming

SOUTH HADLEY – The Buttery Brook Park Fall Fest will be held Oct. 20-22.

“Last year, it was pickleball combined with AED training, and this year it’s pickleball, cornhole, and music,” event organizers released.

While South Hadley Pickleball hosts a three-day tournament, the Friends of Buttery Brook Park will host Saturday’s events, including music, cornhole, food trucks, and a beer tent, according to a press release. Pickleball will kick off with a senior tournament on Friday at 2:30 p.m. immediately followed by the men’s advanced play division at 5:30 p.m.

“Free chili, cornbread, and cider will be available to partic-

ipants and spectators,” event organizers said.

On Saturday, the day will be filled with back-to-back pickleball tournaments starting at 9 a.m., coupled with a DJ spinning the hits at 10:30 a.m., a cornhole tournament starting at 11 a.m., and the band Acousticca performing a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday will culminate with two additional pickleball tournaments, ending with the high school/college division at noon.

“Free coffee and pastries will be available at the courts on Sunday morning. All activities and music on Saturday will take place between the basketball and pickleball courts,” a press statement reads. “Bring your chairs and blankets at 3 p.m. to enjoy

the free Acousticca concert.”

Entrance to the park will be at the South entrance; the cornhole sign-up is through the Scoreholio app (“Buttery Brook Park Fall Fest Tourney,” walk ups are also welcome). Pickleball sign-up is through the TeamReach app (code 01075), according to reports.

“The public is welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of the activities,” event organizers added.

A rain date for the Acousticca concert will be Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. This event is being sponsored by ERA M. Connie Laplante Real Estate, Valley Podiatry, and Sok’s Bar & Grill.

“Keep up to date on the Buttery Brook Park Facebook page.”

Gaylord Library announces October programs

SOUTH HADLEY – Here are the upcoming October events at the Gaylord Library:

Virtual Sit & Stitch with Timna Tarr: Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m.

“Log in and spend an evening with your crafty neighbors. Bring your portable handwork of choice—quilting, crocheting, knitting, cross-stitch etc.—and enjoy the company of fellow slow stitchers while you work on your project from the comfort of your own home.”

Pre-register at gaylordlibrary.org.

Sun On the Muddy: Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Join for a reading and presentation with local poet Jim Armenti and photographer Dave Madeloni, who will be reading and showing artwork from their new book, “Sun on the Muddy.” Not Just Knitters Stitch Together Program: Fridays, Oct. 6 and 20, at 3 p.m.

“Bring your crochet, needlepoint, felting, hand-quilting and, yes, knitting,” the library released. “Share your crafting know-how, browse a selection of crafty books full of new skills, or just enjoy stitching in the Gaylord rotunda.”

Some weeks will have a theme like mending, finishing projects, or getting started on new ones. “But all projects are welcome in all weeks. The theme is just to get us thinking.”

Gaylord Library Programs for Kids

Story Stroll on the Library Lawn

Walk around the library property to read Rachel Isadora’s “Do I Have to Wear a

Coat?”

“Our new story stroll takes children on a journey through the changing seasons.”

Story Time for Kids: Every Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Come to the children’s room for stories and crafts; Oct. 27 will be a Halloween story. Costumes welcome.

Lego Club for Kids: Thursday, Oct. 19, from 3-6 p.m.

Build with Lego. “If you like creating with various sizes and types of Lego bricks, stop by the library for some fun. Age 12 and under. No registration necessary.”

Open Craft for Kids: Thursdays, Oct. 12 and 26, from 3-6 p.m.

Visit the children’s room and join Miss Janet for a special craft activity.

Family Outdoor Games: Saturday, Oct. 14 and 28, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join for some fun Saturday morning games on the library’s back lawn. The Oct. 28 event will have a Halloween Theme. Costumes welcome.

Additionally, the Gaylord Library offerings a Home Delivery Service.

“Delivery is available to South Hadley residents who have health or transportation issues that keep them from the library on a temporary or on-going basis. Any item that can be checked out from the Gaylord Memorial Library or South Hadley Public Library can be delivered.”

Find out more or sign up to receive library items on the website, gaylordlibrary.org, or call Adult Services Librarian Sarah Courtney at 413-538-5047.

Tax bills issued

SOUTH HADLEY – The fiscal year 2024 Quarter 2 preliminary real estate and personal property bills, as well as FY ‘24 sewer bills, were mailed out to residents on Sept. 30.

“The due date for Real Estate and Personal Property bills is Nov. 1, 2023,” the South Hadley Treasurer/Collector’s Office released. “Sewer bills will be due Nov. 15, 2023.”

Those who have not received their bill may email the office at collector@southhadley.ma.gov or call 413-538-5030, ext. 6189.

“We can send you a new bill,” a press statement reads. “Bills can also be viewed/printed through Invoice Cloud which can be accessed from our website.”

Payment can be made online through the town of South Hadley’s website, southhadley.ma.gov, by mail, dropped in the Dropbox located behind the Police Department on Bridge St., or residents can pay in-person Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Online application for 2024 cultural grants available

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

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

“Applications are submitted through the Mass. Cultural Council grants management system according to the instructions found at this link,” the South Hadley Cultural Council released in a press statement.

All applications must be submitted by midnight on Tuesday, Oct. 17; late applications will not be considered.

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

community events/programs, site-specific projects, and other activities.”

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

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

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

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6:30pm
Pitch Night

Friday Night
5-7pm
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Opinion



What I know about Jumping Worms

I recently saw a comment on social media about a woman that had so many night crawlers in her yard she thought she'd go into the fishing bait business.

I question if she really had night crawlers or the Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm.

This worm has been getting a lot of attention lately and for good reason. It is seemingly showing up everywhere!

Amyntas species are the worms that are a cause of concern. The common name of Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm is logical due to the fact that these worms thrash about when disturbed; some would even call it violent slithering, hence the snake connotation.

But worms are a good thing, yes? Not in this case.

This particular type of worm differs from the European earthworms that we like to see in our garden, happily aerating the soil and leaving behind nutrient rich worm castings.

Invasive worms live in the first few inches of soil only and devour organic matter at an alarming rate, leaving behind large castings that look like coffee grounds or gravel but are devoid of nutrients and literally soil altering.

If you think about your tomato or marigold plant and the depth of their roots: what organic matter is left for the plant if the worm eats it all?

Likewise, what is left for other, less aggressive worms. Not much.

This time of year, Jumping Worms are easily identified. First and foremost, look for their crazy movements.

If you suspect you have them, pick one up and examine the ring (clitellum). If it is about one-third of the way down from the worm's head, is smooth, whitish and goes all the way around the body of the worm, you've got them.

Earlier in the season the ring will not completely encircle the worm; identification then is a little trickier. Worms tend to be reddish-purple in color with a slight iridescence.

Unlike European earthworms, Jumping Worms do not survive the winter. Beginning in August and going into the fall months, they lay eggs (no mate needed!) in cocoons that do have the ability to overwinter.

The cocoons look like small, round soil aggregates. In a recent experiment where researchers looked at the effect of heat and cold on the cocoons, there is promise that heat will kill the eggs and young in the cocoon.

What does this mean for us? I think a lot about solarization and how to do that effectively. One research document I read indicated that cocoons die at 104 degrees; worms at 85 degrees.

The recommendation was to lay clear plastic (1 mil thickness for a home garden) on the soil for at least two-to-three weeks or until the soil temperature reaches 104 degrees for three days. This is thin plastic, mind you, but it should be OK in most garden settings free from animal visitors.

Weighting it with would prove helpful for windy situations. Clear is better than black for this purpose.

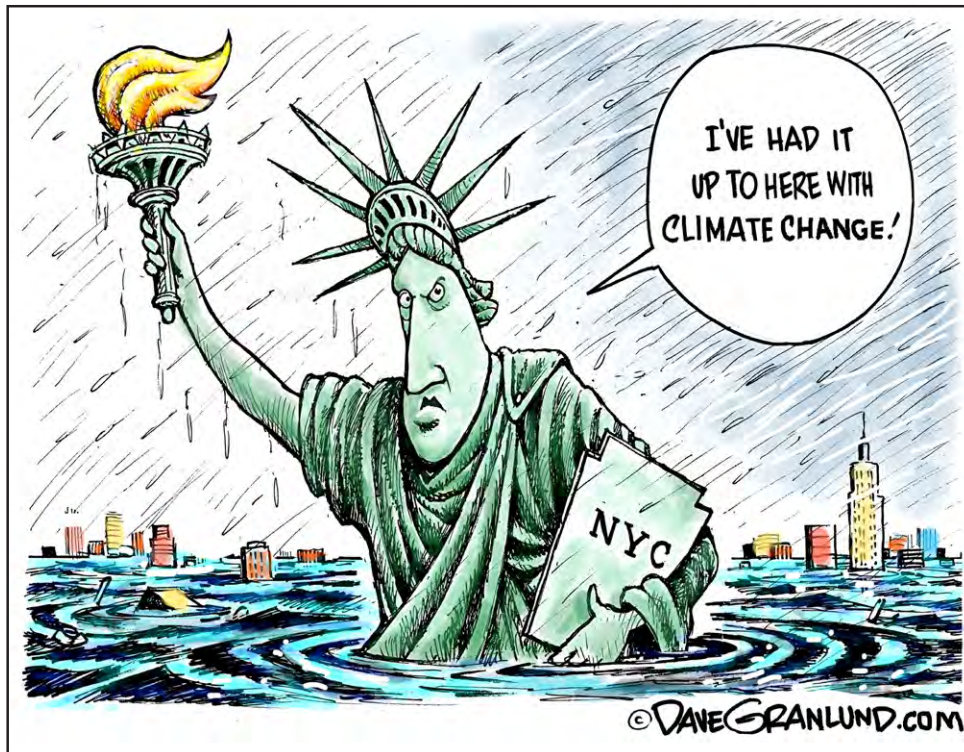
There is little else pesticide-wise that experts are recommending to combat these pests. Hand picking the adults is an option.

The best way to combat them is prevention. Too late for some of us, but for those of you who do not have them or have them in one part of your yard and not in another I can make some recommendations.

Be careful about garden inputs. Plants you pick up at swaps or from a friend may unknowingly have cocoons in the pot.

Compost you bring in or move around your

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Taxpayer asks about federal taxation of Social Security benefits

Dear Rusty

Why are my Social Security benefits being taxed at all? The Social Security FICA payroll taxes taken out of my paycheck while I was working were paid with taxable income.

Signed Disgruntled Taxpayer

Dear Disgruntled Taxpayer

Many Americans share your belief that federal taxation of Social Security benefits is unfair because we pay into the program through payroll taxes on our taxable earnings. Unfortunately, Congress took a different view in 1983 when taxation of Social Security benefits was first enacted at a time Social Security was having financial issues.

Congressional logic back then was that a beneficiary only personally pays 50% of

the Social Security contributions made, the other half is paid by the employer, so, since your Social Security entitlement was only half paid for by you and the other half by your employer, the portion of your benefit attributable to your employer's contributions should be taxable. So, it's that other half, the portion of your benefit which resulted from employer contributions, which the 1983 Congress decided should be taxed. So, starting in 1984, if a beneficiary's overall annual income from all sources exceeded \$25,000 for a single filer or \$32,000 for those filing married-jointly, half of that person's Social Security benefits became part of their income taxable by the IRS.

That was how it worked until 1993 when a new and different Congress added another threshold which, if exceeded, resulted in up to 85% of Social Security benefits received during the tax year becoming taxable. The logic used for the 1993 law was that beneficiaries, on average, would only personally pay for about 15% of the lifetime benefits they would eventually receive, leading that Congress to conclude that if your combined income from all sources exceeded the higher threshold, \$34,000 for single filers and

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Northern harrier

I received an email about the sighting of a Northern harrier in Warren from a man who reports bird sighting for this column on a regular basis.

The Northern harriers is the only harrier in North America. Harriers are very distinctive hawks, with long wings and long tails. They are about 18 inches long. The male is gray above and white underneath and the female is larger than the male and brown above and streaked brown underneath.

They are usually seen flying low over the

ground in open country. At close range, the face of Northern harrier resembles an owl. Unlike most hawks it may rely on its hearing like an owl to help it locate prey as it courses low over the fields.

Males tend to fly lower and faster than females. The female lays four to six pale bluish-white eggs in a platform nest of sticks and grasses placed on the ground. The female remains with young most of time at first and the male brings food and delivers it to female, who feeds it to young. After the young are about two weeks old, the female does much of the hunting for them.

They feed mostly on small mammals and birds. They also eat large insects especially grasshoppers as well as snakes, lizards, toads and frogs. May feed on carrion, especially in winter.

Ruby throated hummingbirds

Ruby throated hummingbirds still being seen. Pittsfield and Williamstown, Gill, Longmeadow, Amherst, Princeton, Peter-sham reported sightings to Massachusetts Audubon Society on Sept. 25 and Sept. 26.

Loon fact

The Loon Preservation Committee provides loon facts in a newsletter. Loons usually sleep on the water unless they are incubating a nest and loon cams captured nesting loons sleeping while incubating. To sleep, a loon will turn its head and rest it on its back, tucking its bill into its scapular feathers.

The newsletter said, "If you see a loon

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Lisa Goldberg's "Blue Jay"

Fall group art exhibit at the Granby library

GRANBY - The Quabbin Art Association of Belchertown has opened its 2023 Fall Exhibit at the Granby Free Public Library for the month of October.

"The exhibit includes the works of more than a dozen members including watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, mixed media collage and photography," a press statement reads. "The exhibit is available for viewing during regular business hours. Many pieces are for sale directly from the artists. Come visit the library and support the arts."

The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 East State St. For information, visit granbylibrary.com.

All Saints' Church upcoming events

SOUTH HADLEY – The All Saints' Church in town has announced upcoming events.

"Whether you call it Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples Day, Monday, Oct. 9, is also an important day from 9 a.m. on at All Saints' Church," a press statement reads.

The church is located at 7 Woodbridge St. in South Hadley.

"Come and enjoy our famous homemade soups such as Vegetable and Sausage, Corn Chowder, Smoked Pepper Soup, and lots more made by our talented cooks, or take some home for a delicious easy Monday night supper," a press statement reads. "All soups are available from 9 a.m. on until we sell out...so come early

so you don't miss out."

Additionally, the Church's Parish Hall will host the annual All Saints' Tag Sale.

"Lots of interesting bargains, including books, games, holiday items, a few antiques and modern items for home and yard for folks of all ages. Come and celebrate the holiday with your neighbors and friends."



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\$44,000 for those filing married/jointly, up to 85% of your benefits should be taxable.

Please understand that I'm not defending nor endorsing those historical Congressional views, but I have researched why Social Security benefits are taxable at all and the above is what I've learned from that research.

For information, the Association of

Mature American Citizens has long advocated for eliminating federal taxation of Social Security benefits or, at the very least, raising the thresholds at which benefits become taxable. The income thresholds for taxing Social Security benefits were established in 1983 and 1993, but those thresholds have never been adjusted for inflation.

When taxation of Social Security started in 1984, less than 10% of beneficiaries paid income tax on their benefits, whereas today that percentage is over

50% and growing. If you want to add your voice to those who oppose federal taxation of Social Security benefits, you may wish to contact your Congressional Representative to do so. And it is worth noting that eleven U.S. states, to varying degrees, also levy income tax on Social Security benefits.

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ty. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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sleeping during the daytime, don't worry. Loons sleep in short bursts that may happen at any time, day or night." Daytime sleeping bouts tend to be a little shorter, averaging 14 minutes than nighttime one, averaging 24 minutes. Loons spend more time sleeping at night than they do during the day. When sleeping, loons tend to prefer open water, further from the shoreline.

Sightings Warren and Brimfield

Besides seeing a Northern harrier, a birder reported in an email two great egrets at a no-named pond on New Reed Street. He said, "On South Street at the

pond with an osprey nest one juvenile, who fledged a few weeks ago, was still visiting the nest and perching in the tree with the nest. A second osprey had fledged from the nest and had left the area around the pond over two weeks ago."

He also said, "I did see two osprey flying high over the pond on New Reed Street. The birds were quite high, well above tree top level with one bird following a couple of hundred yards behind the first. They were too far away to tell if it was an adult being followed by a juvenile."

In another email, he said, "There was a flock of hen turkeys with some young. We have not seen many turkeys near our

property for a couple of years, probably because this area was had hit by sponge moths (used to be called gypsy moths) and we haven't had a decent acorn crop in several years. "He said there were about 20 birds in all with two different age groups based on the size of the young birds.

He said, "As I was watching a young gray fox appeared and that got the turkeys even more excited. I could see the fox moving around and the turkey were running back and forth, however it didn't seem as though the fox was stalking the turkeys. After several minutes a dozen of the turkeys flew away into the woods. I didn't see where the rest of the turkeys of

the fox went."

The birder sent an email in mid-September and commented about how I like juncos. He said, "Juncos are harbingers of the coming change in seasons and my wife has the exact opposite reaction to their arrival that you do, 'oh no the juncos are back'"

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

GARDEN from page 4

yard may affect areas that aren't infested. Make sure your compost pile gets hot, hot, hot!

Consider unused bait.

A friend thought she was doing a good thing by releasing bait into her garden. In the spring the worms looked like average night crawlers, but they were simply immature invasive worms...talk about wanting to cry.

Since cocoons are in the first few inches of soil, think about your tools, tillers, shoes or wheelbarrows and such. Although the worms are bad for the garden, they are not poisonous to pets or other animals.

It's hard to look at this subject opti-

mistically, but we gardeners are an optimistic lot.

Otherwise, would we do it all over again year after year despite blights and infestations, floods and droughts, early frosts or scouring heat? Of course, we will!

Maybe with a little more caution, but we certainly will.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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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Sandra Canney and Daniel Harris embrace as they honor their uncle Emile Chevalier, who was killed on the battlefield during WWII. Joining them for the occasion were local veterans, family members and friends.

Granby

Halloween fun at Granby library

GRANBY – October will see plenty of Halloween fun at the town's library.

All library programs are free and open to the public; the library is located at 297 East State St., Granby.

The Granby Public Library has announced the following events:

Halloween Eye Spy

"Take an Eye Spy sheet, then find and count the Halloween theme items in our aquarium as you go," the library released. "When you've spied and counted everything on this sheet, then you receive a little Halloween prize."

Eye Spy will run through Oct. 31.

Guess How many Pumpkins are in the Jar

"Guess how many candy pumpkins are in the jar. The closest guess without going over wins a Halloween Fun Pack."

Through Oct. 24.

Creepy Carrot Design Fun Challenge

"Read the hilarious book 'Creepy Carrots' by Aaron Reynolds about a rabbit named Jasper who ate carrots every chance he could, breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. The carrots, who are portrayed with human characteristics, were fed up with it, so they came up with a diabolical plan to make him hate them."

Grab a sheet as part of this activity and see "how creepy you can make a carrot look."

"Just for fun (not a contest) design a creepy carrot based on the book and we will put it on display."

Through Oct. 29.

Nature Storytime with Ranger Tasha: Owls

Oct. 17, at 10:30 a.m.

"Who, who—it's you...children will surely become wiser about owls after hearing a story and exploring some hands-on

feathers, puppets," the library released.

Not So Spooky Crafts

Saturdays, Oct. 21 and 28

Give a pumpkin shape a face, make a bat or owl magnet, put together a Q-Tip skeleton, and more.

Guess How Much Our Pumpkin Weighs?

Tweens and teens are invited to the Young Adult Room, where a pumpkin currently resides.

"If you can guess how much it weighs, you'll win the pumpkin and some Halloween décor."

This contest will continue until Oct. 20, so the winner can have it in time for Halloween; ages 11-18.

Library hours include: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Call the library at 413-467-3320 for more information.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 117 calls for the week of Sept. 22 through Sept. 28. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Sept. 22

1:47 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at

a high rate of speed on East Street. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 60 mph in 30 mph zone. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

Sunday, Sept. 24

12:51 p.m. – Holly Wardwell, 26, of Granby, was placed

under arrest due an active arrest warrant.

3:50 p.m. – A resident reported that a car struck a rock wall. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

12:18 p.m. – The Postmaster reported that an upset customer broke the glass exit door on their way out of the Post Office. An incident report was completed, and the matter is under investigation.

Thursday, Sept. 28

3:53 a.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

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.

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.

'Costume swap' event at South Hadley library

SOUTH HADLEY - The town's public library, 2 Canal St., is hosting a Halloween Costume Swap for all ages from 4-5:45 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, in the Community Room.

"All ages, sizes, and disguises," the South Hadley Public Library released. "Got a costume you aren't going to wear again? Or are you looking for a costume for this Halloween? Come to the costume swap in the community meeting room to drop off, exchange, or find your next Halloween costume."

Costumes left over at the

end of the event will be donated.

"Costumes you bring to the swap should be clean and in good condition. Please, no costume weapons (e.g., swords)," the library released.

Attendees may acquire a costume even if they don't have one to bring to the swap.

"While supplies last," the library released, adding that the limit is one per person.

Additionally, parts of a costume or accessory pieces such as a crown, wig, or pair of wings, will be accepted.

Poetry reading next Thursday at library

SOUTH HADLEY – The Gaylord Memorial Library is hosting an evening of poetry and art at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12.

Local poet Jim Armen-

ti and photographer Dave Madeloni will be reading and showing photographs from their new book, "Sun on the Muddy," according to the library.

Gardening workshop this month

REGION - Ware Grange's next gardening workshop, "Fall Tasks for Your Garden," will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road in Ware.

"Our presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly 'In the Garden' column for Turley Publications," a press release reads. "Roberta will share many pointers for

gardening tasks we accomplish each fall, including how to best overwinter our tender plants and bulbs inside, how and when to plant garlic and spring flowering bulbs outside, the best storage methods for winter squash, onions, and apples, and much more."

A door prize drawing will be held; visit waregrange.org for more information.

Regional 'sock hop' event upcoming

LUDLOW - The Ludlow Lions and Sixteen Acres Lions Club will sponsor a "Sock Hop" on Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Church of the Acres, 1383 Wilbraham Rd., from 6-10 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, \$25 for a family of three or more. Tickets include pizza, root beer floats, Kool-Aid, dessert, and Classic Rock and Roll by DJ Dennis, according to a press statement.

There will be Hula Hoop, Limbo, and Best Costume contests, along with games and prizes.

"It is a family-friendly event," a press statement reads. "No alcohol will be served or permitted on premises."

Tickets may be purchased from any of the Clubs' members, or by calling 413-219-4994, 413-783-4929, or 754-900-ROAR. Advance ticket sales only. No walk-ins.

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Anthony Adams advances up the field with the ball.

Sam Morosov centers the ball from near the sideline.

Goalie Noah Carillon punts the ball away.



Colin Zraunig goes after the loose ball.

Tigers defeat Southwick

SOUTH HADLEY – Though graduation tapped into the experience level of South Hadley boys soccer, which won a state title last year, the new iteration of the team

is holding steady with a 4-4 record halfway through their schedule. Last Friday afternoon, the Tigers were able to defeat Southwick 2-1. Brady Graham and Jack

Chagnon had the goals for the Tigers, both in the second half to lift the team to victory. South Hadley travels to league rival Easthampton on Monday, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m.

Bonsignore heads for Thompson for big event

NORTH WILKESBORO, N.C. – After 150 laps at North Wilkesboro Speedway, Justin Bonsignore brought his No. 51 machine home in third-place on Saturday night. As the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour made their debut at the North Carolina oval in the Brushy Mountain Powersports 150, Bonsignore ran inside the top-five for much of the race.

A final green-white-checked finish where Bonsignore lined up in fifth was exactly what he needed in the Phoenix Communications entry. Bonsignore followed fellow championship contender Ron Silk up through the field to finish third, just behind Silk.

In the title battle, Bonsignore will hold a two-point lead heading for the final two races of the season.

“The green-white-checked restart definitely helped get us back to the podium,” Bonsignore said. “We got a good jump on the final restart. It was a good night for us. We were just a bit tight on the second set of tires. It’s going to go down to the end. It’s going to be a championship battle for the ages.”

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Rams draw twice with Smith Academy



Colin Murdock chases after the ball.

GRANBY – Last week, Granby boys soccer battled to a pair of 1-1 draws with Smith Academy. The Rams hosted Smith Academy last Saturday then traveled to Hatfield last Tuesday afternoon. The Rams then defeated Gateway Regional last Thursday 3-0 to end September with a 5-1-3 record. Granby tries to keep things going on Oct. 6 against Hopkins Academy.



Riley Goodhind pivots before making a play on the ball.

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Jaxton Roy heads up the field.



Cole Fuller dribbles down the sideline.



Gavin Moreno gets the touch and passes the ball away.

Roundup:

Girls volleyball has tough stretch

SOUTH HADLEY – After a six game win streak opened the season for South Hadley High School girls volleyball, the Tigers headed on the road for three games and suffered losses in two of them, their first two losses of the season.

South Hadley would lose 3-1 against Commerce and 3-1 against Southwick last Thursday afternoon. They did have a 3-0 win over Renaissance sandwiched in to that and are now 7-2 with two wins remaining to qualify for this year’s state tournament.

The Tigers have a big match with Granby coming up on Monday, Oct. 9 at 5:15 p.m.

Girls soccer

South Hadley 6, Wahconah 1

On Monday, South Hadley had their second match of the season with league rival Wahconah, scoring four times in the first half to come away with a 6-1 win. Allison Fleury had a big game with three goals while Lauren Marjanski added two goals. Cianna Gurek had the other score as Drew Alley made five saves in getting the win. South Hadley is now 6-1-1 for the season.

Football

South Hadley 16, Pittsfield 12

With every win mattering in high school football, South Hadley is making it count four games into the season. The Tigers scored a 16-12 win over Pittsfield in their first conference game of the year.

With the win, South Hadley improves to an overall 3-1 record and has a tough matchup on Friday night at home against Taconic at 7 p.m.

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Sports

Owls hold on for first victory

WESTFIELD – Westfield State's Max Margeson (Littleton, Colo./Mullen HS) and Alec Rodriguez (Westfield, Mass.) combined for a memorable interception return play for a touchdown to lift the Owls to a 17-10 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy at Alumni Field on Saturday to bring a happy conclusion to Family and Champions Weekend.

Margeson delivered a perfectly timed hit on MMA wide receiver Andrew Brightman (Wareham, Mass./Upper Cape Tech) to jar loose the ball on a catch, with the ball pinged directly to Owls' linebacker Rodriguez for the interception at the MMA 32-yard line. Rodriguez returned the ball a couple of yards before Brightman snagged him by the ankle, and Rodriguez handed the ball off to Margeson, who rambled 30 yards through traffic for the touchdown to give Westfield a 17-10 lead with 9:07 left in the third quarter.

The Owls hung on down the stretch for the win, improving to 1-4 on the season and 1-2 in the MASCAC. MMA slips to 1-3 overall and 1-1 in the league.

The two teams traded salvos in the first half, with the Buccaneers getting on the board on their first drive of the game with a 7-play, 73-yard march that was capped by a 29-yard TD pass to Brightman on deep post

route completion from quarterback Marc Murphy (Norwood, Mass.).

Westfield answered on their first drive, getting a big 52-yard kick return from Christian Julian (Hingham, Mass.) to set up the drive at the MMA 32. Seven plays later, Westfield's Jordan Smith (Coventry, Conn.) rumbled four yards up the middle for a game tying TD.

The two clubs traded field goals in the final 10 seconds of the half. MMA got a 24-yard TD from Logan Tsaika (E. Freetown, Mass./Appoquonet) to take a 10-7 lead with eight seconds left in the half.

Westfield got the ball back on the ensuing kickoff, and Owls QB Gabriel Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) found Danny Farrell (Milford, Mass.) on a 25-yard completion and a personal foul on the Buccaneers gave the Owls the ball at the MMA 22 yardline with four seconds left in the half.

Westfield State first-year kicker Cooper Harvey (Niskayuna, N.Y.) booted a 39-yard field goal as time expired to tie the game 10-10 at the half.

Neither team particularly threatened the end zone after the big interception return by the Owls. MMA drove the ball as far as the Owls' 38-yard line with less than two minutes to play, but Tyler Cooley (Randolph, Mass./Arch. Williams)

dropped Murphy for a loss on third down, and Murphy's long bomb try to Brightman on fourth down fell incomplete to end the threat, and Westfield knelt on the ball three times to run out the clock.

Fernandez finished 14-25 passing for 138 yards. Farrell finished with six catches for 65 yards, and Smith rushed for 77 yards on 25 carries.

For MMA, Murphy completed 12 of 23 passes for 206 yards with a TD and an interception. Daniel Molloy (Franklin, Mass.) led the rushing attack with seven carries for 22 yards, and Brightman finished with eight catches for 96 yards. Molloy added three catches for 54 yards.

Defensively, Cooley led the Owls with 13 tackles, and Cam Danahy (Kingston, Mass./Silve Lake) added nine. Dylan Clark (Bellows Falls, Vt./BFA) came up with two big plays with two tackles for losses of 12 yards.

Liam Hines (Quincy, Mass./North Quincy) led MMA with seven tackles. Owen Shea (Scituate, Mass./Norwell) made five tackles, 2.5 TFL's and a sack.

Westfield heads into its bye week, before returning to host its homecoming game against UMass-Dartmouth on Saturday, Oct. 14. MMA faces UMass Dartmouth next Saturday, Oct. 7 with a 4 p.m. kick off in North Dartmouth, Mass.

Thunderbirds make roster moves ahead of opener

SPRINGFIELD – St. Louis Blues President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Doug Armstrong announced today the team has assigned 12 players to its AHL affiliate, the Springfield Thunderbirds, including forwards Mikhail Abramov, Drew Callin, Tanner Dickinson, Andre Heim, and Mitch Hoelscher, defensemen Jeremie Biakabutuka, Joseph Duszak, Marc-Andre Gaudet, Austin Osmanski, and Hunter Skinner, and goaltenders Will Cranley and Vadim Zherenko. In addition, the Blues released forward Nick Ritchie and defenseman Andy Welinski from their professional tryouts.

The Calder Cup quest begins on Saturday, Oct. 14 for Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield. In the team's annual tradition, fans will be treated to a pregame Block Party on the property of MGM Springfield from 4 to 6 p.m. presented by Community Bank N.A. with the support of the Springfield Business Improvement District (BID). The outdoor bash will feature live music, food, and drink. Thunderbirds fans will have the opportunity to get their hands on a plethora of giveaway souvenir items this season, beginning on Opening Night with jersey-shaped rally towels on each and every seat at the MassMutual Center.

Cambridge half-marathon registration open

CAMBRIDGE – Registration is open for the Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide. The races are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 (race begins 7 a.m. EST) on a gorgeous new course with views of the Charles River along Memorial Drive.

The Cambridge Half Marathon is a 13.1 mile fast and flat course featuring views of the MIT, John W. Weeks Footbridge, Harvard University Stadium, Charles River and more. The new 5K race also offers scenic views alongside the Charles River. Both courses are USATF certified and start and finish at CambridgeSide.

Race registration includes

quarter zip pull over (half marathon participants) or long sleeve shirt (5K participants), five complimentary CambridgeSide parking passes, training plan, race bib with timing chip, and finishing medal. Register for both races at CambridgeSide.com.

Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping (CambridgeCamping.org), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund (Cambridgema.gov/Services/CityScholarship) as well as other local charities. Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K is sponsored by Canam Group Inc. and training sponsor MYSTRYDE.

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Bonsignore will move to Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park next on Sunday, Oct. 8 for the Sunoco World Se-

ries 150. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is part of a three-day event at Thompson next weekend.

For more information on three-time NASCAR Whelen

Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow his Athlete page on Facebook for the latest news and updates, including from the track on race day.

SHELD from page 1

meeting, plus conducting a commission request for further review, "we find the Board violated the Open Meeting Law in the way alleged" by Hamilton.

"Although a transcript of the discussions is not required, and the minutes need not include every remark or opinion presented, minutes must include a substantive summary of the discussion on each topic," Kilcoyne wrote.

"The minutes of the Board's executive session include little more than a statement that the Board engaged in a discussion about the contract amendment, without any summary of the actual discussions. The Open Meeting law requires that meeting minutes include more than a statement that a public body held a discussion about a specific topic; the law requires that the minutes summarize the substance of the public body's discussion," Kilcoyne wrote.

In a March 31 letter to the complainant (Hamilton), attorneys Shove and Lisa Brodeur-McGan noted that there were two reasons for the executive session. The first was to discuss contract negotiations and the other was to discuss "trade secrets, business strategies and other proprietary information in

connection with its discussion of Mr. Fitzgerald's contract."

Those reasons, the lawyers stated, are allowed under state law as "Purpose 2," referring to contract negotiations, and "Purpose 10," referring to trade secrets, etc.

"The discussions fell under Purpose 10 because the Board discussed various trade secrets, business strategies and other proprietary information in connection with its discussion of Mr. Fitzgerald's contract," the lawyers wrote.

Kilcoyne disagreed with the SHELD lawyers.

"Although the Board may have been concerned with the sensitive nature of certain matters that were discussed in executive session, creating insufficiently detailed meeting minutes is not a permissible solution," Kilcoyne wrote.

"Instead, a public body may redact executive session minutes before releasing them publicly in accordance with one or more exemptions under the Public Records Law," Kilcoyne wrote.

In footnotes, Kilcoyne also wrote the state AG's office does not review whether the Board convened in executive session for a proper purpose because the issue was not raised in the complaint, "but note our con-

cern that the notice only indicated that the Board would convene in executive session under Purpose 2." Kilcoyne also stated the importance of the notification to the public regarding executive sessions.

"Before entering the executive session, the chair must state the purposes for the executive session, stating all subjects that may be revealed," Kilcoyne wrote. "A precise statement of the reason for convening in executive session is necessary, because that is the only notification given the public that a [public body] would conduct business in private, and the only way the public would know if the reason for doing so was proper or improper."

Official SHELD commission minutes state that the manager's salary was set at \$159,500 when he was hired in 2017. The manager was then granted a three percent raise with \$5,000 bonus in 2018; three-and-a-half percent with \$10,000 bonus in 2019; three-and-a-half percent in 2020; four percent with a \$10,000 bonus in 2021; and five percent in 2022. With those previous salary increases, and the percentage increase and bonus in 2023, the manager's salary is now \$221,366, and with the bonus, his total compensation this year is set at \$246,336.

At a December 23, 2020, executive session, the commission voted to approve a four percent raise for Fitzgerald. They also approved at that meeting a \$10,000 bonus that would be added to his base pay the following year.

"Mr. Fitzgerald made a request to be in the upper quartile of those 'munis' with telecommunications service, providing documentation of salaries of General Managers across the Massachusetts municipal electric companies," the December 2020 minutes state.

In 2022 and 2023, the SHELD board entered into executive sessions 18 times. Minutes of only five of those executive sessions have been released to the public. Those released pertained to discussions of battery storage, new logo design, telecom revenues, real estate, security, and the discussions pertaining to the inadequate December 20, 2022, minutes.

During the same period, minutes of 10 sessions partially or fully involving fiberoptic activities remain closed to the public. Three others pertained to discussion of the complaint to the Attorney General's office.

PATCHES from page 1

"We ask that you have a check or money order in the amount of \$10 made out to the South Hadley Police Association and write 'Pink Patch Project' on the memo line," the department released. "You can either stop by the police station in person or send it through the mail at the following address: South Hadley Police Dept., 41 Bridge St., South Hadley, MA 01075, Attn: Sgt. Barry O'Connor, and please include a self-addressed/stamped envelope so we can mail your patch back to you."

The patches will be available year-round, and during Breast Cancer awareness month, the department will make a donation from a portion of the patch sales to the Rays of Hope Foundation, police said.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month began on Oct. 1.

"For the 31 days of Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM), pink ribbons appear as the impact of breast cancer is brought to the forefront of national conversation," the National Breast Cancer Foundation released. "But we know that to help those facing breast cancer, awareness alone isn't enough. This October, get involved. Get screened. Make a donation. Take action. Make this BCAM about more than awareness."

Fall CAR CARE & DRIVING

Why it's important to wash your car

The first things to come to mind when many people ponder vehicle maintenance are oil changes and routine tune-ups. Though each of those things are vital components of automotive maintenance, it's important that drivers recognize the value of a thorough car wash as well.

Drivers may see a car wash as a way to make their car look good,

and that's not untrue. An effective car wash can give a car a look that mirrors how the vehicle appeared the moment it was driven off the lot. But an effective wash is more than just cosmetic. According to Consumer Reports, a thorough car wash removes grit and residue, thus protecting the car's paint job and reducing the likelihood of corrosion. Though late model vehicles

aren't as susceptible to rust, fading and peeling as cars made decades ago, they still need a thorough and routine wash to remove dirt, grime and bird droppings that, over time, can adversely affect the paint job and, if left unchecked, eat away at the metal.

Winter may not be a time many drivers visit the car wash, but it's important to do so after snow has

melted and salt on the roadways has been washed away by rain. Most car washes now offer high-pressure undercarriage treatments that can wash off salt and prevent corrosion and the formation of rust.

Car washes may be seen as a purely cosmetic form of vehicle maintenance. But the benefits of routine and thorough car washes extend far beyond aesthetic appeal.



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3 simple strategies that can keep cars running longer

The last few years have not proven the most advantageous times for new car buyers. According to the Consumer Price Index Summary from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, buyers paid 12.2 percent more for new vehicles in January 2022 than they had in January 2021. Faced with such a significant increase in price, many drivers understandably want to keep their current cars longer than they might have initially planned.

Data released by S&P Global Mobility in early 2022 indicated that the average vehicle on the road is 12 years and two months old, which marked the highest number in the 20-plus years such information was tracked. A host of variables affect how long drivers keep their cars, but the rising cost of new vehicles has undoubtedly compelled many drivers to aspire to keep their cars for longer periods of time.

Aging cars may require a little more TLC than vehicles that are right off the dealership lot. But the following are three simple tips that can help drivers keep their cars running longer.



1. Become a more careful driver.

A careful approach when behind the wheel is safer than aggressive driving and beneficial for your vehicle. When starting, avoid revving the engine, which needlessly wears it down. When out on the road, avoid rapid accelerations, which also contributes to needless wear and tear. Even excessive idling can adversely affect the engine, so keep winter warm-ups to around 30 seconds to prevent damage to engine components.

2. Know when and how to fill

up. Every driver has likely visited a filling station when an oil tanker is busily filling the tanks. That's traditionally been considered a less than ideal time to fill up, as the theory is that filling the tanks stirs up sediment that could then find its way into consumers' gas tanks, adversely affecting their vehicles. However, that's often dependent on the station itself and how much its owners prioritize maintenance of the tank and filtration systems. Drivers who trust their local station owners can likely fill up when the tankers are

present without worry. In addition, avoid topping off once the nozzle clicks when filling up. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that topping off is harmful to the planet and the vehicle, as gasoline needs room to expand. When you top off, the extra gas may damage the vapor collection system and cause the vehicle to run less efficiently.

3. Change oil more frequently as the vehicle ages. It's true that modern vehicles no longer require oil changes for every 3,000 miles driven. However, as vehicles age, drivers and their vehicles' engines may benefit from more frequent oil changes than the owner's manual necessarily recommends. Oil changes remove dirt and metal particles from the engine, potentially contributing to a longer life expectancy. More frequent changes can be especially beneficial for vehicles that are routinely driven in stop-and-go traffic.

Rising vehicle costs have compelled many drivers to keep their cars longer than they initially planned. Some simple strategies can help drivers achieve that goal.



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The basics of Electric Vehicles for first-time buyers

Electric vehicles are increasingly visible on roadways around the world. According to BloombergNEF, a strategic research provider covering global commodity markets, in June 2022 there were 20 million plug-in vehicles in use across the globe. That's an increase from only one million in 2016. As more people are drawn to EVs, drivers can exercise due diligence to learn more about them, particularly if they're considering buying their first such vehicle.

Different vehicle types

The term "electric vehicle" encompasses a variety of cars and trucks. The following are some common categories.

- **Hybrid electric vehicle:** These are the most common type of hybrids. They have two power drives, which include a fuel-based engine and an electric motor with a larger battery. A computer determines when electricity or gas should be used. The system utilizes regenerative braking that ensures the electric battery gets a little recharge every time the driver touches the breaks
- **Mild hybrid electric vehicle:** MHEVs use a battery and electric motor to increase the efficiency of an internal combustion engine



(ICE). An MHEV does not run solely on electric power, but the ICE can be turned off and the electric motor used while braking, coasting and stopping.

- **Battery electric vehicle:** BEVs are powered entirely by electricity and will have no ICE or fuel tank. Users charge the battery using an electrical outlet.
- **Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle:** Like BEVs, PHEVs have an electric motor that is charged by plugging it in. They also have a fuel-based ICE like HEVs. Where they differ is that PHEVs can travel a considerable distance on electric power alone, while HEVs cannot.

Driving range

The distance EVs can travel before needing to recharge depends on the type of vehicle. Most EVs have a driving range between 50 and 330 miles. Shoppers should determine the "range-per-charge" for the vehicle to assess if it will fit their driving needs and daily commutes. Drivers who frequently take long road trips may have to assess if a hybrid vehicle is more practical; otherwise, careful planning may be necessary to accommodate charging along the route.

Parking and charging situation
Individuals who live in private

homes or rentals with access to outlets may be more inclined to invest in EVs. Charging can be done with a standard 120V outlet, but it will increase charging time considerably. Many people opt to have a 240V charger installed in a garage or driveway, which is known as "Level 2 ESVE equipment." With this type of setup, a charge can be reached in roughly four to six hours, says Valley Clean Energy. Public charging stations utilize a 480V input and can charge many EV models in about 20 to 30 minutes. Plug-in hybrid vehicles do not typically have fast charging capabilities, however.

Reduce maintenance

BEVs require less maintenance than conventional vehicles because there are fewer fluids like oil and transmission fluid to change, and far fewer moving parts. EVs require minimal scheduled maintenance to electrical systems, including the battery and electrical motor. Hybrid vehicles still require the standard maintenance of gas-powered vehicles.

EVs are growing in popularity, so potential buyers can school themselves on these newer vehicles to determine if they're the right fit for them.

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Library announces upcoming events

SOUTH HADLEY – The town’s library has announced an upcoming event for “Banned Books Week,” held the first week of October.

“Reading is a foundational skill, critical to future learning and to exercising our democratic freedoms,” Library Director Joseph Rodio released in a press statement. “Intellectual freedom is the right of library users to read, seek information, and speak freely as guaranteed by the First Amendment.”

To celebrate the “freedom to read,” the South Hadley Public Library has an upcoming event; previously, the library participated in a state-wide “Let Freedom Read” event on Oct. 3.

Banned Books Brunch

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 from an independent bookstore and academic, public, and school libraries. Light refreshments will be provided,” the library released.

Additionally, here are more upcoming programs at the South Hadley Public Library:

Adult Programs

Tuesday Night Knitting Group: Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

“Join the library’s Tuesday Night Knitters for some quality knitting and crocheting time.”

All skill levels are welcome. The group meets on the second floor in the Mandrachia Quiet Study Room, but may move to a larger meeting room when available.

Gatehouse Writers Group (Online Writing Group): Fridays via Zoom at 10 a.m.

“Our library writing group, the Gatehouse Writers, is a supportive peer-led environment open to all levels and styles,” the library released. “The group philosophy is a simple one: every person is a writer, and every writer deserves a safe environment in which to experiment, learn, and develop their craft.”

This online group is led by Linda Rowland-Buckley and Richard Buckley. Contact Linda Rowland-Buckley at rowbuc1998@gmail.com.

Mahjong at the Library: Fridays, Oct. 6 and 20, at 1 p.m.

Mahjong is a tile-based game that was developed in 19th century in China and has spread throughout the world. This Friday afternoon group is for experienced players.

Spanish Conversation Circle: Saturday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m.

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.

Special Events

Music Concert with Guitarist Peter Biedermann: Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m.

Peter Biedermann is a solo fingerstyle instrumental guitarist based in Arizona that has performed in several different contexts since the mid-70s.

“While his music doesn’t settle into any particular genre, it is a hybrid, contemporary style that melds elements of American, European and other world influences into a jambalaya of sound enhanced by subtle electronics and live looping on various guitars in unique tunings.”

Learn Henna with Magic Tree Henna: Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 5:30 p.m.

For adults and teens; Henna is an all-natural, plant-based art form that dates back 5,000 years in Egypt.

“It was originally used for its cooling and medicinal properties, and evolved into an artform that spans countries, continents and cultures. Come learn how to apply Henna.”

Registration is required; call 413-538-5045.

Agawam Paranormal, Evidence Review: Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m.

“This is a public reveal featuring their investigations of the Firehouse Museum, the Old Village Cemetery, and the Gaylord Library. Each location will be shown beginning with an introduction to the historic value and events that happened there, then will get into the actual investigations that were conducted and finally end with the potential evidence captured on site. Get the opportunity to feel like a part of the investigation and learn something new about a local site,” the library released.

Artificial Intelligence, Fact & Fiction: Monday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

“Our program is presented by IT security engineer Nathaniel Mello who will demystify AI to help people understand how it works, who’s using it, how to use it, impacts it’s had already, and what’s around the corner. We’ll also talk about ChatGPT and how to use it (or how it’s using you).”

Teen Programs

For ages 11 through high school, unless specified.

Xbox in the Afternoon: Thursday, Oct.

12, at 4 p.m.

Teens come check out our Xbox1 and play some new games and old favorites. Xbox1 is played in the Teen Room. No sign up is ever needed.

Learn to Crochet with Kylie: Thursday, Oct. 19, at 4 p.m.

Teens and tweens can come and learn to crochet with Teen Volunteer Kylie. All supplies will be provided. Please sign up, the library released. This program will take place in the Teen Room.

Teen Monthly Afternoon Program: Thursday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m.

This new program is happening the last Thursday of the month. Programs will vary and all supplies will be provided. Please sign up by email or call Bethany and check out the Teen Room door poster for more information, the library released.

Crafternoon: Monday, Oct. 30, at 4 p.m.

All supplies will be provided. No sign up needed. Check out the Teen Room door for more information. Craft will take place in the Teen Room. Snacks and drinks provided by the Friends of the Library. This month’s Crafternoon features Pom Poms, with an assortment of craft options.

Teen Takeaways: Monthly

Sign up once and receive a new Takeaway every month. A craft with all supplies and directions provided, as well as some other goodies in each bag. No monthly meetings or online meetings, the library shared.

“Craft on your own time with no pressure or stress.”

This month’s Teen Takeaway features Pine Cone Owls.

Children’s Programs

Halloween Costume Swap: Friday, Oct. 13, 4-5:45 p.m.

All ages, sizes, and disguises. “Bring a costume (or costume accessory), take a costume (one per person). Costumes must be clean and in good condition. No costume weapons, please. Adults, teens, and kids,” the library released. “Leftover costumes will be donated.”

Special Storytime, Halloween & Healthy Smiles: Friday, Oct. 27, at 3:30 p.m.

“Halloween is coming...get a free toothbrush and toothpaste at this story time,” the library released. “Ms. Jenny will read ‘The Last Loose Tooth’ by Tyler Clark Burke, and local dentist Dr. Marjorie Block will explain how to keep your teeth clean and cavity-free.”

For even more programs, visit shadley-lib.org.



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Orlando Santos aka iZM PRiZM

Quabbin Art Assoc. to host guest artist Orlando Santos

BELCHERTOWN - The Quabbin Art Association will host local artist Orlando Santos, known as iZM PriZM, at their next regular meeting on Oct. 19.

“Orlando is a Holyoke resident and a self-taught acrylic painter who is gaining momentum through the distinctive use of vibrant colors and bold designs,” a press release reads. “It was only four years ago when he began painting for fun with his daughter, Wynter, and makes a point to hide the letter ‘W’ within all his artwork. His unique expression of art evolved rapidly from simple art materials using sketch pads, charcoals and cray-pas.”

Santos’ inspiration was described as “diverse.”

“Being that I am from Puerto Rican descent, I hadn’t seen a lot of people like me in the arts,” Santos released in an artist statement. “I always looked for that and I looked to the greats to inspire me. I am influenced by all genres of artists from Basquiat to Andy Warhol to Bob Dylan in their lyrical and storytelling imagery. But overall, the things that I see and hear are primarily from music. Music is what I am most passionate about, equal to or maybe more than my art but they go hand in hand. All types of music from the Carpenters to Jay-Z. I’m also very inspired from beauty and the pain I witness in life; both physical and mental pain of others, and of course in myself.”

His alter ego is even more unique, a press statement reads.

“My artist name started as a joke. I wanted to create my own cult or religion (as a joke) following i.e. Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, and Judaism. I figured why not create OiZM, changing the ‘s’ into a ‘z,’ influenced by the musician Erykah Badu’s album called ‘Baduizm’ and I thought it was

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New York City December bus trip seats filling up

REGION – Eleven seats remain for an upcoming bus trip to New York City.

“Spend the day in NYC with your friends,” a press statement reads. “A King-Gray bus is now taking passenger reservations to spend the day in the Big Apple shopping, sightseeing, attending a Broadway show, or simply enjoying the holiday bustle.”

Eleven seats remain, but the bus is

“filling steadily” as the Nov. 1 deadline nears. The roundtrip fare of \$77 includes the driver’s gratuity. Departure is 7 a.m. from Ludlow High School’s parking lot at 500 Chapin St., Ludlow.

“Arrive 15 minutes early to board the bus. Passengers will be dropped off at Times Square and ETA is 11a.m. Departure will be from Lotte New York Palace Hotel at 455 Madison Ave. and 50th St. at

6 p.m. with ETA 10:30 p.m.”

Checks should be made payable to Gloria Fortunato, 52 Deer Run, Belchertown, MA 01007, according to a press statement, and “make certain your cell number is on the notation line.”

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Hampshire County Sheriff receives fatherhood award

By Kimberly Palmucci
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REGION – Hampshire County Sheriff Patrick J. Cahillane has been selected to receive the Governor Paul Cellucci Fatherhood Award from the Children’s Trust, the state’s child abuse prevention agency.

Cahillane was presented with this award earlier this week, which recognizes his “transformational leadership with the Nurturing Fathers Program,” according to a press statement.

“Sheriff Cahillane has been an instrumental partner with the Children’s Trust in helping to bring the Nurturing Fathers Program to the Hampshire County House of Correction and then expanding it into the local community,” a press statement reads. “His commitment to supporting fathers and the community-based approach to his work in the criminal justice system reflect Governor Cellucci and the Children’s Trust’s commitment to elevate the importance of dads in the lives of their children.”

“I am so proud of our staff who have worked wonders with this program,” Sheriff Cahillane said. “I may be accepting this award, but it is their work, and the work of the men who choose to take the Nurturing Fathers course, that has made our program such a success.”

The Hampshire Sheriff’s Office (HSO) and the Children’s Trust began their partnership in 2016, according to reports, offering the Nurturing Fathers Program only to men incarcerated at the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction. In 2018, the Children’s Trust presented Sheriff Cahillane and HSO staff with its

“Emerging Leader” award for their work with the program, and in 2020, the HSO began offering the program to men in the community through partnerships with the Northampton Recovery Center and the Ware Recovery Center.

“We are grateful to Sheriff Cahillane and his team, not only for their deep partnership with the Children’s Trust, but for their commitment to supporting families in a strength-based way,” said Jennifer Valenzuela, Executive Director of the Children’s Trust. “Because of the Sheriff’s dedication to this work, Hampshire County has many more fathers with a deeper understand of the important role they play in the lives of their children and a commitment to being the best dads they can be.”

Sheriff Cahillane received the award during the Children’s Trust Gala on Oct. 5 at the Omni Boston Hotel in Boston.

“Strong, safe families help build strong, safe communities,” Sheriff Cahillane said. “Our staff has done great work with this program and we are proud and grateful to be a partner with Children’s Trust in this important mission.”

As the only statewide child abuse prevention organization, the Children’s Trust works with a network of more than one hundred of the most innovative local community organizations across the Commonwealth to provide programming that improves outcomes for children and families. Children’s Trust programs partner with parents to help them “build the lifelong skills and self-confidence they need to ensure children grow up safe and healthy.”

For more information about the Children’s Trust, visit childrenstrustma.org.

Obituary

DEATH NOTICE

Reynolds, Adele B.
Died September 27, 2023
Services October, 6, 2023

Adele B. Reynolds (Rogowski)

SOUTH HADLEY - Adele B. Reynolds (Rogowski) passed away peacefully on September 27, 2023, at age 100. She was born in South Hadley Falls to Josephine and Andrew Rogowski on December 8, 1922. She was predeceased by her sisters Lillian White, Tessie Masolowski, Anne Bala, and Sophie Rogowski and her brothers Stanley and Albert Rogowski.



Adele was an athlete and a pro merito student in high school. She attended nursing school in Boston. Adele married N. Stuart Reynolds who predeceased her by 30 years. Adele was a loving mother, dedicated homemaker, and the heart of her family. She is survived by her five children, Shakti Reynolds of Martha’s Vineyard, Rhonda Jacobs of Granby, Shirley MacKenzie of Granby, Brad Reynolds of Easthampton, and Russell Reynolds of Granby. She was predeceased by her step-son Leslie Reynolds. Adele had 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Services will be held at Beers and Story Funeral Home on Friday, Oct. 6, with reception at 2 p.m. and celebration service from 3-4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Lung Association.

For more information, please visit beersandstory.com.

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a nice way of spelling it. My idea of iZM is my own way of ‘doing things’ which carries over to my art,” Santos released. “Ironically Ism, with an ‘s,’ its definition has to do with a political, religious, or artistic movement. iZM, with a ‘z’ has a definition all of its own, but I’ll let you read up on that one.”

At age 50, Orlando has “solidly earned his reputation in the local art scene.”

“The artist believes his paintings ‘evolved into a more colorful and digestible class of art that most anyone can relate to and enjoy,’” a press statement reads.

His large canvas pieces have been exhibited at numerous venues, including the 50 Arrow Gallery and the Mill District Local Art Gallery in North Amherst. He was recently at the Elusie Gallery in Easthampton, exhibiting a large collection of abstract acrylic portraits of Tina Turner,

Dr. Seuss’ “Grinch,” Harriet Tubman, and “The Joker” from Batman’s “The Dark Knight,” immortalized by Heath Ledger.

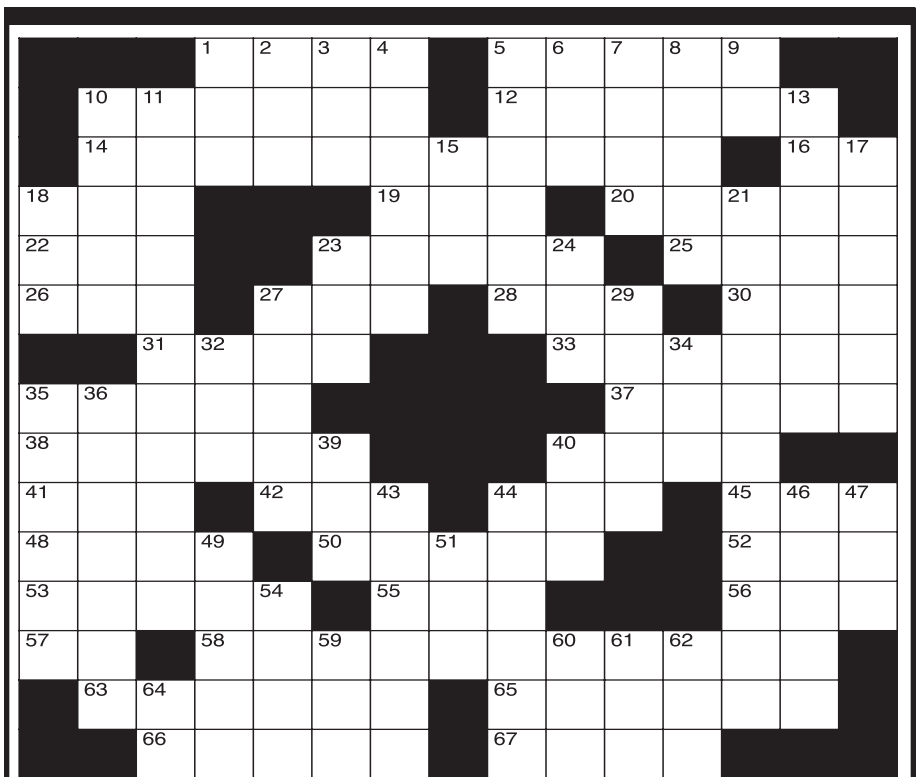
To see more of his work visit instagram.com/izmprizm.

The Quabbin Art Association has invited the general public to join for the presentation by Santos and an opportunity to meet and view “his incredible works of art.” Refreshments will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall, 12 Park St., Belchertown.

Funding for this program is supported in part by a grant from the Belchertown Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency. The Quabbin Art Association is also accepting new members, the press statement adds.

“Artists and art lovers of all media, 18 or older are welcome to join.”

For more information visit quabbinartassociation.com or email info@quabbinartassociation.com.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 5. Byproduct of fire
- 10. Talked
- 12. Unique skill
- 14. Unembarrassed
- 16. Where teenagers go
- 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
- 22. Auburn great Newton
- 23. Some are for Christmas
- 25. Dried, split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Where to get your mail
- 28. High schoolers' test
- 30. Flightless bird
- 31. Expectorated
- 33. Practice of misrepresenting the truth
- 35. Type of patch
- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Progressive country musician
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. Type of “cast”
- 56. Popular breakfast food
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Position north or south of the equator
- 63. Gadget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Irregular bulges in cell membranes
- 67. Dark brown

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 2. Partner to flow
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of stems
- 6. Angry
- 7. Spanish stew: ___ podrida
- 8. Fastened with a pin
- 9. On your way: ___ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Enmities
- 13. B complex vitamin
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Full of tears
- 32. Touch softly
- 34. Former OSS
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie ___, journalist
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Weather
- 46. Sports broadcaster lan
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Phenyl salicylate
- 51. Web of Things
- 54. Ship goods as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Young female
- 61. OJ trial judge
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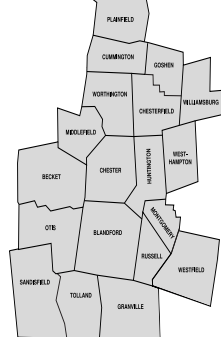
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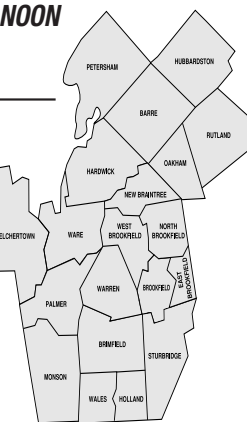
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by William R Forget
Date: 10/02/2023

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10/06, 10/13, 10/20/2023

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a **virtual** public hearing on **October 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider a Special Permit application

and Illuminated Sign Request filed by the Laxmi Petro Inc. c/o Saxton Sign Corp. to alter a non-conforming illuminated sign for the purpose of updating signage at the "Sunoco" gas station at 17 Bridge Street Assessor's Map 5C Parcel 27, pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw 255-7 (existing uses, building and structures; nonconforming uses); 288-85G (illumination of signs); Article IX (special permits); and the Zoning Dimensional Regulation Schedule.

The public hearing will be conducted virtually on Zoom. Persons may join as follows:

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The property is located within the Business B zoning

district and is an existing gas station.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and posted at www.southhadleyma.gov under 'Permit Applications'-Special Permit' under section 'Bridge Street (17) - Sign' or viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated. This meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 which extends the March 2020 Governor's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL Ch. 30A Sec. 20 until March 31, 2025.

Joanna Brown, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
10/6, 10/13/2023

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Education



The Western New England 2023-24 Resident Advisor Team.

Resident named as college 'resident advisor'



Eric Cabezudo-Peters

SOUTH HADLEY – Eric Cabezudo-Peters, of South Hadley, has been named a Resident Advisor for the 2023-24 academic year at Western New England University.

“Resident Advisors are a group of students selected based on their leadership, interpersonal skills, and commitment to positively influencing their peers,” a press statement reads.

Resident Advisors assume “overall responsibility for the management of a corridor or residential area with approximately 30-80 students.”

“They are assigned to all

living areas on campus and are there as resources to students of all class years. They serve as a liaison between students and the University. The primary responsibility of a Resident Advisor, after their academic work, must be to the RA position where their focus is ensuring their residents are having a safe and enjoyable experience.”

A Resident Advisor is also expected to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50, according to reports.

Cabezudo-Peters is working toward a B.S. in Construction Management.

Local students graduate from the University of Hartford

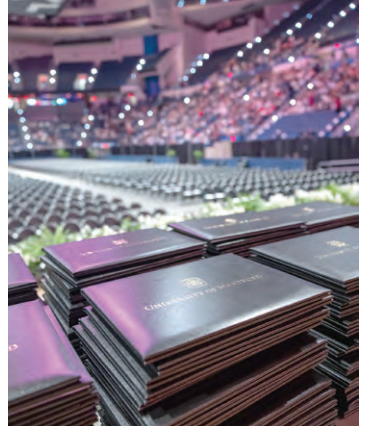
SOUTH HADLEY – Two residents have recently graduated with the University of Hartford’s Class of 2023.

Residents Ava Marion and Sophia Mason were among the graduates.

“Spread across seven dynamic schools and colleges, the University of Hartford has been guiding the purpose and passion of students for over six decades,” a press statement reads.

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An aerial view of Elms College.

Gorny graduates from Elms College

SOUTH HADLEY – Resident Tomasz Gorny, South Hadley, has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Elms College following the conclusion of the

summer 2023 semester. Gorny was among 75 students who received their degrees this summer, according to a press statement from the school.

Pumpkin Patch Festival to be held Oct. 14

SPRINGFIELD, MA — Trinity United Methodist Church will hold its first annual Pumpkin Patch Festival on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the front lawn at 361 Sumner Ave. This fall Festival hopes to unite Springfield and surrounding towns as a go-to event for family fun and community engagement. Guests can look forward to pur-

chasing the perfect jack-o'-lantern from an amazing display of over 400 pumpkins grown locally in nearby farms. Music will fill the air at this event as children find their way to a favorite activity while adults enjoy browsing among the various craft vendors.

Youngsters will have the chance to paint their own pumpkin, have their picture taken with

Mr. Scarecrow, and purchase tickets to win a cake, fish for prizes and line up for a turn or two in the bounce house. Guests can select from an assortment of themed gift baskets to bid on at a silent auction. There will be a variety of food truck vendors and the opportunity to purchase a dish of freshly-baked apple crisp for dessert.

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