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Planning for the effects of climate change

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - As extreme weather events seem to become more regular, South Hadley hopes to plan for the possible effects brought on by climate change.

"I'm working on a project to gather information on the conditions in people's lives that create vulnerabilities to climate change," explained Anne Capra, director of planning and conservation for South Hadley.

"Through this information gathering, we will identify a project to address some vulnerability or impact that will strengthen resilience to climate change [and] improve the community's ability to respond to some aspect of climate change."

The project hosted a community event on April 25 to gather and share information about people's vulnerabilities and what can be done to address those.

"This project is focused on community members that may be disproportionately affected

by the impacts of climate change due to factors such as an inability to have safe and secure housing, fewer or lower paid job opportunities, lack of transportation, social isolation, physical disabilities, food insecurity, or similar challenges," noted Capra. "I'm trying to line up meetings with community members in their neighborhoods to hear from them directly."

Prior to the first community meeting, Capra and her team met with smaller groups throughout the town totaling nearly 60 peo-

ple, including residents at Lathrop Village, Riverboat Apartments, the school department, Council on Aging, Falls Neighborhood Association and Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

"These conversations were guided by a questionnaire to help us gather info about how extreme weather is impacting people's lives," said Capra.

In the slideshow that Capra has been sharing with the community, she discusses the top

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ANNE CAPRA,
Director of Planning
and Conservation

School committee welcomes new member

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SOUTH HADLEY - The School Committee met to discuss various changes to the committee, as well as reports on recent school events and more.

The April 25 meeting was led by Chair Eric Friesner, and he was joined by Vice-Chair Danielle Cooke and members Dan Vieu and Interim Superintendent Mark McLaughlin.

Jennifer Voyik, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Business Operations, Tobias Smith the Student Representative, and the board welcomed new member Jack Witkowski

Reorganization

The committee began with the board moving into the reorganization of the roles of the member of the board. The board moved to have Friesner remain as chair, and Cooke as vice-chair.

Committee reports

Friesner moved on to discussing various updates on the subcommittees the members of the board are a part of.

"I am happy to announce that we have finalized those questions in the last meeting," Cooke said of the work she has been doing within the Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging Committee.

Vieu provided an update on the Mosier Massachusetts School Building Authority Committee that they are discussing how to get the community in on

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Brandon Carillon connects on a grounder to the infield.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Griffin Soderbaum sends a throw to first.

COA hosts sustainable runway

By Samuel Gelinias
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY This week, the South Hadley Council on Aging (COA) hosted a cross-generational fashion show with an eco-friendly twist. Participants of this Tuesday's fashion show produced clothing exclusively made from pre-existing fabrics and materials, with the opportunity to display their work through the venue.

The night was emceed by British immigrant talent, both Petula Bloomfield and Aimée Charlesworth. Joining them were students at the Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter School (PVPA), as well as members of the COA who had their own pieces to showcase.

Petula Bloomfield, who has worked as a teacher at PVPA for twenty years after coming to the states close to fifty years



Aimée Charlesworth's "Nature" collection.

Turley photo by Samuel Gelinias

ago, has taught a sustainable fashion class for the past eight years, and shared how personal sharing this skill is for her. "At four I started to take apart old clothes, and by five or six I was making full outfits. I collected

rags. I have been doing this all my life."

On a macro level, she sees the activity as becoming the new vogue. "The practices of

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Historic walk set for May 8

SOUTH HADLEY—South Hadley's Bike/Walk Committee, Council on Aging, and Historical Commission are collaborating on a Falls Canal Area History Walk and Van Tour with historian Leo LaBonte. The events planned for Wednesday, May 8, are all offered at no charge. An approximately 1.5 mile History Walk is open to all and leaves from the Library at 1 p.m., while an accessible narrated round-trip Van Tour leaves from the Senior Center at 11 a.m.. The Senior Center is also offering round trip van transport from the Senior Center to the Library for members wishing to participate in the History Walk who need a ride to the Falls. Both Van options have limited seating and require advance registration at through the Senior Center.

Seniors

Senior communities holds reception

SOUTH HADLEY— The Loomis Communities, the longest-serving provider of senior living in the Pioneer Valley, will hold its annual Spring Reception on Wednesday, May 22, at 4:30 p.m. at Loomis Village, 20 Bayon Dr. Proceeds from this year's event will directly benefit and impact the development of The Loomis Communities' new OpenView dementia care program across all three campuses in the Pioneer Valley.

At this year's Spring Reception, The Loomis Communities will honor Carol Constant with the Elvira Whiting Ball Award for Outstanding Service to Older Adults. Constant is a former and longtime director of Development & Community Engagement for The Loomis Communities who has devoted much of her life and time to im-

proving the lives of those with, and those caring for those with, Dementia. Constant joined The Loomis Communities as Director of Development in July 2007, and served as the Director of Community Engagement from 2013 to 2021.

Peter Courtney a longtime Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing resident, will be honored with The Loomis Communities' Award for Inspirational Aging. Courtney has resided at Loomis Lakeside since 2016 and spearheaded the re-habbing of the woodworking shop on the retirement community campus in 2018, which continues to be a passion of his that he shares with other residents. Courtney has also served in many important and inspiring roles as he evolves, improves and reinvents himself, such as pastor, community lead-

er, woodworker, caregiver and more.

Margaret Mantoni, president and CEO of The Loomis Communities said "Our annual Spring Reception allows us an opportunity to celebrate those who have made contributions to improving senior living in the Loomis Communities or the community at large. In Carol Constant, we celebrate one of our own who led the way in connecting Loomis with best practices in the care of those afflicted with memory impairments. We also celebrate a current resident who represents a model of how to approach and appreciate living in our senior years. Peter Courtney is certainly an example of that and his initiative and talent in establishing and maintaining a woodworking shop at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing is testimony to his zest for living."

Organizations or individuals interested in supporting the event should contact John Anz, Director of Development and Community Engagement for The Loomis Communities, at JAnz@loomiscommunities.org.



Carol Constant



Peter Courtney

Program highlights at the COA for the month of May

NEW! Chair Massage. Monday May 6th 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Barbara Burgos is a Licensed Massage Therapist at Ochoa Spa here in South Hadley. She has practiced massage for 39 years. She will offer Relaxation/Swedish and Deep Tissue/therapeutic message. Barbara will be offering 10- or 20-minute appointments for a \$15.00 or \$25.00 fee.

South of the Border Acoustic Café. Tuesday, May 7th at 5 p.m. Tickets \$7.00 each. Limit of 50. Join us in our café for chicken enchiladas, Mexican street corn and churros, while you enjoy the music by the Steve and Tom duo.

History Walking & Driving Tours. Wednesday, May 8th FREE and Open to all. Joins Historian Leo Labonte, for a history tour of South Hadley. We will be offering either a driving or a walking tour. The driving tour will leave the COA at 11am with limit of 11 passengers. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. The walking tour will meet at the library at 1:00pm, transportation to the library is available by calling the Senior Center. The tour begins at the SHPL and will pass by multiple historic homes, taverns, locks and dams. Call to register and ask questions.

Fiberspring Presentation with Kelly Frazier. Thursday, May 9th 1 p.m. The Fiberspring

team is coming to the senior center to present what Fiberspring Internet Service and answer any questions.

Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Celebration. Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. The EVENT IS FREE! Join us as we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for the month of May with refreshments and entertainment by "Dear Ella". Sponsored by donations to our Activity Account and the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors.

May Supper Club: Food is the Language of Love. Monday, May 20th 2 to 4 p.m. prep and lesson. Tuesday, May 21st 2 to 4 p.m. – Final Fire. Make your own foods to light up your love life. The menu includes assorted appetizers, stuffed croissants and French macarons for dessert. Open to those who have completed the Kitchn Safety Orientation. Register with Chef Magge at: maggiev06021@gmail.com

South Hadley Public Library at the COA. Thursday, May 23rd 12:30 to 2:20 p.m. Staff from the SHPL will have information about the latest library news, programs, and services.

Memorial Day Breakfast – Thursday, May 23rd 8:30 a.m. – PLEASE REGISTER. The

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Spring Bird Talk in South Hadley set for May 16

SOUTH HADLEY – Spring Bird Talk & Walk at River to Range Trail. This Talk is a 1-hr virtual talk on Thursday May 16 at 7 p.m. It will be an introduction to native birds, bird watching, and what to expect

during the Walk. Please register to receive the Zoom link to log into the meeting: <https://bit.ly/SpringBirdTalk>

The casual Walk will be held Saturday May 18th at 9 a.m. at 240 Ferry St with coffee & pas-

tries. See the calendar event for more information.

Walk leader is local ornithologist Bill DeLuca, Conservation Commission member.



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Applications now open

SOUTH HADLEY— Due to a vacancy on the South Hadley Municipal Light Board, the elected body has one vacancy that needs filling.

The Town of South Hadley is proceeding to address this vacancy immediately. This process is consistent and within MGL Chapter 41, Subsections 10, 11 and other applicable policies or regulations.

All parties interested in applying for the position are asked to submit a letter of interest to Executive Assistant to Administration Kristin Maher via email at kmaher@southhadleyma.gov or through the mail to: Selectboard Office, 116 Main St., South Hadley, MA, 01075. Applicants may submit a resume, but it is not required.

Letters of interest and any additional documents must be received by 4:30 p.m. on May 19. Once received by Selectboard administration, a complete packet for each

candidate's submission will be made publicly available.

The chairs of the Municipal Light Board and Selectboard will decide on a suitable date to have a joint meeting of remaining Municipal Light Board members and members of the Selectboard to conduct interviews. Board members will make an appointment at the public meeting scheduled for the interviews or a subsequent public joint meeting.

Applicants will not be required to be interviewed if they choose not to be, but still may be considered. The joint committee, by way of nomination and subsequent vote to appoint, will fill the vacancy on the South Hadley Municipal Light Board for a term from the date of appointment to the next annual town election. There will be a position on the annual town election ballot to fill the remaining term of this specific Municipal Light Board vacant position.

Make new friends as an adult

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Public Library is hosting a Fast Friends program on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Community Room at 2 Canal St.

One of the hardest things to do as an adult is make friends. Whether it is someone who also enjoys the same hobbies or has the same sense of humor, come on down and get to know people in two-min-

ute timed meetings, and find a new friend or arch enemy, the possibilities are endless. For ages 18 plus. Questions for the event will be provided. Coffee and tea will be available. Also, craft supplies to make bad art will also be available during a time to hang out after the event and chat. No sign-up needed. Any questions please call Desi at 413-538-5045.

Gaylord Library May events

SOUTH HADLEY - Gaylord Memorial Library is pleased to announce a fun-packed month with programs for all ages. The library is located at 47 College Street. For information on the following programs please call the library at 538-5047 or visit gaylordlibrary.org.

Spring Seedling Planting Workshop and Swap: Friday, May 10, 3-5 p.m. It's time to face the big, warm world. We'll talk transplanting and how to prepare your door seedlings for outdoor life. Brian Schrauf will lead the workshop. Bring extra seedlings and swap with the gardeners for more variety.

Drop In Crafts: Thursdays, May 9 and 23 at 3 p.m.

Sidewalk Chalk: Saturday, May 11 at 10:15 a.m. This family fun event will be held on the blacktop.

Creative Writing Hour For Teens:

Thursday, May 16 at 4 p.m. This is the last spring session.

Lego Club: Thursdays, May 16 & 30 at 3 p.m.

Family Outdoor Games: Saturday, May 18 at 10:15 a.m. Fun for everyone!

Take Great photos with our Smartphone! Thursday, May 23 :30-7:30 p.m. Peter Glass, instructor. PRE-REGISTRATION required. This class is for those interested in producing big-quality images with their smartphone cameras. That means learning and understanding the camera controls as well as when and how to use them.

Outdoor Yoga: Michele Lyman is back at Gaylord for four weeks, starting Thursday, May 30 at 4 p.m.

Crafty Get-togethers: Meet every the Friday at 3 p.m. in the Rotunda.

Story Time: Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.

donations- a Mosier PTO Donation and a donation from Frontera Grill. The board voted to accept both donations.

Voyik shared a presentation of the revised district website in order to make it more accessible. The main page now will have updated photos, the calendar, news, and events.

The committee will meet jointly with the Selectboard to discuss and review applications for the vacancies on the School Committee, as well as filling seats on the MSBA Committee.

agement, such as pursuing open space acquisition, developing a beaver management plan and assessing old industrial and automobile sites.

The hope is also to address specific high-priority environmental concerns like developing a tree and forest management program, hiring a tree warden and coordinating across departments and organizations to develop an emergency response plan.

Capra and her team will host two more community meetings. The next will be on May 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Council on Aging on Dayton Street and the final one will be on June 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Buttery Brook Park on Willimansett Street. Attendees receive dinner and a \$10 gift card.

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participating with the work they are doing.

McLaughlin came to give a report on the work students and faculty have been doing.

The Grinspoon Awards happened recently, and the night was made to celebrate the teachers across the school districts.

The committee moved into discussing and voting on whether to accept two

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four hazards that are affecting the community: ice and snow, drought, flooding, extreme weather events.

To help manage the effects of climate change, the town is working on high-priority projects for its infrastructure. Some of these include conducting dam assessments and assessing green infrastructure for stormwater management, replacing the Newton Smith Brook culvert on Route 116, addressing flooding on Route 47 near Bachelor Brook and exploring options to relocate South Hadley Electric Light Department and emergency management operations from town hall so they are outside the flood plain.

It also has more moderate-priority and lower-priority projects to help with man-

South Hadley

Jazz concert to support Music & Arts South Hadley, Center Church

SOUTH HADLEY – Music at the Center and Jazz Productions present a concert event on Saturday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Center Church, 1 Church St.

A five-member band of New York City-based jazz artists will present an evening of the music of late composer Johnny Anz. The concert is produced by the composer's son and South Hadley resident, John Anz.

The band features leader Benny Benack III on trumpet and vocals, Miki Yamanaka on piano, Alex Claffy on bass, Joe Peri on drums, and special guest vocalist Anaïs Reno.

Advance ticket sales are \$25 and VIP packages are \$95 for this performance. Tickets are available on Eventbrite through June 13. General admission will also be available at the doors the night of the event for \$30.

Any net proceeds from the performance will be donated to Music & Arts South Hadley and the Center Church outreach team.

Critical and generous in-kind support has been provided by Music & Arts South Hadley, PIP Marketing, Signs & Print of East Longmeadow, the Residence Inn in Chicopee, SHCTV 15 and the Yarde Tavern in South Hadley.

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May Adult Programs

Fast Friends: Come Meet New Friends!

Saturday, May 4 from 10 am – Noon

One of the hardest things to do as an adult is make new friends. Whether it is someone who also enjoys the same hobbies as you, or has the same sense of humor- come on down and get to know people in 2-minute timed meetings, and find a new friend! Or arch enemy - the possibilities are endless. Questions for the event will be provided. Coffee & Tea available. Craft supplies to make bad art will also be available to hang out after the event and chat.

In-House Author Talk: Tiny Humans, Big Emotions by Lauren Stauble

Wed., May 15 at 6:30 pm

Emotional development experts Alyssa Blask Campbell, M.Ed. and Lauren Stauble M.S. are at the forefront of a movement to foster little ones' emotional intelligence. Their revolutionary Collaborative Emotion Processing (CEP) method has been a game changer for parents and educators, and now they are sharing it with readers in this indispensable guide.

Tiny Humans, Big Emotions provides the tools to tackle every sort of stressful child-rearing situation, including:

- What to do when your child throws a tantrum (it's not what you think!)
- Helpful scripts to handle any challenging moment like school refusal and bedtime resistance
- How to react when your child hits, punches, or bites
- Easy tips that help regulate your child's nervous system
- How to anticipate and end meltdowns before they even begin

Virtual: Mental Health Month Romance Author Camilla Evergreen:

How to Find Love When You are Weird

Monday, May 20, 2024

We are thrilled to be chatting with romance author Camilla Evergreen whose book "How to Find Love When You're Weird" makes it clear that people on the spectrum, (in fact, ALL people) are worthy of love and an HEA (happily ever after). In fact, we would posit, that it's the very neurodiverse characteristics that make someone even more attractive to the right person. We can't wait for this conversation and hope you can join us!

Sign Up Here: <https://tinyurl.com/2urexr2m>

Music Concert: Sarah and the Star Cats

Wed., May 22 at 6 pm • Community Room

Blue Skies: Music of Earth & Climate. Vocalist/flutist Sarah Clay leads the StarCats trio: Draa Hobbs, guitar and Steve Bulmer, bass. Swing, Retro-Pop & Latin Jazz. Beautiful music, timely theme. Free concert! Supported in part by the South Hadley Public Library and by a grant from the South Hadley Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Adults Learn to Play the Ukulele

Wed. May 29 at 6 pm

Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. No experience necessary. Ukuleles provided.

Virtual: New Yorker Cartoonist and Bestseller Bob Eckstein

Shares His Favorite Museums and Cartoons

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

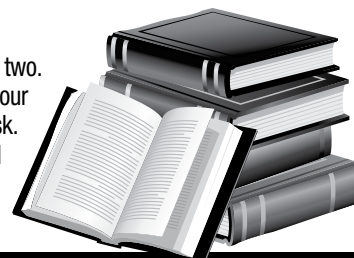
Museum Enthusiasts, this one is for you! Join author Bob Eckstein as he celebrates the book birthday of his most recent release, "Footnotes from the Most Fascinating Museums: Stories and Memorable Moments from People Who Love Museums". This book is filled with lush and whimsical illustrations paired with stories and anecdotes from curators, museum workers, museum visitors, and more. We hope you can join us for what will be a fun and fascinating conversation!

Sign Up Here: <https://tinyurl.com/y5rztr7b>

Puzzle Swap

Sat., June 1st at 10 – 11 am

Have Jigsaws over 500 pieces? Want a new one.. or two. Come on down and bring a complete puzzle. Drop off your complete puzzle starting May 13th at the Library Front Desk. Get a ticket for each puzzle dropped off. We will have all the puzzles available the morning of the swap. Bring your ticket to swap the number of puzzles you brought.



Opinion



Great blue heron on nest

The great blue heron returned to its nest last week.

Last week, I finally saw a great blue heron on a nest located in a dead tree on the beaver pond, which abuts my hayfield. It built the nest two years ago and this year will be its third season on the well built stick nest. At first, I saw it perched on a branch near the nest. For the last few days, it has been in the nest.

The great blue heron is 50 inches tall and is the largest and most widespread heron. The body is grayish-blue, has a white head and a black stripe over the eye. The immature heron is similar to the adult except its head has a solid black cap, which turns to white after two years. There is also a rare white morph of this heron, but it is limited to Southern Florida. Its legs and bill are orange yellow rather than dark like the more common dark morph.

Fortunately, I can see the bird in the nest from the road so I do not disturb it when I watch it. I hope it is successful in rearing its young. It takes 28 days to incubate the eggs and 55 days for them to fledge. The female lays three to seven eggs in a large, platform nest of sticks lined with finer twigs and vegetation. The nest is placed in a tree 30 to 70 feet above ground. Herons raise their young in either small colonies in isolated areas or singly like this pair.

Great blue herons feed in shallow water by standing or walking slowly, then grabbing mall fish, frogs, birds and aquatic insect with its bill. They can feed in deeper water by plunging or swimming. They also hunt on land for small animals.

They inhabit marshes, swamps, river and lake edges, tidal flats, mangroves and other water areas. They make a guttural "frahnk" or short "rok, rok" given during aggression. Both sexes do bill clacking.

Mass. Audubon sightings

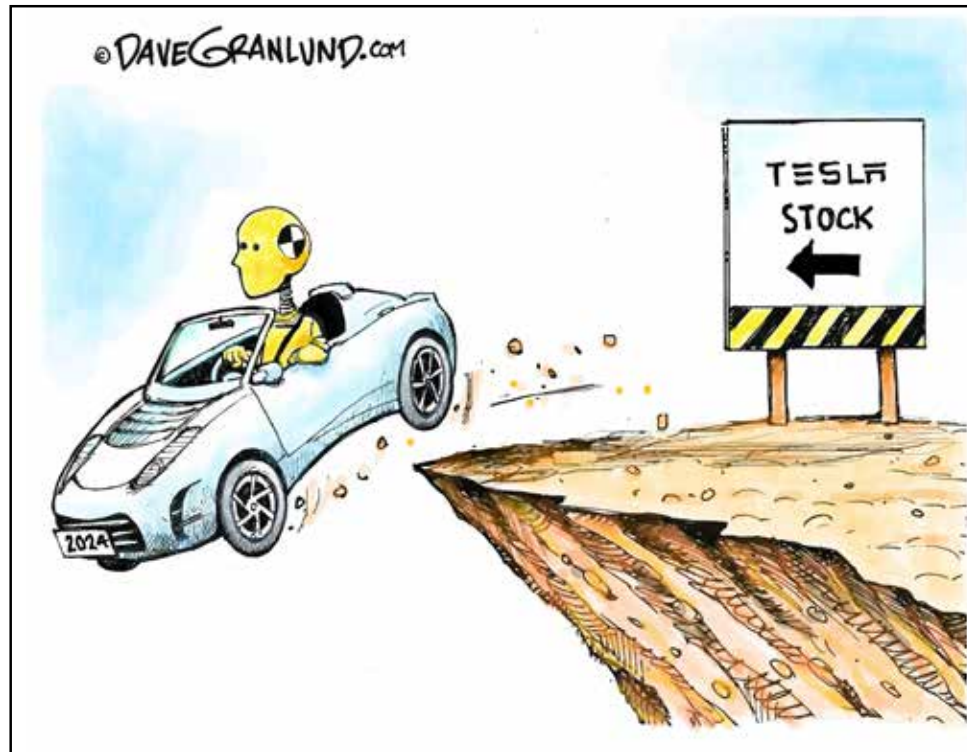
Berkshire County sightings included a sandhill crane in New Marlborough, nine long-tailed ducks at Lake Pontoosuc in Pittsfield and 11 at Stockbridge Bowl in Stockbridge, a northern goshawk at Bridges Pond in Williamstown and 20 American pipits at Ashley Falls.

Franklin County hosted small flocks of red crossbills including 24 at the Montague Sandplains Wildlife Management Area in Montague, nine at gate 29 at Quabbin Reservoir in New Salem and eight at Satan's Kingdom WMA in Northfield.

Hampshire County had a Say's phoebe at the Quabbin Reservoir Visitor's Center in Belchertown, four common goldeneyes at the Windsor Dam in Belchertown, 22 glossy ibises on Old Ferry Road in Northampton, an American bittern on Moody Bridge Road in Hadley, 21 red crossbills at the Podick and Cole Conservation Area in Amherst, a Lapland longspur in the Northampton East Meadows and an American coot at Great Pond in Hatfield.

Hampden County spotting were five upland sandpipers at Westover Air Base in Ludlow, nine red-necked Grebes at the Congamond Lakes in Southwick, 15 chimney swifts at the Stebbins Wildlife Refuge in Longmeadow and

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Minister wants to maximize Social Security benefit

Dear Rusty:

I want to apply for Social Security, but I want to make sure I get all the benefits I have earned. I am a veteran with a 10% disability rating (not sure if that matters). I am 68 years old. I am a minister and have been exempt from Social Security taxes for most of my income since I was about 30, but I still have the 40 quarters needed. I have also worked off and on in the secular workplace and continued paying Social Security taxes.

One hears a great deal about those who want to "help" us apply for Social Security, but which turn out to be a scam or want a fee. How do I apply and maximize my benefits with my unique situation?

Signed: Seeking Answers

Dear Seeking:

Don't worry about fees here at the AMAC Foundation – there is never a fee for the services we provide as we are non-profit. And I want to thank you for your military service, you may find the "For Veterans" section at our AMAC Foundation website interesting at www.amacfoundation.org.

To your question

Your VA disability rating does not affect your Social Security benefit. At 68 years old, your Social Security benefit payment has been earning Delayed Retirement Credits since you reached your Full Retirement Age of 66 years and 4 months in July 2022. That means that your benefit, if you claim now, will be about 13% more than it would have been had you claimed at your FRA. FYI, if you continue to delay, your SS benefit will continue to grow by 8% per additional year you delay, up to the month you turn 70. At that time, your SS benefit will be 29% higher than it would have been at your FRA. Nevertheless, if you wish to claim a smaller amount now, you can do so in a couple of ways:

You can call Social Security at 1-800-77-1213 or your local SS office to request an appointment to apply. They will most likely set a date/time to call you to take your application over the phone, they discourage office

visits these days.

Once you have applied, it typically takes a month or two to process your application, but they will pay your benefits effective with the month you say you want them to begin. Note, they will likely also offer you six months of retroactive benefits but be aware that if you accept that offer your monthly payment will be permanently reduced by 4%.

You can apply for your SS retirement benefit online at www.ssa.gov/apply. Applying online is, by far, the most efficient method, as shown in this short video: www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm. However, to apply online you will need to first create your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Once you have your personal online account set up, you will be able to see what your SS retirement benefit will be now and at future ages should you plan to wait longer to claim.

Your SS retirement benefit will be based on your lifetime record of earnings from which Social Security FICA taxes were withheld or self-employment earnings on which SS payroll taxes were levied. In any case, your SS benefit will be based on your lifetime earnings record contributing to Social Security, as well as your age when you claim. You'll get your maximum benefit based on those factors.

Although your situation is somewhat uncommon, it is not exceptionally unique. Your VA disability rating does not affect your Social Security benefit and, because you are a member of the clergy, you are not subject to Social Security's Windfall Elimination Provision, a rule which reduces SS benefits for those with a pension earned while not contributing to Social Security. In other words, your SS benefit will be based entirely on your lifetime record of earnings from which Social Security payroll taxes were withheld and your age when your benefit starts.

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What to do when and how to do it

The last few gorgeous days got us all outside and into our home landscape.

Maybe you looked at this or that and said "Now what do I do?" Here is a column straight from the archives to best guide you through the next oh so fun (and busy) weeks in the garden.

DO remove spent blooms from spring flowering bulbs. Once "deadheaded" the bulb won't expend energy making seeds, instead, it will store it and delight you with an even healthier stand of flowers next year.

DO NOT cut, braid or otherwise alter bulb foliage. It may not be the prettiest, but as long as it is green, (and to some degree even when it is yellowish) it is photosynthesizing, making a storehouse for next spring's blooms.

DO turn under your covercrop of winter rye now, a few weeks prior to planting your vegetable garden. Plant residues will have a chance to break down without stealing valuable nutrients from newly transplanted seedlings.

DO NOT add fresh manure to garden plots as it will burn plants. Be sure to compost it for at least six months prior to use. Make your compost pile "hot" by balancing the amount of green and brown ingredients and by turning it regularly. The result is a near neutral weed-free source of organic matter.

DO prune spring flowering shrubs soon after blooming. Forsythia and lilac for example, bloom on the previous season's wood. By pruning once their blooming period is complete you will allow enough time for regrowth without sacrificing next year's blooms.

DO NOT prune fruit trees now. Better to wait until the trees are dormant. You can, however, rid apple trees of pencil sized or smaller water sprouts in mid summer. Simply grab one with your hand and give it a quick jerk. Removing a small portion of the branch from which it grows will likely prevent future sprouts in this

area. DO begin to harden off homegrown seedlings and garden-bound indoor plants over the course of the next few weeks. By gradually acclimatizing plants to the outdoors you will likely prevent transplant shock and other maladies such as sunscald and windburn. Start off with a few hours outside each day, working up to all day and overnight. Then, as long as the threat of frost has passed the plants can successfully be planted in the ground.

DO NOT plant pepper seedlings until the soil has sufficiently warmed (usually by the first week in June). Research indicates that planting peppers in cold soil will stunt plants and reduce yields. You can warm the soil where peppers (and other heat lovers) are to grow by laying down sheets of IRT mulch a couple of weeks prior to planting. Then simply cut holes in the plastic and plant as normal.

DO cut asparagus with a knife just under the surface of the soil. In established plantings you can harvest spears for about six weeks. Leave those that are thinner than a pencil. Although we wish the season could go on forever, allowing foliage to form will only return energy to the roots, making for tasty shoots next spring!

DO NOT allow weeds to take over the strawberry patch! Applying a mulch of shredded leaves, composted sawdust or pine needles will not only keep the weeds at bay, but it will feed the plants and keep developing berries clean at the same time!

DO sow grass seed soon, before crabgrass has a chance to take hold. Or better yet, sow seed in late August, or early September, when this dreaded weed is near done its life cycle. Water sown areas daily to promote timely germination.

DO NOT rototill patches of perennial weeds; you are merely spreading them about the garden! Better to hand weed, digging out the roots completely. After planting is complete mulch around plants to cut down on future weeds, conserve moisture, and add organic matter to the soil. When applying mulch around trees and shrubs remember to pull it back, away from the trunk to prevent girdling.

DO have fun in the garden this spring!

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 green heron in Holyoke. Worcester County included a black-headed gull, two glossy ibises, a solitary sandpiper and 20 red crossbills at the Bolton Flats WMA in Bolton, two sandhill cranes at the Winimasset Meadows WMA in New Braintree, two black vultures at Adams Farm in Athol and an orchard oriole at Crane Swamp Conservation Area in Northboro.

The most unusual sighting on Friday, April 19 was a black-capped petrel in Cape Cod Bay spotted from a whale research vessel. This species is everywhere quite rare and in relatively inshore waters it is even more unusual.

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.

SOUTH HADLEY FIRE DISTRICT #2
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GUEST COLUMN

Health care from a nurse-advocate's point of view

By Teri Dreher Frykenberg, RN
Guest Columnist

Hello, readers!

Having spent my growing-up years



Teri Dreher Frykenberg, RN

and graduating from nursing school here in western Mass, I am delighted to be able to share my perspective on today's health care with you in this new weekly column.

Health care has

changed in a million ways since I earned my RN at Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester in 1976. I went on to become a critical care nurse and worked for decades in hospitals. I am now a board-certified patient advocate, owner of NShore Patient Advocates, and considered a national authority in the field of patient advocacy.

My columns and two Amazon best-selling books arise from my philosophy of health care: That knowledge is power and that we are empowered to take charge of our health.

As a private patient advocate, I help people do just that: Take charge. I leverage my knowledge of the health care system to help them navigate complex

issues, whether it's caring for a loved one with dementia or getting a second opinion.

While I believe everyone needs a health-care advocate, I also believe that we can learn to advocate for ourselves and our loved ones. It just takes a bit of common sense and preparation.

Here are a few of the basics:

Be a good patient.

You are a good patient if you are on time for your appointments, have your questions written down in advance, are succinct in your questions and comments, take your medications as prescribed and follow all health-care instructions. Sometimes, it's also helpful to bring someone with you – spouse, partner, child, friend – who can listen, fill in information gaps and help you remember what the doctor said.

Good patients are also respectful. You want to be the patient who doctors, nurses and health-care providers enjoy serving.

Be prepared.

A medical emergency can happen at any time, and when it does, our minds seem to go blank because of fear and worry. Here's where a little bit of preparation comes in handy.

Compile the following and keep it where you or first responders can find it:

Health conditions (i.e. heart disease, hypertension, cancer, diabetes, etc.)

Copies of insurance cards

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Selectboard, Housing Authority contested in annual election

By **Melina Bourdeau**
Correspondent

GRANBY – The Selectboard and Housing Authority have contested races in this year's annual town election.

However, seats will go unfilled on the School Committee and the Library Trustees.

Selectboard member Richard Beaulieu is not seeking re-election to the Selectboard this term and will be replaced by either John Arcouette, David LaBonte, Nathaniel Masse or Micheline Turgeon. The position has a three-year term.

Ronald Richard and Douglas Smith are running for a four-year term on the Housing Authority.

The remaining positions available all see incumbents running.

Dakota Richards is running

for re-election as an Assessor with a three-year term.

Lee Lalonde is running for re-election to the Board of Health. This position has a three-year term.

Running for a three-year term as the Town Moderator is Lynn Snopek Mercier. The position has a three-year term.

Nicole Menard is running for re-election as the Town Collector. The position has a three-year term.

Running for the position of Town Treasurer is Steven Nally. The position has a three-year term.

Running for the five-year term on the Housing Authority is Joseph Furnia.

James Tromke is running for re-election to the Planning Board. The position has a five-year term.

Gordon Landry is running

for re-election as the Commissioner of Burial Grounds. The position has a three-year term.

Jennifer Bartosz is running for re-election to the School Committee. The position has a three-year term. One seat is available.

Denise Conti is running for re-election as a Library Trustee. The position has a three-year term. There are two available seats.

The annual town election will be on Monday, May 20 from noon-7 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Granby Junior Senior High School, 385 East State St.

If you wish to vote by mail, the last day to file a vote-by-mail application is Monday, May 13.

For more information call the Town Clerk's office at 413-467-7178.

SB signs contracts and welcomes businesses

By **Emily-Rose Pappas**
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GRANBY – The Selectboard got together this past week to conduct two public hearings, sign department head contracts and more.

The April 22 meeting was led by Chair Glen N. Sexton, and he was joined by Clerk Crystal Dufresne, member Richard Beaulieu and Town Administrator Christopher Martin.

Public hearings

Arthur Pearlman came to address the board on behalf of James Gibbons to open up a request to transfer an all-alcohol package store to be transferred from Bruso's Liquor Mart to 367 East Street Inc.

The board moved to approve of the request for the transfer of license, as well as moving to make Gibbons the manager of the package store.

Laurie Ann Bernier came forward to the board seeking a Wine and Malt Beverages (Restaurant on Premises) License. The business will be a dine-in restaurant with a bar to order and drink alcoholic beverages on the premises.

The request was made for Something Special Catering Service and Café, and Bernier would be the manager. The board moved forward with approving of the license and appointed Bernier as the manager.

Department head contracts

The board signed various department head contracts including the police chief and the head of the Council on Aging. They also moved to approve of the director of senior services employment and signed the contract.

The board also moved to appoint and approve Damien Cody for appointment as a sign officer, as well as to the storm water phase two committee, and as a zoning enforcement officer.

Town Administrator's report

Town Administrator Christo-

pher Martin gave several reports about various things including a Dufresne rental for a graduation party on June 22 at the large pavilion.

Martin also announced the Memorial Day Parade with a change of route where it will come out at The Heart of St. Mary's Church.

New business and information

The board briefly touched upon various departmental reports to be touched on, and a maintenance warrant on some tools that were damaged and are in need of repair.

The board then moved into approving various 2024 Common Victualer's Licenses.

Dufresne also moved for Glen to sign the Audit Engagement Letter, a Single Audit, for Scanlan and Associates to do their fiscal year 2023 audit.

Old and other business

The new director of the Council on Aging has been hired, and Martin announced that her first day was on April 16.

"We're hoping she settles in nicely and we are available for any questions she may have," Martin said. The COA Cookout for the spring will be held sometime in May.

The Route 202 Massachusetts Department of Transportation project has begun and has trucks coming in at 7 a.m. and leaving at 4 p.m.

For the One Stop for Growth Grant, Martin submitted for the Water Project again. The Senior Work-Off Program is in the process of being developed for guidelines to be brought to the board.

The Green Communities are underway, and Dufresne, who is in charge of the Open Space Committee, will take pictures of the area for the committee.

For the West Street Building Committee, the removal of the building has been approved, and there will be police presence to keep people from coming to see the removal in order to keep people safe.

School committee continues supt. search

By **Emily-Rose Pappas**
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GRANBY – The School Committee got together last week to discuss updates from the student representative, and further discuss the superintendent search.

The April 23 meeting was led by Chair Jennifer Bartosz who was joined by Vice-Chair Jill Pelletier, and members Michael Durham and George Bahlke.

The meeting was also attended by Superintendent Stephen Sullivan, Director of Finance and Operations Todd Dorman, Student Representative Coe Fuller, and Granby Education Association Representative Cheryl Denette, and members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Superintendent search

Dorman shared the various grants, support, and trainings they have created to dive in to

how the board and school have been working towards the Strategic Plan.

"We want to welcome, respect, and embrace diversity and provide training and support to our staff and believe that everyone in the Granby Public Schools can grow, shift, and succeed under the right conditions and with the appropriate supports," Dorman said.

The committee is continuing its search for a superintendent and is forming a committee according to the Strategic Plan to ensure that all students will be helped and get the structure they need.

Student

Representative report

Cole Fuller, the student representative, came to the School Committee with several announcements as the school year nears its end.

East Meadow School is having its final push, as the English Language Arts section of Mas-

sachusetts Cumulative Assessment System will begin in the next few weeks.

A community garden is being planted as well for learning opportunities. The schools are also painting a buddy bench, a special spot for friends to sit together off to the side.

The Spring Fling Dance will be on Friday, May 17, and Teacher Appreciation Day is on Wednesday, May 1. The Civics MCAS is coming up, and the final academic schedules for next year has been made.

STA Art Night will be happening from 5-8 p.m. on May 16 for students to show off their art to parents and friends. Students are also looking forward to the upcoming Brownstone Adventure Sports Park and Sonny's Place field trips.

The school has also partnered with the Department of Conservation and Recreation in order to provide free classes for lifeguard certification for all interested students.

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All medications, with dosages and when they're taken

Allergies

Name and contact information for the primary care doctor

Name and contact information for the patient's representative, if that person isn't on hand

A signed HIPAA release form

Be knowledgeable.

In this era of internet scams, bogus information and deep-fake videos, we must take care to get our health-care information from reputable sources – and it's not some random Facebook account or website.

When you're searching for information about healthy lifestyles or medical conditions, stick with tried-and-true resources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov), WebMD (webmd.com) or Harvard Health (health.harvard.edu).

Know your rights.

Who owns your health-care infor-

mation? You do! Not the doctor or the hospital. You have the right to see and review your medical records, doctor's notes after an appointment and what medications you might be receiving in the hospital.

You also have the right to appoint a patient representative, also known as an advocate. This is someone who is authorized to communicate on your behalf with health-care providers – they are your stand-in. In most states, the default patient representative is a spouse or a parent, if a child is under 18.

But if you can designate anyone by completing a HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) release form, which is available on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website. Make sure it's on file with your doctor and the hospital.

My first experience advocating for a patient was during a family cruise in the Caribbean when my then-father-in-law developed a life-threatening health emergency. I stayed with him in order to communicate with doctors

and make sure he was well-attended.

Back at work in the hospital ICU, I advocated for a patient who was experiencing complications from surgery. The doctor didn't like my questioning the patient's treatment, so I was placed on leave – and during my downtime, I realized the good I could do by helping other patients in similar situations. A patient advocate was born.

I hope you'll join me every week as I discuss current issues in health care and provide the tips you need to advocate for yourself and loved ones.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN, is a board-certified patient advocate and Monson resident. A critical care nurse for 30+ years, she is founder of NShore Patient Advocates, (www.NorthshoreRN.com). Her book, "How to Be a Healthcare Advocate for Yourself & Your Loved Ones" is available on Amazon. She is offering a free phone consultation to Turley Newspaper readers. Contact her at Teri@northshorem.com to set it up.

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Plant sale just in time for Mother's Day

GRANBY – Friends of the Granby Free Public Library Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by the Granby Free Public Library on Saturday, May 11th between the hours of 9am

and 2 p.m. to purchase plants just in time for Mother's Day. The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 E. State St. in Granby, MA. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Granby Library.

Granby library hosts Spring Book Sale through May 31

GRANBY – The Friends of the Granby Free Public Library will host their annual Month-Long Spring Book Sale during the month of May in the Community Room of the Library. Now through May 31 you will be able to choose from a large assortment of used and like-new hardcover, softcover, paperback books, teen books and children's books, along with a selection of

CDs, DVDs and audiobooks. Stop in during the library's regular operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 East State St. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Granby Library.

Senior volunteers needed

SOUTH HADLEY—The Age Friendly South Hadley Committee and the South Hadley Public Schools are seeking senior volunteers for an intergenerational project to bring seniors and students together for activities this spring. The volunteers will be invited to visit the schools for conversations and participate in activities. Plains and Mosier Elementary Schools: Volunteers would visit during mid-day recesses to have discussions or play table games with students. Michael E Smith Middle School: Volunteers would visit classrooms in the morning during

the 25 minute community time and participate in meaningful conversations with students. South Hadley High School: Volunteers would visit on Career Day to share career or work experiences. Training will be provided and scheduling arranged. A CORI background check will be required. For more information and to apply, please reach out to: Carol Constant, Age and Dementia Friendly South Hadley cpconstant@gmail.com or Courtney Mackey, District Mental Health Coordinator, SH Public Schools, cmmackey@shschools.com.

In the Classroom

COLLEGE NOTES

Granby resident Julia Frappier honored at College of Business Senior Award Ceremony

GRANBY –m Western New England University held its College of Business Senior Awards Ceremony on April 30th in the St. Germain Campus Center. The University honored 13 graduating seniors, selected based on their academic achievement in their major or their overall class standing. Julia Frappier of Granby received the Outstanding Student in Pharmaceutical Business award. This award recognizes a graduating senior selected by the faculty for excellence in the study of Pharmaceutical Business. The award was presented by Harlan Spotts, Professor of Marketing. Frappier is working toward a BSBA in Pharmaceutical Business.

Class of 1974 plans 50th reunion

CHICOPEE— It's the time to renew friendships and share memories with high school classmates. The Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1974 will be holding its 50th reunion on Sept. 13, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 460 Granby Road.. The reunion party will begin at 5 p.m. with cocktails and dinner. Committee members are planning details for the festivities and also working hard to track down classmates and reach out to as many as possible. If individuals have contact information for long-lost friends, please send it to Linda Parlengas at lparlengas@hotmail.com; Mona Marcil Friberg at tinkr245@aol.com, or Lynn Provost Larrabee at penrose43@comcast.net. The committee will be sending out details soon and would like to include everyone. Information can also be shared on Facebook at Chicopee Comp Class of 1974 Reunion Page or at Classmates.com.

Westfield State University to introduce Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

WESTFIELD—Westfield State University is pleased to announce the introduction of its new Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program. Housed within the University's Health Science Department, this program is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed for diverse careers in the healthcare industry. This initiative represents a significant milestone for Westfield State, as it becomes the sole provider of an OTA degree program in Massachusetts. It is also the only program in the country which allows students to interact with a fully simulated community, with accessible digital spaces such as a coffee shop, hospital unit, apartment complex, among others.

As occupational therapy assistants, graduates will play vital roles in various settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, schools, and nursing homes. Their work encompasses supporting individuals with disabilities or injuries to regain independence and improve their quality of life. "Simulated communities are fairly common in hospitals across the nation, but Westfield State is the first university in the country to have one right in the classroom," Dr. Karen Slydek, Professor of Health Sciences, and Interim Program Director, said. "This is super exciting from the

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event will include a delicious breakfast prepared by the SHHS Culinary Dept, speakers and Military remembrances. This event is open to all Veterans and one guest. Sponsored by the Veterans Services and the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors
Water Spider's Wisdom: Cherokee Women's Textile Diplomacy. Tuesday, May 28th 5 p.m. Patricia Dawson, Assistant Professor of History at Mt. Holyoke College, will explore the history of Cherokee textiles and celebrate Cherokee women's innovation, power, and creativity. Thank you to the Travel Club for sponsor this program.



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Participants modeling their sustainable wardrobes.



Koko Dennis in her "Heal" jacket

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the conventional industry have to change," she shared, reflecting on the lack of sustainable methods in clothing creation.

A handful of her students walked the runway with their designs, among them Milo Belanger and Koko Dennis, middle schoolers at PVPA. Both modeled their signature denim jackets.

"Our teacher gave us scraps of old used fabric. She told us to create whatever we felt like doing," said Belanger.

Dennis shared the healing and expressive dimension of creating her jacket, which featured a koi fish, hearts, and the word, "heal." "I made it about healing because I've been through a lot of stuff and am recovering. I wanted to put mental illness out there."

The opportunity of healing extends also to our relationship with nature, which is a substantial motivation for exploring sustainable methods of clothing. Herbalist, creator, painter, and environmentalist Aimée Charlesworth articulated the importance of prudently using resources: "Remember we are a part of nature... we are destroying it."

The collection she presented was entitled, "Nature," and featured several models wearing vibrant fabrics, bedecked with stones and hand-done embroidery. "We use a lot of pre-existing materials rather than buying new, which includes a lot of hand stitching, and beading. Nat-



"Sustainable Kirby" hand sewn to a t-shirt. One of the many creative accents featured.



Aimée Charlesworth with her husband, Michael Wilbur.



Milo Belanger in his patchwork denim jacket, made of sewn together fabric scraps

ural fibers like silks, are extremely hardy; cool in summer, warm in winter."

Both Bloomfield and Charlesworth highlighted the diversity of sustainable clothing, celebrating the scraps that go into making new, usable clothing. "We love holes in pre-existing clothing," Bloomfield remarked, as she pointed out the innate potential for fabrics to make

clothing which can be practical, creative, or even a mix of both.

Michael Wilbur, Charlesworth's husband and an acclaimed saxophonist, provided music for the event. He shared that this is only Aimée's second event in the states, and that he intends to continue to, "support her work however I can."

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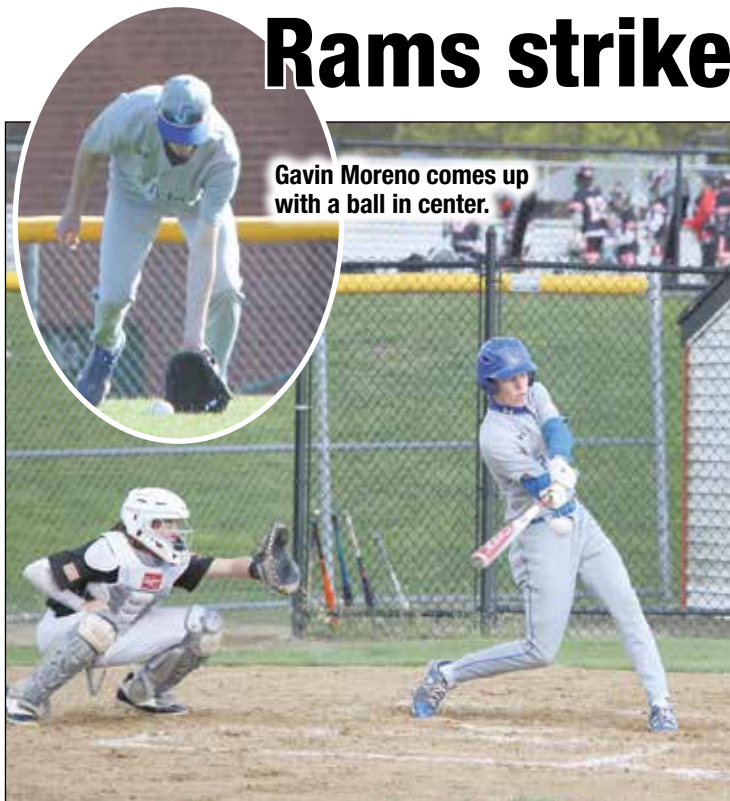
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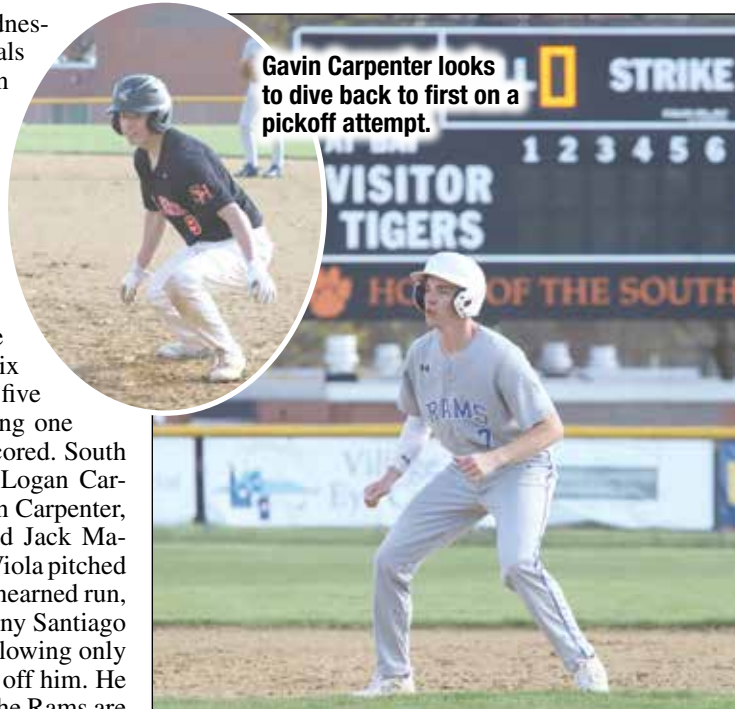
Rams strike fast, but Tigers strike more



Gavin Moreno comes up with a ball in center.

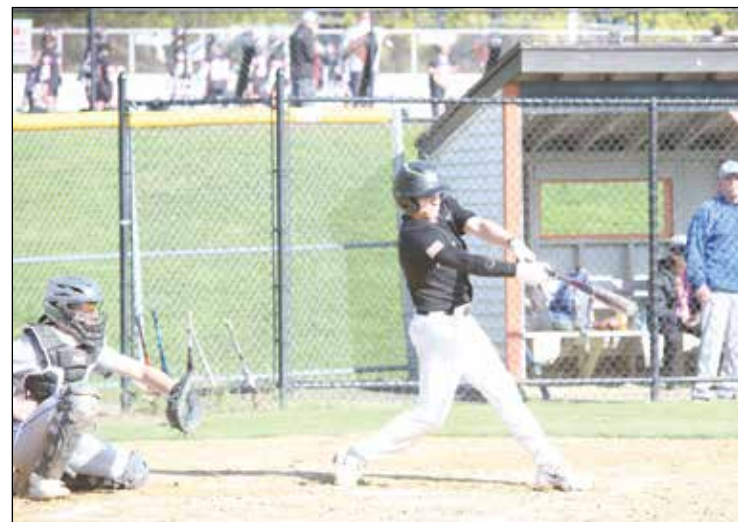
Sam Moure makes solid contact.

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Wednesday afternoon, neighboring rivals Granby and South Hadley met in baseball action. After two scoreless innings, Granby managed to get on the board. But the Tigers would roar back, taking advantage of a couple of Granby miscues to plate four runs. The Tigers would then add six more runs in the fourth inning to take a 10-1 commanding lead, and the Tigers would go on to 13-3 in six innings. Granby managed just five hits, with Colin Murdock collecting one of them, and RBI, and two runs scored. South Hadley got three this each from Logan Carpenter and Gavin Carpenter. Logan Carpenter, Burke Belsky, Jackson Keller, and Jack Maziarz drove in two runs each. John Viola pitched for innings, allowed four hits, an unearned run, and walked one for the win. Anthony Santiago pitched five innings for Granby, allowing only three earned runs of the 10 scored off him. He walked three and struck out one. The Rams are 2-6 while the Tigers are now 7-2.



Gavin Carpenter looks to dive back to first on a pickoff attempt.

Nik Misiaszek leads off second base.



John Viola hits a fly ball.

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Jack Maziarz looks to run to first after fielding a ground ball on the first base line.



Matt Drobiak catches a line drive headed for third.



Anthony Santiago delivers a pitch for the Rams.

Blue Sox in need of host families

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox is still searching for a few host families for the 2024 season.

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Tigers comeback falls short

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – A boys varsity lacrosse match is 48 minutes long.

Agawam held a 9-1 lead entering the final 12 minutes of last Friday afternoon's Valley League match at South Hadley. The Tigers came storming back in the fourth quarter by scoring five goals, but the Brownies managed to hang on down the stretch for a 10-6 victory.

"I thought we played very well during the first three quarters," said Agawam boys' varsity lacrosse coach Joe Heney "Obviously, things went a little bit differently for us in the fourth quarter. South Hadley gained the momentum and they just kept firing away. I'm very glad that we're walking out of here with the win."

The Tigers (4-5, 1-3), who were previously members of the Valley Wheel, moved into the



Mason Peters tries to jar the ball loose on his opponent.

Valley League before the start of the regular season.

"I think we can be competitive in this league," said South Hadley head coach Jeff Marion. "We made a great fourth quarter comeback, but we haven't

played well for the entire game yet."

The Brownies (5-3, 3-1) are looking to capture the league title for the first time in ten years.

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Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Owen Dawson sends a pass away.

Sports

T-Birds put bow on successful season at MassMutual

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds completed a historic season in style on Saturday, hosting a 14th consecutive sellout crowd inside the MassMutual Center. The capacity crowd for the finale also marked the 20th time during the 2023-24 season that “the Thunderdome” hit its maximum occupancy.

Both the 14-game sellout streak and the 20 total sellout crowds set Springfield AHL hockey records, and those were merely two statistics from a year full of shattered records and overwhelming support from the fanbase. The Thunderbirds’ ticket sales department saw distinct growth in numerous categories, including group ticket revenue (up 30% from 2022-23), season ticket revenue (up 15%), and total full-season tickets sold (up 5%).

“The support this franchise has received from day one has been indescribable,” said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. “It takes so many factors for an

American Hockey League franchise to succeed, and our front office staff is right up there with the best in the business. Their tireless efforts, coupled with the passion and energy of the Thunderdome crowd, made this historic season a reality. We have no intention of slowing down either, which should make our fans so excited for what will come.”

Of the 6,321 fans who attended Thunderbirds games on average last season, about 25% were members of various groups participating in a wide variety of in-game experiences, from Premium Suite and Executive Perch parties to on-ice activities like national anthem performances and high-five tunnel teams. Springfield’s front office staff efforts helped the club generate the eighth most group tickets sold in

the league.

“We have long worked at making Thunderbirds games a lifelong memory for fans of all ages,” said Costa. “In the process of doing that, we have been able to showcase members of our community, which has led to amazing opportunities for these groups to have a huge audience and grow their followings. Performing at Thunderbirds games has become a checklist item for thousands in this area, and we take great pride in that.”

This season, the T-Birds saw an average of 93.1% of all seats filled inside the MassMutual Center, the highest average attendance to capacity in the AHL’s Eastern Conference and second-highest in the league. Such successes in filling the arena directly led to the Thunder-

birds’ corporate sales department reaching new heights.

In the 2023-24 season, the T-Birds saw a 15% growth in corporate revenue while sitting atop the league rankings in total sponsorship deals. Integrations with sponsors have continued to be showcased across various mediums, from in-arena and in-ice signage to social media post sponsorships and elements of the in-game broadcast production.

“Having widespread support from our business partners is also paramount to success in the American Hockey League,” Costa added. “Our corporate team has fostered meaningful relationships beyond return on investment and emphasized Springfield’s pride for the city. Their accomplishments are remarkable when compared to markets of exponentially greater size.”

Supplementing the Thunderbirds’ success in tickets and corporate business, the franchise experienced a seventh consecutive season of brand development and merchandise growth as the club

rose to the top 10 in the AHL in-game night merchandise sales, with an emphasis on creating high-quality product lines across not just the T-Birds brand, but specialty nights as well.

“We are aware of how impactful merchandise can be from a grassroots marketing perspective,” said Costa. “Giving our fans the ability to show their pride for specialty evenings like Pink in the Rink, Ice-O-Topes, and Military Appreciation further bolsters our connection between our team and the community.”

The Thunderbirds will look to build upon their record-breaking success when the 2024-25 season, the eighth Thunderbirds hockey campaign, gets underway this October. Schedules and single-game tickets will go on sale later this summer. Fans can reserve their seats for Thunderbirds’ hockey action in the 2024-25 season with a ticket membership by calling (413)-739-GOAL (4625) or visiting www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.



Olympics lead to change in HoopHall induction

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame has announced it will move its Enshrinement Ceremonies from Aug. 16-17 to Oct. 12-13 to accommodate requests of the vast global basketball community amid an extensive and expanding summer schedule, highlighted by the 2024 Summer Olympics. The date change will continue to position the Hall of Fame event as a successful, well-produced standalone event not compromised by potential production conflicts.

“The Hall of Fame appreciates the input from friends across the basketball community and the recommendations of our production partners regarding a schedule adjustment for our Enshrinement Ceremonies,” said John L. Doleva, President & CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “We understand the importance of the burgeoning Olympic basketball events to our broader constituencies and regret any inconvenience caused by the change. This one-time move to October assures that we are best positioned to once again create a great experience for our guests and deliver viewers a first-class presentation to celebrate our esteemed Class.”

Enshrinement Weekend will begin at Mohegan Sun on Saturday, Oct. 12, with the Tip-Off Celebration and Awards Gala. The Class of 2024 and returning Hall of Famers will then assemble in Springfield, for the annual events taking place at the

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They’re currently in a three-way battle for first place in the Valley league standings with West Springfield and Wahconah Regional.

“Every league game is very important to us,” Heney said. “One of our goals is to win a league title, which is something that we haven’t been able to do in ten years. We beat a very good South Hadley team today.”

The Brownies only league loss so far this season was at Wahconah, 8-7, last Monday. They did post a 12-4 victory at West Side in the second game of the regular season.

During the past two seasons, Agawam and South Hadley split a pair of non-league match-ups.

The Tigers celebrated a 13-6 victory in 2022, while the Brownies posted an 8-4 win last May.

Six different Agawam players scored at least one goal in last Friday’s contest.

“We always want to have several different guys score goals for us,” Heney added. “We also want to be patient whenever we do have possession of the ball.”

The duo of sophomore Brayden Federico and senior Nicholas Ugolini led the way offensively for the Brownies with two goals apiece.

The contest was scoreless until the visitors scored three goals during the final five minutes of the opening period.

With 4:27 remaining on the scoreboard clock, Agawam junior Landon Ashford was credited with the first goal of the match.

Less than a minute later, Federico added his name to the scoring column with an unassisted goal. Then Ugolini fired a bounced shot into the cage past South Hadley senior goalie Bennett Allen (13 saves) making the score 3-0.

The Tigers broke the ice less than a minute into the second stanza when senior Sly Curto blasted a hard low shot past Agawam sophomore goalie Jordin

Agosto (9 saves).

The Brownies would build a 7-1 lead following goals from junior Riley Jorgenson, sophomore Casey Thomas, Ugolini, and Federico, who capped off the first half scoring with an incredible behind the back shot.

“The behind the back shot is becoming a lot more popular in lacrosse,” Heney said. “The guys are using it in the right way and they’re not showboating.”

Agawam added two more goals in the third quarter, which were scored by sophomore Liam Grealis and Jorgenson.

Allen, who’s planning to attend Springfield College next fall, made a key save three minutes into the fourth quarter, which gave his team the momentum.

The Tigers comeback began with back-to-back goals from senior Ethan Roy, which sliced their deficit to 9-3 with seven minutes remaining in regulation. With 5:49 showing on the scoreboard clock, Roy delivered a pass to Curto, who netted his second goal of the match.

“Ethan is a key player for us,” Marion said. “He’s one of our leading goal scorers and has a bunch of assists. He does everything on the field.”

South Hadley senior Noah Marion won the ensuing face-off before a goal by senior Owen Dawson closed the gap to 9-5 with 4:48 left.

Marion won another faceoff before Dawson, who’ll be playing football at Springfield College, scored his second goal.

Any hopes that Dawson, who also recently scored his 200th career goal, and his teammates had of continuing the comeback ended abruptly when Federico netted his second goal on a low shot with 2:14 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Brownies managed to keep possession of the ball for almost the entire last two minutes of the match.

The Tigers will be looking to split the season series with the Brownies when they visit Harmon A. Smith Field on May 14.



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Brayden Koske picks up a loose ball near the goal.



Avery Haber sends a pass backward to try a new approach at the Agawam goal.



Marty Loughrey makes his way up the field after a defensive recovery.

Sports

Quabbin League wants to fill remaining roster spots

Rosters spots are dwindling, but there are still some spots available as the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball has begun its season. There are still several open spots to get filled despite the season being underway.

Registration for the 2024 season is now open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league.

The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with play-offs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley used as well some expansion to the surrounding area this season. The league does not play on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertain taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league. Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team. The league can also provide registration at this point. Simply contact a league board member. Contact information is located at the registration link.

Registration now open to take part in Bay State Games

WOBURN – Registration for the 42nd annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2024 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from May 11 – July 27 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and North Star Ice Sports in Westborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Seven high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check

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Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and Springfield's Symphony Hall on Sunday, Oct. 13.

The updated schedule of events for Enshrinement 2024:

- Saturday, Oct. 12, at Mohegan Sun (Uncasville, Conn.)
- Enshrinement 2024 Autograph Session

MiraVista re-opens renovated 16-bed unit

Trauma-informed, compassionately delivered care for adolescents in psychiatric crisis

HOLYOKE – Trauma-informed care rooted in cultural competence and compassionately delivered to support recovery of adolescents in psychiatric crisis was enhanced recently at MiraVista Behavioral Health Center with state-of-the-art renovations to its 16-bed adolescent unit which is now accepting new patients.

“We began an extensive upgrade in late summer after discharging the unit’s last patient to better incorporate required safety regulations into a healing care environment that allows for both patient socialization and comfort,” said Kimberley Lee, chief of Creative Strategy and Development. “We are very pleased with the outcome. Having worked with our own mental health professionals, architects, and young people who have experience with psychiatric care, we feel very confident that our adolescent patients will also appreciate the effort that went into ensuring for an environment which aesthetically and effectively meets their specific needs.”

MiraVista Behavioral Health Center offers inpatient services in separate units for adults and adolescents and a range of outpatient substance use pro-

grams. It opened under new ownership as MiraVista Behavioral Health Center in April 2021. Renovations to the interior and exterior have been ongoing since the building’s purchase.

Lee noted that studies have shown how an environment designed with healing in mind can support both those who deliver health care as well as ease patient symptoms.

Evidence-based therapies and treatments on the unit include educational programming, exercise and self-care, and a variety of group therapies including music, art, and an array of age-appropriate topics focusing on physical and mental wellness. A team of specialty-trained providers works with each patient to assess and meet their individual requirements. The average stay of patients in the adolescent unit is between seven and 10 days.

“It is well known that spaces which promote comfort and reduce environmental stressors like noise and harsh lighting can contribute to healing including reducing anxiety and depression and contributing to better patient outcomes,” Lee said. “Our renovated unit well reflects the compassionate and inclusive care provided by our providers to the unit’s adolescent patients. Our treatment teams are eager and excited to once again welcome youth to MiraVista!”

Among them, Khadene Harry-Stoby, MiraVista’s new adolescent nurse manager whose love for working with this population started in New York at The Children’s Village where she worked as a Mental Health Specialist. There, she

learned how to look at each child outside of their behavior, understand their trauma and try to provide an engaging, structured, and fun therapeutic environment.

“I am so very much looking forward to overseeing our adolescent treatment team as we continue to develop individualized milieu plans specifically catered to each adolescent in order to provide the best and highest quality therapeutic care. Our programming at MiraVista will include a lot of ‘what’s trending’ for this population which includes arts and crafts, movement groups, and poetry just to name a few”

Harry-Stoby added that while MiraVista’s younger patients are frequently referred by other providers, the hospital is piloting a program for direct admissions to help individuals needing a psychiatric bed avoid an Emergency Room stay.

“Our clinicians are able to provide pharmacological as well as therapeutic treatment for patients challenged by mental illness and who come from a diversity of backgrounds, including sexual orientation and gender identity,” Lee said. “Our social workers are able to support adolescent patients in meeting their educational, emotional and developmental needs.”

To make a referral or for more information, visit: <https://www.miravistabhcare/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/MiraVista-Adolescent-Brochure-RGB-1.pdf>.

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- 1. Lions do it
 - 5. In favor of
 - 8. Rest here please (abbr.)
 - 11. Pulpits
 - 13. Leisure activity
 - 14. Fertility god
 - 15. Financial obligations
 - 16. When you anticipate getting somewhere
 - 17. Spanish river
 - 18. Sporting events
 - 20. Type of tree
 - 21. Ceased to be
 - 22. Persons
 - 25. Synthetic resin
 - 30. Relates to photochemical reactions
 - 31. Father
 - 32. Former Cowboys coach
 - 33. City in Finland
 - 38. Run batted in
 - 41. Got through
 - 43. They darken skin
 - 45. In a harmful way
 - 48. Form of weaving
 - 49. City of Angels hoopster
 - 50. Caucasian language
 - 55. Syngman __, Korean president
 - 56. Sun up in New York
 - 57. Paddled
 - 59. Fishes
 - 60. Affirmative
 - 61. Nimble
 - 62. Doctor of Education
 - 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 64. A small island
 - CLUES DOWN**
 - 1. Cool!
 - 2. Hebrew unit of measure
 - 3. Swedish rock group
 - 4. College army
 - 5. Favor over another
 - 6. Called it a career
 - 7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
 - 8. Israeli statesman
 - 9. Hurries
 - 10. Slog
 - 12. Midway between south and southeast
 - 14. Benedictine monk
 - 19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
 - 23. Family of regulator genes
 - 24. Surrendering
 - 25. Political action committee
 - 26. S. American plant
 - 27. Long-term memory
 - 28. Bark
 - 29. Breathes in
 - 34. Take hold of
 - 35. Everyone has one
 - 36. Valentine’s Day color
 - 37. Drivers’ licenses and passports
 - 39. Outer walls of castles
 - 40. Enters with force
 - 41. One thousandth of an inch
 - 42. Deceased Chinese politician
 - 44. Sugary secretion of plants
 - 45. Expressed pleasure
 - 46. Shelter
 - 47. Utilizes
 - 48. Forest resident
 - 51. Fashion accessory
 - 52. A sharply directional antenna
 - 53. __ Kristofferson, actor
 - 54. A bad place to end up
 - 58. MLBer Gordon

As the flowers bloom and warmer days become the norm, we invite everyone to enjoy the season by visiting the South Hadley Public and Gaylord Memorial libraries. You'll see more programs happening outdoors, especially for children, and the properties at both buildings offer opportunities for quiet walks and comfortable sitting in the sun. Stop by for a book, a program, or just to check out what's new!

Adult Programs at SHPL

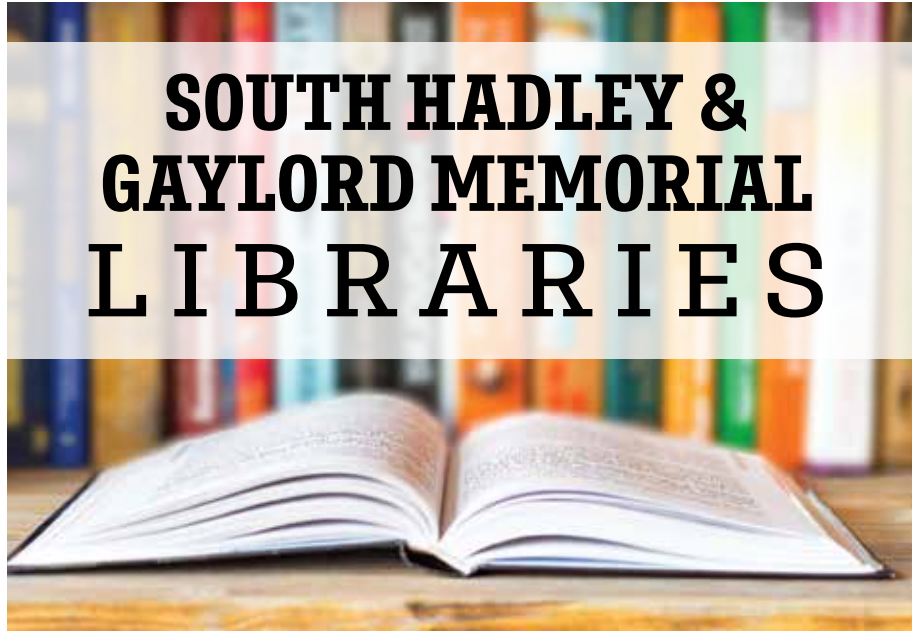
Most people know the famous song line "you've got a friend", but making friends is very difficult for adults. We invite the community to attend our Fast Friends program on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00. Join us for some speed friending. Questions will be provided and you can hang out afterward and make bad art.

Looking for a place to work on your craft project while enjoying the company of like-minded people? The Open Art & Craft Corner will take place on Wednesday, May 15 from 11:00-2:00 in the Trustees Room. Bring your current projects in whatever medium you are working. We'll provide the tabletop space; you bring your own materials. Artist and crafters of all abilities are welcome to enjoy the company and inspiration of their fellow creators.

Do you enjoy happy endings? Perhaps a series of romance novels? Come to our Between the Covers Book Club! Whether you are already a romance reader or are new to the genre, join us for a monthly get-together of romance novels that offer happy endings and often are part of a series. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 14 at 3:00. Copies of the book we will discuss, Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan, are available at the library. We hope you will join us!

May we offer you some music programs? Sarah and the Star Cats will play on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 performing Blue Skies: Music of Earth & Climate. Vocalist/flutist Sarah Clay leads the Star Cats Trio to bring you a mix of swing, retro-pop & Latin jazz. Beautiful music, timely theme. This free concert is supported in part by the South Hadley Public Library and a grant from the South Hadley Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Make your own music on Wednesday, May 29 at 6:00 and Learn to Play the Ukulele for Adults. Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. No experience necessary and best of all: ukuleles provided! Register today by calling the library at 413-538-5045.



We are offering two virtual programs:

How to Find Love When You are Weird by Romance Author Camilla Eversgreen on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 demonstrates that all people are worthy of love. Learn more about the traits that make neurodiverse characteristics even more attractive to the right person. Click here to register.

New Yorker Cartoonist and Bestseller Bob Eckstein Shares his Favorite Museums and Cartoons on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00. Click here to register.

Looking ahead: beginning May 13, drop off your used, complete puzzles and receive a ticket for the number you drop off for a Puzzle Swap happening on Saturday, June 1 at 10:00.

Online Author Programs

Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

A Murder Mystery, Family Story, & Love Letter to Strong Women Everywhere: Author Talk w/ Nina Simon. New York Times Bestselling Author and Reese's Book Club Pick - Mother-Daughter Murder Night

Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

Asian American Representation in Literature: An Author Talk with Rebecca F. Kuang

New York Times Bestselling Author of Yellowface, Babel, and the Poppy War Trilogy

Teen Programs at SHPL

We offer fun and fantastic regular programs each month for tween and teens. Crafternoon on Thursday, May 16 at 4:00 will feature DIY Bookmarks. Snackter-

noon on Thursday, May 23 at 4:00 will feature Guacamole. Thank you to the Friends of the South Hadley Public Library for sponsoring our Teen Snackternoon. We have brand new games for this month's Xbox in the Afternoon happening Tuesdays, May 7 and 21 at 3:30. Reach out to Bethany through email (broberts@cwmares.org) or call 413-538-5045 with questions. See the Teen Room door for more information. We will end the month with our Teen Night Craft making Funnel Paintings on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30.

New this month: We will be starting a program called Book Tasting on Monday, May 13 from 3:30-5:30! Come and check out all the brand new, just arrived, not yet circulated YA books, graphic novels and manga. Get first dibs for check out!

Our Teen Takeaway craft this month is Herb Growing! See Bethany for more details or to sign up.

Children's Programs at SHPL

May is many things: We celebrate Children's Book Week (and Mass Kids Lit Fest*), Mother's Day, Jewish American Heritage Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, and Memorial Day.

*As part of Children's Book Week/ Mass Kids Lit Fest, we are hosting three author visits this month! Don't miss

- Heidi Stemple on Thursday, May 9 at 10:30
- Scott Magoon on Friday, May 10 at 4:00
- Angela DiTerlizzi on Wednesday, May 15 at 4:00

Odyssey Books will be on hand for all three events for those who want to buy

books.

If you're reading this, you probably already believe in the importance of early literacy. We have two extra special events this month: Sign with Your Baby with Sheryl White of BabyKneads on Friday, May 10 at 1:00 (register online) and a Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness event on Thursday, May 16 from 4:00-5:30. If you have a rising preschooler or kindergartener, this event is for you!

Are you an adult caring for an infant or toddler? Sip tea and chat with other folks while the little ones play and explore a safe environment. Come to our Caregiver Café on Saturday, May 18 from 10:00-11:00. The story/craft room will be set up with a rug and beanbags and infant-safe toys. The children's librarian will be available to answer any questions about the library and to help find board books and picture books to delight your little ones.

Of course, all of our usual events continue: Read to a Dog (Tuesdays, May 14 & 22), Pajama Storytime (Mondays, May 13 & 20), and weekly Lego, Comics Club, Rhyme Time, Board Games, Story Time, and Playgroup. Learn more about our programs or request a book bundle on the Children's page, or email Jenny (jarch@cwmares.org) with any questions.

Programs at the Gaylord Memorial Library

We have a Seedling Transplanting event and Seedling Swap on Friday, May 10 at 3:00. Peter Glass will be teaching Take Great Photos with your Smartphone! on Thursday, May 23 from 5:30-7:30. Pre-registration required. Outdoor Yoga with Michele Lyman is back at Gaylord for four weeks, starting Thursday May 30 at 4:00. And we have our usual crafty get-togethers every other Friday at 3:00 in the rotunda.

The last spring session of Creative Writing Hour for Teens will meet Thursday May 16 at 4:00.

For younger children, we have our usual Story Times every Friday at 10:30. We'll be joined on May 3 by Mary Westgate of Berkshire Hills Music Academy who will sing and read braille books for the kids. LEGO club meets Thursdays, May 2, 16, and 30 at 3:00, and drop-in crafts Thursdays, May 9 and 23 at 3:00. We have two special Saturday family fun events: Saturday, May 11 at 10:15 we'll have Sidewalk Chalk on the blacktop, and on Saturday, May 18 at 10:15 we'll have Family Outdoor Games! Also keep your eye out for the return of our outdoor Story Stroll!

Please note that SHPL will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Baby shower donation drive

GRANBY— The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Granby will be collecting Baby Items to be donated to the Bethlehem House in Easthampton. Items needed are: Diapers (Sizes 1, 4, & 5), Boy & Girl Onesies (0-3 months), Any Girl Clothing (0-3 & 3-6 months), Sleepers (up to 18 months), Dove Soap (unscented), Baby Washcloths, Baby Wipes (unscented) and Gift Cards (Costco, Dollar Tree & Dollar General). Baby Item donations will be collected on Saturday, May 4 and Saturday, May 11, from noon to 3 p.m. at the IHM Rectory Carport at 256 State St.

Vendors wanted for Relay for Life craft/vendor fair

BELCHERTOWN – Crafters and vendors are sought for the American Cancer Society, Quaboag Relay for Life's 3rd Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Fair to be held on Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the Common, Routes 9 and 202.

All proceeds from the fair will benefit the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life.

For crafter/vendor selling information, please contact Vicki McAndrew by email at sv_jewelry@charter.net.

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teaching and learning perspective. Our simulated community has a grocery store, a public park with putting green, a car on a road, and a coffee shop in addition to the hospital unit and apartment set up. In addition, we are adding a warehouse work simulation and a subway car seating module. All of these will give students an opportunity to practice skills in areas they may work with clients."

More information on Westfield State University's OTA program can be found at www.westfield.ma.edu

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Notice is hereby given by Hampshire Towing, 650 New Ludlow Rd., South Hadley, MA 01075, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that a SEALED BID auction with bids due Monday, May 06, 2024 at 9 a.m. Vehicles can be viewed Mon-Friday 9am-4pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY starting April 22, 2024. Call 413-534-5373 to make appointment

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Greenfield MA 01301
- 2005 Honda Accord
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Waleska Santos
88 Tyler St., Apt 2
Springfield MA 01109
- 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee
VIN: 1J4GW48S8YC225524
Wendi Matt
90 Rosedell Dr., Bldg Home
Westfield MA 01085
- 2013 Kia Optima
VIN: 5XXGN4A70DG113454
Maxwell Jones
143 Blanan Dr., #0
Chicopee MA 01020
- 2015 Ford Fusion
VIN: 3FA6P0H93FR202225
Andrea Machabee
101 Bradley Rd.
Monson MA 01057
- 2010 BMW 3 Series
VIN:
WBAWV5C53AP082022
Alexander Bonilla
53 Empire St., Apt. A
Chicopee MA 01013
- 2006 Ford F-350 Super Duty
VIN: 1FDWF37P46EB14717
Luz Ortiz
26 Forestdale Ave., Apt 1
Holyoke, MA 01040
- 2009 Nissan Murano
VIN: JN8AZ18W49W148580
Yamaries Rivera
296 Canon Cir.
Springfield, MA 01118
- 2008 Chrysler Pacifica
VIN: 2A8GF68X58R144199
Katrina Savage
544 Nassau Dr., #1
Springfield, MA 01129
- 2009 Mercedes-Benz C-Class
VIN: WDDGF81X99F210362
Aron Tito
69 New Bridge St., Apt. 1

- West Springfield, MA 01089
- 2012 Ford Focus
VIN: 1FAHP3F29CL229388
Katherine Austin
41 Colonial Ave., Apt. 1
Agawam, MA 01001
- 1999 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 2T1BR12E6XC240991
Katherine Jones
10 Sparkill St.
Watertown, MA 02472
- 2009 Scion TC
VIN: JTKDE167690291056
Jeamy Maldonado Estela
4 Crescent Dr.
Chicopee, MA 01013
- 2005 Chrysler Sebring
VIN: 1C3EL66R05N705711
Angel Torres
1328 Memorial Dr., Apt. 5C
Chicopee, MA 01020
- 2006 Acura TSX
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Town of Granby Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws that the Granby Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on **Monday, May 20, 2024, at 5:31 P.M.** at 10-B West State Street (Senior Center Building) on the application Laurie Ann Bernier for Something Special Catering Service and Cafe, seeking 1. a Wine and Malt Beverages (Restaurant on Premises) License and 2. to consider Laurie Ann Bernier as man-

ager for premises describes as follows: 32-seat café inside with one floor at 960 square feet and 22 seats for outside patio at 800 square ft, located at 181 West State Street, Granby MA.

Anyone interested, and wishing to be heard, should appear at the time and place designated.

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Town of Granby Conservation Commission

The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday, May 14, 2024** at *1 Library Lane- Carnegie Building-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. "RDA" filed by DGL Properties, LLC to see whether work depicted on plan(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act with regards to property located at Lot 4, East Street and known as Map 5-Block B, in the Town of Granby.

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

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

William Shaheen, Chair
Granby Conservation Commission
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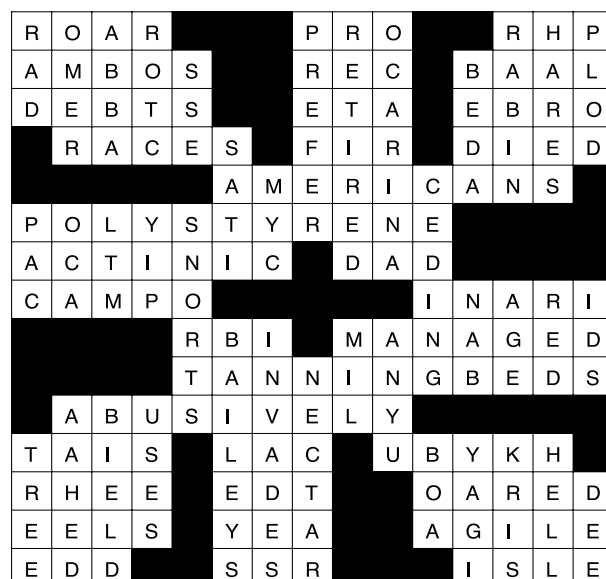
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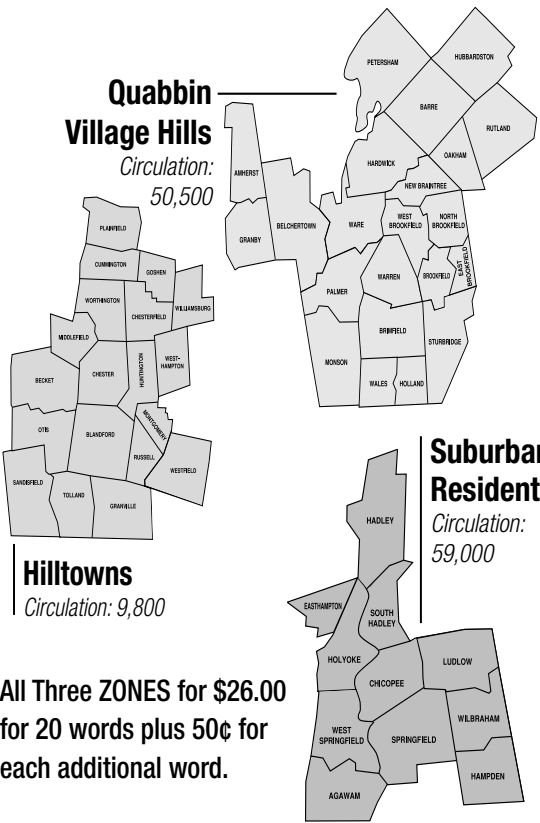
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There is no charge to visit this museum and it is appropriate for all ages. Knowledgeable docents are always ready to answer questions.

The museum is not handicapped accessible.

The exhibits, on two floors, cover a broad range of South Hadley's history, including the historic navigable canal, which is the oldest in the country, industries and agriculture, military history and everyday life.

The South Hadley Historical Society always welcomes donations of any memorabilia related to South Hadley history.

Monson Garden Club Plant sale set for May 11

MONSON—Monson Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 11, at Dave Grieve Park Gazebo on Main St. in Monson starting at 9 a.m. A wide selection of perennials in addition to wildflowers, vegetables, shrubs, house plants, bulbs and herbs will be available. Prices range from \$3 and up. There will also be an assortment of special gift

planters for Mother's Day gifts.

The plants come from members' gardens, and members will be available to answer questions about the plants they enjoy.

Proceeds from the sale are used for local community projects such as the downtown plantings, holiday greens, and scholarships.

Seeking local host families

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South Hadley High School band reunion

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On Aug.16 there will be a casual gathering, with a place and time to be determined. On Aug.17, there will be a meet and greet event, with the place and time to be determined. There will be donuts, coffee and a photo opportunity.

On Aug. 17, the main event will be held at 5 p.m., at The Elks Lodge in Holyoke.

On Aug. 18, at 9:30 a.m., there will be a Breakfast at the Boathouse event.

Join fellow band mates for all or any of the events to make new memories and celebrate the old. For tickets or more information visit: The South Hadley Tiger Marching 100 on Facebook or contact Karen Kawalec Quinn at jkequinn@gmail.com or Craig Parker at craig1414p@gmail.com.

Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate 2024

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Enjoy small treats, great conversation, music, and more under the tent at 47 College St., South Hadley, MA.

Tickets: \$ 35 a person. Sponsorships available.

Proceeds from the event will be put toward an elevator for the building.

For more information contact: Marie Rohan: 413-533-7261

English Spring tea to be held May 11

The First Congregational Church of South Hadley will hold an English Spring Tea on May 11, located at 1 Church St., on the common. Lunch will be provided for adults and children, plants and homemade gifts available to purchase. The Tea

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