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Granby High School celebrates Class of 2025



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The students are ready to graduate.

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GRANBY – The high school hosted its graduation last weekend in the gymnasium, filling it to the brim with supportive friends and family to watch the Class of 2025

graduate. The students wore robes and caps in blue and white, and began their ceremony with a few words from Principal Alison Jordan, who wore a perfectly themed lemon dress for her speech.

“It’s not about avoiding the sour parts of life... It’s

about making something sweet out of it,” said Jordan, paying homage to the well-known quote “when life gives you lemons, make lemonade.”

Jordan took time to address several of the 52 students seated on the bleachers, calling out and congratulating their achievements in sports,

academics, clubs, and other things that deserved to have the spotlight, that may seem small from the outside.

“Sometimes the most powerful voices are often the softest,” said Jordan, encouraging her students to stand up and with some Gen Z slang, to take on the world. “We are

not perfect. We are only humans, and humans make mistakes, and that’s ok.”

Class President Cole Fuller came forward to share his speech about leadership, congratulating his classmates with their academic achievements and beyond.

“Today is more than a

ceremony,” said Fuller. “It’s a celebration of the culmination of every creative project, sports tournament, and all the grades that have brought us here... I want to take a moment to shine a light on us- the classmates, the teammates and beyond.”

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Pets rock event raises funds for shelter

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SOUTH HADLEY - Pets bring joy to our lives, and whether you have a cat, dog, hamster, snake, horse, or bird, they bring smiles to our faces and become a member of our family.

However, there is an epidemic facing pets as their families face difficulties in being able to keep them, or they become lost, or even sadder still, get dumped and abandoned.

Animal Control services are designed to take these animals in, take care of them, and work to find them new, loving homes. However, in many cases, these animals rescued, picked up, or surrendered to animal control may need medical treatment.

Because animal controls are municipal organizations, they need and rely heavily



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Janna Brown, President Heather Heeb, and Mary Ann Cilley ready to rock out for pets.

and Adoption Center, including iguanas, snakes, and rabbits, along with the cats and dogs.

“We make sure if they have a medical issue, we try

bed, food, or a toy for comfort.

“We are small but mighty,” said Brown.

Every year during Pets Rock, there is a raffle where

local businesses in the surrounding communities donate items and gift cards, and TJO members make baskets from items found on pet store clearance.

The TJO Foundation has been operating for almost 20 years and hosts five signature events each year, both in-person and online. The events include games, vendors, raffles, and fun, and people bring their dogs to get some extra attention.

The Pets Rock event also hosts a local musician, and this year, they invited Ray Guillemette Jr. to play, who generously donated his time and performance for the day.

“It’s really special to see what the volunteers do for these animals, and it’s something we want to be a part of. It’s amazing so many people came out despite the weather, and it’s even the best turnout,”

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GCAM gets a new logo to represent Granby’s story

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GRANBY – One of the best ways to share and celebrate a town is by representing what makes it truly special, and GCAM is one of the organizations within the town that works hard to share and celebrate the town.

Graphic Designer Serena Morris joined GCAM at the perfect time as executive director, Cait Cullen was looking towards re-branding and changing the logo.

Currently, the logo is a black circle with a blue dinosaur wearing a hat, a classic nod to the idea that Granby is known for its dinosaurs, but Cullen has plans to grow and change GCAM into something better, something more.

“It means a lot to be able to be here, and I want the community to know that we are here and want to show you we are here to help,” said Cullen.

GCAM works to record committee and board meetings, graduations, games, and more to document the history of the town in a living, recorded history in a way.

The new logo went through many different design ideas and choices, in-

cluding going through what the features of the town were, including the Old Mill, the town hall, Kellogg Hall, and of course, the dinosaurs.

“The hardest part was trying to come up with something that was not only just GCAM, but Granby, Mass,” said Morris. “And finding a still recent symbol that’s still here and is distinctly Granby was hard to choose from.”

“We wanted the logo to pay homage to not just GCAM and what it does, as well as what our town is like and something people would recognize in-

stantly,” said Cullen. Cullen and Morris went through their ideas, scrapping logos with dinosaurs, cameras, and areas of town, and came back to the logo used by the fire department, as well as the town’s seal.

Both the fire department’s logo and the town’s seal have the perfect balance of what makes Granby unique, but also featuring the dinosaur footprint.

“I really wanted to include a dinosaur,” said Morris. “And that’s where the footprints come in on the sides of the building on the new logo.”

The new logo, after plan- Please see **LOGO**, page 2



Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas
The new logo, ready to be put on merch and seen by all.

West Street Building project approved at STM

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GRANBY – Monday had the East Meadow gym full again as town meeting members came out to vote on the warrant items for a Special Town Meeting, as well as the last articles of Annual Town Meeting.

New Town Clerk Emily Reed, new Town Administrator Tammy Martin, and new Selectboard Chair Mark Bail took their seats with members of the School Committee, Finance Committee, Moderator Lynn Mercier, and Town Attorney Brian O’Toole.

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Town meeting members are voting to begin the meeting.

South Hadley's library events for June

SOUTH HADLEY – Moving into June, summer is almost upon us. The theme to our ever popular summer reading this year is Level Up at Your Library and we're definitely kicking things up a notch! Our summer kicks off with an amazing family event featuring Mass Capoeira on Wednesday, June 25 at 3:30 p.m. Join us for a demonstration of this Afro-Brazilian martial art that incorporates fighting, dance, music, and acrobatics. Join us all season long for programs and activities to help you "level up" your skills and knowledge.

Adult Programs at SHPL

Jump into June with music, movement, and more at the South Hadley Public Library! From cultural celebrations to swingin' tunes and climate-inspired choruses, our June programs offer something for every mood and moment.

On Saturday, June 14 at 11 a.m., A Beautiful Future brings harmony and hope to climate action through music rooted in community and sustainability. All these musical programs are perfect for families.

Our Spanish Conversation Circle meets on Saturday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m. This monthly group provides an opportunity for Spanish speakers to practice their language skills with peers. Participants should have some basic conversational skills to join the group. This is not a language class.

Leading off our Adult Summer program, Level Up At Your Library, will be Constance Hallinan Lagan to begin to recharge your spirit, with a virtual webinar, Level Up Your Happiness, on Wednesday, June 25 at 6 p.m. Discover practical tools to bring joy back into your life (register online).

Finally, puzzle lovers rejoice-our Puzzle Swap is back on Saturday, June 28! Drop off your complete jigsaw puzzles (300+ pieces) from June 9-27 at the front desk, and trade them for new challenges during the big swap. Let June be your month to dance, sing, swap, and smile!

Online Author Programs

Living the Otter Life with Katherine Applegate (3rd-6th Grade), Newbery Medalist and New York Times Bestselling Author, Tuesday, June 24

at 4 p.m.

Children's Programs at SHPL

It's time, it's time! Our summer reading program, Level Up!, officially begins on Tuesday, June 17. Kids from birth to age ten can sign up at the children's desk and get a game-board-style log: color in a square for every day you read! Reading just 20 minutes a day helps prevent "summer slide" (learning loss) and you can read anything you want! All participants will get a coupon for Cindy's ice cream at the end of the program in August, and everyone who finishes their game board will get to choose a game-themed prize!

Don't miss our all-ages summer reading kickoff event with Mass Capoeira on Wednesday, June 25 from 3:30-4:30 p.m..

We're also welcoming a special guest, author Vicki Johnson, at Pajama Storytime on Monday, June 23 from 6:30 to 7 p.m., and Brie's Balloons for a Balloon Storytime on Saturday, June 28 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

And babywearing expert Jennifer Hydefrost will present at Baby Lapsit Storytime on Friday, June 20 at 10 a.m..

All of our regular weekly and monthly programs continue through the summer (see calendar): Pajama Storytime, Lego & Games, Rhyme Time, STEAM, Read to a Dog, Story Time, Playgroup, Graphic Novel Book Club, and Baby Lapsit Storytime. Starting the week of June 17, we'll also have a summer scavenger hunt.

Looking for book recommendations? Use our quick and easy Book Bundle form. And the new Student Reading Challenge begins in June, too - sign up at the children's desk! (Any time you spend reading for the challenge this summer counts toward your summer reading too!)

Teen Programs at SHPL

This month in Teens we continue with Crafternoon, Snackternoon and Xbox 1.

Snackternoon on Thursday, June 26 at 4 p.m. will feature Pico de Gallo! Please sign up online. Thank you to the Friends of the South Hadley Public Library for sponsoring our Teen Snackternoon.

Crafternoon features Water Bottle Wind Spirals

this month. We have a different game selection for this month's Xbox1 session on Tuesday, June 17 at 3:30 p.m.!

Our Teen Takeaways continue this month with Origami Butterflies. Sign up once and get a new Takeaway every month! We end the month with our Teen Night Craft Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.. We will be Marble Painting!

Our Teen Book Club Booktroverts continues and this month features So Let Them Burn by Kamilah Cole. There is no in-person meet up. Enjoy the book on your own time. Copies are available in the Teen Room to check out.

This month features gaming on the Nintendo Switch on Monday, June 23 at 3:30 p.m.. A new selection of games are available.

Catch up on the Jurassic World series before the new movie comes out July 2. The 3 movies will be shown Fridays in June. June 13 at 3:30 p.m. for Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom. June 20 at 3 p.m. for Jurassic World Dominion. Popcorn to snack on during all movies! Movies will take place in the Teen Room. A thank you to the Friends of the South Hadley Public Library for sponsoring our Friday movie series. Any questions please email Bethany (broberts@cwmar.org).

Gaylord Memorial Library Programs

Gaylord's Pollinator Garden is in full swing now, with several native plants blooming for the beginning of June.

As part of the Adult Summer program we have a workshop from Peter Glass: Level Up Your Smartphone Photography on Thursday, June 26 from 5:15 to 8 p.m. Sign up here and don't forget your phone!

For kids, we have Story Time every Friday at 10:30 a.m. with Miss Janet!

We have Drop-In Crafts Thursdays, June 19 from 3 to 6 p.m. and Lego Club meets Thursdays, June 26 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Our first Story Stroll of the spring is also up on the front lawn! Come enjoy Lola Meets the Bees, by Anna McQuinn and illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw.

Special events held at the South Hadley Senior Center for the month of June

Two major events are being held this month:

Aging In Place Fair: Wednesday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join us for our 3rd annual engaging and informative Aging in Place Fair. You'll discover a wide range of valuable resources designed to support aging with independence and confidence. Connect with local organizations and experts and enjoy exciting raffles Beverages sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors.

Please note: There is NO Healthy Bones and Balance classes or congregate lunch service on this day.

Pride Celebration: Thursday, June 26, 4:30 p.m.

Join us as we close out

Pride 2025 with a memorable evening dinner and history. This special event features a captivating presentation on a pivotal moment in LGBTQ+ History: the creation of the Rainbow Flag and the life of its creator - Gilbert Baker. Our guest speaker, Jay Blotcher, Board member of the Gilbert Baker Foundation and co-author of Baker's 2019 memoir, Rainbow Warrior: My Life in Color, will share insights into Baker's life, activism and the flag's enduring legacy. A book signing will follow. Diner will be prepared by Chef Dakota and is sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors.

Friday, June 13 at 8:30 a.m.

Stroke Awareness Presentation with Full Breakfast.

Join us for a free full breakfast and information by the Stroke Public Awareness Collaborative. There will be free giveaways and prizes. Sponsored by Mont Marie Rehabilitation, Holyoke VNA Hospice, Holyoke Medical Center and Castaldo Ambulance Services. Registration is necessary.

Monday, June 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Movie: Jaws! Pre-order your lunch at our café and join us for a classic summer movie. Filmed on Martha's Vineyard in 1974, opening with two iconic notes written by Oscar winner John Williams. The movie was directed by Oscar winner Steven Spielberg. (Bet you're singing those two notes right now).

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ning, moving, and chatting, ultimately fell with one building as its center: the library.

"GCAM and the library work and function very similarly, each of them sharing free resources for the community to utilize in a world where access can be challenging," said Cullen.

The library and its close connection with GCAM made it an excellent choice for the logo's center as it sees over 200 patrons daily on average, and offers many different programs, groups, and weekly activities for the community to enjoy, free of charge.

"The library is just a huge part of our community, and we felt it deserved the attention to be at the center of our logo, and also as a mirror of how close we work together," said Cullen.

The logo also features farmland behind the library to share the many farms in the town and its long status as a farming community.

"This rebranding is part of a larger rebranding, but also has been another part of updating our assets," said Cullen. "It was always my goal to update the logo, and Serena arrived at the perfect time."

The logo and its rebranding efforts go with Cullen's



Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas
Serena Morris and Cait Cullen of GCAM with their new logo.

efforts to make GCAM better for the community, as it works to serve the community and provide them with free media.

GCAM is always looking for people to volunteer, and also has an option to become a member for an annual fee of just \$5, and other opportunities to donate to help it continue providing resources and content to the community.

"My hope is that people will see GCAM out there as something old and reliable, but also with a fresh face that they can get excited about," said Cullen.

"You want people to know that you're here, and I really hope that people love this new logo just as much as we do," said Morris.

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Selectboard interviews candidates for board positions

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SOUTH HADLEY – With a new fiscal year beginning, it is time for the town to engage in the Tri-Annual Interviews, as well as interviews with people interested in joining the newly formed Budget Task Force, featuring eight new applicants.

With boards and committees having open spaces in need of filling, people from all over town came forward to volunteer to serve in these roles and capacities.

Selectboard Chair Jeff Cyr hosted the meeting on June 3, and he was accompanied by Vice Chair Nicole Casolari, members Carol Constant, Andrea Miles, and Renee Sweehey.

Tri-Annual Interviews

Kay Klauswitz expressed interest in serving on the Conservation Commission, and shared her experience as a teacher and college studies in

science and marine sciences in her college studies. She has attended a site visit and watched several meetings, sharing “that really motivated me.”

Theresa Ominsky shared her interest in joining the Council on Aging’s Board, sharing her experience volunteering at the Senior Center over the past year. “I feel like I want to learn more about the whole picture,” said Ominsky.

Meg Clancy also expressed an interest in a position on the COA’s Board, and shared her experience working with the South Hadley Housing Authority and serving at other senior centers, and wants to contribute to the senior center now after spending most of her life serving in local and state capacities.

For the Budget Task Force, four people came forward to share their interest in joining the newly formed task force for the community.

The Selectboard and Lisa Wong also took some time to ask the people applying for

the position on the Budget Task Force what they thought of it, and ways they believed they would enhance or better the Task Force while on it.

Nicholas Gingras came with interest as someone who has lived and grown up in town, and expressed his desire to learn more and work with the community collaboratively towards the end goal of making South Hadley be a better place and take part in the budget and planning of the town.

Forrest Bowlick came with interest in a position as a recent resident of South Hadley during the pandemic, and has actively worked in the town elections and how the town works, with positions in teaching and administrative work, as well as working in finance and managing budgets.

Emily Young shared her time and experiences working in town, and her care for the community, partnered with her experiences in business finance.

Quabbin Arts Association to Showcase Talent at West Springfield Public Library

REGION – The Quabbin Arts Association (QAA) is proud to announce its premiere exhibit at the West Springfield Public Library, featuring 18 talented artists from the region. This marks the first time QAA has held an exhibit at this venue, and the association is excited to introduce its diverse and vibrant artwork to the West Springfield community. The show offers a unique opportunity to celebrate and explore the creative talent flourishing throughout the Pioneer Valley. Founded a decade ago, QAA is a dynamic nonprofit based in Belchertown, dedicated to serving artists and promoting

the arts in Hampden, Hampshire, and Berkshire counties. As the association prepares to celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2026, it reflects on a proud legacy of fostering artistic expression and community engagement. With 117 members from 25 cities, towns, and villages, QAA is a cornerstone of the local arts scene. Throughout the year, the association hosts exhibits showcasing member work across the Pioneer Valley, organizes Plein Air outings twice a month from May through October, and holds monthly public meetings from September through May featuring inspiring presentations

by notable regional artists. This inaugural exhibit at the West Springfield Public Library offers an exciting opportunity to connect with the community, share the talent and vision of local artists, and deepen the dialogue around art and culture in the region. The show is free to the public, and visitors are encouraged to come and experience the quality and diversity of regional art through the eyes of the QAA’s skilled membership. For more information about Quabbin Art Association, its events, and its mission, please visit www.quabbinartassociation.com.



4 Town Food Drive to be held on Saturday, June 28

South Hadley, Granby, Belchertown, and Ludlow Democratic Town Committees will come together to create a special food drive in order to stock up food pantries in the area.

South Hadley is supporting Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Drop off at the South Hadley High School between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Contact Ann Stockton by email at southhadleydemocrats@gmail.com.

Granby is supporting Granby to Go, and will be at the Church of Christ Congre-

gational at 235 State Street. Contact Susie Knightley by email at susan.knightley@gmail.com.

Ludlow will be stocking the Veterans Food Pantry, and for details contact Mia Alves at miaalves@charter.net.

For Belchertown’s Food Drive, please get in touch with Cara Lapenas at belchertowndemchair@gmail.com or Mike Knapp at mknapp@gmail.com.

These are the following items that are in most demand:

- Any and all feminine hygiene products
- Shampoo and conditioner, bar soap
- Combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and deodorant
- Cereal- hot or cold
- Soups, especially during the winter
- Pet food: canned and dry for cats and dogs
- Canned meats such as spam, beef stew, etc.
- Please check expiration dates- no expired food!
- Food and monetary donations will be accepted.



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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

Social Security questions asked over coffee

Dear Rusty:

My coffee conversations among a group of friends have resulted in several questions about Social Security.

1. What happens to the Social Security account of someone who dies before retirement age. What happens to that money and where does it end up?

2. How does the decreased birth rate of the USA affect future Social Security benefits?

3. Is a person, who has never contributed to the Social Security System entitled to any benefits from the Social Security Administration?

4. Is there a central location online that a person can access that explains the history and current status of the Social Security System, that explains all of it in simple terms. I would like to be able to give this location to people I talk with about Social Security.

Most of the articles we read are like slogging through mud. I enjoy AMAC articles and am college educated, but the average reading level in the U.S. is less than sixth grade. Thank you for considering these questions.

Signed: Curious Reader

Dear Curious:

Thank you for your readership and I'll be happy to tackle your "over coffee" questions about Social Security.

1. Social Security is a "pay as you go" program, where all money collected from workers is used to pay benefits for all those, who are currently receiving Social Security. In other words, all money contributed is used to pay benefits to others already receiving benefits. It is not put into a separate account for each person and that is a good thing. Most people get more from Social Security than they ever contributed, but benefits are paid for life, regardless of how long one lives. The specific answer to your question is that if someone dies before retirement age, the money contributed has already been used to pay benefits to others. Keep in mind though, that a surviving spouse or minor or disabled adult child may also collect benefits on a deceased person's Social Security record.

2. The decreasing birth rate in the U.S. hurts Social Security. That's because fewer babies mean fewer future workers contributing to the Social Security program. FYI, in 1950 there were about 15 workers contributing to SS for every one person collecting benefits, but today there are less than three workers

for each SS beneficiary. That problem is exacerbated by the steadily increasing U.S. life expectancy. Beneficiaries are now often collecting SS benefits for decades from a program designed to pay benefits for only a few years.

3. Only those who have worked and contributed to Social Security through payroll taxes for about 10 years (40 quarters of SS credit) are eligible to collect SS Retirement benefits. However, some dependent spouses and/or dependent minor or dependent disabled children who have never worked might also be eligible for benefits from the worker's Social Security record. Along with each U.S. state, the SSA also administers another program, known as Supplement Security Income, on behalf of the federal government. However, federal "SSI" benefits are not paid with Social Security funds. "SSI" is a separate government benefit program, with federal benefits paid from the general U.S. Treasury.

4. There are lots of places to get information about Social Security, but I suggest you start at our AMAC Foundation Social Security information website, which can be found at www.socialsecurityreport.org. Here you will find numerous articles about Social Security, retirement, Medicare, etc., as well as all the Ask Rusty articles I have published weekly over the last 8 years. You can also find excellent Social Security information on our AMAC Foundation main website, www.amacfoundation.org. And, of course, you can always ask any questions you have via email to SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org. Or, if you prefer, you can just call us on 1-888-750-2622 if you have questions about Social Security or about Medicare enrollment.

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Bush beans are a great succession crop

I was "late" planting my bush beans this year, at least according to the calendar. But with the garden being under water for awhile and then mucky for days on end, this past week was the first time conditions were favorable.

We want to grow a lot of beans this year. The kids like them steamed, then stir-fried with garlic. My hope is to have lots of them to freeze, and to do that it will require multiple plantings.

Bush beans are a good example of a vegetable that works well as a succession crop. What that means is that they can be sown multiple times throughout the summer.

Why? Because unlike most other vegetables, beans produce less than 8 weeks from sowing, are not finicky about heat, and as long as you have full sun and average garden soil they can be grown with relative ease.

Consider making additional sowings of this versatile vegetable now before you get busy with the harvest. That way you can enjoy a continuous supply all summer long.

You might still refer to snap or bush beans as "string beans" even though the tough strings that connected the two halves of the pod were bred out of the snap bean beginning in 1884 with Calvin N. Keeney's introduction of the Stringless Refugee Wax Bean.

Today's modern stringless beans are a result of those early breeding efforts.

All types of beans require warm soil in which to germinate; 60 degrees at least. White seeded varieties are especially picky about soil temperatures.

Black and tan seeds regulate moisture intake more

effectively, and therefore are less likely to rot in cool, wet soils. If you want to gamble with an early sowing, sow these instead.

these pests and their fuzzy yellow larvae can decimate a stand of bean plants. Vigilance is the key.

If squashing bugs isn't for you, dropping them into soapy water will also do them in. Try planting marigolds nearby to deter them.

I have also found through experience that subsequent sowings are best sited away from one another. It will take the beetles a longer time to find the new plants than if they are planted side by side.

Harvest beans when they are still relatively thin. Depending on the variety, pods can average five to seven inches long at maturity. When inner seeds start to swell and fatten up the bean they aren't nearly as tasty.

As mentioned, bumper crops are possible, and sometimes it may be difficult to keep up with the harvest. One variety known especially for its holding power is Jade. Beans from this variety retain a deep green color and sport thin pods.

I have also enjoyed growing French beans "Haricot Verts" because they are very long and thin, never tough.

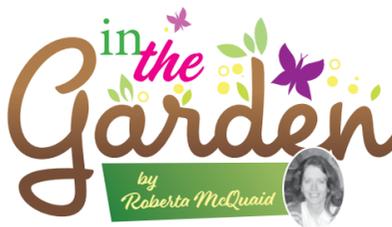
Fresh beans are easy to freeze. Blanch in boiling water for three minutes then plunge into ice water until cooled. Air-dry thoroughly, pack in plastic bags, and place in the freezer. Easy breezy.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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.

It is good practice not to work among the plants after a rainstorm or in the early morning when dew is present.

Touching wet foliage can encourage diseases and spread them from plant to plant.

When the foliage is dry you will want to be on the look out for the Mexican Bean Beetle. A bit larger than ladybugs, and all brown,



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mount Holyoke College Listened, But Did They Hear?

To the editor,

A good-sized group of people attended the informational session on Mount Holyoke College's proposed Geothermal Hub/Energy Center/Power Plant, held June 5, 7:30 PM at Gamble Auditorium, though the college did not appear to engage in widespread publicity. Citizens from the community used other methods to alert the public to this meeting.

Except for one speaker, all attendees who either ventured to the microphone or spoke from their seats, praised the concept of Geothermal Energy, and requested that MHC relocate its Energy Center elsewhere on their vast campus.

Speaker after speaker

raised the following concerns:

Noise from this "electric power plant" with air handlers outside the building and on the roof would disturb abutters, neighbors, and patrons of nearby restaurants.

Air pollution from the gasoline still compacted into the soil beneath the site, which had long ago been a gasoline station, would damage the health of abutters and neighbors.

An "Urban Building" with a glass front in this Residential B, Village Residential District, is totally inappropriate at the corner of Woodbridge Street and Dunlop Place.

The town's zoning by laws state that the purpose of this Village Residential District "is to maintain the traditional

character, scale, density, design and mix of housing types that characterize the residential portions of South Hadley's historic villages."

One speaker termed this modern industrial building an "abomination" in the town's center.

The MHC panel of administrators and engineers who sat in front of the auditorium seemed to repeat prepared, evasive responses to questions raised by attendees.

This panel listened straight faced to the many, many questions and concerns raised by abutters, neighbors, and townspeople. But did they hear the impassioned pleas to relocate this building elsewhere?

Martha Terry,
South Hadley



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Thanks from KYT for a special banquet

SOUTH HADLEY – An unexpectedly large, well appreciated, and welcomed number of attendees enjoyed a buffet of grand, sumptuous dishes, all brought by KYT members, friends, and guests. Thank you to everyone who brought plates and platters of food to this feast.

Martha Terry gave the annual treasurer's report.

Joan Rosner introduced Alex Brumer, the awardee of the annual Anne Battersby Scholarship.

Alex thanked KYT and talked about his future plans to study Creative Writing at Bennington College.

Best wishes and congratulations were extended to Alex. And thank you to Joan for taking care of all the odds and ends of the scholarship and attending the Awards Ceremony at SHHS.

Alex also received a com-

mendation from the offices of Rep. Homar Gomez and Sen. Jacob Oliveira.

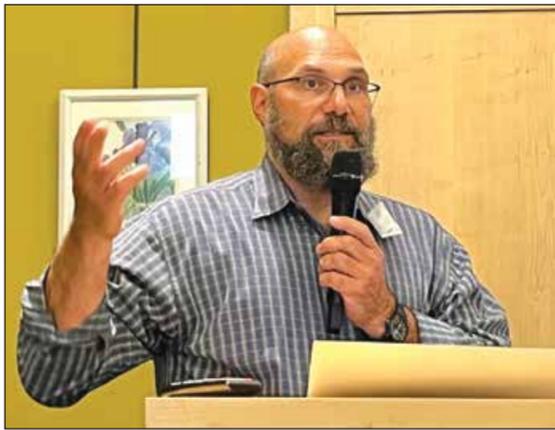
Veronica Frantz-Eggleston presented this commendation on behalf of both offices.

Lucia Foley was honored as the Know Your Town sponsored Citizen of the Year. Lucia's many accomplishments and dedication to the town were read aloud from a statement prepared by Robert Judge. Lucia was also thanked for her diligent upkeep of the Know Your Town website, knowyourtown.org.

Veronica Frantz-Eggleston also presented Lucia with a commendation on behalf of both Sen. Oliveira's and Rep. Homar Gomez's offices.

Joanna Brown was recognized for her six years of service on the Planning Board, and also for her birthday!!!!!!

Michael DeChiara, the featured speaker, gave a Pow-



Featured Speaker Michael DeChiara.

erPoint presentation and talk about Solar Energy and the upcoming state

regulations on Solar Arrays, Battery Storage, and a few other energy sources.

Lively, energetic discussion, questions and answers

followed.

Thank you to Michael for making the trip from Shutesbury to share his knowledge and involvement with solar energy and for preparing an excellent PowerPoint.

Thank you also to Dan Pease for setting up the cordless microphone, which did function nicely after all!

Other thank you's: To Linda Sachs and Tom Terry for setting up.

To Linda Young for providing all the cups, napkins,



Know Your Town Citizen of the Year Lucia Foley receives a commendation from Sen. Oliveira and Rep. Gomez to the KYT scholarship.

various sizes of plates, plasticware, and the lovely floral centerpiece.

To everyone who brought plates and platters of delicious foods for the buffet table.

To everyone who helped with the clean-up, especially Sandy Zieminski and Debbie Boehner.

To Veronica Franz-Eggleston for presenting the commendations.

To Joanna Brown for taking the photographs that appear below. If anyone's thanking is missed, a sincere apology is given.



Submitted Photos

Awardee Alex Brumer. KYT member Joan Rosner, middle, on behalf of Sen. Oliveira and Rep. Gomez

Greenfield Cooperative Bank to host free document shredding event

SOUTH HADLEY – Greenfield Cooperative Bank is pleased to announce an upcoming free document shredding event in partnership with Valley Green Shredding. This event will take place on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at our South Hadley Branch, located at 487 Newton Street, South Hadley MA 01075.

People are invited to bring up to 4 grocery bags or

2 boxes of confidential documents for secure shredding. This service is provided free of charge as a way to help individuals protect their personal information.

In addition to document shredding, Greenfield Cooperative Bank will also be accepting optional non-perishable food and monetary donations to benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

"At Greenfield Co-op we

believe in being more than just a financial institution; we're a community partner," said Tony Worden, President & CEO at Greenfield Cooperative Bank. "Our free shredding events are a testament to that commitment, providing a secure and convenient way for our neighbors to protect themselves from identity theft. It's a small way we can help build a safer and more secure community."

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Granby Library's Youth Summer Reading Program Is Here!

June 20 - August 8
GRANBY – Join the club! We are excited to announce The Granby Library's free Summer Reading Program for 2025, "Level Up at Your Library" which starts on June 20!

We have fun activities and great prizes to win. Kids birth through age 11 can sign up at the Children's Desk and get a folder (which they keep all summer) including a log sheet, calendar of events and more. Reading 15 minutes a day helps prevent learning loss over the summer.

Read (or be read to) anything you want from home or on the go, simply mark off on the included log calendar for each day that you read for 15 minutes (read 10 min. to the youngest participants)!

All participants get a free book, free Cindy's Ice Cream cone coupon prize pack when they log 25 days of reading. Participants can stop in for raffle tickets for our weekly raffle baskets and stickers to decorate their folders.

The completed reading log is kid's entry to the two main prizes - \$175. gift certificate for Mystic Aquarium & sea fun puzzle/ book and a \$100 gift certificate for Magic Wings & a butterfly hatchery set.

Summer Reading Kick Off: BINGO for Books & Ice Cream too! June 20 at 2pm. Enjoy some Bingo fun & a sweet treat! Pre-register to come by stopping in or calling the library.

Level Up with Laughter June 20-28
 Ed Popielarczyk Friday, June 27 at 11 a.m.

Join us for a magical comedy show with Ed Popielarczyk where the audience makes the magic happen! Drop in this week to Chalk the Walk" outside with silly pictures. Create your own comic strip and pick up a joke book, and Guess How Many Marbles are in the Jar.

Ages 4 & up 6/20-7/1 This week's raffle basket is "It's all fun and games" themed.

Level Up with Cats vs Dogs July 1-5
 Who reigns supreme - Cats or Dogs?

What say you kids? Vote and tell us who your favorite book character dog or cat is too! Bring your plush pet to the vet! Visit our Pet Vet Station and give your plush pet a checkup. We will have stuffies on hand too. Paint a cat or dog with water this week, drop in! This week's raffle book bundle/basket is cat & dog themed.

Silly Pet Photo Contest Capture your pet on cam-

era looking silly! Photos will be voted on & the silliest pet in photo will win a \$50.gift certificate for Granby Grain. Drop off /email a photo through August 1 to: janicemcardlegpl@gmail.com

Don't fur-get! "Reading Buddies" is bark at the library! It's a grrreat, low-stress way to gain confidence in your reading. For kids in K & up. Sign up for a slot: June 12 & 26 and July 10 & 24.

Summer CFCE Playgroups: Wednesdays July 9 through August 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Level Up with Sea Life July 8-12

Celebrate everything ocean. Drop in to make a seahorse marker mosaic and visit our "Shell-ter" to adopt a shell July 10 -12. Take home a DIY mini dough sea scene. Guess how many sharks are in the jar too! This week's raffle basket is sea themed. When you check out a sea themed book receive an extra raffle ticket for this week's basket. 1 extra ticket per child.

Level Up with Yeti and Unicorns July 15-19

Mythological creatures are fun to read about! It's all about them this week. Drop in crafts on July 16th are adorable Yarn Yetis and magical Flower Crowns. Weeklong: Guess how many unicorns are in the jar? and Hunt for Magical Creatures too! This week we have 2 raffle baskets: One Unicorn basket and one Yeti basket.

Level Up with Games July 22-26

Minecraft Madness!! with Jungle Jim Friday, July 25 at 11 a.m.

A fast-paced, interactive show that brings the world of Minecraft to life with: Building Block Madness Tournament, Balloon Firework Rocket Show, Zombie Chase Challenge & an Awe-inspiring giant 6-foot balloon finale. You don't want to miss this!Weeklong Minecraft table. Play "Findcraft." This week's raffle basket is Minecraft themed.

Level Up with Superheroes July 29- August 2

Lego Superheroes Wednesday, July 30 3pm. Create a Superhero or Dogman (he's a hero too) Lego mosaic using a pattern card. Pre-register, space is limited. Kids keep the Lego. Ages 4 & up Drop in to color a Dog Man sheet & make a Dog Man badge July 30- Aug.2. Enter a superhero raffle with your weekly raffle ticket.

Guess What Book is in the Jar July 16 - 30

If you guess what book is shredded in the jar you win a "munch & play" prize basket!

Would You Rather - "Ice Cream Edition" July 22 - August 2

Fill out a "Would you Rather" sheet for a chance to win free ice cream! Sheets for younger & older kids.

Drop in crafts are all "while supplies last."

Stop in or call the library at 413-467-3320 during open hours to pre-register for programs.

Granby Library hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Check out "Granby Library Children's Room" page on Facebook for updates & news!

Teen "Got Summer Reading Program" at the Granby Library

June 20 - August 22, 2025, for students entering grades 7 -12

Teens, read your required Summer Reading books or just for fun books and you'll have a chance to win one of several great prizes at the Granby Library!

You may also buy a great book from a special selection, with 1 raffle ticket. For each book you read this summer, teens fill out a raffle ticket in the teen room. Keep track of the books you read on a "Got Summer reading" sheet that you pick up at the library or download on our website under "Young Adult." Bring this sheet into the library after you've read 1 book for a free coupon for a Cindy's Drive In ice cream cone.

Teens, also come on in & cool down this summer, there's always something to do in the Young Adult Room. Check out the craft & board game cart, plus the following activities!

RUBBER DUCK COSPLAY Friday, June 27 at 4 p.m.

We're making ducks into famous characters. Summer is here! Sun's out, wings out! Using paint, Sharpies, clay... We'll transform our ducks with fun costumes. Rubber ducks have fandoms, too! Decorate your duck any way you choose. Ages 12- 18. Drop in.

Play "Would You Rather? Pizza Edition! July 8 - August 22

It's all about the slice... win free pizza! Pizza sticker sheets, guessing jar - How many slices of pizza gummies are in the jar? Drop in to play! 1 time per teen.

Unmask the Title of the Shredded Book in the Jar... what's its true identity?

Win a goodie basket! Through July.

Summer Long ~ June 20 - August 22

Build the Granby Library Lego Tower Each time you stop in grab a handful of Lego, add to the tower. How high can we go?

Help us build an art gallery!

Create a post it note masterpiece and add it to our collection. We are excited to see what you can make on a tiny square! Summer long.

Weekly Drop-In Activities in the Young Adult Room & Take Home Crafts

New crafts start on the following dates & go until we run out of craft items.

Check our calendar for newly added activities!

June 20 on: Drop in to color by sticker. Take Home Craft Kits - Paint your own bookmark . Guessing Jar - How many Harry Potter gummies are in the jar?

July 8 on: Drop in to scratch art a bookmark. Take Home Craft Kits - Perler bead bracelets.

July 19 on: Drop in to create "Black Out Poetry". Take Home Craft Kits - sand mandala.

August 2 on: Drop in for DIY duct tape fun. Guessing Jar - Twin Snake Gummies. Take Home Craft Kits -Junk Journal Kit.

**1 of each activity per teen 11-18 yrs. while supplies last.

Freedom Credit Union collecting cash and food donations for the Food Bank of WMass

'Month of Giving' campaign extends from June 1 through August 31

REGION- Food insecurity continues to affect families across western Massachusetts, with inflation driving up the cost of everyday essentials. That's why Freedom Credit Union is again rallying support for its summer campaign benefiting the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. From June 1 through August 31, the community is invited to contribute to a stronger community by donating non-perishable food, personal care items or monetary gifts at any Freedom branch.

"Thanks to the generosity of our members, staff and entire community, this campaign has grown annually, and so has its impact," said Freedom Credit Union President Glenn Welch. "Last summer, we collected more than \$3,350 in donations, along with nearly 1,435 pounds of food and personal care items. This year, we're aiming even higher. By simply adding an extra item or two to your grocery cart each week, you can make a

lasting difference-without stretching your budget."

Suggested donations of non-perishable food and personal care items include:

- Baby formula
- Beans in cans or dried in bags
- Bread mixes
- Canned chicken, fish and meat
- Cereals
- Coffee and tea
- Cooking oils and spices
- Diapers, wipes and toilet paper
- Dried or canned fruit
- Evaporated/powdered milk
- Granola bars and crackers
- Feminine sanitary products
- Instant potatoes
- Pasta and noodles
- Peanut butter and nuts
- Rice and grains
- Sauces
- Shampoo and body wash/soap
- Soups, stews and chili in cans
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Vegetables in cans

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! We are going on a bug hunt at the Granby Library!

GRANBY – Join Ranger Tasha and the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge as we head outside the Granby Public Library with some bug boxes on Tuesday, June

17, at 10:30 a.m. We will read a bug story, then kids can create a one of a kind, build a bug - bug collage. Drop in, ages 3 and up. Older kids are welcome too!

Presented by Tasha Daniels, Park Ranger/Visitor Services Specialist at the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Summer happenings at Buttery Brook Park

Friday, June 13 - Concert & Cruise Night with live music by Axis. Free hot dogs & hamburgers provided by the Friends of Buttery Brook Park, 5-7:30pm

Wednesday, June 18 - Farmers' Market, 2-6pm

Friday, June 30 - Concert & Cruise Night with live music by the Willies, 5-7:30pm Pickleball Courts - Daily Open Play (Mon-Sun), 8:30-11am / Weeknight Open Play (Mon-Fri), 4:30-10pm

Spray Park - Open Daily, 10:30am-6:30pm

Get ready for the Class of 1975's 50th reunion

SOUTH HADLEY – Save the Date! South Hadley High School Class of 1975 50th reunion will be held on October 4, 2025. For more information and to be added to our email list, please contact either Karla (Koenig) Zukowski at kzkowski57@comcast.net or MaryPat (Fenton) Krumsiek at mpkrumsiek@ahoo.com.

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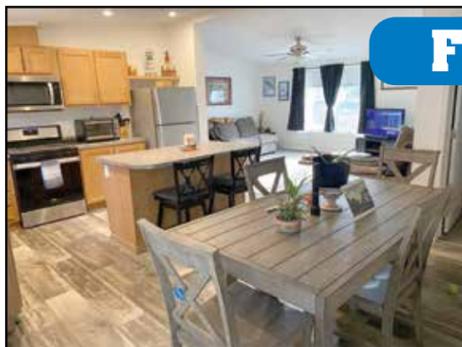
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Bankers grab win as Tri-County opens season



Cam Rivest catches a fly ball to right.



Johnny Gegetskas is safe at home.



Cam MacDonald comes up throwing home.



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Dave Clark fields a ground ball to second.



Lefty James Flahive delivers home.



Catcher Pete Hogan slides safely into third.

HOLYOKE – The Tri-County Baseball League, which still contains the best quality adult baseball in the region, was back in action last week. Multi-time champion PeoplesBank opened up their season last Thursday at Holyoke’s Mackenzie Stadium and defeated Hilltown Tents 15-5. James Flahive got the win while catcher Pete Hogan homered for the Bankers.

Mutiny return home to record win over Eagles

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Even though the weather was miserable, it was still an enjoyable evening for the New England Mutiny players and their faithful supporters.

The Mutiny, who scored a pair of second half goals, defeated the Ole’ Eagles, 2-0, in front of a large crowd on a rainy night at Lusitano Stadium last Saturday

“It’s always nice to win at home,” said Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari. “I thought we played very well tonight, especially during the second half.”

The Mutiny (2-0) began the regular season by posting a 4-1 home win over Maine Footy two weeks earlier. That match was stopped by the referee in the middle of the second half due to a thunder-



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Chloe Laizer gets ready to send the ball away.

storm.

The Ole’ Eagles (0-1), who are from Trumbull Connecticut, is a first year member of United Women’s Soccer, which is celebrating its tenth season.

A couple of the Mutiny players saw their first action in the second home match of the regular season.

Chloe Laizer, who’s graduating this week from West Springfield High School, was the starting goalie.

During the second minute of the first half, Alexa Pino fired a shot from the left side of the box, but Laizer made the diving save keep the visiting team off the scoreboard.

“This was my first start with the Mutiny, and I was a little bit nervous before the game. I had a lot more confidence after making the early save,” said Laizer, who’ll be a freshman on the St. Michael’s

College women’s soccer team in the fall. “Playing a game in the rain and wind is very challenging, especially as a goalie.”

Pino, who’ll be a freshman at the University of South Carolina in the fall, is the two-time Connecticut Gatorade Player of the Year.

The Mutiny back-up goalie was Maddie Riley, who’s a member of the girls’ varsity soccer team at Ludlow High School.

Both teams had several corner kicks during the first half, but the match was still scoreless at halftime.

The Mutiny finally broke the ice with a corner kick goal in the 56th minute.

Avery Galante sent the ball into the box from the left corner where Maya Mathis, who’s a defender, sent a shot into the back of the net past

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Several outgoing seniors were honored at a recent Pioneers

Western United pioneers celebrate 37 graduating seniors

By Abigail McCoy
Staff Writer
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LUDLOW — The evening of May 31 was filled with pride, emotion, and celebration as the Western United Pioneers Football Club honored 37 graduating seniors during a special halftime ceremony at historic Lusitano Stadium. Held under the lights and light rain, the event brought together families, coaches, alumni, and soccer fans to recognize the achievements of student-athletes who have helped shape the club’s legacy.

“These individuals have been more than just players on the field,” said Western United Pioneers FC President Carlos Chaves in his opening remarks. “They have been ambassadors of the club and pillars of our community.

Their dedication, passion, and sportsmanship have left an indelible mark on our organization.”

The evening’s recognition ceremony honored graduating players from the club’s junior academy, many of whom are continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Chaves emphasized that the event was more than a send-off, it was a celebration of personal growth, commitment, and the role these players have played in the club’s success.

Among the honorees were standout players such as Chloe Laizer, Abigail Toomey, and Hudson Manzolini. One graduate, Chloe Laizer, was even the starting goalkeeper for the night’s match with the New England Mutiny, the region’s senior women’s professional team that shares a deep connection with

the youth academy.

“Most of the women on the Mutiny roster are NCAA Division I collegiate athletes,” Chaves explained. “And Chloe, a high school senior, started in goal tonight. That tells you what kind of talent and commitment we’re celebrating.”

Founded with the mission of developing young talent, the Western United Pioneers program today serves around 800 athletes, half boys and half girls, from ages 4 through high school. The program has grown into a vital part of the regional soccer landscape, nurturing talent and fostering community spirit.

“Tonight is about all 37 of our graduating seniors,” said Chaves. “Whether they’re going on to play in college or moving forward in life in other ways, we’re proud of

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Laci Lewis looks to deke out an opponent.

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goalie Emily Robinson for her first goal as a Mutiny player. "Avery and I are best friends. We used to play on a club soccer team together," Mathis said. "My younger sister, Sadie, was also on the field when I scored my goal, so it was very exciting sharing that moment with them." Maya Mathis, who graduated from Acton Boxboro

Regional High School, was a member of the UConn women's soccer team during the past two seasons before entering the transfer portal. She'll be joining the University of Kansas women's soccer team this fall. "I just wanted to make a change and go to a part of the country where I've never been before," Maya Mathis said. "I'm really excited about playing soccer at Kansas."

Sadie Mathis will be playing soccer at Boston College. About twenty minutes later, the Mutiny were given a penalty kick following a foul inside the box. Taylor Jenkins, who also plays at UConn, put the PK into the right corner making the score 2-0. A couple of local players who played in the home match are Maddy Theriault (Palmer), Tennessee Mur-

phy (Monson) Kylie Ray (Minnechaug), Bella Meadows (Pope Francis/ Chicopee) Olivia Crespo (Ludlow), and Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown). The New England Mutiny will be one of the four teams competing in the inaugural Brandi Chastain Cup. The Mutiny will be facing Richmond Ivy of the USL W-league at City Stadium in Richmond, VA. On Thursday

night. "It's really special for us to be regarded as one of the top teams in our league," said Klingensmith, who's is a member of the American University women's soccer. "We're very excited about playing in that game. The team that we'll be playing has some quality players, so it'll be a challenging match for us." If the Mutiny defeats

Richmond Ivy, they'll be hosting the finals of the Brandi Chastain Cup on June 18 at Lusitano Stadium. The California Storm beat Pan World Elite, 4-1, in the other semi-final, which was held in May. The Mutiny will also play two regular season road matches against NJ Alliance and the Ole' Eagles before returning home to face Racing Power FC on June 14.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Taylor Jenkins tries to out run an opponent.



Avery Klingensmith sends the ball deep.



Maddy Theriault, of Palmer, makes her Mutiny season debut in their most recent home game.



Olivia Crespo makes her way up the field.

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them. We want to recognize the dedication and passion they've shown not just to the sport, but to our community." Names of all the graduates were read aloud during the halftime ceremony, receiving enthusiastic applause from the packed stands. The full list includes:

Katelyn Gilhooly, Calleigh Foley, Avery D'Amour, Allison Morris, Mia Carvalho, Evan Costa, Sophia Scyocurka, Brianna Ribeiro, Robert Bustamante, Ethan Sousa, Eleanor Leland, Colette Thayer, Taylor Colberg, Taryn Cariveau, Madeline Hockman, Parker Tunley, Gabriella Fialho, Lilliana Barkyoumb, Derke Lonzak, Ryan Baublitz, Madison Rathbone, Norah Walsh, Nicholas Byrnes, Matthew Ryan, Loretta Petrasiewicz, Carlos David, Thomas Wadas, Otis Chuan, Pasquale D'Ascoli, Helen Vissas, Casimir Pierre, Chloe Laizer, Joey Borelli, Abigail Toomey, Ryleigh Remillard, Fallon Clancy, and Hudson Manzolini. The evening also marked a confluence of tradition and celebration. Lusitano Stadium, one of the nation's oldest soccer-specific stadiums, served as a fitting venue for such an occasion. Built in the 1920s, the walled stadium is home to both the Western



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Those honored had been part of the Pioneers youth program.

Mass Pioneers (USL League Two) and the New England Mutiny (United Women's Soccer), both of which maintain strong ties to the junior academy. "What makes this place special is the culture," said Chaves. "It's intimate, it's family-driven. You've got volunteers in the kitchen and at the bar. You've got local beer and Portuguese sandwiches being served. It feels like home." Despite dreary weather earlier in the day, spirits remained high following the club's spring picnic held before the match. Over 450 players, families, and supporters turned out for the

event, which blended the grassroots spirit of the club with the professionalism of a matchday experience. "Our kids had their picnic in the rain, and then they stayed for the game," Chaves said. "That's what community looks like." As the Pioneers look to the future, leadership remains committed to fostering talent through experienced coaching and mentorship. The junior program's Director of Coaching, Federico Molinari, brings professional playing experience from Argentina and Italy and also serves as head coach for both the Mutiny and the men's pro team. "We're a nonprofit, and

what sets us apart is the soccer-specific culture and family atmosphere," Chaves said. "We're not just building players...we're building people." As the night concluded, seniors posed for photos, hugged their teammates, and soaked in the applause one final time as youth players of the Western United Pioneers FC. The send-off was not only a tribute to past accomplishments but a call to future greatness. "You will always be part of our family," said Chaves. "And we look forward to seeing the amazing things you'll accomplish next."

T-Birds bringing back Community Caravan

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds are proud to announce the return of the T-Birds Community Caravan, with support from MassMutual, marking the third annual summer tour designed to bring the excitement of Thunderbirds hockey to communities across the region.

Thunderbirds mascot Boomer, team staff, and a lively mix of interactive games, street hockey, family-friendly activities, and local vendors. Fans can also enjoy delicious food options, with each Caravan date spotlighting a local nonprofit beneficiary, helping to raise awareness and support for impactful community organizations.

This year's Caravan will include three stops throughout the Greater Springfield area during the summer months, continuing the initiative's mission to keep the T-Birds top-of-mind in the offseason while deepening the team's connection to local families and fans. This summer's Caravan dates are as follows:

"We're delighted to support the Springfield Thunderbirds not only on the ice but also throughout the local community," said Dennis Duquette, head of community responsibility at MassMutual and president of the MassMutual Foundation. "Their caravan provides terrific activities for local kids and families, and we're proud to be a part of it."

- Saturday, June 14 - Forest Park, Springfield – 12 to 2 p.m.
- Saturday, July 19 - Sonny's Place, Somers, CT - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Saturday, August 9 - Amelia Park Ice Arena, Westfield - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. * * The Westfield Community Caravan will also feature the annual T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament on the outdoor deck hockey court at Amelia Park. The Street Hockey Tournament features teams of players ages 9-12. To register your team, click here.

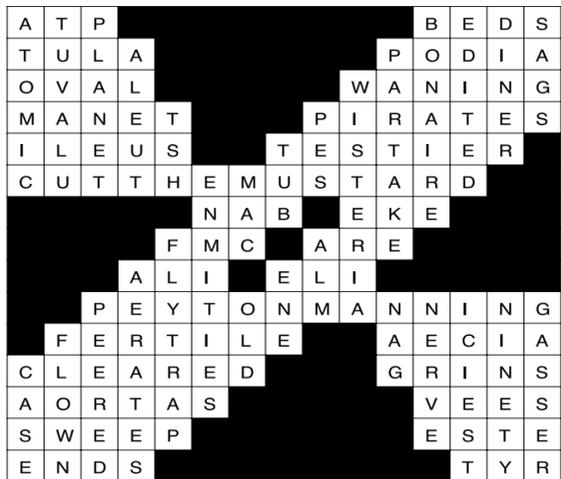
"After a fantastic continuation of the program last summer, we're thrilled to bring back the Caravan and keep building on its success," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "We're equally excited to welcome back MassMutual as a partner and thank them for embracing our mission of being champions in the community beyond the Thunderdome." Each free-to-attend event will feature appearances by

Additional information for all Community Caravans will be released in the coming weeks via the Thunderbirds' website and social media channels. For more information on upcoming events, including the Community Caravan, stay tuned to the T-Birds on social media @ThunderbirdsAHL, or visit the Community Tab on www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

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Blue Sox walk off against Ocean State

HOLYOKE – It was a great day for baseball on Sunday afternoon at MacKenzie Stadium, the home of the Valley Blue Sox. Valley took on the Ocean State Waves in what was a close game.

Ocean State's shortstop Greg Pettay started at the plate with a productive at bat. Pettay hit a ball in the gap towards center field for a lead off single. Valley's catcher Cade Carr tried to catch the speedy shortstop but he missed the throw to second allowing Pettay to also steal third. The Blue Sox defense held strong, not allowing any runs in the top of the first despite the error made by Carr.

In the bottom of the first, center fielder Tyler Bak kept his dominant success at the plate and walked in his first at bat. Carr was second in the lineup for Valley and hit a nice single into center field to give the Blue Sox two runners on base. Right fielder Clay Burdette hit a sacrifice pop fly to give the Blue Sox a quick 1-0 lead after one inning of play.

Valley had another productive inning at the plate in the bottom of the third thanks to Sebastian Mexico's first homerun of the season to extend their lead to 2-0.

The Waves fought back and scored their own two runs thanks to the leadoff batter, right fielder, Ryan Gerety be-

ing walked and successfully stealing second. Blue Sox's pitcher Jack Levine had a wild pitch and Gerety stole third. Center fielder Gavin Greger hit a double that drove in one run to put Ocean State on the board.

Catcher Brandyn Durand hit a pop fly to drive in Greger to tie the game at two apiece. In the bottom of the fourth Valley almost jumped back out in front but shortstop Michael Elko was not able to steal home successfully due to being hesitant initially on his steal. Blue Sox Head Coach Endy Morales likes to stay aggressive even if it does not always workout.

"I want to get starting [opposing pitchers] out of the game. If we can put pressure on early and steal runs on their miscues, I want to do that," Morales said. "[Elko] hesitated and was not quite ready but we're going to continue to be aggressive."

The game remained at 2-2 until extra innings started in the top of the tenth. In extra innings in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, a runner starts on second base to start the inning and for the Waves that was Kolton Reynolds. Valley's pitcher Ethan Slowik started the inning for the Blue Sox. Slowik threw a wild pitch and Reynolds was

able to steal third base easily. Ocean State's Left fielder Zach Plasschaert hit a nice single to drive in Reynolds to push the Waves in front 3-2. Plasschaert stole second to put another runner in scoring position for his team. The Blue Sox managed to get one out but then Slowik balked, leading to two runners on base. Slowik's struggles continued as he walked yet another batter to load the bases.

Waves' first baseman Jack LaRose hit a pop fly ball for the second out of the inning. Ocean State did not allow the last out to come easy. Slowik walked second baseman Sam Seidel with the bases loaded and the Waves jumped out in front by another run to make it 4-2. Center fielder Greger hit a beautiful line drive to drive in two more insurance runs, helping the Waves cruise out in front 6-2. Slowik was taken out of the game after that hit. Carson Walsh came in to pitch for Valley and got them out of the inning down 6-2. Heading into the bottom of the tenth would be a tough comeback for the Blue Sox.

Ocean State's pitcher Andrew Rogovic had his struggles on the mound as first baseman Chris Walsh stole third. The designated hitter for Valley Rees Kozar put up a fight in his ten pitch at bat,

but was eventually walked to leave runners on the corner bases. The Blue Sox called in a pinch hitter for Wyatt Hunt which was Nicholas Spaventa. Spaventa had a great at bat hitting a single to knock in a run to make it a score of 6-3.

Rogovic had another wild pitch allowing runners to advance to second and third. Blue Sox's Bak was walked a third time this game to load the bases up yet again for Valley. Carr stepped up to the plate and was drilled by a fast ball to cut the deficit to two runs. Left fielder Sebastian Mexico reached first base on a walk to make the game 6-5.

The Waves saw enough of Rogovic and made a pitching change to bring in Kayden Faulcon. Ocean State was able to get one out from Valley before third baseman Michael O'Connor was hit by a pitch to tie the game at six apiece. The shortstop for the Blue Sox stepped up to the plate. Keeping his calm, cool composure, Elko ripped a ball out of reach for the Waves and walked it off for Valley in the bottom of the tenth. The Blue Sox head coach was impressed with how his team played today.

"We learn from our mistakes, [last night's 4-3 loss to North Shore]. We faced adversity last night but I knew we'd learn from it," Morales said.

Sports clinics return this summer

LUDLOW – The Lions Pride Sports Clinics return this summer with a dynamic lineup of programs designed to support youth athletic development, foster sportsmanship, and prepare athletes for competitive success. Hosted at Ludlow High School, the clinics will run from late June through August and include offerings in basketball, soccer, volleyball, beach volleyball, athlete preparation, and track & field.

With a strong roster of experienced coaches and a focus on skill-building, these clinics provide athletes from kindergarten through 12th grade with opportunities to grow in a fun, supportive environment. Registration is now open.

Summer 2025 Clinics Include:

- Basketball Clinic
Grades: 1st-9th
Coach: Tim Brillo
Dates: July 7-11 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Fee: \$100
- Soccer Clinics – Session 1 & 2
Ages: 5-12
Coach: Greg Kolodiez
Session 1: June 23-27 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Session 2: July 21-25 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Fee: \$100 per session
- High School Volleyball
Grades: 10-12
Coach: Ethan Campbell
Dates: June 24-August 14 | Tuesdays and Thursdays 6 to 8 p.m.
Fee: \$200
- Volleyball Basics
Grades: 7-9
Coach: Ethan Campbell
Dates: July 8-August 14 | Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 and 6 p.m.
Fee: \$200
- Beach Volleyball
Grades: 10-12
Coach: Ethan Campbell
Dates: June 24-August 14 | Tuesdays and Thursdays (6 to 8 p.m.), Sundays (10 a.m. to 12 noon)
Fee: \$350
- Athlete Prep
Grades: 8-12
Coach: Brian Walsh
Dates: June 23-August 7
Sessions: Monday and Thursday at 8 a.m., Monday and Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Schedule subject to change
Fee: \$130
- Youth Track and Field
Grades: K-8
Coaches: Brian Walsh
Dates: June 30-August 11 | Mondays | 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$100

All sessions will be held at Ludlow High School, featuring high-quality facilities and a supportive environment for young athletes to learn and grow.



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Special Town Meeting: Article 2, West Street Building

Selectboard Chair Mark Bail read from the warrant Article 2, which concerned the transfer of \$3 million from the demolition account to be put back into the West Street Building Account.

At the last Special Town Meeting, town meeting members voted in favor of demolition of the project to vote in favor of appropriating the funds towards demolition, and was brought back for reconsideration.

"I'm asking you to set aside your emotions... and vote for what you believe is best for Granby," said Bail. "We're here, and what matters is you have as much information as possible."

With only eighteen months left on the lease at the Annex, where the town offices are currently, the town has been forced to make difficult decisions with not a lot of time to do it.

"If we had more money and more time, things would be different," said Bail.

With tariffs and existing prices on building materials over 30% since 2018, the

costs for building are staggering, and short-term solutions and ideas won't be able to hold up for the long haul, leaving West Street Building the only, if not entirely exciting, option.

Demolition of the building for \$3 million would only be demolition, meaning \$3 million would "essentially be thrown into a giant hole," said Bail. Between the tight deadline, the limited funds and resources, and other factors, the town found the West Street Building to be the smartest option.

John Libera, Chair of the Finance Committee, came forward to share the Committee's support to go forward with the project, coming to the opposite conclusion from the previous STM, where the committee was against it.

"Here's \$5.6 million, now we are here to figure out what to do with it," said Libera.

The West Street Building Committee is back at square one, with the original proposed amount of \$5.6 million, and will be meeting next week with their architect and OPM to begin official planning and designing the space for the \$5.6 million cap.

"We do understand the need for town offices," said School Committee Chair Jennifer Bartosz. "I hope that if by some miracle we can do this under budget, some of that money can go back to the schools."

The room mic was given for town meeting members to come forward with their questions, as well as challenges directed at the Selectboard for past confusions.

"We don't have all the answers, but we bring solutions for the town to benefit the town. The Selectboard is trying to bring options for the town," said Sexton.

"We don't have anywhere else for town offices," said Bail.

After hearing from other town meeting members, the question was moved to vote, and the motion passed by majority, stopping demo-

lition, and moving forward with planning the next steps for the West Street Building and its \$5.6 million budget.

Special Town Meeting: Articles 1 and 3

Article 1 of Special Town Meeting was presented by Fire Chief Russ Anderson, who came forward with a motion for the town to vote in favor of paying \$24,932 for prior bills for the fire and ambulance departments between 2020 to 2024.

The missed bills were found by Anderson when he took on the new role as Chief, finding these missing bills and ensuring they were not missed again. The motion passed by 9/10 majority.

Article 3 of Special Town Meeting was put forward by Clerk Glen N. Sexton, which concerned transferring \$37,500 to pave the driveway at 217 West Street. The motion passed by a majority.



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mates, the friends- who have shown what leadership really looks like."

Fuller shared his pride in his class, and that "leadership is about impact", and his belief the Class of 2025 has already shown itself to be leaders, and proved it in many ways since the pandemic.

Class Valedictorian Alex is Lapite, who also served as Class Vice President, Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook, came forward with her speech and thanked the teachers, her classmates, and family.

"In spending so much time together over thirteen years, we've faced our fair share of adversity together that other classes didn't," said Lapite. "These shared experiences brought us closer: the best part about these memories is that we went through them together."

The graduation ceremony also featured a speech

from Mrs. Molly Pinkney, the school's Spanish teacher, who had all 52 students in her Spanish class throughout their time at the Granby Jr./Sr. High School.

"Oh, how things have changed, and oh, how you have grown," said Pinkney.

The students rose as one to accept their diplomas, as true to the students' speeches calling out the support of family and friends, shouts of "that's my grandson", "my sister", "my brother", "my girlfriend", and so much more filled the gymnasium like a wall of support and drawing large smiles from the graduates.

With the class tossing their caps skyward to their class song, "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield, they remembered their time in the Granby Public Schools, and are eagerly looking towards their bright futures.

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Jaxton Roy, Sawyer Clarke, Gavier Fernandez, Gavin Moreno, Xavier Arroyo, and Ray Colon.



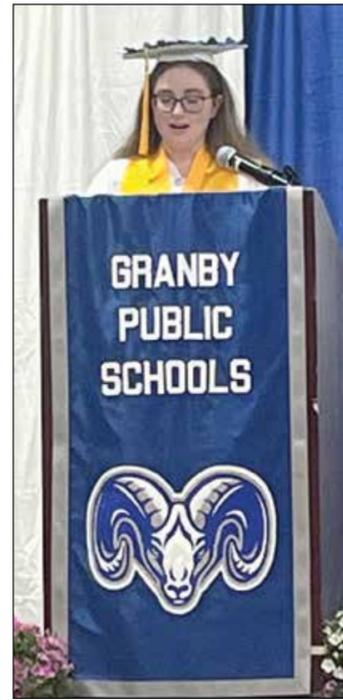
Principal Alison Jordan sharing her sentiment about lemons.



Class President Cole Fuller offering a big smile.



We did it!



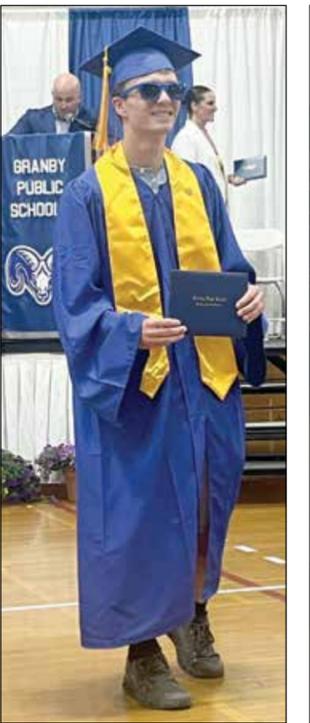
Valedictorian Alexis Lapite sharing her thankfulness.



Graduating, but never forgetting the memories.



Smiling with his diploma.



Looking towards a bright future.



A bright smile for a future of success.



Smiling as he receives the family hype.



Smiling with Principal Alison Jordan.



Class President Cole Fuller directing the turning of the tassels.



Ready, set, toss that cap!



Getting ready to welcome the students.



Here come the graduates guided by their peers in the class of 2026.



Ollah Roller, Addison Prignano, Brianna Houghton, Cassie Flaherty, Alexis Lapite, Maggie Crawford, Ava McFarland, and Katie Grabherr.



Cameron Leblanc and his grandparents.



Some of the dedicated teachers and staff at Granby Jr. Sr. High School.



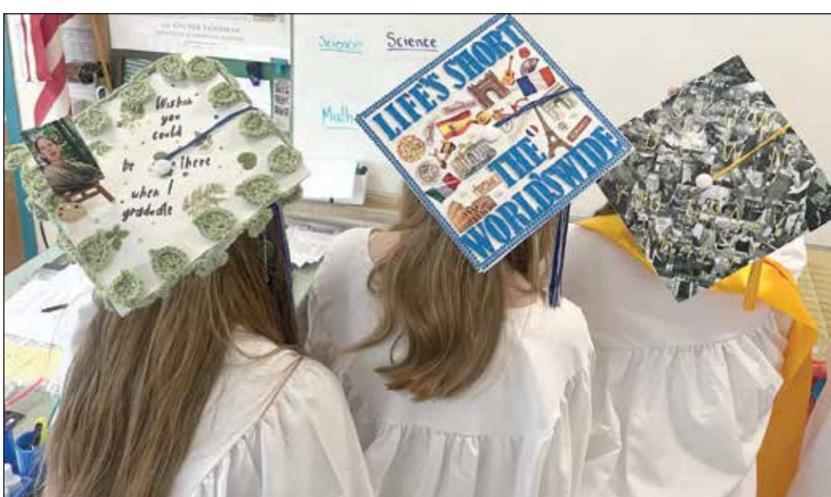
Isabella Guzman with her mother and sister.



Members of the band.



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Chelsea Chartier Receives Prestigious P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

SOUTH HADLEY – Chelsea Chartier, a senior at Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School, was selected to receive a \$2,500 STAR Scholarship from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was recommended by P.E.O. Chapter AG of Springfield.

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional women in their final year of high school to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada in the next academic year. The competitive STAR Scholarship is for women who exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service, and potential for future success.

Chartier is the Captain of the varsity tennis team, the manager of the varsity soccer team, and works as a lifeguard. She attended the



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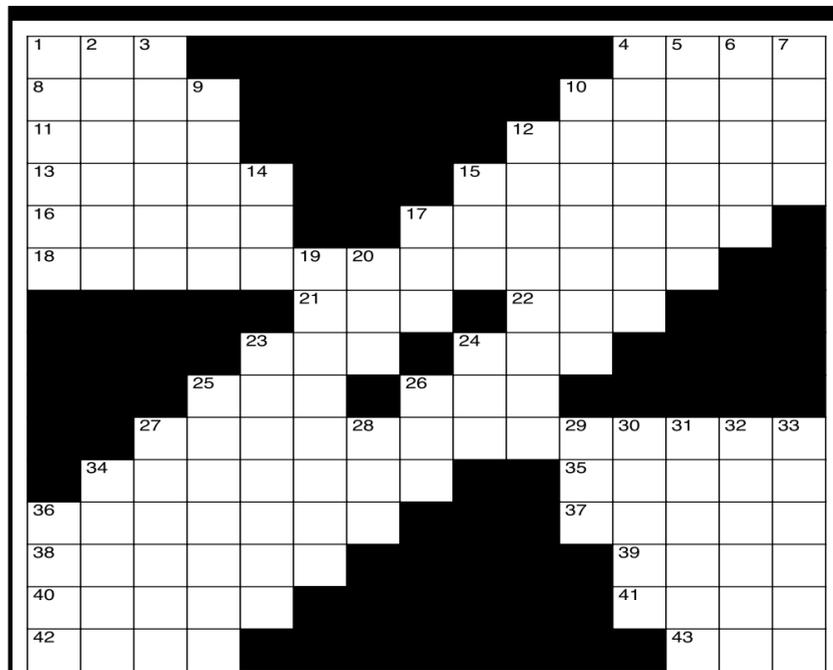
Robin Grimes awarding Chelsea Chartier the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship.

Chinese Immersion Charter School in Hadley, Massachusetts, where she studied Mandarin Chinese. Among her accomplishments, she started a school-wide prom clothing swap last year, organizing collections of pre-owned formalwear and accessories for students, and, last summer, she spent a month in Taiwan participating in the English Teaching Volunteer Service Program for Overseas Youth teaching English to primary school students. She fundraises for many non-profits like the Hot Chocolate Run for Safe Passage, Relay for Life and through service with the National Honor Society. She will attend Hamilton College in New York in the fall to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree, while also pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering at a school partnering with Hamilton College, such as Dartmouth College. Her ultimate goal is to become a mechanical engineer working for an esteemed company.

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The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, June 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by Meiya Berkey and Sean Donnelly for a proposed mixed-use development to include construction of a 2,500 SF single story 'gym' for use as a boxing training facility on a lot with an existing single-family home at 88 Wilimansett Street, Map 14 Parcel 25, pursuant to the Zoning By-law Article IX (Special Permits); 255-7 (Existing uses, buildings and structures; nonconforming uses); 255-23 (Smart Growth Zoning District); 255-37 (Business C District development methods); 255-82 (Minimum Open Space); 255-83 (Visual Clearance); 255- 85 (Sings); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

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The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications'- 'Special Permit' under section 'Willimansett Street (88) - Mixed-Use Development' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits> Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

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said Pat Kelly of Rock 102. Bruno, with Drunken Rabbit, offered to host Pets Rock, and after nine years, has remained a steadfast supporter. "That's what this is- a bunch of people who came together to raise some money to help the animals, and that's why we are here," said Kelly. "Two things I love about TJO- first of all, I'm an animal lover, and I'll never stop raising money for these animals. We want to make sure we get them into homes, that's my number one priority," said Brown. "The second is that I love the community engagement and welcoming people to come in and have a good time." Brown spent six years volunteering for the foundation

and fell in love with it, moving on to work full-time for it. "The foundation is always looking for the community to help out, whether it's volunteering or fostering," said Brown. "We want everyone to know there's an animal crisis in this area and there's a veterinary crisis. We need all the help we can get." TJO holds online campaigns for you to donate, and some donate in memory of a beloved pet, which you can find on their website. "Moving forward, we are excited to bring in some resources, because not everyone can afford to keep their animals, so these are some initiatives we are looking forward to bringing in in the next few years."



Ray Guillemette Jr. singing his heart out for the pets.



Members of Fairway here to support Pets Rock.

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas



Mishka the St. Bernard with his dad enjoying some chips.



Boone the Pitte Mix with his mom, Melissa Leutsch.



Jody Maple with Ghydro Dog Grooming.



Pat Kelly of Rock 102 getting ready to be dunked!



Tracy Root and her artwork from Lovingly Made by T.J.



The tent was full of people enjoying good music and good food for a better cause.



The mobile dog grooming truck available to give free grooming to all dogs at Pets Rock.



Ashlie Bombardier, Shannon O'Connell, and Wafer the lab.