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Family-fun Fireworks for the Fourth

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - The town's annual fireworks display and all the festivities that go with it will return to Michael E. Smith Middle School on Saturday, July 1. Rides, games, food, and other activities began at 6 p.m. with the fireworks display beginning around 9:30 p.m.

"This is the official kick-off for the summer for many families and for lots of people it's a chance to see those you don't often get to see," said Andy Rogers, recreation director for South Hadley. "We have lots to do and the show is always fantastic."

This year's event will feature several rides such as a scrambler, slide, bounce house, carousel and mini jet. Children can also play games at the game trailer, have their faces painted, climb a rock wall and join in a futsal soccer game.

For families who have worked up an appetite, there

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Know Your Town



From left to right: Joan Rosna, Martha Terry and Patricia Kroske.

Turley Photo by Matty Anderson

Learning the ins and outs of South Hadley

By Matty Anderson
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SOUTH HADLEY— Know Your Town discussed community, scholarships and the lingering effects of the pandemic.

On Thursday afternoon, the South Hadley Public Library

welcomed Know Your Town, a civic organization that has been active in the community for about 50 years. KYT promotes civic discussion and finds new ways to deal with local issues.

Joe Rodio, director of the library, said, "Know Your Town is a fantastic organization. They do important work and help inform

the public about local issues." Martha Terry, former president of KYT, explained, "This is our annual end of the year meeting; we do more than just meetings though, our purpose is to inform and educate, which we've done

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47 receive diplomas at MacDuffie School's 133rd commencement

BELCHERTOWN — The MacDuffie School held its 133rd Commencement Exercises in Abbey Chapel at Mount Holyoke College on Saturday, June 10.

The 47 members of the Class of 2023 stood for their traditional photo on the steps, processed through the Chapel and received their diplomas, as friends and family watched with pride.

Passion, honesty, and gratitude were the embedded themes of the Senior Speakers: Sara Avery of Belchertown and Nathan Stevenson of Springfield.

Head of School Steve Griffin challenged the graduates to choose to lead, to continue to serve, and to make change. He referred to the Japanese concept of Kaisen, seeking big results from tiny, continuous changes to daily habits. The Class of 2023 chose long-serving teacher Joan O'Brien to be their Faculty Speaker. O'Brien retires this year after 28 years at MacDuffie. She encouraged the graduates to take



Class of 2023 Seven Year Seniors (back, from left): Reece Tramazzo of South Hadley, Gabe Shumway of Granby and Zachary Mavlouganes of Belchertown; and (front, from left): Alexa Wiesel of Granby), Jae Mason of South Hadley, Sophie Griffin of South Hadley and Vivian O'Connor of Granby.

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Doolittle awarded \$3,000 scholarship

SOUTH HADLEY — Moira Doolittle, a 2023 graduate of South Hadley High School, has been awarded a \$3,000 William J. Wagner Memorial Scholarship from the Chicopee Savings Bank Charitable Foundation, an affiliate with Westfield Bank.

Doolittle is one of 11 highly deserving scholarship recipients from 12 local high schools that were invited to participate in the Foundation's 17th annual scholarship program.

Moira graduated first in her class with a 4.7 GPA and was chosen as Class Valedictorian. She plans to attend Syracuse University in the Fall to study all aspects of theater production before set-

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Proposed short-term rental tax stirs controversy

By Ben Hernandez
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – The Selectboard is considering a new excise tax on short-term rentals within the town of South Hadley.

Town Administrator Lisa Wong presented the new by-law as an extension of the prior conversation held at the joint MPIC and Planning Board meeting. This proposed excise tax will apply to not only hotels but also numerous different short-term living arrangements.

The potential by-law targets ‘professionally managed units,’ which are defined as ‘short-term rental units not located within a single two or three family dwelling.’ This broad definition encompasses a variety of temporary living arrangements, in-

cluding bed-and-breakfast businesses and even private rooms for rent.

Jennifer Voyik, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Business Operations, stated that the by-law will not only apply to new rental properties, but existing ones as well.

This additional surcharge will retroactively apply to established rental properties in town, payable as a state tax. From there, the collected funds will be redistributed to South Hadley within the financial quarter.

But talks are still in their early stages. For the proposal to become law, it will need to pass two different approval processes. The first major hurdle will be a majority vote at the town meeting level, where the by-law will be presented as a six percent local room occupancy tax.

If adopted, a separate vote will be held to extend wording to cover owner-occupied units. “So, I just want to say that the first vote, the general MGI, will apply to everything; including short-term rentals,” said Lisa Wong. She added that an additional three percent surcharge could be included down the line. But this additional proposed option would be treated as an addendum, which would require another separate vote to incorporate.

Anticipating potential backlash, Jeff Cyr, Selectboard member, asked his peers what the proposed collected funds would be used for. According to Wong, money collected by the taxes would be redistributed to the town’s general fund.

“I think the intent would be that it would cover any of the

administrative burdens that we would have,” said Wong.

She cited traffic and public safety concerns as a potential use for the collected funds, although remained vague on what was meant by “covering additional costs to the community.”

Detractors remained skeptical on the proposal. Cyr warned that such taxes could deter new businesses from starting in South Hadley. He disclosed that high tax rates forced a friend to close his side business in Northampton and cautioned that excessive fees might prompt potential businesses to look elsewhere for opportunities.

Vice Chair Carol Constant said, “I personally am 100 percent in favor of something like this. I think we’re going to get a lot of money because we’re just little old South Hadley.”

Nicole Casolari, Selectboard clerk argued that Longmeadow would be a perfect case study to determine financial impact, as the town just recently adopted the policy. By gathering data from a recent adoption, Casolari concluded, South Hadley would have an ideal sample size to monitor.

For now, discussions are still in their early stages. Once policies are drafted, the proposals will be introduced to public hearings.

Those opposed remain ambivalent about the future of such a by-law. “That’s the trouble with taxes, you know,” said Constant. “Nobody wants to pay them but nobody wants to give up the services, either.”

“They just want to know where the money goes,” said Cyr.

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ting into a specific discipline.

Upon arrival, she plans to join the marching band. Moira states that she is unsure what the future may hold for her but knows she will work within the disciplines of theatre, production, and possibly teaching.

Heavily involved in the performing arts throughout high school, Moira was named MVP of her school’s concert choir for two consecutive years and received an Unsung Hero Award. In music and theatre, she was also named a two-time MVP and served as a drum captain.

Moira was inducted into the National Honor Society, where she served as vice president. As a member of the Jazz Band, she went on to win Rookie of the Year as well as MVP.

Working with Harlequins Theater, Moira served as a one-act director earning “Best Show” honors while also serving as a stage manager and winning another Unsung Hero Award. She also served as president of SH Improv and was a member of the school’s marching band. Outside of school, Moira remained connected to theater as a member of the MESMS Drama Club where

she served as a stage manager and a vocal coach.

Moira also was a member of Exit 7 Theater as a stagehand. During a period of four months, she achieved over 70 hours in community service.

Moira also held part-time jobs at Batch Ice Cream, as a team member and shift lead, and currently works at Frontera Grill as a server. Moira’s school counselor described her as “having a can-do attitude and has never met a challenge she couldn’t overcome.”

The Chicopee Savings Bank Charitable Foundation was established in 2006, as a Private 501c3 foundation, through a gift of stock from Chicopee Bancorp, Inc., valued then at \$5.5 million, upon the successful conversion of Legacy Chicopee Savings Bank to a publicly traded company. Now in its seventeenth year, the Foundation has donated in excess of \$6.2 million back into our local communities.

The Foundation grants funding to qualified 501c3 organizations serving the communities of Chicopee, Ludlow, South Hadley, Ware, West Springfield and their immediate surrounding communities.

In 2022, the Foundation’s



Moira Doolittle (center) displays the William J. Wagner Memorial Scholarship Award granted to her by the Chicopee Savings Bank Charitable Foundation.

Board of Directors humbly renamed its scholarship award program to the William J. Wagner Memorial Scholarship Program in recognition of the Foundation’s founding President, who served in that capacity until his

passing in 2021. Mr. Wagner was a community servant, who was notably passionate about helping youth succeed and lived by the old adage that, “What you do has far greater impact than what you say.”

Through Mr. Wagner’s leadership and since, the Foundation proudly awarded 137 academic scholarships totaling \$409,000 to eligible high school graduates.

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The MacDuffie School Class of 2023 gathered before receiving their diplomas on June 10.

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a course outside their discipline in college, to be brave, to hang onto their sense of humor, and to

continue to shine their light.

Once the prizes were awarded and the diplomas given, everyone joined in for the singing of the alma mater, "The Magnolia Song." The graduates processed

out of the chapel to "Summer Suns Are Glowing." Refreshments and photo opportunities were plentiful on the Brigham Hall lawn.

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will be six food trucks on site. Eventgoers can choose from a wide range of offerings: pulled pork sandwiches, brisket sandwiches, mac and cheese, lemonade, snow cones, ice cream, burgers and hot dogs - just to name a few.

A DJ and the community band will also be providing entertainment throughout the evening up until the fireworks display begins.

Several vendors will be selling toys and candy to help children celebrate. All profits will support the South Hadley High School cheerleading team, United Methodist Church, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

This huge event takes many people to pull off successfully. Several sponsors return year after year to help support the event and the town.

"Our sponsors are awesome and this event wouldn't happen without them," said Rogers. "PeoplesBank has been sponsoring this event for over 30 years and is always great to work with. SHELD not only makes a donation but also helps with some of the setup for the event and our department throughout the year."

Before disbanding, the Lions Club made a donation to the event, carrying on a years-long tradition of support.

"The Lions Club for many years used to work the event, making hotdogs and root-beer floats, and we are thankful for their many years of service," said Rogers.

Other sponsors include Fiberspring, Veryl's Automotive, Metras Insurance Agency, IGM, Westfield Bank and O'Brien Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

The work extends beyond financial sponsorship and truly

depends on community support, which it receives from so many enthusiasts.

"We work closely with many town departments to make this happen - both fire departments, the police department, DPW and the parks department, the board of health, the school department and many others," said Rogers. "It is truly a community event and we want to thank anyone that has a part in it."

Attendees should bring a blanket or chairs for comfortable sitting, as well as bug spray. Parking will be available at Mosier Elementary and St. Theresa's Church until those lots are filled or 7 p.m. Parking at the middle school will only be for those with handicapped placards or working the event. No parking will be allowed on routes 116, 202 or 33 or on many of the neighborhood streets. The rain date for the event is Sunday, July 2.

HCC Foundation awards \$304,000 in student scholarships

HOLYOKE - The Holyoke Community College Foundation has awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships to students for the 2023-2024 academic year.

This year, the HCC Foundation awarded 259 scholarships worth \$304,125 to 249 incoming, current, and transferring HCC students. Many students received multiple scholarship awards.

The HCC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that works to advance the college's mission, vision, and values. Founded in 1968 as the Friends of Holyoke Community College, in response to a devastating fire that forced the college to rebuild a new campus, the Foundation now manages assets of more than \$20 million, the largest community college foundation endowment in Massachusetts.

An alphabetical list of all scholarship recipients and their awards can also be viewed on the HCC website at hcc.edu/scholarships-2023.

Agawam: Jill Fogg, Ciara Lamoureux, Shelby Stathis, Zachary Zollo.

Amherst: Carlos Stiven Cruz, Benjamin Keil, Chidera Ononibaku, Marie Siri, Joshua Taylor, Joshua Werhane.

Ashfield: Robert Lizotte.

Belchertown: Amber Blinn, Jacob Chaisson, Rebekah Clough, Hailey Garrow, Olivia Golenski, Olga Minina, Cassidy Morrisette, Aura Suarez Oviedo, Caylin Trickey.

Chicopee: Kennedy Bax-

ter, Alicia Beaton, Kostiantyn Chernytskyi, Liliana Colon, Nicole Couture, Caleb Dion, Zachary Dubreuil, Kathryn Fydenkevez, Zoe Fydenkevez, Jaal Gardin, Nicholas Hamel, Nicole Kynard, McKallum Malanowski, Hanna Patrick, David Perez, Steven Placzek, Janira Portorreal, Franchesca Ramirez-Rios, Lance Rice, Waliyah Riley, Renee Soucy, Ashley Terron.

East Longmeadow: Heather Abourizk, Vincent Bednarzyk, Nicolas Brosseau, Viktoriia Fedosh, Olivia Labonte, Carissa Laushway, Tracy Martin.

Easthampton: Sarah Akin, Carissa Batura, Jessie Beland, Joel Bergstrom, Maxime Capitaine, Brianna Coltman, Gracelyn Downer, Noelle Fournier, Cadence Hiller, Elishama Jean, Charles Karpells, Narvanie Lalchand, Maria De La Luz Ortega, Marie Poulin, Meghan Teague, Casey Wagner, Mary-Alice Wieland.

Erving: James Leclerc.
Fall River: Rachel Reynolds.

Feeding Hills: Joselyne Matos, Danielle Robichaud.

Florence: Enette Claxton-Toliver, Shannon Collins, Riley Delano, Fatima Ibrahim, Bunnary Teng, Raquel Valentin.

Granby: Breann Hackett, Garrett Kosior, Martina Lopez, Tegan Maclure, Jan Ashley Masse, Karlie Moriarty, Diana Swanigan, Nicole Westcott.

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GUEST COLUMN

What drew me to caring for people in my community

By Hannah Niemiec

I have wanted to be a nurse since I was young.

My journey into the health field began while in high school when I signed up for a Certified Nurse Assistant program and this started me on my career path. Since graduating from nursing school, I completed the Baystate Health Nurse Residency Program and have been working at Baystate Wing Hospital since July, 2022.



I completed my one-on-one preceptorship for nursing school at Baystate Wing on the Med/Surg Unit during my last semester of nursing school. Being able to start a job on the same floor I had done my clinical rotation on gave me great headway in the world of nursing and I felt so welcome in the unit when I took a full-time job there.

I became a nurse to make a difference. I love being able to be a light to my patients on some of their darkest days. Caring for people living in my community is another important part of what I do, and I am proud of the knowledge, compassion, and skill that go into the care I provide each shift I work.

I love coming to work!

Each day I learn something new, from skills, to fun facts, and about different diseases. Being a nurse means being committed to constant learning, practice, and reflection for continuous improvement.

My favorite moments with patients are the everyday moments of caring for them and spending time getting to know them better. I love when I can discharge a patient home and can see the improvement they have made. I love when they thank our team for the care we have given them that makes them feel better and able to go home with the education we give them to stay healthy.

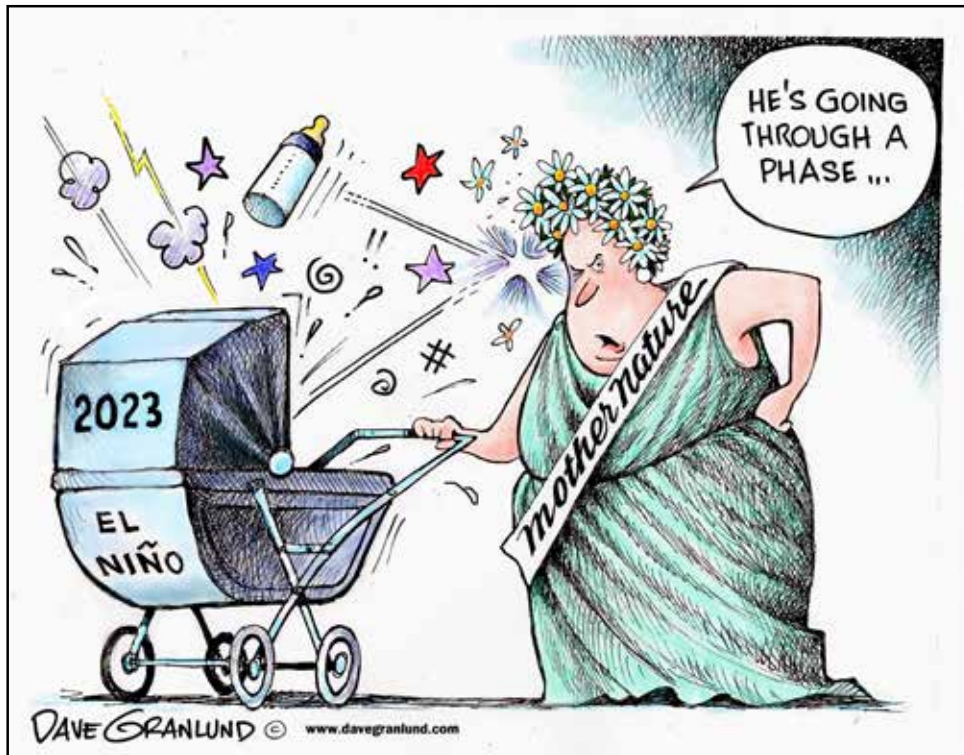
We have a great team, and we work so well together. Our team makes each member feel welcomed and valued. I am grateful for the great relationship I have with all my coworkers. The Patient Care Technicians I work with daily play a huge role in the care I give to each patient. We all work side by side and make each day a good day while taking care of our patients as a team from admission to discharge.

I make compassionate connections with my patients each shift. Each connection I make is different and how to make that connection sometimes has to change based on the patient and their personalities. Because I am from the local area and live in the community, I can relate to my patients many times.

Something many people would find surprising about being a nurse is a nurse's role is more than just being a nurse. We can have different roles each day depending on the needs of our patients. Many would not know how many different types of patients/diagnoses and skills we use and see on a day-to-day basis.

These experiences help build a good foundation for each nurse. I am grateful for the team I work with each day.

Hannah Niemiec, BSN, RN, works in the Med/Surg Unit at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer. For more information visit Baystate-health.org/wing



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciation for day of music

The Pioneer Valley Community Band Festival was a testament to the love of both community and music that defines Ira Brezinsky.

The afternoon was full of amazing music, memories, and joy, all due to Ira's having conceived of and brought to fruition the grand concept of this band. It was a collaboration of community bands in Florence, Amherst and South Hadley, with some ringers thrown in, not the least of whom was conductor Tom Bergeron, who graduated from South Hadley High School.

Many of the musicians were music edu-

cators, others were past and present products of public school music programs, a joyful reminder of the importance of music and all the arts in schools. Without those classes, not only would life have a dull tone, but also, there would be unfulfilled artists and musicians.

Music is life. Here's hoping Ira's vision will live on and produce more concerts for us to enjoy. Thank you, Ira!

Mary Lou Guarnera
South Hadley

Never informed about local funds

I just read the article by Tina Lesniak in the June 16 Town Reminder about local home improvement funds and I am confused.

I have owned 6 Center Street since 2018. The article mentioned \$312,000 for loans to homeowners for improvements. I was never informed by the town of the availability of these funds. I sure could use it.

It said seven homeowners had used \$192,000. There are only three houses on Center Street. I have been in contact with the town for years about the Center Street project, they even sent me the blueprints for it. Every time I was told they were waiting for funding.

Strange response.

The project had started; Roads and sidewalks were surveyed and Digsafe marked the streets for safety. Some of the sidewalks were repaired on adjoining streets. Then COVID hit and the project stopped.

Seems they had funding, but now they don't.

I will inquire with the town about the home improvement funds to find out why I was not informed about it and how seven homeowners were but there are only three houses.

John West
South Hadley



Will work earnings affect my Social Security at age 80?

Dear Rusty: I am 80 years old, and I receive monthly Social Security benefits, but I'm thinking about returning to work. At this age, am I limited in how much income I generate without affecting my benefit? If so, how much can I earn without affecting it? Signed: Spry Octogenarian.

Dear Spry Octogenarian: Since you have already reached your Full Retirement Age for Social Security's purposes, you can earn as much income from working as you like without your monthly Social Security payment being affected. Social Security's earnings test applies only to those who collect benefits before reaching their full retirement age, which is somewhere between age

66 and 67, depending on year of birth.

However, although the earnings test will not apply to you, it's important to know that Social Security benefits are subject to income tax if the annual combined income from all sources, also known as your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" exceeds certain thresholds. The income tax filing status is an influencing factor - if filing as a single and the MAGI is more than \$25,000 or filing as "married/jointly" and the MAGI is more than \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of the overall taxable income. And if your MAGI as a single filer is more than \$34,000 or, as a married filer more than \$44,000, then up to 85% of the SS benefits you receive during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your standard IRS income tax rate. Thus, returning to work may result in Social Security benefits unexpectedly becoming taxable income.

For complete clarity, the "MAGI" is regular Adjusted Gross Income on income tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits a person received during the tax

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Comments on CONGRESS

By Lee Hamilton

This is how divided government should work

Before the memory of the recent debt ceiling negotiations disappears and we confront the next new drama in Washington, let's pause a moment to acknowledge what just happened.

You can debate from here to eternity whether the American people were winners or losers in the deal (I'd say winners because the government didn't default; losers because we had to go through the whole charade in the first place) but what's not debatable is one key point: Congress and the White House provided a lesson in how negotiations and bipartisanship are supposed to work.

We live in an era when this can seem impossible, as hard-line conservatives in the GOP and a few determined progressives in the Democratic party try to push policy to the extremes and appear to reject the idea of even talking to the other side. But Washington has a way of imposing the discipline of hard numbers - in this case, a House controlled by Republicans with a bare majority; a Senate with a very small Democratic margin; and a presidency in Democrats' hands.

For either side to make progress, they have to negotiate with the other.

What's easy to forget is that this has been the norm for more than a half century. Of the 28 Congresses since 1969, 19 have been divided (if you include the 107th, which began and ended under unified Republican control, but for most of its two-year length was divided because of a senator's party switch).

Anyone who's spent time in the nation's capital during this long era of mostly divided government knows that with power so distributed, there is no single path to success in trying to make the Congress work. As long as they're playing by the rules, the chief way to judge success is by the results. And on that front, the debt ceiling

debate was a success - even if the harder-core members of the GOP caucus in the House are now trying to punish Speaker Kevin McCarthy for the deal he struck.

You may know the broad outline of the agreement: It buys the government two more years before the next debt ceiling clash; imposes a freeze on some federal spending; broadens work requirements for food stamps; and makes other changes designed to appeal to either Republicans or Democrats. As The New York Times' Catie Edmondson wrote after it passed, "The compromise was structured with the aim of enticing votes from both parties. It allowed Republicans...to say that they succeeded in reducing some federal spending - even as funding for the military and veterans' programs would continue to grow - while allowing Democrats to say they spared most domestic programs from the severe cuts."

This allowed both McCarthy and President Joe Biden - and their parties - to claim victory. In a set of negotiations like this, that's actually what you're aiming for: the ability for everyone to walk away saying, "This is what I've done for you." It's a classic illustration of how democracy works, especially when political leaders are content to share credit. In an analysis after the bill passed, longtime Times Washington correspondent Peter Baker noted, "The president's approach to the negotiations - and especially their aftermath - reflects a half-century of bargaining in Washington. When someone has been around the track as long as Mr. Biden has, resisting the temptation to spike the ball and claim victory can be critical to actually securing the victory in the first place."

The recent floor rebellion by some disgruntled members of McCarthy's caucus is a reminder that none of this is easy. But the overwhelming majority by which the debt ceiling compromise passed in both houses is also a reminder that, when the chips are down, many members can remember a key fact about life on Capitol Hill: You have to be flexible and work with what you can patch together when you're trying to lead the country.

That's what our system offers - the chance for political leaders to do their jobs and make democracy work.

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It's all about the pie

In our family we get the privilege of requesting a special dessert to celebrate birthdays or other special occasions.

My husband asked for a strawberry pie for Father's Day. My oldest daughter made the crust while my youngest and I picked the strawberries.

After making a sauce with half the berries we mixed it with the other half of chopped fruit and poured it into the crust. Now to wait two hours while it chills.

We'll whip up some cream and, voila! The taste of summer in my opinion!

I love having a small patch of strawberries in my garden. I think I am in year four or five with this particular planting.

I've thinned and replanted but I am starting to worry that having them in close to the same spot for this length of time has lured a strawberry-specific bug to the garden. Let's learn about this bug and maybe figure out a game plan as to how to combat it.

Many of my riper strawberries have damage consisting of circular holes, some of which go deep into the fruit. Occasionally there will be a beetle inside the strawberry, caught in the act.

Upon closer examination, I've determined them to be the strawberry sap beetle.

It's tiny, measuring less than one eighth of an inch long, brown, and oval shaped. They are drawn to ripe fruit and because of this, we can come up with creative ways as to how to catch them.

Pesticides are shown not to work - nor would we want to use them on fruit we are ready to eat!

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since the 40s."

As guests and members of KYT entered the Community Meeting Room, they were met with a lavish spread of food and desserts including shrimp, pizza and strawberry shortcake. Attendees said their hellos and caught up with each other as they made their plates.

Once everyone had settled in, it was time for the speaking portion of the meeting to begin. Candice LeFleur stood up and thanked everyone for coming. She was actually substituting for the original speaker who was unable to attend.

Despite having only a few days to prepare a speech, she spoke with confidence. LeFleur started her career working for the Department Of Mental Health as a social worker until her department was dissolved.

LeFleur continued to excel in her field despite the closure of her department. She demonstrated that by joining the Psychiatric Department of Children's Hospital in Boston. Since retiring after many years with Children's Hospital, she has had more time to get involved with the community and KYT.

During her speech she explained the

main issues that she, as a mental health professional, observed during the pandemic. Social workers were no longer able to meet with children in person, so it was much harder to accurately assess their well being.

Domestic abuse was at an all time high during lockdown although statistics would reflect otherwise. It was much easier for abusers to get away with their actions when their children and spouses were out of the public eye. She explained how anxiety and depression spiked, stemming from multiple sources such as financial insecurity, career changes and the new stress placed upon personal relationships.

LeFleur explained that "the term 'essential worker' was hurtful to many people. Suddenly hardworking and proud people were told you were no longer essential. That really affected their self worth." She went on to explain that in terms of mental and physical health, the work they were doing was similar to work following major disasters.

She said "telling people to focus on selfcare, diet, exercise, and not to overindulge in drugs and alcohol wasn't good enough anymore because they couldn't even go outside. People began to struggle more and more with addiction."

She explained how during lockdown it was important for family members to establish boundaries with each other. She added, "I'm going to give all of you homework assignments - When you go home ask your partner how they want to divide household chores. They shouldn't be the job of any one person."

She discussed how the lack of socialization affected everyone, especially children. They need that social aspect to develop properly. Kids struggled with remote learning and when they returned to school they were at a disadvantage.

She said, "There is still a struggle today even without the masks, people aren't sure how to go back to normal. The end of the pandemic is like the end of a war; nurses retired in masses. We won the fight but we have not won the war."

Attendees discussed how having big companies take over and be in control of medicine is extremely problematic. They talked about how those companies don't care about their employees or patients and how at the end of the day all they care about is money.

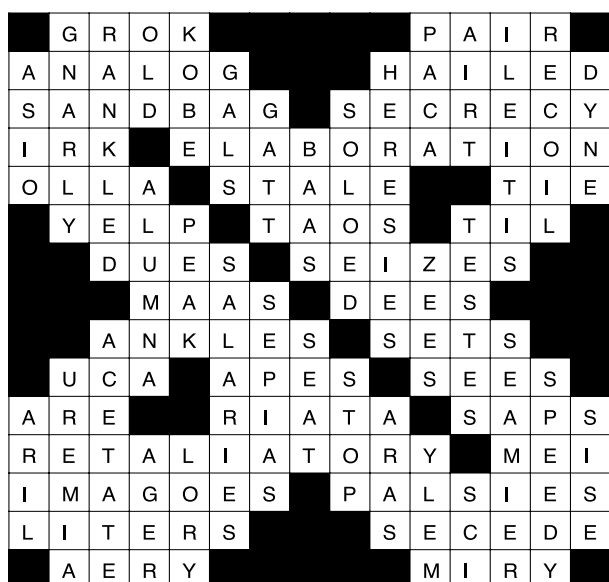
Some attendees discussed their personal struggles during and following the pandemic. Talking to each other about their experiences seemed to bring the community closer. After some discussion

the speaking portion of the meeting was over, and the next order of business was to announce the scholarship winner.

Every year KYT awards a lucky young member of the community a college scholarship. This year's recipient was Natalie Hartley. She was recommended for the scholarship by her grandmother. Hartley has been described as an active learner and a genuinely kind person.

She enjoys skiing and swimming and envisions a life that allows her to spend most of her time in nature. Hartley herself said, "Thank you all. This scholarship will help me so much as I go on to Bridgewater State University, I'm looking forward to someday working alongside the seashore."

Town Meeting Member, "Chevy" said, "Karen, the original speaker was unable to come today which was big news for everyone because she was a huge draw-in. It's a testimony to Linda Young and Martha Terry that they were able to find a replacement so quickly. Candice did wonderful. I think everyone took something away from her speech, and the food was amazing. Thank you to everyone who cooked for this meeting."



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Ware Veterans Carnival returns

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – The Ware Veterans Carnival is returning for its second year this week, starting the summer season off right with fun, games, music, food and drinks.

Held at Memorial Field located just off South Street, the Carnival will be open Thursday, June 22 and Friday, June 23 from 5-10 p.m.; and Saturday, June 24 from 3-8 p.m. Admission and parking are both free.

Event organizer John Morrin said there will be a couple of new rides added to the Carnival this year, as well as more food vendors. There will also be a craft/vendor fair.

“Every year it will get bigger and bigger,” he said.

Morrin said for many years, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Bill Imbier tried to bring a carnival back to town, after St. Mary’s had to end their beloved annual event.

“I said I would keep trying,” Morrin said. “I emailed everyone in the carnival business, and they all said ‘no.’”

However, after the COVID-19 pandemic put a pause on large gatherings, many of those carnivals were looking for new locations, including R.W. Commerford & Sons of Connecticut.

“These people emailed me back. He came, pulled into Memorial Field and said, ‘this is a great place for a carnival... this is perfect,’” Morrin said.

Next, Morrin had to decide what to do with the proceeds from the carnival, and

being active in both the AMVETS and American Legion, helping veterans was a natural choice.

After trying to set up an account with either of the veterans organizations before the start of the Carnival last year without success, Morrin hired someone to establish the nonprofit Ware Veterans Fund.

“Finally in early May we got all of our paperwork in. So, once we got the paperwork, I went down and opened an account at Country Bank,” he said.

Money in the account is used to cover expenses related to the Carnival, and the rest is used as a “last resort” fund for town veterans. Morrin said there are many resources available for veterans to help with their expenses, but they don’t always cover all costs, and this fund could help bridge that gap.

The community’s reception to the Carnival has been very positive, with many happy to see a longstanding town tradition being picked up and continued.

Town organizations, businesses and committees have volunteered their time and energy to be involved with the three-day event, including the Knights of Columbus, Country Bank, Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance, the Americans with Disabilities Act Commission and the Youth Committee.

Country Bank employees will also help to staff the ticket booth, in addition to being a sponsor, Morrin said.

The Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183 will once again be serving up delicious food for hungry carnival goers.

ReSource Waste Services of Ware has

returned as the event’s biggest sponsor. Morrin said the company’s general manager has a soft spot for veterans.

Local businesses It’s Wine O’clock and B’leaf Wellness Centre have teamed up to host a beer garden under the tent, offering a variety of popular and craft beers, hard seltzer and wines.

Live music will be provided Thursday night by rock and roll band Half Staff and Friday night by southern outlaw band The Alley Kings.

The Alley Kings performed at last year’s inaugural Carnival.

Volunteers are still needed to help with parking, as well as other jobs at the Carnival, Morrin said. This is sure to be a rewarding experience, helping to put on a fun community event, while also giving back to veterans in need.

To volunteer, contact Morrin by emailing johmorrin13@gmail.com or calling 413-949-0716. If people would like to support the Ware Veterans Fund, they can mail checks made out to “Ware Veterans Fund” to John Morrin, 170 Monson Turnpike Road, Ware, MA 01082.

Parking for the Carnival is available at St. Mary’s School, as well as American Athletic Shoe Co. (after 6 p.m.). Handicapped parking is available at the back of Memorial Field, accessible through Monroe Street.

Morrin thanked all of those that have made the event successful, including St. Mary’s Church and American Athletic Shoe Co. for use of their parking lots, the residents that live around Memorial Field, Roy “Sonny” Erickson for his graphic design skills, as well as the Ware River News.

Morrin also thanked R.W. Commerford & Sons for making Ware part of their summer circuit.

“We definitely want to thank the carnival people for giving us a chance,” he said.

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Folks have had good luck with traps of stale beer, vinegar, fermenting juice, or a mixture of water, molasses and yeast.

Add a few inches of the liquid of your choice into a bucket or other deep container placed outside, but near the strawberry patch. Typically the insect will get lured in and drown.

This type of trap, albeit shallower, will also catch slugs.

Slug holes on strawberries are irregularly shaped, not circular, and most often they extend into the fruit as if the critter is eating its way through it.

A basin or saucer, even a pie plate buried to soil surface level will catch slugs when they come out of hiding to feed. Empty these types of traps every few days, replacing the liquid.

I’m a bit nostalgic today. Thinking of my own dad, of course!

If he were still alive his pie of choice would have been apple, not a la mode, but topped with a piece of cheese!

One thing I am experiencing in my mini orchard right now is “June drop.” While my apple orchard is still too young to bear many apples, there are tiny apples at the base of my best bearing tree.

Some say that June drop is due to pollination problems; others surmise that it is caused by a competition for carbohydrates. Roots and shoots are competing with the newly formed apples and sometimes there isn’t enough to go around.

I had always thought that insects were to blame. Regardless, June drop isn’t necessarily a bad thing.

We are taught to thin clusters of fruit so that individual fruits get to a respectable size. This is Mother Nature taking care of that for us.

Therefore, if you do plan on thinning, it is best to wait and see what happens between now and the first week of July before you thin down to one or two fruits per cluster.

Well, the strawberry pie was a big hit. I’m already thinking about the leftovers for tomorrow’s dessert and what pie I’ll have for my next big day. Blueberry, anyone?

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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Klezmer - in a folk traditions series

HADLEY – On July 5 at 6:30 p.m. the Wednesday Folk Traditions concert series at The Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum continues its 42 season with The Wholesale Klezmer Band featuring a program of Jewish Life in Song.

The Wholesale Klezmer Band celebrates Yiddish songs through a mix of social justice-oriented music, Ashkenazic Jewish prayer melodies, and instrumental tunes that one can meditate and dance to.

Performances are held in Yiddish and Loshn Koydesh, and include many original songs that promote an accessible and immersive linguistic and musical experience.

Since 1982, the band has showcased Jewish music and culture for a wide variety of audiences, performing onstage, in educational settings, and at Jewish weddings and other traditional events.

The Wholesale Klezmer Band has also held a variety of workshops and high-profile performances, including a Celebration of Folk Music for the 100th anniversary of Carnegie Hall and President Bill Clinton's inauguration.

The Wholesale Klezmer Band consists of members Yosl (Joe) Kurland on vocals and fiddle, Christina Crowder on the accordion, Michael Suter on the bass violin, Brian Bender on the trombone, Peggy Davis on vocals and flute, Joanna Morse on the fiddle, and Aaron Bousel on the accordion.

The band has received acclaim from numerous publications, including the Jewish Federation Reporter of New Hampshire, who described the group as "A New England treasure."

The concert will be held on the museum grounds at 130 River Drive, Route 47, Hadley. Admission is \$12, \$2 for children 16 and under. Payment is cash only.

Picnickers are welcome on the museum's grounds starting at 5:00 p.m. In the event of rain, performances will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Hadley. The museum and its grounds are a smoke-free site. For further information please call (413) 584-4699 or visit www.pphmuseum.org.

Wednesday Folk Traditions continues on July 12 with Viva Quetzal, an acclaimed Afro-Andean fusion group whose music is rooted in folk traditions of Chile and Peru. In using a wide array



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Wholesale Klezmer Band to perform at Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum.

of native instruments from throughout the Americas, and infusing elements of jazz and rock traditions into their music, they create a uniquely multicultural experience for their listeners, and are a valued addition to this season's concert series.

Wednesday Folk Traditions is funded, in part, by grants from: the Marion I. And Otto C. Kohler Memorial Fund at the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts; Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, through its Festivals and Programs Grants; the Amherst and Hadley Cultural Councils; local agencies funded by Massachusetts Cultural Council; Robinson and Cole; The Adams Foundation; Easthampton Savings Bank; Gage-Wiley and Company, and with generous support from many local businesses.

The Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation acknowledges that it occupies the unceded lands of the Nonotuck people. The museum contains a collection of the belongings of several generations of one extended Hadley family, dating back to

the house's establishment in 1752 by Moses and Elizabeth Porter.

The house and its activities included the labor and livelihood of many artisans, servants, and enslaved people. Their lived experiences are being brought to the forefront at the museum in the form of a new tour and reinterpretation initiative funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The new tour foregrounds the lives of six enslaved men and women at the house: Zebulon Prutt, Cesar, Peg, Phillis, Rose, and Phillis. Additionally, the tour highlights the role of "pastkeeping" by exploring the home's transition into a museum in the twentieth century.

Recently, the museum was designated the "Forty Acres and its Skirts National Historic District" by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Open June 3 through October 15, Saturday through Wednesday. For more information check out our website at: www.pphmuseum.org or call the museum at (413) 584-4699.

New Farmers Market to open at Holyoke Medical Center

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Medical Center is excited to announce the opening of a new Farmers Market at the hospital starting June 14. The HMC Farmers Market will be open on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. through October 25.

Located in the hospital's Parking Lot D, the HMC Farmer's Market is conveniently close to the front entrance of the hospital, with valet parking available. Holyoke residents are encouraged to utilize the hospital's free transportation shuttles. The transportation schedule is available at www.holyokehealth.com/ride.

The hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment has identified access to healthy food as an area of concern for many people in our community,» says HMC Director of Community Benefits, Lisa Wray-Schechterle. "Holyoke Medical Center is proud to provide a convenient location and transportation, while also collaboratively partnering with others to make this new market a success."

The HMC Farmer's Market is a collaboration with the Holyoke Farmers Market, the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, Let's Move Hampden County 5210, and many local businesses. Some of the vendors participating this season will include Agudelo Farms, Atlas Farm, Brown Cow Farm, From the Roots to the Table, Gifted Peace, Living Sowful, Woodnote Coffee, and more. EBT/SNAP and HIP benefits are accepted. A list of participating vendors will regularly be updated at www.holyokehealth.com/market.

The HMC Farmers Market is still accepting new vendor applications at <https://forms.gle/LxrsCzeaS9y3ympT9>. There is no vendor cost associated with the HMC Farmers Market. Vendor questions can be directed to holyokefarmersmarket@gmail.com.

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year, plus any other non-taxable income (except Roth IRA withdrawals) they may have had.

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All Wheels Show

puts the brakes on hunger

By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – For the second year, Palmer Motorsports Park hosted its All Wheels Show, featuring an array of cars, trucks and even tractors; all to benefit local food pantries.

Rows of vehicles lined the area around the entrance to the track, offering motor enthusiasts a visual buffet of the hottest rides spanning the decades.

Entry to the All Wheels Show was either a nonperishable food item or \$5 per person; to be split between the Palmer Food Share and the Jubilee Cupboard at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware. Just like last year, the community came out in full support to help fight food insecurity in the region.

Keeping with tradition, the All Wheels Show featured some rarely seen vehicles at a car show, including the predecessor to the modern, more compact SUV, the Chevrolet Suburban.

A rugged classic that can tow a boat (and fit the whole family), Chevy has been making the Suburban since the mid-1930s, and continues to make them to this day.

Gene and Jill Sorel of Ware have been rocking the “longroof” for over three decades, entering their 1979 Chevrolet Suburban C10 in the Show.

“We’ve had this style of vehicle since we met in the 90s,” Jill said.

“I’ve been fixing them since before it was cool,” Gene said with a laugh.

Gene has been restoring vehicles professionally, but admits he’d rather be driv-

ing them than fixing them.

Also from Ware was Joe Barrows of the Barrows Family Pulling Team – Pulling for a Cause, who was there with his 2000 Chevrolet S10, which competes in the minitruck pulling class.

Barrows said his 18-year-old son Devon usually drives the truck, but he was attending his prom the night of the Show. Devon has modified the truck, including changing the throttle to a hand lever in the center of the truck.

Marked with “slow,” “fast” and “faster,” the hand throttle cautions passengers to “hold on tight” as it nears “faster.”

Barrows and his family do eight pulls a year, and about 25 shows; all to bring awareness to depression and suicide.

“Our biggest purpose is to make people aware,” Barrows said, who has struggled with depression himself.

Photos of two young women sat on the hood of the truck, both who lost their lives to suicide. Barrows has been working with the families of these women to advocate for awareness and offer support.

Evie Douglas was 21 years old when she died by suicide. She excelled at sports and had a passions for dance and helping others, creating the Facebook page, “Depression Doesn’t Define Me.”

Evie’s mother had reached out to Barrows to help continue her message following her death.

The other was his friend’s stepdaughter, 19-year-old Kristen Crowell of Springfield.

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Joe Barrows of the Barrows Family Pulling Team – Pulling for a Cause, stands with a 2000 Chevrolet S10 his son Devon drives in two-wheel drive truck pulling competitions.



Gene and Jill Sorel of Ware represented the “longroofs” with their 1979 Chevrolet Suburban C10.



Cynthia and Walter Reynolds of Palmer display the detailed pinstriping on the back of Cynthia’s 1949 Chevrolet Fleetline Deluxe.



Roger Rodriguez returned for his second year at the All Wheels Show, with his 1985 Chevrolet Citation.

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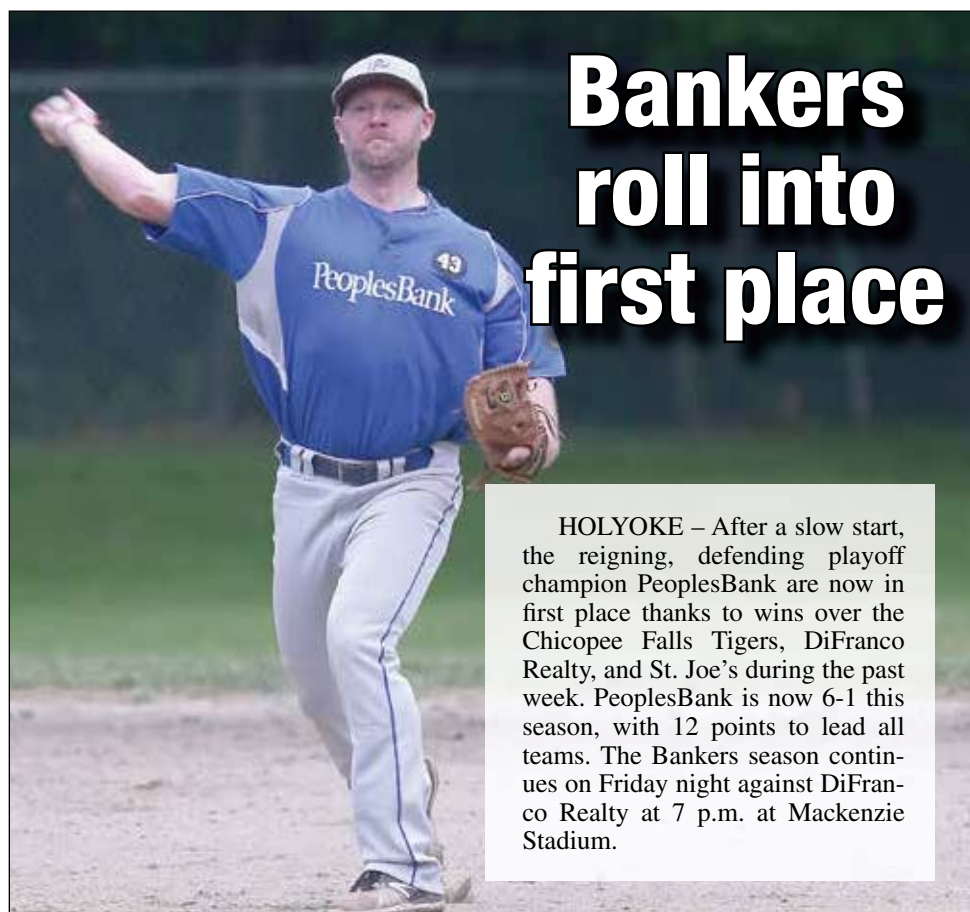
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Bankers roll into first place

HOLYOKE – After a slow start, the reigning, defending playoff champion PeoplesBank are now in first place thanks to wins over the Chicopee Falls Tigers, DiFranco Realty, and St. Joe’s during the past week. PeoplesBank is now 6-1 this season, with 12 points to lead all teams. The Bankers season continues on Friday night against DiFranco Realty at 7 p.m. at Mackenzie Stadium.



Mutiny ‘rush’ past Albany

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – The June 11 United Women’s Soccer match between the Albany Rush and the New England Mutiny featured several outstanding soccer players from Western Massachusetts.

There was also a talented soccer player from Eastern Massachusetts, who put on the home jersey for the final time during the regular season.

Before heading back to the University of South Carolina to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season, Catherine Berry scored a second half goal leading the Mutiny to a 2-0 shutout victory over the Rush before a large crowd at historic Lusitano Stadium.

“It’s a bittersweet night for me,” said Berry, who’s from Hingham. “I do have a commitment at my school, and I’m required to be there next week. I’m very grateful for every game that I do get to play for the Mutiny. I have two more years of eligibility remaining at South Carolina and I’m hoping to play for the Mutiny again next summer.”

Joe Ferrara, who’s the Mutiny’s owner/general manager, is hoping Berry will be returning to Lusitano Stadium in the middle of July if the Mutiny qualify for the U.W.S. playoffs.

Berry, who’s entering her senior season, has scored 24 goals and has 14 assists for a total of 62 points in her first three years playing college soccer.

Berry scored four goals in the Mutiny season and home

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Ryan Franczek makes a throw to first.

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Dave Clark makes a catch in right.



James Flahive pitches in relief.



Pitcher Danny Gaines starts for PeoplesBank.



Cam McDonald makes a quick throw for an out.

Summer soccer season opens up

PALMER – The Granby and Palmer girls summer soccer teams kicked off their summer season last Tuesday

evening at Laviolette Field. The two teams, which have had moderate success during the past few years in high

school action, battled to a 1-1 tie. Palmer girls have a team after not fielding one last summer.



Brenna Moreno sends a kick forward.



Emily Tremblay tries to send the ball by her opponent.

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Lydia Kicza sends the goal kick away.



Meredith Bartosz punts the ball away.

Sports



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Matthew Garcia hops over the runner as he makes a relay to first.

Valley Blue Sox out to 6-3 start

HOLYOKE – The wins keep coming for the Valley Blue Sox in the early goings. The team defeated the Danbury Westerners last Saturday by a score of 8-6 to increase their lead in the West Division to two games. The Blue Sox now sit at 6-3 on the season.

Thomas Ballard started for the Blue Sox today, and pitched four innings with four strikeouts allowing three runs.

Greg Jeffries and James Vaughn both made their team debuts. Jeffries earned the win after he pitched a clean fifth inning with one strikeout. Vaughn pitched two innings and struck out three batters.

The bottom of the lineup was the story of the game for the Blue Sox. The seven, eight, and nine hitters combined for four RBIs in the ball-

game.

Third Baseman Zach Ketterman went 2 for 3 with an RBI single. The Pennsylvania native boosted his average to .208 on the season.

Second Baseman Jeff Pierantoni went 2 for 2 with two singles and two RBIs. He was also hit by a pitch twice in this game, getting on base in each of his four plate appearances.

Catcher Efrain Correa Jr. went 1 for 2 with an RBI and a walk.

Danbury had a chance to come back in this game in the seventh and eighth innings, but hit into two double plays to minimize the damage. The defense was on full display tonight as AJ Guerrero made an excellent over-the-shoulder catch on the run to end the game in the top of the ninth inning.



Nick Callano delivers a pitch.

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Blue Sox holding promotional games

The Valley Blue Sox revealed their home promotions for the rest of June. The team is offering different promotions each night in cooperation with sponsoring companies.
 Sunday June 25, vs. the Danbury Westerners is Military Appreciation Night. The Blue Sox will celebrate the courage and sacrifice of the United States Military by giving away military towels. The night will be sponsored by the Veterans Affairs of Central Western Massachusetts as well as UMassFive College Federal Credit Union.
 Finally on Friday June 30, vs. the Bristol Blues, the official bus drivers of the Blue Sox, Michael's Bus Lines, will sponsor a giveaway of seat cushions for the first 150 fans to enter the ballpark. Additionally, Michael's Bus Lines will raffle off a free 25-person ride to a destination of the winner's choosing.
 The Blue Sox are looking forward to ending the month of June right, and encourage fans to come out to MacKenzie Stadium to join their celebrations and promotions.



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opener against the Worcester Fuel, which was a 7-1 victory.
 The Mutiny (2-0-1), who also played a 1-1 tie at the Maine Footy on May 21, had a couple of weeks off before hosting the Rush (2-1-1).
 "The support that we receive from our fans at this stadium is something that's very special. I wouldn't trade being a part of this for the world," Berry said. "Joe Ferrara is also an awesome person. He has become a close friend to my family during the past few years. The players on this team are also very special."
 Berry is following in the footsteps of her mother, Lauren, who played soccer at Middlebury College. Her father, Chris, played college basketball at Middlebury. Her parents attended last Saturday's home match.
 The local players that played in last Saturday's home match for the Mutiny are Alexis Legowski (South Hadley), Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown) Chandler Pedolzsky (Westfield), Emma Pe-



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Rachel Marchini settles the ball.



Laura Gouvin, of Monson, makes a pass.



Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, works near the corner.

dolzsky (Westfield), and Catherine Bean (Westfield).
 Klingensmith, who started in five games as a freshman on the American University women's soccer team last fall, has enjoyed being teammates with Berry.
 "Cat is a great soccer player," said Klingensmith, who's a midfielder. "We can always count on her to score goals for us. Playing

for this soccer team is very similar to my college team."
 Kopec, who was Mutiny starting goalie against Albany, didn't have to make any saves in recording her first shutout of the season.
 The Mutiny defense, which was led by Laci Lewis, Meghan Cunningham, Rachel Marchini,

Sofia Weber, Anna Carson, and Bean shutdown Albany forward Katelyn Krohn. She had scored a team leading seven goals in her team's first three regular season matches.
 "We do have a very strong defensive unit this year," said Mutiny first-year head coach Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra said.

"Their chemistry has been getting better and better in every match. It's always nice to post a shutout."
 Berry had several shots on goal during the first 45 minutes of the contest, but Albany goalie Emma Anderson (10 saves) was able to make the saves on them.
 The contest was still scoreless at halftime.
 Following a breakaway shot attempt by Santaniello that deflected off the right post, Berry gave her team a 1-0 lead in the 56th minute. She fired a line-drive shot from the top of the box into the left corner of the net.
 "We did put a lot of pressure on them in the first half," Berry said. "I had a scoring opportunity early in the second half and I didn't want to miss it. It's always special whenever you score a goal, especially in this stadium."
 With less than five minutes remaining in regulation, Chandler Pedolzsky knocked home a rebound shot giving the home team a 2-0 advantage.
 Berry was scheduled to play in her final regular season match for the Mutiny against the Scorpions SC on Monday night in a make-up game at Medway High School.

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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Conservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the South Hadley Wetlands Bylaw to consider a Request for Determination filed by Don & Virginia Lonczak for slope stabilization and related work within

buffer zone at 14 Stonegate Dr (Map 42 Parcel 75).

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the Request for Determination is on file in the Conservation office, Room U6, in Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30-4:30 Mon thru Fri. Plans are also available online

at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Neva Tolopko
Conservation Chair

06/23/2023



TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a virtual public hearing on **July 10, 2023 at 7:15 p.m.** to consider a Special Permit application and Illuminated Sign Request filed by the Kkem Family c/o Carolyn Parker Consulting to alter a non-conforming illuminated sign for the purpose of updating signage at the "Gulf" gas station at 72 Lamb Street, Assessor's Map 18 Parcel 93, pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw 255-7 (existing uses, building and structures; nonconforming uses); 288-85G (illumination of signs); Article IX (special permits); and the Zoning Dimensional Regulation Schedule.

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

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The property is located within the Business A-1 zoning district and is an existing gas station.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and posted at www.southhadley.ma.gov under 'Permit Applications' - Special Permit' under section 'Lamb Street (72) - Nonconforming Illuminated Sign' or viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated. This meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 which extends the March 2020 Governor's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL Ch. 30A Sec. 20 until March 31, 2025.

Joanna Brown, Clerk
South Hadley
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"You don't know what they're going through," Barrows said.

Barrows said he's hoping to bring his truck and join suicide survivors at school assemblies, to let students know they're not alone in facing mental illness.

Barrows credited James Guzman of Garage Mayhem in Granby for putting the truck's chassis together.

Two Flakes Racing, based in West Warren, brought a pink and silver vintage modified 1936 Chevy Coupe racecar, The Outlaw, giving spectators a chance to sit behind the steering wheel.

Members of the F-Troop parked next to each other, displaying their various Chevy vehicles.

Focused on friends, fun and food, the F-Troop celebrated Memorial Day with a 12-car meet.

Glenn Putek of Monson, one of the F-Troop members, brought his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air to the All Wheels Show, which he bought in 1994 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The body of the car is a raspberry mother of pearl, and the top is painted Cadillac lilac pearl.

Putek said his brother built the engine, while he did the rest of the restoration.

"It was a labor of love, for sure," Putek said.

Putek said he's the 11th owner of the car, which was born in and stayed in North Carolina up until he bought it.

Joining Putek was Dan Belanger of Palmer and his 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle.

Belanger said that his sister's name is Chevelle, and he bought the car about six

years ago so she could drive it.

"Her kids love it," he said.

Belanger said the car's been restored back to its former glory with the help of Putek.

Collecting cars is a passion of Belanger's, and he also owns a 1967 Ford Fairlane, a 1967 Plymouth Barracuda and a 1984 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, to name a few.

The Barracuda is his favorite, he said, because he did the most work on it with the help of his friends.

"It was a bonding experience with buddies," Belanger said.

Rounding out the F-Troop's All Wheels Show entries was Cynthia Reynolds' 1949 Chevrolet Fleetline Deluxe.

Purchased from an 80-year-old man in Connecticut, Reynolds has had the car for over a year.

Detailed with intricate pinstriping and sporting the front grill of a 1956 Chevrolet Corvette, the Fleetline also has Cadillac taillights.

"It's something different...out of the ordinary," she said.

Sitting in the rear windshield of the car is a feathered fedora that Reynolds found at the Brimfield Flea Market; just like the one her grandfather used to wear.

Supporters of the All Wheels Show include Classic Hits 97.7, Dunkin' of Western MA, Sarat Ford and Lizak Bus Service.

The next public event at Palmer Motorsports Park, 58 West Ware Road, will be Military Appreciation Day with Race Cars for a Cause on Saturday, June 17 starting at 8 a.m.



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Glenn Putek of Monson stands with his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air.



A young car enthusiast takes a turn behind the wheel of a car entered by Two Flakes Racing.

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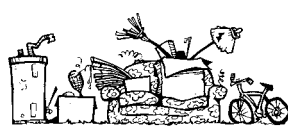
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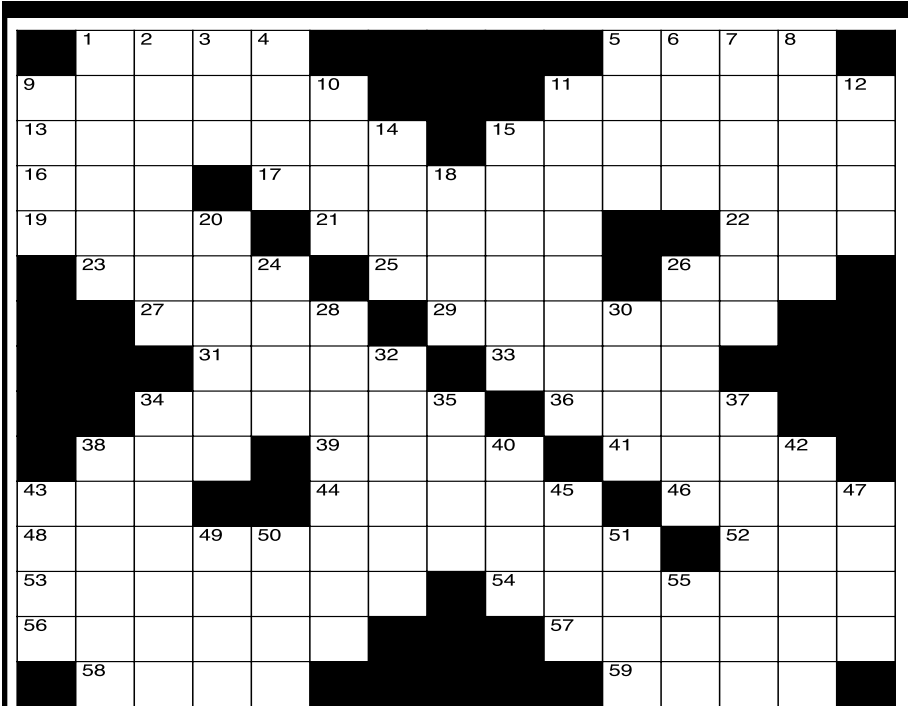


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- 13. Undermine
- 15. The condition of being concealed or hidden
- 16. Irritate
- 17. The process of developing a theory
- 19. Ceramic jar
- 21. Not fresh
- 22. Dad's fashion accessory
- 23. Popular review site
- 25. New Mexico county
- 26. '___ death do us part
- 27. Fees
- 29. Takes with force

- 31. One-time Yankees rookie sensation
- 33. Gordon and Snider are two
- 34. Body parts
- 36. Arranges
- 38. Fiddler crabs
- 39. Mimics
- 41. Witnesses
- 43. They ___
- 44. Lasso
- 46. Runs down
- 48. In response to
- 52. Bird-like dinosaur
- 53. Metamorphic stages
- 54. Conditions of incapacity
- 56. Sodas are sold in these units
- 57. Break away from
- 58. Ethereal
- 59. Boggy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mangled
- 2. Ruffled some feathers
- 3. Not young
- 4. Lakers legend
- 5. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 6. Direction (Scottish)
- 7. Intestinal inflammation
- 8. Spring back in fear
- 9. Owl genus
- 10. Girls
- 11. Unbeliefs
- 12. Force unit
- 14. Expired trade agreement
- 15. Went alone
- 18. Animal noises
- 20. Woman who graduated from a specific school
- 24. The very top
- 26. Organs in males
- 28. Earnings
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. Reddish browns
- 34. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 35. A place to get off your feet
- 37. More disreputable
- 38. Kidney condition
- 40. Cease moving
- 42. Quick
- 43. Extra seed covering
- 45. "Survivor: Panama" winner
- 47. Six
- 49. One who inspects lamps
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- 51. Primordial matter of the universe
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CAMPUS NOTES

Holyoke Community College

The following students from South Hadley were named to the Dean's List at Holyoke Community College for the spring 2023 semester: Angela Rose Bessone, Emma Natalie Boryczka, Katherine A. Cadorette, Kathryn Renee Chouinard, Lindsey Erin Colby, Patrick John Conway, Daniel Michael Conway, Isaac James Crouch, Brian James Dickens, Lucas James Dyer, Sarah Fairbanks, Alexandra Mieg Gates, Scarlett Katherine Kelly Granger, Dylan Graveline, Ashley L. Graziadei, James Beckett Isakson, Declan Pearse Joy, Joshua Joseph King, Colin David LaCombe, Casey Anthony LaCombe, Alice Winter Ladley, Catherine G. Longpre, Deirdre McDaniel, Bethany Marie Murphy, Brady Kyle Nestor, Jesaila Marie Ortiz, Dario Pelletier, Sarah Poirier, Rebecca Reyes, Jade Shannon Andrea Samlall, Jessica Yamileth Saravia, Sandra Grace Sellers, Jordyn Cade Sicard, Kayla Marie Simon, Megan Judith Squire and Robert William Walsh.

A student is placed on the Dean's List if their G.P.A. is 3.2 or higher.

Western New England University

The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Western New England University for the 2023 spring semester:

Liam Sibley-Welch of South Hadley, who is majoring in Computer Science.

Eric Cabezudo-Peters of South Hadley, who is majoring in Construction Management.

Emily Chartier of South Hadley, who is majoring in Marketing.

Jacey Rondeau of South Hadley, who is majoring in Civil Engineering.



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24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
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Springfield Technical Community College

The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Springfield Technical Community College for the 2023 spring semester:

Dylan Cousineau, Fiordaliza Guzman, Adam Jaszek, Mikayla LaRoche, Meghan Parenteau, Gage Pfister and Sarah Wojnarowski, all of South Hadley.

To be considered, degree-seeking students must earn 12 or more college level credits in the current semester, or a total of 12 or more combined college-level credits earned during the fall and spring semesters, and achieve a 3.3 or above grade-point average.

American International College

The following local students recently received their degrees from American International College:

Lisa Zamarripa-Longpre of South Hadley, Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study; Wyatt Keith of South Hadley, Bachelor of Science; Alexander Schenker of South Hadley, Bachelor of Science.

Roger Williams University

Allie Sowers of South Hadley was named to the Dean's List at Roger Williams University for the 2023 spring semester. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.






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