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Loomis hosts legislative breakfast

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SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley and Granby Chamber of Commerce hosted a Legislative Breakfast last week at Loomis Village, inviting the community to enjoy a breakfast and then spend some time asking questions to some legislative members.

Senator Jake Oliveira, Representative Homar Gomez, Selectboard Vice Chair Nicole Casolari, and Andrea Miles.

“The Chamber is honored to host this event every year. It is important for us to engage our community in many different ways,” said Jennifer Therkelsen, marketing manager at Loomis Village. “This includes evening networking events, family-focused events like Trunk-or-Treat, fun-focused events to bring people into South Hadley and Granby, and of course, the Legislative Breakfast with a focus on advocacy.”

Loomis Village is the proud sponsor of the breakfast every year, and fifty people attended to spend time asking questions to the legislators.

Since 2020, the Chamber has been hosting the break-

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Members of the Chamber posing for a picture with Representative Homar Gomez and Senator Jake Oliveira. Submitted photo

COA hosts third annual aging in place fair

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Council on Aging hosted its third-annual Aging in Place Fair on Wednesday, and the building filled with hundreds of people who came to learn about the resources available to them.

“It’s meant to promote all the services that will help people stay at home for as long as it’s safe for them to do so,” said Sandy Farnsworth.

The fair had over 50 information vendors, with people presenting in-home services, insurances, transportation services, safety reminders and guides, food, and organizations for mental well-being and delivering prescriptions.

Kim Prough and Carol Constant, with the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors, handed out cold lemonade and gingersnap cookies, and there was a fun raffle to take part in.

A room was dedicated

to South Hadley organizations, including Mary Lou Guarnera with Neighbors Helping Neighbors giving out free fresh herbs and lettuce, Fiona Cioch with Board of Health and the Central Pioneer Valley Public Health District, and the Town Clerk Sarah Gmeiner sharing about the importance of the town census and other resources available to residents.

Neil Broome was there to share about the LGBTQ group at the library, and Rebekah Cornell was with the Conservation Commission to raise awareness on types of trees and to provide tick-removal kits.

Anne Capra was there also to give out over 160 free fans to both seniors and patrons of the library as part of Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness 2.0’s goals to reach out to people who may be more at risk during climate change.

MVP 2.0 works to study how people can be affected

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Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas
Representative Homar Gomez, Mariya Primakov and Captain Jay Houle from Fire District 1, and Jennifer Pickering from Senator Oliveira's office.

The O-Tones bring classic tunes for an evening of fun

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SOUTH HADLEY – Music truly unites us all, and it helps to create space and a time for us to experience and share our emotions with the world.

For the members of the O-Tones, led by Mary Witt, music is an extension of their souls, and it is felt in the performances they give.

The O-Tones performed at the South Hadley Public Library last week through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the room was full of people.

“[I’ve played music] since I was five years old,” said Witt. “Piano from five to nine years old, French horn from nine to 29, and electric bass guitar from 29 until now.”

Witt has grown up singing with her older sister, as she was a singer and took voice lessons and sang in a chorus.



Turley photo by Emily-Rose Pappas
John Caben, Mary Witt, and Dave O'Brien.

ed I was ready to start singing lead vocals. I’m so glad I did! I really love that and am still singing harmonies with other singers,” said Witt.

Witt began the O-Tones in 1990, the name coming from the German word for the original soundtrack of a movie, as Witt grew up in a bilingual household with a German family and two German parents.

Witt took private piano and French horn lessons, and found several bass players to take lessons from over the years, finding a love for the genres of swing and jazz, the blues, soul and Motown, Latin, rock’n’roll, and the oldies.

The band is composed of six members: Mary Witt on electric bass, John Caban as lead guitarist, piano player and singer Ben Kohn, Jon Weeks on the Saxophone, and drummer Joe Fitzpatrick.

“The two original mem-

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“She taught me how to singing harmony on a couple of songs, and then I took off

singing harmony on everything in sight. When I was 29 and learning the bass, I decid-



No time would be complete without a visit from Comfort Dog Murphy!

Town enhances emergency preparedness with new equipment

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – Thanks to funding from the Massachusetts Municipal ADA Improvement Grant, South Hadley has acquired new emergency equipment aimed at improving accessibility and safety for residents with mobility challenges.

The grant allowed the town to purchase stair chairs, manual terrain wheelchairs, and specialized bariatric cots, with the goal of enhancing inclusive emergency response in town buildings and designated shelters.

Sharon Hart, director of

public health and emergency management, first learned of the grant opportunity during a webinar hosted by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), which emphasized the importance of inclusive emergency sheltering.

“All four schools in South Hadley are Red Cross certified for emergencies,” Hart said. “The terrain chairs will be helpful at the shelters in the event someone needs to be moved during weather conditions. However, we hope they will have a dual use. The main purpose is for

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New sustainability book club aims to inspire

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – In an era when climate headlines often provoke anxiety, the South Hadley Sustainability and Energy Commission (SEC) is creating a space that fosters hope, community, and curiosity. Their new initiative—the Sustainable Living Book Club—is set to launch on July 14, offering residents an in-person forum to explore nature, climate change, and environmental stewardship through literature.

Kathleen Ahamed-Broadhurst, a member of the commission, says the idea was born from a desire to cultivate a deeper, more personal connection to sustainability. “The SEC Book Club was created to help create an in-person

space to discuss sustainability, nature, and climate change,” she said. “Sustainability is not just about what we can buy, or not buy, or about doom-scrolling—it is a living principle that includes community and appreciation for the natural world.”

The club is open to everyone in town, and the first meeting will take place at the South Hadley Public Library on Sunday, July 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. More information, including book selections, can be found through the library’s website.

Though still in its early days, the group has been carefully curating its reading list based on suggestions from members and topics of shared interest. The goal, Ahamed-Broadhurst explains, is not to overwhelm

readers with dire warnings, but to educate, uplift, and connect.

“We just started, but the choices are reflective of the desire to better understand the natural world, and to be a positive influence in an area that is often prone to being filled with gloom,” she said. “This group hopes to inspire, not scare-monger.”

While the club hasn’t yet had its first official gathering, Ahamed-Broadhurst hopes discussions will evolve into real-world sustainability actions and partnerships throughout the community. The book club offers a platform to not only learn from authors and scientists but also to listen to neighbors, share concerns, and brainstorm ideas for change.

“Many members of our

community are already aware and involved in sustainability action,” she noted. “The SEC Book Club is designed to give us a space to gather, to create community, and share our mutual appreciation for the natural world, as well as discuss our fears about changes that we see happening.”

Above all, the club is meant to bring people together—readers, thinkers, activists, and anyone with a budding interest in the planet’s future.

“Come join us,” Ahamed-Broadhurst urges. The book club is open to any and all who have a love of reading, an interest in sustainability, or who want to be part of a curious and hopeful community.

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
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 (click each program for more information)

Living the Otter Life with Katherine Applegate (3rd-6th Grade), Newbery Medalist and New York Times Best-selling 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 Craft-noon, Snackternoon and Xbox1. 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.

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 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!

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.



4 Towns Food Drive coming June 28

SOUTH HADLEY/GRANBY/BELCHERTOWN/LUDLOW – The local Democratic Committees are hosting a Food Drive on June 28 to fill up local food pantries to fight food insecurity.

Granby- 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Granby UCC's parish parking lot to fill the Granby to Go Food Pantry. For more information, contact Susan Knightly at susan.knightly@gmail.com.

Belchertown- 10 a.m. to

1 p.m., held at and benefiting the Helping Hands Cupboard on 18 Park Street, as well as on the Belchertown Common. Contact Cara Lapenas at belchertowndem-chair@gmail.com for more information.

Ludlow- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Ludlow Department of Veterans Services at 487 Holyoke Street. Please get in touch with Mia Alves at miaalves@charter.net for more information.

South Hadley – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot of the South Hadley High School to fill the pantry for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. For more information, contact Ann Stockton at astockton15@gmail.com.

Please remember to check expiration dates, and to not donate anything past the date on the item. Monetary donations are also accepted to help the food pantries stock their shelves.

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

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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use at our shelters, but we hope to make them available for programming where they can be used on our conservation trails and at other town locations, for example."

The grant application process was led by Hart and town staff, with support from the South Hadley Commission on Disabilities (COD).

"The process of applying for the grant was straightforward and less intensive than some other grant applications," said Hart.

The newly acquired stair chairs—also called evacuation chairs—have been installed at Town Hall, the South Hadley Public Library, and both the Henry J. Skala and Michael E. Smith Middle Schools.

These devices allow staff or emergency responders to safely transport individuals who are unable to use stairs during emergencies such as fires or floods.

"The stair chairs are stored on-site and, during an emergency, are available nearly immediately," ex-

plained Tay Silveira, a member of the commission on disabilities. "Any necessary evacuations can commence before the fire departments respond, potentially saving vital time during an emergency."

The manual terrain wheelchairs offer wider wheels and a sturdier design, allowing easier navigation over rough or uneven surfaces—especially helpful during sheltering situations or outdoor programming.

Hart noted the hope that these chairs can be made available beyond emergencies. "Their main purpose is use at shelters, but we hope to make them available on conservation trails and for town programming."

Also included in the grant are bariatric cots—larger, reinforced cots that provide more comfort and support for individuals who cannot safely use standard cots.

"These cots are a small but significant step toward more inclusive emergency sheltering," said Tay.

According to Larry Dubois of the Commission on Disabilities, this equipment

fills long-standing gaps in the town's emergency preparedness.

"Hopefully, the equipment will never be required, but in the event of a fire in a town building, the evacuation chairs would allow for the safe transfer of individuals who cannot navigate the stairs on their own. In an event requiring the town to provide emergency shelter for some people, the wheelchairs and bariatric cots would provide for anyone requiring these items to be cared for," explained Dubois.

The effort reflects South Hadley's broader commitment to accessibility. The town's Accessibility Transition Plan outlines continued upgrades—from playground equipment at BATTERY Brook Park to future closed captioning improvements at South Hadley Community TV. Plans are also underway to repair elevators in schools, assess sidewalk accessibility, and improve signage and restroom accommodations.

"As deficiencies are uncovered, we look to address them," Dubois said.



Belchertown Public Schools School Choice PROGRAM 2025-2026 School Year

The Belchertown Public School District is now accepting applications for the following School Choice openings for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade K	2	Grade 7	10
		Grade 8	10
		Grade 9	5
		Grade 10	5

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The selection of non-resident students for admission will be in the form of a random drawing when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces. There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place on July 18, 2025, and in the event of unexpected additional openings, a second drawing will be conducted on August 22, 2025.

The application and guidelines can be downloaded at www.belchertownps.org or picked up at 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA 01007.

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MacDuffie School holds 135th Commencement Exercise

GRANBY – The MacDuffie School held its 135th Commencement Exercises in Abbey Chapel at Mount Holyoke College on Saturday, May 31. The 43 members of the Class of 2025, from 11 different countries, stood for their traditional photo on the steps, processed through the Chapel, and received their diplomas, as friends and family watched with pride.

Courage, hope, and gratitude were the embedded themes of the Senior Speakers: Mateo Lopez (Granby), Brooklynn Moore (East Longmeadow) and Andrew Tishchenko (Granby). Head of School, Steve Griffin shared some of the year's highlights, moments big and small, that exemplify the MacDuffie experience. He encouraged our seniors to retain their MacDuffie connections and share the powerful impact they make in the world. The Class

of 2025 chose highly-respected teacher, Ms. Carol Tomkiel (Springfield) to be their Faculty Speaker. Ms. Tomkiel is our Chair of the English Department at MacDuffie. She presented thoughts on the importance of friendship to the graduates as they move forward into new communities: She reminded the Class of 2025 that the deepest and most true friendship is the one you make with yourself. Wise words, Ms. Tomkiel?

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. Due to rapidly changing weather conditions, refreshments and photo opportunities could be found in Kendade Hall, a few rainy steps from the chapel.



The graduates dressed beautifully.

Submitted photos



Class of 2025 Seven-Year Seniors: Mateo Lopez of Granby, Brooklynn Moore of East Longmeadow, and Seth Tramazzo of South Hadley.

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 kzukowski57@comcast.net or MaryPat (Fenton) Krumsiek at mpkrumsiek@ahoo.com.

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

What about non-career Veterans and their VA healthcare?

Dear Rusty:

In your answer to the retired U.S. Navy veteran about why he is forced to enroll in Medicare, you focused on military Tri-Care's requirement for the member to enroll in Medicare. But you said nothing about regular VA health care. If a non-career veteran is eligible for VA health care, couldn't that be used in place of Medicare?

Signed: Veteran Advocate

Dear Veteran Advocate:

Thank you for your feedback. FYI, I have previously explained numerous times that veterans who rely on the VA for 100% of their healthcare can, indeed, disenroll from Medicare Part B (thus saving the monthly Part B premium). I don't personally recommend it because of my personal experience, but it certainly is possible to do so.

Personally, I use the VA for some of my healthcare needs usually an annual checkup and optometry services at my local VA clinic, which is only a mile away from where I live. But for any extensive treatment needs medical tests, etc., I must travel about 40 miles to the nearest VA hospital facility.

For contrast, I have numerous private healthcare services, specialists and hospitals very near where I live, but to use them under the VA I must get VA preapproval and use only certain VA approved providers, which is inconvenient for me.

Personally, I prefer the freedom to go to any healthcare service provider I choose, without restriction, at any time I need to. So, I use my VA coverage when it is convenient for me, but rely also on non-VA, Medicare-approved specialists who I can choose to use or not at will. For me, it's a matter of convenience and the freedom to use whichever healthcare provider I want.

That said, I fully understand that some veterans rely exclusively on the VA for their health-

care needs, and I have explained to many who have written to me that they have that option. I have also published several public articles about this as well. Here is one such article:

<https://socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-why-should-a-veteran-pay-for-medicare/>

So, please rest assured that we regularly advise our veterans about their healthcare options under Medicare, including the ability to decline Medicare Part B coverage if they have full VA healthcare coverage. FYI, free Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) is mandatory to collect Social Security after age 65, but Medicare Part B coverage is always optional because there is a premium associated with Part B.

A veteran can decline Medicare Part B coverage and save that monthly premium, but they would need to contact Social Security to do so. Social Security will want to interview the veteran to ensure they are aware of the potential financial consequences of not having Medicare Part B. And they may need to file form CMS-1763 Request for Termination. But a non-career veteran can opt out of Medicare Part B if they get all of their healthcare services through the Veterans Administration.

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Renovate your strawberry patch and divide those irises, too

I started over with new strawberry plants this year, but for those of you who are completing your harvest, it's high time to renovate your patch so that it will remain productive.

Sure, it will be hard work, but it's absolutely necessary if you want to keep the berries coming!

First, get up the courage to run the lawnmower over your row of strawberries. Yes, you heard correctly. This will give you an opportunity to see what you have to work with in a dense planting, as well as cut down on foliar diseases.

Set the mower at a height of two and a half to three inches and use the bagger attachment if you have one. Small plantings can be clipped away by hand. Compost the leaves away from your patch.

Now, assess your surroundings and think back to when you were doing all that picking. Was your back sore from reaching in to a very wide row? Were most of your berries on the small side? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then serious renovation is in order.

Use the tiller or a shovel to shrink your row back to a manageable width. Fourteen inches is about as wide as the experts recommend. Choose the healthiest part of your row and measure out fourteen inches. Then, remove all the runners that have emerged outside of the boundaries.

Those of us in the business of growing things usually find this part difficult. "Can't just this one stay?" Ease your guilt by giving away the extras; or, use them to start another patch.

Next, get rid of any "mother" plants that are four years or older. Unfortunately, they have aged beyond their productivity. Simply dig them up and send them off to the compost pile.

Finally, remove daughter plants that are spaced closer than four inches from one another—another difficult task, but one that must be accomplished if we want large, healthy berries. As you work within the row, be sure to eradicate any and all weeds that you come upon, since

these will compete with your strawberry plants for moisture and nutrients.

Now that your patch has been renovated, it's time to

that irises need at least six hours of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They despise "wet feet," so plant where drainage is good.

If your soil is lean, compost can be added to richen it up. While you're at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well; irises prefer a soil near neutral. Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang down.

The top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not buried. This goes for bark mulch as well, keep it clear or blooms may be sacrificed. If your irises hardly flower but aren't overcrowded and are planted where they receive enough sun, assess your planting depth and adjust if necessary.

Examine your rhizomes closely when replanting. If you notice a lot of soft, rotten tissue, your iris patch could be infected with the iris borer.

Usually by midsummer, one to one and a half inch larvae have made their way from the leaves into the rhizomes. They hollow out the fleshy roots causing foliage to collapse and rot to take over. Control this pest by proper sanitation.

In the fall, after a hard frost, cut iris foliage back to the ground as low as possible. Throw it and any nearby debris or mulch away. With any luck, overwintering eggs will be removed by your efforts.

In the spring, about the time that the tulips are blooming, inspect iris foliage for chewed edges, small holes, or tan colored water marks running down the leaf. If these are present, tiny larvae can be crushed inside the leaf before they burrow into the rhizome.

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.



reinstantiate. Add an inch or two of compost or aged manure to the row, along with a sprinkling of balance organic fertilizer.

Water at least every other day for the next couple of weeks or until a healthy stand of leaves has returned to the plants. Keep up with weeding, and continue to pinch back runners until frost hits.

Managed in this fashion, a strawberry patch can remain productive for five years or more.

Another favorite plant that may be in need of reinvigoration is your iris. If once upon a time they bloomed strong and now there is barely a blossom to be seen, chances are they are overcrowded. It's time to divide them and replenish their soil.

In our climate, this should be accomplished every three or four years. Surprisingly, and unlike most other perennials, division of irises should take place no later than July or August.

This will give them ample time to take hold in their new location prior to the ground freezing.

At first glance the act of dividing irises may appear to be difficult. An overgrown iris patch does look like a maze of thick roots, but take heart, the rhizomes are shallow rooted and come out of the ground with relative ease.

Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried apart by hand. The healthiest "fans" of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about two inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site altogether, keep in mind

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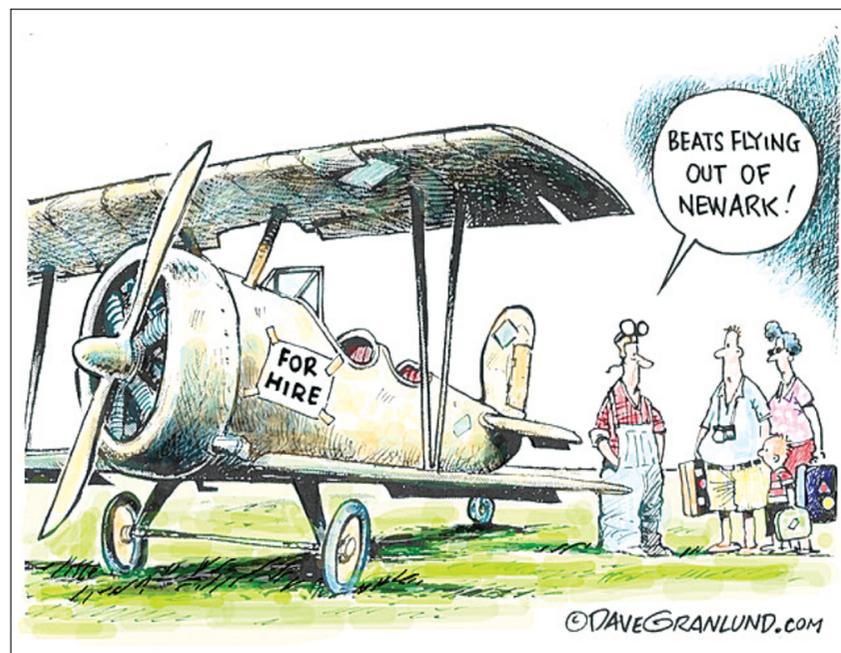
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GRANBY — The Granby PTO will be hosting a bike parade at the East Meadow School Basketball Court on Saturday, June 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Come with your bike all decked out for a chance to win some pretty sweet prizes!



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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.

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 camera 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 Mine-craft themed.

Level Up with Superheroes
July 29- August 2

Lego Superheroes
Wednesday, July 30 3pm. Create a Superhero or Dog-man (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
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.

Fireworks return to South Hadley

The 2025 fireworks will be held on July 3, 2025 with a rain date of July 5, 2024. Festivities will start at 5 p.m. with the fireworks commencing at 9:30 p.m. SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley fireworks are held annually at the Michael E. Smith Middle School located on 100 Mosier Street. The evening will include food trucks, vendors and fun rides and games for kids. There will be a DJ in the parking lot and the South Hadley Community Band will start to play at 8 p.m. There will be face painting and glitter tattoos and glow sticks!

Food will include Bruisers BBQ, All Purpose Bakery, Batch Ice Cream, Crazy Arepas, Dave's Mac N Eats, Rustic Fusion, Thai Place Food Truck, JND Amusements and the Lemonade Clamshell. All of your fireworks staples are included such as fried dough, hot dogs, burgers, ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy, and much more!

People are encouraged to bring a blanket and/or chairs and plenty of bug spray! Being on school grounds, alcohol and tobacco products are not allowed.

Parking: Please observe all parking notices through-

out town. You may have a bit of walk, as parking near the Middle School is limited. Parking is available at the Mosier School (open until 7pm or when lot becomes full), St. Theresa's Church (open until 7pm), Gorse Lot - 27 Morgan St. (MHC). Parking is also available at Veryl's Automotive & Beers and Story for a fee that is donated to charity. Parking at the Middle School is for handicapped & event staff/ police/fire ONLY.

Please note there is no parking allowed on Routes 116, 202 and 33 per State Law.

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We would like to thank all of the town departments that make this event possible. There is a ton of work that goes into this event, and we want to thank anyone that has helped us make this possible. South Hadley Fire

Districts #1 and #2, South Hadley Police Department, South Hadley DPW/Parks Dept, South Hadley School Department, South Hadley Electric Light/Fiberspring, Board of Health, and anyone else we might have missed! We'd also like to thank our food trucks and vendors for creating a great experience for everyone in attendance! Bruiser's Bar-B-Que, Batch Ice Cream, Crazy Arepas, All Purpose Bakery, Lemonade Clamshell, Thai Chili Street Food Hub, JND Amusements, United Methodist Church, Happy Face Painter, Manuel Amusements, Rockwall, Archery, DJ Kstylez & the South Hadley Community Band. Last but not least this event would not be possible without our sponsors! Many of our sponsors have supported this event for years and we are so thankful for their support! THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 FIREWORKS CELEBRATION SPONSORS!

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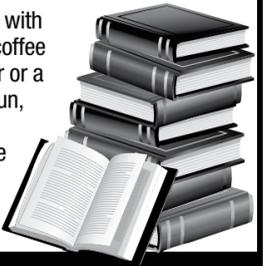
Level Up Your Calm with Jane Janovsky: Finding Stillness in a Hectic World
Wed, July 2 at 6 pm
In today's fast-paced world, finding a moment of calm can be a challenge. Join meditation guide Jane Janovsky for a peaceful session designed to help you pause, breathe, and reconnect. Through guided meditation, participants will learn simple yet effective techniques to relax, reduce stress, and feel more grounded amidst life's daily demands. Sign up online at shadleylib.org

Level Up Your Writing: Exploring Genres to Strengthen Your Style
Wednesday, July 9 | 6-8 PM | Online Workshop
Writers of all stripes—let's mix it up! Join Gabrielle Esposito of Write Your Way for a dynamic two-hour online workshop, Leveling Up Across Genres. This hands-on session will challenge you to explore hybrid writing forms and experiment with blending poetry, fiction, and nonfiction to enhance your voice and style. Whether you're new to writing or a seasoned storyteller, you'll discover fresh techniques to inspire your creativity. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/LevelUpGenres> or visit the library website.

Ready to Level Up Your Career? Let MassHire Show You How!
Wednesday, July 16 | 6 PM | Community Room
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Level Up Your Self-Reflection with Tarot
Wednesday, July 23 | 6 PM | Community Room
Change your timeline. Change your life. Ready to align your energy, focus your intentions, and manifest your next chapter? Join intuitive healer Winifred for an evening of self-discovery, Tarot insight, and personal transformation. Tarot & Leveling Up – Learn a self-reflection Tarot spread designed to help you explore where you're ready to grow. Each participant will do their own reading, guided by Winifred's gentle prompts. Timeline Magick & Affirmation Work – Tap into the power of personal timeline magick. Craft your own "level-up" affirmation and learn how to anchor it into your journey for lasting change. This is a hands-on, heart-centered workshop open to all—no prior Tarot experience needed. Just bring an open mind and a willingness to explore your inner magic. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/LevelUpTarot>

Level Up Your Fun: Make Coffee Filter Flowers with Carla
Wednesday, July 30 | 6 PM | Community Room
Filter your coffee. Not your creativity! Get crafty and creative with local pop artist Carla, as she shows you how to turn simple coffee filters into stunning floral art! Whether you're a total beginner or a DIY enthusiast, this hands-on workshop is all about having fun, exploring color, and leaving with a bouquet that never wilts. All materials provided—just bring your imagination (and maybe a friend!) Great for adults and teens. Let's get blooming! Sign Up Here: <https://tinyurl.com/LevelUpFun>



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Summer Eats is back-fueling kids and teens all summer long

Join Project Bread in Summer Eats Awareness Week: June 23-27

BOSTON - Summer Eats - the Massachusetts Summer Food Service Program - is kicking off across the Commonwealth, providing free meals to all kids and teens, ages 18 and under. In 2024, more than 2.8 million meals were served across over 1,450 sites statewide through the Summer Eats program. During Summer Eats Awareness Week, Project Bread is encouraging community members to help spread the news about this free program statewide, with free promotional materials available on-

line. Throughout the school year, children in Massachusetts rely on free school meals to meet most of their daily nutrition needs. Summer Eats closes the gap when the school year ends, helping to ensure children and teens continue to grow, learn and thrive over school vacation. On an average day in July 2024, 70,000 kids ate at least one Summer Eats meal. Participating meal providers operate and staff meal sites, often in conjunction with activities and educational programming at schools, libraries, local park and recreation areas, and more. Kids and teens are required to eat onsite at most Summer Eats sites. Grab & Go meals are available in select rural communities. All are welcome.

No registration or ID is required. In 2024, more than 2.8 million meals were served across over 1,450 sites statewide through the Summer Eats program. Another summer food resource is SUN Bucks (Summer EBT), which is a federal food benefit providing additional funding for groceries for low-income families with school-aged children. For more than 20 years, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and statewide food security nonprofit Project Bread have partnered to support communities in offering Summer Eats meals to children in Massachusetts. Throughout the school year, the nonprofit and DESE also partner to expand access to and participation in school

meal programs. This year, Project Bread has granted a total of \$236,482 to Summer Eats sponsors statewide for their program development and capacity-building, such as equipment to transport meals or increase kitchen efficiency and meal quality, as well as staffing support and items to enhance site engagement, outreach and promotion efforts. "We hear from families all the time who are finding ways to stretch their budgets during the summer months, who are unsure about what resources are available to them, and who are just trying to put food on their tables each day," says Erin McAleer, President & CEO of Project Bread, the leading food security organization in Massachusetts. "Food is not a luxury. The

Summer Eats program is a vital resource that makes sure that every child can have their basic need of hunger met and can simply focus on learning, growing, and enjoying summer fun." Summer is better with full bellies and big smiles. For more information about Summer Eats, including meal site locations, visit www.projectbread.org/summer-eats, text FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304, or call 1-800-645-8333 for help in any language. A personal contribution to support Summer Eats can be made at www.projectbread.org/donate.

Project Bread connects people and communities in Massachusetts to reliable sources of food while advocating for policies that make food more accessible-so that no one goes hungry. Summer Eats is one of the many nutrition programs they support. Any resident of Massachusetts struggling to afford food or worrying they might run out before they have money to buy more can call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline for help in 180+ languages (1-800-645-8333) or send a confidential chat on www.gettingsnap.com for compassionate, personalized assistance. Counselors are available Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is also a dedicated line available to those who are hearing impaired. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org.

About Project Bread

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bers in the group now are me and Ann Percival. We met in the bathroom of a weeklong swing music and dance camp in New York State called Ashokan," said Witt. "We spent the whole week singing and playing swing music together with another original member. It was so much fun, teaching each other songs and learning songs together and singing three-part harmonies." At their performance at the library, Witt and John Caban were joined by a guest on the piano, Dave O'Brien, who played with them for the first time that evening. "We love sending out good messages into the world as well as beautiful melodies and rhythms," said Witt.

"We love playing for all ages. Playing music together with our friends and playing music for people who are smiling and moving in their seats or getting up and dancing means the world to us. There is nothing like live music for any gathering or event!" Whether your favorite genre is swing or jazz, soul and Motown songs, oldies from the 40s, or melodies from the 50s to 70s, the O-Tones will have your favorite songs on their music sheet. "We all choose songs for the band and make sure that everyone likes them before we learn them and arrange them for our group. We stick with those genres and styles for the most part, but also learn special requests for weddings and private parties," said Witt. "The styles we have chosen are all great messages

of peace and love, and social justice. It's very energizing to sing those lyrics and think about the stories they are telling." Music has to have a good melody and groove, but lyrics, too, and as Witt grew up in a musical family, she grew up with a deep appreciation for music and its meanings. She finds music inspires her to paint, cook, and dance. You can find their website at www.theotones.com, and you'll find their upcoming performance schedule so you can go and listen to them again and again, as well as listen from home through their YouTube site, also accessed on their website. "We love the music we play and love sharing it with people," said Witt.



What is your favorite jazz song? Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

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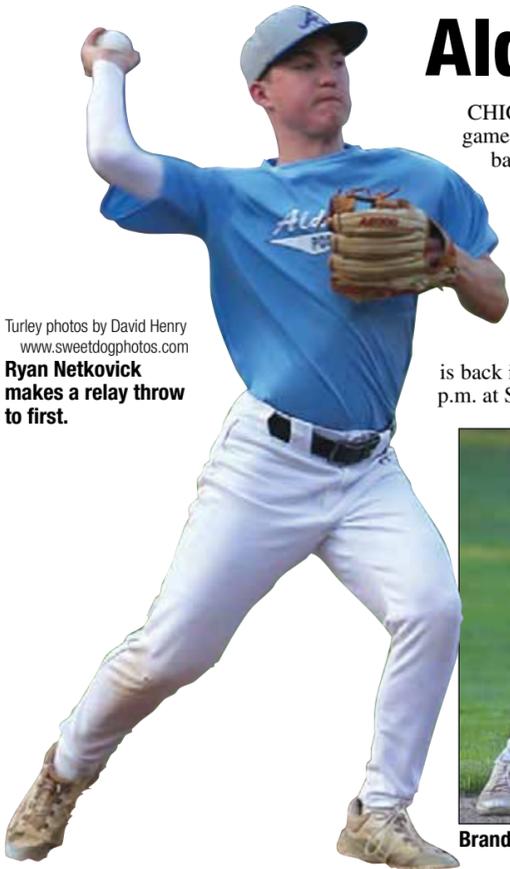
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Aldenville suffers loss to Northampton

CHICOPEE – Last Friday evening in a close game, Aldenville Post 337 American Legion baseball could not hold on to a 1-0 lead or add to it. In the sixth, Northampton would add runs and come away with a 5-2 win at Szot Park. Aldenville also fell to East Springfield during the past week and are 2-3 on the summer season. After a night off Friday, Aldenville, which includes players from Chicopee, Holyoke, and South Hadley, is back in action against West Springfield at 7:30 p.m. at Szot Park in Chicopee.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Ryan Netkovick makes a relay throw to first.



Brandon Carillon squares around a grounder.



Justin Moskal delivers to the plate for Aldenville.



Alex Savlick throws to first for an out.

Gaines shines for PeoplesBank in win over rival St. Joe's

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—People's Bank, who captured the last eleven Tri-County League championship titles, and the St. Joseph's Baseball Club are scheduled to face each other four times during the regular season.

The first two meetings on the baseball diamond were won by People's Bank without very much trouble.

A week after defeating St. Joe's, 13-3 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke, People's Bank celebrated a 6-1 road victory at St. Joe's Park in Thorndike, last Friday night.

"This is a very big win early season win for us against St. Joe's, who's currently in first place," said People's Bank player/manager Joe Ferry. "I thought our pitching and defense was the difference in tonight's game. We also had some timely base hits."

People's Bank, who had two games postponed last week, had a perfect 4-0 record following the road win, while St. Joe's had a 5-2 record.

Each of the five Tri-County League teams gets two points for a victory and one for a tie.

"We always want to beat People's, but they're a very veteran team and we have a bunch of younger players," said St. Joe's player/manager Brian Hayes, who shares the coaching duties with Paul Marcinek. "They don't swing at many bad pitches. They also don't make very many mistakes defensively."

People's Bank jumped out to a 2-0 lead against St. Joe's lefthander Jackson Petrin in the top of the first inning.

Petrin, who was a senior on the Pope Francis baseball team this past spring, tossed a two-hitter against Minnechaug Regional in the Western Mass. Class A finals, which was held at Mackenzie Stadium on May 27. He didn't have the same kind of success in his start against People's Bank.

With one-out in the opening frame, second baseman Dave Clark (3-for-3) lined a single down the right field line. First baseman Kyle Platner followed with a ground ball single up the middle into center field putting runners at the corners. Platner moved into scoring position on a wild pitch. Catcher Frankie Ferrentino, who's a first-year

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Granby out to perfect start

SOUTH HADLEY – For the past few years, South Hadley High School has hosted multiple summer soccer teams thanks to rain-friendly turf. Last week, there was a double-header that included Granby girls facing Ludlow B, with Granby picking up the win. Granby is now a perfect 3-0 to start the summer season.

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Marcela Tapia chases down a loose ball.



Emily Durham takes a free kick.



Eleanor Szlosek emerges up the field.



McKenna Cudworth comes across the field.



Kalli White tries to get away from an opponent.

Pioneers suffer rare league loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BURLINGTON, VT. — Not very much went the right way for the Western Mass. Pioneers against Vermont Green FC in the first match-up of the regular season between the USL League-Two rivals.

Vermont Green scored a goal at the end of both halves leading to a 2-0 shutout over the Pioneers before 2,500 enthusiastic soccer fans at Virtue Field, which is located on the University of Vermont

campus, last Tuesday night. "I thought we played well, but we just couldn't put our chances away," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "They did put their chances away."

The Pioneers had a 5-1-2 record following the road loss.

Vermont Green (6-0-1) took over sole possession of first place in the Northeast Division.

Since joining USL League-Two in 2022, Vermont has finished in third place behind the Pioneers in

the league standings. The overall series record between the two clubs is now tied 3-3-1. Three of the seven matchups ended 1-0.

In the second meeting of last season, Vermont made the trip south on Rte. 91 needing to defeat the Pioneers to qualify for the league playoffs. They got the job done with a 3-1 victory.

Their first meeting of 2024, which was played at Virtue Field, finished in a scoreless draw.

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Gustavo Barbosa traps the ball and heads up the field.



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Augustine Boadi hustles up the field.

Motocross Nationals set for WMass return this weekend

SOUTHWICK – Since 1976, the intimate, serpentine layout of Southwick, Massachusetts's iconic The Wick 338 has provided the most unique and grueling challenge in American motocross. Nestled behind the American Legion outpost for which it is named, amidst a sea of trees and the nearby Great Brook, the hidden gem is a pillar of the globally prestigious Pro Motocross Championship and has a legacy that spans nearly five decades. On Saturday, June 28, the 44th running of the Crestview Construction Southwick National will see the town of Southwick will become the global epicenter of the motocross world, as the most legendary race teams and an international contingent of the fastest racers on the planet converge on Western Massachusetts for the ultimate battle of man and machine at the "moto sandbox."

With its one-of-a-kind racing surface, endless stream of flowing turns, and an undulating terrain that is surrounded by spectators, The

Wick 338 stands alone in the world of motorsports. It is rare to find a racetrack of such global significance, with such a rich history seamlessly interwoven into the community that surrounds it, but the embrace of this summer tradition has become a fixture of Southwick living and an economic boon for the Hampden County town. Hundreds of racers, race team personnel, event staff, and race fans from across New England will make the journey to Western Massachusetts for an action-packed day of racing that will play a pivotal role in the quest to crown champions.

With legendary track elements like Jo Jo's Powerslide and Buckley Berm, The Wick 338 has long put riders to the ultimate test. The ever-changing sand means the track is constantly evolving, getting rougher and tougher as the day wears on and is usually complemented by elevated summer temperatures and humidity, adding another layer to an already monumental task. Despite its chal-

lenges, it's a race all athletes want to win and those who have prevailed on these hallowed grounds take immense pride in knowing they earned that success. For spectators, there's simply nothing like it, as virtually every vantage point provides spectacular visuals and puts fans on top of the action.

The Pro Motocross Championship comprises 11 rounds of competition amongst the most high profile superstars of motorcycle racing, like American-born champions Eli Tomac and Chase Sexton, as well as championship-winning Australian phenom Jett Lawrence, Spaniard world champion Jorge Prado, and many more. The series will visit 10 different states from late May to late August, visiting the most hallowed venues in racing with legacies that span upwards of five decades. In the end, a pair of athletes will emerge with the sport's most distinguished title, celebrated as an AMA National Champion.

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.

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:

- 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 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 non-profit beneficiary, helping to raise awareness and support for impactful community organizations.

"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 Mass-

Mutual Foundation. "Their caravan provides terrific activities for local kids and families, and we're proud to be a part of it."

The Springfield edition of the Caravan will be collecting donations benefiting The Gray House. Among the requested items are baby food, diapers and wipes, school supplies, and non-perishable food items. The Thunderbirds will also be hosting food drives at the July and August Caravan stops. The July Caravan at Sonny's Place will benefit the Enfield Food Shelf in Connecticut, while the August Caravan in Westfield will collect items for the Westfield Food Pantry.

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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The last time the Pioneers celebrated a victory over Vermont Green was a 1-0 home shutout in the second meeting of the 2023 campaign. The lone goal of that match was scored by Mamadi Jiana, who played soccer at Chicopee High School, and is still a member of the Pioneers. He also plays for the men's soccer team at Bryant University.

The Pioneers had a cou-

ple of scoring chances during the first half of last Tuesday's match.

In the eighth minute, Robbie Lyons fired a shot from the top of the box, but Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg managed to make the save.

A little more than ten minutes later, a Lyons free kick sailed wide

Herceg made another save following a shot attempt from Augustine Boadi during the 32nd minute.

Vermont Green took a 1-0

lead 11 minutes later.

The scoring play began with Stephane Njike sending a crossing pass into the box from the left side. Then Joseph Picotto flicked a shot into the back of the net past Western Mass goalie Cam Hall.

The Pioneers had an opportunity to score the tying goal in 52nd minute when Boadi sent a pass to Lyons, but his shot went over the crossbar.

In the 73rd minute, Jared

Smith's free kick just missed going into the net.

With the Pioneers still trailing by a goal late in the second half, Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg received a yellow card from referee Elvis Jandric.

Molinari thought his team should've been given a free kick following the card, but the referee gave the home team a goal kick instead.

"It should've been a free kick for us because the referee gave their goalie a yellow

card," Molinari said. "The referee made a mistake and it's a very tough loss for loss."

Following the match, Molinari and several of the Pioneers got into a heated argument with Jandric in the middle of the field.

The home team sealed their victory when Hall attempted to make a diving save on a shot taken by Tyler Trimmel. The ball bounced away from the Pioneers keeper and Njike put the ball into the back of the net sending

the Vermont Green supporters into a frenzy.

The Pioneers did get back into the win column following a 2-0 win against the Boston Bolts.

The Pioneers goals were scored by Jorge Veintimilla and Jiana.

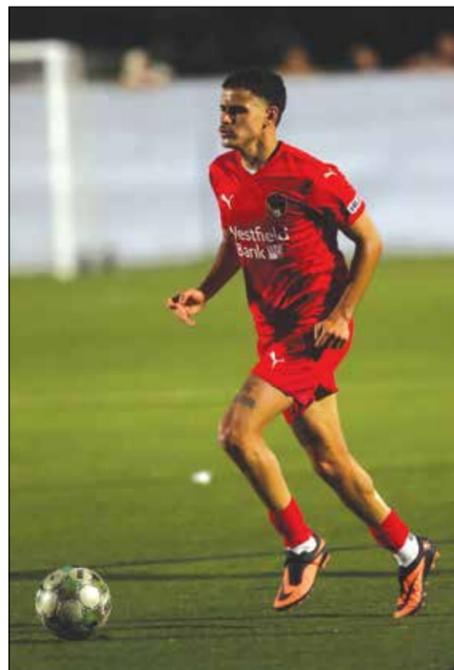
The second meeting between Vermont Green and Western Mass. is scheduled to take place at Lusitano Stadium on July 11. It's also the regular season finale for the Pioneers.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Robert Lyons crosses the field.



Jaiden Williams shoots on goal.



Israel Neto looks to clear the ball away.



Mamadi Jiana runs down the loose ball.

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player, drove home both runners with a bloop single to center.

Ferrentino is a member of the Merrimack College baseball team.

Petrin retired the next two batters on a foul pop-up caught by third baseman Jacob Petrin and a strikeout.

St Joe's threatened against People's Bank lefty Danny Gaines, who's from Holyoke, with one-out in the bottom

half of the first inning. Jacob Petrin (2-for-4) began the rally with an infield hit and right fielder Pat Fitzgibbons drew a walk. Gaines escaped further trouble by getting the next batter to hit into an inning ending double play.

After neither team scored in the second inning, People's Bank centerfielder Seth Allen hit a groundball to the third baseman leading off the third inning. He wound up at second base following a throw-

ing error. A Clark pop-up single to center and a walk by Platner loaded the bases.

The visitors, who had seven base hits in the game, took a 3-0 lead when Ferrentino was hit by a pitch. Then right fielder Cam Rivest, who's the varsity baseball coach at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice fly scoring another run.

St. Joe's broke the ice an inning later.

Fitzgibbons, who hit a hard ground ball into left field

leading off the fourth inning, scored when centerfielder Aaron Little, who played baseball at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice fly.

Second baseman Nate Carillon continued the St. Joe's rally with a walk and catcher Bobby Trigilio was hit-by-a-pitch loading the bases with one-out. Just like they did in the first and third innings, People's Bank ended the inning with a double play.

"Our defense was awe-

some tonight," Ferry said. "We turned three double plays early in the game."

Gaines, who allowed one run on three hits in four innings, was relieved by fellow lefty James Flahive, who's normally a starter, at the start of the fifth inning.

"Danny has been one of our top starting pitchers for a very long time," Ferry said. "It's still early in the season and we knew he could give us at least four strong innings."

Flahive, who threw 70 pitches over the final three frames, was credited with the win. He didn't allow any runs on two hits.

People's Bank final two runs were scored in the fifth and sixth innings on sacrifice flies from designated hitter Johnny Gegetskas and Platner.

The third meeting of the regular season between the two teams was scheduled to be played at Mackenzie Stadium on Tuesday night.

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fast at Loomis Village, with the goal to give the Chamber members, local business owners, and members of the community a time to talk to their elected officials and ask them questions.

It allows for them to hear directly from their constituents about matters concerning them, and the community members can learn about what their elected officials are doing in office for them.

"In a world where so much is litigated in comment sections, it is also nice to have this face-to-face contact where we can see each other as real people and connect on a more personal level," said Therkelsen.

"It meant a great deal to speak at my fourth South Hadley and Granby Chamber Legislative Breakfast," said Senator Jake Oliveira. "These conversations are crucial in helping us stay connected to the local business community and to understand what matters to them."

"It was a privilege, and having direct contact with the small business owners, I got to see them and ask questions on how we can help them," said Representative Gomez. "I hope we can have more of that, so we can know how we can help the businesses more."

During breakfast, Senator Oliveira shared his plans to file legislation to "scrub candidates' street addresses from election ballots in Massachusetts, and replace them with the name of their hometown only."

"I announced for the first time there that I secured \$15,000 for the Chamber, be-

cause of the work that they do to help the small businesses," said Gomez. "We talked about how we can help the state, small businesses, and Jake and I talked about transparency, and how we can be more transparent to the community."

They also spent some time addressing the tragic events in Minnesota and the attack on the legislators there.

"What happened in Minnesota was a tragedy. We resolve differences not through threats or violence, but through debate, discussion, and civic engagement," said Oliveira.

"I want to talk about it because it's concerning, and it's scary, and it happens here in South Hadley. It's sad, and I feel disappointed. We can only solve our differences at the table and talk about our differences to work through them together. We represent people because we want the best for the people."

Oliveira also spent time discussing updates on the state budget, including details on timing and priorities in the supplemental budget, as well as exploring school funding, what grants are available for small businesses and nonprofits, and "ensuring the region receives its fair share," said Oliveira.

"I also highlighted the amendment I filed in the Senate's budget to give municipalities more local control over liquor licenses, empowering local decision-making and supporting economic growth on the ground," said Oliveira.

The time was beneficial for the community to get to know them, and also hear from their Selectboard mem-



Selectboard member Andra Miles, Selectboard Vice Chair Nicole Casolari, Senator Jake Oliveira, and Representative Homar Gomez at the Legislative Breakfast.

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Chamber members, local small business owners, and more community members enjoying the legislative breakfast.



Jennifer Therkelsen welcoming and opening discussion with the legislators and Selectboard members.

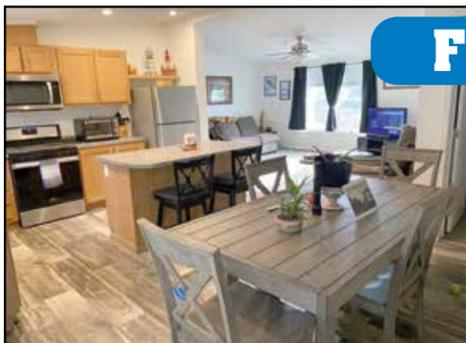
bers as they explored different talking points and issues in our town, our state, and beyond.

"I love to work, and I love to be accessible, and even if I can't solve the issue people have, I will listen and work to find a solution to that issue," said Gomez. "I am here for the people."

"I want the community to know that I'm here to fight for them. To make sure they're seen, heard, and getting their fair share from Beacon Hill,"

said Oliveira. "Whether it's funding for our schools, re-

sources for our small businesses and nonprofits, or legislative changes to give towns more tools to shape their future. I'm committed to being an advocate who delivers results with and for our communities."



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The following motor vehicles will be sold to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles:

2012 Hyundai Sonata
VIN: 5NPEB4AC7CH490959
Walter Rivera
75 Bexhill St
Springfield MA 01119

2006 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BE32KX6U143657
Guillermo Rosado
886 Dwight St., Fl 1
Holyoke MA 01040

2001 Toyota Camry
4T1BF22K31U124514
Darius Keitt
2 Lewis St., Apt 1
Westfield MA 01085

2007 Buick Lucerne
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Osborne Shaw
116 Druids Ln
W. Springfield MA 01089

2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee
VIN: 1J4GW38N92C190892
Joseph Whitman
2 Arbor Way, Apt C
Holyoke MA 01040

2002 Honda Odyssey
VIN: 2HKRL18602H510237
Wanda Mejias
767 Main St., Apt 306
W. Springfield MA 01089

2008 Hyundai ELANTRA
VIN: KMHDU46D88U501001
Grace Vicente
70 Walnut St., Apt 304
Holyoke MA 01040

2006 Honda Odyssey
VIN: 5FNRL38466B401392
Luis Felipe Carrasquillo IV
6426 Stag Trl
Wendell NC 27591

2005 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx
VIN: 1G1ZT64875F100093
Timmeka Patterson
56 James St., 2nd Fl
Springfield MA 01105

2010 Mazda Mazda5
VIN: JM1CR2W36A0373237
Bersai Micael Roblero Gomez
226 Center St
Manchester CT 06040

2007 Chrysler Aspen
VIN: 1A8HW58257F518755
Tania Soltren
70 Chestnut St., Apt 102
Holyoke MA 01040

2005 Toyota Tundra
VIN: 5TBDT44185S473726
Wayne Temple
288 West St
Rutland VT 05701

2003 Honda CR-V
SHSRD78883U151004
Owner Unknown

2004 Nissan Maxima
VIN: 1N4BA41E64C848529
Rodney Dillard
180 Easton Ave., 2nd Fl
Waterbury CT 06704

2009 Ford Focus
VIN: 1FAHP36N99W116882
Kelly Rippy
121 N. Main St., Apt K3
Belchertown MA 01007

2012 Chevrolet Cruze
VIN: 1G1PF5SC7C7216269
Maria Lopez
111 Gridley St., 2nd Fl
Bristol CT 06010

2011 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL2AP3BN400911
Claritza Baez
6 Brown Ave
Holyoke MA 01040

2009 Ford Fusion
VIN: 3FAHP08129R119165
Jessica Ceil
43 Massachusetts Rd
Oakdale CT 06370

2011 Buick Enclave
VIN: 5GAKVBED3BJ317108
Myriam Burgos Fernandez
6 Temple St., Apt 2L
Holyoke MA 01040

2014 Chevrolet Malibu
1G1E5SL3EU146136
Darrell Davis
636 Woods Edge Ct
West Lafayette IN 47906

2006 Acura RSX
VIN: JH4DC54876S009893
Santiago Soltren-Ramirez
197 High St., Apt 302
Holyoke MA 01040

2001 Chevrolet Suburban
VIN: 3GNFK16T11G154863
Raul Avalo
1439 Worcester St
Springfield MA 01151

2004 Mitsubishi Endeavor
VIN: 4A4MN21S54E014587
Ada De Leon Valentin
2 Resnic Blvd., Apt C
Holyoke MA 01040

2007 Audi A4
VIN: WAUDF78E97A106599
Claralee James
15 Lafayette St
Springfield MA 01109

2014 Dodge Grand Caravan
VIN: 2C4RDGCG9ER206508
Melissa Wilker
48 Elizabeth St., Apt 206
Pittsfield MA 01201

1997 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 2T1BB02E5VC195280
Michael Nicklaw
330 S. Middleton Dr. NW, Unit 1407
Calabash NC 28467

2016 Mitsubishi Lancer
JA32U8FWXGU004176
Ashley Haas
497 E. Pleasant St., Apt 105
Amherst MA 01002

2006 Nissan Sentra
VIN: 3N1CB51D56L604728
Commerce Ins. Co.
2 Going Rd
Shirley MA 01464

2018 Ford Escape
VIN: 1FMCU9HD4JUC38338
Imran Kamal Tariq
11 Robbins LA., Apt 11A
Rocky Hill CT 06067

2002 Mercedes-Benz E-Class
VIN: WDBJH82J32X067332
Mary Chapman
49 Old South St., Apt 201
Northampton MA 01060

2005 Dodge Dakota
1D7HW48N95S287543
Daniel Reyes
68 Cabot St., Apt 504
Holyoke MA 01040

2013 Toyota RAV4
VIN: 2T3ZFREV7DW041788
Miguel Toro Hernaiz
400 Saint James Ave., Apt 3
Springfield MA 01109

2007 Ford F-150
VIN: 1FTPWF14557FA27923
Nathan Stevens
134 Gelinias Dr
Chicopee MA 01020

2016 Ford Escape
VIN: 1FMCU9GX0GUA85901
Kiel Guptill
72 Barrett St., Unit 110
Northampton MA 01060

2014 Ford Explorer
VIN: 1FMSK8GT6EGC54241
Merilyn Bermudez
147 Santa Barbara St
Springfield MA 01104

2014 Infiniti Q50
VIN: JN1BV7AR0EM688746
Nissan Infiniti LT
PO Box 254648
Sacramento CA 95865

2014 BMW 5 Series
VIN: WBA5B3C58ED539326
Carmen Menendez
13 N. East St., Apt 4A
Holyoke MA 01040

2009 Nissan Versa
VIN: 3N1BC13E69L397973
Shubhada Rella-Brooks
13 Meadowbrook Dr
Hadley MA 01035

2014 Ford Fusion
VIN: 1FA6P0H70E5405928
Progressive Casualty Insurance Company
PO Box 94523
Cleveland OH 44101

2012 Ford F-150
VIN: 1FTFX1ET2CFC15332
Jeffery Neal
36 Kosta St
Worcester MA 01607

2023 Ram 2500
3C6UR5JL2PG548723
Jobson Cardoso Da Silva

482 Noble Ave
Davenport FL 33837

Car Trailer
VIN: 1T9AS362XNB540227
Owner Unknown

2007 Dodge Caliber
VIN: 1B3HB28B87D328009
Elijah Freeman
82 Meadowbrook Rd
Holyoke MA 01040

2008 Suzuki SX4
VIN: JS2YC415385100111
Wesley Perez
17 George St., Apt 2
Springfield MA 01105

2006 Toyota Sienna
VIN: 5TDZA23C36S535688
Jose Mendez Velez
PO Box 2591
Holyoke MA 01041

2013 Nissan Rogue
VIN: JN8AS5MV4DW608208
Erin Poulin
370 Mill Valley Rd., Trlr 36
Belchertown MA 01007

2015 Hyundai ELANTRA
VIN: 5NPDH4AE7FH558886
Distany Ross
70 Shumway St., Lot 26R/C
Springfield MA 01119

2012 Ford Fusion
VIN: 3FAHP0HA4CR100589
Monique McKnight
60 Virginia St
Springfield MA 01108

2004 Infiniti FX35
VIN: JNRAS08W84X215324
Frank Andino
12 Royce Ct
W. Springfield MA 01089

2002 Honda Civic
VIN: 1HGEM22522L081424
Gabriela Carrero Negron
51 Milton St
Indian Orchard MA 01151
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Riders rally to end homelessness in Springfield

2nd Annual Motorcycle Ride Fundraiser to end homelessness, featuring live entertainment by Cold Train

SPRINGFIELD — Bikers from across the region will unite with a common goal: ending homelessness in our community. The Ride to End Homelessness, hosted by the Springfield Rescue Mission, in collaboration with Sheldon's Harley-Davidson and Trantolo & Trantolo, LLC, will take place on July 27, 2025, starting at Sheldon Harley-Davidson, 914 Southbridge St., Auburn MA and concluding with a community celebration at the Springfield Rescue Mission, 10 Mill Street in Springfield MA.

The ride will raise funds and awareness for the Springfield Rescue Mission, which provides critical services such as meals, shelter, transitional housing, job training, and workforce development for individuals experiencing homelessness. The Springfield Rescue Mission also provides breakfast and lunch to over

300 men, women, and children 5 days a week.

Event Details:
Date: July 27, 2025
Kickstands up: 10:30 a.m.

Start Location: Sheldon's Harley-Davidson, 914 Southbridge St., Auburn, MA.

Finish: Entertainment and Food: Springfield Rescue Mission, 10 Mill Street, Springfield, MA, Food, 50/50 raffle, and live music performed by *Cold Train!*

Registration Fee: \$35 per Rider & \$10 per passenger

After Party: open to walk-ins with \$10 donation

All proceeds to benefit Springfield Rescue Mission

How to Get Involved:
Register to Ride at www.springfieldrescuemission.org.

Donate: Can't make the ride? Donations are welcome at www.springfieldrescuemission.org.

Sponsorships: Contact Rebecca Connor at 413-732-0808 ext 237, or email at rconnor@springfieldrescuemission.org.

Weaver's Seminar returns this summer

The public is invited to the New England Weavers Seminar 2025 at Westfield State University in Westfield MA. Exhibit times:

• **Friday, July 11** at 8:30-5 and 7-9

• **Saturday, July 12** 8:30-5:30

• **Sunday, July 13** 8:30-11:30

Featured exhibits, located in Scanlon Hall on the campus and with no admission fee, will include: A fashion show exhibit

A gallery (non-clothing hand-woven items) exhibit Hand-woven items of the world-renowned faculty A table with a sampling of members' projects for each participating weaving guild An exhibit of tapestries woven by New England tapestry weavers A number of fiber-related vendors will be represented. For specific hours and more information please see newenglandweavers.org/shows-and-exhibits



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 8. Kurt Russell film "Captain"
 11. Automaton
 13. Everyone has one
 14. Incline from the vertical
 15. Fights
 16. Dunn & Bradstreet (abbr.)
 17. Finishes off
 18. Places to store things
 20. Dutch painter Gerard
 21. Smaller quantity
 22. There's a North, South and Central of these
 25. In an early way
 30. More spacious
 31. Short-term memory
 32. One who possesses
 33. Sesame
 38. Forbid
 41. A way to explain
 43. Not around
 45. Evoke or suggest
 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 49. Dekameter
 50. Fencing sword
 55. "Luther" actor
 56. Affirmative (slang)
 57. Afflicted
 59. One point north of northeast
 60. Born of
 61. Arabic name
 62. Hong Kong food stall: pai dong
 63. Not the start
 64. Post
 - CLUES DOWN**
 1. Creative expression
 2. Fiber from the outer husk of a coconut
 3. City in ancient Syria
 4. College army
 5. More disturbed
 6. Pays no attention to
 7. Restored
 8. Competitions
 9. Lyric poems
 10. Famed American lawman
 12. Expression of disappointment
 14. Scars
 19. Satisfy
 23. Central European river
 24. Brass instrument
 25. One who gets paid to perform
 26. Propel with oars
 27. Long period of time
 28. Woman (French)
 29. Type of plane
 34. Pitching stat
 35. Pointed end of a pen
 36. Pro sports league
 37. Body part
 39. Inoffensive
 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
 41. Feline
 42. Does not tell the truth
 44. Set out to attract
 45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 46. Abba, Israeli politician
 47. Repair
 48. Genus of flowering plants
 51. Tributary of the High Rhine
 52. Prejudice
 53. C. European river
 54. Restrain
 58. Father



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by climate change, while also addressing the changing and shifting climate, and how to make sure vulnerable populations like seniors, people in low-income housing, and families with children can be affected by climate change, and then provide assistance.

"This is meant to put eyes on the people, so that they know who to go to when they need help," said Farnsworth. "Sometimes people just don't know who to go to, and this Fair makes it so that the people are here, and the resources are, too."

The Fair featured SHINE, the Senior Health Program, RSVP, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, which helps seniors find volunteer opportunities, and Trinity Health, which provides transportation, insurance, primary care, or whatever they need.

AARP, Hospice at the Fisher Home in Amherst, and Home Care Hands were there to share how to provide in-home care, and the Louis and Clark Pharmacy, that provides long-term care pharmacy, and free delivery to homes, assisted living, residences, and hospitals, the prescription medications seniors need in

easy-to-open capsules. TRIAD and S.A.L.T. were there sharing the new technology, a part of Project Lifesaver, and the Parkinson's Association, Alzheimer's Association, and many other organizations were there.

Valley Eye Radio was also there, providing information on how people with vision problems can listen to news and other print media read to them, and the Commission on Disabilities also provided information alongside the National Federation for the Blind.

"My favorite part of this is seeing the connections and seeing the people be able to get what they need," said Farnsworth. "We are a busy senior center, but we are always looking for ways to reach those who prefer to stay home."

The fair also attracts children and grandchildren of seniors, in order for them to take home resources and help their loved ones.

The fair was a great success; it goes to show the dedication the South Hadley Council on Aging has to care for everyone in its community.



Anne Capra with a stack of free fans to give out to those in need.



Kemper Carlson and Dina Stander with Hospice of the Fisher Home.



Members of TRIAD showing how Project Lifesaver works.



People coming to the South Hadley Room, where members of the community can find the organizations based here in town.



Stop by to see the Commission on Disabilities and other organizations.



Warren Weiner and little Duchess with Chloe Collins with Valley Eye Radio.



Walking around the fair.