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## Clancy finds the *Fountain of Youth*

Hidden in plain sight  
at South Hadley  
Public Library

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SOUTH HADLEY – Youth Services Librarian Meg Clancy is retiring this month after 37 years at the South Hadley Public Library.

After July 7, she will no longer be found in the Children's Room with a clutch of rapt boys and girls around her. She won't be found in the row boat either with her furry friends, and she won't be seated on one of several wave-themed pleather stools.

On a recent Saturday morning Clancy recounted to me some of the highlights of her career. After even a brief glance at the long list of programs Clancy has created for children, teens, and young adults over the decades, it's clear that she has accomplished a rare and enviable feat – Meg Clancy has drunk deeply from the mythical Fountain of Youth in her job at the library.

She described how after ten years as a library administrative assistant she actually fell into her present position in the wake of the debilitating stroke of her predecessor. Although uncertain at the



Meg Clancy in the "ark" with her friends.

time whether Youth Services was the right path for her, she beamed a smile and said, "But I found out I loved it, and so I stayed."

Her readiness made that professional move possible. For during five of her 10 years as an administrator, Clancy had been pursuing a Master's in Library Science.

Once a week she drove 152 miles to New Haven and back with that long-term goal in mind. For four years she took one course at a time, but in her fifth year she doubled them up. "I was so sick of the commute," she said.

"I would leave South Hadley at 2 p.m. and arrive for a 5:00 p.m. class and afterwards a 7:30

p.m. class before heading back." She left her son in the care of her grandmother, "Bless her heart," said Clancy, "because he was little and I couldn't leave him alone as I was a single mom at the time."

Clancy developed an astonishing number and variety of

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Meg Clancy with "Duchess," one of Bright Spot's reading dogs.



Meg Clancy and the magic of keeping a Monarch butterfly on her nose.



## Pickleball clinic offered

SOUTH HADLEY – A free pickleball clinic will be offered for military, veterans, and their families on Sunday, July 16 from 2–3:30 p.m. at Buttery Brook Park located at 123 Willimansett Street in South Hadley.

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## Tick and tired of pesky bloodsuckers

By Matty Anderson  
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BELCHERTOWN – OUCH! Look out for pesky ticks and mosquitoes this summer as they pack quite the punch for their size.

Kristen Krieger, a Public Health Nurse in the Quabbin Health District, warns residents about a potential risk to their health and safety. More specifically, she is educating the public of the potential risks of tick and mosquito bites.

Krieger has been spreading the word by giving a presentation featuring a "Bite Lab" at libraries, senior centers and more, throughout Belchertown, Ware and Pelham. She explains everything from the diseases that they carry to how to protect yourself and your loved ones from these insects.

"The reason I wanted to talk about this is because over the winter, we saw many tick-borne illnesses and not just Lyme disease, said Krieger. She added, "Doctors are testing for Lyme disease but not as much for other



Kristen Krieger and her Bite Lab.

tick-borne illnesses as they really should. They need to do a full tick screening when a patient is showing symptoms."

Other than Lyme disease, there are three main tick-borne illnesses to worry about; including Anaplasmosis, Borrelia miyamotoi and Babesiosis. These illnesses can range from mild to

fatal, depending on the patient's age, health condition and other variables.

Not much is known about Borrelia Miyamotoi, but there have been two cases in the last 30 days in Ware and Belchertown, so this should be on your radar. Symptoms include headaches, fever, muscle aches, joint and

muscle pain, dizziness and some have even reported fainting. Treatments include antibiotics.

Babesiosis patients experience similar symptoms but may also experience kidney damage. Serious cases require blood transfusions and even dialysis. The DPH and CDC need more information on this illness as it's not particularly common in Massachusetts.

Krieger included tips on how to prevent and treat tick bites. She recommended wearing clothing that covers as much skin as possible, which is easier said than done during the summer. For skin that is exposed to the elements, she recommended applying bug spray on top of your sunscreen or buying a combination of the two.

Bug spray should not be applied to children's hands because they are always touching their faces. Permethrin is another great insect repellent, but should only be applied to clothing, bedding and other inanimate objects; it should never be applied directly to your skin.

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# Gourmet-to-go at DELANEY'S MARKET

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SOUTH HADLEY – Delaney's Market, known for its chef-inspired ready-made meals, opened its fourth store late last month in South Hadley.

Delaney's sells gourmet dry pastas, infused olive oils, specialty vinegars, and plump olives, but the heart of the business is what is known in the culinary world as the "home replacement meal." The HRM is a fresh meal with three core virtues – convenience, affordability and gourmet quality.

An average HRM at the store costs between 10-12 dollars per person with various size options. Customers can buy a single meal, a two-person, four-person, or a family-sized meal.

Soups, desserts, side dishes, even gravy can be bought separately, opening the possibility of a mix-and-match dinner. As in a restaurant, everyone in the family can have variations or even a different meal.

There is a palpable creativity to Delaney's menu with some 80-100 different food items available. Glancing in a cooler stocked with à la carte items the variety is impressive – strawberry soup, honey ginger carrots, sour cream and chive mashed potatoes, and coconut chicken bites.

"The chicken parmigiano is a high seller. So is the shepherd's pie, and the turkey pie," said owner Peter Rosskothén. But beyond that, there are dishes as varied as chicken marsala, Tuscan shrimp Alfredo, maple glazed salmon, apple and brie stuffed chicken, Irish barley stew, besides the vegan and vegetarian options.

Rosskothén, added, "What's on the shelf today must sell by tomorrow. The volume is what guarantees our success." The hybrid nature of this HMR clearly presents both challenges and excitement.

What they offer is not a deli selection since everything is prepackaged, but its also very far from TV dinners as the meals are fresh and gourmet. Although the executive chef is the creative engine, decisions are ultimately made as a team. "I love the idea that we can control how we make the meals, and the retail experience," said Rosskothén radiating enthusiasm.

Delaney-style HRMs follow three basic culinary themes. "Latin, Indian, and German/Austrian - that's 95-99 percent of what we do here," said Rosskothén.



The fourth Delaney's Market has now opened in South Hadley.

Aside from grocery stores such as Wegman's, or private delis, there is no real competition in sight. "No one is doing what we're doing," added the proud owner.

Rosskothén, also owner of D Hotel in Holyoke, has always worked in the food business. "I first started at Boston Chicken, now called Boston Market. I guess I invented the HRM here. The U.S. didn't have it 30 years ago." Rosskothén's approach is experimental and open. "What doesn't work, guests will tell us."

Delaney's of South Hadley is Rosskothén's fourth store. He opened the first Delaney's in Longmeadow in 2016. The next two in Wilbraham and Westfield both opened in 2019.

But the current store in South Hadley stands out for its unique role. It is now the central production kitchen for all four stores. Shoppers come to this location from Granby, Belchertown, and Chicopee.

The 5,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art kitchen is located on the basement floor of the building with a wide-berthed driveway leading to its delivery depot. The main preparation kitchen nearby has a

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Front view of the new Delaney's in South Hadley.



A friendly and informative staff at Delaney's.



Peter Rosskothén, owner of Delaney's Markets, delighted at the opening in South Hadley of his fourth store.

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# Community

## Housing survey needs your feedback

**SOUTH HADLEY** – The South Hadley survey on housing strategies is now open.

Your feedback is needed on DRAFT goals, strategies and opportunities to create new housing within South Hadley.

Please watch a presentation about this information that took place at

the June 22 Housing Plan Community Forum. You can access it at [vimeo.com/channels/shhnp](https://vimeo.com/channels/shhnp).

After viewing the presentation, please provide your feedback through the survey link found at [Links.shhousingplan.org/survey2](https://links.shhousingplan.org/survey2).

Submission of responses has been extended to July 16, 2023.

Stay informed and sign up for email updates at [www.shhousingplan.org](http://www.shhousingplan.org)

If you have further question, please contact [acapra@southhadley-ma.gov](mailto:acapra@southhadley-ma.gov) or phone 413-538-5017 at extension 6128.

## Odyssey Bookshop events happening in July

### Zelda Lockhart in Person

On Thursday, July 6, at 7 p.m. at the Odyssey Bookshop at 9 College St., South Hadley, Zelda Lockhart will present her new novel "Trinity."

### About the Book

The Hurston-Wright Award Finalist makes her long-awaited return with this electrifying saga—as moving and indelible as "The Twelve Tribes of Hattie," "The Turner House," and "The Love Songs of W. E. B. DuBois"—that explores three generations of a family trying to overcome trials and trauma and free themselves from the darkness of the past.

Lottie Rebecca Lee is spoken into the world in Fayetteville, North Carolina by a Black nurse who declares, "Lord Jesus, if that ain't the blackest little baby born this side of heaven." Later, Lottie will prove that she is the ancestors' promise to unearth the Mississippi and Ghanaian atrocities that have tormented Benjamin Lee, her grandfather who was born during the Great Depression in Mississippi's red clay tobacco fields, and Benjamin Junior, his son and Lottie Rebecca's father, born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where the post Korean War GI Bill promises prosperity.

These two generations of men are haunted by the Mother-Spirit who did not survive enslavement's post-traumatic stress violence. "Trinity" is the riveting story of the daughter-spirit born to stitch love back into the scattered wombs of her Black mothers and call love back into the fishing blues songs of her Black male kin. Lottie Rebecca Lee is the Divine spirited daughter born to set everything back up right again, in this daringly original novel.

### About the Author

Zelda Lockhart is the author of "Fifth Born," "Cold Running Creek," and "Fifth Born II: The Hundredth Turtle." Her fiction, poetry, and essays appear in several anthologies including Chautauqua and Obsidian II. She holds a PhD in Expressive Art Therapies, an MA in Literature, and a certificate from the New York Film Academy. She lives in North Carolina.

Visit the Odyssey website to register at <https://www.odysseybks.com/event/zelda-lockhart-person>

### Victoria Kielland, in a virtual event

On Friday, July 7 at 7 p.m. Victoria Kielland will talk about her new novel "My Men." She will be joined in conversation by Margot Douaihy.

### About the Book

Based on the true story of Norwegian maid Belle Gunness, 19th-century America's most notorious serial killer with a body count of at least 14 men. My Men is a fictional account of one broken woman's descent into inescapable madness.

Among thousands of other Norwegian immigrants seeking freedom, Brynhild Størset emigrated to the American Upper Midwest in the late nineteenth century, changing her name and her life. As Bella, later Belle Gunness, she came in search of not only fortune and true faith but, most of all, love.

From Victoria Kielland, a rising star of Norwegian literature, comes My Men, a literary reimagining of the harrowing true story of Belle Gunness, who slowly but irreversibly turned to senseless murder for release from her pain, becoming America's first known female serial killer. In pursuit of her American Dream, Kielland's Belle grows increasingly alienated, ruthless, and perversely compelling. Raw, visceral, and altogether hypnotic, My Men is a brutal yet radically empathetic glimpse into the world of a woman consumed by desire.

### About the Author

Victoria Kielland's first book, the 2013 short prose collection "I Lyn-gen" (In the Heather), was shortlisted for the Tarjei Vesaas debutant prize. In 2016, Kielland's first novel "Dammyr" (Marsh Pond) was shortlisted for the Youth Critics' Prize and the literary committee of the Norwegian Authors' Union awarded her the Norwegian Booksellers' primary writer's scholarship. "My Men" is her breakthrough novel, published to rave reviews in Norway in 2021.

### About Margot Douaihy

Margot Douaihy is author of the lyrical crime novel "Scorched Grace," the inaugural title to publish with Gillian Flynn Books, and the poetry collections "Bandit/Queen: The Runaway Story of Belle Starr," "Scranton Lace," and "Girls Like You."

She is a founding member of the Creative Writing Studies Organization and an active member of Sisters in Crime and the Radius of Arab American Writers. In fall 2023, Margot will join the faculty of Emerson College as an Assistant Professor in Popular Fiction Writing & Literature.

As a co-editor of the "Elements in Crime Narrative Series" with Cambridge University Press, she strives to reshape crime-writing scholarship, with a focus on the contemporary, the future, inclusivity, and de-colonialism.

Register on the Odyssey Bookshop website at: <https://www.odysseybks.com/event/victoria-kielland-virtual-event>

## CAMPUS NOTES

### University of Rhode Island

Julia Pratt of South Hadley was named to the Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island for the 2023 spring semester.

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality-point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality-point average.

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### Adult Programming South Hadley Public Library

The South Hadley Public Library is delighted to once again host an Adult Summer Program starting on June 20, 2023 through August 14, 2023. The theme is "Find Your Voice" and the programs lined up will help you find your true voice. Scratch tickets will be available for adults to win prizes, such as t-shirts, water bottles and more when they check out at the Circulation Desk. Second chance drawings will also be available to win more prizes at the end of the Summer Program on Monday, August 14th. If noted per event: sign up start on June 20th by calling the library at 413-538-5045 or signing up on our website at [www.shadleylib.org](http://www.shadleylib.org) then click Events. The library looks forward to helping you find your voice this summer. And remember - it is summer! Why do the kids get all the fun?

### PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY JULY 2023

#### Laugh for the Health of It with Trevor Smith

Wed., July 12 at 6 p.m. • Community Room

Register at the library or call, 538-5045.

Laughter Wellness is a performance-based, structured health and wellness program that engages people in laughter without using comedy or jokes. Utilizing a series of interactive exercises and games, the program explores the use of laughter for stress management.

#### Author Talk: The Masters of Medicine by Dr. Andrew Lam

Wed., July 19 at 6 pm • Community Room

No Registration Needed.

In The Masters of Medicine, Dr. Andrew Lam, distills the long arc of medical progress down to the crucial moments that were responsible for the world's greatest medical miracles. He brings to life heroic tales of embattled mavericks who endured ridicule and sometimes risked their own lives to conceive the incredible, life-saving cures we depend on, and often take for granted, today. Andrew Lam, M.D., is the award-winning author of three books. His writing has appeared in numerous publications, including The New York Times and The Washington Post, and he has been a featured commentator on PBS Newshour, New England Public Radio and many other media outlets.

#### Music Concert: Women Who Rock! 15 Iconic Women Who Shaped Music

Sat., July 22 at 11 a.m. • Community Room

No Registration Needed.

A fun and informative live music program highlighting 15 prolific women who left their indelible mark on the music world, forging new paths for future stars and securing their place in music history. From their creative and artistic contributions to their struggle and sacrifice for equal pay and recognition, Kirsten covers the early innovators and pioneers, as well as contemporary superstars from the past 4 decades, sharing some of her personal journey as a professional touring and recording musician. Part concert, part history, with a dose of behind-the-scenes stories and little-known facts, Kirsten is accompanied by Erik Boyd on bass and guitar for this entertaining and educational one hour program.

#### Virtual Program: Russian Iconography: Past & Present by the Museum of Russian Icons

Wed., July 26 at 6 p.m.

Online Zoom Program

Register at the library or call, 538-5045

Icons serve many purposes and are one of the most important aspects of Orthodox culture. Like many art forms, the icon has visually evolved over time, yet the symbolism and theological concepts remain constant. How are these objects used in daily life? What meaning can we extract from the colors and symbols used? Find answers to these questions and more, as participants closely examine several icons from the Museum's collection and engage with images of the divine.

### UPCOMING EVENTS... REGISTRATION NEEDED

#### Advanced Tarot Class by AwenTree

Wed., Aug. 9 from 6-8 p.m. • Community Room

Advance Registration Required

Limited to 30- must have attended previous beginner program. Learn the advance techniques for tarot with Winifred of AwenTree.

#### Outdoor Yoga for Adults and Teens with Jessica Carey

Wed., Aug. 16 at 6 p.m.

Library Lawn/ Pergola Area

Advance Registration Required

Help quiet your mind and find your authentic voice outside on the lawn behind the library. Enjoy the sounds of the falls while you strengthen your body, mind and spirit. Yoga mats available to those who need them.

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# Opinion



## Gotta love astilbes

I love to walk around my yard admiring the blooming plants.

Within the last few days my beautiful frosty pink astilbe has burst on to the scene in my shade garden, stealing the show from what is left of the mountain laurel flowers.

I love astilbe, and when they are happy, they certainly perform. They work well with other shade lovers - hostas and ferns come to mind first - off.

The astilbe has two things going for it: nice flowers and handsome leaves; traits desirable in the vase as well as the garden! Nothing is worse in my opinion than perennials that bloom for a relatively short amount of time but leave you with drab or high maintenance foliage for the rest of the season.

Not the case with astilbes, that is, as long as they are grown correctly. Most appreciate light to full shade and moist, humus-rich soil.

They may do okay in the sun as long as the soil is right. Take my word that they will struggle in dry ground, and will be far less attractive than their sunny counterparts.

For years I tried to grow a division of one of Mom's plants on the north side of my old house. Sure, I had great shade, but no matter how much I watered it, the soil drained too readily, and it struggled until I finally gave up and gave it away.

To make the first astilbe happier I should have amended the soil with lots of compost prior to planting. This can be accomplished easily by loosening a space in the garden twice the width of your astilbe and a foot or more deep.

Once it is friable, add a four inch layer of compost on top and mix it into the soil. Now you are ready to plant.

Dig a hole and position the astilbe at the same depth it was growing in the container, with the crown of the plant an inch or two below the soil surface. Back fill and gently firm down the area.

Water well until your new plant is established, as well as during periods of drought. Mulch is very beneficial to astilbes; it helps conserve vital moisture and reduce competition from weeds.

If flowers become sparse or the plant encroaches on its neighbors, division may be necessary. Wait until spring, and at the first sign of new growth lift and separate the clump.

The freshest parts of the plant will be towards the edge, so be sure to replant those sections. No doubt you will have many gardening friends ready and able to take any divisions you have left.

Where you place your astilbe in the border depends on the variety you are growing. They can range in height from less than one foot to over three!

There are also numerous variations in flower and foliage coloration. Flowers can be brick red, salmon, mauve, lavender pink, white and many shades in between.

Leaves can have a red or bronze tint, or be deep or even "electric" green. Some astilbe plumes are upright, while others are arching.

They may be light and airy or rather dense. Certainly, with this many options to choose from there is an astilbe for each and every taste!

Do try growing them along with hostas and ferns - a classic and hard to beat combination. Another plus: this plant is rarely bothered by deer or rabbits; I have both!

But beware, it may be harvested regularly for your next floral creation. It will last a good long time in the vase, especially if picked at the first sign of bloom.

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](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### Working widow seeks to maximize Social Security benefits

**Dear Rusty:** I was widowed years ago and, when I approached age 60, I looked into Social Security survivor benefits based on my late husband's record. He started receiving Social Security shortly before he died at \$1,200 per month. My income at age 60 was \$42,000 and, since Social Security would keep \$1 for every \$2 above the limit (around \$15,000 at that time), I did not apply.

Next year I will reach my full retirement age of 66½, but I plan to work until I am 70. Will I be able to receive full survivor benefits next year if I continue to work? I plan to switch to my own Social Security benefit at age 70, which will be higher than my husband received.

Since I am waiting to apply for survivor benefits, will there be an increase in the amount I receive? I am a municipal employee and when I retire, I will collect from the state retirement system. I paid into the state retirement system and also paid Social Security taxes, so will my state pension have any impact on my Social Security?

*Signed: Still Working*

**Dear Still Working:** Congratulations on having an excellent strategy for maximizing your survivor benefit as well as your personal SS retirement benefit. Once you reach your Full Retirement Age next year, you are no longer subject to Social Security's "earnings test" and can collect Social Security benefits without those benefits being affected by your work earnings.

Your surviving spouse benefit will be more because you are waiting until your full retirement age to claim it. At your FRA you can claim your full survivor benefit from

your deceased husband without reduction and collect only that while still allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to grow to maximum when you are 70. Then, at age 70, you can switch from your smaller survivor benefit to your maximum SS retirement benefit and collect that higher amount for the rest of your life. Essentially, your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your FRA and your personal SS retirement benefit reaches maximum at age 70.

Note that you should apply for your benefits a couple of months before you wish them to start. For example, if you reach your FRA in May of next year you can apply for your survivor benefit in February or March, specifying that you wish your survivor benefit to begin in May 2024 at your full retirement age. Just be sure to emphasize that you are applying only for your survivor benefit and wish your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow by earning Delayed Retirement Credits until you are 70.

You cannot apply for your survivor benefit online, so you will need to call Social Security, at either the national number (1.800.772.1213) or your local Social Security office, to make an appointment to apply for your benefit as your husband's widow.

And to answer your last question, your state pension won't affect your monthly Social Security payments because you paid Social Security FICA payroll taxes from your municipal earnings.

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## Events for kids in July at Odyssey

**SOUTH HADLEY** — The Odyssey Bookshop invites families to its July Entertainment Series.

The shop is located at 9 College Street. Here's a look at upcoming events:

### Music For All Ages 11 a.m. July 8

Roger Tincknell performs various songs and singing games for kids of all ages. Bring blankets and/or chairs to enjoy the performance outside.

Tincknell has been performing for children, families, and seniors in the U.S., Canada and Europe for over 45 years. His strong, expressive vocal styles, show stopping yodeling and masterful instrumental skills bring a warmth and versatility to his performances. With a background as a classroom teacher and music specialist, Tincknell has pioneered programs in multicultural, environmental and special needs education and curriculum development and is a two-time Parents' Choice Award-winning recording artist with numerous albums for children and adults.

His extensive repertoire includes original, traditional and contemporary songs presented in a variety of musical styles. Ballads, swing, country blues, bluegrass, and cowboy yodeling are interspersed with American and international folk songs. Roger accompanies

himself on guitar, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, Irish bouzouki, Bodhran (Celtic drum), mountain dulcimer, harmonica, Puerto Rican and Venezuelan cuatros, South American charango, Zamponia (Pan Flute), Native American Flute, Latin percussion and African drums.

### Tom Ricardi: Birds of Prey 11 a.m. July 15

Ricardi presents his birds of prey. Bring blankets and/or chairs to enjoy the event outside. Meet and learn about the wonderful and majestic animals who soar high in the sky. A unique live raptor event presented by Ricardi, who helped restore the American bald eagle to the Northeast. See live birds of prey up close at this event.

### Trevor the Gamesman 11 a.m. July 22

"The Games Man" performs his talent, walking on stilts. He is a multiple award-winning entertainer and a trained and certified New Games Leader, Cooperative Play Specialist, Professional Stilt Walker and Cooperative Play Educator with different shows designed specifically for adults, teens, and/or kids.

For more information, contact Rob-in Glossnerat events@odysseybks.com or 534-7307 or go to odysseybks.com/event.

## CAMPUS NOTES

### Holyoke Community College

The following students from South Hadley were named recipients of Holyoke Community College Foundation scholarships for the 2023-'24 academic year:

Pacey Gauthier, Reese Mackenzie, Angel Munoz Diaz and Analiese Troie, all of South Hadley; and Jacob Kenney and Tenzing Kyizom of Hadley.

### Syracuse University

John Gauthier of South Hadley was named to the Engineering and Computer Science Dean's List at Syracuse University for the 2023 spring semester. The son of Terri and Mike Gauthier and brother of Tess Gauthie, he just completed his freshman year.

### Clark University

John G. Parrish of South Hadley was named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List for the 2023 Spring semester. Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

### Rochester Institute of Technology

Clayton Koppi of South Hadley was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2023 spring semester. Koppi is in the electrical engineering program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

### Western New England University

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

Abdul Azeem Chaudhry of South Hadley, who is majoring in Finance.

Matthew Lajoie of South Hadley, who is majoring in Finance.



### TICKS from page 1

During summer months, children's strollers should be covered with mosquito netting since they are much more susceptible to serious symptoms from a bite. Be extra thorough and remember to keep your furry friends in mind and give them a thorough check after they've been outside. Also remember to invest in a good flea and tick collar.

To protect your yard consider adding a few chickens as they are expert tick hunters. Planting lemon balm can also help to repel these pests from your property. When choosing a bug repellent, be sure to read the labels since not all sprays are

created equally. Be sure to invest in a safe and healthy one.

A bullseye shaped rash is a huge indicator of a tick bite. But you may still have a tick-borne illness if the rash is not present so see a doctor if you are feeling unwell and have been outdoors or have outdoor pets.

As awful as tick-borne illnesses sound, mosquitos carry the worst of the worst, including Eastern Equine Encephalitis and the West Nile virus. When you think about it, mosquitos are basically flying shared syringes. Unfortunately, that's the reality of the situation.

Symptoms of EEE can be as mild as fever, chills, and body aches that last for a week or two, or it can be much more

severe. It's not uncommon to see patients experience permanent neurological damage including seizures, severe intellectual impairment, personality disorders, paralysis, cranial nerve dysfunction and even death.

People who contract a serious case of this illness often require long-term care and die within a few years of "recovery." As for the West Nile virus, eight out of ten people don't develop symptoms. Just one in ten people develop severe illness affecting the central nervous system and die.

Krieger did another presentation on Tuesday at the Ware Public Library and she has more on the near horizon. She will be at Food Truck Friday on the Belcher-

town Commons, the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. She also visits the Ware Senior Center and on the second and fourth Monday of each month she stops by the Belchertown Senior Center.

Krieger's goal isn't to discourage anyone from enjoying the outdoors, but living so close to the Quabbin Reservoir, she said, "Always enjoy the outdoors responsibly and take precautions." She elaborated, "This is my favorite part of my job - going out and educating members of the community. It's really fun. That's why I became a Public Health Nurse instead of working in a hospital. Not that hospitals aren't great, but for me ground zero is our community."



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# Senior center sizzles with fun this summer

**SOUTH HADLEY** — The Council on Aging's senior center at 45 Dayton Street invites local seniors to experience enriching and interesting programs, take advantage of services and enjoy meals with others.

With summer here, there's no better way to beat the heat than enjoying activities and events inside the air conditioned senior center, including a live music series. Here's a look at some of the offerings:

### THIS COMING WEEK

#### Artist reception 2 p.m. July 3

Donna Roy will be sharing her pastel painting throughout the month of July. Meet her in-person!

#### Fashion Upcycling 2:30 p.m. July 3

Join Petula for this creative and environmentally friendly, four-week class.

#### Caregiver Support Group 10 a.m. July 5

Meet with Social Service Coordinator Ann Andras.

#### Travel Presentation 1:30 p.m. July 5

Pat Pooler went to the Ukraine in 2017 to find farms of her father's family.

#### Singalong (new program!) 10 a.m. July 6

Join with the students from BHMA.

#### Memory Café 1 p.m. July 6

Join Ben and Ed for some great music. This event is open to folks with dementia and their caregiver.

#### Shopping Schedule

Let the COA do the driving! The following trips are planned (A minimum of five attendees):

- Aldi 1:30 p.m. July 7
- Big Y 11:30 a.m. July 11

Please call to make an appointment.

### UPCOMING

**Mystery Book Club 3 p.m. July 11**  
Book to be discussed: "The Maid" by Nina Prose.

#### Shamanic Journey 5 p.m. July 11

Join Jan Lucier for an opportunity to practice your shamanic journey skills, help heal the plant and connect with a local tribe of shamanic practitioners.

#### Veterans Social Hour 9 a.m. July 12

Free coffee and pastries provided by VFW post 3104 and American Legion Post 260.

#### Beyond Tour 1:30 p.m. July 12

Join a walking tour of Sibenik, the oldest native Croatian city on the Adriatic (thank you to the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors for sponsoring these tours).

#### The nurse is in 12:30 p.m. July 13

Public Health Nurse Maureen will be in to check blood pressure and answer questions.

#### Oncology Presentation 2 p.m. Friday, July 16

Holyoke Medical Center, Hematology/Oncology Dept will talk about breast cancer trends in 2023. Dr. Dulala will be accompanied by Nancy (RN- Navigator), Lisa Wray-Schecter, director of Community Benefits, Lynn White-Lynch (Dr. Dulala's MA) and Iris Romero (CNA) (bilingual) - assists with interpretation.

#### Summer Concert Series

July 25: double header: Madison Curbelo at 4 p.m., and Noah Lis at 5:30 p.m.  
Aug. 29: Wild Bill and the Flying

Sparks 5 p.m.

Each concert is \$4 or purchase all three at the same time and have your name entered for a chance to be Senior Center VIP, which includes: Free exercise punch card; \$5 gift card to the Woodlawn Café; a free ticket to an upcoming concert of your choice.

Individual tickets or tickets purchased in a group at the welcome desk.

### Beyond Tours

These online tours of places and people with whom you might never interact have been a huge success thanks to the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors, which is underwriting this program. Plans include a walking tour of Croatia at 1:30 p.m. on July 12 and Cannes at 1 p.m. on Aug. 22.

### Services

The COA provides free in town transportation for residents 60 and older 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and Tuesdays at 4 p.m. The minibus is equipped with a wheelchair lift. Rides must be scheduled 24 hours in advance by calling the center at 538-5030. Grocery shopping at Big Y is every Tuesday and Friday.

### On-going programs

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone)

Tuesdays from 8:30am to 11:30 by appointment.

Sue LaMastro, Certified SHINE counselor, will guide you through the Medicare maze and explore what Medicare Plan is right for you.

### Food collection

The Senior Center continues to have a bin, located in the lobby to collect food

for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. The items to focus on are healthy snacks for children (i.e., peanut butter and jelly, fruit cups, etc.).

### Join the Community Table

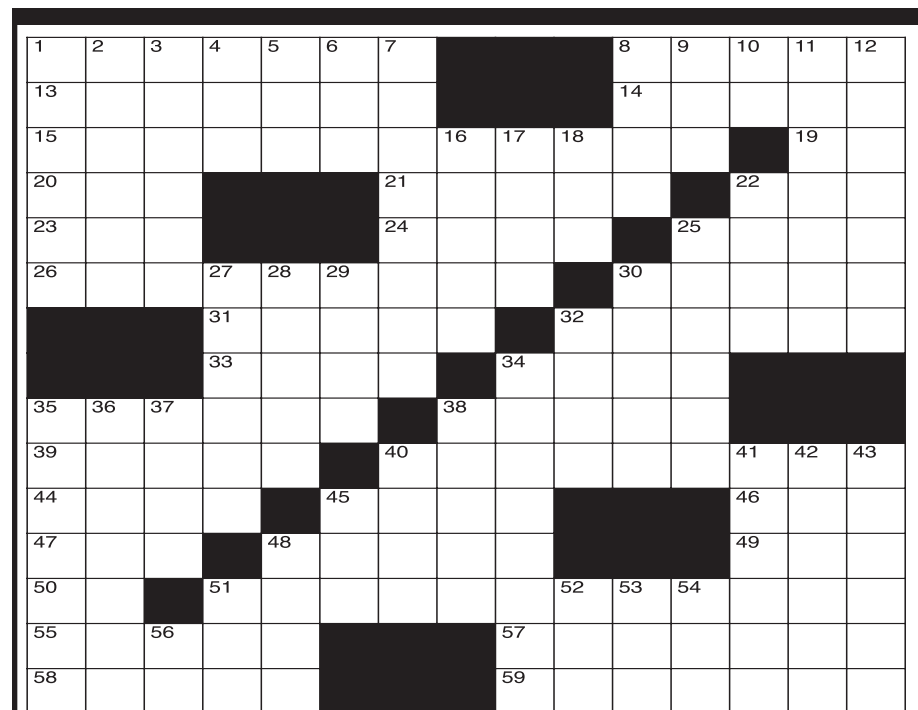
Lunch is served at 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling the center. Suggested donation for lunch is \$2.25. Guests under 60 are charged \$6.50 (per federal regulations).

### Tech Time With Sandy

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday. She can help you with your technology needs.

**iPad Loan Program:** Available for a six-week loan period (renewals available if there is not a waiting list for the device). One-on-one lessons on how to use the iPad will be given by technology instructor, Sandy Cahillane, by appointment. If you do not have WIFI at home, there are several options: The South Hadley Public Library and Gaylord Library have Wi-Fi hotspots for loan. The South Hadley Council on Aging has public Wi-Fi available throughout the building and your iPhone can be used as a hotspot (Instructor Sandy can help you with that) Call Emily at 538-5030 for an application. To find out about low-income Wi-Fi support: Fiberspring by S.H.E.L.D. has an Affordability Connectivity Program ([www.acpbenfit.org](http://www.acpbenfit.org)) and Comcast has Comcast Essentials ([internetessentials.com/apply](http://internetessentials.com/apply)).

The senior center is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Tuesdays until 7 p.m. For more information on the COA or upcoming programs, call 538-5030 or go to [southhadley.org/324/Council-on-Aging](http://southhadley.org/324/Council-on-Aging).



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| 8. Soap opera actress Patsy                    | 34. Partner to pedi              | 4. A pair                      | 35. Make an effort                       |
| 13. Unknowing                                  | 35. Becomes less intense         | 5. Young male                  | 36. It's in the surf                     |
| 14. Dangerous mosquitos                        | 38. Bottoms                      | 6. Make a mistake              | 37. Member of aboriginal people of Japan |
| 15. Exaggerated and sensationalized            | 39. Tested                       | 7. Experienced                 | 38. Discounts                            |
| 19. Military policeman                         | 40. Vistas                       | 8. It often accompanies injury | 40. Cliff in Hawaii                      |
| 20. Touch softly                               | 44. Take care of                 | 9. Old world, new              | 41. Extremely wild person                |
| 21. Wrap                                       | 45. Traditional rhythmic pattern | 10. Commercial                 | 42. All persons                          |
| 22. A story of one's life                      | 46. S. African political party   | 11. Course of lectures         | 43. Aromas                               |
| 23. Midway between east and southeast          | 47. Cologne                      | 12. Promote                    | 45. Popular kids' game                   |
| 24. Toward the mouth or oral region            | 48. Men                          | 16. Female horses              | 48. A difficult situation                |
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| 30. Semitic Sun god                            | 51. Act of signing up            | 22. Orthodox church altar      | 53. Unspoken language                    |
| 31. Sneaker parts                              | 55. Human feet                   | 25. Actress Tomei              | 54. 'Talk to you' abbreviation           |
|  | 57. A very short time            | 27. Excited                    | 56. Influential lawyer                   |
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1. A type of pool

### DELANEY'S from page 2

large picture window that allows in natural light and offers the kitchen staff a refreshing view of the greenery outside.

HMRs occupy a unique niche in the culinary world. While they may be ready-made they are fresh not frozen and a long way from even of Trader Joe's more upscale ready-made meals.

They are essentially a kind of gourmet-to-go, and resonate with time-deprived professionals who desire a delicious home-cooked meal but lack the two hours it could take.

Rosskothén, who lives in South Hadley, expressed his delight at opening a Delaney's in his hometown. "It's a small business," he said, "We want the customers to be happy so we are open to criticism."

Definitely something not to leave the store without is one of their garlic knots kept in a tall jar by the cashier's. They have the perfect texture with just the right dose of garlic in exactly a two-bite portion.

The new Delaney's, painted a bright coral color, distinguishes itself by the beautiful church building at its side. Longtime residents are likely to remember it as the former site of the Cycle Stop, and before that as a popular gift shop.

While some people have suggested that the church was moved from one of the towns flooded to make the Quabbin Reservoir, local historian Leo Labonte, who has researched the building's history, says that the first owner was Charles D. Coe, president of the Reynolds Paper Manufacturing Company in Holyoke and also an active member of the International Explorers Society.

As a wealthy businessman, he and his wife travelled constantly for almost two decades. In 1942, Coe commissioned a building that took on the appearance of a small church to house his favorite items from their various explorations. He also hired a staff to oversee the collection.

At present, the church building remains empty and Rosskothén is uncertain



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how he will use it in the future. He pulled on a rope dangling from the ceiling, and the bell tolled. Time will tell.

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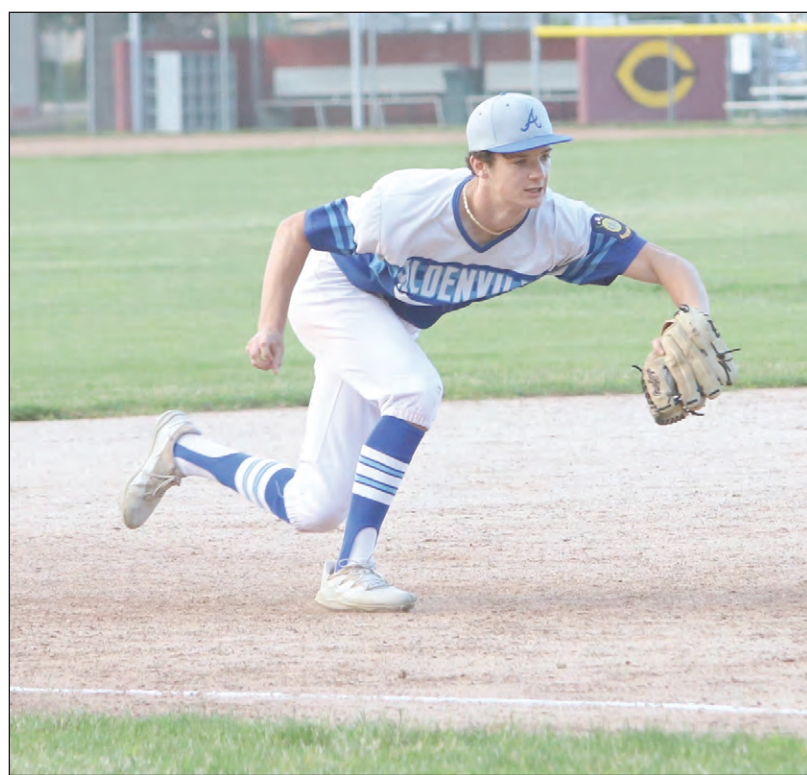
# SPORTS

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## Aldenville's offense falls short against Monson



Christopher Reardon fields the bouncer to third.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—Despite having runners on base in six of the seven innings that they batted, Aldenville Post 337 only scored one run in last Wednesday night's Senior Legion baseball game against Monson Post 241.

Monson, who scored all their runs in the fifth inning, remained undefeated with a 3-1 win at Szot Park in Chicopee.

"This was a low scoring game against a very good Aldenville team," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "We only had runners in scoring position in a couple of innings, but we were able to capitalize on them. It was a fun game tonight."

The road win improved Monson's record to 3-0, while Aldenville, which draws players from Chicopee, Chicopee Comp, Holyoke, and South Hadley high schools, had a 2-2 record.

"I thought it was a great pitcher's duel tonight," said Aldenville manager Mason Scott. "We just had one bad inning defensively, which wound up hurting us."

Monson righthander John Mumper won his



Noah Stone sends a throw back to the infield.

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LJ Denette stretches to hit this shot towards third.

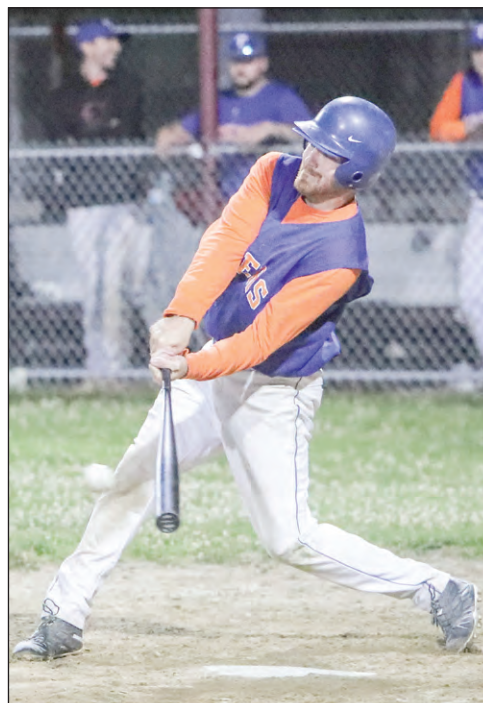


Brendan Fournier delivers during the first.

## Tigers holding own in Tri-County

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Falls Tigers started out the Tri-County Baseball League season with a bang, but have had some difficulty recently, falling to 8-5 on the season. But their eight wins are still good for second place and 16 points in the league, two

points behind PeoplesBank. The Bankers have played three less games and stand at 9-1 for the year. The Tigers, who draw many of their players from throughout the region, last defeated 413ATC 5-4. The Tigers are next in action on July 6.



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Harley Kagan cracks this shot to deep right center.

LEFT: Chip Chipman scrambles to grab this errant foul off third.

## Pioneers suffer first loss this season

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— Since the start of the 2019 regular season, the Seacoast United Phantoms are the only USL-League two team who have been able to beat the Western Mass. Pioneers at Lusitano Stadium.

The Phantoms knocked the Pioneers out of the 2022 playoffs with a 1-0 extra time victory in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

With the score tied 1-1 in last Friday night's match-up between the archrivals, Seacoast retook the lead during the 62nd minute and they were able to celebrate a 2-1 road victory at Lusitano Stadium. "This result really hurts a lot because we clearly performed better than they did in tonight's match," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "You win soccer games by scoring goals. We just didn't score more goals than they did."

Last Friday's setback was the Pioneers first regular season home loss since June 22, 2018, when they lost to Black Rock FC.

The Pioneers also lost a home match to Flower City Union, who are from Rochester New York, in the 2022 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

The Pioneers (5-1-3) have posted a 1-1-2 home record this season. Their only victory at Lusitano Stadium was a 3-0 shutout win versus the Boston Bolts in the home opener, which was played on a rainy night in the middle of May.

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## Sports

# Williams gets another big win

THOMPSON, Conn. — Ronnie Williams used a late caution to win the Icebreaker 125 for the Outlaw Open Modified Series at Thompson Speedway back in April. Wednesday night, Williams didn't need a late caution - he did it in dominating fashion. Williams took the lead early and rolled to the win after holding off Chris Pasteryak and on a flurry of late restarts. The victory came in the first of the summer Dash For Cash 50-lap, \$5,000 to win races for the Outlaw Open Modifieds at the Connecticut oval in 2023.

Williams had a tough challenge on the final restart with Pasteryak closing in on the back bumper. Pasteryak was close on the final lap when the field took the white flag, but got loose off turn two and had to settle for second. Joey Mucciacciaro posted a strong third-place finish with Kurt Vigeant and Swanson finishing the top-five.

Former Thompson champion Nick Johnson rolled to victory in the 25-lap Late Model race, taking the lead using the bottom lane. Johnson passed Matthew Lowinski-Loh for the second spot on the bottom, then passed Devin Deshaies for the lead just before halfway. Although Lowinski-Loh was closing in during the final laps, Johnson was able to seal the win. Lowinski-Loh finished in second, with Andrew Moelleur wrapping the race in third. Oddly enough, even though Johnson won the championship in the Late Models in 2019, it was his first career track Late Model win, he said in Victory Lane.

The New England Supermodifieds rolled into Thompson to supply pure speed and power and it was a dominant performance by Ben Seitz. The driver of the No. 11 jumped out to the lead passing Anthony Nocella for the top spot and never looked back en route to picking up the dominating victory. Danny Bowes was second and Rob Summers third at the end of their 30-lap feature.

Tyler Chapman collected the extra-distance prize in the SK Light Modifieds at the end of their 30-lap feature, worth \$750 to win. Much of the middle portion of the race saw Chapman chasing Danny Cates for the lead, with Alexander Pearl not



Submitted photo

Ronnie Williams captured a win in the Outlaw Open Modifieds.

far behind in third. Chapman would pass Cates for the lead with just under 10 laps remaining and go unchallenged the remainder of the laps to win. Cates would lose second to Pearl in the final laps, but the two did complete the podium. The division not only had extra laps and extra prize money, but also infield pitting during the race for the first time during their Thompson tenure.

Corey Fanning made it two-for-two on the 2023 season in the Limited Sportsman, outlasting a stout group of contenders during a wild green-white-checkered finish to take the win in the 30-lap Eden-Raffety Clash For Cash. The \$750 to win race looked to be in the control of Ryan Waterman as the field took the white flag, but a caution for a spinning car in turn four slowed the race and set up the dash to the finish with a green-white-checkered. Waterman and Chicolas brought the field down for the green with Waterman jumping away with the lead into turn one. When the field hit turn one after taking the white flag a lap later, contact between Waterman and Chicolas sent Waterman drifting up the track sideways. Chicolas took advantage to grab the lead, but Fanning snagged

the bottom lane and drag-raced him for the lead down the backstretch and Waterman rallied to chase them both in third. Off turn four to the checkered, Fanning jumped out to control and crossed for the win. Chicolas was second and Waterman third.

It was a dominant type of night for Kyle Wing in the Mini Stocks. Wing won his qualifying heat in dominant fashion, then followed it up by leading all 15 laps to win the Mini Stock feature race. It was his first career win in racing, he said in Victory Lane. Kevin Moore crossed the stripe second and Glynn Roy in third.

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park's oval track is promoted by the American-Canadian Tour and Pro All Star Series again in 2023. The track will return to racing action on Wednesday, July 26, with the Twisted Tea Open Modified Dash For Cash round two, set for 50 laps and \$5,000 to win. The SK Light Modifieds will run double features, while the Late Models, Limited Sportsman and Mini Stocks will also be in action. Racing begins at 6PM and a full schedule of events will be released one week prior to race day.

# Blue Sox hit tough skid, lose four straight

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury West-erners on Sunday by a score of 9-5. The team fell to 8-8 on the season.

It was a tale of two halves of this game for the Blue Sox. Danbury jumped out to an early 3-0 lead after an early two-run-homer.



Valley was able to fight back in the bottom of the fifth inning, scoring two runs making it a 3-2 game.

Danbury quickly increased their lead, scoring six combined runs in the sixth and seventh innings. The West-erners hit three home runs in this game after none had been hit in MacKenzie Stadium in the first nine games at home this season.

Terry Murray started for the Blue Sox and struck out four batters in four innings, allowing three runs.

Harrison Durow and James Vaughn both pitched two innings out of the bullpen, allowing three runs each.

Zach Cameron pitched a clean top of the ninth, with one strikeout.

Right Fielder EJ Kreutzmann broke out of a slump today, batting 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs.

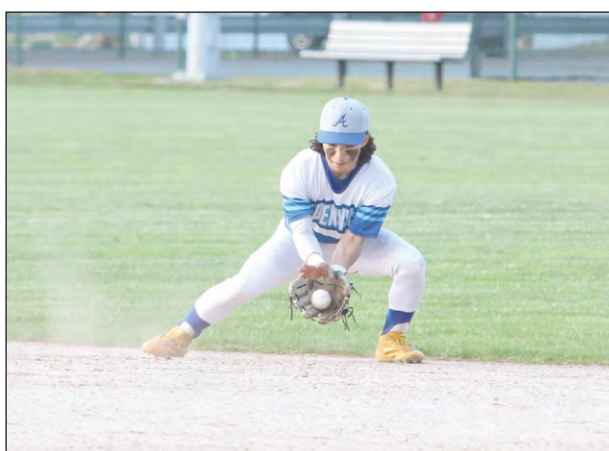
The utilityman Michael Zarrillo also went 2-for-4 with an RBI double.

Last Saturday evening, the Blue Sox were defeated by the North Shore Navigators by a score of 4-0.

Valley was limited to just four hits thanks to solid pitching from start to finish from the Navigators. North Shore starter Nate Espelin pitched six shutout innings. Espelin had no strikeouts on the night, but was able to force soft contact and limit traffic on the bases, stifling Valley's offense.

Kurt Thomas started the game for

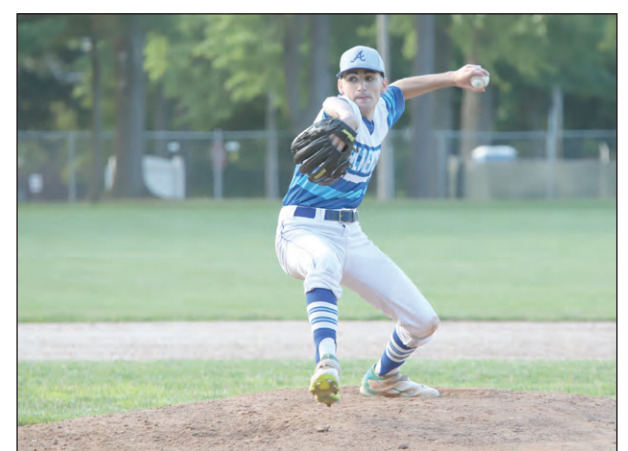
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Luis DeJesus gets the ground ball to his glove.



Nathan Carillon swings and fouls off a pitch.



Brady Burnett starts for Aldenville.

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second game of the Legion season. He went the distance allowing one run on six hits with eight strikeouts. He only issued one walk and threw a total of 82 pitches.

"Johnny was lights out again tonight," Tripp said. "He just pounds the strike zone and changes speed well. He just pitched a great game. I couldn't say enough good things about his performance on the mound."

The home team had a golden opportunity to take a 1-0 against Mumper, who was the ace of the Ware High School pitching staff, in the bottom of the first inning.

Second baseman Luis DeJesus hit a grounder to the Monson third baseman leading off the bottom of the first inning. He wound up at third base following a throwing error.

After Mumper struck out the next batter, shortstop Nathan Carillon hit a flyball that was caught by Monson right fielder Ty Miller. His throw to the plate bounced away from catcher Dylan Sutkaitis. The ball was picked up by Mumper. He tossed it back to Sutkaitis, who put the tag on DeJesus for the final out of the frame.

"That was a huge play in the bottom of the first inning," Tripp said. "If they scored a run there, they would've been all fired up. The key thing was Johnny backing up the play."

Aldenville left two more runners on base in the second inning.

"We just need to capitalize on our scoring chances," Scott said. "That's been one of our problems so far this season."

Meanwhile, Aldenville lefthander Brady Burnett, who graduated from Chicopee High School on June 2, retired the first nine Monson batters that he faced.

"Brady's performance was stellar tonight," Scott said. "He's a very good lefty pitcher for us."

Monson shortstop Hunter Griswold broke-up Burnett's perfect game bid by lining a single into left field leading off the top of the fourth inning. After stealing second base, Griswold was thrown out trying to steal third by Aldenville catcher Nikolas Misiaszek.

With two outs in the frame Sutkaitis drew a walk and designated hitter Don Allen reached on an infield hit before Burnett escaped the jam with a flyball out.

Burnett wasn't as fortunate in the following inning.

After Monson loaded the bases with two outs with the help of a fielding error, Miller knocked home two runs with a single into right field.

"Ty fouled off a couple of pitches before getting the base hit in the fifth inning," Tripp said. "That was the biggest hit of the game."

Brayden Mega, who was hit by a pitch, also scored on the play following a throwing error.

Burnett, who allowed three unearned runs on four hits, was replaced on the mound by righthander Race Drobiak in the sixth inning.

Aldenville ended Mumper's shutout bid in their final at bats.

Centerfielder Devan Santos led off the bottom of the seventh inning with a double down the right field line. He scored when right fielder Nathan Serrano grounded into a fielder's choice play.

The home team couldn't score any more runs against Mumper.

Monson lost 6-5 to Belchertown Post 239 in their home opener, last Friday night.



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### BLUE SOX from page 8

the Blue Sox, and pitched four innings, allowing three runs and four walks, with no strikeouts.

The ball was turned over to Thomas

Ballard who pitched two innings, allowing one run off of two hits while striking out four batters.

The back end of the bullpen continued to shine for the Blue Sox, with Michael Weidinger and Jason Arrigo both tossing shutout innings. Both pitchers struck out

two batters in their inning of work.

Eliot Dix went 2-for-2 on the night, reaching base in all three of his at-bats.

Matt Bergevin went 1-for-2 with two walks, continuing to see the ball well at the plate as he has all season.



Lawrence Goddard stops the ball.



Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro makes a quick pass.



Lucio Berron passes up the field.



Connor Bagdon follows through on a pass forward.

### PIONEERS from page 7

The Pioneers do have a 4-0-1 road record. The road tie came in the first meeting of the regular season with Seacoast, which ended in a 1-1 draw.

“Our home matches have been disappointing this year,” Molinari said. “The ball has been going into the net in our away games, but for some unknown reason it hasn’t been going into the net at home.”

The Pioneers and the Phantoms also faced each other in the 2021 Eastern Conference semifinals at Lusitano Stadium. The Pioneers advanced into the finals that season by outshooting the Phantoms, 5-4, in a penalty shootout.

“This isn’t a very easy place to win a soccer match,” said Seacoast head coach Alex Ryan following last Friday night’s match. “We had a very good game plan and my players played very hard in tonight’s match.”

Seacoast United, who took over sole possession of first place in the Northeast Division table, played their second match in a span of 48 hours. The Phantoms posted a 3-1 home win versus Boston City FC last Wednesday night. Their trip to Lud-

low took a little longer than they expected because of traffic.

“It did take us a little while to get down here this afternoon because the traffic was really bad,” Ryan said. “We also played a match two nights ago. We played very well in tonight’s match.”

Seacoast grabbed a 1-0 lead during the 18th minute of the opening half when Taig Healy split a pair of defenders before firing a low breakaway shot into the back of the net past Western Mass. goalie Gianluca Cersosimo (4 saves) for an unassisted goal.

A couple of minutes later, Western Mass. forward Alec Hughes blasted a shot that deflected off the face of Seacoast goalie Jackson Lee (4 saves), who laid on the ground for several minutes before coming out of the game.

“Jackson has a slight concussion and we’re going to have him checked out by a doctor,” Ryan said. “Our back-up goalie (James Lowell) came in and did a very good job for us. We do have a couple of very good keepers.”

Late in the first half, another shot attempt by Hughes was deflected over the endline by Lowell, who was credited with five saves, resulting in a corner kick.

Jared Smith also had a free kick for

Western Mass before the first half ended.

Three minutes into the second half, Augustine Boadi gave the home fans something to cheer about. After gaining possession of the ball at midfield, Boadi dribbled down the middle of the field before firing a low shot into the left corner tying the score at 1-1.

“We were down at halftime and we really wanted to tie the score early in the second half,” said Boadi, who faced a couple of his Boston College teammates. “I just the ball coming towards me. Then I had a lot of open space and Alec drew the defender away for me. Then I fired a shot into the net, and it felt very good scoring the tying goal. It got us back into the game.”

The contest remained tied until Ted Cargill scored the go-ahead goal, which was assisted by Austin Brummett, during the 62nd minute.

The home team had several scoring chances during the final 25 minutes of regulation, but they couldn’t tie the score again.

“It’s always tough whenever you lose, especially at home,” said Pioneers captain Nicholas Obberauch. “We had several opportunities, but we couldn’t put any of them away. We just need to keep working



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Alec Hughes tries to outrun his opponent.

hard during the rest of the season.”

After playing a road match against Pathfinder FC on Tuesday night, the Pioneers will be looking to start another home winning streak when they host the Albany Rush at 7 p.m. on Friday night.

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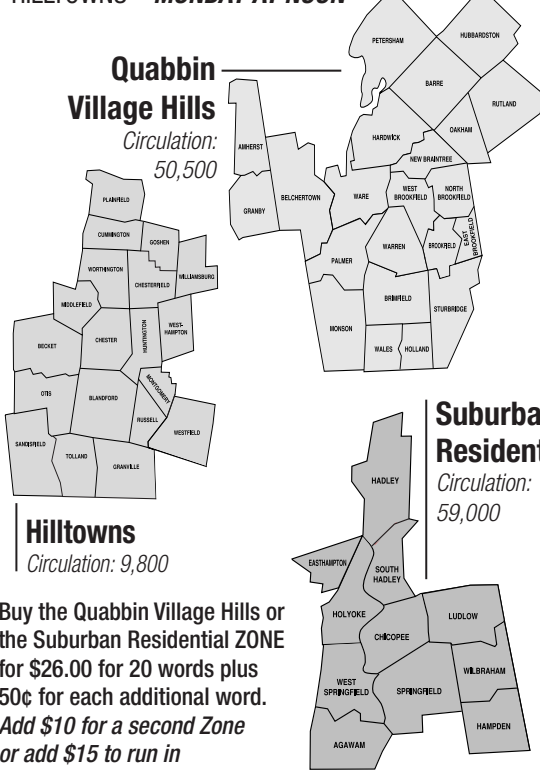
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programs for young readers that often overflowed from the realm reading into the world of crafts. In 2001, her summer reading program slogan "First of All...READ" won the vote of libraries across Massachusetts and was adopted for that year by all public libraries statewide.

She has collaborated with numerous people in her effort to champion literacy in multiple forms: through literature, art and the sciences. She reminisced fondly about her work with cartoonist Phil Yeh of Cartoonists Across America and the World. Known internationally for his mural events, Yeh's mission to promote literacy and the arts resonated with Clancy's own vision.

Yeh's forte was building murals of foam core on which he drew his own cartoon characters. The children would then be invited to help paint the murals with his banner across the top: "Building a World of Readers, Dreamers, and Artists."

Later, Yeh would hand out his own comic books based on his signature character "Winged Tiger." "It was a fun way to get the kids reading, and thinking about literacy," said Clancy, "especially for kids who are not necessarily readers."

Clancy worked with Yeh for a few years and even scheduled her vacation times to follow his mural events to several countries - the Netherlands, Germany, and the Cayman Islands. What she learned about the world she brought back to the library.

But perhaps her longest collaboration, one that has spanned almost two decades, has been with entomologist and polymath Doug Fleury, a man with a contagious passion for science education, who serves as a consultant for schools in the region. These programs were designed to stimulate children's interest in science careers and to help them overcome a culturally conditioned squeamishness towards bugs and spiders. "Rose the Tarantula" was one of the many bug guests in this effort.

"Probably my all-time favorite program," said Clancy, "was the Butterfly Release. It was just so much fun." She would take sugar water and put a dab on a child's ear, finger, or nose, and then place the butterfly there.

With its orange and black wings poised, the Monarch would just hang on for awhile to the screaming delight of the children. This program with Fleury lasted three years during which the children reared Monarch butterflies at the library, and tagged them for the nonprofit organi-

zation Monarch Watch.

Learning the protocol of science, the children uploaded data about the butterflies onto the internet. When these graceful creatures made their pilgrimage to Mexico, some might be found with the South Hadley tag. "We didn't see that any of ours made it to Mexico," said Clancy with a warm laugh, "but it was still a lot of fun for the kids to do that."

Another program with Fleury was the week-long Space Camp in the summer of 2019 after Clancy had received a \$2,000 grant. They set up one camp at the Mount Holyoke College Observatory with some of the college students also becoming involved.

Another phase of the same program involved making and then launching Estes rockets at the Michael E. Smith Middle School. "It was one of the craziest things we did," said Clancy, rolling her eyes.

"I had to get permission from the Westover Air Reserve Base to launch them because of how high they went. We could have gotten in trouble with Westover because we'd be in their airspace." Contacting Westover in advance and on the day of the launches she'd have to call them and announce, "Ok. We're starting to launch!"

Continuing with the theme of space, Clancy worked with NASA. "I got trained to have a collection of meteorites." To be the guardian of such selective stardust, she had to go to Hatfield for special training from NASA.

Afterwards, she was entrusted with a silver-colored suitcase containing the meteorites. "But because there was no place secure enough in the old library [on Bardwell Street], I had to have it under lock and key at the police station when we weren't having the program."

Her vision of literacy extended into the field of chemistry, too. Clancy and Fleury embarked on the Mount Holyoke Chemistry Adventure, collaborating with Mount Holyoke College's Professor Maria Gomez who had received a grant to encourage young girls to pursue careers in chemistry. Clancy distributed the chemistry kits that contained the materials for several experiments, and prizes were awarded to those who completed all the experiments.

In the area of social justice, Clancy expressed pride in having been one of the first libraries to establish a Gay-Straight Alliance. "I'm not sure if it was the first, but I certainly was one of the first libraries to have a GSA."

It happened because a student at Pathfinder Regional High School, who was



Meg Clancy wearing a live brooch of Rose the Tarantula.

also a library patron, approached Clancy and said that his friends had met with the school principal about having a GSA at the high school but were denied. "They should not have been [denied]," said Clancy emphatically.

The student then approached her and asked if they could have a GSA at the library. "I told him, 'I think that's a great idea.'" They met for four years in the library during which Clancy invited LGBTQ writers such as Lesléa Newman, author of "Heather Had Two Mommies."

She also invited Tapestry Health, an organization that focuses on critical public health issues. They came and offered AIDS tests to the kids. The kids made sure that Clancy also got tested. "They were so funny," she said.

For almost two decades Clancy also served as the coordinator for the American Red Cross Blood Drive that took place six times a year. "Over the years," said Clancy, "I have donated some 12 gallons of blood."

Never to be forgotten are the various non-human guests - creatures both great and small - who have visited the library. A group of reptile visitors have included a ball python that Clancy wrapped around her neck like a scarf.

Birds of prey have included owls and red-tailed hawks. A race-team musher from the Iditarod, who had placed four times, visited with a sled dog. Closer to home and heart, is Toto the Tornado Kitten who was rescued from a tree in Brimfield, and survived the devastating tornadoes that struck central and western Massachusetts in 2011. She came with her owner Jonathan Hall for story time and play.

Bright Spot Therapy dog Duchess, a

Yorkshire terrier, and Gwen, the greyhound, both reading therapy dogs, have been ongoing guests at the library.

On the cusp of retirement, Clancy reflected on the changes she has witnessed during the past 37 years at the library. In the 1980s the library still used the old-fashioned card-catalog system.

"It was a nightmare because if one card got misfiled!" Sometime around 1990 the library got its first automated library system called "Alice" which she said was a huge game changer.

They no longer had to put the cards in the pocket of the book. Everything became easier when the library system became computerized. Then came the internet. At that time, people said glibly, "Oh, now we won't need libraries anymore."

But Clancy argued the contrary. "There's a lot of misinformation on the internet. You still need libraries and the expertise of librarians." That was the era of only physical books; then came e-books. "Those same people declared, 'Oh, now we don't need [physical] books anymore.'"

She remarked on one very definite change in terms of reading habits. The older Caldicott-winning books from the 1950s and 1960s were a lot wordier than books are today. "Because of social media, the internet, and a fast-paced world, children don't have the same attention spans. With that shorter attention span, story time had to change."

"I find that if I read some books that are too wordy, I'll lose them now, whereas I wouldn't, say, twenty years ago." Clancy selects shorter books now. She also says you can't really cuddle with an iPad or a Kindle the way you can with a book.

Even the children's books themselves reflect the sea change. They are still the standard 32 pages, but there are a lot fewer words on each page now. "That's also true of newspaper articles and magazine articles," said Clancy. "People - adults too - want it short and concise now."

When asked what advice she might offer to an aspiring librarian, Clancy said, "I could never be bored in my job because nobody has any excuse in Youth Services to be bored. If you're bored, you're not doing your job right."

Although Clancy is soon to retire, it is doubtful that she will ever stop drinking from the Fountain of Youth.

The library will be hosting an open retirement reception for Meg Clancy on Thursday, July 6, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at South Hadley Public Library, located at 2 Canal Street.

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