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Mass Capoeira kicks off summer reading

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SOUTH HADLEY – Summer reading has begun across the nation, and with it, libraries bring out the best events to encourage kids and their families to come to the library, and grab a book to take home after a fun event.

The South Hadley Public Library hosted Mass Capoeira to perform for the kids with music, and an opportunity to learn the martial art form.

“Capoeira has a powerful and complex history. It originated in Brazil, but it was created by African people who were enslaved there during

the transatlantic slave trade. Under brutal conditions, these communities developed capoeira as both a form of resistance and a way to preserve their culture and spirit,” said Halsey Vandenberg.

“Because it was seen as a threat, capoeira was criminalized for many years. But it survived—hidden in plain sight as a dance, passed down in secret, and kept alive through music, oral tradition, and community. Today, capoeira is recognized globally as a symbol of resilience and cultural pride, and it’s practiced by people around the world.”

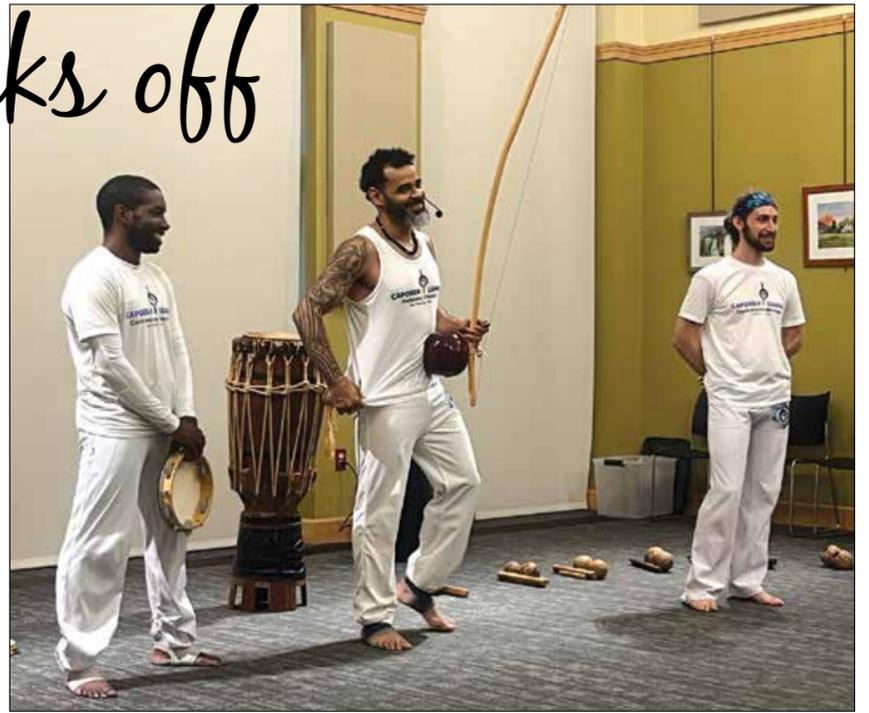
The Afro-Brazilian martial art and dance is passed on through culture, and perform-

ing Capoeira is rooted deeply in the cultures it represents.

Vandenberg founded Mass Capoeira in 2021 after being introduced to it in college and instantly feeling drawn to it.

“The music, movement, self-defense training, and the feeling of being part of something bigger than yourself struck a chord with me. Over the years, capoeira became both a personal passion and a path toward building community,” said Vandenberg. “Starting Mass Capoeira was my way of sharing that experience with others and creating a space where people of

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Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Getting ready to teach, and showing the different instruments used, including the bow-like instrument, the Berimbau.

Cornhole tournament raises funds for the American Legion

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GRANBY – Since 1948, the American Legion Post 266 has been welcoming veterans from all branches of our military and supporting them when they come home.

The Granby American Legion has been working hard to raise funds to put towards necessary renovations on their hall, and the South Hadley and Granby Chamber of Commerce came together to put together a Cornhole Tournament to raise money for their projects.

Despite the sweltering heat, dozens of people came together to form sixteen teams to play cornhole for a good cause.

“Hosting events such as this one plays a crucial role in the success of any nonprofit organization. It’s not just about collecting money; it’s about building a community of supporters who believe in your cause,” said Chamber member Regina Zebrowski.



The winners of the cornhole tournament smiling after a fun evening of cornhole for a cause.

“Through these social events, nonprofits gain the financial resources needed to carry out their missions. In this case, the Legion is looking to raise the necessary funds to build a new kitchen.”

Members of the Legion

and the Lions Club have come together to work on the repairs to the hall, and Dave Cote, President of the Granby Lions, has been hard at work ensuring the Legion Post is remade into something wonderful.

“We do a lot of community service, and we’ve taken on this as our project this year,” said Cote. “The facility hasn’t been updated in a while, and a

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Community Band hits the right notes, for all ages

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Each Monday evening from September through June, the South Hadley High School band room fills with the rich sounds of flutes, trumpets, clarinets, tubas, and more. But it’s not just students making music—it’s the South Hadley Community Band, a multi-generational ensemble of volunteer musicians brought together by a shared love of music.

“I’m thinking today’s version of the South Hadley Community Band began at some point when South Hadley High School Band Director Tom Boates (1980–2001) invited adult amateur musicians to join together with his high school band students to present a concert for the annual town fireworks celebration,” said current conductor John Bobbin. “From that beginning, a group of these adult musicians decided to rehearse and perform several times throughout the year for the enjoyment of making music together.”

Since 2006, Bobbin has conducted the band full time, following a series of earlier directors. Over the years, the band has grown into a cornerstone of community life, known for its inclusive spirit and vibrant performances.

“Members range in age from high school-aged students to adults—our oldest current player is 82,” Bobbin noted. “Experience levels vary from adult beginners with just four years of playing to retired music educators and professional musicians.”

There are no auditions required. Anyone who plays a wind, brass, or percussion instrument is welcome. “We perform music arranged for the average American concert band—everything from movie themes and Broadway tunes to marches and classical favorites,” said Bobbin. “The proficiency level of the music is about that of a typical high school band. We pick music we enjoy listening to and that’s fun (and sometimes challenging) to play.”

The band rehearses week-

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South Hadley adopts ‘statutory’ speed limit

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SOUTH HADLEY – The town adopted a 25 mph speed limit after it passed at Town Meeting, and has since slowly come into effect in the heavily populated and business districts of the town.

“The ‘statutory speed limit law’ is the law that defines standards for speed limits throughout the Commonwealth to give guidance to communities on what the speed should be on any roadway, and understanding that it is not feasible for every road to have a posted sign,” said Police Chief Jennifer Gunderson.

“The law was expanded in 2016 to allow for a ‘25 mph’ on the roads that would formally have been a 30. Technically, if a community wanted to change the speed limit on a road that falls un-

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Turley photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

The Town of South Hadley has adopted the statutory speed limit of 25 mph in certain unposted areas.

Selectboard continues interviews and announce appointments

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Selectboard last week met virtually to hold interviews for various positions across boards and committees in towns.

The June 24 meeting was held virtually by Chair Jeff Cyr, and he was joined by Vice Chair Nicole Casolari, Clerk Carol Constant, member Renee Sweeney, and Town Administrator Lisa Wong and Assistant Town Administrator Chuck Romboletti.

The Selectboard reminds the community during the heat that the Senior Center, both libraries, and both fire departments are designated cooling centers for those who need to escape the heat.

Tri-Annual Interviews and Appointments



“I’M JUST REALLY HAPPY AND IMPRESSED BY OUR COMMUNITY THAT SO MANY ARE STEPPING UP AND FINDING THIS WORK IMPORTANT, TOO.”

NICOLE CASOLARI

Ann-Marie DeToma expressed interest in joining the Cultural Council, and after volunteering during Showcase South Hadley, was interested in joining the team and “supporting art and culture in the town”.

Riley Kranz came to be interviewed for positions on both the Bike Walk Committee and the Veterans Council, and shared their desire to serve on both the committee and council as they love to be in the outdoors, and has served as a part of the Massachusetts National Guard for the past 16 and a half years.

Patrick Fecher also came to interview for a position on the Cultural Council, and shared he worked at Mass MOCA in North Adams, and the Emily Dickinson Museum, and was recommended to serve on the Cultural Council by a coworker.

Michelle Cruz came to interview for a position on the Budget Task Force, and works currently as an attorney, and shared her experience in bud-

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Happenings at Buttery Brook Park

SOUTH HADLEY – Here's the upcoming events and times for what's available at Buttery Brook Park:
 Wednesday, July 9 - Farmer's Market, 2 to 6 p.m.
 Friday, July 11 - Kid's

Concert featuring the Toe Jam Band, at noon.
 Friday, July 11 - Cruise Night & Live Music featuring Off The Record, 5 to 7:30 p.m.
 Pickleball Courts - Daily

Open Play (Monday to Sunday), 8:30 to 11 a.m. / Week-night Open Play (Monday to Friday), 4:30 to 10 p.m.
 Spray Park - Open Daily, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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/pole/fire ONLY.

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

No parking on the following streets: Mosier, Morgan, Brainerd, Pine, Parkview, W. Parkview, E. Parkview, Richview, and Belmont. No parking in prohibited zones, private property (without permission), within 20 feet of an intersection, within 5 feet of a driveway, on a tree belt, bicycle lane, sidewalk, and crosswalk. Violators subject to parking tickets and/or tow.

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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South Hadley COA's special events for July

SOUTH HADLEY – With the hot summer upon us, keep in mind that the South Hadley Council on Aging and Library are both Cooling Centers to get out of the heat!

The COA's Summer Concert Series begins with Wild Bill & Big Trouble on Thursday, July 17 at 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets include a mouth-watering BBQ lunch and the concert for just \$8.

The July Art Exhibit features Ross McNamara. Come and meet the artist on July 11 at 12:30 p.m.

Come to the COA for Fun Fridays in July: Join us every Friday in July for free ice cream, live music and a variety of vendors selling hand-made goods.

On Wednesday, July 9 at 1:30 p.m., join a fun and informative cooking demonstration led by a team who specializes in MyPlate-based nutrition classes. Enjoy free

samples and walk away with practical tips for making nutritious choices daily!

On Tuesday, July 8 at 11:30 a.m., we are having a Lunch & Learn with SHELD. They will be providing great information about rebates, new technology available to reduce your bills, and information regarding their \$0 Home Energy Conversion Loan. Registration required.

On Thursday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m., Cody Concalves from Westfield Bank will be providing information on important Financial Resources. Registration is required.

On Tuesday, July 15 from 1 to 3 p.m., there will be Birthday Bingo! Featuring bingo, cake prizes and a special raffle just for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of July. Open to everyone over the age of 60, even if you're not celebrating a special occasion.

On Friday, July 18 at 8:30 a.m., we will be hosting a delicious breakfast for just \$3.00.

On Wednesday, July 23 at 1:30 p.m., come to a special information session on Understanding Online News & Media.

On Wednesday, July 23 at 2 p.m., join us for a trip to Buttery Brook Farmer's Market. Sign up at the Welcome Desk to join us.

On Thursday, July 24 at 1:30 p.m., a representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts will provide information for individuals approaching Medicare eligibility.

On Monday, July 31 at 1:30 p.m. Neil Broome will be sharing an eclectic and entertaining look at the stunning country of Switzerland. Don't miss this inspiring visual adventure!

PVPA adds Technical Design and Production Department to arts course offerings

SOUTH HADLEY - Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School (PVPA) is expanding the school's Arts classes to add a fifth Arts Department: Technical Design and Production. The Technical Design and Production track will include courses ranging from Costuming, Stage Design, Cinematography, Stage Construction, Lighting Design, Scenic Design, Sound Design and Engineering and more. With the additional twenty-six classes in Technical Design and Production, PVPA will have over one hundred Arts Courses offered across five Arts Departments, joining existing courses in Music, Dance, Theater and Visual Arts.

Technical Theater and the skills associated with it have always been a valued part of the PVPA school community, with students assisting in everything from costuming to stage management. PVPA "Techies" have been the behind the scenes support that makes PVPA's twelve to fourteen shows a year run smoothly throughout the school's history. With the investment into Technical Design and Production, PVPA is excited to make a commitment to this artistic discipline.

PVPA will also be offering free bus transportation to all students residing within the school's new region, beginning with the upcoming school year. For the first time in the school's 30 year history, all students will have the option to pick up the bus less than 2 miles from their home. PVPA has long been aware that lack of affordable transportation has been a barrier for many students considering attending the school, and looks forward to making PVPA more accessible to all students.

PVPA is currently accepting applications for the 2025/2026 school year at www.pvpa.org/admissions. Application deadline is July 1, 2025. An enrollment lottery will take place on July 3, 2025 for Grades 7 & 10. All other applications will be held until current waitlists are exhausted. PVPA is a public charter school; there is no tuition or audition required to attend. All Massachusetts students entering grades 7-11 are welcome to apply, with priority given to students from within the school's region.

PVPA's region includes the following school districts: Agawam, Amherst-Pelham (Amherst, Leverett,

Pelham and Shutesbury), Belchertown, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Granby, Hadley, Hampden-Wilbraham (Hampden and Wilbraham), Hampshire (Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Worthington), Hatfield, Holyoke, Ludlow, Northampton, South Hadley, Springfield, West Springfield, and Westfield.

PVPA is a publicly funded charter school, authorized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, enrolling 400 students in grades 7-12. PVPA offers a college preparatory curriculum that provides all students a broad exposure to the performing arts.

Per MA General Laws, Chapter 76: Section 5, PVPA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, age, ancestry, athletic performance, special need, proficiency in the English language or academic achievement.

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STAR SPANGLED SPRINGFIELD

Traffic Advisory

SPRINGFIELD - In preparation for Star Spangled Springfield on Friday, July 4, 2025, the Springfield Police Department, with the support of the Springfield Department of Public Works, will be detouring traffic in and around the area of the Memorial Bridge and Riverfront Park where festivities will be held.

On Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 11 p.m., the Memorial Bridge will close to all traffic, vehicular and pedestrian, to allow for the set-up of the Star Spangled Springfield fireworks display. The bridge will open around 11 p.m. on Friday, July 4, 2025.

On Friday, July 4, 2025, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Springfield Police Department will begin to close roads in the vicinity of the Memorial Bridge in anticipation of the 9:30pm fireworks

display. Massachusetts State Police will close Exits 5A (Union Street) & 5B (Memorial Bridge) off I-91 South and Exit 5 from I-91 North (Union Street) around 7 p.m., as needed. Pedestrians will be restricted from sitting on I-91 Exit Ramps.

For public safety, the Springfield Police Department will enforce no pets, alcohol, smoking, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, fireworks, sparklers, and drones in and around Riverfront Park.

Festivities will begin at 6pm with food vendors and face painters. Following welcoming remarks, Maxxtone will take the stage in Riverfront Park's Festival Field, followed by the fireworks display at 9:30pm with a musical simulcast on Mix 93.1 FM.

When leaving, please be patient. The Springfield Po-

lice Department has a full complement of officers directing traffic.

In addition to MassMutual, Star Spangled Springfield is supported by 90 Meat Outlet, Affordable Waste Solutions, American Medical Response (AMR), Charlie Arment Trucking, Elegant Affairs, iHeart Media (Mix 93.1 FM), Joseph Freedman Company, Key Bank, MGM Springfield, Michael's Party Rentals, Quality Beverage, Sheraton Springfield, Springfield Parking Authority, The Republican, WWLP-22News, and the City of Springfield including the building, fire, parks, police, and public works departments.

For more information about Star Spangled Springfield, visit spiritofspringfield.org or contact the Spirit of Springfield at 413-733-3800.

Holyoke Medical Center offers cancer support group

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Medical Center will host an ongoing Cancer Support Group for community members and/or caregivers dealing with cancer. The group will meet in the Fran Como Conference Room of Holyoke Medical Center, 575 Beech Street, Holyoke, from 4:30pm - 6pm on the following dates: July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, and November 13.

Holyoke Medical Center will provide a safe place for active and surviving cancer patients, families, and caregivers to share thoughts and feelings with others dealing with similar concerns and emotions.

"Support groups are a safe place to talk about emotions and difficult subjects. Our group members have developed a community through shared experiences and feelings, and create a welcoming space for others to feel heard,

understood, supported, cared for, and accepted," said James Haskins, MSW, LICSW, ACSW, HMC Oncology Social Worker.

The Holyoke Medical Center Cancer Support Group offers a light meal, along with education, activities, as well as facilitation of discussion around a variety of topics. Open feedback from support group members is encouraged, and a survey is provided at every group meeting to enhance future meetings.

Participants are asked to please register in advance to ensure enough food and materials are available for all. Please RSVP by calling 413.534.2520.

About Holyoke Medical Center:

Holyoke Medical Center (HMC) is a 219-bed independent community hospital with over 1,800 employees serving individuals and families throughout the cities and

towns of the Pioneer Valley. The medical staff includes more than 375 physicians and consulting staff. Holyoke Medical Center is a nationally accredited hospital and is the first and only hospital in Western Massachusetts to obtain the prestigious accomplishment of becoming certified in the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System.

HMC received the Top Hospital Award in 2020, 2016, and 2014 from the Leapfrog Group for excellence in quality of care and patient safety. This full-service hospital provides a complete line of inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical services. Holyoke Medical Center is a member of Valley Health Systems in Holyoke, which also includes the affiliates Holyoke Medical Group and Holyoke Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Life Care. To learn more, visit www.holyokehealth.com.

Help fight childhood hunger: Feed the Kids online auction now open to the public

SPRINGFIELD - The online auction for the 8th Annual Feed the Kids Charity Golf Tournament officially opens to the public on Tuesday, giving community members a chance to support local efforts to end childhood hunger-no golf skills required.

Hosted by [Feed the Kids](http://FeedtheKids.org), a local nonprofit dedicated to fighting food insecurity among children in the Pioneer Valley, the online auction will run from July 1 to July 15, the day after the golf tournament at Springfield Country Club that routinely sells out.

Auction proceeds will benefit organizations that provide food assistance to local children, including Square

One, the Holyoke Weekend Backpack Program, Pioneer Valley Powerpacks and Team No Kid Hungry.

"This auction allows anyone in the community to get involved-even if they're not swinging a golf club," said Dr. Frederick Kadushin, co-founder of Feed the Kids. "Bidding on these great items is a fun way to support a very serious mission: making sure no child in our community goes hungry."

Since launching in 2018, Feed the Kids has raised nearly \$500,000 to benefit programs helping children in need throughout Western Massachusetts.

Bidders can access the auction and browse available

items at feedthekidsgolf.com/auction. The auction closes on the evening of July 15.

About Feed the Kids

Feed the Kids is a local nonprofit group consisting of volunteers throughout the Pioneer Valley who are committed to ensuring that children in the region don't go hungry. Through its annual charity golf tournament and online auction, the group raises funds to support the local efforts of other organizations, such as Square One, Holyoke Weekend Backpack Program, Pioneer Valley Power Packs and No Kid Hungry®. Learn more at feedthekidsgolf.com.

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 Res-

cue 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 walkers with \$10 donation

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How to Get Involved:

Register to Ride at www.springfieldrescuemission.org.

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

When will funds stolen from Social Security be replaced?

Dear Rusty:
When will the funds stolen from the SS Fund be replaced?

They used Social Security when the government ran out of money and used it for illegals. I think the funds should be replaced except for legitimate payments to Social Security recipients. This money was never meant to be used by the federal government to pay their bills.

Signed: Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior:

I must tell you that no funds have ever been "stolen" from the Social Security Administration despite the persistent myth. All money received by SS from payroll taxes, interest on investments and income tax on SS benefits is – and always has been – immediately converted to special issue government bonds (investments), which are held in the Social Security Trust Funds and which pay interest at the current federal bond rate.

Those bond investments held in reserve have been and are used only to pay benefits to those who have earned them by contributing to Social Security via payroll taxes for at least 10 years (40 quarters). Only U.S. citizens and legal residents can get Social Security benefits. Illegal aliens cannot receive Social Security benefits.

For information, repayment of the special issue bonds held in SS reserves occurs every day, because incoming revenue has been insufficient to pay all Social Security benefit costs for several years now, which means that the bonds must be redeemed regularly so that

full benefits can be paid to all SS recipients, who have earned them. There were about \$2.8 trillion in SS reserves as of the end of 2023, but that balance is steadily decreasing due to being redeemed to pay full benefits. As of the last report by the Trustees of Social Security, the reserves will be depleted in about 2033, unless Congress passes reform legislation to restore SS to full solvency.

FYI, the Association of Mature American Citizens is working hard to prevent depletion of the Trust Fund, suggesting to Congress a way to reform the program so future generations can fully benefit from it, with AMAC's Social Security Guarantee proposal. AMAC is constantly working to prevent depletion of the SS Trust Funds, which would result in an across the board cut in everyone's benefit by about 23%. AMAC works every day in Washington D.C. to ensure Social Security is here for many generations.

The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

What are biennials exactly?

Right now, many of our favorite "cottage-garden" flowers are beginning to put on a summer show.

Most of these fall into the category of plants known as biennials. From the towering pastel spikes of the beloved hollyhock, to the tattered, clove-scented sweet William and the mysterious and dangerous foxglove, each share the same life cycle.

Unfortunately, however, here is where lots of gardeners get confused. So then, what exactly are biennials? Do they bloom every other year or just during the second growing season? Is a "short-lived perennial" the same as a biennial?

Let's take a closer look. Merriam-Webster defines biennial as "continuing or lasting for two years; specifically: growing vegetatively during the first year and fruiting and dying during the second." In other words, if you started a hollyhock plant from seed in the spring expect it to put on a lot of green growth this season.

Next spring (year two) the plant will send up a flower stalk. The flowers will eventually die and seeds will form and drop from the plant.

Usually, the mother plant will not return for a third season. If all goes as Nature intended though, a percentage of her seeds will germinate the following spring, starting the two year process to flower

all over again.

I encourage gardeners to have fresh green plants growing alongside blooming biennials – that way they will end up with flowers every year, at

least hypothetically. Keep in mind that self-sown seedlings are not without work. Oftentimes they come up too close to one another and must be thinned. Or they germinate in an inappropriate spot and likewise need to be moved. You can try to manipulate the outcome of your "volunteers" somewhat.

For notorious self-sowing biennials like rampion, rose campion, and foxglove, dead-head all but a few seed pods. You will reduce the population and there won't be as many to thin out. You can also watch the seed pods carefully, and when they are ripe sprinkle them where you want them to come up – this works especially well for hollyhock and sweet William – both of which I'd call reluctant self-sowers. Work I know, but still far easier than setting up the grow lights and heat cables and starting your seedlings indoors!

Remember to give your little volunteers lots of TLC

in the way of food (a top dressing of compost and a sprinkling of organic fertilizer) and water (a drink during droughty periods) if you want them to compare to their parents. Speaking of parents, what happens when the older plant survives into year three? This happens to me periodically, especially with hollyhock, foxglove and sweet William. Certainly not every plant in the clump comes back, but perhaps one out of three do.

Sometimes they look okay, while other times the crown is woody or the flowers aren't quite as tall. Oftentimes diseases can take their toll. Be your own judge here – if you want to gamble, leave the plants in place. Presently I am doing just that with an amazing stand of hollyhocks that bloomed ever so beautifully near my lamp-post last summer. So far, so good. But, to be on the safe side, I do have a couple of self sowers waiting in the wings for next year, since a third year of blooming is highly unlikely.

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by Roberta McQuaid



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with a tracking device, flew 2,700 miles from Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts to French Guiana South America during 13 days in 2008.

Other seashore birds
In addition, to the osprey we saw cormorants, seagulls, bank swallows, grackles and even a redwing blackbird whose epaulets were bright red. There were new benches installed along the cliff bank. When we stopped there last year, the benches were in poor condition.

Birds in Sutton
My brother lives in Sutton. He sets out grape jelly and a hummingbird feeder. The Baltimore orioles, catbirds, and even house finches come for the jelly. The ruby throated hummingbirds come for the sugar water.

Mass Audubon Society sightings
The Massachusetts Audubon Society reports several unusual bird sightings. They included swallow-tailed kites in Mashpee, a Mississippi kite in Harwich, a Franklin's gull and two royal terns in Provincetown, a continuing prothonotary warbler in Concord, a Wilson's phalarope at Belle Marsh Reservation in Boston and a Brewster's warbler in Amherst.



Osprey

Berkshire County sighting were a worm-eating warbler on Mt. Washington Road in Egremont, a least bittern in the Post Farm Marsh in Lenox, an Acadian flycatcher at the Jug End Reservation in Egremont and six red crossbills at the summit of Mt. Greylock in Adams.

In Franklin County, there were four sandhill cranes on Plainfield Road in Ashfield and two hooded warblers on Falls Road in Sunderland.

Hampshire County highlights were a Brewster's warbler on the Narwottuck Rail Trail in Amherst and a least bittern near Station Road on the Narwottuck Rail Trail also in Amherst, three purple martins and four blue grosbeaks in the Honey Pot on Moody Bridge Road in Had-

ley and a common goldeneye on the Quabbin Reservoir off the Windsor Dam in Belchertown.

Hampden County notables were two upland sandpipers on the Perimeter Road in Ludlow and two blue grosbeaks at the Southwick Wildlife Management Area in Southwick. Worcester County had an Acadian flycatcher near the Uxbridge Rice City Pond in Uxbridge and five evening grosbeaks at a private residence in Royalston.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

Last week on a trip to Rhode Island with my brother and cousin, we saw two osprey when we stopped by Point Judith Lighthouse.

We watched them as they flew over the ocean and hovered as they looked for fish. One got ready to dive as it tucked in its wings, but then stopped and flew to another spot to hover.

The osprey, also known as the fish hawk, eats a diet of live fish, has the ability to hover and dives into the water to catch them. They are often seen soaring over shorelines.

Ospreys are brown birds with a white head and a brown stripe through its eye. Underparts are grayish. They are over 24 inches long and have a wingspan of 71 inches. They are the only raptor whose outer toe is reversible, allowing it to grasp its prey

with two toes in front and two behind.

Ospreys are very successful in catching fish. According to a study at least one out of every four dives results in catching fish. The average time ospreys spend hunting before making a catch was about 12 minutes.

Ospreys often build large stick nests on manmade structures such as telephone poles, channel markers, and nest platforms designed for their use. Their eggs do not hatch all at once with the first chick emerging about five days before the last one. The oldest chick dominates the younger ones. When food is scarce, the younger chicks may starve to death.

A Brimfield resident, who likes to visit inland ponds, often watches osprey nesting. Ospreys migrate and this resident reports their return in the spring. An osprey, equipped

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gets, and wants to work with making sure the budget supports all areas of the town and its services.

Alyssa Lucchesi expressed interest in joining the Tree Committee, and her family owns Lucchesi Brothers Landscaping, and wants to be a part of it to engage more with the community.

Austin Ford also came to interview for a position on the Tree Committee, and is an arborist, and worked with Lucchesi to plant trees last week, and is on the Tree Stewardship subcommittee.

Appointing for the Committees

After finishing the last interviews, Chair Jeff Cyr led the appointing of people to the various positions. Carol Constant nominated both Alyssa Lucchesi for a term ending in 2027 and Austin Ford for a term ending in 2028 to the Tree Committee, and it passed unanimously.

Nicole Casolari nominated Riley Kranz to the Bike Walk Committee for a term ending in 2028, and the decision passed unanimously. Riley Kranz was also nominated by Constant to the Veterans Council for a term ending in 2027, and it passed unanimously.

Renee Sweeney nominated Kay Klausewitz for a term

on the Conservation Committee with a term ending in 2027, and it passed unanimously.

Constant nominated Theresa Ominsky and Meg Clancy to the two terms on the Council on Aging Board with their terms ending in 2026.

For two terms on the Cultural Council, Sweeney nominated Ann-Marie DeToma for a term ending in 2027, and Parick Fecher for a term ending in 2028, and they passed unanimously.

For the seven positions on the Budget Task Force, eight people applied, and the terms will end in 2026. After a message from Lisa Wong, the Selectboard was permitted to create a twelve-member board, in order to accommodate all who applied for the position.

"I think it's great that they're coming forward to do this very important task," said Cyr.

"I'm just really happy and impressed by our community that so many are stepping up and finding this work important, too," said Casolari.

Constant moved to appoint John McCarthy Jr., Nicholas Gingras, Nicholas Prentiss, Gena Lomelin, Hector Lomelin, Michelle Cruz, Forrest Bowlick, and Emily Young, all members of the Selectboard voting unanimously in favor.

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der the statutory definition, that community would need to do a traffic study. Town Meeting accepted the law, allowing the Town to make the change to the speed limit without costly and time-consuming traffic studies."

During Driver's Ed, we learned to expect that heavily residential areas are automatically considered to be 25 mph zones, and this new town bylaw, in effect, basically reinforces that.

According to the Mass.gov website, which details how speed zones work in Massachusetts, it states:

"In Massachusetts, statutory speed limits, which apply when no specific speed limit is posted, are 50 MPH on divided highways outside of a thickly settled or business district, 40 mph on undivided highways outside of a thickly settled or business district, and 30 mph within a thickly settled or business district for at least 1/8 of a mile. Additionally, there is a 20 mph speed limit in legally established school zones."

Chief Gunderson is a part of the Traffic Review Committee, which is composed of members of the town who work together to discuss how the roadways,

traffic, and speed limits can affect safety on the roads.

"We discuss roadway development and how it impacts traffic, crashes, speeding, and safety. This committee has evaluated speed bumps, increased signage, truck routes, etc.," said Gunderson. "We've recommended traffic studies, new signage, and school zone designations."

The police department manages and monitors speeding in the community through enforcement and engagement, through stopping vehicles, educating on the speed limit, and occasionally writing money tickets.

We have found that the majority of traffic is traveling at only slightly higher than the 30 MPH zone. However, crashes continue to be on the rise," said Gunderson. "And complaints of speeding are on the rise. When several residents of a street community to me in unison that the 'traffic has changed' and that they are scared to be in their front yards due to aggressive driving, I need to listen to their feedback."

The new 25 mph enforcement is hoped to calm the traffic in the town, and overall, make the roads safer for traveling for everyone.

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ly on Monday nights, preparing for several community performances throughout the year. These include the Annual Holiday Stroll on the Town Common, concerts for the Council on Aging and Senior Center, the Summer Concert Series, and a cherished appearance at South Hadley's high school graduation.

But the highlight each year, according to Bobbin, is the band's performance at the town's July 4th Fireworks Celebration. "We get to perform for a very large audience—thousands of folks, far more than we could in a concert hall," he said. "If someone in the crowd enjoyed the selections and our performance, then our efforts are

successful."

Still, Bobbin says the music is only part of what makes the band so special. "What also stands out for me, year after year, are the wonderful individuals I've met in the band," he said. "Individuals who have made playing music together in an ensemble a priority throughout their lives. Playing in a community band is also an important social activity for many folks."

The South Hadley Community Band is supported in part by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the South Hadley Cultural Council, ensuring that music remains accessible to all—and that the sound of community continues to ring out across town.

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all backgrounds could connect through movement and culture.”

Capoeira is also deeply rooted in music, and the roda, the circle where the Capoeira is played, is led by live instruments.

The Berimbau, the most iconic Capoeira instrument, is a single-string instrument that looks like a bow, played to provide the rhythm. There are three types of berimbau: the gunga (low), medio (middle), and viola (high). We also use the atabaque, a tall hand drum that brings a grounding beat, and the pandeiro, a type of tambourine that adds a danceable swing.

“The music is what drives capoeira, and learning to play these instruments is just as important as learning the movements,” said Vandenberg.

Capoeira is unique in that it teaches self-defense, builds your strength, flexibility, and balance, but also challenges you in different ways.

“My favorite thing is how capoeira challenges your whole self. It teaches you to listen deeply-both to the music and to your partner-and to respond with movement that’s both powerful and playful. There’s a unique flow to it that can’t be found in other martial arts. It’s a lifelong

practice that keeps evolving, and I love that,” said Vandenberg.

Capoeira is spontaneous, and deeply connected with the audience, “like a physical conversation”, and allows for the audience to see more and experience more through the music, and the synchronized movements and dance.

“It’s beautiful to witness and even more powerful to experience. There’s also something deeply joyful about sharing capoeira with an audience-watching people light up when they hear the music or see their first backflip,” said Vandenberg.

Mass Capoeira is a martial arts school, and so much more, teaching the movements, but also the arts, music, and culture of its origins, and welcomes all people of different ages, backgrounds, and fitness levels to take part in it.

They support local artists and host cultural events, as well as run programs at their Culture Center that focus on creativity and inclusion.

“You don’t have to be a certain type of person to join-if you’re curious and open, you already belong here. It’s a place where people can grow, find support, and have fun while doing it,” said Vandenberg.

The Culture Center offers classes for all ages, as well as other fitness classes, and “it’s a space where people can come together, learn, share, and monetize their talents,” said Vandenberg.

“I’m constantly inspired by how capoeira transforms people. I’ve seen shy kids become confident leaders, adults reconnect with their bodies and creativity, and strangers become lifelong friends. Capoeira teaches resilience-it shows you how to fall and get back up, how to move through fear, how to listen and adapt,” said Vandenberg.

“It also carries this legacy of liberation and survival that reminds me of the power of culture and community. Every time I play, I feel connected to something bigger than myself-and I see that same spark light up in others, too.”

The Culture Center will be hosting a kids’ summer camp from August 4 to August 8, and all are welcome to come and try out a class, attend events, or come to say hello, and take the time to experience Capoeira for yourself.

You can learn more and check out their class schedule at www.masscapoeira.com, or follow them on Instagram and Facebook, both @mass-capoeira, for updates.



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Capoeira is an art, with movements and kicks that move almost like a dance.



The kids and their parents are getting the chance to participate.



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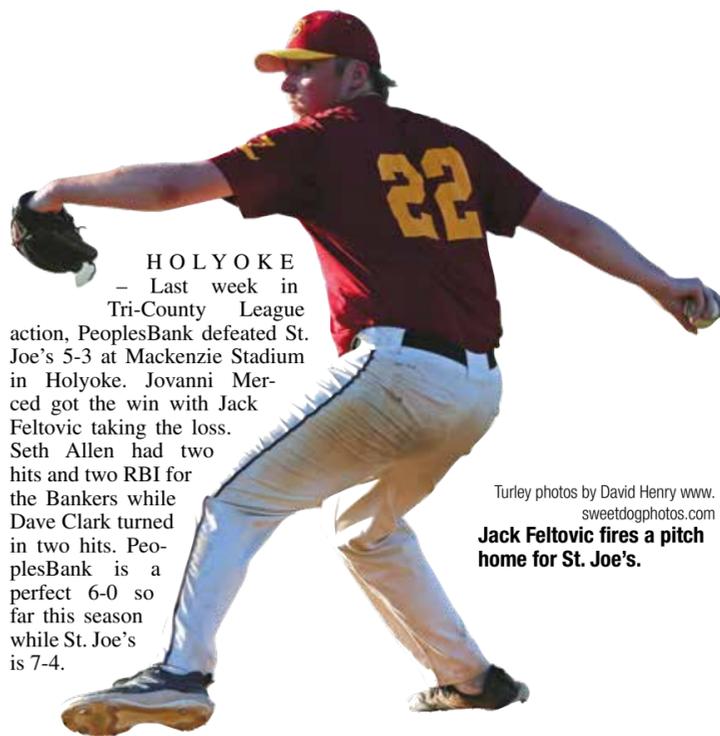
Cam MacDonald gets an out.



Dave Clark slings a throw to first.



Jovanni Merced sends a pitch home for PeoplesBank.



HOLYOKE – Last week in Tri-County League action, PeoplesBank defeated St. Joe's 5-3 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke. Jovanni Merced got the win with Jack Feltovic taking the loss. Seth Allen had two hits and two RBI for the Bankers while Dave Clark turned in two hits. PeoplesBank is a perfect 6-0 so far this season while St. Joe's is 7-4.

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Jack Feltovic fires a pitch home for St. Joe's.

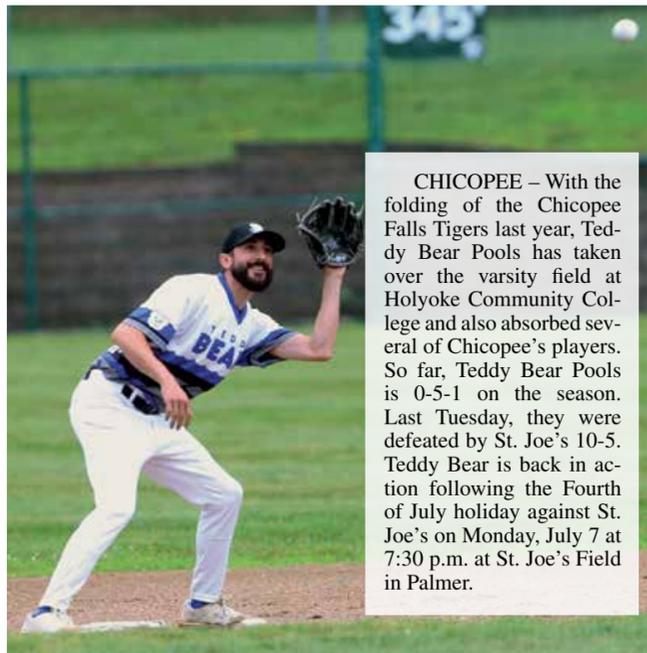


Kyle Platner goes for a tag.



Brandon Magni attempts to catch a pickoff throw.

Teddy Bear Pools remains winless



Ryan Magni catches a throw down to second.

CHICOPEE – With the folding of the Chicopee Falls Tigers last year, Teddy Bear Pools has taken over the varsity field at Holyoke Community College and also absorbed several of Chicopee's players. So far, Teddy Bear Pools is 0-5-1 on the season. Last Tuesday, they were defeated by St. Joe's 10-5. Teddy Bear is back in action following the Fourth of July holiday against St. Joe's on Monday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joe's Field in Palmer.



Brendan Fournier pitches to the plate.



Greg Koziol completes a play to first.



Tyler Evans catches a pickoff throw.



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Mason Barcomb sends a throw to first.

Mutiny drills Fuel to clinch playoff spot

By **Tim Peterson**
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Back on June 8, the New England Mutiny scored a season-high six goals during a road victory against the New Jersey Alliance. The Alliance were scheduled to make their first ever visit to Lusitano Stadium last Sunday afternoon, but they didn't have enough players to fill out their roster.

Instead of taking the weekend off like the Western Mass. Pioneers were forced to do 24 hours earlier, the Mutiny were able to find another opponent on short notice. The Worcester Fuel made the 45-minute trek west on the Mass. Pike to Ludlow.

It wasn't a very competitive match, as the Mutiny posted a 12-0 shutout victory in what was most likely their final home game of the season.

The Mutiny and Fuel were originally scheduled to face each other at Millbury High School on July 6.

"New Jersey indicated to us that they were having roster issues for this weekend, so we decided to switch our game with Worcester," said Joe Ferrara, who's the Owner/Managing Director of the Mutiny. "We'll try to reschedule the game with New Jersey or find another opponent to fill out our regular season schedule."

Because Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari was unavailable to coach last Sunday's home match, Ferrara took over the coaching duties.

The Worcester team used to be in the same Division as the Mutiny, but they were moved down to the second Division this year. They've played a couple of other games against First Division clubs this season.

The victory improved the Mutiny's record to a perfect 7-0

Racing Power, who are from Baltimore, lost to the Mutiny, 3-0, at Lusitano Stadium on June 14, but they'll most likely be hosting the playoff game on July 13 because of the goal differential. The margin is capped at five goals for each match.

The U.W.S. National semifinals and finals are scheduled to be held in Chicago, Illinois.

The Mutiny, who lost in last year's championship match, clinched a berth in the United Women's Soccer League playoffs for the fifth time since they moved to Lusitano in 2019.

"We've had a lot of success since we began playing our home matches here at Lusitano Stadium," Ferrara said. "We've had a dynamic group of players during the past couple of

years. We are losing a couple of key players for the rest of the season."

Chioma Okafor was called up to play for the Nigerian Women's National Team in the African Nations Women's Cup. Cat Perez, who's a goalie, is playing for the Colombian National Team.

Kendall Bodak, who's from Monson, returned to Clemson University to start preparing for the college soccer season. Avery Galante also went back to the University of South Carolina.

While the Mutiny were missing a couple of players, Hope Santaniello played in her first match of the season against Worcester. She returned home to Agawam after playing for a professional soccer team in Iceland. She has been a member of the Mutiny since 2019.

"Playing soccer with this team is something that's very special to me," Santaniello said. "It was great to be back and see all the girls again. I've also really enjoyed playing for the professional soccer team in Iceland. I'm learning a lot of different things."

Santaniello scored the Mutiny's fifth goal of the first half and added three more during the final 20 minutes of the match.

"Hope just looks fantastic," Ferrara said. "She's been on our roster the whole season and is one of our all-time best players."

Hope's younger sister, Bella, was also scheduled to play for the Mutiny in last Sunday's match. However, because Worcester didn't have enough players show up for the match, she played for the visitors.

"My sister definitely has a lot of potential," Hope said. "I'm very glad that she's following in my footsteps. It was a lot of fun playing against her today."

Maddy Theriault, who graduated from Palmer High School, recorded a hat-trick during the first 15 minutes of the opening half.

Bella Meadows scored the other first half goal for the Mutiny. She also scored the first goal of the second half.

Avery Klingensmith, who graduated from Belchertown High School, chipped in offensively with a pair of second half goals.

Mila Dillard, who's from Chicopee, also scored a goal during the second half.

It was the Mutiny's fourth shutout of the regular season. The defense was anchored by Aida Name, who's from Chicopee, Kylie Ray, who graduated from Minnechaug Regional, Rachel Marchini, and Anna Carson.

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Granby Library's youth summer reading program, 'Level-Up at Your Library,' is here

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 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: janicem-cardlegpl@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 - 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 "Findercraft." This week's raffle basket is Minecraft themed.

Level Up with Superheroes July 29- August 2

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

Guess What Book is in the Jar July 16 - 30

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

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

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

Drop in crafts are all "while supplies last."

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

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

Teen "Got Summer Reading Program" at the Granby Library through August 22, 2025, for students entering grades 7 -12

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

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

Teens, also come on in & cool down this summer, there's always something to do in the Young Adult Room.

Check out the craft & board game cart, plus the following activities!

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 through 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!

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.

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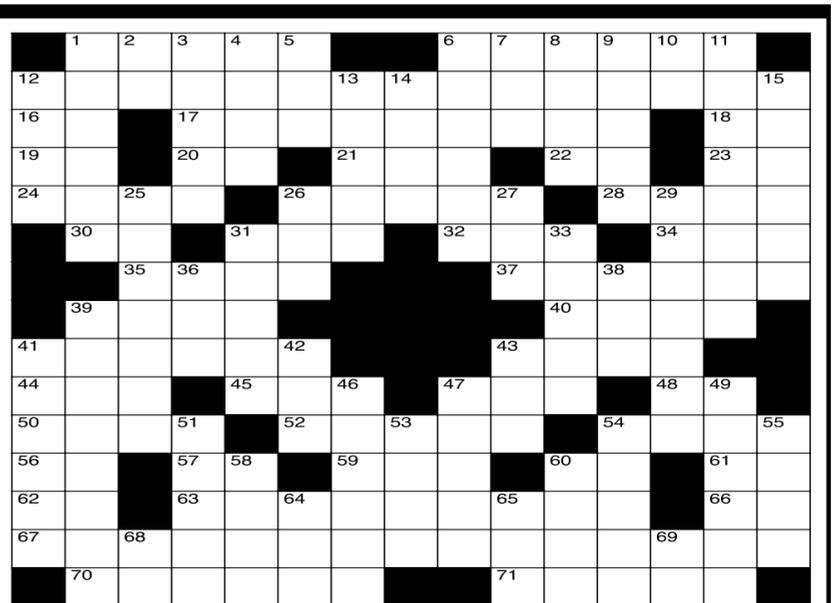
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lot of other organizations use it, too.”

As the only functioning hall in Granby, the Legion Post is a hub of the culture of Granby, just as it is a home and welcoming space for the veterans for whom it is made, and serving as the meeting place for the Lions.

“We’re really happy [the Chamber] chose to do an event with us here,” said Rob Chauvin, Post Adjutant. “It’s a really challenging project, but so many people have really stepped forward to help.”

Across the community, people have stepped forward to donate their time, skills, materials, or money towards the updates to the hall.

The Legion joined the Chamber in 2024, and the Cornhole Fundraiser put together by the Chamber was part of their Business After 5 events, where the Chamber hosts a fundraiser at one of their members’ businesses in order to raise money for them.

“Our Business After 5 Events creates opportunities for engagement, allowing people to connect and network on a deeper level,” said Zebrowski. “Each event will focus on a local non-profit to promote them so that everyone knows about the work they do, and encourage our group to support their services. I love the way this community supports each other!”

So far, the hall has had renovations done to its main hall with painting and drywall, the

kitchen has been moved, and the stove has been installed. Still needing to be done is the rest of the kitchen, and the bathrooms have begun to have work done on them this week.

With \$30,000 still needed for the renovation and restoration projects in the hall, there is much more to be done.

“Once this project is completed, it will provide the community with a large banquet space that can be rented with a state-of-the-art kitchen; a service that the community is lacking,” said Zebrowski. “By renting the space, the community would support the Legion at the same time meeting the community’s need to a brand-new space that can be rented by anyone, not just a Legion member.”

“So many people have come together to make this possible, and any other help we could get would be greatly appreciated,” said Cote. “This is a great cause because you’re really helping people, and helping the people who fought for you. Even if you can’t fight yourself, you can support the ones who did right here.”

The Legion and Lions want to thank Home Depot for donating \$20,000, Lance Berneche from Western Builders who did the carpentry work, Jeff Gorham who laid the sheetrock, Chuck Mercier with Mercier Carpets who donated the flooring,

architect Tim Neyhart, Sean Carney with Dan Whiteley Electric, Hampshire Towing, Dan and Mike Bernatchez who did all the painting, and Todd Brunelle, the HVAC Contractor.

“We really want to bring this to the finish line because the veterans did so much for us, and they deserve a space that is clean and functional for them to use,” said Cote.

The hall’s kitchen functions to provide meals for veterans, as well as function for community banquets and use.

“The collective power of the Chamber with its members can have profound, far-reaching effects on local communities that foster economic development, social initiatives, overall community engagement and well-being,” said Zebrowski.

Members of the community can always reach out to the Chamber in order to support the many small and local businesses they support, but you can also donate or support the Legion directly by donating through their Venmo, PayPal, or on their Facebook Page.

“I always look forward to seeing our members and the local community gather in support of each other. Creating awareness and offering the opportunity for growth and support. I am also looking forward to our first Cornhole Tournament with our friends at the American Legion Post 266,” said Zebrowski.



Getting points and moving up the scoreboard.



The Chamber presenting the Legion with a giant, \$500 check.



Members of the Legion, Steve Cayer, Lounge Manager and Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, Dan Cote, Granby Legion Post 266 Commander, Rob Chauvi, Post Adjutant, and Dave Cote, President of the Granby Lions Club.



Lisa Foley with the Polish National Credit Union, and Jennifer Therkelson with Loomis Village, both sponsors for the event.



Getting a good toss in to score.



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The kitchen under construction.



Dan Cote, Granby Legion Post 266 Commander, and Regina Zebrowski with the Chamber welcoming everyone on the hot day.

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