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Moore named new director of building operations

By Samuel Gelinas
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – During the hottest days of summer vacation, the School Committee met to discuss the upcoming academic year.

Currently being established is a Human Rights Commission, and while it is a town initiative,

Eric Freisner, chairperson of the School Committee, says that the commission has a distinctively, "educational component."

Nobody was appointed within the meeting to lead the commission, and more interviews for who will be leading the commission are scheduled to be carried out in August.

Scott Moore was introduced

at the Committee meeting as the first South Hadley director of building operations, and will be tasked with maintenance of educational campuses within town.

"I'm very familiar with the position," stated Moore as he begins his tenure this month.

Moore's experience includes director of facilities and grounds for the West Springfield, in which he was tasked with oversight of nine schools, their grounds and facilities. Being responsible for developing West Springfield's central maintenance department, he juggled multiple priorities the job demands, encompassing custodians, energy management, conservation, and forestry.

Moore stated this his former position, "Resulted in a lot of ef-

ficiencies...saved the town and the taxpayers a lot of money," adding that he sees his position in town as "a good move for South Hadley."

"It's nice to have someone with experience coming in with a new position," said Freisner.

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Shark week at the Granby library

By Matty Anderson Staff Writer manderson@turley.com

GRANBY – Shark sighting reported at Granby Free Public Library.

Shark week came early this year to the GFPL: from July 11-18 the library has offered a number of exciting shark-themed activities. You may have noticed the GFPL's very own great white shark friend, who is proudly displayed on the wall as he should be

Believe it or not, his talented creator, Jean Crosby, cataloger and shark master, took only three days to knit him. She needed help coming up with the perfect name for him, so the library held a vote asking members of the community for recommendations.

After tallying up the votes, from that day forth he has been known as "Finn." Crosby explained, "I made him for shark week because I'm an avid shark lover.



Finn the shark.

Turley photo by Matty Anderson

We try to spread knowledge about sharks by doing things like shark trivia that anyone can take part in. If you participate, you'll earn a raffle ticket for our "Crazy for Sharks" basket that will be drawn at the end of the month."

The quality and quantity

of shark-themed merchandise available at the library is genuinely impressive. Crosby and her knitting group made shark-cup cozies, while Jeanne French and Jane LaBorde knitted shark ice-

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Conservation Commission follows up on lawn bylaw

By Samuel Gelinas

Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – Stephen Frantz, a member of the Board of Health, recently joined the Conservation Commission as they continue discussions surrounding section 179-4 of the town's bylaws, which concern lawn maintenance.

Rebekah Cornell, the town Conservation Administrator, brought forward two options for the future. The first is to remove the 179-4 entirely. She cites this option as being, "the easiest thing to do," adding that it sounds like this is the direction the discussion is taking.

The second option would seek to, "revise language so that it is actually enforceable and allows variance, so to speak," she said.

Section 179-4 of the town's bylaw as it currently stands, states that "all property owners

will be responsible for keeping their property in a reasonable state of repair. Grass will be kept no higher than six inches...Violation of this bylaw may result in a fine of \$100 per day."

Seeing the current bylaw as "ridiculous," Frantz proposes a "non-binding resolution for the protection of pollinator species and enhancement of pollinator habitat," instead of the law as it stands.

"Nobody has ever enforced it; nobody has ever used it," said Frantz.

Bill DeLuca, who finds the bylaw "too prescriptive," said that his opinion would be to just "get rid of it and not have it on the books."

Cornell brought up various instances in which the bylaw makes no exemptions. For example, those who are unable to mow their lawns, such as a dis-

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Selectboard continues liquor license hearing

By Tina Lesniak Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - At its July 11 meeting, the South Hadley Selectboard continued the liquor license hearing for Hamid Habib, owner of 3 Corners Package Store, located at 460 Amherst Road - the former Gagne's Package Store. The board will return to the matter at its Sept. 5 meeting.

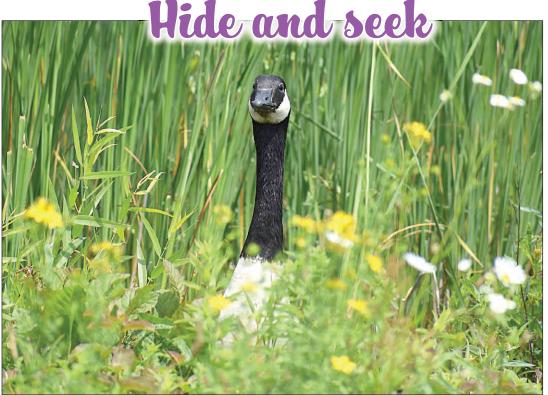
Habib faced the loss of his license for three reasons: a lack of insurance, taxes owed from FY22, and lack of use of the license. The board found that Habib had already corrected two of the three issues. He has caught up on taxes and secured appropriate insurance. Habib hopes to reopen the store around September 1, so the third issue

could become a moot point.

"We want you to succeed for sure," said board member Jeff Cyr.

Habib explained that after being denied a tobacco license in the spring of 2022 and having some family issues, the store had to be shut down. Initially, he wanted to re-open with a kitchen which would help make up some of the income lost from not being able to sell tobacco. However, this was denied. Habib plans to open in the fall with sandwiches made off-site and to gain a tobacco license if one becomes available in the town. The town of South Hadley currently allows 11 tobacco licenses and has met its limit.

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Submitted photo

A goose pops out from behind the grass to see if the coast is clear.

Community

Afro-Semitic Experience bring eclectic jazz to town

HADLEY - The Wednesday Folk Traditions concert series at The Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum continues at 6:30 p.m. on July 26 with the powerful, dynamic sounds of The Afro-Semitic Experience.

For 25 years this eclectic jazz band has been preserving, promoting, and expanding the cultural and musical heritage of the Jewish and African diasporas by weaving melodies, layering beats and sharing stories, a news release states.

The Afro-Semitic Experience is a vibrant musical ensemble that blends elements of Jewish and African-American music to create a unique and energizing sound. Founded in 1998 by pianist and composer Warren Byrd and bassist David Chevan, the band has since grown to include a diverse group of musicians who bring their own perspectives and experiences to the mix.

With a repertoire that ranges from traditional Jewish melodies to gospel and blues-inspired rhythms, the Afro-Semitic Experience offers a dynamic and



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poetic musical journey that celebrates the shared roots and cultural diversity of the Jewish and African-American communities. Their live performances are a testament to the power of music to unite people across differences and inspire hope and joy.

The concert will be held

in the Sunken Garden on the grounds of the museum at 130 River Drive, Route 47 in Hadley. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$2 for children 16 and under or free for participants in the Card to Culture program. Cash only.

Picnickers are welcome starting at 5 p.m. In the event of rain, performances will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Hadley. The museum and its grounds are a carry in/ carry out, smoke-free site. For more information call 413-584-4699 or go to pphmuseum.org.

Friends of the **Mount Holyoke Range Summer Concert Series**

Pianist Jeff **Barnhart** performs

AMHERST - On Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m. Jeff Barnhart will perform at the Notch Visitor Center, Mount Holyoke Range State Park, located at 1500 West Street (Route 116) in Amherst.

Barnhart is an internationally renowned solo pianist, arranger, bandleader, composer, recording artist, educator, and entertainer. His versatility, vast jazz and vintage-inspired repertoire and vibrant energy shine through his mastery of the keyboard.

For tickets and Information visit FriendsofMHR.org, Tickets in advance online for \$12 until noon on day of show, and \$15 at the door, starting at 6:00

The event is sponsored by Friends of the Mount Holyoke Range and Kestrel Land Trust, with support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Hadley, Amherst and South Hadley Cultural Councils.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church hosting annual Greek festival

HOLYOKE--Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Grounds, 410

Main Street, will be having the second annual Greek festival from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

There will be Greek food, pas-more information, contact Sharon tries and music. Event is rain or at 413-533-9880 or email holy-

shine. Admission will be free. For trinityofholyoke@gmail.com.



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Author Andrew Leland presents his new book at the Odyssey

A memoir of his personal journey into blindness

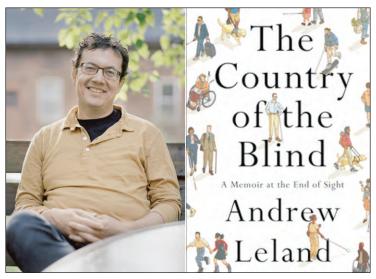
SOUTH HADLEY - On Tuesday, July 25 at 7 p.m. at the Odyssey Bookshop, 19 College Street, Andrew Leland launches his new book, "The Country of the Blind: A Memoir at the End of Sight." He will be joined in conversation by Andrea Lawlor.

The book is a witty, winning, and revelatory personal narrative of the author's transition from sightedness to blindness and his quest to learn about blindness as a rich culture all its own.

We meet Andrew Leland as he's suspended in the liminal state of the soon-to-be blind: he's midway through his life with retinitis pigmentosa, a condition that ushers those who live with it from sightedness to blindness over years, even decades.

He grew up with full vision, but starting in his teenage years, his sight began to degrade from the outside in, such that he now sees the world as if through a narrow tube. Soon—but without knowing exactly when—he will likely have no vision left.

Full of apprehension but also dogged curiosity, Leland embarks on a sweeping exploration of the state of being that awaits him: not only the physical experience of blindness but also its language, politics, and customs. He negotiates his changing relationships with his wife and son, and with his own sense of self, as he moves from his mainstream, "typical" life to



Author Andrew Leland

one with a disability. Part memoir, part historical and cultural investigation, "The Country of the Blind" represents Leland's determination not to merely survive this transition but to grow from it—to seek out and revel in that which makes blindness enlightening.

Thought-provoking and brimming with warmth and humor, "The Country of the Blind" is a deeply personal and intellectually exhilarating tour of a way of being that most of us have never paused to consider and from which we have much to

About the Author

Andrew Leland's writing has appeared in The New York Times Magazine, The New Yorker, McSweeney's Quarterly, Art in America, and The San Francisco Chronicle, among other outlets. From 2013-2019, he

hosted and produced The Organist, an arts and culture podcast, for KCRW; he has also produced pieces for Radiolab and 99 Percent Invisible. He has been an editor at The Believer since 2003. He lives in western Massachusetts with his wife and son.

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About Andrea Lawlor

Andrea Lawlor teaches creative writing at Mount Holyoke College, is the recipient of a 2020 Whiting Award for Fiction, and has been awarded fellowships by Lambda Literary and Radar Labs. Their publications include a chapbook, Position Papers (Factory Hollow Press), and a novel, Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl (Vintage/Knopf).

Please register for this event at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ andrew-leland-in-person-tickets-591787511377.

Senior center offers summer activities

SOUTH HADLEY — With summer here, there's no better way to beat the heat than enjoying activities and events inside the Council on Aging's air conditioned Senior Center. Upcoming events and activities include:

A sustainable fashion workshop with Petula Bloomfield is offered on Tuesday, July 25. Learn about upcycling garments by using ancient traditions of patching, Sashiko stitching, cutting and reshaping combined with hand stitching and machine stitching techniques to make one-ofa-kind garments.

Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone: By appointment 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Call the Senior center to schedule an appointment with Certified SHINE Counselor Sue La-Mastro. She will guide you through the Medicare maize

and explore which Medicare plan is right for you.

Travel Presentation 1:30 p.m. July 26

'Kaleidoscope of Italy" with Neil Broome, who will share an eclectic and entertaining view of Italy through his amazing photographs.

Sing-along program 10 a.m. July 27

The Magnificent Seven of the Berkshire Hills Music Academy will perform inside the Senior Center.

Shopping trip 1:30 p.m.

Let the COA do the driving for a visit to Aldi's in Chicop-

Want to dance?

Social Ballroom Dancing is 3 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Line Dancing is 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

The COA Senior Center is located at 45 Dayton Street in South Hadley.

VOC Chicopee farmers' market kicked off July 12

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee farmers' market, sponsored by the Valley Opportunity Council is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 35 Mount Carmel Ave., adjacent to VOC's administrative office and early education center through September 20..

VOC has run the Chicopee Farmers' Market for over 20 years with over 2,500 visitors every summer, giving local farmers and small vendors the opportunity to sell their fresh produce and goods to the community. The Market offers a variety of fresh and locally-grown products from more than 15 vendors, including plants; vegetables, fruits and jams; baked goods; maple syrup and honey; eggs; and herbs, and more. Vendors will also have crafts, jewelry and candles for sale.

For more information about the Chicopee Farmers Market, call 413-552-1545 ext. 405, 406 or 407.

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Mark McLaughlin, interim Superintendent of South Hadley Public Schools, lauded Moore as he stated, "Scott impressed me for sure." McLaughlin also praised Town Administrator Lisa Wong for recognizing the town's educational facilities as a big as-

Concerning the safety within buildings themselves, Mark Mc-Laughlin stated that we should bear in mind that, "There are a number of things safety relatsons, don't discuss publicly... schools"

The Committee also discussed the funding of special education programs, upholding the importance of these initiatives.

Last year approximately \$625,000 of grant money was poured into such programs, and the Committee is going through the yearly process of accruing

The money goes towards various programs for those with special needs, and is extended to private schools and homesed that we, for a variety of rea- trict. In the case of South Hadley there are no private schools, and that's intentional...to keep however, and by law, programs a secure campus at each of our must be provided to the public

without charge to the parents.

McLaughlin stated that, "Not only do we have to provide, but we want to; it's our legal, but also our moral obligation to provide services to students.'

Among the discussed topics included the implementation of the multi-tiered system of supports initiative - a methodology for assessing students. MTSS measures students in a more holistic way, taking into account more than simply academic performance, including student's health, both physical and behave ioral, and other factors which affect the overall wellness of a student.

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Opinion



My state pension eliminated my Social Security survivor benefit

Dear Rusty: My husband of 21 years died in January 2022 at the age of 70. We were both retired at the time of his death and they immediately stopped his Social Security payments. After many calls to Social Security asking why I was not receiving his benefits, I was finally told since I have my own pension from the State of Ohio that I would receive none of my husband's Social Security.

I cannot see why my Ohio retirement has anything to do with my husband's Social Security. I do get a small payment from SS based on my past earnings before I worked for the State of Ohio. Is there any chance of fighting this since we were married when they took money from his earnings for SS? If I wanted to write to an elected official to see if these rules could be changed, who would I write to or call?

Signed: Upset Widow

Dear Upset Widow: Unfortunately, your entitlement to a Social Security survivor benefit from your husband is affected by a provision known as the Government Pension Offset, which affects any surviving spouse with a federal, state or local government pension

earned without contributing to the Social Security program. Ohio is one of 26 states, which have opted not to participate in Social Security, thus exempting state employees from paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. The Ohio state pension, which resulted from your state employment, means that any Social Security benefits earned outside of your state employment are reduced. The GPO reduction to your survivor benefit is severe, a reduction by 2/3 of the amount of your Ohio state pension, which can and often does completely eliminate any SS survivor benefit you might otherwise be entitled to.

For clarity, the monthly SS payment your husband was receiving at his death stops automatically. At that point, your eligibility for additional SS benefits from your husband was assessed and because of the GPO, Social Security offset your potential survivor benefit from your husband by 2/3 of your Ohio state pension, which apparently eliminated your survivor benefit. As unfair as this may seem to you, note that the same thing happens to any surviving spouse, who also has their own earned SS retirement benefit, their personal SS retirement benefit offsets their SS survivor benefit, so a spouse with a regular SS retirement benefit higher than their deceased spouse's benefit gets no surviving spouse ben-

FYI, the State of Ohio has an obligation to make clear that by not paying into Social Security your future SS spousal/survivor benefits are affected. Without knowing how that was presented to you during your Ohio state employment, here's a quote from Ohio's Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS) website: "If you are eligible for Social Security benefits and are receiving a retirement benefit

from OPERS, your Social Security benefits may be affected by the Government Pension Offset or the Windfall Elimination Provision. The Government Pension Offset may also affect you if you are eligible for Social Security benefits through your spouse. The Windfall Elimination Provision may affect you if you qualify for Social Security benefits due to your own work history."

In any case, you are certainly not alone in your feelings about how your Social Security benefits have been affected by the GPO. This provision was enacted in 1983 and has been challenged in just about every Congressional session since that time, without success. In fact, there is a legislative bill active in the current Congress – H.R. 82 – The Social Security Fairness Act - which was introduced on the House floor in January and "referred to committee" for consideration. Like all preceding WEP/GPO reform bills, this one sits idle in Committee. If you wish to add your voice to those who oppose the GPO, you should contact your Congressional Representative to solicit action on H.R. 82.

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This is how divided government should work

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

This allowed both McCarthy and President Joe Biden – and their parties – to claim victory. In a set of negotiations like this, that's actually what you're aiming for: the ability for everyone to walk away saying, "This is what I've done for you." It's a classic illustration of how democracy works, especially when political leaders are content to share credit. In an analysis after the bill passed, longtime Times Washington correspondent Peter Baker noted,

"The president's approach to the negotiations – and especially their aftermath – reflects a half-century of bargaining in Washington. When someone has been around the track as long as Mr. Biden has, resisting the temptation to spike the ball and claim victory can be critical to actually securing the victory in the first place."

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

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

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Summer activities for all ages at the library

The South Hadley Public and Gaylord Memorial libraries feature indoor comforts and facilities and outdoor spaces that invite readers to relax and spend some time enjoying nature.

Inside the buildings are a full schedule of free public programs for all ages. Stop in at South Hadley Public Library at 2 Canal Street or Gaylord Memorial Library at 47 College Street (or go to gaylordlibrary. org) to see what's new.

Need a library card? Just go to shadley.cwmars.org/eg/opac/ register to complete the online application or sign up in person.

Upcoming programs at the South Hadley Library include:

Women Who Rock! 15 Iconic Women Who Shaped Music 11 a.m. Saturday, July 22

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 Thien covers the early innovators and pioneers, as well as contemporary superstars from the past four decades, sharing some of her personal journey as a professional touring and recording musician.

Children's Programs at SHPL

Reading Buddies with Duchess & Gwen

Duchess the Yorkshire terrier and Gwen the greyhound are reading therapy dogs from Bright Spot Therapy Dogs. Kids in kindergarten and above can schedule a 15-minute time slot to read to one of them. Duchess will be there 6-7 p.m. on Monday, July 24, and Gwen's appearance is 3:30-5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26. Pre-registration is required. Parents or caretakers can sign their children up by either calling the li-

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New performer added to Summer Concert bill

SOUTH HADLEY — A lineup change has been made to the Council on Aging's July 25 Summer Concert Series double-header.

The show was originally going to open at 4 p.m. with Madison Curbelo. Instead, Lauran Beluzo will open the show.

The show will be presented inside the COA Senior Center at 45 Dayton Street in South Hadley.

Noah Lis is still the headliner and will take the stage at 5:30 p.m. Both Beluzo and Nis have performed nationally.

Beluzo is an East Longmeadow native who has appeared on "American Idol." Lis, of Palmer, was a contestant on "The Voice."

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:

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A free ticket to an upcoming concert of your choice

Individual tickets or tickets purchased in a group at the welcome desk. The next performance is scheduled for Aug. 29 with Wild Bill and the Flying Sparks 5 p.m.

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abled veteran, or perhaps those who have broken lawnmowers.

Other members of the Commission were less inclined toward abolishing the section.

Terry Rosenfeld, an associate Commission member said, "I like the idea of having meadows, of having wild areas where we can have pollinators, but I think about what would happen if everybody in South Hadley decided never to mow their lawn again."

He said that there, "needs to be some initial limitations on how it's done so that South Hadley doesn't look like a wasteland." However, he is also open to initiatives such as "No Mow Mays," since May is a time when seeds and plants begin flowering.

Kathy Davis, member of the Conservation Commission, was more attracted to the second option provided by Cornell, which would seek to simply amend the law.

"While I don't think it's going to be easy peasy...I do hope that we can then modify this in some way to have exceptions," while reminding the community to foster and encourage native plants.

"I've had two individuals tell me that indeed someone has come to them and asked them to mow down their grass because it was out of control...and they were required to do that," she said.

Davis also shared the story of a friend of hers who neighbors on an abandoned property.

"He's complaining that they have bobcats and snakes, and he's afraid of children getting hurt," Davis said.

Frantz sees situations such as these to be in the minority, as he anticipates that people will not tend to be so extreme.

"We're not encouraging messiness, we're just encouraging the use of native plants and so on...We're going to go with something more up to date...I have areas that I keep mowed and tidy, and other areas that I don't, and I think most people

will probably do that," he said.

DeLuca seconded Frantz's opinion, stating: "I just cannot see...much more than a small percentage of people taking advantage of this," voicing his lack of serious concern if the bylaw were to be eliminated. "I'm not worried about a large number of people letting their yards go wild."

He continued by expressing that, "I think we just need to come prepared...with facts and studies to be able to answer those questions...that it's not going to lead to some outbreak of Lyme disease or malaria sweeping across South Hadley if this bylaw gets swept away."

Since this bylaw had been ad-

opted at town meeting, removing it from the bylaw would need a town meeting vote Cornell said.

While seemingly straightforward, this discussion has its complexities.

The multifaceted opinions on the issue reflect, on a small scale, the various temperaments of those living within South Hadley.

Some people enjoy naturally growing grass, mixed with wild flowers and enhanced by biodiversity, and in certain circumstances have had the misfortune of being fined for the condition of their lawn; others are in favor of the security of knowing their neighbor is accountable by law for taking care of their yard.



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JULY 26th, 2023 4p-6p The Arbors at Chicopee

929 Memorial Drive **RSVP:** 413-593-0088

Nominations sought for Healthcare Heroes Class of 2023

SPRINGFIELD — In the spring of 2017, BusinessWest and its sister publication, the Healthcare News, created a new and exciting recognition program called Healthcare He-

According to a recent press release, "it was launched with the theory that there are heroes working all across this region's wide, deep and all-important healthcare sector and that there was no shortage of fascinating stories to tell and individuals and groups to honor. That theory has certainly been validated."

There are countless heroes whose stories still need to be told and the publications are asking the public to help.

Nominations for the class of 2023 are due Saturday, July 29. There are seven categories:

- Patient/Resident/Client Care Provider
- Health/Wellness Administrator/Administration
 - Emerging Leader
 - Community Health
- Innovation in Health/Well-
- Collaboration in Health/
- Wellness • Lifetime Achievement.

Nominations can be submitted at businesswest.com/ healthcare-heroes/nominations.

For more information, call Melissa Hallock, Marketing and Events director, at 413-781-8600, ext. 100, or email hallock@businesswest.com.

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Town Administrator Lisa Wong and Town Counsel Lisa Mead agreed with the plan to continue the hearing and Wong expressed hope that the business would be up and running at the September meeting.

The board also shared several updates regarding new hires and financial matters for the town. Scott Moore began recently as the new director of building operations for both the town and the schools. The town has submitted its application for a PARCC grant for updates to Buttery Brook Park.

The board, in a brief joint meeting with the appropriations committee, approved multiple year-end transfers between departments to cover unexpected costs. These included money to cover increased energy costs at the council and library, as well as higher than budgeted snow and ice removal costs. One large appropriation for the wastewater treatment plant included increased maintenance costs and major electri-

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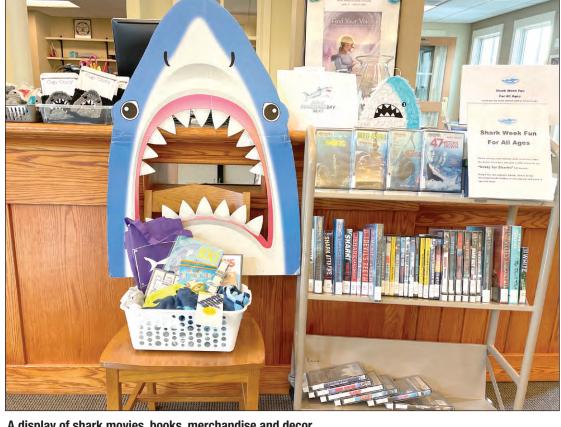
cal issues.

The board noted the official start of John Broderick as the director of the department of public works. He had been serving as the acting director recently and had been the highway superintendent before that. Wong noted that the town would take some time before hiring for his old position as Broderick wants to take time to really figure out what is needed and would be the most beneficial for the town.

introduced Wong also Chuck Romboletti as the new assistant town administrator and human resources director. Romboletti has previously worked in similar capacities in Needham and Holyoke.

"I'm excited to get started," he told the board.

As requested by the board, one of the first things Romboletti will look into is whether or not the town should opt in for the paid Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). He noted that he'd be happy to look at what's feasible and what the benefits might be.



A display of shark movies, books, merchandise and decor.

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pop holders.

Crosby added, "I'm very against the term shark attack. First of all we're in their water. They aren't trying to attack people; they're just looking for food to survive. Sharks are misunderstood animals.

"My favorite is the great white but goblin sharks are really cool too."

As for book recommendations she said, "I recommend 'Jaws' even though I don't totally agree with it. The writer actually said that if he knew the stir it would have caused, he never would have written the book in the first place even though he sold over 10 million copies. He actually spent years trying to undo misinformation caused by the book and movie.'

After the release of "Jaws," sharks were vilified and depicted as horrible monsters of the sea, which just isn't accurate. Shark week at the GFPL is the perfect chance for shark fans and those who are shark averse to educate themselves about these beautiful and fascinating creatures.

Sharks are powerful and should be treated with caution



Photo submitted by Janice McArdle

More shark-themed fun.

just like any other wild animal, but they aren't malicious or evil. The library has a number of great shark books and movies available and on display near the front desk for anyone interested.

Youth Services Librarian Janice McArdle has gone above and beyond as usual. She has organized a number of activities including a scavenger hunt in which children are asked to help Finn find his five missing friends

who are hidden throughout the

She has also been giving out real shark teeth and shark stickers to kids who are interested. McArdle added "Shark week is fun for all ages. It's good to bring awareness to people in a fun way towards animals they are afraid of."







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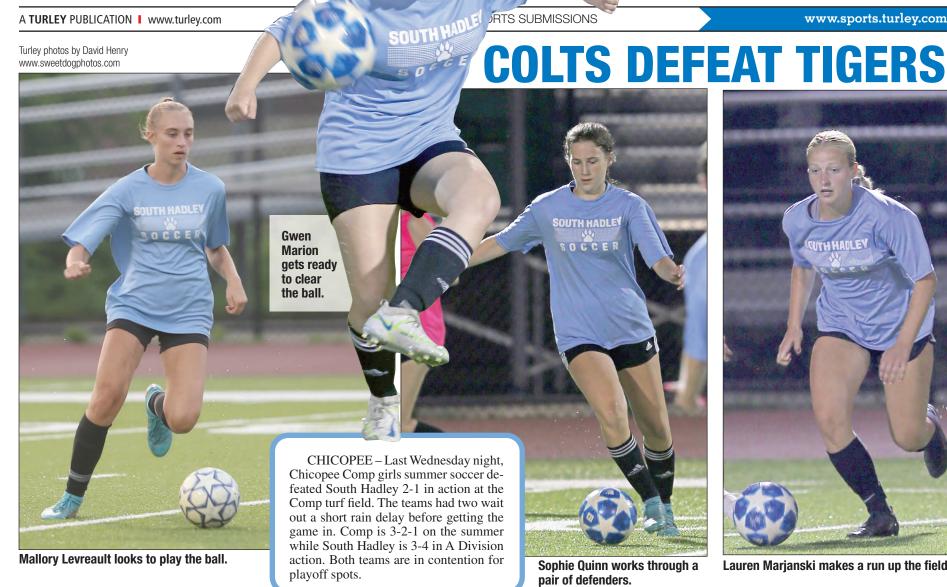








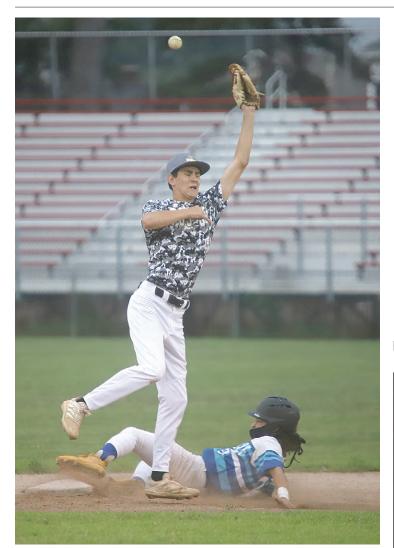






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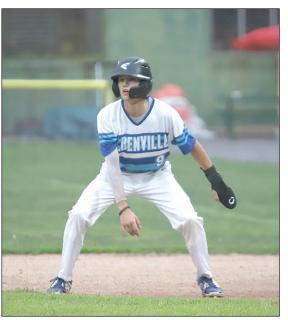
Lauren Marjanski makes a run up the field.



Luis DeJesus slides into second with a stolen base.

Aldenville defeats Pittsfield

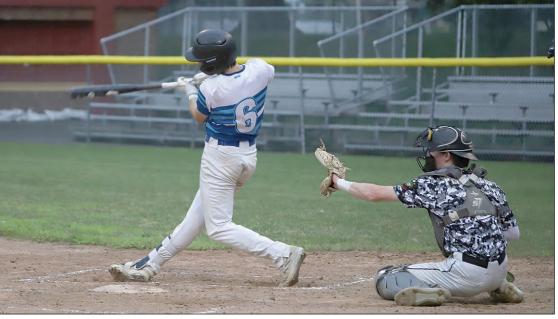
CHICOPEE – Last Wednesday night under some rainy and stormy conditions, Aldenville's offense had no trouble getting the win, finishing off Pittsfield 11-1. Aldenville, which has players from Chicopee, Holyoke, and South Hadley would win their final three games of the regular season and went on to face West Springfield in the opening round of the Legion District tournament. Results and photos from that game will be in next week's edition.



Nathan Carillon takes his lead off first base.



Race Drobiak pitches for Aldenville Post 337.



Braeden Lamirande swings and connects.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Sports

Mutiny makes playoffs following tie with Rush

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The New England Mutiny managed to qualify for the United Women's Soccer (UWS) playoffs for the second consecutive year.

The Mutiny officially clinched a berth in this year's East Conference playoffs following a 2-2 draw against the Connecticut Rush at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow on July 8.

However, it wasn't the result that the Mutiny players or coaches were really looking for in the regular season home finale.

"You don't always get the result that you're looking for in the game of soccer," said Mutiny assistant coach Jill Kochanek. "We tried a slightly different formation with the personal that we had for tonight's match."

First-year Mutiny head coach Maurico 'Toto' Coimbra was unavailable for comment following the home match

The Mutiny, who finished the regular season with a 4-2-2 overall record, entered the playoffs as the sixth seed. They were scheduled to make to Lancaster for a quarterfinal match on Wednesday July 12.

"We come into every season expecting to make the playoffs. That's our number one goal," said Meghan Cunningham, who has been playing for the Mutiny for more than ten years. "It's disappointing that we're not a higher seed this year."

The conference semifinals and finals are scheduled to be held at a site to be announced this weekend.

Following a 3-0 road win against the Scorpions SC on June 12, the Mutiny had a 3-0-1 record

Their leading goal scorer at that point of the regular season was Catherine Berry, who headed back to University of South Carolina to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season.

Had Berry been able to play in every regular season match, the Mutiny, who posted a 1-2-1 mark



Laci Lewis gets ready to clear the ball.

during the second half of the regular season, would've probably been hosting a playoff match for the second consecutive year.

A year ago, the Mutiny lost to FC Buffalo, 2-1, in the East Conference semifinals at Lusitano Stadium

"Having to play a midweek playoff game on the road is always a very difficult thing to do," Cunningham said. "Hopefully, we can get a good group of players for our playoff game. It has been a lot of fun being a member of this soccer team and I'm hoping to come back again next year."

The start of last Saturday's match was delayed for an hour due to lightning.

Once the weather did clear up, the Mutiny took a 1-0 lead during the second minute of the opening half.

Jenna Kalwa, who's the head coach of the University of Saint Joseph women's soccer team, began the scoring play by sending a pass to Catherine Bean in the middle of the box. Bean finished off the play by blasting a shot into the upper left corner past Rush goalie Alessandra Augur.

Bean, who's from Westfield,



Meghan Cunningham looks to make a decision with the ball.

will be a junior on the Bryant University women's soccer team in the fall.

She gave the Mutiny a 2-0 advantage by converting a rebound goal during the 23rd minute.

The Mutiny other local players, who saw action in the regular season finale, were Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Brooke Samborski (Chicopee), and Alexis Legowski (South Hadley). Julia Robak (Chicopee) was the back-up goalkeeper.

The Rush (1-6-1) cut the deficit in half a couple of minutes later following Ellery Winkler's first goal of the contest.

A little more than five minutes into the second half, the Mutiny had another scoring chance on a header in the box by Rachel Marchini following a corner kick, but it just sailed wide.

The Mutiny managed to hold onto the one goal lead until the 74th minute when Winkler fired a low shot into the right corner of the net past Kopac tying the score at 2-2.

Marchini missed another header and the Mutiny had to settle for the draw.



Catherine Bean tries to corral the ball.



Laura Gauvin gets past an opponent.



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Hope Santaniello maneuvers through the middle of the field.

Bankers in great shape heading for playoffs

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE— PeoplesBank has been one of the best baseball teams in the Tri-County League during the past few decades.

PeoplesBank has won the last nine TCL championship titles and a total of 18 since 1995. They entered the final week of the 2023 regular season with a 15-1 record.

"We were the second seed in last year's playoffs, which I believe was only the second time that we weren't the top seeded team during the past nine years," said Joe Ferry, who has been the PeoplesBank player/ manager since 2019. "We finished the regular season with the same record as Easthampton Savings Bank, but they won the tiebreaker against us."

PeoplesBank wound up defeating Easthampton Savings

Bank in last year's finals.

Because Easthampton Savings Bank is no longer a member of the TCL, the Chicopee Falls Tigers will probably be Peoples-Bank biggest challenge in this year's playoffs.

"We're looking forward to playing any team in the playoffs," Ferry said. "All of the teams are gunning for us. We do have a big target on our backs, but we know how to deal with the pressure."

St. Joe's celebrated a 3-1 home win over PeoplesBank on June 6.

"We haven't lost a game since St. Joe's beat us in the second game of the season," Ferry said. "We won the next three games against them by the final scores of 14-1, 14-0, and 14-4."

The only other PeoplesBank managers during the past 30 years have been Jim Long, who passed away on July 12, 2017,

and Fred Perry.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for Jim Long," Ferry said. "He meant a lot to this baseball team and we're trying our best to carry on the winning tradition here. We just want to have fun and win another championship title."

Most of the PeoplesBank players have been playing together for many years.

"We do have a very good team chemistry," Ferry added. "We also have a lot of other guys who can fill in. We're always looking to add new players every year."

PeoplesBank will enter this year's TCL playoffs as the top seed. They clinched first place following a 10-0 home victory against 413 ATC on July 11. Jimmy Flahive hurled a sixth inning no-hitter in that contest.

The other members of the PeoplesBank pitching staff are

Johnny Gegetskas, Matt Gardner, Zach Handzal, and Danny Gaines, who's from Holyoke.

"We do have a solid pitching staff," Ferry said. "We play a couple of games each week and the starting pitchers know which day they're going to pitch."

Ferry was the j.v. baseball coach at Palmer High School when Handzal was a member of the team

"I just love playing on the same baseball team with Zach. He's a bulldog on the mound," Ferry said. "He always gives 110% effort in every game."

Several other players listed on the PeopleBank roster are Dave Clark, Pete Hogan, Kyle Platner, Seth Allen, Sam Allen, Rey Rivera, and Aiden Consedine.

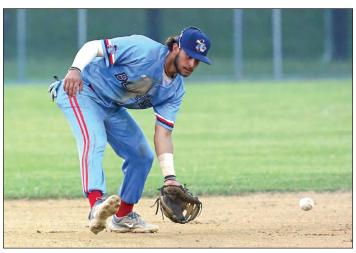
The Tri-County League playoffs are scheduled to begin on July 24. Each of the playoff series will be a best of three series.

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Matthew Garcia fields a grounder.

Blue Sox doubled up by **Danbury Westerners**

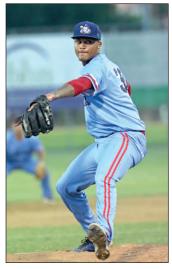
HOLYOKE - The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury Westerners by a score of 10-5 last Saturday. The team fell to 16-15-1 on the season.

Sean Scanlon started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching five shutout innings with four strikeouts.

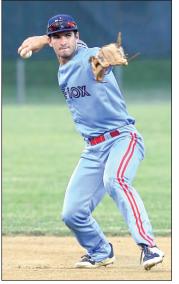
Valley led the game for the first five innings. Eliot Dix leadoff the game with a solo home run, followed by an RBI groundout by Efrain Correa Jr. in the top of the second. Michael Zarrillo added a solo home run in the top of the sixth inning to make it 3-0. Zarrillo batted 2-for-3 on the night with a walk.

The trouble began in the bottom of the sixth inning, when the Blue Sox gave up seven runs off of back-to-back-toback home runs followed by a fielding error and a sacrifice fly to allow the Westerners to take the lead 7-3.

AJ Guerrero hit a solo home run in the top of the seventh to cut the Danbury lead to three runs. The left fielder went 3-for-5 on the night.



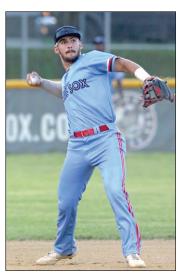
Jonathan Bautista pitches for the Blue Sox.



Jeff Pierantoni winds up for a long throw.

Danbury added three more runs off in the bottom of the seventh following a two run home run and an RBI double, allowing the Westerners to increase their lead 10-4.

Valley would take one more run back following a solo home run from CJ Willis, making the final score 10-5.



Michael Zarrillo gets the out at

Bonsignore wins photo finish at NH

LOUDON, N.H. - Justin Bonsignore scored his second win of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Saturday evening at New Hampshire Motor Speedway – and did it in a photo finish coming to the line. The driver of the No. 51 for Ken Massa Motorsports machine was out front when rain hit the track with just under 35 laps to go and the field pulled down pit road.

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It looked as though it might be over - but the rain stopped - NASCAR and track officials dried the track - and the Mohegan Sun 100 went back under the green flag. Bonsignore pitted during the caution and had to restart outside the top-10. He charged through the field and was in position to race for the lead in the final few laps in the Phoenix Communications ride.

Bonsignore passed Doug Coby to take the lead when the field crossed at the white flag. Off turn two on the final lap, Coby went to the outside of Bonsignore for the lead with Ron Silk looking three-wide to the bottom. Bonsignore led through the middle of turn three before Coby crossed to the bottom and got inside coming off turn four to the finish line.

Bonsignore and Coby dragraced to the line and made a little bit of contact, with Bonsignore coming out on top by a small margin. It was the 37th career win for the Holtsville,



Justin Bonsignore was a winner at New Hampshire Motor Speedway last weekend.

New York, native and his second points-paying win at New

"It was just crazy," Bonsignore said. "The way we were able to drag-race back to the line and beat Doug, it was amazing. This is our Super Bowl, our Daytona 500. There's nothing like racing a Modified here. I'm glad we got the race back going and the fans stuck it out. Coby, Silk and I have a good rivalry but there's a ton of respect involved. I knew where I wanted to be on the last

Bonsignore will be back on the track at Claremont Motorsports Park for the next NA-SCAR Whelen Modified Tour event on Saturday, July 29. For more information on the threetime series champion, visit JustinBonsignore.com.

Basketball Hall of Fame presenters named

SPRINGFIELD - The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the list of Hall of Famers scheduled to present the Class of 2023 at the Enshrinement Ceremony to be held Saturday, Aug. 12, at Symphony Hall in Springfield, Massachusetts, the "Birthplace of Basketball." 45 Hall of Famers are expected to be in attendance for the ceremony, including all presenters.

Members of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2023 were asked to select previous inductees to accompany and present them to their peers. The choice is solely the decision of the incoming Hall of Famers or their family members if recognized posthumously.

The 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees and Presenters:

1976 Women's Olympic Basketball Team, presented by Ann Meyers (Class of 1993), Nancy Lieberman ('96)

Becky Hammon, presented Jerry Colangelo ('04), Tom Izzo by Sheryl Swoopes ('16), Teresa Weatherspoon (19)

David Hixon, presented by Jim Calhoun ('05), John Calipari

Dirk Nowitzki, presented by Jason Kidd ('18), Steve Nash

Dwyane Wade, presented by Allen Iverson ('16)

Gary Blair, presented by Teresa Weatherspoon ('19), Van Chancellor ('07)

Gene Bess, presented by Chris Bosh ('21), John Calipari ('15), Roy Williams ('07)

Gene Keady, presented by

('16)

Gregg Popovich, presented by David Robinson ('09), Manu Ginobili ('22), Tim Duncan ('20), Tony Parker ('23)

Jim Valvano, presented by John Calipari ('15)

Pau Gasol, presented by Toni

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING RE: Application for a** Transfer of License and Change of Manager **Licensee Address:** 500 New Ludlow Road, South Hadley, MA 01075

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 15A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, that Anthony's Dance Club, Inc d/b/a Centerfold Anthony's has applied for a Transfer of License and Change of Manager on their All Alcohol License to be exercised at 500 New Ludlow Road South Hadley, MA.

The Selectboard as Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on said application on August **8, 2023 at 7:10 p.m.** at 45 Dayton St. The hearing will be held in a hybrid fashion with the opportunity for both in-person attendance and remote. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/ or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/ hearing will not be sus-

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Under M.G.L. Chapter 138, § 15A and §16C, any school, church, or hospital within 500 feet of 500 New Ludlow Rd., South Hadley, MA, 01075 wishing to object to the issuance of such license must voice objections in writing. 07/21, 07/28/2023

Town of Granby Massachusetts Conservation Commission

The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on Tuesday August 8, 2023 @*1 Library Lane-Old Carnegie Library-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. 7:30 PM-NOI-165-0362-filed by Aleksandra Ponomareva for a post single-family fire and demo rebuild house on existing footprint and repair septic system with regards to property located on 51 Forge Pond Road and known as Map 14C-A-14 in the Town of Granby.

Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using Access **Code:** 282-289-421or by visiting https://global.gotomeeting.com/ join/282289421.

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William Shaheen, Chair Commission

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information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this "RDA" are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Selectmen's Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street. Additionally, copies of the application may be inspected on the Conservation Commission's web

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Granby **Notice of Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Selectboard will hold a public hearing on Monday August 14, 2023, at 5:35 P.M. at the Senior Center, large room located at 10-B West State Street to consider the application of Jason Aller, d/b/a Rajikaru Imports for a Class II License, to be located at 185 West State Street, Granby MA.

Glen N. Sexton Crystal L. Dufresne Richard K. Beaulieu Granby Selectboard 07/21/2023

LEGAL NOTICE **PUBLIC HEARING** TOWN OF GRANBY

The Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 5:32 PM at the **Senior Center Building located at 10-B West State Street, Granby, MA to grant permission to Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public ways:

5:31PMMassachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public

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Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **RE:** Application for a **Change of Manager on** an All Alcohol License and Wine & Malt

License **Licensee Address:** 0 Park St., Willits-Hallowell Center and Kendade Atrium, South Hadley, MA 01075 LEGAL NOTICE

Town of South Hadley Selectboard - Licensing Authority Notice of Hearing

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with the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 15A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, that Willits Hallowell Center Inc d/b/a Willits Hallowell Center and Trustees of Mount Holyoke College, d/b/a Kendade Atrium has applied for a Change of Manager on an All Alcohol License and Wine & Malt License, respectively, to be exercised at 0 Park St., South Hadley, MA. The Selectboard as Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on said application on August 8, **2023 at 7:05 p.m.** at 45 Dayton St. The hearing will be held in a hybrid fashion with the opportunity for both in-person attendance and remote. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person or virtual attendance accordingly. For purposes of in-person attendance, the Selectboard will host the meeting in the multi-purpose room with remote participation details noted below.

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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY CONSERVATION **COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The South Hadley Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a request for an Order of Conditions filed by Robin Abbey for the expansion of the existing single-family home, patio and backyard landscaping as well as restoration of unpermitted Buffer Zone impacts that previously occurred under a filed RDA for this project. Located at 21 North Sycamore Lane (Parcel 53 Map 39).

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 2 at 6:00pm virtually. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town

A copy of the amendient request is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday thru Friday. Plans are also available online at www.southha dley.org/603/Projec t-Plans.

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Neva Tolopko Conservation Chair 07/21/2023



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HCC start paves way to Mount Holyoke College for graduate

HOLYOKE - Tatiana McKnight's grandparents had the expectation that she would go to college.

Her grandparents are Sonia Nieto, the noted Puerto Rican educator and author, and Angel her husband, the Spanish poet Angel Nieto.

"When I graduated high school, there were certain expectations," says McKnight. "My grandmother was like, college is something you need to be doing, if you're not doing anything else."

As McKnight considered her options, her grandmother took her on a tour of Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley. She loved it.

Knowing that Mount Holyoke was a difficult school to get into Nieto had Mcknight vist Holyoke Community College.

On that visit, McKnight recalls her grandmother saying, in so many words, "Start here."

In June, after five years as a part-time student, McKnight, now 23, graduated from HCC with honors and her associate's degree in psychology.



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Tatiana McKight with her grandmother Sonia Nieto after graduating from HCC.

"I'm very happy," she said.
"This has been very validating for me. I've been doing this for a very long time, proving things to myself, because I doubt myself a lot."

As a teenager, McKnight was prone to panic attacks and diagnosed with agoraphobia, a debilitating fear of crowds.For a while, she was homeschooled. Later she completed high school in Chicopee through an online program called Edgenuity.

After graduating, determined to better her circumstances, she found a therapist, who helped transform her life to the point where she felt comfortable again in the outside world.

Despite her progress, McKnight was unsurprisingly nervous about starting college, especially in person. On that first visit, Nieto brought her McKnight to see a friend, Irma Medina, senior special programs coordinator for HCC's Pathways program. Every year, Medina, herself a graduate of both HCC and Mount Holyoke, helps dozens of HCC students successfully transfer to competitive four-year schools,.

Nieto also introduced her granddaughter to Maureen Conroy, then the director of OSDDS, the college's Office for Students with Disabilities and Deaf Services. Conroy became McKnight's learning specialist and helped her obtain needed classroom accommodations. She also offered McKnight a campus job as an assistive technology trainer in the college's Assistive Technology Center."She said, I think you'd be good at it," says McKnight. "I was kinda shocked. I don't know why she thought I'd be good at it. That was my first job ever in my life. But she made me feel very comfortable. I trusted her."

Through Pathways, Medina helped McKnight build an aca-

demic record that would give her the best chance of getting into a top transfer school.

Since 2022, in addition to her schooling, McKnight has been working with autistic children as a behavioral technician for a company called Butterfly Effects. She conducts home visits and implements behavior plans to help children improve their communication skills and give them a better chance for living successful, independent lives.

"At one point, I was the person who needed help, and what my therapist did for me, motivated me to want to do that for other people," says McKnight.

In May, she got the good news. She'd been accepted as a Frances Perkins Scholar at Mount Holyoke College, where she plans to study psychology. Although she'll miss HCC, she says she's looking forward to a new start at Mount Holyoke.

"I'm excited to be part of campus life there," she says. "I'm ready."

CAMPUS NOTES

Western New England University

The following local students graduated from Western New England University during a commencement ceremony held on May 20 in the Anthony S. Caprio Alumni Healthful Living Center:

Jocelyn Hurley of South Hadley, who graduated with a BBA in General Business.

Kayla Suzanne Roy of South Hadley, who graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Pharmacy Studies

Matthew Marc Lajoie of South Hadley, who graduated With Honors with a BSBA in Finance.

Jacey Michael Rondeau Jr. of South Hadley, who graduated Cum Laude with a BSE in Civil Engineering.

Adam Sean Caldwell of South Hadley, who graduated with a Juris Doctor.

Audrey Ann Gladu of South Hadley, who graduated with a MBA in Program Leadership.

Jane Kundl of South Hadley, who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Juris Doctor.

Sara Elizabeth Macon of South Hadley, who graduated with a MA in English for Teachers.

Thomas E. Doyle of South Hadley, who graduated with a MS in Accounting.

The keynote speaker Jon Clifton, CEO of Gallup, a global analytics and advice firm, talked about the power of being unique. "You owe it to the world to discover what makes you uniquely great-and never stop developing those strengths."

The following local students working toward a Doctor of Pharmacy degree were named to the Dean's List at WNEU for the 2023 spring semester: Kayla Roy of South Hadley and Kenny Tran of South Hadley.

University of Vermont

Taylor Gelinas of South Had-

ley graduated Cum Laude from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in English and Psychological Science.

Bryant University

Erica Anderson of South Hadley was named to the Dean's List at Bryant University for the 2023 spring semester. To earn a place on the Dean's List, students must have a GPA of 3.4 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work.

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brary at 413-538-5045 or stopping into the library. If all time slots are filled feel free to give your information for future visits.

Summer reading

This year's annual summer library program, "Find Your Voice," runs until Aug. 12. There are lots of fun and exciting programs lined up for the entire family. Stop in to sign up and receive a schedule of events.

Story Time & Rhyme Time

Families are invited to join Story Time every Monday and Thursday morning at 10:30 for an assortment of picture books followed by an age-appropriate craft or other

fun activity. While geared for birth to age 5, we welcome older children to participate if desired. Join us in the Storytime/Craft Room.

CFCE Wednesday Playgroup

Every Wednesday we host Dana from the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Program who presents a fun filled program with stories, games, circle time, music and more for children from birth to 5. Older siblings are always welcome to attend too. Playgroups take place at 10:30 a.m. except on the first Wednesday of the month when the playgroup will take place at 3:30 p.m. Watch the library website for what the weekly themes will be and join us in the Children's Room.

There's more

Tuesday Night Knitting Group 6-8 p.m.

Come by for some quality knitting and crocheting time. All skill levels are welcome. The group meets on the second floor in the Mandrachia Quiet Study Room but may move to a larger meeting room when available.

Need Books Delivered? Check out the Homebound Delivery Service

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