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Police lieutenant receives promotion

SOUTH HADLEY – At the end of July, the police department's Mark Baran was recently sworn in as Lieutenant.

Lt. Baran, a lifelong resident of South Hadley, was appointed as a reserve officer in February 1995 and became a full-time officer in February 2001, according to a statement from the South Hadley Police Department. In July of 2005, he was promoted to Sergeant.

"During his time at SHPD, he has been assigned as a patrol officer, Field Training Officer, Shift Supervisor, Training Sergeant, Accreditation Manager, PACE Team member, and Peer Support member," the police department released.

Some of Lt. Baran's career highlights include being selected as the Western Mass Chiefs of Police Officer of the Year in 2020, as well as his involvement in police training and helping the department to become an accredited department in June 2022.

"Lt. Baran has worked part-time at the Western MA Police Academy since 2007, teaching various topics," police said. "In 2010, he became an academy Staff Instructor. He is currently the Senior Staff Instructor and is finishing his 22nd Recruit Class."

Prior to working for in South Hadley, Lt. Baran was a State



Lt. Mark Baran was recently sworn in as Lieutenant.

Photo Credit: South Hadley Police Department

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Residents offer feedback on HPP strategies

By Samuel Gelinias
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – A recent community survey has revealed mixed opinions regarding the affordability and existing infrastructure, as well as environmental concerns, of the Housing Production Plan's strategies.

The Planning Forum last met on June 22, commencing a comment period open to the public in which 159 South Hadley residents participated. Of the participants, 59 percent were 65 and older, according to reports, with the majority (55 percent) having lived in South Hadley for 20 years or more. And according to a July 18 report detailing the survey results, the Housing Production Plan's (HPP) strategies faced mixed reception.

Fifty-two percent of participants held the opinion that the goals presented align with their vision of future housing

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New Asst. Town Manager, Human Resources Director announced

SOUTH HADLEY – The town has announced the hiring of Charles "Chuck" Murphy Romboletti as its new Assistant Town Administrator and Human Resources Director.

His scheduled start date is Monday, August 7, according to the town; the community is invited to a swearing-in ceremony for Romboletti at the South Hadley Public Library Community

Room at 10 a.m.

"Romboletti has more than a decade of municipal experience, including the last two years as the director of human resources and more than five years as the assistant human resources director in Needham," the town released in a statement. "In Needham, he im-

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Survey results show residents divided on affordable housing

By Nick Boonstra
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Housing Production Plan Advisory Committee addressed concerns that residents are at best divided on affordable housing, and at worst lack a basic education on the subject.

The public's division and confusion came to light as the result of a survey fielded by the town over the course of recent weeks, which served as the primary focus for the committee's July 26 meeting.

Committee member Helen Fantini said the town's upcoming public forum on affordable housing scheduled for Sept. 13

(the second such forum to be held this year) still needs to address basic definitions around the concept.

"We need to do a better job," she said.

The survey's respondents were largely single-family homeowners, and over half

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Free public Wi-Fi now available at Beachgrounds, Town Common

SOUTH HADLEY – A free public wireless service is now available at Beachgrounds Park, 137 Main Street, and the Town Common on College Street at the intersection of Hadley and Woodbridge streets.

"Anyone with a wireless-ready device can connect to the unrestricted Shadley-Public network at these locations," the town released in a press statement.

The Wi-Fi project was funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Office of Business Development to the Economic

Development Council of Western Massachusetts, Inc., according to the town's statement.

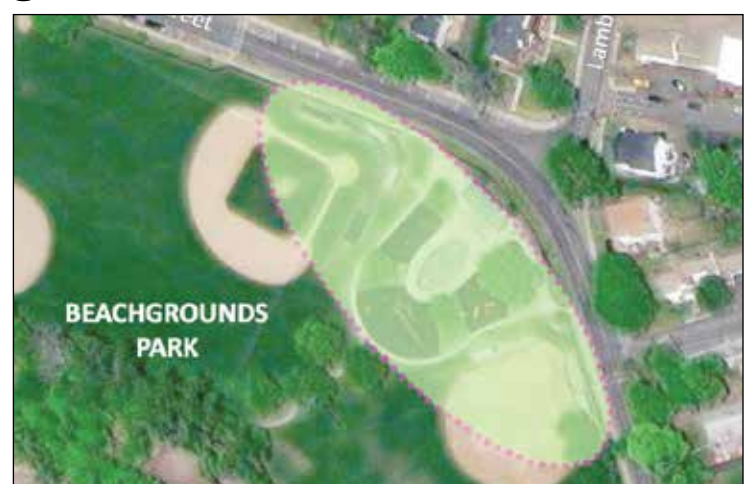
"The intent of the project is to offer a publicly-accessible wireless connection to people utilizing town-owned outdoor recreational properties in South Hadley Falls and in the heart of the heavily-used commercial center at the northern end of town," the town released.

Other free public wireless service, as well as technological support, is offered by the town at the Council on Aging, 45 Dayton Street, and South Hadley Public

Library, 3 Canal Street.

"More than 150 older adults have attended one or more sessions of 'Tech Time with Sandy,'" said Council on Aging Director Leslie Hennessey. "The comments we've received from recent surveys have been overwhelmingly positive. Older adults state they feel confident in their newfound abilities, safer navigating the internet, and happier to be able to reach out to family and the broader digital world."

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Courtesy Photo

Hadley Family Medicine re-opens primary care office

HADLEY - Hadley Family Medicine, a member of the Cooley Dickinson Medical Group, re-opened its primary care office earlier this month.

The practice has been closed since a flood in November of 2022 and has “undergone extensive renovations,” according to a press release. It has been located at 234 Russell Street in Hadley for decades.

“We appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding as we worked through this unexpected event and we look forward to seeing patients in our newly renovated facility,” said Medical Director Dr. Everett Lamm.

Patients have been notified of the re-opening via Patient Gateway, an online portal, and will also receive a letter via standard mail, according to the business. Patients will also be notified when the outpatient lab, which will not open initially with the rest of the clinic, re-opens.

“They are welcome to use any



Courtesy Photo

Hadley Family Medicine re-opened earlier this month after a flood last year

of Cooley Dickinson’s other laboratory locations in the meantime,”

Hadley Family Medicine shared. For the past nine months, pa-

tients at the practice have been seen at other Cooley Dickinson

practices in Amherst, Northampton, and South Deerfield.

Immaculate Heart of Mary to hold Summerfest event

GRANBY – The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will hold its Summerfest event from 12-4 p.m. on Sunday, August 20. Chicken dinner is \$15 and includes: Half BBQ chicken, baked potato, and corn on the

cob; hamburgers and hot dogs will also be available.

The event will feature raffle prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$100, raffle baskets, a bake sale, kids’ games, prizes, music, and more.

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Tech Time With Sandy
Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - noon; September, 9 a.m. - noon and 1-4 p.m.

“Sandy, our technology wizard, can answer your questions,” the Council on Aging released. “Examples of things she can help with include setting up your iPhone, iPad, tablet, laptop or Android. She can also help you

with accessibility features, Bluetooth connections, or an Alexa.”

The sessions are all free of charge; call the COA to make an appointment with Sandy at 413-538-5030.

iPad Loan Program

Apple iPads are available for a six-week loan period (six-week renewals are available if there is not a waiting list for the device). One-on-one lessons on how to use the iPad will be given by

appointment. Call Emily at 413-538-5030 for information and application for the iPad Loan Program.

Additionally, the South Hadley Public Library on Canal Street has free Wi-Fi available Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. T-Mobile Hot Spots may also be checked out with a valid library card to utilize free Wi-Fi at home for a three-week period.



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South Hadley Public Library announces August events

SOUTH HADLEY - Summer isn't over yet, and residents are invited to stop by the town's public library for several events this month, as well as books, movies, programs, technology, online resources, and more.

Plus, it's all free with a library card, the South Hadley Public Library released.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tuesday Night Knitting Group Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m.

Join the library's Tuesday Night Knitters 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.

Advanced Tarot Class

Wednesday, August 9, at 6 p.m.

Join in the Community Room to learn how to use your inner intuition to help you read the cards. Sign-up online.

Outdoor Yoga for Adults and Teens with Jessica Carey

Wednesday, August 16, at 6 p.m.

Enjoy gentle yoga on the library lawn with the sound of the Connecticut River flowing in the background. Register by calling the library at 413-538-5045.

Spanish Conversation Circle

Saturday, August 19, at 10:30 a.m.

A wonderful and relaxed opportunity for Spanish speakers to practice their language skills. Participants should have some basic conversational skills to join the group. This is not a language class.

The Photo Angel with Kate Kelly

Saturday, August 19, at 11 a.m.

Attention family historians: the purpose of this project is to document success stories and inspire others to search their dusty attic boxes for photos with identifi-

able information and join in the fun.

Virtual Author Talks (register online)

Tuesday, August 15, at 4 p.m. - "The Prophets" by Robert Jones, Jr.

Wednesday, August 23, at 8 p.m. - "The Mortal Instruments Series" by Cassandra Clare

Wednesday, August 30, at 2 p.m. - "A Year Inside College Admissions" by Jeff Selingo

TEEN PROGRAMS

(for ages 11-high school) Night Rave

Friday, August 4, from 6-9 p.m.

The annual Night Rave makes a return after a three-year absence. This is an after-hours event with lots of fun and activities. Preregistration and a permission slip are required, and space is limited to only 25 participants. Snacks and refreshments provided; see Bethany for details.

Metalsmith Workshop

Tuesday, August 8, at 3:30 p.m.

Metalsmith Heather Beck returns to the library for her metalsmithing workshop. Participants get to try out their metalsmithing skills and take home a completed bookmark. Sign-up is required. Space is limited to 12 participants.

Crafternoon

Thursday, August 10, at 3 p.m.

The final Crafternoon of the summer. All supplies will be provided. No sign-up needed. Check out the Teen Room door for more information. Craft will take place in the Teen Room. Snacks and drinks provided. This week's Crafternoon features Button Making.

TEEN TAKEAWAYS

Teens may sign-up once and receive a new "Takeaway" every month, a craft with all supplies and directions provided, as well as some other goodies in each bag.

No monthly meetings or online meetings. Craft on your own time with no pressure or stress. This month's Teen Takeaway features origami.

KIDS' PROGRAMS

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 appear on Mondays, August 14 and 28, from 6-7 p.m., and Gwen will appear on Wednesday, August 23, from 3:30-5 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Parents or caretakers can sign their children up by calling the library at 413-538-5045 or stopping into the library. If all time slots are filled, feel free to give information for future visits.

Take & Make Crafts

Children who are participating in the summer reading program are invited to pick-up a Take & Make craft each week. Crafts for August include craft stick apples and Olympic torches. No pre-registration is needed, just pop into the Children's Room and grab a bag. Supplies are limited. One per child. Weekly craft bags are available through August 12, or while supplies last each week.

Plains Elementary School

Guest Reader Storytime

Every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the summer, the library will host a different Plains Elementary School educator.

"We've been offering this for over 20

years as a way for incoming Plains students to get to know the staff or for former students to visit with a favorite educator," the library released.

The story times are held on the library lawn, if weather permits. Play time will immediately follow the story time. Parents also have an opportunity to speak with the Plains staff.

Story Time & Rhyme Time

Families are invited to Story Time every Monday and Thursday (with Plains School guest readers) at 10:30 a.m. for an assortment of picture books followed by an age-appropriate craft or other fun activity. While geared for birth to age five, the library welcomes older children to participate if desired. Join in the Story-time/Craft Room.

The youngest patrons and their grownups are encouraged to come to Rhyme Time every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Participants can sing and dance during this interactive music-based program. Children from birth through six will enjoy this fun activity. Depending on the weather, Rhyme Time takes place outdoors or in the Community Meeting Room.

CFCE Wednesday Playgroup

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Dana from the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Program will present a fun-filled program with stories, games, circle time, music, and more for children from birth to five. Older siblings are always welcome to attend, too.

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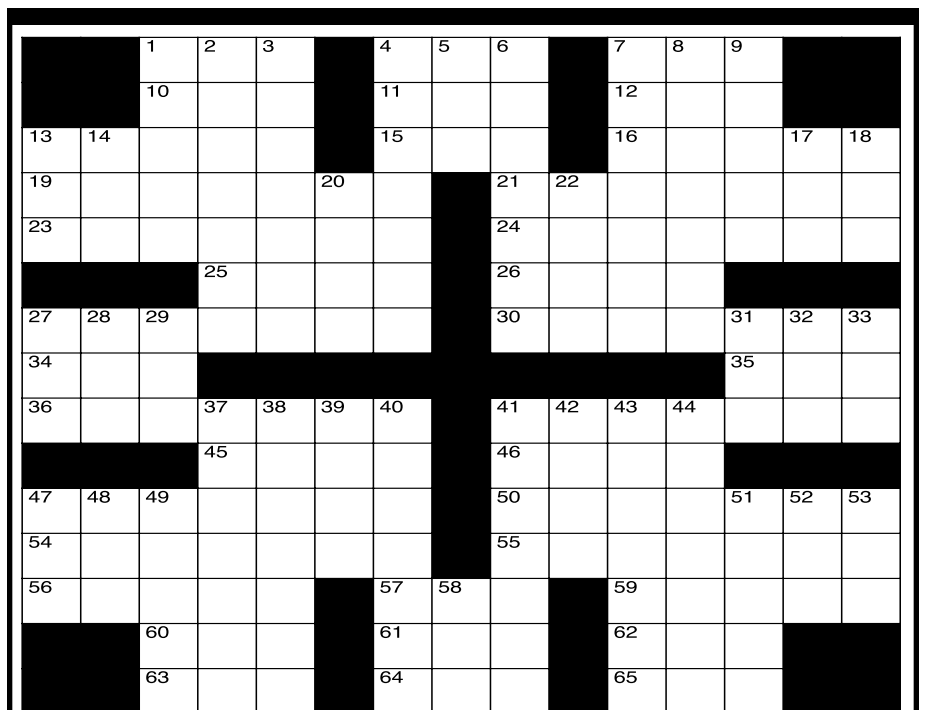
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A room full of elementary aged youngsters displayed their creations at the end of the weeklong camp named "Oopsy Goopsy Messy Art Fun."



CLUES ACROSS

1. Indicates tire pressure
4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator
11. Adult male
12. Scandinavian god of battle
13. Cloths spread on a coffin
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. It's good to take them
21. Noble-governed territory
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Card game resembling rummy
25. Affected by injury
26. Member of a Semitic people
27. Left
30. Woman's cloak
34. S. American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Offense
41. Dish soap brand
45. Ottoman military commanders
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Makes unhappy
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Promote
56. A beloved carb
57. Tag the base runner to get him out
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Vehicle
62. Georgia rockers
63. Scientific instrument (abbr.)
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Plant of the nettle family
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Patella
7. Ageless
8. Lists of course requirements
9. Pokes at
13. TV network
14. They ___
17. Cooking hardware
18. U.S. Army title
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river (alt. spelling)
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Woeful
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Tasks which should be done
39. An informal body of friends
40. Intrinsic nature
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. Where ships unload cargo
44. Singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Southwest Scotland town
49. Most worthless parts
51. Viscous
52. Put to work
53. Old world, new
58. Swiss river

Opinion



Grandma Gatewood's Excellent Adventure

A senior's walk into the record books

By J. Mark Powell
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I've been getting into shape recently. But my progress pales compared to what a remarkable senior did nearly 70 years ago.

Emma Gatewood's life was hard. Born in Ohio in 1887, she was one of 15 kids in a family that slept four to a bed.

Her father lost a leg in the Civil War and spent the rest of his life drinking and gambling. Though her formal education ended in the 8th grade, she kept learning by devouring encyclopedias, Greek classics, and books on woods and wildlife.

At age 19 Emma married a 27-year-old teacher and tobacco farmer named P.C. Gatewood. The honeymoon ended quickly, when Emma discovered she was expected to work in the fields alongside the men, plus cook, clean, and raise their 11 kids.

P.C. was mean. He killed a man in 1924 but avoided prison because the judge said his many children would go hungry with him behind bars.

He beat Emma often, sometimes almost to the point of death. When he turned violent, she tried to run into the nearby woods. Safe in the security of her beloved trees and plants, she found peace and solitude.

P.C. repeatedly threatened to send Emma to a mental institution to keep her from divorcing him.

In 1939, he had her jailed in the first step toward having her committed. Seeing Emma's cracked teeth and broken ribs, their town's mayor moved her into his home and helped her get a job.

She divorced P.C. the next year. A series of odd jobs saw her through the next decade until her children were all grown.

Then, as so often happens, fate unexpectedly called. For Emma, it came in the form of an old magazine.

She happened upon a 1949 National Geographic issue featuring an article on the Appalachian Trail.

At that moment an incredible idea took root in her mind. She would become the first woman to walk the entire length of the trail, all 2,200 miles from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Maine's Mount Katahdin.

At age 66, no less.

The idea grew into an obsession. At a time when people nearing 70 were expected to relax in rocking chairs, Emma began preparing to attempt what no woman before had ever done.

Her legs were strong, she was in good health, so why not?

She began her journey at Mount Katahdin in July 1954 – and promptly met with one disaster after another. She broke her glasses, she got lost, then she ran out of food.

When rangers found her, they persuaded the hapless sexagenarian to go home.

But while Emma Gatewood may have failed, she didn't quit. She told no one about her setback and quietly prepared for a second attempt.

She learned from her initial mistakes and changed her strategy.

In 1955, she started two months earlier this time and began in Georgia. Again, it wasn't easy.

That 1949 article had made her believe the



The daylily, both friend and foe

I have never been a daylily aficionado, but as of late, they are growing on me.

Why I write is because on Cape Cod they are everywhere. The last few days I have seen them paired with shrubs, other perennials and even as a backdrop to carefully placed annuals.

Read on as I resurrect a column from the archives with new and updated factoids.

We've all seen the clumps of orange daylilies (*Hemerocallis fulva*) blooming along roadsides each summer. These remnants of long ago have oftentimes outlived the people who planted them and the farmhouse in which they were planted around.

Arriving from Asia in the late 1800s, the common daylily is now considered invasive because it crowds out native plants. While experts advise not planting daylilies that are known to run amok, there are many cultivars that rightly deserve a place in the landscape.

Two varieties of daylilies presently occupy space in my landscape, one that is a family heirloom, and another that was purchased on a whim.

The lemon lily (*Hemerocallis lilioasphodelus*) was a family heirloom, although I am not sure where it originated. I think it was my grand babci that first gave it to my mother back in the 1950s.

It has been almost entirely choked out of the banking of my childhood home by lily of the valley, but I am lucky enough to have saved a piece and it is thriving in my perennial garden. It is delicate as far as daylilies go, perfectly lemon yellow and subtly scented.

The lemon lily has a short bloom time, a week or less in early June, but it makes a perfect bed fellow to deep purple bearded iris.

Today, thousands of cultivars of daylilies are available, many of which bloom for longer periods of time than the old-fashioned types. They are offered in shades of all colors except blue and pure white.

Miniatures look great in rock gardens, while more beefy types work well to stabilize bankings. The majority blend nicely with annuals, perennials, and shrubbery, as mentioned.

Daylilies belong to the genus *Hemerocallis*- hemero being Greek for "beautiful,"

and callis Greek for "day." Individual flowers do open and perish in 24 hours or less.

Luckily though, there are usually several flowers per scape (stem), and when one goes by another is waiting to take its place. A desirable variety will bloom for at least two weeks, or will repeat blooming later in the season.

When shopping for daylilies at the nursery simply count the number of buds per scape of the potted plant. The number of buds (or the number of scars if blooming is nearly finished) coincides with the number of days that particular variety is expected to bloom.

Unfortunately, my lemon lily had a mere four.

If you choose carefully and plan accordingly by including early, mid, and late season bloomers in your mix, it is possible to achieve continuous bloom over a three month period in a mixed border of daylilies.

Many people are opting to plant a single variety for a season's worth of flowers. Different than varieties that rebloom, ever-bloomers offer a nonstop performance from the beginning of their bloom period until frost.

It is said that Dr. Darrel Apps, a geneticist and master breeder evaluated some 11,000 seedlings to end up with a mere few that flower continuously.

Breeding continues, so look for the newest introductions each year. My whim purchase from a few years back is a rebloomer called "Purple D'oro." I bought it because it was blooming in the nursery alongside Gayfeather, orange Helenium, and Purple Coneflower.

They are a power quartet in my summer border for sure, and the rebloom factor surely stretches out the show.

Locate daylilies where they will receive at least six hours of sun a day. Average soil, as long as it drains well, will grow strong plants.

Vigor determines whether clumps need to be separated and divided every few years, or if they can grow uninterrupted for many seasons. Division is best accomplished in early spring or immediately after bloom.

If you take the later approach, just be sure the plant has at least one month of growing time before frost hits. This way it will have an opportunity to root well, anchoring itself before winter freezing and thawing can heave it from the ground.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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West Nile Virus confirmed in South Hadley mosquito sample

SOUTH HADLEY - The Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced earlier this month that West Nile virus has been detected in mosquitoes collected from South Hadley on July 28 in the southeastern quadrant of town.

West Nile Virus (WNV) is most commonly transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito, according to a press statement. The mosquitoes that carry this virus are common throughout the state and are found in urban as well as more rural areas, according to reports.

"While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe infection," the town released on its website.

The South Hadley Board of

Health is reminding residents that the town is "still considered at low risk," but that by taking a few "common-sense precautions," people can help to protect themselves and their loved ones.

The Board of Health recommended that residents: use insect repellents; wear long-sleeved clothing; schedule outdoor activities to avoid the hours around dawn and dusk; repair damaged window screens; remove standing water from the areas around the home.

More information about WNV and a risk maps, as well as reports of current WNV virus activity in Massachusetts, can be found online at: mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update.

Input needed to help seniors age in place

SOUTH HADLEY - The town's Village Steering Committee, volunteers with the Friends of South Hadley Seniors, is working to explore organizing a village model to help South Hadley seniors age and engage in place.

"Whether or not you are a senior yourself, please take a few minutes to complete a brief survey," the committee released. "Your response will help shape a program to meet the needs of South Hadley's older adult residents."

A link to the survey is available on the town's website, southhadley.org.

"Villages are communi-

ty-based, nonprofit, grassroots organizations formed by caring neighbors who want to change the aging paradigm," information on the town's website reads. "A group of individuals in South Hadley have begun talking about how they can stay in their homes as they grow older, when some things may get harder for them to do themselves."

Local Villages connects members to a "wide array of practical support services, social connections, and learning opportunities that enable older adults to enjoy a rich, independent, and healthy quality of life when they choose to age in

their homes and communities."

According to a press statement, Villages "build a sense of community and offer resources, services, programs, and activities, including social and educational programs, health and wellness activities, and volunteer assistance with transportation, light home maintenance, and technology coaching."

"Your confidential responses to this survey will help The South Hadley Village Steering Committee learn more about the needs of seniors in South Hadley. Thank you for taking the time to participate."

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plemented many new and innovative programs including those that South Hadley is seeking to implement."

"Chuck will join a great municipal team in South Hadley," said Town Administrator Lisa

Wong. "With his great experience and energy, he will be able to hit the ground running and help South Hadley reach our goals."

Romboletti received his B.A. at Bates College and his Master of Public Administration at Northeastern University, according to town details. Prior to working in

Needham, Romboletti worked for the city of Holyoke in the office of planning and economic development, office of the mayor, and personnel department.

"I am excited at the opportunity to work in an engaged community, and for an experienced and professional management

team who is committed to the successful implementation of the board and community's vision," Romboletti said.

Romboletti went through the Leadership ICMA program and is a member of the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA), Mass Municipal

HR Association (MMHR), and Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM), the town reported. He is a Western Massachusetts native and, in his free time, enjoys cooking, playing golf, and spending time with his wife and two young children.

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for the town of South Hadley, while the commentary provided by participants included widely-expressed uneasiness and differences in opinion.

Excerpts and anonymous community feedback from the survey are provided below:

Affordability/Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

"Goals are vague and do not strive to ensure or guarantee affordability, diversity, equity, or inclusion, and that is why I strongly disagree with them."

"We are in dire need of affordable and flexible housing in South Hadley. If we are able to meet these draft goals, we will have a more vibrant and growing town."

"South Hadley is a middle-income community. Stop trying to encourage low-income development, financed by taxing middle-income earners. Let Longmeadow focus on low-income development. Encourage businesses to move here to help the tax base. Ask any town business how difficult the town makes it for businesses to move and thrive here."

"I would like to see more analysis done regarding increased costs to the people who are already here. Loss of open

space, increased density, loss of habitats."

"Affordable housing should exist in every neighborhood, but certainly within proximity to other resources."

"There is no meaningful difference between the stated draft goals of, 'housing options' and 'equity and inclusion.' The so-called 'strategies' do not directly address these goals. In fact, the 'strategies' fail to state which of any of the 'draft housing goals' they are directed to. The whole thing is a mess of verbiage."

Town Resources and Tax Concerns

"I don't think that we have an infrastructure to radically shift demographics. In particular, schools already make up a sizable portion of the budget and yet they need work. Moving forward, a slow-paced change may work, but lots of other things such as schools, utilities, and other infrastructure need to be considered."

"Goals fail to account for density considerations of land and population growth outcomes that may outpace the community resources. There should be a goal that provides such a balance."

"Affordable housing should be prioritized in areas offering best public services including recreation, sewer and water, transportation, and within the

developed area to the maximum extent feasible instead of open land areas."

Environmental Concerns
"No specific goal related to the importance of maintaining and increasing trees, forests, and green space within neighborhoods. In the 21st century, with climate change issues of greatest importance, this must be considered up front, not as a detail to be filled in later." "It is very important to build in high-efficiency in these new buildings. Good insulation and proper orientation to the sun cannot be changed in the future."

"I think that as the town considers housing options, conservation of natural areas needs to be kept in high consideration. We should not consider housing at the expense of protecting critical conservation areas, whether already so designated or not."

"To build out our residential neighborhoods so that every space has a house on it does not support the Town's goals to combat climate change, and is not in line with the goals of the Master Plan."

"The climate crisis affects all that we do in housing, yet no mention is made of assuring proper designs of structures and surrounding environments as well as materials to minimize impacts on climate."

"Build more dense housing"

"The ideas that deal with repurposing existing structures or lots (i.e. the former Gaylord Library space, the former Food Mart space, abandoned businesses, or buildings that could be developed) just make good sense."

According to the report, there was more interest expressed in developing the South Hadley Falls area from residents due to it having more permissive zoning, despite having more environmental constraints. Townhomes were the most well-received, and participants by-and-large favored smaller building units over larger ones, according to survey results.

Scenarios presented include pending layouts and plans for 36 Bridge Street, Mill 6, and 506 Granby Road, with plans for townhouses being voted as preferable in all locations, excepting the 506 Granby Road lot.

As an update to the report, the town's Director of Planning and Conservation Anne Capra said the town is "working on integrating the survey responses into the draft Housing Production Plan."

"Project consultant June McCartin of Outwith Studio will give a presentation on the draft plan at the August 14 Planning Board meeting," Capra added.

The meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, August 14, will

have a virtual option; Zoom login information will be included in the posted meeting agenda.

"We anticipate releasing the draft plan for public comment the first week in September for a 60-day comment period," Capra said. "During that time, we will hold another community forum and two public hearings to discuss the plan with the community and hear from residents to shape the final plan."

Outwith Studio was hired by the town after a competitive selection period to facilitate the housing production process. June McCartin of Outwith principally works on the HPP strategies, having a wealth of experience ranging from projects in rural New Hampshire to post-war suburban communities throughout New England.

Currently, the town is predominantly constituted of homes built between 1940 and 1959, with 63 percent being detached single family homes, according to reports; forty percent are low-income residences, meeting the federal threshold. For more information, visit shhousingplan.org.



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Gaylord Library's August programs

SOUTH HADLEY - Due to on-going problems with the air-conditioning at the Gaylord branch, Gaylord's August events are subject to cancellation or relocation to the main library based on the weather conditions.

For the latest updates, visit the library's website at gaylordlibrary.org or the Facebook page at facebook.com/gaylordlibrary.

"Thank you for your patience," library staff released in a statement.

Additionally, the Gaylord Library reminded residents that it runs the "home delivery" of library materials for the town of South Hadley.

"Delivery is available to South Hadley residents who have health or transportation issues that keep them from the library on a temporary or on-going basis," the library released. "Any item that can be checked out from the Gaylord Memorial Library or South Hadley Public Library can be delivered."

For more information or to sign-up, visit the library's website or call Adult Services Librarian Sarah Courtney at 413-538-5047.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Virtual Sit & Stitch with Timna Tarr

Thursday, August 10, at 6 p.m.

Log in and spend an evening with crafty neighbors. Bring your portable handwork of choice, including quilting, crocheting, knitting, cross-stitch, and more, and enjoy the company of fellow slow stitchers while you work on your project from the comfort of your own home. Pre-register at www.gaylordlibrary.org. Not Just Knitters Stitch Together Program

Fridays, August 11 and 25, at 3 p.m.

Bring crochet, needlepoint, felting, hand-quilting and, knitting. Share your crafting know-how, browse a selection of crafty books full of new skills, or just enjoy stitching in the Gaylord rotunda. Some weeks will include a theme such as mending, finishing projects, or getting started on new ones, but all projects are welcome in all weeks. Event is for ages 10+. Bring Your Own Board Game

Friday, August 24, from 6-8 p.m.

Bring a favorite board game to play against friends or meet a new one. No pre-registration required.

Needle Felt a Mouse with Anna Sunschaer

Thursday, August 31, at 6 p.m.
(rescheduled from July)

Come learn the art of needle felting. Gaylord staff member and fiber artist Anna Sunschaer will teach attendees how to sculpt fluffy wool fiber into 3D objects using felting needles. This is a beginner project. No prior needle felting experience is necessary, but it is recommended that all participants have good

fine motor skills to avoid injury with the sharp needles. This workshop is open to teens and adults ages 12+, and is limited to eight participants per session. All necessary tools and materials will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Register online at gaylordlibrary.org, by phone at 413-538-5047, or in-person by stopping by the circulation desk.

Mount Holyoke College Student Exhibit and Circulating Art

The Mount Holyoke College Studio Art Department and the Gaylord Memorial Library are presenting "Paintings in Circulation," an exhibition showcasing artwork by spring 2023 Painting 1, taught by Associate Professor Lisa Iglesias.

Joining the tradition of the book cover as subject matter, each student spent time observing and researching a tome of their choice at the Gaylord Memorial Library. The students then created renditions of the book covers in the form of acrylic paintings on stretched canvas, which are now available for checkout until September 2023. Paintings can be checked out for three weeks, or you can enjoy the exhibit in the rotunda.

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Story Stroll on the Library Lawn
Enjoy "Whistle for Willie" by Ezra Jack Keats while walking around the Gaylord property; new story coming soon.

Story Time for Kids

Every Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Come to the children's room for stories and crafts.

Open Craft for Kids

Thursday, August 31, from 3-6 p.m.

Visit the children's room and join Miss Janet for a special craft activity.

Family Outdoor Games

Saturdays, August 5 and 19,
from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join for some fun Saturday morning games on the library's back lawn.

Lego Club for Kids

Thursdays, August 10 and 24,
from 3-6 p.m.

Build with Lego, for those who enjoy creating with various sizes and types of Lego bricks. Age 12 and under. No registration necessary.

A Tromp Through the Swamp!

A Performance by Tom Sieling

Friday, August 11, at 10:30 a.m.

A top-ten lineup of the world's most fun, upbeat, and participatory kids' and camp songs—many are even a bit athletic.

Family Corn-Hole

Thursday, August 17, from 6-7 p.m.

Cornhole for all-ages on the library's back lawn.

CAMPUS NOTES

Local residents named to dean's list at Dickinson College

SOUTH HADLEY - Two residents have recently been named to the dean's list at Dickinson College for the spring 2023 semester.

Christine Gurek, a junior data analytics major, is a graduate of South Hadley High School and is the daughter of Dale and Shannon Gurek of South Hadley.

Allison Smith, a junior mathe-

atics and computer science major, is a graduate of South Hadley High School and is the daughter of Douglas and Sarah Smith of South Hadley. All students earning a position on the dean's list, a recognition of academic excellence, must have a grade-point average of 3.7 or above on a 4.0 GPA scale for the semester.

Resident makes dean's list at Wentworth Institute of Technology

GRANBY - Resident Nora Bernashe has made the dean's list at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Spring 2023 semester. Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology provides a "comprehensive, interdisciplin-

ary, project-based education in architecture and design, computing and data science, engineering, management, and sciences and humanities," according to the school.

Home Builders Foundation awards \$15,500 in scholarships, tool stipends

REGION - The Home Builders Foundation, the charitable arm of the Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Western Massachusetts, has announced this year's \$1,000 Member Scholarship award winners.

According to a press statement, these annual scholarships are awarded to members of the Home Builders association and their family members, employees, and the families of an employee.

The 2023 recipients include: John Fitzpatrick, son of Mark and Margaret Fitzpatrick, Fitzpatrick Painting; Ella Flanders, daughter of Heidi and John Flanders, Integrity Development & Construction; Michael Nevins, son of Tracy and Paul Nevins, Laplante Construction; Grace Ann Rich, daughter of Justin and Jennifer Rich, Heyes Forest Products; Gia Sellica, daughter of Charlene Clark, CT Lighting Centers; Brady Stahelski, son of Brant and Jennifer Stahelski, EWS Plumbing & Heating; Jessica Stimpson, wife of Mario Manzi, Kelly Fradet Lumber; and Lauren Tomala, daughter of Walter and Heather Tomala, TNT General Contracting.

All applications are voted on via blind ballot by a scholarship committee; the scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, employment history, essay content, and community/charitable endeavors, the Home Build-

ers Foundation released.

The association has also announced ten \$750 Tool Stipends awards to the following trade school graduates: Corin Senecal, Chicopee Comp High School; Nathan King, Dean Tech; Alastair McClure, Franklin County Tech; Jack Thomas Clarke, Lee High School; Logan Traversa, McCann Vocational Tech High School; Jason Pham, Putnam Vocational Tech; Cayden Payne, Smith Vocational High School; Holly Rose Scarfone, Taconic High School; Pierce Cassavant, Tantasqua Regional Vocational High School; and Deman Bloom, Westfield Vocational High School.

Guidance counselors from fourteen area vocational and trades schools submit their top senior candidate for this annual award; the association released that it works with each student to purchase tools based on their chosen career goal in their respective trade.

To date, the Home Builders Foundation has awarded more than \$428,500 in scholarships since its inception in 1990.

"Our association congratulates all these deserving students and wishes them all the very best in their future careers," the Home Builders Foundation released.

For more information, contact Andrew Crane at the Home Builders Association of Western Massachusetts at 413-733-3126.

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LEFT: Gianna Roy chases down a loose ball.



Abigail Gelinias circles around to meet the ball.

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Tigers lose, make PVSSL playoffs

BELCHERTOWN – Last week in A Girls summer soccer action, Belchertown defeated South Hadley 2-0. Unfortunately, it was not enough to get Belchertown in the playoffs as they finished 3-7-1 this summer. South Hadley would squeeze in at 4-6-1. These two teams' varsity squads faced off in the Western Mass. finals last year, with South Hadley getting the win. South Hadley was scheduled to face Monson in the quarterfinals.

Teams clinch playoff spots as Valley Wheel season nears close

WILBRAHAM – Sunday's action in the Valley Wheel Over-28 baseball league got a lot clearer as three teams cemented their spots in the playoffs while the fourth team will be determined by a matchup this week.

The Twins-Angels game held at Bruce Park in Suffield provided the stage for a preview to the playoffs.

The two teams have met in the last two playoff finals. It will not happen this year. Thanks to a complete game from Todd Bergstrom, as well as a two-run single in the ninth inning he also provided, the Twins prevailed over the Angels 6-4.

The game was close throughout, with the Angels and Twins trading leads a few times. Down 4-3 in the eighth, Trevor Portlock, of Wilbraham, drove home a run with a single to make the game 4-4. The Angels, unfortunately, could not bring home the go-head runs, which were at second and third with one out. Bergstrom was able to close the game in the ninth.

With the win, the Angels fell to 8-7 and their regular season is finished. The Twins are 8-6.

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Kate McArdle dribbles her way up the field.



Sophie Quinn sizes up the ball for the save.

Bankers cash in for finals

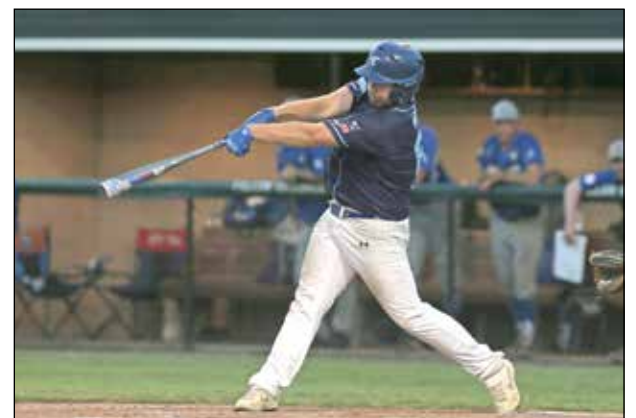
WILBRAHAM – Last Friday night, PeoplesBank Tri-County baseball took down DiFranco in the opener of a best-of-three series 17-0 in five innings. The Bankers are the No. 1 seed in the Tri-County League playoffs. They would punch their ticket to the finals the following day when DiFranco forfeited the second game of the series, giving the Bankers the finals berth. The finals were scheduled to begin earlier this week.



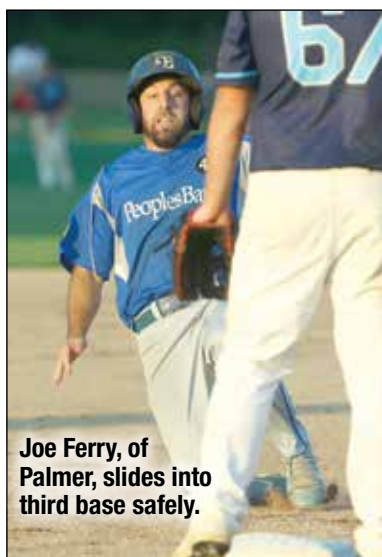
Dave Clark fields a grounder for PeoplesBank.



Cam McDonald throw to first.



Nicholas Wilken, of Ludlow, swings and connects.



Joe Ferry, of Palmer, slides into third base safely.



Zach Handzel, of Palmer, pitches for PeoplesBank.



Ryan Hemenway, of Wilbraham sizes up a pitch.



Agawam's Cam Rivest delivers a pitch for DiFranco Realty.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Sports

St. Joe's season ends in playoff loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

EAST LONGMEADOW— Two days after losing to fifth-seeded DiFranco Realty at home in game one of the Tri-County League playoffs, fourth-seeded St. Joseph's made the trek to the East Longmeadow High School baseball field looking to even the best of three series.

Game two was a very close affair until the fifth inning.

With the score tied, 2-2, entering the bottom of the fifth inning, DiFranco Realty put together a rally. They wound up sweeping the opening round series with a 5-2 victory, last Wednesday night.

"Anytime that you're the higher seeded team and you don't win a game in a playoff series, it's very unfortunate," said St. Joe's manager Paul Marcinek. "We did have some good pitching in these two games, but we just didn't execute at the plate. We just left a lot of guys on base."

Marcinek shared the coaching duties with Jon Ferry.

DiFranco Realty celebrated a 6-1 victory in game one. Game two was postponed for a day due to rain.

St. Joe's, who finished the regular season with an 8-10 record, left a total of six runners on base in game two. Five of them were stranded in scoring position.

DiFranco, who went 6-12 during the regular season, took a 1-0 lead against St. Joe's righthander Brandon Magni in the bottom of the first inning.

Centerfielder Cam Rivest, who's from Agawam, lined a leadoff single into left field. Rivest moved to third base following a perfect sacrifice bunt by first baseman Andrew Bunger.



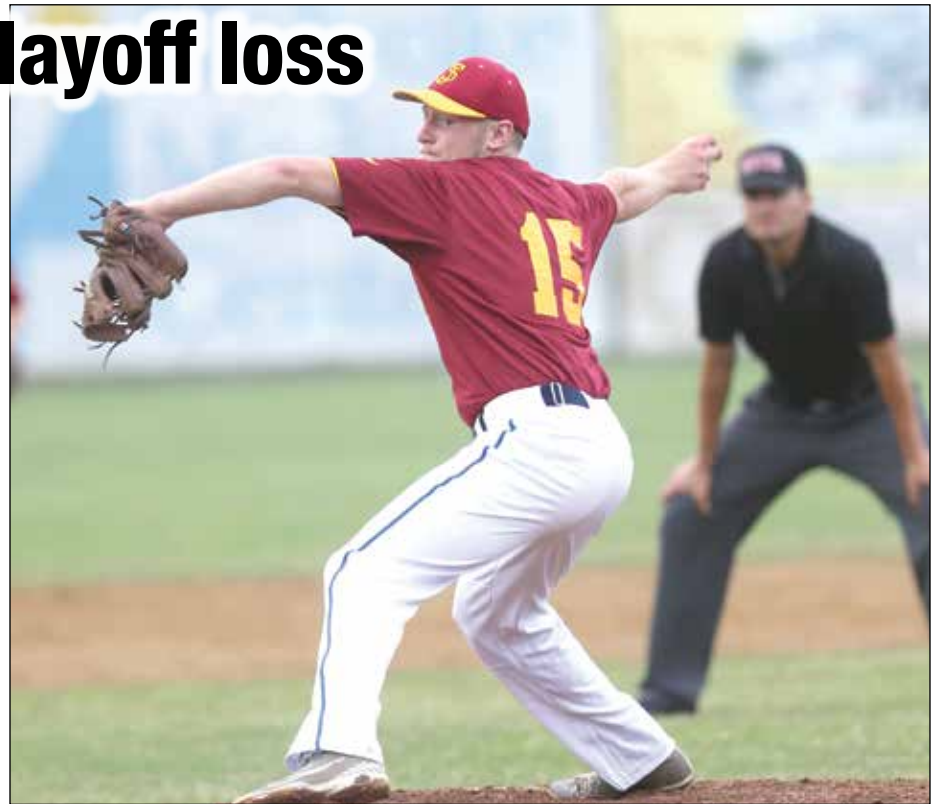
Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's during the 2023 season.

After the next batter hit a ground ball back to Magni, an RBI single by designated hitter Carlos Pena gave the home team an early 1-0 lead.

St. Joe's did tie the score in their next at-bats.

With one-out in the top of the second inning, second baseman Jon Nickerson hit a flyball double to right field. Nickerson, who went 2-for-3 in game two, scored the tying run when left fielder Eric Corley (3-for-3) singled to center.

The duo of Nickerson and Corley combined for five of St. Joe's seven base hits in game two.



Sam Schriber delivers a pitch for the Saints.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Nickerson, who also hit a bloop single to right field with one-out in the top of the fourth, scored the go-ahead run when catcher Adam Zebian hit a ground ball to the shortstop.

St. Joe's didn't keep the 2-1 lead for very long.

With one-out in the bottom of the fourth, DiFranco Realty second baseman Josh Wood, who walked, scored the tying run when right fielder Cade Raymond blasted a double down the right field line.

The home team retook the lead in the fifth inning.

Pena knocked home the first run of the

frame with a double. Third baseman Nick Wilken followed with a single. After the next batter flied out, shortstop Ty Emet drew a walk which loaded the bases.

Wood drove home two more runs with another double giving DiFranco a 5-2 lead.

After DiFranco Realty righthander Nate Morse retired eight batters in a row, Corley hit a ground ball single into left field leading the top of the seventh inning. Shortstop Greg Vouros also singled with one-out. Morse retired the next two batters on a pop-up and a strikeout, as DiFranco Realty advanced into the semifinals.

West showcased in volleyball

BOSTON – In last month's Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a volleyball team. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 8 and 9:

The Central girls team opened up the Girls side of the showcase with strong play from Katy O'Connell (Northborough, Algonquin Reg. HS) and Lily Davidson (Rutland, Wachusett Reg. HS), leading them to a 25-13 first game win. The second game saw more of the same, as the Nault twins Victoria, and Sabrina (Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury HS) also helped power Central to a dominant game one performance, winning the second set 25-12.

Coastal 2, West 0

This match featured an impressive start for the West squad, as they held the lead numerous times thanks to Sasha Fyfe (Dalton, Waconah Reg. HS) and Gabrielle Adams (Greenfield, Frontier Reg. HS). Unfortunately, they were unable to hold the lead, as Coastal stormed back to grab a 25:16 win in the first set, and rolled through the second game as well. Although closer in the end, the Coastal team found success thanks to consistent play from Haley Jenkins (Dartmouth, Dartmouth HS) and Hannah Storm (Swansea, Joseph Case HS).

West 2, Southeast 0

During this match, Southeast used a 6-point run, along with multiple diving plays to help propel them to a quick 25-15 first-game win. In the second game, West used great efforts from Chloe Schott (Longmeadow, Longmeadow HS) and Gabriella Manes (Feeding Hills, Agawam HS), however it wasn't enough as Zoe Smallman (Weston, Weston HS) and Caroline Gray (Whitman, Whitman-Hanson Reg. HS) continued their good performances on the day, winning the second game 25-21.

The west would play in a challenge game on Sunday, July 9, but did not play in either of the medal games.

Belanger, Grenier get first career wins

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Joel Belanger and Carlos Grenier each scored his first career Monadnock Speedway victory Saturday at the historic high-banked oval.

Belanger won the nightcap 30-lapper in the NHSTRA Modifieds, while Nate Wenzel topped the first open-wheel go-round. Grenier earned his victory lap by holding Colton Martin at bay to win the 50-lap Pure Stock main event. In the NHSTRA Late Models, it was Hillary Renaud scoring her first win of the summer and, in so doing, becoming the fifth different LM victor this year.

Steve Miller Jr. won for the first time this year in the Six Shooters, and Adrian Smith continued to outrun everyone as he dominated en route to his third 2023 Young Guns victory.

Wenzel's win in the first Modified feature came gift-wrapped in the form of a Brian Chapin/Tyler Leary last-lap tangle that saw Wenzel avoid the mess immediately before him as he darted off to victory.

Chapin had taken control on lap three and was probably already making plans for where the night's trophy would later be displayed when he and Leary, up to second on lap 25, jingled in turn two as the checkers awaited them less than a lap away. Wenzel steered clear and blasted to

his second win of the summer.

In the nightcap, Belanger held off all challengers to wire the event for his first career victory on the high banks. Geoff Rollins got up for second on lap 15 but, on this night, was no match for the speedy Belanger. Rollins was the night's overall Modified winner, putting together a pair of deuce runs. Aaron Fellows and Scott Zilinski each had a third for their hard night's work.

A field of 21 potent chargers went to war in the night's Pure Stock 50-lapper. Carlos Grenier, starting up front, had seen victory slip away from him in his last outing on the high banks and wasn't about to let it happen again.

He led Dominick Stafford on laps one and two, with two-time winner Colton Martin then taking over on a restart and riding in Grenier's shadow the rest of the way.

While the lap-two jingle didn't affect the race's outcome, it strongly impacted the mid-season points chase. Multi-time track champ and points titan Chris Davis, along with Zach Phillips and Andrea St. Amour were the big victims in this one, with Davis' early demise dropping him to 20th on the night.

Grenier and Martin fought hard the rest of the way, with Zach Zilinski in close tow until 2022 Claremont champ

Chris Chambers claimed third on lap 42. Grenier, third his last time out, prevailed to take a happy victory lap.

Hillary Renaud used her Saturday victory in the NHSTRA Late Models to leapfrog two spots in the points parade into second. She led all the way, with Haydon Grenier – up to second on lap two – strong in his runner-up performance. Points leader and reigning track champ Tim Wenzel used a final-turn blast to snatch third from JD Stockwell.

Steve Miller Jr. took the lead from Jacob Scott on lap three of the Six Shooter feature and never looked back. Scott then had his hands full for much of the race holding off Miller's father, Steve Sr., for second, as Scott, Miller Sr., and Andrew Scott took the checkers nose-to-tail.

Adrian Smith took the lead from Madison Cousino on lap eight of the Young Guns feature and then blasted off to his third win of the summer. Cousino, impressive all night, held strong the rest of the way to earn her first career podium finish in second, while Markus O'Neil came home third.

After a week off, Monadnock Speedway will return to action on Saturday, August 5, when the high-banked speedplant will host another full night of oval track racing featuring 50 Lap Mini Stock Challenge.

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and had a makeup game scheduled with the Tigers on Wednesday at Spec Pond under the lights. A win gets the Twins to 9-6 and the final playoff spot. But a loss would make the Twins 8-7 like the Angels, and put the Angels in the playoffs. The Angels hold a 2-1 advantage in their tiebreaker over the Twins this year, winning the first two matchups the teams

had.

Elsewhere in the league, the Cubs cemented their playoff spot, winning their ninth game of the season with a 14-12 win over the Orioles. The Orioles would finish 1-14 and out of playoff contention.

The Cubs meet the Athletics on Thursday night with the top seeds on the line.

The Athletics defeated the Tigers on Sunday evening at Spec Pond 9-7. Both

teams have already made the playoffs this year, but will look for momentum in their respective games later this week.

The two makeup games were necessitated from rainouts last Thursday night that wiped out all the action about two hours before the games were scheduled.

The playoffs are currently scheduled for this Sunday at Spec Pond with the 2 and 3 seeds playing at 2:30 p.m. and the 1 and 4 seeds playing at 6 p.m.

Obituaries

Mary Bridget Craig

SOUTH HADLEY - Mary Bridget Craig, 92, of South Hadley was peacefully called to Heaven on July 26, 2023, at her residence, Linda Manor. She was born on October 18, 1930, in Cambridge. She grew up with her three sisters at Houghes Neck in Quincy. Mary graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Weymouth. She met her husband, Frederick Craig, on a blind date. They wed in 1950 and were together until Fred's passing in 2019. Fred and Mary spent their early years of marriage in Andover before moving to South Hadley in 1962.



Mary was predeceased by her husband Fred, her son Warren, and her daughter-in-law Kirtley. She will be deeply missed by her seven surviving children, Fred Jr., Joanne Vercollone (Leo), Stephen (Adrienne), Thomas (Christine), Robert, James (Elvira), and David (Meighen), along with her 17 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Mary was a devout member of St. Theresa's Parish in South Hadley. In addition to being an active member of the church's Women's Group, she also taught CCD and was a coordinator for Eucharistic Adoration. Mary cared deeply for her community—she was a Den Mother for the Cub Scouts, a Town Meeting member, and was active with the Friends of Buttery Brook. She worked for the Department of Labor and Westover Air Force Base (ARB) and retired in 1996 as a Secretary for the Commander of the 439th OG.

Mary was known for spontaneously breaking into song at gatherings with her sisters, snowbirding in Naples, Fla. with her daughter, cheerleading at her grandchildren's sporting events, and caring deeply for those around her. Mary lived a full life, and she enjoyed recounting her life stories in a weekly writing group while living at Providence Place in Holyoke.

Calling hours were held Wednesday, August 2, at the Beers & Story South Hadley Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, August 3, at St. Theresa's Church. The burial will be privately held at a later date. Donations in Mary's name can be sent to Fisher House of Amherst, Hospice@fisherhome.org, or a charity of your choice.

Visit www.beersandstory.com for more information.

Jeanne Darlington

SOUTH HADLEY - Jeanne Darlington passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 27, 2023, in Springfield. She was born on April 19, 1924, in Chicago to George and Dorothy (Tasker) Olson. She was married to Robert P. Darlington, who passed in 2014.

In her academic and professional life, she was a chemist. She graduated from Knox College in Galesburg, Ill. with a degree in chemistry, but she left the lab to raise her family and be a full-time mom to Barbara, Nancy, and Susan. Jeanne returned to school in her 40s and earned a Master's degree in chemistry from Wellesley. She worked as a lab instructor at Wellesley for 25 years and made lifelong friends among her colleagues there.

While studying for Wellesley, she expanded her knowledge and interest in health through exercise, nutrition, and vitamins. Many family dinner table conversations evolved into a mini-lecture on molecules and chemical reactions. These lectures usually ended with someone interjecting, "too much information!" She went to exercise classes, always opted to walk up stairs rather than take the elevator, and practiced yoga for years. She bragged that she was the oldest person in the class and the only one who could stand on her head. At 98,

she finally surrendered to using a walker after experiencing a stroke. But she still walked on her own and maintained a remarkably independent life.

Jeanne had been an active member of the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton, a Unitarian/Universalist congregation. She enjoyed the First Parish community and the thought-provoking and reflective aspects of Unitarianism. She participated in many activities and programs and served more than one term as church president. She also found guidance and strength through AI-Anon. She had some wild and fun adventures with her AI-Anon friends when they road-tripped to conventions.

After living in Acton for over 40 years, Jeanne and Bob sold their house and moved to Loomis Village in South Hadley. Adjusting to a new life and living situation was a big change, but she found many wonderful friends and kept active in the community after Bob passed away.

In August 2022, Jeanne experienced a stroke and moved to the Loomis Assisted Living program to stay as independent as possible. She was grateful for the extra help, but her independent na-



ture was still strong and she often insisted that she could get along just fine on her own. Which she did right to the end.

Jeanne was predeceased by her parents, George and Dorothy Olson, her husband,

Robert Darlington, and her sister, Mary Lou Dredge. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Darlington Ito, Nancy Darlington, and Susan Darlington; her grandchildren, Jessica and Nyssa Belvill, Jamie Ito, her step-grandchildren Drew and Travis Hagen, her great-grandchildren, Chase and Miranda Edgecomb, Gavin Hooper and Bristol Belvill, and many other wonderful relatives and friends too numerous to name here. She loved you all.

A memorial service will be planned for October 2023. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Wellesley College Chemistry Department to support women in the sciences and in gratitude for all that the college gave to her: wellesley.edu/giving/ways.

Personal condolences can be sent to the family at 20 Old Bay Road, Belchertown, MA 01007.

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Police Dispatcher for more than six years. He also served in the United States Marine Corps from 1990 to 1996 and deployed to the Middle East and South America, according to the police statement. Lt. Baran has a Criminal Justice degree from Holyoke Community College, Westfield State College, and Western New England College. He was pinned at the swearing-in ceremony by his wife and daughter using his father's Massachusetts State Police Lieutenants' gold bars.

"Thank you to Town Administrator Lisa Wong and the other members of the town hall for joining in the swearing in ceremony," the police department added.

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have been residents of the town for at least two decades. While the responses may reflect a deep knowledge of the town, they may also neglect to properly represent younger or poorer residents – individuals who may have more of a personal stake in the conversation around affordable housing than do others.

Among the 159 residents who did respond to the survey, results were mixed. While sentiment was generally positive toward the town's goals, some individuals conveyed an opposition to affordable housing in general, while others felt the ideas discussed were too noncommittal, and still others expressed confusion around terms such as "deed-restricted" or why a focus on affordable housing was necessary in the first place.

This last point is one that Planning Director Anne Capra has sought to clarify in the

past.

In a recent Planning Board meeting, Capra pointed out that the fact that South Hadley does not currently have a valid Housing Production Plan on the books leaves the town at risk of a 40B project.

Such a project, which a developer can undertake in a Massachusetts municipality that has less than 10% of its housing stock dedicated to low- or moderate-income housing, allows the developer to circumvent local zoning by-laws for an affordable housing project of their own.

One of the most interesting outcomes of the survey was an apparent strong base of support for seeing the town pass the Community Preservation Act, a crucial piece of affordable housing policy, despite the measure having already failed in two separate town meetings previously.

Another major area of disconnect seems to exist between the public and the Committee itself: A number of residents

were in favor of increased fundraising and spending by the town in support of affordable housing, measures that most Committee members felt were unrealistic.

Residents also expressed unhappiness over what they felt was a lack of focus on environmental sustainability in the town's proposed strategies, although the Committee made clear they intend to work with sustainability in mind, and has already drafted language for a strategy that factors in sustainable development.

As mentioned above, plans are in place for the town to hold a public forum in a little over a month to discuss affordable housing. It would seem that the forum, which some Committee members may have hoped would focus on finalized strategies for a Housing Production Plan, may instead need to dedicate itself to informing residents on the basics of affordable housing.

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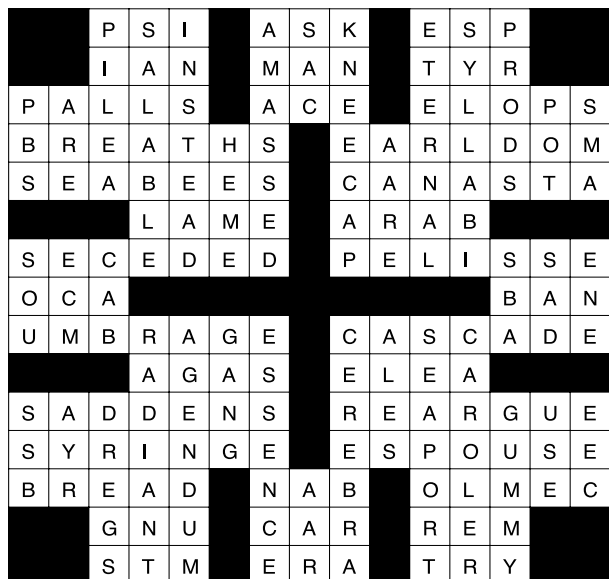
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Blue Sox win the West, playoffs begin

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox are the 2023 NECBL West Division Champions. In their final game of the regular season, the Blue Sox defeated the Keene Swamp Bats 8-7, to finish 23-18-2 on the season.

In a game that saw 23 hits and four different position players on the mound, the Blue Sox scored runs in four different innings.

Brendan Yagesh started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching two innings while allowing four runs with three strikeouts.

Keene got on the board first in the top of the second inning, following three RBI singles and a wild pitch to put the Swamp Bats up 4-0 early.

Valley rallied back to quickly take the lead back in the bottom of the second inning, batting around their entire lineup. Conor Kiely hit an RBI single to score EJ Kreutzmann in his first at-bat of the season. Zach Ketterman hit an RBI single to score Michael Zarrillo.

Will Gale walked with the bases loaded, AJ Guerrero hit an RBI single, then EJ Kreutzmann was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, to allow the Blue Sox to take the lead 5-4.

Kurt Thomas took over for Yagesh in the top of the third, pitching two innings while allowing one run.

Keene tied the game at five after Bryan Padillia was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Valley took the lead back in the bottom of the fourth after Michael Zarrillo walked with the bases loaded to put the team ahead 6-5.

Third Baseman Zach Ketterman made his first appearance

on the mound this season, taking over for Thomas in the top of the fifth inning.

The right-hander pitched two innings with three strikeouts, allowing one run.

The Swamp Bats tied the game at six following an RBI single in the top of the fifth, but Valley quickly took the lead back in the bottom of the inning after Guerrero hit an RBI groundout.

Center Fielder Will Gale also made his first appearance on the mound this season, taking over for Ketterman in the top of the seventh inning. The speedy outfielder pitched one inning, allowing one run and striking out one batter.

The Swamp Bats tied the game at seven in the top of the seventh inning after an RBI single.

CJ Willis, a position player who has made four different appearances on the mound this season, once again saw himself on the mound after relieving Gale in the top of the eighth inning. Willis pitched two scoreless innings to earn himself his second win of the season.

The Blue Sox took the lead in the bottom of the eighth after 2023 All-Star EJ Kreutzmann hit an RBI single to score Collier Cranford.

Willis pitched a clean ninth inning to secure the victory and division title for the Blue Sox.

With the NECBL Playoffs beginning Monday night, the Blue Sox remained at home to host their division rival Bristol Blues in the first game of a best-of-three-game series.



Happy Birthday



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To celebrate his 12th birthday, South Hadley's Jacob Ozga recently threw out the first pitch at a Valley Blue Sox game.

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