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Resident generously opens new community shelf

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SOUTH HADLEY – Sometimes, everybody needs a little help, and its nothing to be ashamed of, especially as costs increase and things get hard, and that’s where community can come in and truly make a difference.

Dorina Dion, a stay-at-home mom in town, wanted to find a way to help her neighbors and came up with the Helpful Hand Community Shelf, which started just this past week and is already getting filled by her neighbors and friends to help people in need.

Donations and items to bring to the Shelf include clothes for infants, children, and adults, books, card and board games, canned and shelf-stable food, pet food, costumes, home décor, outdoor toys, and more.

“I have three of my own kids, and a bonus daughter. We all need help sometimes,

and I think it’s important we have somewhere we can go for that help, with no questions asked,” said Dion.

You can find the Shelf open for dropping off donations during daylight hours throughout the week, and it will be closed after the sun sets.

You can leave the bag of donations or fill the shelves yourself, and the Shelf is open to the whole community, no questions asked, all are welcome.

“I love when people come by, and I love getting to chat with people and share stories while they are here,” said Dion. “It’s nice because I am able to have this here to help them, and they can help others in return. I also get to see old friends and make some new ones.”

The community coming together to support one another is a perfect way for there to be fostered friendships, as well as a way for the commu-

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Dorina Dion standing with the community shelf with plenty of items to help anyone in need.

Council on Aging hosts send-off for beloved activities director

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SOUTH HADLEY – Celebrating our dear friends when they move on is bitter-sweet, and for the Council on

Aging, they celebrated the time Kathy Florence spent with them.

Florence worked at the South Hadley Council on Aging as the Activities Director for four years. She has activity been working as an

activities director at many different senior communities her whole career, finding true joy in the work.

The send-off party this past Wednesday was filled

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Submitted Photo

A group of good friends saying their “see-you-laters” to Kathy.

Artist shines with his art on display

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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SOUTH HADLEY – Art truly can help us discover our roots and passions, digging into our deepest thoughts and feelings, and allowing them to reveal themselves in bright colors, shapes, and designs.

Artist Walter Hamilton took his art to the South Hadley Council on Aging, where it is hung as a gallery on the walls in the hallways for all to enjoy, as this month’s featured artist.

“I find my subjects in everyday things - cheese and wine, a puddle, and cups and spoons. Subjects can range from landscapes to items on a tabletop,” said Hamilton. “I look for color, light, and composition. All my work is oil paints on canvas. My paintings faithfully represent reality.”

Hamilton has always had a deep love for art, drawing, and painting, and had his first-grade teacher hang up his crayon pictures on the blackboard with the class’s outstanding works, and was later encouraged by elementary teachers to paint with watercolor, where he painted the trees outside.

“But when it came time



Submitted photo

Walter Hamilton standing with his art on display at the Council on Aging.

in high school to choose a college major, a career in art was ruled out by my parents who were raised during the 1930s,” said Hamilton. “I instead, chose to pursue a degree in biological science, a

premedical curriculum.” But Hamilton never gave up his deep love for art, and moved away from the sciences and instead took on a ca-

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Board of Health hosts septic regulation updates public hearing

Board of Health’s new septic regulations are stricter than state regulations

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GRANBY – During the remote public hearing last week, the Board of Health hosted a public hearing regarding the newly proposed regulations for the septic systems within town, which are stricter than the regulations from the state and Title V.

The proposed septic regu-

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RICHARD BOMBARDIER
BOARD CHAIR

lations are “more stringent than defined in Title V”, as detailed in the board’s draft of regulations, which can be found on their website.

“Our board has looked and said we’ve got a really strong responsibility to the people in this town, to protect them from drinking contaminated drinking water, and to protect sewage polluting [the town]... so we’ve put in a huge amount of time putting together the details of the sewage within our town,” said Board Chair Richard Bombardier.

While most of these regulations have been around for 30 to 40 years, the regu-

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Looking at the role of NASA in sci-fi movies

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SOUTH HADLEY – Science fiction movies, books, and more feature NASA in many parts of it, but the question of how NASA works with this media is often wondered about, and how to get approval for these media to use NASA, and feature stories concerning work with the space organization.

Dr. Bill Barry came to the Senior Center on Wednesday to share a presentation on how NASA has worked with movies and how movies get approval to include NASA in their media.

“Part of the process of this is that NASA will review the screenplay or script, and part of it may require you to change some things so that it



Turley photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

Dr. Bill Barry showing how the movie industry works with NASA for their science fiction films and beyond.

is painted in the correct light,” said Barry.

This is how movies and sets can show the different parts of space travel and beyond, like in scenes in movies like “Hidden Figures”, as well as “Transformers: Dark

of the Moon”, where the stations and mission control are created to be models of the real thing.

“The Martian”, “Tomorrowland”, and other movies

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Senator Oliveira announces Historic Chapter 90 Funding Increases for Western Massachusetts, Prioritizing Regional Equity

BOSTON - Senator Jake Oliveira announced today that communities across his district will see unprecedented increases in state transportation funding with the passage of this year's Chapter 90 bond bill.

The legislation, approved by both the Senate and House, represents an important step forward in prioritizing not only municipal infrastructure across the State, but especially in rural regions, by ensuring that Western Massachusetts receives its fair share of infrastructure investment.

This year's bill authorizes \$300 million for the Chapter 90 Program, a 50 percent increase over past funding levels, which provides direct state aid for cities and towns to maintain and improve local roads and bridges. In addition, for the first time, \$100 million of the total will be distributed using a formula that more accurately reflects the road mileage maintained by rural communities, addressing inequities in the funding process.

Communities in Senator Oliveira's district will receive the following allocations for FY26:

- Belchertown - \$1,373,752.85
- Chicopee - \$2,470,648.27
- East Longmeadow - \$1,147,885.68
- Granby - \$595,589.12
- Hampden - \$550,461.64
- Longmeadow - \$1,025,164.97
- Ludlow - \$1,394,952.36
- Palmer - \$957,407.76
- South Hadley - \$986,521.67
- Springfield - \$6,337,499.15
- Warren - \$632,644.52
- Wilbraham - \$1,144,776.84

"These are not just num-

bers in a budget. They represent safer school bus routes, rebuilt bridges, and smoother roads for our communities," said Senator Oliveira.

In addition to the Chapter 90 funding, the bill includes \$885 million in additional statewide infrastructure investments:

- \$200 million for culvert and small bridge replacement and modernization.

- \$500 million for MassDOT's lifecycle asset management program to enable proactive repairs and maintenance.

- \$185 million for congestion reduction and street safety improvements, benefiting communities of all sizes.

Senator Oliveira went on to reiterate how this year's bill represents a stronger commitment to equity in state infrastructure investment. "This approach recognizes that each community faces its own unique challenges, and meeting those needs requires targeted solutions," said Oliveira.

"I'm proud to have advocated for a funding formula that ensures places like Belchertown, Granby, Ludlow, Wilbraham, Longmeadow, and all twelve communities I represent get the resources they need to thrive. This year's Chapter 90 bill shows that when we say we're building a stronger Massachusetts, we truly mean all of Massachusetts, including Western Mass."

Having passed through both chambers of the Legislature, the legislation now heads to the Governor's desk for signature.

State Public Health officials announce season's first EEE-positive mosquito sample

REGION - The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced that Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus has been detected in mosquitoes in Massachusetts for the first time this year. The presence of EEE was confirmed in a mosquito sample collected on July 21 in the town of Belchertown in Hampshire County.

"This is around the time we would expect to find EEE in mosquitoes in Massachusetts, especially after an active EEE season last year with four recorded human cases," said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "This is only a first finding and mosquito surveillance will be key to tracking any developing areas of increasing risk. Today's finding is an important reminder for residents to take measures to protect themselves from mosquito bites."

EEE is a rare but serious and potentially fatal disease that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. There were four human cases of EEE in Massachusetts in 2024 with

one death. There were also four EEE-infected horse cases last year. No human or animal cases of EEE have been detected so far this year.

"EEE activity in Massachusetts tends to occur in outbreak cycles," said State Epidemiologist Dr. Catherine M. Brown. "When EEE is found in mosquitoes at this point in the season, the risk may increase throughout the rest of the summer. We rely on our mosquito surveillance program to monitor for the presence of virus to let people know when and where the risk is occurring."

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient (DEET (N,N-Diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-menthane-3,8-diol (PMD) or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on

children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during the evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all your windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito

breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools - especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

Learn more about mosquito-borne diseases, including all WNV- and EEE-positive results on DPH's Arbovirus Surveillance Information page, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

Multiple boards seeking new members

SOUTH HADLEY - If numbers are your thing, consider applying to the Capital Planning Committee. There is one vacant position available which needs filling - a representative chosen by the Selectboard.

The Capital Planning Committee works with the town administrator to review and recommend funding for capital requests. Committee members also assist the Selectboard and Appropriations

Committee in their work from a financial perspective. If you're interested in serving as a member, apply online.

There's also many other boards and committees that have vacancies needing to be filled. Positions are available on the:

- Appropriations Committee
- Bike/Walk Committee
- Commission on Disabilities
- Conservation Commission
- Cultural Council
- Historical Commission

Human Rights Commission

Master Plan Implementation Committee

Sustainability & Energy Commission

Tree Committee

Trustees of the Old Firehouse Museum

Veteran's Council

The Selectboard is seeking citizens with diverse interests and abilities to apply for all of these available positions. There are no special

requirements for any of the boards and committees other than a willingness to serve. However, applicants must be registered to vote in the Town of South Hadley.

Apply by Sept. 5, and learn more on the town website. Applicant interviews with the Selectboard will be scheduled for Sept. 2 & 16. The Selectboard appoints residents to boards and committees three times a year - February, June and October.



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SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

Why hasn't my SS benefit changed because I am still working?

Dear Rusty:

I am currently receiving Social Security benefits while continuing to work full time.

There are no restrictions on my wage earnings because I waited until full retirement age before beginning benefits. However, I was also told that my benefit amount would be reviewed each year if my current earnings were higher than past earnings.

That held true for the first two years, but has yet to be adjusted for 2025. I thought it might be because of HR 82, which does not impact me directly, but I think it may be the reason my payment has not yet been changed. Has enough time passed so I should contact SSA now to see if this is the case?

Signed:

Waiting Anxiously

Dear Waiting:

If you are already collecting benefits, Social Security reviews your earnings each year to see if your more recent earnings are high enough to warrant an increase in your monthly benefit. They do this automatically, after they get your most recent earnings data from the IRS and they typically do that review by the end of the third quarter of each year. If a higher benefit is indicated, they will increase your monthly amount and pay you retroactively to the beginning of the year for any difference in your benefit.

SSA has, indeed, been vigorously working on changes resulting from HR82 (the Social Security Fairness Act), which may have affected the timeliness of their review of your recent earnings. However, I suspect that is not why your SS benefit has not yet changed. More likely, it has to do with the fact that your past earnings have been adjusted for inflation, which is a normal part of Social

Security's process when calculating your benefit amount.

Your earnings for each year in your lifetime up to age 60 were adjusted for inflation when you originally claimed SS and your recent earnings would need to be higher than the inflation-adjusted amounts used by SS when you claimed. They use the 35 highest earnings years adjusted for inflation over your lifetime to calculate your benefit and inflation has a substantial effect. For example, \$50,000 earned in 1990 would require over \$100,000 in earnings today to cause an increase in your benefit. Thus, you cannot go by the actual dollars you earned in earlier years, because SS uses inflated amounts to calculate your benefit.

In any case, if you believe that the Social Security Administration neglected reviewing your earnings from last year or in any year since you claimed, you can make an appointment to review that with them by calling 1-800-772-1213. SSA typically does such appointments over the phone, so you likely won't need to make a personal visit to your local SSA office to investigate this.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking for the people in South Hadley

To the Editor,

Ever since the splash park was renovated-maybe 10 years ago, I've seen the Beachgrounds playground and splash park packed with happy kids and celebrating families all summer long. It's always been a vital resource for the community - a place to cool off when homes are too cramped and when running the air conditioning nonstop simply isn't an option. But this year has been different.

This has been one of the hottest, most humid summers I can remember, and yet the splash park is a ghost town. It's empty. And honestly, that terrifies me.

Where are the kids? I don't believe their parents have all found a better way to keep the kids cool and entertained. I think they're being

kept home- not because they want to be, but because that's the only place their parents still feel somewhat safe.

I noticed the same thing with the Holyoke food bank pickup on a recent Friday afternoon. That area is usually buzzing - so packed that driving through is borderline unsafe. But two Fridays ago as I drove by on a work errand, I only saw three people in line. Three. Instead of the usual 50 or more. I drove the rest of the way home in tears, hurting for the families in our community who are now too afraid to even pick up food for their children. Probably the same families who are now in their apartments, doing their best to stay cool and stay hopeful and feeling alone in both.

I don't know if others are noticing this, but they should be. Even if you don't feel per-

sonally connected to someone else's child/family, you care about your own, right? And if you want your child to have a great experience in school this September, that will depend on every kid in that classroom showing up healthy, fed, and emotionally okay. Right now, that's not the case here.

I'm deeply worried that a large portion of our community's children will return to school underfed, overstressed, and under-socialized - and that will affect every student in every grade, not just the ones directly impacted.

I don't know how to fix this. But I know that a great first step is to recognize the urgency of the situation right here in our neighborhood.

Aisha McClure,
South Hadley

Sharing gratitude to brilliant musicians

To the Editor:

Thank you to All Saints Episcopal Church and Halcyon Arts New England for a wonderful opportunity to listen to world music and learn a bit about a song's history. The concert of sitar and tab-

la along with the community created by the audience was both welcoming and joyous. The quiet of the church hall contributed to the engagement of the musicians and the audience. My intention was simply to write a thank you note but in closing I suggest

people interested in or searching for a space of calm and community consider trying out the next concert Sunday August 17 at 3 p.m.

Marie Rohan,
South Hadley

Alternative to buying flood insurance...



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Midsummer maintenance will keep annuals going strong

The half dead pot of petunias on the rental house's steps got me thinking about the perfect column for this time of year! After all, we invest hard earned money in annual flowers and plants, and we expect that they will provide us with color through the first frost. What steps can we take now to ensure that they will?

Read on for some useful advice, straight from the archives.

Remove spent flowers

Most annuals will continue to bloom abundantly if they are deadheaded on a regular basis. Deadheading is an entertaining term used to define the removal of spent flowers.

A plant produces flowers for one purpose: to survive. You see, once a flower has been pollinated it will produce seed; seed that will grow future plants.

If a plant has produced enough flowers that have gone

to seed it will consider its job to be done, flower production will cease, and it will begin to decline. By deadheading, we keep the plant in reproductive mode, in other words, in flower!

When you remove dying blossoms, make sure to pinch off the entire flower, not just the petals, or it will do no good. Include the stem as well to keep the plant tidy.

Petunias, marigolds, zinnias and salvia, among others, are examples of plants that require regular deadheading to look their best throughout the growing season.

Shear them back to encourage new growth

Some annuals start to get a leggy appearance about now. Others may have brown tips.

These plants require more drastic measures to bring back their youthful good looks.

Give them a good haircut.

Simply look within the plant and find healthy, green growth. Cut calendulas, pansies and snapdragon back to that point. Alyssum or lobelia

can often be sheared to within inches of the ground.

Don't worry; they won't look bad for long! You can jump start regrowth with a bit of liq-uid fertilizer.

Feed your plants

Annuals that are well fertilized at planting time likely look a bit pale by now. If foliage is off-color and flower production is nil, pull back

the bark mulch and sprinkle some organic fertilizer granules at the base of each plant.

Cultivate gently and water in a little bit. You can also use a water soluble liquid fertilizer every couple of weeks.

If going natural is your cup of tea, make some! Compost or manure tea has long been used to keep growth lush. Steep a burlap bag of either compost or aged manure in a large trash bucket filled with water and use as needed.

Smaller batches can be made right in a watering can. Likewise, there are numerous blends of seaweed and fish emulsion on the market that can be watered in or used as a foliar feed.

Water, water, water

Be careful not to let your plants dry out. When you need to water the garden, remember to do so in the early

morning, if possible, to avoid evaporation. Early evening is another good option, but try to get the job done with enough time for the foliage to dry before darkness sets in.

Deep waterings twice a week are far better than numerous quick showers. The former will promote deep, penetrating roots and future drought tolerance.

Well-watered, well-fed and well-groomed annuals will reward you with beautiful bountiful blossoms for another two months - well worth the effort indeed!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Freedom Credit Union collecting cash and food donations for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

'Month of Giving' campaign extends from June 1 through August 31

REGION- Food insecurity continues to affect families across western Massachusetts, with inflation driving up the cost of everyday essentials. That's why Freedom Credit Union is again rallying support for its summer campaign benefiting the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. From June 1 through August 31, the community is invited to contribute to a stronger community by donating nonperishable food, personal care items or monetary gifts at any Freedom branch.

"Thanks to the generosity of our members, staff and

entire community, this campaign has grown annually, and so has its impact," said Freedom Credit Union President Glenn Welch. "Last summer, we collected more than \$3,350 in donations, along with nearly 1,435 pounds of food and personal care items. This year, we're aiming even higher. By simply adding an extra item or two to your grocery cart each week, you can make a lasting difference-without stretching your budget."

Suggested donations of non-perishable food and personal care items include:

- Baby formula
- Beans in cans or dried in bags
- Bread mixes

- Canned chicken, fish and meat
- Cereals
- Coffee and tea
- Cooking oils and spices
- Diapers, wipes and toilet paper
- Dried or canned fruit
- Evaporated/powdered milk
- Granola bars and crackers
- Feminine sanitary products
- Instant potatoes
- Pasta and noodles
- Peanut butter and nuts
- Rice and grains
- Sauces
- Shampoo and body wash/soap
- Soups, stews and chili in cans
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Vegetables in cans

August at the South Hadley Council on Aging

Our Chemical Romance: Demo with Chef Maggie

Monday, August 11 at 1:30 p.m.

In 1969, space travel soared and processed foods ruled. Chef Maggie revisits a beloved dessert from the era and gives it a healthy, senior-friendly twist. Free demo with samples during "First Man" and take-home recipe ideas featured.

Heart-Centered Convo Circle: Death Café

Wednesday, August 13 at 1 p.m.

What if we welcomed death as a wise teacher, not something to fear? Join us for coffee and open conversation in a warm, supportive space to reflect, share, and listen. No preparation needed- just bring your curiosity. Led by Gina Sabatini, Spiritual Life Coach, Death Doula, Grief Education, and Body Code Practitioner.

Lunch and Learn: Financial Literacy with Westfield Bank

Thursday, August 14, at 11:30 a.m.

We will be offering another "Financial Resource" lunch-and-learn program with Cody Goncalves from Westfield Bank. Sign up for the program by registering for lunch by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13.

Healthy Cooking Demonstration and Nutrition Education with Ascentria Care Alliance and SNAP-Ed

Thursday, August 14, 1:30 p.m.

Learn to cook healthy, budget-friendly meals with MyPlate nutrition tips from Ascentria and SNAP-Ed educators. Enjoy free samples and take home practical wellness ideas.

Summer Breakfast

Friday, August 15, 8:30 a.m.

The Gentleman's Breakfast is on summer break, but breakfast is still served! Join us for a delicious \$3 meal - open to everyone.

Bring a friend!

Lunch & Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean

Wednesday, August 20, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Enjoy a Caribbean-inspired lunch by Chef Dakota followed by a screening of Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl. Join Captain Jack Sparrow for action, laughs and pirate mischief in this fun food-and-film event! Tickets are \$8 at the Welcome Desk.

Navajo Code Talkers Presentation

Thursday, August 21, 1:30 p.m.

In 1946, a Japanese newspaper stated: "If the Japanese Imperial Intelligence Team could have decoded the Navajo messages...the history of the Pacific War might have turned out completely different." What made the Code of the Navajo so unbreakable? The incredible story of the Navajo Code Talkers presented by Dr. Ed Maxwell, linguist and student of the Navajo language.

Ice Cream Truck Birthday Party

Friday, August 22, 1:30 p.m.

We're celebrating August birthdays and anniversaries with free ice cream from the Batch Ice Cream truck and open mic entertainment! Everyone is welcome, whether you're celebrating or not. August Birthday or anniversary? Enter our drawing! Join us on the patio for the fun, sponsored by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors. Open to all ages. Don't miss it!

Sounds, Sights & Stories of Hawaii with Aloha Spirit

Tuesday, August 26, 3 p.m.

Join us on a virtual voyage to the Hawaiian Islands and enjoy sounds, sights and stories of the Island' continuing volcanic creation, its peoples, their

history, and culture. Learn about the unique origin and sweet melodies of ki'hoalu - slack key - guitar music played with Aloha, born on the cattle ranches of the Big Island, Island-born Ash Hartwell, accompanied by Rob Lak, will play in ki'hoalu style, including a song composed by the law Hawaiian Monarch, Queen Liliuokalani.

Summer Concert Series: Polka Party with Eddie Forman Orchestra

Wednesday, August 27, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join the South Hadley Travel Club for a lively musical journey to Poland! Enjoy a delicious Polish lunch and dance to the sounds of the Eddie Forman Orchestra. Tickets are \$8 per person and include lunch, live music, and fun surprises. Get your tickets at the Welcome Desk. Don't miss this festive event!

Medicare Supplement Plans or Medicare Advantage Plans? Which Coverage is Best for Me?

Thursday, August 28, 1:30 p.m.

Whether you're enrolling for the first time or reviewing your current plan, it's important to understand your options. This session will cover Original Medicare, Medicare Supplement vs. Advantage plans, prescription coverage, and provide real-life examples to help you choose the plan that best fits your needs. No specific plan details - just clear, helpful guidance.

Board & brush: Make and Take Workshop

Friday, August 29, 1 p.m.

Join us for a summer-inspired crafting workshop! Select one of four pedestal or tray designs, customize it with your choice of stain, and use a stencil to paint your masterpiece - with hands-on guidance from the creative team at Board & Brush. All supplies included.



Submitted photo

Hamilton's pieces are beautiful, capturing moments of nature.

ARTIST from page 1

reer in journalism, and later accepted a position as a copyeditor, designing the front pages of the newspapers.

In 1999, he enrolled in the graphic design program at Holyoke Community College, and learned all the brand new, at the time, computer graphics programs like Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign, and took freehand drawing classes at the same time, which was encouraged of all graphic design students.

"I find the activity of drawing and painting imparts physical and mental benefits. Participation promotes coordination of mind and hand, and, that at the same time, listening to a classic playlist

on a state-of-the-art sound system, can create something akin to a meditative state," said Hamilton.

He is now the director of the 102-year-old Holyoke Arts League, and works with many different artists in weekly life-drawing sessions in a Canal District studio. The group also takes trips to local area museums, as well as having an annual exhibition of members' work at the Wistarhurst Museum in Holyoke.

Hamilton also took instruction with area artists, including Debra Dunphy, Paul Leveille, Jane Barrientos, Doug Gillette and others, practicing his art until he found his rhythm, loving work in oil paint for most of his work.

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To aspiring artists, Hamilton gives this advice: "Get started, and just do it. Don't worry if it needs improvement. Enjoy creating art and keep at it. Take pride in what you have learned and look forward to many years of enjoyment."

You can learn more about Walter Hamilton and see more of his art pieces at the Senior Center now, and also visit his website, www.walterhamiltonart.com for more information.



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Rams ousted from playoffs by Monson

By **Tim Peterson**
Sports Correspondent

MONSON— The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League Girls' Division B semifinal match between fourth-seeded

Granby and top-seeded Monson was played from start to finish in a downpour.

The score was tied 4-4 at half-time before Monson netted a pair of second half goals leading to a 6-4 victory at Larry Tassinari Field in Monson.

"Playing soccer in the rain is a lot different than on a dry day. The ball moves very quickly on the wet grass and it bounces differently," said Monson summer

league coach Brooke Murphy, "I'm very glad that none of the players on either team suffered an injury."

Being a goalie is very difficult on a rainy day.

Granby's starting goalie was Emily Durham, who was filling in for normal starter Meredith Bartosz, who was on vacation.

The Monson starting goalie was Grace Berry.

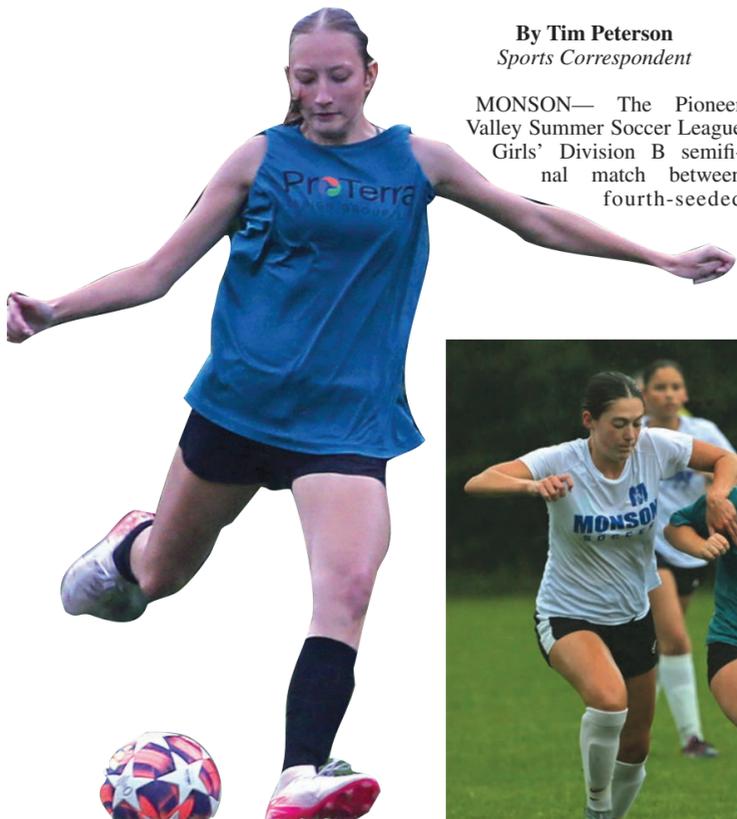
"It's very difficult on both goal-

ies," Murphy added. Their gloves are soaking wet which makes it very hard to make the saves."

The major difference maker in the semifinal match for Monson, who went 10-1 during the regular season was Tennessee Murphy and Hannah Murphy, who aren't related.

The duo will be playing college soccer at the Division 1 level in the fall of 2026.

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Eleanor Szlosek sends a free kick away.



McKenna Cudworth fights for the ball.



Sophia Press looks to clear the ball.

Central takes silver, West bronze in field hockey games

FITCHBURG – Utilizing the turf fields at Game On Sports Complex, the Bay State Games for field hockey were held, featuring teams from Western and Central Massachusetts, both of which have had great success in the sport in past Bay State Games competitions. The games, which were held the weekend of July 11 to 13, started off with a strong 3-0 victory from Central over the Metro/Northeast team.

Western Mass. got into the action right after, taking on a Central team that has just played a few hours earlier. But Central was equal to the task and scored a 4-2 win over West.

West then had its second game of the day, facing off with the Coastal team, and rebounding with a 4-3 win.

On Saturday, July 12, West fell for a second time 4-1 against the Southeast team while Central also suffered a loss, falling 5-2 against Southeast.

Both teams would rebound with wins later in the day. Central beat Coastal 5-3 while West shut out Metro/Northeast with a 4-0 decision. That put the West team in the bronze medal game on Sunday, July 13.

West would defeat Coastal in a rematch of their second game of the tournament, winning 3-2. Central made the gold medal game, but suffered a 2-0 shutout against the Southeast team.

This year, representing Central Mass. in the games were Quabbin High School's Makenzie Casey and Tantasqua's Sophia Bochicchio.

Tantasqua's Dessa Demears played for the Western Mass. team, while Anna Taylor and Kendall Placzek represented Minnechaug Regional.

Agawam High School placed four players on the team. Alysia DaSilva, Finnola Mahoney, Olivia Govoni, and Lily Charest represented the Brownies.

Rivalry renewed as PeoplesBank takes title over St. Joe's

By **Tim Peterson**
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE—The Tri-County Baseball League will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2029.

PeoplesBank, who has been the best team in the league during the past thirty years, swept St. Joseph's in this year's best of three championship series.

"Feels great to win another championship. It's our goal every summer," said PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry. "We just enjoy playing baseball with each other. Our chemistry is a key to our success. I can't thank the players enough."

Ferry, who started both games against St. Joe's in left field, was aided by assistant coach Rey Rivera, who had three base hits and an RBI in game two.

PeoplesBank has captured the championship title in each of the past twelve seasons and a total of twenty times since 1995.

PeoplesBank and St. Joseph's both finished the 2025 regular season with ten victories.

"Our season was a success and great bonds were created," said St. Joe's player/manager Brian Hayes. "We had a team composed of mostly college players this year."

PeoplesBank, who was the top-seeded team, advanced into the finals after sweeping fourth-seeded Teddy Bear Pools & Spas in the



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Dave Clark gets the out at second.

semifinals.

Second-seeded St. Joseph's needed three games to eliminate third-seeded bankESB in the semifinal round.

The Bankers scored seven runs on seven base hits in the bottom of

the first inning enroute to a 10-0 victory in game one of the championship series last Monday night. The contest ended after 4 1/2 innings due to the ten run mercy rule.

It was also PeoplesBank last game of the season at Mackenzie

Stadium in Holyoke.

"We just love playing games on this field," said Ferry following game one. "We played very well in tonight's, but as Kobe Bryant, who was my favorite athlete growing up once said, 'the jobs not finished.'"

PeoplesBank finished the job twenty four hours later with a 10-7 win in an old fashion slugfest at St. Joe's Field in Thorndike.

The winning pitcher in game one was lefthander James Flahive, who's sidearm. He allowed only two base hits and issued two walks in his final start of the 2025 campaign.

"Jimmy has been the best pitcher in the league during the past four or five years," Ferry said. "I don't ever recall him losing a game since he put on a Peoplesbank jersey."

St. Joe's shortstop Devin Slattery, who was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Ware High School, drew a walk with one-out in the top of the first inning. After the next batter flied out to right, Slattery was thrown out trying to steal second base by catcher Pete Hogan.

Centerfielder Seth Allen hit a ground ball up the middle into centerfield for a single leading off the bottom of the first inning against St. Joe's righthander Jack Feltovic.

Then Hogan walked before second baseman Dave Clark launched a 3-run homer that landed beneath the giant scoreboard in left field.

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Sam Allen swings for PeoplesBank.



James Flahive delivers a pitch home in the championship series.

Patnode, Brousseau take modified wins at Monadnock Speedway

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Todd Patnode and Andrew Brousseau each won a Modified feature on the high banks of Monadnock Speedway Saturday, July 26, the potent pair each roaring to victory on New England's fastest quarter-mile oval.

Andrea St. Amour was awarded the Pure Stocks win after a post-race inspection penalized Kyle Begos, and Erik Smith was victorious in the Super Street main event.

Young Gun Hunter Duquette continued his summer of success, scoring his fourth 2025 feature win. And while top 604 Modified point man Brian Robie came up

short of winning for the fifth time this season, he still had a strong night all the same.

Todd Patnode and Brian Chapin led the Allstates Materials Group 604 Modifieds to the green in round one of the open-wheeled rocket ships twin 35-lap main events. Patnode jumped all over the opening lead, bringing teen blaster Ty Leclerc - launching from row two - with him.

The Swanzezy competitor, a past speedway champion and winner of volumes of both Modified and Pro Stock main events here, would be sorely tested but would never bend en route to ending a two-season personal drought on the high

banks.

Robie, charging from row four, got up for second on lap 13, yielded it back to rookie phenom Ty Leclerc on lap 20, and the battle was on, as Leclerc, Robie, and Chapin fought tooth-and-nail for the number two spot. Leclerc prevailed for a career-best runner-up finish, and Robie nudged past Chapin to steal third on the final lap.

In the nightcap 35, Brousseau started up front and never looked back. The second-generation hot shoe survived several strong restart bids by Colton Martin to stay on top as he blasted to his second win of the summer.

In a post-race inspection, 604 Modified competitor Brian Chapin was disqualified from both features as result of not complying to the engine rules of having a sealed engine.

Erik Smith had raced to many near misses in Twin State Truck Services Super Street features this summer but had never quite sealed the deal. Saturday, he put all that behind him, as the Green Mountain State hat shoe roared to victory.

Smith's win didn't come easily though. Had he extended his arm out the window, he could have high-fived points leader Dylan Zullo almost all the way, as the high-flying

Claremont speedster rode in his shadow from start to finish.

With JD Stockwell finishing at Zullo's bumper in third, Zullo finished the night still a handful of points atop the leader board. Zach Zalinski and Hillary Renaud were close behind in Saturday's nose-to-tail top five finish.

In the Pure Stocks, Kyle Begos led the field from the green to the checkers. Defending track Pure Stock champ Andrea St. Amour trailed Begos and ended in second on the night with Markus O'Neil in third. In a post-race inspection, Begos was penalized to ninth place finish for a camber rule violation.

Hunter Duquette wired the Doug's Auto Body Young Gun feature to earn his fourth victory lap of the season. Heat race winner Ella Grabowski was second, and Sofia Rego, aboard a loner ride, came home third.

In Senior Tour Auto Racers support card events, Chris Jarrett, aboard his 1970 Pinto open-wheeled entry, topped the STAR Sportsmen, with Ken Archambault second and Skip Stearns third. Windham, Maine's Alan Zemla was victorious in the STAR Modifieds, leading a trio of vintage coupe racers under the checkers, just ahead of Dennis Desautels and Skip Swiantek.

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Tennessee Murphy, who's Brooke's younger sister, has committed to play soccer for the Bucknell University women's team after graduating from the Loomis Chaffee School next spring.

She was also selected as an All-American player last December and was a member of the New England Mutiny, which lost in the United Women's Soccer League championship match for the second consecutive year.

Hannah Murphy, who'll be the only senior on the Monson girls' soccer team this fall, has made a verbal commitment to play for the women's soccer team at Sacred Heart University, which is in Fairfield, Connecticut. She recorded a netrick in the semifinal victory.

"They've been playing soccer together for many years," said Brooke Murphy, who played college soccer at the University of New Hampshire and was also an All-American player during her high school career at Monson. "They al-

ways find each other on the field and are a lot of fun to watch."

Five minutes into the opening half, Tennessee Murphy delivered a crossing pass to Hannah Murphy, who finished off the play by scoring a breakaway goal.

The duo hooked up again during the 10th minute, as Hannah Murphy fired a low shot into the right corner of the net giving Monson a 2-0 lead.

Granby, who finished the summer league regular season with a 7-3-1, cut the deficit in

half during the 13th minute following an unassisted goal by Kalli White, who's only going to be a junior.

"It's very difficult playing in the rain," White said. "I'm very glad that nobody got injured. We need everyone to be healthy to have a successful season this fall."

Monson built a 4-1 lead with ten minutes remaining in the first half.

Hannah Murphy scored an unassisted goal before Tennessee Murphy netted her first goal of the contest following a corner

kick from Emma Maziarz.

Granby came storming back with three goals by White in a five-minute span at the end of the opening half.

"Once I scored my first goal during that span, I was able to score a couple more, which tied the score," White said. "I wish we could've scored a few more goals during the second half. We're looking forward to playing Monson again this fall."

Monson retook the lead ten minutes into the second half following another corner kick goal.

This time Hannah Murphy booted the ball into the box from the left corner where Tennessee Murphy put a shot into the right corner.

Hannah Murphy, who enjoys playing in the rain, sealed the deal for Monson after scoring her third goal, which was unassisted, with less than two minutes remaining in regulation.

The two regular season meetings between the Granby and Monson girls' soccer teams are scheduled to take place on Sept. 19 and Oct. 9.



Marcela Tapia looks to a make a run.



Kalli White goes after the loose ball.



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Caroline Koziol clashes with an opponent for the ball.

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Following back-to-back singles by first baseman Kyle Platner and right fielder Cam Rivest, DH Johnny Gegetska delivered an RBI single to left giving the home team a 4-0 advantage.

Another run crossed the plate following a sacrifice fly to left by shortstop Sam Allen.

After catching the ball,

St. Joe's left fielder Jacob Petrin threw the ball to third baseman Brandon Magni, who tagged out the runner who was trying to advance to third base on the play.

Shortstop Seth Allen, who's Sam's twin brother, capped off the opening frame by hitting a two run double off the left field fence.

"We kept passing the bat and put a lot of pressure on them in the first inning," Ferry said. "We had some hard

hits and a couple of walks in that inning. We also batted around in the first inning of last year's finals. I capped the inning off with a bases loaded triple in that game."

St. Joe's DH Pat Fitzgibbons drew a walk leading off the second inning, but he was thrown out trying to steal by Hogan.

PeoplesBank scored three more runs in the third inning.

Clark, who was hit-by-a-

pitch in the second inning, knocked home the first run of the frame with a double to left. Platner followed with a two-run double to right.

Trailing, 10-0, St. Joe's began the fourth inning with a line-drive single by Petrin, who was thrown out trying to steal second base. Slattery also singled, but the next batter grounded into a 6-4-3 inning ending double play.

St. Joe's standard two runs on base in the top of the

fifth, as PeoplesBank took a 1-0 lead in the series.

The Bankers jumped out a 7-0 lead in game two before St. Joe's battled with five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Center fielder Aaron Little knocked home two runs with a double and right fielder Colby Harrington contributed with an RBI single. The other two runs crossed the plate following errors.

The Bankers, who were

led offensively by third baseman Cam MacDonald with two hits and two RBIs,

responded with three runs in the sixth inning giving the visitors a 10-5 advantage.

St. Joe's scored two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Danny Gaines was the winning pitcher in game two, which capped off another memorable season for PeoplesBank.



Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's.



Nate Carrill makes an off-balance play.



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Greg Vouros fields a grounder to second.

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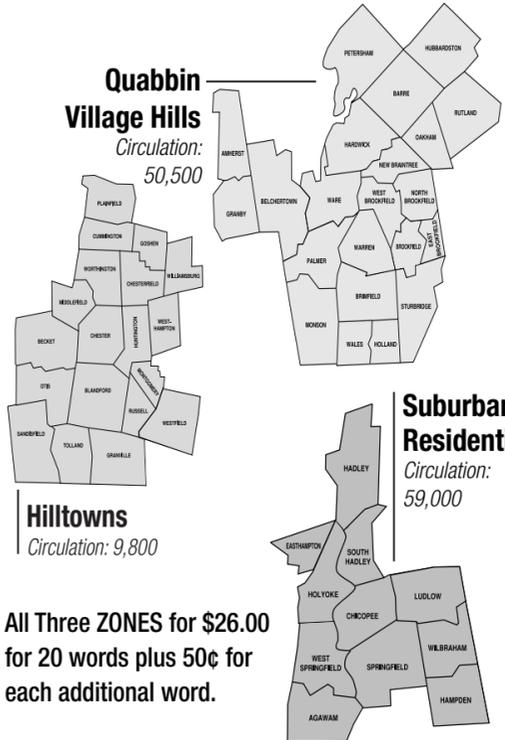
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lations are in place because of the fact that Granby's soil is different from most places in the state, which Title V regulations generally cover.

The first part of the regulations, regarding the percolation tests, the new regulations restrict tests for new construction to be conducted in March or April only. It also details that high groundwater table determination for new construction must also be made during the same months. The final part details that the called ground water level "must be called at the higher of actual observed water level or soil mottling".

The next section details Title V inspections, which

detail that these inspections must be conducted by a member of the Board of Health, and "septic tanks must be empty in order to determine the internal condition."

It also states that septic tanks under 1,500 gallons must be replaced with a 1,500-gallon tank or higher. A soil evaluator must determine the high-water table during a standard soil evaluation, and also be witnessed by a member of the Board of Health.

The Subsurface Absorption System must be replaced if there is less than 18 inches of separation between its bottom and the called high groundwater or refusal, and the subsurface soil absorption system must be replaced if the capacity is less than 60% of

the current design standards, and all cesspools must be replaced.

Also in the Title V inspections category, it states that "a potable water test, including nitrate and nitrite, must be conducted on lots served by a shallow well or lots with a septic loading of more than 110 gpd per 10,000 square feet."

The last part states, "If the septic system has received below normal flows for the 90 days prior to the Title 5 inspection, the SAS function must be evaluated between 90 and 180 days after normal loading has commenced."

Under the new regulations for septic system design, it states that the SAS sizing for dwelling units will be in-

creased by 110 gallons per day, per dwelling unit.

There also needs to be 100 feet or more between the SAS and protected wetland, whereas state and Title V say 50, and septic tanks and pump chambers must be 100 feet away from potable water wells. Trench permits will now be required for installing septic tanks, pump chambers, or SAS, and septic tanks for single and two-family homes need to be Title 5, two-chamber designs with an outlet filter with a marked filter location.

The required sand must be used for the installation of the chamber, and a representative of the Board of Health must inspect the SAS excavation before the placement of any Title 5 sand.

The next point for the design is for Class I soils, which are required to have a minimum of five feet of vertical separation between the high groundwater level and the bottom of the SAS. It also states that no portion of an SAS may be installed below

the 100-year flood plain, or closer than 50 feet to a down gradient footing drain, or surface drain.

The new regulations maintain that the minimum design capacity for any SAS is 330 gallons per day, and that "septic systems to be used by more than one structure shall not be modified or constructed without deed restrictions that require the involved structures to be under common ownership while using the shared system. In the case of condominiums, facility maintenance contracts may be used in lieu of this requirement."

The last new regulation on the proposed list is for septic systems that serve single-family dwellings, if they require post-septic tank pumps, two pumps with back-up power shall be used.

"These are not town by-laws; they are local septic regulations that are codified. They should not have to go to town meeting, which is for bylaws," said Bill Shaheen.

Many in the public hear-

ing voiced their concerns for what these new regulations mean, when the state regulations differ so greatly from these new, more restrictive guidelines and regulations proposed by the Board of Health.

Bombardier explained that most of these regulations in Granby currently have been around for 30 or 45 years, many of them that went in before the current Title V regulations. He explained that as the original regulations stand, "it would be real difficult to defend if brought to court."

"And hopefully one of the things that we've got as an assignment for ourselves is we're three people that are getting old, and how are we going to pass this on and make sure the town is protected," Bombardier said.

Bombardier thanked the people who came forward with their questions, and stated a decision on the regulations to pass them will happen at the beginning of their next meeting, to be announced.

Legal Notices

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Site Plan Review filed by Melanie Lorenz; 478 Amherst Road, South Hadley MA; for a mobile food establishment with associated site improvements at 0 Amherst Road, Map 58 Parcel 132, pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw Article XII (Site Plan Review); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in information below:

URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86486728408?pwd=LdpmURzP8mu11FYVAItBwrkVWjqoo.1> Or join by phone: +1 309 205 3325 **Webinar ID: 864 8672 8408 Password: 795018**

The subject project is located within the Agricultural and Business B zoning districts with development proposed in the Business B portion of the site. The subject property is currently undeveloped and in common ownership with the abutting property at 478 Amherst Road. The majority of the 6.87 acre

property located is located in South Hadley with road frontage in the Town of Granby.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Site Plan Review' under section 'Amherst Road (Map 58, Parcel 132) - Mobile Food Establishment' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1179/Site-Plan-Review> person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by Barstow's Longview Farm, Inc; 14 Barstow Lane Hadley MA, 01035; to convert a dimensionally nonconforming single-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling at 73 Alvard Street, Map 42 Parcel 10, pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw Article IX (Special Permits); 255-7 (Existing uses, buildings and structures; non-conforming uses); 255-27 (Con-

version of single-family dwelling to two-family dwelling); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

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The subject project is located within the Agricultural zoning district and includes an existing single-family home and agricultural outbuildings.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Special Permit' under section 'Alvard Street (73) - 2 Family Conversion and Alteration of Nonconforming Structure' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits> Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
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will show the cooperation between them, and the movies with "the meatball", or their logo, or name will be used. Interstellar is an example of the name used, but not the meatball, as the director did not want NASA to have much control over the movie.

The movie "Hidden Figures" itself reached a lot of popularity, bringing people from all over to explore NASA, and learn more about it, and the story of the women who helped to discover the formula to get to the moon.

Many media sources, books, movies, television series, and more have been able to work with NASA and astronauts to share the stories of the achievements of NASA and the astronauts.

Barry shared some of his

time as a historical consultant and worked with actors like Ryan Gosling on "First Man", the story of Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, and working with Gosling and went on tours of NASA for him to get the full experience.

Barry also shared his work with Apple Studios, and worked on the script for "Fly Me to the Moon", starring Channing Tatum and Scarlett Johansen, and its story.

"It was an amazing opportunity, truly one of a kind, to be able to work on these movies and with these actors to share these stories," said Barry.

Barry worked with NASA for 19 years, including working as the Chief Historian from 2010 to 2020 at the end of his career. While serving in the Air Force, he went to get his PHD, where he learned

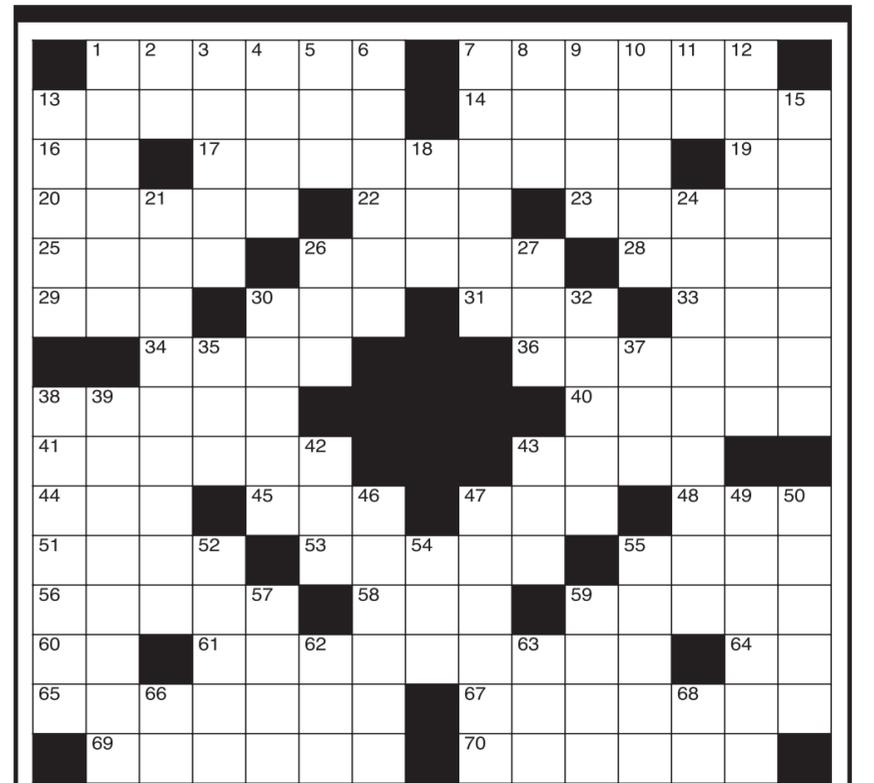
about the Soviet Space Program.

"It was a chance to do something different, and for a movie like this, you have a chance to expose people to NASA history, and what happened and happens," said Barry.

Gives talks every now and then around at different areas about NASA's history with civic groups, and at museums.

"Hidden Figures" was my favorite movie to work on, mostly because director Ted Melfi was great, and was also interested in learning random history facts, and he was such a nice guy," said Barry.

On Monday, Aug. 11, the Council on Aging will be showing "First Man" for the Monday Movie, and Chef Maggie is making a special space snack to enjoy at 1:30 p.m.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Spiritual leaders
- 7. Salt
- 13. Fortified wine
- 14. Edible mollusk
- 16. They precede C
- 17. A way to compare
- 19. State lawyer
- 20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
- 22. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 23. Very willing
- 25. ___ ex machina
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Mountain in New Zealand
- 29. A doctrine
- 30. Popular Dodge truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. One of the founders of

CLUES DOWN

- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. You can get stuck in one
- 45. Partner to feather
- 47. Passive optical network
- 48. French ballet dynasty
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Bottom layer
- 55. Sound
- 56. Yankee great Judge
- 58. Dickens character
- 59. Late beloved TNT sportscaster
- 60. South Dakota
- 61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 64. Gold
- 65. Longtime Braves hurler
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl
- 70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Commercial
- 3. Necklace materials
- 4. Containers
- 5. Investment account
- 6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner
- 7. Dipped down
- 8. Head injury category (abbr.)
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
- 11. Not yes
- 12. Caused to be loved
- 13. Muslim spiritual leader
- 15. Showing sincere conviction
- 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction
- 24. Lawn pest
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Ancient language in India (abbr.)

- 30. Start over
- 32. Wild white flower
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.)
- 38. Side by side and facing the same way
- 39. Religious conflicts
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. One who supports the pope
- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. Japanese city
- 59. Silk garment
- 62. Draw from
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man
- 68. Top government lawyer

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Immaculate Heart of Mary's Summerfest returns

GRANBY – Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Granby, MA will be having their Summerfest Chicken BBQ on Sunday August 24, from noon to 4 p.m. Chicken dinner is \$15 and includes a Half BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato and Corn on the Cob, as well as

dessert and a bottled water. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will also be available. Raffle Prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$100, Raffle Baskets, Bake Sale, Kids Games, Prizes, Lottery Trees, and Music! Fun for the whole family!

Spotted Lanternfly confirmed in nearby South Hadley: Belchertown urges residents to stay vigilant

BELCHERTOWN – The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) has confirmed the presence of the invasive spotted lanternfly (Lycorma delicatula), or SLF, in South Hadley. This pest poses a significant threat to local agriculture, forests, and outdoor recreation, and Belchertown officials are urging residents and businesses to be on the lookout and report any sightings.

veyors will be working in the region throughout the summer, inspecting trees and other host plants to determine the extent of the infestation.

- How to Report Spotted Lanternfly:**
- Take a photo if possible
 - Record the location of the sighting
 - Report directly on MDAR's website: <https://mass.gov/spottedlanternfly>.
- Resources for Residents and Businesses:**
- MDAR has provided fact sheets, identification guides, and public service announcements to help communities recognize and respond to this invasive insect. These materials are available in multiple languages and can be accessed at <https://mass.gov/spottedlanternfly>.

The spotted lanternfly feeds on more than 70 species of plants, including grapevines, maples, hops, and tree-of-heaven. While it does not bite or sting humans or animals, the insect gathers in large numbers and leaves behind a sticky substance called "honeydew", which can attract other insects and promote mold growth on surfaces.

"While no infestation has been identified in Belchertown at this time, the proximity of this confirmed sighting underscores the need for awareness and early reporting," said Town Manager Steve Williams. "We encourage residents to familiarize themselves with this pest and report any sightings immediately."

MDAR and USDA sur-

The Town of Belchertown also has additional information available on its website: <https://www.belchertown.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=82> For more information or to request educational materials, please contact the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources directly or visit the Town of Belchertown website.

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nity to benefit from getting what they need, no questions asked.

"I've lived in this house my whole life, and now I get to raise mine here," said Dion. "You never know what people are going through, so just be kind. Even the smallest interaction can make a big difference."

Since the Shelf opened only a few days ago, it has spread to bins and a rack, as well as a new canopy to protect the items from the weather and provide some shade, too.

"My kids and my family are my biggest supports. They help me refill the shelf daily with many other things with the community," said Dion.

Dion will be hosting a bottle and can drive, now until October 31, in order to raise money to purchase items for the shelf, but also with the goal of finding a better, bigger place to run all seasons.

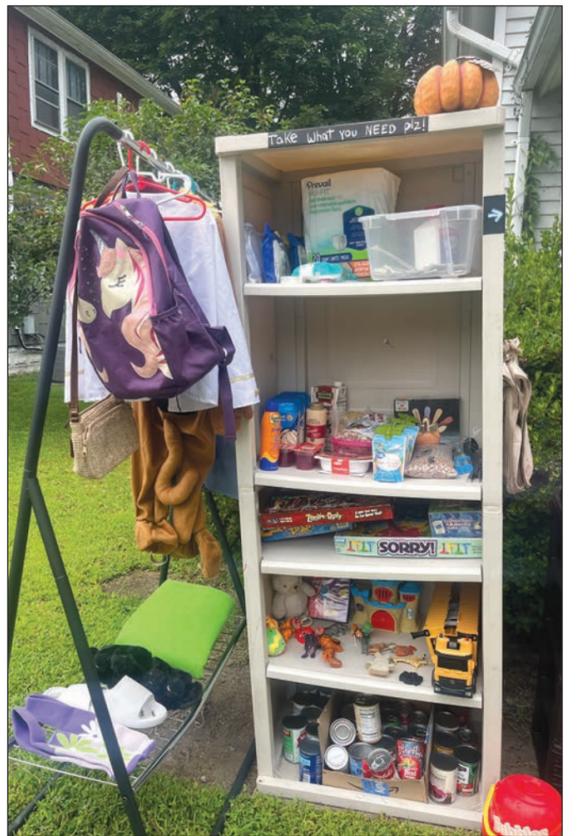
You can contact Dorina Dion via email at thehelpfulhandshelf@gmail.com, and find her on Facebook, and join the group "The Helpful Hand Community Shelf" for more information.

Please do not donate items to the shelf that are broken, rusted, moldy, or expired. Donate items you would want to receive, with care and integrity.

It only takes one item to make a difference in someone else's life, whether it be some food, gift bags, baby toys, or a Halloween costume.



Above: A canopy tent is up and will help protect the items from the rain. Right: The sign outside welcomes people to donate or take what they need.



Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Whether it's snacks, a meal, personal care items, or even a costume for a party, the community shelf is here to help.



Cards and pet food, two things you don't always think you'll need.

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with people enjoying a lunch and some cake while saying their goodbyes, see-you-laters, and congratulations for her new job at a new senior community.

"It's hard to put into words, but it's mostly about the heart here and the community here, and that was important to me, to build community, because it's part of who you are," said Florence. "It's been amazing to work with everybody here, as well as the volunteers who help to keep the programs running and presentations."

Florence spent a lot of time working closely with the volunteers who came to help, whether in the kitchen, at the front desk, or anywhere else, making them feel just as valued as the staff at the council on aging.

"What I love to do is find ways for people to be able to share gifts and talents that they have, and that's what makes the community rich," said Florence.

"Kathy has an extraordinary passion for her work with volunteers and the com-

munity members," said Director Jule Pearce. "Her ability to think of new programming and have it happen is brilliant. She's very creative and was able to plan and orchestrate the activities we host at the Council on Aging."

Florence went to school originally for music therapy, but soon found that her true passion was working with older adults, planning, coordinating, and figuring out new activities and events for the people in her care to enjoy.

"I thought about what would interest me, and what people have asked for or what people would like, but I like to think outside the box and come up with something different, and then I try and make it happen," said Florence.

Her old office became full of flowers, plants, and gifts, and a member wrote her a poem, and it was "very sweet," making the good-byes all the harder.

"The entire staff is incredibly proud of all that Kathy has done, and will continue to do, for older adults. It was our pleasure to host an amazing send-off to ensure community

members were able to share what she meant to them as well," said Pearce.

The party ended beautifully, with Town Administrator Lisa Wong and Director of

Human Services Andy Rogers also saying a few words of thanks for all the hard work she has put in.



Submitted Photos

Andy Rogers, Kathy Florence, and Lisa Wong.



No party is complete without some delicious cake and beautiful flowers.



Lisa Wong sharing her congratulations to Kathy and wishing her well on her next adventure.



Andy Rogers sharing a few words about what Kathy's hard work meant to him.



Wendy Farley and Sue Goldstein enjoying their time with Kathy, and some cake, of course.