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## TA discusses drainage project, grant funding

By Kimberly Palmucci  
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SOUTH HADLEY – In a recent community update, Town Administrator Lisa Wong informed residents about a high school drainage project and a security grant.

Regarding the drainage project, Wong released that at Town Meeting in 2022, \$675,000 was approved to address “the moisture problem that is believed to be from excessively high moisture” in the soils around and under the building floor slab and outdated HVAC design and control systems that are “not conducive to efficient and modern air control and monitoring.” “The first step is to provide perimeter footing drains connected to either existing drainage structure, or provide new exit outlets to provide positive drainage away from the building foundation,” Wong released in the update. “With effective removal of excessive water, the Town can

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Courtesy Photo, Town Administrator Lisa Wong

The drainage project at the high school

## Veterans Picnic in the Park event aims to bring community together

By Tina Lesniak  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – This weekend’s “Veterans Picnic in the Park” event aims to join veterans with community members and organizations while also offering a day of fun.

The family-friendly event, scheduled from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, will be held at Buttery Brook Park on Willimansett Street.

“The number one thing that service members lose when they separate from service is their sense of belonging and community,” said Michael Slater, South Hadley’s director of veterans’ services. “It is the aim of this event to help them reconnect to the communities that they live in now.”

The day will feature a wide range of activities, including pickleball and cornhole tournaments, a wide range of dance and fitness classes, various kids’ activities, and a concert to wrap up the day.

“I am excited to see people connecting to each other and experiencing things they may have never thought about trying, such as yoga, meditation, family fitness class, line dancing, or adaptive sports—all of which we will be offering a free intro class to during the event,” Slater said.

The event features two pickleball tournaments—a round robin veterans’ tournament at 10 a.m. and a mixed doubles tournament at 1 p.m. Veterans have free entry to the pickleball tournament, while mixed doubles will cost \$20 per team. Additionally, there are cash prizes. The cornhole tournament will run from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., with registration starting at 10:15 a.m., according to event details.

Picnickers can also attend a variety of fitness classes; “Tan-ya Gets You Fit” has a parent and child class at 10 a.m., there will be line dancing at 11 a.m., and yoga, meditation, and an

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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 Mandracha Quiet Study Room, but may move to a larger meeting room when available.

#### 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 identifiable 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)

#### 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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move forward finding solutions that address the remaining issues, including floor slab vapor barrier and HVAC design."

In other news, the South Hadley School department has recently been awarded a \$140,000 Safer Schools grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Wong said.

"Town Meeting approved \$150,000 in funds towards this project in May," Wong released. "The funds will be used for security cameras and keyless entry hardware at the Mosier, middle, and high schools."

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intro to adaptive sports complete the day at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., respectively.

At noon, organizers will also hold a ceremony with the posting of the colors, singing of the national anthem, and a moment of silence for prisoners of war, those missing in action, and those currently serving.

The day will conclude with a concert by local artist Lindsay LaBelle at 4 p.m.; food trucks will be available throughout the day.

"[The event] was created to foster an environment that brings veterans and service members together and connects them to the community," Slater added. "We as veterans and service members are just one piece of what makes up our communities' connection, key to a healthy community where people feel valued and appreciated."

Planned by the Western Mass. Veteran Service Officer Association and the Mathew J. Vieu Memorial Fund, many local sponsors throughout the community also came through to make the event possible.

"I want everyone to know this is called Veterans Picnic in the Park because it is brought to life by several veteran service organizations, but it is open to everyone," Slater said. "Entrance, parking, and the concert are free. The only expense to individuals will be food." Veterans are asked to check-in at the log cabin to receive a few special items. People are also asked to bring donations to support the Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, visit "Veterans Picnic in the Park" on Facebook.

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# Cultural Council seeks resident input

By Kimberly Palmucci  
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SOUTH HADLEY – The town’s Cultural Council is seeking input on what residents want to see in 2024.

“Let Cultural Council members know what kind of events you would like to see them sponsor in 2024 by completing this brief survey,” the Council released in a statement on the town’s website; a link to the survey is also available on the website, southhadley.org. “Thank you for your participation.”

According to a survey description, the South Hadley Cultural Council is an eight-member group of appointed South Hadley residents.

“We are part of the Local Cultural Council (LCC) pro-

gram of Mass. Cultural Council, and every year we—and LCCs throughout Massachusetts—receive money to grant to our local grant applicants,” the Council shared. “Eligible projects are in the arts, humanities, or sciences.”

The Cultural Council added that the aim of the survey is “to hear what cultural offerings, events, and resources you, as residents of South Hadley, feel our community would benefit from.”

“Your input will assist us as we make grant decisions in this upcoming grant cycle (September/October 2023) for projects to take place in 2024.”

Resident input will also help plan a community event in the coming year. Survey responses are asked to be submitted by Friday, August 18.

# Local students receive bachelor’s degrees from UMass Amherst

REGION - Approximately 5,500 students received bachelor’s degrees in more than 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst’s Undergraduate Commencement in May. Local students who earned a degree include:

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# Resident makes dean’s list at Curry College

GRANBY – Resident Joey Deprey has been announced to the dean’s list for spring 2023 at Curry College. The college,

founded in Boston in 1879, is a private, co-educational, liberal arts-based institution located in Milton.

# Seniors

# Holistic wellness events at COA

By Sam Gelinas  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – Certified Holistic Nurses Jannet Lucier and Jeffro Wyda will host upcoming events at the Council on Aging that share their extensive expertise.

At 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, Lucier will be sharing the fundamentals of integrative health, and Wyda will be hosting an event at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, concerning the benefits of medical marijuana.

Lucier has been certified for 25 years, using her experience to work with those in jails and the homeless, as well as teaching at the college level. She will also be holding a survey, trying to speak to the audience’s interests as she intends to create a lively conversation with those who choose

to attend future events she will be holding at the South Hadley COA.

Topics participants may be interested in explore a range including aromatherapy, nutrition and health, astrology, indigenous spirituality, and more. She said she aims to share her message of holistic health methods and practices in indigenous spirituality.

In his informational session on marijuana use, Wyda—who shares certification on holistic nursing—intends to share his experience of the benefits of medical marijuana, allowing people to gain quality of life, while also debunking stereotypes associated with cannabis.

Several areas of cannabis use will be addressed, including laws, methods of home growing, and the overall health benefits that come from using marijuana

medically.

“We can’t really hide from stress,” he said, adding that he wants to allow people the opportunity to confront their stress in ways that, “allow people to pause and take stock of their lives.”

Wyda lent his professional expertise in order to legalize marijuana use in the state from 2009-2017, and said that during the process, there had been a real lack of professionals who participated in the fight for legalization.

Wyda, who specializes in holistic stress management programs, has seen firsthand the negative impacts that medication has had, especially on younger people, and wants to allow people to confront their stresses and anxieties in ways that are “healthy and holistic.”

# Senior Center announces upcoming events

SOUTH HADLEY – The town’s Council on Aging has announced several upcoming events.

## National Senior Center Month - September

The 2023 theme “Discover Yours” encourages residents to come to their senior center, “whether you are a regular or if you have never visited.” South Hadley’s Council On Aging released.

“The theme also encourages you to discover your unique interests, talents, and aspirations.”

A list of special events will be on the Senior Center’s Facebook page, on Channel 15, and throughout the Senior Center in the coming weeks.

## Tick Information – 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15

Presented by Sharon Hart, director of the South Hadley Board of Health, Maureen Couture, RN, Board of Health, and Rebekah Cornell, conservation administrator/planner.

The presentation will discuss how ticks spread diseases, how to prevent tick bites, and what symptoms to look for.

“We will also talk about steps you can take in your yard, to help keep ticks away from your most-used outdoor spaces, and what plants ticks like to avoid,” the Senior Center released.

There will also be raffles and plant giveaways.

## Tech Time with Sandy 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 16

Sandy, the Senior Center’s technology wizard, can answer questions. Examples of things she can help with include setting up an iPhone, iPad, tablet, or laptop. She can also help residents with accessibility features, Bluetooth connections, or an Alexa. Call the COA to make an appointment with Sandy.

## Caregiver Support Group – 10 a.m.

Are you a caregiver to a senior living with a chronic illness? “Caregivers come in all shapes and sizes,” the Council

plant giveaways. Please see **EVENTS**, page 5

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### Pitch Night

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See you in September. God Bless!

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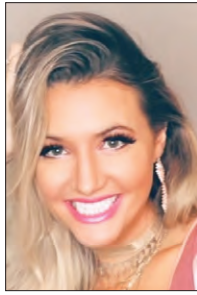
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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Meet the Editor

**H**i! I'm Kimberly Palmucci, the new editor of the Town Reminder. I am passionate about journalism and the opportunities it affords to create connections and keep a community informed.



**Kimberly Palmucci**

I grew up in Western Massachusetts and previously served as the Interim Editor of the Town Reminder last year. I've been a correspondent with the newspaper for several years, and I started my journalism career after graduating from Temple University in Philadelphia in 2012. Immediately upon graduating, I was hired as a multimedia reporter and news anchor for a local outlet in the Philadelphia suburbs, as well as the host of a pet show that featured a special and interesting pet each week.

However, I have found nothing more rewarding in my career than sharing local, community voices. Creative writing is also cathartic for me; I am an author as well as a journalist. I write creatively to express myself and to connect readers with uplifting narratives, and as your editor, I aspire to offer accurate, detailed, and unbiased information to this community. Ethical journalism is a community's tool for civil discourse, and it's my goal to not only share your stories, but to deliver that tool each week.

I'm a mom, a wife, and a cat mom to four adopted felines. My family is my foundation; their love means the world to me, and I could not imagine succeeding in my career without their support. I am an advocate for adoptable pets and believe one person can make a world of difference. I play piano, and I feel the most grounded when I am in nature, feeling especially peaceful in the forest, near mountains, or by the sea.

My favorite part of any job I've held has been creating connections; please write to me at [townreminder@turley.com](mailto:townreminder@turley.com) with your perspective, whether it's a question, a thought, or a grievance. I am here to listen, and I value your feedback as well as your unique stories. I am a fallible human being capable of making mistakes, and I want to hear from you if you think something can be done better. I chose reporting and authorship as my career for this reason; I believe we each have an important story to share, and it's my job to share those stories. I tell all of my readers—you matter, your voice matters, and you can inspire others with your words. I look forward to working hard for this community and meeting many of you as I cover stories moving forward.

*Kimberly Palmucci, Editor, Town Reminder*



By Ellenor Downer

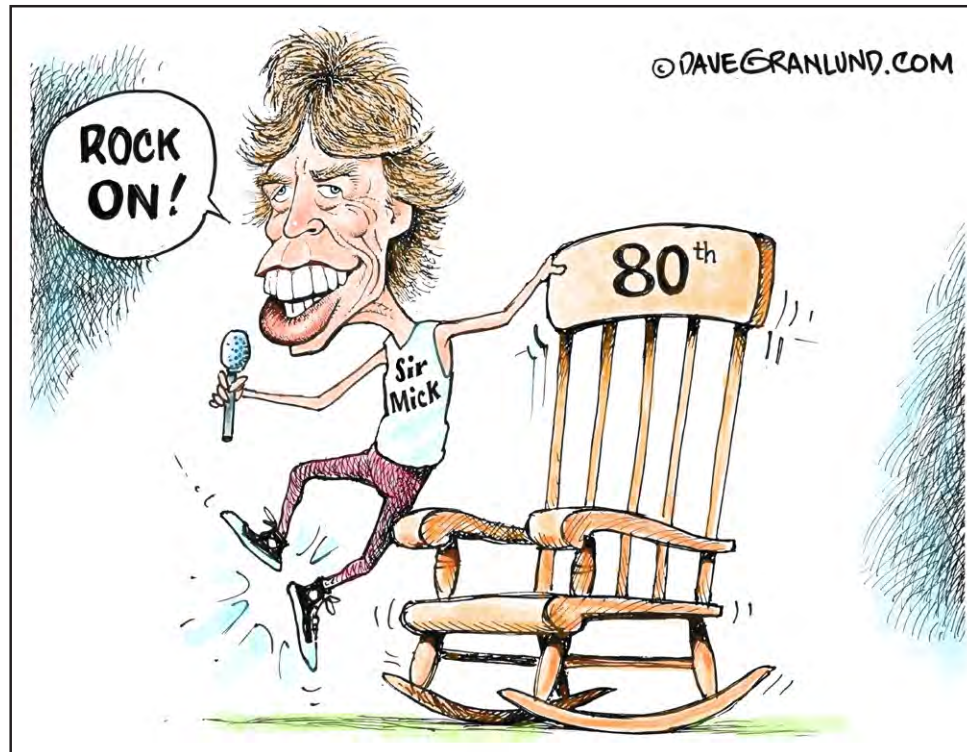
Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a blue grosbeak in Hadley.

The blue grosbeak is one of just a few birds with blue feathers. The male is dark blue with two reddish-brown wing bars. It has black feathers around the base of its large silvery bill.

The female is plain brown overall, with dark wings and tail. She has two buff brown wing bars and a large gray conical shaped bill. Immatures resemble the adult female. The young males in the spring of the next year start to show blue patches. Immature plumage is kept for one year.

Blue grosbeaks forage on the ground, hopping about in search of insects. They also glean foliage, eat spiders, seeds and wild fruits.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### 'No one is above the law'

One cannot open a newspaper or turn on the television without hearing comments like, "no one is above the law." Apparently, that message has not reached the South Hadley Water District #1 Commissioners, as I have been trying for a year to get the Water District #1 to comply with a Freedom of Information request which the Secretary of State's Office Determination (SPR22/2871) permits me to inspect the records I have requested. The District board has and con-

tinues to stall in complying with the FOIA request; evidently, they feel they are above the law. The request is for phone records, as I believe the Water Board either knew about or condoned the use of District equipment for non-district purposes. They need to be reminded that their fiduciary responsibility is to the public they serve, not covering up questionable activities.

**Bruce C. Forcier**  
South Hadley

## Seven sisters and 37 feet of hair

### The strange saga of the Sutherland Sisters

By J. Mark Powell  
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There's no delicate way to say this, so here goes. Your great-great-grandparents had a weird thing about hair.

The Victorians were obsessed with lovely locks. People have always admired a nice head of hair. But Victorians were bonkers for beautiful tresses.

They snipped strands of dead loved ones' hair for keepsakes. They put their locks inside lockets and photo cases for paramours and they made hair jewelry.

Seriously, it was a thing. They wove it into bracelets, brooches, watch fobs, and more.

Decades before the musical "Hair" took Broadway by storm, a musical group swept the country at the height of hair's heyday and, in turn, peddled a concoction that made a fortune. This is the story of seven sisters and their combined 37 feet of hair.

Life wasn't easy on the Sutherland family's turkey farm in Niagara County, New York, Fletcher Sutherland was like Pa Kettle, a lazy ne'er-do-well content to let everyone else do his work for him.

Daughters Sarah, Victoria, Isabella, Grace, Naomi, Dora, and Mary herded the birds barefoot and in dingy dresses. Smooth-talking Papa Sutherland preferred preaching and politicking and basically anything (apart from manual labor) that let him flap his jaw.

His daughters were so ashamed of their appearance they hid when company called, especially after their long-suffering mother died in 1867.

But one thing set the Sutherland sisters apart. Their remarkably long, lovely hair which grew to their waist and beyond. People raved about it.

Their mother had drenched their heads with a foul-smelling mixture she cooked up to make their hair luxuriously beautiful. It smelled so bad that kids wouldn't sit beside them in school.

When the mom passed away, the odious ointment went to the grave with her.

The girls (along with brother Charles) began playing musical instruments and singing. Their daddy, always looking for a chance to make a quick buck, booked them at churches.

Soon, the act became the talk of Upstate New York.

Musically, it was nothing special. The kids weren't bad; they weren't great, either.

But people weren't coming to hear their songs. Folks flocked to see their incredible hair.

Fletcher Sutherland knew a good thing when he saw it. He billed the sisters as "The Seven Wonders." (Brother Charlie was given the boot; there was no interest in an adolescent boy with average hair).

By December 1880 they reached Broadway where audiences gazed admiringly at the girls' combined total of 37 feet of hair.

The act began with the sisters sporting braids atop their heads. The highlight came when they turned their backs and unpinned it, unleashing a tidal wave of hair.

Caught in glowing gaslight, crowds gasped in amazement at the wondrous sight.

Victoria fascinated showgoers the most with her seven feet of hair. Mary was the slacker with a mere three feet.

In 1884 they hit the big time: A sideshow with Barnum and Bailey's Circus, "The greatest show on Earth." P.T. Barnum promoted them as, "The seven most pleasing wonders of the world."

The sisters were different from their colleagues. They weren't viewed as "circus people" shunned by polite society.

They conducted themselves as dignified proper ladies. Though his girls were now bona fide celebrities, it still wasn't enough to satisfy their father's voracious greed.

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## Zucchini and its many pests

The zucchini season started out with promise.

I sowed my seeds early and covered the hills with Reemay (a light, polyester row cover) to keep out the striped cucumber beetle. From past experience I knew that young seedlings could be decimated by this pest.

Within a few days the seeds had popped. I thinned them to three per hill and continued to water.

Soon they grew too big for their covering, and I figured that at this point in the game they could withstand a little damage. Sure enough, striped cucumber beetles found the plants.

It was harder to sneak up on them during the day, but at night I was able to position a cup of soapy water under a leaf and “tap,” sending them in for a swim. My plants endured a bit of leaf damage, but not much more than that.

Populations dropped off and I presumed that it would be smooth sailing from here to harvest. So I thought.

Along came the squash bug, a brownish gray insect about a half-inch long with a triangular top and an oval bottom. Many people confuse squash bugs with stink bugs because they do indeed stink!

Squash bugs have a taste for the foliage and fruit of the cucurbit family, whereas stink bugs don’t. Entire plants can be killed if infestations are severe enough.

You’ll notice yellow stippling on the leaves first, followed by wilting and browning; they head for the fruit last.

Because I was on the look-out for the cucumber beetle I saw the adults before any damage ensued and sent them swimming as well, sometimes “two at a time.”

If you miss the grownups, chances are you will have to scout for eggs. Usually they are laid in a “V” pattern on the undersides of the leaves.

They are hard to scrape off, so I crushed them between my two thumbnails. I must have also passed by a few eggs, so next I had to look for young squash bugs called nymphs.

If a bug could ever qualify for cute status, this one would with its one quarter inch light gray body, black legs and head. “Tapping” comes in handy here too - this time I brought a shallow cardboard box out into the garden, gave the leaf a good tap, and the whole team was cornered then dumped in a bath of soapy water.

It’s beginning to sound as if all I do is hang out in the garden all day catching bugs - not true. With only two hills of zucchini all this work took just a few seconds each morning and night.

At last, we harvested the first zucchini and summer squash, picked at about six inches. At that size the flesh is tender, and the seeds are barely evident. The cucumber beetle did not transmit a disease.

Nor did the squash bug kill the plant. But while I was busy looking under the leaves for obvious bugs, the squash vine borer was at work inside its stem.

One giveaway that you have it: a mushy, sawdust-like excrement appearing outside of small holes in the stems. Affected plants also have leaves that wilt despite being well watered.

I tried removing the white, wrinkled worms from the hollow stems by making a slit with a needle and removing the insect. I must have missed a few - a strong possibility considering the female moth lays two hundred individual eggs at the plant’s base!

The eggs hatch into larva that tunnel into the stems, eventually killing the plant.

As ridiculous as it sounds, wrapping a shiny barrier such as aluminum foil around the plant’s base does seem to deter



the red bodied, transparent-leaved moth from her egg-laying endeavors.

My dead plants were carried off to the trash, not the compost pile, and I will turn over the soil in both fall and spring to kill any pupae that may be overwintering. Rotating your crops can also help.

Some gardeners wash down their stems daily to dislodge and kill the eggs. Others make a late sowing only; supposedly after July Fourth or so egg laying ceases.

I made a second sowing a couple weeks back. If the borers don’t get these, the frost likely will, but I am crossing my fingers that an Indian Summer may mean more zucchini for our household, because what we had certainly wasn’t enough!

*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.*

## Easthampton fatal stabbing suspect arraigned in Superior Court

EASTHAMPTON – A 23-year-old Easthampton woman recently faced a single charge of murder in Hampshire Superior Court in connection with a stabbing on March 14, 2023, that left Brennan David Bleau, 23, dead in their home.

Jean Marie Echevarria of Easthampton has been held without bail since her arraignment on that charge in Northampton District Court. A Hampshire County Grand Jury indicted her last month. In court this week before Hampshire Superior Court Judge Jeremy Bucci, Echevarria pleaded not guilty and again was ordered held without bail. Northwestern Assistant District Attorney Matthew Russo is prosecuting the case for the Commonwealth. Echevarria was represented by Worcester-based defense attorney Maura J. Tansley.

The case was continued to Oct. 26 for a pretrial conference.

Easthampton police were called shortly after 3 a.m. on March 14 to the Cudaff Street home shared by Bleau and Echevarria, where they found Bleau suffering from multiple stab wounds. He was transported by ambulance to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, where he died shortly after 4 a.m.

The death is the first in Easthampton since 2012, when Jessica Ann Pripstein was killed by her boyfriend, Ryan Welch. He was convicted of murder in connection with her death in 2014 and is now serving a life prison sentence, according to a press statement.

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So Fletcher Sutherland partnered with promoter Harry Bailey, distant cousin of the Bailey in Barnum and Bailey.

They resurrected Ma Bailey’s hair ointment, changing the formula so it wasn’t so disgusting smelling. Soon “The Seven Sutherland Sisters Hair Grower” was being sold.

They got a chemist to write, “I hereby certify that I found it free from all injurious substances ...and I cheerfully endorse it.” In the days before the FDA, that was good enough for gullible consumers.

By 1884 the company had raked in \$90,00 in sales (about \$2.7 million today).

Sutherland was a wealthy man when he died in 1885. The sisters gradually got involved in the company and proved themselves shrewd businesswomen.

They expanded the product line to include brushes and other hair-related products, all marketed to upper-class women who could afford their extravagant prices. By 1890, their Hair Grower (also sold as “Hair Fertilizer”) had sales of \$3 million (around \$97.6 million in 2022).

The sisters married, started families, and became eccentrics. They lived together in a gaudy 14-room mansion built on the family farm.

Despite their facade of Victorian re-

spectability, behind closed doors, they would have been “The Real Housewives of Cambria, New York.” There was alcoholism, complicated extramarital affairs, and even whispers about witchcraft—enough fodder for a tabloid.

Naomi died suddenly in 1893 before turning 40, dramatically shaking the surviving sisters.

They toured on and off with Barnum until 1907. But the 20th century’s arrival saw Americans’ fascination with hair rapidly fading.

Sales of their products plunged as extravagant living caught up with them.

Desperate for cash, the last three sisters went to Hollywood in 1919 on a trip so disastrous that not only did a movie deal fall through but Dora was killed in a car crash. Things only got worse from there.

The mansion was sold in 1931 (burning in 1938); the hair business went belly-up in 1936; Mary died in an insane asylum in 1939; and when Grace, the final sister, passed away in 1946 at age 92 she was dirt poor.

In the end, the Sutherland Sisters wound up right back where they had started.

*Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and diehard history buff J. Mark Powell.*

spent in the rainforest. Sandy spent time in the Peruvian, Amazon, and co-lead two Audubon trips. She will also have some exciting artifacts.

### Sign Make & Take Workshop – 1:30 p.m. on Friday, August 18

Event with South Hadley Board and Brush. Choose from three different single board signs and choose your stain with instruction from the Board and Brush staff. The types of signs can be found at the Senior Center and on the Facebook page.

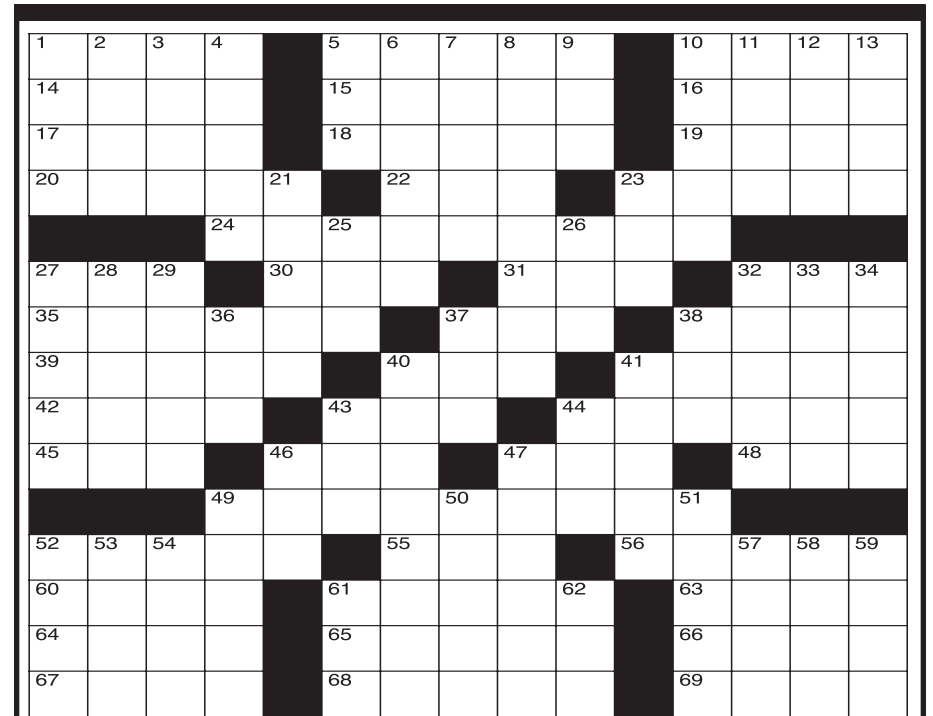
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cil On Aging released. “No two caregivers are on the same journey.” With the help of the COA Social Service Coordinator Ann Andras, this group will explore all facets of Caregiving.

### Memory Café – 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 17

Making Memories Café.

Naturalist Sandy Oldershaw will return to present “A Trip to the Rainforest.” Oldershaw will share her experiences, both expected and unexpected, of her time



#### CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to pick up
5. Presents
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Harness
18. Weight unit
19. You better call him
20. Utterly devoted
22. Male cat
23. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
24. Risk-taker
27. A team’s best pitcher
30. Cool!
31. Women’s \_\_\_ movement
32. Georgia rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. The princess could detect its presence
38. Type of truck
39. Butterhead lettuces
40. Angry people see it
41. Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
42. Soviet city
43. Carpet
44. Traveled all over
45. Thin, straight bar
46. Body art (slang)
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Breaks apart
52. Arabic name
55. Ballplayer’s tool
56. Type of sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bract of grass floret
63. Italian Seaport
64. Ancient Syrian city
65. Shoelace tube
66. The Miami mascot is one
67. South American nation
68. Popular video game “Max \_\_\_”
69. Body part

#### CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Ancient Hebrew calendar month
4. Long-legged frog family
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute in classical Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Take a seat
10. Belonging to a bottom layer
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Part of a ticket
13. Defunct Guinean money
21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway dweller
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. Egyptian city
29. Partner to “flowed”
32. Widens
33. Old Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. European pipeline
37. Al Bundy’s wife
38. Ocean
40. Root eaten as a vegetable
41. Sound units
43. Style of music
44. A way to drench
46. Hot beverage
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Rumanian city
50. Urge to action
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. “Perry Mason” actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
59. Take a chance
61. Bland food
62. Consumed

# Granby

## Granby School Comm. considers updated cellphone policy

By Melina Bourdeau  
Correspondent

GRANBY – Texting in class may be a thing of the past for students at Granby Junior Senior High School this coming year, pending approval of a cellphone policy presented to the School Committee.

There were three options for cellphone use, or lack thereof, presented by Principal Alison Jordan at the committee's last meeting.

One option would be to ban phones altogether in grades seven through 12, the second is phones being locked up once students walk into school. In the second case, there would be bins for each grade that would be under observation throughout the day. Students would have their phones locked up once they walk into school.

The third option would be to ask students to turn in their phones for instructional time only and at the end of class, they would get their phones back.

"They would have their phones for break, transition time, and lunch time," she said.

Staff would bear the burden of asking students to place their phones into what they would call "phone homes."

There is currently a policy in place, which allows for each classroom to have its own policy and the junior high has no policy.

Jordan said cellphones have become an issue for staff where even if phones are

banned from the classroom, students manage to use them anyway.

"I think observations of walking through classrooms and seeing how often staff are addressing it, or how we'll walk in a classroom and see a student just streaming Netflix," Jordan said.

She recognized that students also use their phones to do things like check their Google Calendar or plan a ride home from school with a relative. However, use often goes "above and beyond that."

"They're not even paying attention. I think I had an 'aha moment' this year that we have to do something. We have to be better," she said. "We have to support the teachers. It's a lot on them."

In conversations with students, parents, and community members, Jordan said that many were in favor of a cellphone policy.

She said that a policy would "give kids their lives back" when they're in school.

"Our students are experiencing the feeling of addiction and feeling like they have to constantly be in tune with social media or watching 'Breaking Bad,'" she said. "I've seen an increase in tardiness, absenteeism—because the kids are up really late. These [apps] are addicting."

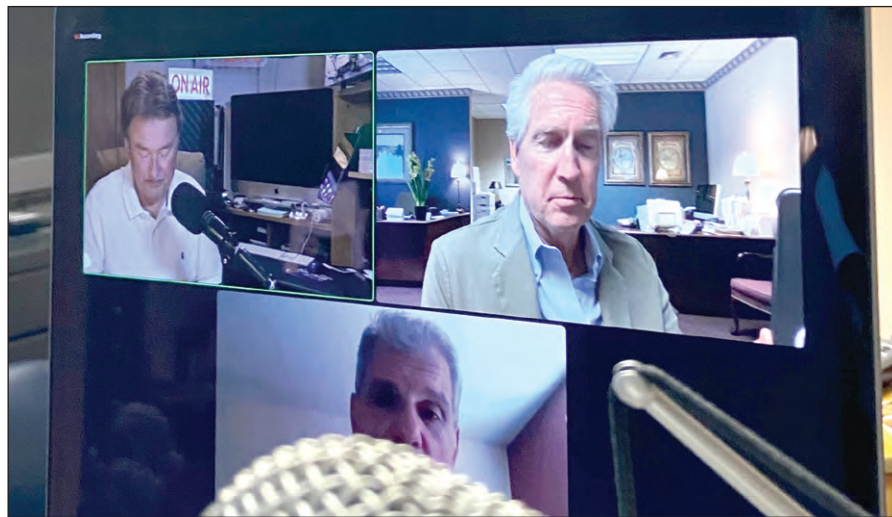
Superintendent Stephen Sullivan, former principal of the high school, said students have adequate technology they can use to stay connected.

"It's a difficult balance. Like Allie said, the goal isn't to separate you from your phone all day so you can't communicate with a parent or someone that you might need to throughout the day. But we recognize the other side is that I would say, when it comes to bullying, conflict and harassment, 90 percent of the issues come from cell phones," he said. "That doesn't even get into class avoidance and work avoidance."

Jordan said the aim is to have the student handbook to the committee on Aug. 15. Currently, any updates will also need to be aligned with East Meadow School, making sure both are up to date.

"It's always a work in progress," Jordan said. "I really look forward to everyone's feedback. It's not something where you want to make a decision by yourself."

The committee also approved an updated wellness policy at its meeting.



Courtesy Photo

The new regional podcast "Common Ground" recently launched with Paul Robbins and Dave Madsen.

## New podcast offers compelling stories from the region

By Kimberly Palmucci  
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REGION – A new podcast called "Common Ground" with Paul Robbins and Dave Madsen has launched in Western Massachusetts.

The podcast is co-hosted by two veterans of the region's media and communications business and is designed to "tell inspiring stories of those who have lived in, passed through, or are native to Western Massachusetts," according to the hosts.

"Paul and I have worked together, me as a journalist and Paul as a commentator on all things political locally, regionally, and nationally," Madsen said. "It was during one of our election night analysis shows that we began to think about collaborating on a podcast that, ironically, wouldn't be about politics."

The interview-styled format includes sessions with "interesting people who have lived in or are native to Western Massachusetts" and who have made a mark in a field or overcome personal or professional obstacles to succeed.

"With both of us at heart being story tellers, we think there is space for a podcast where we discover common experiences, share uplifting and interesting stories that connect our common humanity," Madsen added. "Our hope

is that we will inspire, avoid the current discord and division, and entertain and introduce 'a third way' to our audience."

The design of the podcast is to inspire listeners while avoiding partisan politics with a focus on "our common humanity," according to founder and co-host of the podcast Robbins.

"Dave and I have been in the communications and story-telling business for a long time. We have learned in our work that everyone has a story to tell and we hope that by telling compelling and interesting stories from those who have lived in the 413-area code, we can inspire others both in our region and beyond at a time when there is so much division and discord," Robbins said.

Robbins has been a political consultant, was president and co-owner of the former advertising and public relations agency FitzGerald & Robbins, and since 2005 has been principal and owner of Paul Robbins Associates Strategic Communications, serving a variety of organizations, companies and initiatives, according to a press statement. Robbins is frequently a media commentator on politics, social issues, and current events. He authors a blog on his company website and has won national and international recognition for his

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## IHMC 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.



Blue Grosbeak

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The female lays two to five pale blue eggs in a nest of rootlets, grasses, twigs, snakeskins, cotton and bark strips lined with grass. The nest is usually placed in a shrub, vine tangle or tree.

These grosbeaks often twitch and rapidly spread their tails when agitated. During migration, they can be found with buntings.

### Poolside visitor

I received an email from a Wilbraham Hampden Times reader. She had a red-tailed hawk land on the side of her swimming pool in July. She said it stayed about

five minutes and she was able to get some photos of the hawk.

### Update on osprey nest and more

I received an email about an osprey nest in Warren on South Street near a pond. He said the nest is visible from the road. There are also three great blue heron nests on the far shore of the pond, but they are not as noticeable.

He said on a recent visit, "The osprey chicks looked to be close to fledging, their flight feathers looker fully formed and the two young osprey in the nest each exercised its wings." He said there were still three great blue herons in two different nest.

He said a pond on New Reed Street near the osprey nest often has bald eagles show up and great egrets have been seen there in August.

Massachusetts Audubon  
Society sightings

In Berkshire County a short-billed

dowitcher was seen in Sheffield and single merlins in Pittsfield and Lenox. Franklin County had three sandhill cranes in Ashfield and five semipalmated plovers in Whatley.

In addition to the blue grosbeak in Hadley, Hampshire County had 18 greater yellowlegs and two sanderlings in the East Meadows in Northampton and three red crossbills at Quabbin Park in Belchertown.

Worcester County had a Bonaparte's gull and an acadian flycatcher at the Quabbin Reservoir in New Salem, four sandhill cranes in Hardwick, two black vultures in Fitchburg, two cliff swallows in Ashburnham and a sora at Bolton Flats Wildlife Management Area in Bolton.

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

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## West showcased in girls soccer

BOSTON – In last month’s Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a girls soccer team showcased. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 6-9:

The West started out with a drubbing of the Northeast team 9-1.

In a dominant display of attacking prowess, West’s forwards Hannah Murphy (Monson, Monson HS), Gianna Sakowski (Springfield, Minnechaug Regional HS), and Lauren Marjanski (South Hadley, South Hadley HS) each notched two goals, alongside contributions from midfielder Danica Dorozynski (Chicopee, Chicopee Comprehensive HS) and defender Makenna Kennedy (West Springfield, West Springfield HS), securing an emphatic 9-1 victory. Northeast’s midfielder Siena Hesbach (Maynard, Maynard HS) scored the consolation goal, with an assist from midfielder Phoebe Whitcomb (Newburyport, Newburyport HS).

The West would lose one game in the showcase and would play for the bronze medal, defeating Central Mass. 3-2.

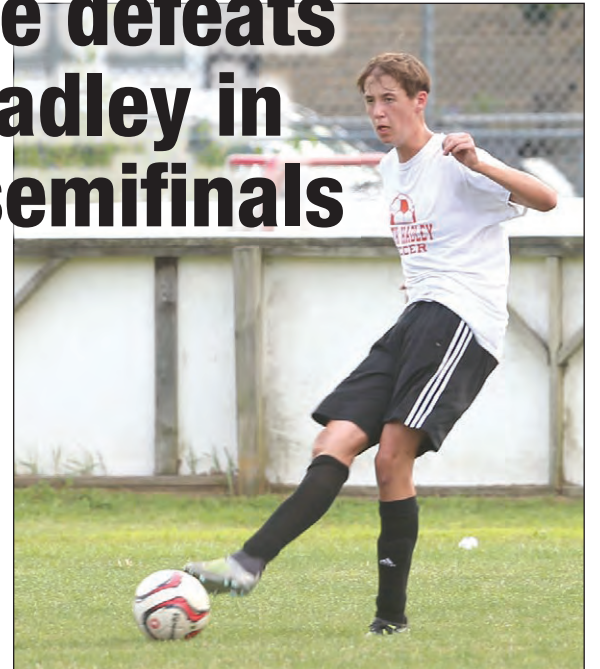
In the bronze medal game, Central and West battled fiercely in a close match. Central’s forward Bianca Facchetti (Londmeadow, Minnechaug Regional HS) opened the scoring with an assist from forward Kalli White (Granby, Granby HS), holding the lead at halftime. However, West fought back in the second half, as forward Gianna Sakowski (Springfield, Minnechaug Regional HS) netted a goal off a corner kick. Central responded with a goal of their own from forward Sydney Reed (West Springfield, West Springfield HS), assisted by midfielder Sabina Mackechnie (East Longmeadow, East Longmeadow HS). With tensions high, West was awarded a penalty kick, which Marjanski converted confidently. In the final moments of the match, West midfielder Allison Fleury (South Hadley, South Hadley HS) sealed the victory with an assist from Marjanski, leading West to a thrilling comeback win.



Jack Chagnon socks the ball away.

## Chicopee defeats South Hadley in PVSSL semifinals

CHICOPEE – Last Thursday night in B Division action, Chicopee beat South Hadley 3-1 to advance to the PVSSL finals. Highlights and photos from that game will be in next week’s edition. Chicopee held the lead throughout the game as both teams are now gearing up for the start of the fall season in just under a couple of weeks.



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Colin Lumb sends a quick pass to an open teammate.



Ryan Trudel makes his way up the field.



Spencer Parson watches his pass head away.

## PeoplesBank wrap up another title in TriCounty League

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—Just like they’ve done during the past decade, PeoplesBank didn’t have very much trouble capturing the 2023 Tri-County League championship title.

After posting an 8-0 victory over the second-seeded Chicopee Falls Tigers in game one at Legion Field in Palmer, top-seeded PeoplesBank swept the best of three series following a 15-1 win at Szot Park in Chicopee, last Thursday night.

“All of the players get along very well with each other on and off the field,” said PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry. “The target on our backs gets bigger and bigger each year because everyone wants to beat us. Winning the championship title never gets old and the next one is always better than the last one.” PeoplesBank has now won



Johnny Gegetskas slides safely home.

18 Tri-County League championship titles, including the past ten, since 1995.

Ferry was the starting left-fielder and he’s been the Peo-

plesBank manager since 2019. He dedicated the 2023 season to Tom Bouvier, who’s from Ware. Bouvier retired a year ago.

“I would like to dedicate this



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Sam Allen slings a throw to first.

season to Tom Bouvier,” Ferry said. “Tom was our captain and our leadoff hitter.”

Holyoke’s Danny Gaines, who made just two regular season starts, was the winning pitcher in game two. The lefty didn’t allow any runs on six base hits in 5 2/3 innings.

“I can’t believe this is our tenth championship title in a row and I’m looking forward to playing for this team again next year,” said Gaines, who issued two walks and didn’t record any strikeouts. “We were able to take an early lead in tonight’s game, which is always a very important thing. My teammates also made the plays behind me. We do have the best defense in the league.”

Ferry and Gaines, along with second baseman Dave Clark, catcher Pete Hogan, and pitcher Andy Gaines, are the only PeoplesBank players who have been members of the last ten championship teams.

“We do have a great group of

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## Sports

# Granite State Pro Stock Series headed for Maine

WALPOLE, N.H. – Granite State Pro Stock Series officials announced today that Coastal Auto Parts will sponsor the upcoming Coastal Auto Parts 100 at Speedway 95 on Saturday, August 19. In what will be the second stop of the season for the series to the Maine oval, drivers will be chasing the championship as the season begins to wind down.

The Speedway 95 event will be one of the final three on the schedule for the season, with only events at Star Speedway and Lancaster Motorplex to follow to crown the 2023 champion.

Coastal Auto Parts, in business for many years, has built a great business by focusing on superior customer service, through deep inventory, quality people and building meaningful relationships with their customers. They are a family business, deeply rooted in the Ellsworth, Maine, community. From a single store in 1981, Coastal Auto Parts has 29 stores today and more than 270 employees. They have truly transitioned to the next generation.



Submitted photo

### There will be another race at Speedway 95 in Maine this weekend

The event at Speedway 95 on August 19 will also include the R&R Street Stock Series and the Cage Runners. A full schedule for the day will be available soon.

"We support racing in the state of Maine for many reasons," Michael Boles of Coastal Auto Parts said. "These people are customers for us, both on the track and in the stands. They work really hard to be able to

do what they love and we want to help provide them a place to play. We are always excited to go to the track. Hopefully this event will continue to help grow racing in the Bangor area and the state of Maine."

"Partnering with Coastal Auto Parts for this event is great for our series," Mike Parks, President of the Granite State Pro Stock Series, said. "We're happy to have them working with us

for what will be another great event. Speedway 95 produces some fantastic Pro Stock racing and we're excited to get back there for another race later this month."

For more information on Coastal Auto Parts, visit [capna.com](http://capna.com). For more information on the Granite State Pro Stock Series, visit [gspss.net](http://gspss.net) and follow the series on social media for the latest news and updates.

## T-Birds caravan event moved

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds today announced that the first installment of the T-Birds Community Caravan presented by Dunkin' has been postponed to Saturday, Aug. 12 due to potential inclement weather this weekend. The T-Birds Community Caravan will still make a total of three stops in the Springfield area throughout the summer months:

**Saturday, Aug. 12** - Szot Park (Chicopee), 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 19** - Amelia Ice Arena (Westfield), 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament

Public skating from 10:50 to 11:50 a.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 9** - Forest Park & Cyr Arena (Springfield), 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Each event will feature an appearance from Thunderbirds mascot Boomer and team staff, as well as a wide variety of activities and vendors, including a Dunkin' Taste Truck, street hockey activities, and various food options.

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baseball players and we own this league now," Ferry said. "We just fill in the holes every year."

While the PeoplesBank players were celebrating another championship title outside of the first base dugout, the mood was a little bit different on the other side of the field following the game.

"I'm glad that we made it to the finals, but we just didn't play very well in the past two games," said Tigers player/manager Sean Bourgeois. "I'll be moving to New Jersey soon, so this was my final Tri-County League baseball game. I'm hope this team can win the championship title next year."

Bourgeois, who started in left field, would like Mike Truff to replace him as the Tigers manager next year.

PeoplesBank scored an unearned run in the second inning.

Centerfielder Seth Allen (2-for-4) blasted a leadoff double down the left field line against righthander Ryan Magni. The next batter struck out before shortstop Sam Allen drew a walk. Then Hogan bounced into a fielder's choice play. Seth Allen advanced to third on the play before scoring the game's first run on a throwing error by the shortstop.

An RBI line-drive single to center by designated hitter Johnny Gegetskas gave PeoplesBank a 2-0 advantage with one-out in the third inning. Then Seth Allen blasted a triple to left field against Magni scoring two more runs.

Bourgeois thinks Magni is one of the top pitchers in the TCL, but he hasn't had very much success against PeoplesBank.

"We've beaten Magni in a number of big games over the years," Ferry said. "At least six

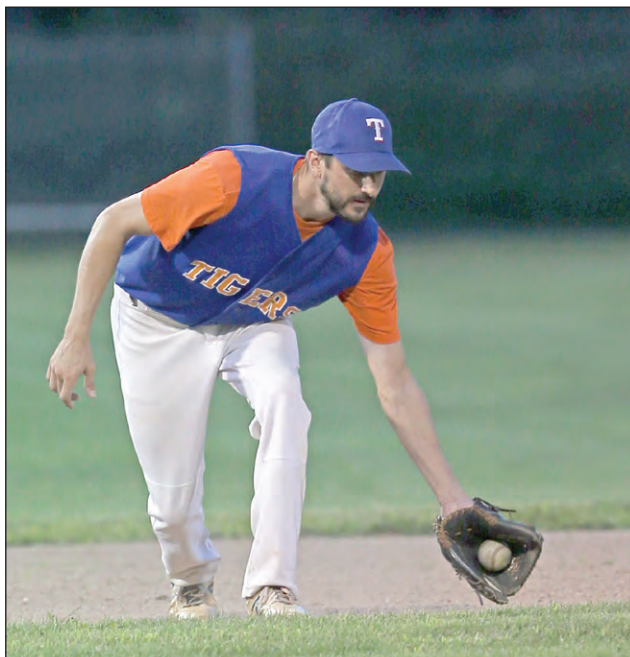


Aiden Consedine, of Holyoke, delivers a pitch.



Jason Byers pitches for the Tigers.

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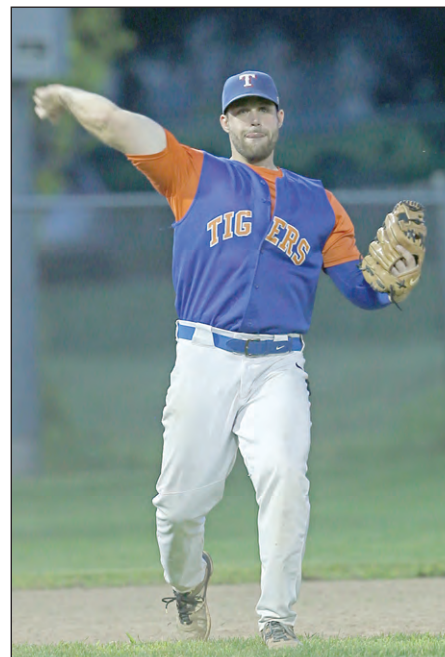
Ryan Magni fields a grounder.

of our nine batters have faced him at least 30 times. We know what he throws."

The Tigers had just one base

hit during the first three innings before they loaded the bases in the fourth.

With one-out, Right fielder



Nick Koziol throws to first for the Tigers.

Tom Burzynski hit a flyball just out of the reach of PeoplesBank right fielder Breon Parker Jr., who attempted to make a div-

ing catch. Catcher Nick Kreuzer followed with a single and shortstop Shane Denault walked. Gaines retired the next two batters on a pop-up and flyout ending the threat.

Magni kept PeoplesBank off the scoreboard for the next two innings before allowing four runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Hogan, who had a leadoff single, scored on Ferry's triple to right field. Ferry also scored on a throwing error. Their other two runs crossed the plate on a double by Clark (3-for-5) and a single by first baseman Kyle Platner, who led the way offensively with four hits and a walk.

PeoplesBank scored seven more runs in their final at-bats against a couple of relief pitchers.

The Tigers finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh inning against Gegetskas, who replaced Gaines on the mound. Burzynski reached first base on a fielder's choice play which scored pinch hitter Josh DeSouza, who singled leading off the frame.

Had there been a game three of the series, righthander Zach Handzel, who graduated from Palmer High School, would've been the starting pitcher for PeoplesBank.

"It just feels awesome to win another championship title," said Handzel, who has been wearing a PeoplesBank uniform for the past six years. "Danny threw a gem tonight and Jimmy Flahive pitched very well in game one. We do have a very strong pitching staff. I'm hoping that we can win another title next year."

Before taking a team picture at home plate, Ferry received the championship trophy from first year Tri-County League President Michael Kennedy, who's a former PeoplesBank player.



# Twins grab final playoff spot with win, A's take first

WILBRAHAM – Last week, the Twins of the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League edged out the Angels for the final playoff spot thanks to two consecutive wins to finish off the regular season.

The Twins would defeat the Angels last Sunday 6-4 in a very close contest, but then moved in win-or-go-home make-up game against the Tigers last Wednesday night at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

The Tigers were already in the playoffs, but the Twins needed a win to finish a game ahead of the Angels. A loss would have tied the Twins with the Angels, and the Angels would have made the playoffs through the tiebreaker.

The Tigers, which showed a much-improved offense this season, did jump out to a six-run lead early in the game, but not wanting to use too much pitching with a playoff game looming, the Twins were able to come back and tie the score 7-7

in the fifth inning. In the sixth, the wheels would come undone for the Tigers, as the Twins simply started mashing the ball, batting around nearly twice as they plated the 15 runs needed for the game to end via the mercy-rule for a 22-7 Twins win.

The Athletics would defeat the Tigers last Sunday, July 30, and then followed that with a 23-12 win over the Cubs to finish the regular season 10-5 and win the top see in the playoffs.

Both the A's and Cubs had also made the playoffs and the game was simply for the opportunity to finish in first place and gain the top seed.

The playoffs began Sunday, Aug. 6 with the Twins and Cubs facing off while the Tigers and A's met in the other semifinal. Results from those games were not available as of press time. The championship game is set for this Sunday, Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

# Area nonprofit seeks board growth, diversity

REGION - The Board of Directors of It Takes A Village, a regional human services nonprofit, is seeking new members who "more fully represent the populations served by its programs."

"Volunteering with families of newborns and serving on this board have provided countless tender-hearted experiences and opportunities for continued growth as a retired counselor and educator," said Jeanne Sargent, a member of the It Takes a Village (ITAV) Board Development Committee.

ITAV's mission is to "provide free postpartum and early-parenting support to families with babies and young children living in Western Massachusetts, and to inspire the community to welcome the newest members of their Village." Founded in 2009 as a neighbor-to-neighbor support network, ITAV has grown throughout the last 14 years. The Village Closet donation center has distributed more than \$1.8 million worth of free children's clothing, diapers, and other essential supplies to

families across the region, according to a press statement.

"Last year alone over 2,000 families from 120 Massachusetts towns found support through in-home visits, parent groups, free children's supplies, parent resource kits, and referrals to a network of local, state, and federal services," ITAV released. "The \$500,000 in Village Closet supplies distributed just last year underscores the rate that the organization has grown since the pandemic." Ideal candidates will "identify with the populations served by ITAV programs, enhance and broaden the organization's understanding of the needs of our community, and help create a board that reflects and reinforces its mission," the organization shared.

Inquiries and nominations from the public should be sent to Board@Hilltown-Village.org by September 30. For more information, visit hilltownvillage.org/volunteer or call 413-650-3640.

# Explore the Ware River on Aug. 19

HARDWICK – Join the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council for the inaugural paddle of the Upper Ware River Blue Trail on Saturday, Aug. 19.

The paddle will meet at the Old Furnace Launch at 8:30 a.m. and set off down the river at 9 a.m. to Ware River Park in Gilbertville.

The Upper Ware River Blue Trail is a 4.5-mile scenic paddle that is a smooth

and quickwater run. The paddle is expected to last 1.5 hours, according to a press statement. Please RSVP to chicopeewatershed@gmail.com.

C4R will be monitoring weather and river flows to ensure safe paddling conditions. They said they will post any issues or changes on their website, c4rivers.org, the day before and contact all participants who have RSVPed.

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video, print, and digital work on behalf of clients.

Madsen has been "one of the most highly regarded and decorated broadcast journalists in Western Massachusetts for over four decades," a press statement reads, frequently earning Best News Anchor in public preference competitions.

He retired from the anchor seat at Western Mass News and its affiliate station WGGB TV40, WSHM TV3, and Fox 6 a few years ago. He continues to host the on-air Sunday public affairs program "Getting Answers" on Western Mass News. He has interviewed hundreds of leaders in public life, politics, and business. Among the first guests of Common Ground are Thom Pollard, a Wilbraham

# 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

### 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.

ed. 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

Saturday, August 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

Thursday, August 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.

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Wynantskill NY 12198

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7 Franklin St. Apt 3L  
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370 Mill Valley Rd Trlr 59  
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Todd Brown  
128 N West St  
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Brenda Garcia Maldonado  
7 Parkview Ter  
Holyoke MA 01040

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Quintan Hall  
59 Karner Rd  
Albany NY 12205

2002 Cadillac DeVille (Black)  
1G6KD54Y52U241559  
Richard Talbot  
340 Frank Smith Rd  
Longmeadow MA 01106

2006 Chevrolet TrailBlazer (Blue)  
1GNDDT13SX62324511  
Peter Sanchez  
BX 581  
Holyoke MA 01041

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**TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PUBLIC NOTICE**

Date: August 7, 2023

The following Zoning By-law(s) and or General By-law(s) were voted and approved at the May 10, 2023 Annual Town Meeting:

ARTICLE 20 - General By-law Amendment: Short-Term Rentals

ARTICLE 21 - Zoning By-law Amendment: Short-Term Rentals

These By-laws were approved by the Attorney

General on **August 4, 2023** and posted by David J. Labrie, Constable of South Hadley on **August 7, 2023**.

Claims of Invalidation by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment may only be made within ninety days of such posting. Copies of such by-laws may be examined and obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

The following Zoning By-law decision is extended for an additional thirty days. The decision will be issued on or before September 12, 2023:

ARTICLE 22 - Accessory Dwelling Zoning By-law  
Sarah B. Gmeiner,  
Town Clerk

**Town of South Hadley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Constable's Return**

Pursuant to the within Town Bulletin, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of South Hadley by posting up attested copies of the same at the following places, to wit: Town Office Building 116 Main St., Main Library 2 Canal St., COA 45 Dayton St., Fire Station District #2 20 Woodbridge St., Water District #1 438 Granby Rd.

David J. Labrie, Constable  
08/11/2023



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# Area town designated as 'Green Community'

By Kimberly Palmucci  
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REGION – Hadley has recently been designated as a “Green Community” and is now eligible for \$139,250 in grant funding.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration recently announced that as a Green Community, Hadley commits to “clean energy and energy efficiency goals to reduce energy usage and lower greenhouse gas emissions.”

Additionally, East Longmeadow and Southwick were also named as Green Communities; with this recent designation, 291 of the Commonwealth’s municipalities hold a Green Communities title. Since the program began, the Department of Energy Resources’ (DOER) Green Communities program has awarded more than \$166 million in grant funding to the Commonwealth’s cities and towns through designation and competitive grant rounds.

“The Green Communities program is an essential partnership with cities and towns to help them lower carbon emissions and energy costs, strengthen local economies, and help move Massachusetts to a clean energy future,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “We commend East Longmeadow, Hadley, and South-

wick for their commitment to implement clean energy projects and reduce building and transportation emissions.”

Green Communities commit to reducing municipal energy consumption by 20 percent each, according to a press release. East Longmeadow, Hadley, and Southwick commit to reducing their energy consumption amounts to a savings of 23,188 MMBTUs in five years, the energy use equivalent to heating and powering 179 homes, and a greenhouse gas emission reduction of 1,635 tons, equivalent to taking 344 cars off the roads.

Proposed projects for the three new Green Communities include weatherization improvements in schools and municipal buildings, electric vehicles for town and school fleets, and renewable thermal technologies, such as air source heat pumps.

Under the Green Communities Act, DOER’s Green Communities Designation and Grant Program can provide up to \$20 million annually to qualified cities and towns. The goal of the Designation Grant Program is to support communities’ investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that further the clean energy goals determined by the designated communities. Initial designation grants are based

on a \$125,000 base for each designated Green Community, plus additional amounts tied to per capita income and population.

“To combat the urgent climate crisis, that state must support cities and towns to develop climate resiliency, transition to clean energy, reduce energy usage, and lower greenhouse gas emissions,” said State Senator Jo Comerford (D-Northampton). “I am thrilled Hadley has chosen to become a Green Community and I am grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Department of Energy Resources for leading the Green Communities program and awarding Hadley \$139,250 in initial grant funding.”

“Congratulations to Hadley on receiving their Green Communities Designation,” added State Representative Daniel R. Carey (D-Easthampton). “This designation shows the town’s commitment to clean energy and a sustainable future. The hard work it takes to become a Green Community is already paying off with \$139,250 in state funds coming to Hadley to pursue energy efficiency goals.”

Funding for these grants is available through proceeds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

# Ice cream, cats, and crafts this weekend

By Kimberly Palmucci  
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REGION – One area animal organization is hosting an ice cream cat event this weekend.

Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow (HTAT) is inviting animal lovers from across the region to its “Feline Family Fun Day” at Westview Farms Creamery in Monson on Saturday, August 12.

“This fundraiser comes at a time when shelters across the state and the nation are filling up and there is an increasing demand for HTAT’s community level programming,” HTAT shared in a press statement.

The day promises “fun for the whole family,” including ice cream, food, activities for kids, raffles, music, vendors, crafters, and “don’t forget the goats,” the group shared.

“Plus, it’s your chance to buy an exclusive HTAT shirt,” the organization added.

“Since our founding, HTAT has worked to help community members care for their pets,” said HTAT’s Executive Director Rachael Max. “Over the past few years, we’ve greatly expanded our community assistance programs, and the overwhelming interest they’ve generated has shown just how essential these services have become.” Feline Family Fun Day will take place from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, at the Westview Farms Creamery, 109 East Hill Road, Monson. Admission is free. Dogs are welcome. For more information, visit heretodaysanctuary.org.

“Last year, Feline Family Fun Day was so successful that we decided to do it again.



Courtesy Photo

This year, we have more vendors (60+), bigger raffle items, and, if possible, cuter kittens to visit. I am excited to see all the animal lovers come together, have a great day, and at the same time help more pets and their families,” Max added.

HTAT, a volunteer-driven group focused on creating and supporting the bond between animals and community members, was founded by mother-daughter team Barbara Horn and Max in 2012.

“It is deeply important to us that every resident’s stay at HTAT is comfortable and healthy, making for well-adjusted, happy animals,” HTAT released. “Shortly after opening, we realized there were more homeless cats than we could handle by adoption alone. Our ultimate goal is to keep pets and people together. We have programs to help special needs cats flourish and get adopted, as well as community assistance programs to help pet owners keep their pets, such as our Pet Food Pantry, low-cost spay-neuter program, and Safety Net Foster Program for owned cats.”

In 2023, HTAT helped more than 1,500 animals and their families, according to reports.

# West Nile Virus confirmed in South Hadley mosquito sample

SOUTH HADLEY - The Massachusetts Department of Public Health recently released 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 recom-

mended 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](http://mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update).

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