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St. Patrick's Church holds annual community picnic



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St. Patrick's Church held their annual picnic at the Summit View Banquet House.

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – St. Patrick's Church held their annual parish community picnic at the Summit View Banquet House on Aug. 16. The afternoon was one filled with lawn games, drinks, catered food, a live DJ and bingo games.

"We have a nice venue,

we have a really nice DJ and the people have a nice time," said Father David Aufiero. The pastor is in his second year at the parish and noted the event was an informal end-of-summer and "back-to-school kind of event."

"There are four pillars of human development," Father Aufiero said as surveyed the community members as they enjoyed a rousing game of

bingo. "There's the intellectual pillar, the spiritual pillar, the social pillar and the service pillar."

He noted the picnic was a way to fulfill the social aspect and as a way to unite community members as they celebrated the end of summer and the changing of the seasons. Laid back events like these, elaborated Father Aufiero, were an opportunity

DJ Luis the Dancing Machine strikes a pose for the camera.

for people to gather, socialize, relax and enjoy the day.

"This is just a part of the whole piece of the pie, you know? I think something like this is just kind of a laid-back thing. It's a nice thing for us to do," Father Aufiero

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Growing Wild grows its influence within the community

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The Growing Wild community is expanding within South Hadley. An informal subcommittee supported by the town's Conservation Commission, the group aims to promote independent growers within the region, educate the public about local plants and sharing agricultural wisdom. According to their page on the town website, the mission is to make residents aware their

yard is a vital part of the local ecosystem and is more than just a place to host outdoor games or cook barbecue.

"I think it was three or four years ago," said Conservation Administrator Rebekah Cornell when asked what inspired the subcommittee's creation. "There were some members of the commission that had been following Dough Tallamy's work; Homegrown National Park."

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Submitted photos

Conservation Administrator Rebekah Cornell educates residents during a Growing Wild workshop.

Titus Pond Conservation Area restoration project under way

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – Concerted efforts to restore the Titus Pond Conservation area are under way. With a recent grant awarded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the project aims to renovate and improve conditions within the watershed. The area is home to an extensive number of underground culverts which manage storm water runoff as Buttery Brook meets with the Connecticut River.

"The project will restore the waterway through Titus Pond to a defined meandering channel," said Conservation Administrator Rebekah

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The restoration project will change the Titus Pond Conservation Area.

Immaculate Heart of Mary holds annual Summerfest

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

GRANBY – The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church held its annual Summerfest barbecue chicken dinner on Aug. 23 on the parish grounds. The event featured grill favorites with hot dogs and hamburgers served as alternatives to the main course.

"They used to do it in the pavilion area," said church pastor Fr. Michael Goodreau. The event was held indoors due to unsafe pavilion roofing conditions, which is awaiting repairs. Roofing costs to repair the pavilion are estimated at more than \$100,000.

The signature barbecue chicken is cooked outdoors on a brick-in barbecue pit,



Turley photos by Ben Hernandez

Volunteers gather to dish out the afternoon's meal.

which was supplemented with a hearty baked potato, corn on the cob and a ice cream cup for dessert. Tickets were on sale for \$15, with all proceeds going towards funding church utilities and

upcoming snow plowing costs for the winter.

"It's just a tradition to raise funds for the heating, the electrical and plowing

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Local band 'Over and Out' performs free concert at Dufresne Park

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

GRANBY – Local band Over and Out played at Dufresne Park on Aug. 18. Granby residents enjoyed an evening of free music and lawn sports as classic tunes wafted through the park. The concert was sponsored by Friends of Granby's Elderly with optional donations collected by committee representatives.

The Granby-based band is comprised of vocalist and guitarist "Crazy Joe" DeForge, bassist Rick Peterson, drummer Ron LeBreton, lead

guitarist Jake Chartier, singer Cindy Colon and keyboardist Don Carden. Song selection is a democratic process, with band members proposing their own songs they wish to cover. After receiving recommendations, the band collectively decides which songs to cover.

DeForge said his lifelong passion for music began when his enlisted brother brought home a "guy from Ohio," who couldn't return to his family. The guitarist recalled the man had a Gibson guitar with him, which sparked the mentor to take him under his wing.

"I said 'oh, I always wanted to learn how to play guitar' and he taught me how to play one song on a guitar," said band member Joe DeForge, better known to friends by his nickname Crazy Joe. "And then the Beatles came out and that was it."

The band initially played under the name, The Garage Fossils. The band formed as a result of members "jamming together" in 2006 and had an initial focus on working for charity. The initial run for the band fizzled due

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Over and Out plays a free concert in Sedlak's Gazebo located in Dufrense Park.

Guided public trek at Black Stevens Conservation Area

SOUTH HADLEY—The South Hadley Bike/Walk Committee will host a guided Trek at the Black Stevens Conservation area on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026 at 9 a.m.

The conservation area is a large wooded area that sits between South Hadley High School (on Newton Street/Rt 116) and Plains Elementary School (on Granby Road/Rt 202). It is a very popular place to walk in South Hadley.

The Trek, which will be led by Bike/Walk Committee member Jim Buckley, will be approximately 1.75 miles long and take about an hour. There are some uphill por-

tions to start the trek, which is a loop that begins at the Newton Street trailhead near the high school, travels to the area near Plains School and returns. The trail does have some elevation so the beginning will be uphill, while the return is mostly downhill. There are a number of raised roots along the way, so some care should be taken while walking.

Meet at 8:45 a.m. in the South Hadley High School parking lot near Black Stevens Pond and the trailhead on Newton Street. Weather-appropriate long-sleeved shirts/pants are best since the

trek is in a wooded area. Wear safe footwear, and bring water, bug spray, and walking poles, if desired. Participants of all ages and new Trekkers are always welcomed!

Treks are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or ground conditions. Visit the Bike/Walk page on the Town website to view and download a trail map and for any cancellation notices or other information: <http://www.southhadley.org/bikewalk>. Should there be a cancellation decision, information will be posted online by 8 p.m. the night before the hike.



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NAMI offering education program

HOLYOKE – NAMI Western Massachusetts is pleased to offer their NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program in person, starting Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Greenfield.

What is the NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program?

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-session educational program for family, significant others, and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a

designated evidenced-based program. This means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition.

NAMI Family-to-Family is taught by NAMI-trained family members who have been there and includes presentations, discussions, and interactive exercises.

Senior Center to show zoom presentation on 9/11 tragedy

SOUTH HADLEY – In observance of the 25th Anniversary of 9/11, the South Hadley Public Library, in partnership with the South Hadley Senior Center and South Hadley High School, will host a live community viewing of a special Zoom presentation by FDNY First Responder Joseph T. Bonanno on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.

Sponsored by the 9/11 Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Mr. Bonanno will share his personal experiences and reflections on the rescue and recovery efforts at Ground Zero following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions for Mr. Bonanno in advance through the South Hadley Public

Library website at www.shadleylib.org.

Community members may attend the presentation at the South Hadley Public Library, the South Hadley Senior Center, or South Hadley High School. Please register with the location you plan to attend. Library registration is available at www.shadleylib.org. To register at the

Senior Center, call 413-538-5030 (Option 3). Registration information for South Hadley High School will be announced soon.

This free program, sponsored by the 9/11 Tunnel to Towers Foundation, is open to the public. You do not need to be from South Hadley to attend.



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Matters

By Russell Gloor

We were bitten by Medicare’s IRMAA this year; What should I so?

Dear Rusty:

My wife and I file our taxes jointly.

In 2024, I took an IRA Required Minimum Distribution, which was significantly more than I was required to take.

My Medicare premiums were not affected in 2025 and our Social Security payments were not reduced. Then, our joint filing in 2025 kept us below the IRS’ “Modified Adjusted Gross Income level. Yet in 2026 our Medicare payments increased and our Social Security payments were reduced.

If my MAGI is below the maximum for 2025, will my regular SS payments/Medicare reductions be restored in 2027? Is there any action I need to take to ensure this will happen or will our Medicare payments and reduced SS payments be our new norm?

Signed: Worried Retiree

Dear Worried Retiree:

FYI, your Medicare premiums in 2026 were affected by the large RMD you took in 2024, which caused a Medicare provision known as the “Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount ” to apply for 2026.

When determining the Medicare Part B premium for next year (each fall), Medicare uses the income you reported to the IRS two years prior to calculate your Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium for upcoming year.

If you exceed the base “IRMAA” income threshold two years ago, then your Medicare premiums for the next year will include a supplemental amount on top of the “standard” Medicare premium for that year.

The amount of the supplement depends on

how much you exceed the base IRMAA threshold by (FYI, the base IRMAA threshold for 2026 for a married couple filing jointly was \$218,000). If your 2024 income exceeded that initial IRMAA threshold, you paid a higher Medicare premium, which also reduced your SS monthly payment because Medicare is deducted from your SS benefit. IRMAA uses a sliding scale to determine how much more than the standard Medicare premium you will pay.

However, that will all automatically correct itself going forward. In other words, when determining your premiums for 2027, Medicare will look at your 2025 income. If your 2025 MAGI is less than the base IRMAA threshold, you and your wife will both automatically revert to paying the standard 2027 Medicare Part B and Part D premiums.

You don’t need to take any action for that to happen; it will all be automatic.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vandalism against No Override lawn signs

To the editor

I am sorry to report that at least three of the ‘Vote NO OVERRIDE’ lawn signs were dismantled sometime Thursday night Aug. 20 and Friday morning Aug. 21.

The signs were in proper positions at night at the Lathrop/Brainerd intersection and on North Main Street, but were found askew in the weeds in the morning.

The sign on Brainerd was vandalized three times and re-instated; however, the fourth time it was stolen during the day-after 9 a.m. and has not been found.

Two of the signs were not damaged per se, but one was actually stolen and all incidents have been reported to the South Hadley Police Department.

The Police noted that the wind might have dislodged the signs from their wire frames, but it was obviously vandalism and theft.

Except for hurricane forces, wind could not lift these three signs from their wire frames.

It was suggested to the Police that they check the area for possible outdoor security cameras that might have caught the vandals in the act, but it is not known if any investigation has followed.

It is sad to see such acts of vandalism and theft over the mere expression of political differences and free speech.

Dr. Stephen Frantz
Resident of South Hadley

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Preservation questions are popular this time of year

Dawn, who gardens in Tolland, asked a few questions of the Garden Lady this past week.

You see, this is the first year in three years that Dawn has a had a productive garden. Her former garden was too far from the house to be tended. It was tricky to irrigate and animals often found their way through or under the fence.

Dawn’s hard work ended up being a hearty meal for woodchucks and more. Now, with raised beds close to her house, she is grateful for a bountiful harvest.

First, she wanted to be reminded how to roast tomatoes.

I enjoy roasting my cherry tomatoes; it’s a great way to use them up when they produce like gangbusters.

Depending on the size, I either cut them in half or quarters and put them no more than two rows deep in a roasting pan. I sprinkle a teaspoon or two of extra virgin olive oil over the tomatoes and then I add half an onion and two-three cloves of garlic.

After mixing all the ingredients together, I bake at 400 degrees for about an hour, stirring midway. You know when it is done when the skins pucker and there is very little liquid left. Now you can either eat it this way, say over pasta or rice, or you can zip it up with a few basil leaves and you have made your own sauce.

No need to de-seed or remove the skins. Just think, all that added fiber and goodness, with less work to boot!

You can tailor your roasting to suite your own taste buds as well. Some folks add chopped peppers or eggplant.

Certainly you can use any type of tomato, too and add additional herbs or spices.

Speaking of peppers,

Dawn also wanted to know how to roast peppers. It’s a little different from tomatoes.

Peppers roast best when they are fully ripe – i.e., when they have changed color. I have mentioned it before,

but my favorite roasting pepper is “Carmen,” a long bell pepper with thick walls.

Simply wash the fruits and position them whole in a single layer under the broiler, turning frequently until they bubble up and char slightly. This can also be accomplished on a gas grill or as my husband will attest, over the flame of your kitchen gas stove.

Once charred, place them in a paper bag or covered container. The steam will soften the skin to the point it can be rubbed off, revealing yummy, thick flesh.

Pull off the stem and remove the seeds and voila! Roasted red peppers are yours to freeze.

I just blot mine dry and put them in single servings in plastic freezer bags. The fruit is easily thawed by placing the bag into a shallow basin of water; likewise, you can pop the pepper popsicle on to a plate and let it thaw in the fridge.

Roasted peppers are fantastic on homemade pizza or blended into hummus.

I shared with Dawn that I was making pickles. She went on to say that hers never turn out well, so I texted her a copy of a recipe given to me by a dear coworker over 20 years ago. I am still making



them.

I’m not sure who originally gave Ron the recipe, but here it is for anyone wanting to use up an abundance of cucumbers. I’ve made it with full size cukes as well as picklers.

I would recommend that you fill your canning jars, be it quart or half gallon, with the cucumbers first. They can be packed tightly.

Then, add plain water to the jar all the way to the rim. Dump the water out into a large measuring cup to see just how much liquid you need.

Then you can adjust the other ingredients to the ratio in the recipe. I learned this trick the hard way after wasting ingredients because I didn’t need quite a double recipe.

Ron’s Pickle Recipe

Ingredients:

- 14-16 cucumbers
- 8 teaspoons pickling spice
- 6 dill tops
- 6 cloves garlic
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 4 tablespoons Kosher salt
- 1 cup vinegar
- 5 cups water

Instructions:

Combine all ingredients into canning jars. Shake and leave on counter for 36 hours. Refrigerate for two days before eating. Will keep in the fridge for a few months although the flavor will intensify with storage.

Enjoy the harvest as much as Dawn is!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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.

I received an email from a Hampden resident, who sent two photos of Eastern bluebirds – one adult male and a fledgling.

She states, “I live in Hampden, for the past several years we have been blessed to have a pair of bluebird’s nest in our yard. They have had three broods of babies each year including this year.”

The fledgling in the above photo is a male. The photo was taken shortly after fledging. Wing feathers, wing coverts and tail feathers are essential in determining the sex of young bluebirds.

By day ten to eleven days after hatching, feather colors are noticeable. The blue tail in males and gray in females become apparent. In the male, the short tail at fledging is bright blue. Times may vary but by day 13 the tail color is apparent.

Both sexes have a gray spotted back and chest. They also have a white eye ring.

By the time a bluebird is 19 to 24 days old, the male has blue wing coverts and the female gray ones.

At five weeks old the young male has blue wing feathers and a bright blue tail. The female’s primary wing feathers are blue, but concealed. The base of her tail is blue and the rest bluish gray. Spots are still present on back and breast.

Young bluebirds continue to depend on their parents for food until six weeks old. Siblings tend to forage nearby until they join flocks of young birds. Some first brood birds even help raise their

parents next brood if their parents have a double brood season.

Between July and October young birds begin to replace



Photo by Elizabeth Frederick

This adult male Eastern bluebird is seen at the entrance of a bluebird house checking on his brood.

their juvenile plumage. Blue and brick red feathers begin to appear. By mid to late October all juveniles finish molting into their first adult plumage.

Leucistic crow

I met a New Braintree resident at the Oakham Post Office this week. He said he saw a crow with one white wing. Leucistic birds are birds that have abnormal plumage coloration due to a genetic mutation that causes a partial loss of pigmentation.

They may have washed out feathers or blotches of

white feathers. While rare, they are found in many bird species around the world.

Whippoorwills

A Brimfield resident emailed, “I thought you’d be interested to learn that I still have several whippoorwills calling at dusk in the lower Haynes Hill/Paige Hill area of Brimfield.”

She stated, “I’ve only lived here four years, but they are here every year!. They start calling about 8:30 p.m.”

She stated, “My grandparents owned a house that bordered Reedy Meadow in Lynnfield. We heard Whippoorwills there. So cool to have them calling from my front and back yards at the same time.”

While on vacation as a child on Lake Winnisquam, my dad, brother and I would hear them calling while fishing for horn pout at night. I used to hear them in Oakham, but I not heard one in years.

Owls hooting

I do hear barred owls hooting back and forth at night. Sometimes they are quite loud and can be heard even with the windows closed.

Juvenile red-tailed hawk

I received an email from a reader who saw a juvenile red-tailed hawk in her front yard. She stated, “It was quite beautiful. It had a small rodent for its dinner. It was really close to my front door, I’ve never seen a hawk so close to me.”

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowne@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

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College Notes

Seventh Annual Putt for Pets and Vets Tournament

Gauthier graduates from Syracuse University

John Michael Gauthier, South Hadley, graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse University on May 10 with a bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering and a minor in mathematics. Gauthier made the College of Engineering & Computer Science dean’s list six times and was inducted into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. He was also inducted into Sigma Gamma Tau, the national aerospace engineering honor society and Pi Mu Epsilon, the national mathematics honor society. While at Syracuse University, Gauthier was a tutor for Syracuse’s Center for Learning and Student Success (CLASS). He was named a Syracuse Success Scholar and completed a summer internship at Titeflex in Springfield.

Local residents named to Simmons University Dean’s List

The following local residents were named to the 2026 spring semester dean’s list at Simmons University in Boston. Zoe Lee-Davis, Easthampton; Asha Kulp, Florence; Eva Bartosz, Granby; Lane Atkinson, Haydenville; Juliana Coelho, Holyoke; Yana Zaghloul, Northampton To qualify for dean’s list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

University of Rhode Island celebrates more than 4,000 new graduates during 2026 Commencement

KINGSTON, R.I.—The University of Rhode Island celebrated more 4,000 of its newest alumni during the University’s 2026 Commencement. Approximately 3,800 undergraduate degrees and 900 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during the ceremonies which took place May 15-17, 2026. Among the graduates were: Samuel Desautels, of South Hadley, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, Criminology & Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Gabriel Arabik, of Granby, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

GRANBY—The 7th Annual Putt for Pets and Vets Tournament was played at Westover Municipal Golf Course in Granby on Saturday, July 18. Players from Connecticut, New York, Florida, California, and Alaska braved brutal weather conditions and joined local golfers for the event, which was held in loving memory of Tucker Moran, Margot Moran, and Chris Whalen.

Tucker was a graduate of Amherst Regional High School before enlisting in the Navy and serving in the Korean War. Upon his return, he used the G.I. Bill to attend the University of Massachusetts. He died unexpectedly at his home in Belchertown in July of 2017 and is buried at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery in Agawam.

Margot was a graduate of Belchertown High School, Mount Holyoke College, and the University of Massachusetts. She held two careers: first as an English teacher/professor for South Hadley High School/Westfield State College, then as the Administrative Assistant for St. Michael’s Cathedral in Springfield. She died unexpectedly at Baystate Wing Hospital in June of 2025. She is buried with Tucker at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery in Agawam.

Chris was a graduate of Cathedral High School and the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. His infectious personality touched countless lives, especially as he through-hiked the Appala-



Submitted photos

chian Trail in 2021. He died unexpectedly at his home in Otis in February of 2025 and his ashes were spread privately by his family and friends.

92 golfers and 9 volunteers participated in the event.

The proceeds from the tournament have been evenly split between the Belchertown Animal Relief Committee (BARC) and the Sgt. Joshua D. Desforges VFW Post 3236 in Ludlow.

The Moran and Whalen families thank Westover Municipal Golf Course and all those who participated in the event.





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All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than
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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Remembering 9/11:
A Community Wide Viewing Event with FDNY First Responder Joseph T. Bonanno
Wed., Sept 2 at 6 pm – Community Room

Sponsored by the Tunnel to Towers Foundation retired FDNY Joseph T Bonanno, via Zoom, will give a simulations presentation at the South Hadley Public Library, South Hadley Senior Center, and South Hadley High School. Mr. Bonanno will share his personal experiences and reflections on the rescue and recovery efforts at Ground Zero following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. You can register to attend the library at shadleylib.org or call 413-538-5045. If you want to attend at the Senior Center, please call 413-538-5030 x 3. Information for the High School will soon follow.

FixIt Clinic!
Saturday, Sept 12 from 10 – Noon.

Registration Required. Please Pick a 20-minute slot. We have Two volunteers to help you gwluw together, figure out, or screw or help you fix a physical item. We have one volunteer that can help you with plants and pests – sign up to help your plants thrive and help you get rid of pests in your home or yard. And last but not least we have a volunteer that does visual mending. Do you have a small hole that needs to be repaired? OR maybe a button that need to be attached? Sign up at shadleylib.org.

Local Author Talk: Danielle Raad author of “Above the Oxbow”
Wed., Sept 23 at 6 pm

Above the Oxbow explores the rich history and stories surrounding Mount Holyoke, one of Western Massachusetts’ most beloved landmarks. Author Danielle Raad reveals how people have experienced, shaped, and fought to preserve the mountain over the past two centuries. Discover stories of the historic Summit House, a long-gone tramway, an airplane crash, and the community efforts that protected this treasured landscape. Raad is a public historian, anthropologist, archaeologist, curator, and professor of history and museum studies at the University of Georgia.

West African Drumming Group
Sat., Sept 26 at 11 am

If you have a heartbeat, you can drum! For millennia, drumming has brought people together in community to create peace, health and wellness. The uplifting rhythms of Africa relieve stress and help people connect with each other, as well as their own joy. The drummers encourage participants to jam out and express their rhythms creatively. They also teach the basics of hand drumming and traditional rhythms from Mali and Guinea, West Africa. Drums provided and no experience necessary. Sponsored by the South Hadley Cultural Council.

“Radium Girls” Presentation followed by a book group with Robert Comeau
Wed., Sept. 30 at 6 pm

Did you want to talk about the book “Radium girls” and did you want to learn more about the history of this book? Come and enjoy a presentation at the South Hadley Public Library, followed by a book discussion! This program is funded by the South Hadley Local Cultural Council.

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said. He noted additional benefits to outdoor events gave people a reason to get out of the house and remind themselves they're part of a wider community.

"I think it's very nice because everybody gets together," said Luis Rodriguez, better known in the region by his stage name, DJ Luis the Dancing Machine. "There's so many churches that have nice events but I think St. Patrick goes out of their way to make this event for everybody."

The "nice party," in his words, allows him to practice his craft while also giving him an opportunity to give back to a community he cherishes. He called the annual picnic an "awesome event" and wished more local parishes provided the same sense of togetherness he felt during the proceedings. He also stated events like these were good for the wider community, especially with "all the things happening in the world."

"Everybody is welcome in the community," said Party People Planning Community representative Jessica Carey. "Even though it's supported by St. Patrick's Parish, anybody can attend."

A lifelong member of St. Patrick's Church, Carey



Turley photos by Ben Hernandez

The well-attended event provided some relaxation and socialization opportunities for the community.

Left: A wider shot of the venue.

called the end of summer event "nice" and "quaint," as well as an excuse for fellow members to be with their friends. She expressed her gratitude to the Summit View Banquet House for hosting the annual picnic, which has been the venue for "a long time."

"It's changed over the years," Carey said as she reflected on how the provided activities have changed over the years. "I remember one year I brought my daughter and she's really into horses. She spent the entire three hours on the pony."



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Bingo raffles and smiles abound.



Father David Aufiero enjoys a game of bingo.



Jessica Carey with raffle tickets in hand.

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Cornell. "This will increase floodwater and storm water attenuation."

The grant was awarded as a result of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program, described by provided grant documentation as "a partnership between the state and local communities to build climate resilience through grant-funded projects." The program aims to fund initiatives which allow towns to plan and create climate change resilient projects.

The Titus Pond Conservation Area is a region consisting of 3.7 acres, which includes an artificially created pond, a feeder stream and the associated wetlands surrounding the region. The pond has been used as a fishing spot by local children for years, though recent years have revealed Titus Pond to be filled with nitrogen and phosphorus, which both block sunlight and deplete oxygen levels in the water; causing depopulation. According to the town website, the area is also plagued with an "unsightly growth of duckweed" on the pond's surface in the summer.



An example of the local wildlife.

The pond is an artificial construction, an impoundment created by the Queensville Dam, which was found in a 2018 inspection to be both in poor condition and requiring "significant repairs" totaling a projected \$175,000.

The dam's removal is listed to be the first action item for the restoration project, which will be followed by local wetland restoration and "ecological enhancement" of the original impoundment to both increase the area's flood storage capabilities and improve conditions for the local habitat.

"Rather than spend money on perpetual upkeep, this project will remove the town's liability associated with the dam and restore the surrounding ecosystem for improved storm water retention," Cornell said. "This mitigates flooding, erosion, and other storm impacts in densely populated downstream neighborhoods."

Other benefits include an expected improvement in water quality as well as alleviating other "potential public health concerns" which arise as a result of local water nutrient and bacteria impairments. The restoration efforts have been "years in the making"

and began as a result of an MVP action grant funded to create a town wide culvert assessment, which included an inspection of the Titus Pond Conservation Area and related downstream areas.

The restoration is on its way, with final construction and bidding documents to be completed in the fall. A do-it-yourself storm water management workshop is scheduled in October to inform residents about the "issues of increased precipitation, water quality and climate change." The workshop will also instruct residents on how to collect rain water, provide rain barrel construction kits and also give away native trees and shrubs for re-planting.

Construction bidding and plan implementation is set to begin in Spring 2027, with construction scheduled to complete by June of 2028. A Community-Build Implementation Day will occur in July 2027, which will host a volunteer-driven workshop to answer questions about the restoration projects, why certain elements are being implemented as well as a hands-on opportunity for "residents to get dirty doing stream restoration." Those interested in volunteering can email conservation@south-hadleyma.gov to sign up for Implementation Day or other outdoor volunteer projects.

"This project will restore Titus Pond Conservation Area as a healthy, diverse wildlife habitat while improving its accessibility and usability as a public conservation area," Cornell said. "Although it will no longer be a pond, it will always have water running through it, which creates a diverse environment for insects and wildlife in an urbanized part of South Hadley."



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The total region of the Titus Pond Conservation Area.



Titus Pond will become wet lands as a result of conservation efforts.

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Boys take silver in 2026 Bay State Games

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

FITCHBURG—A year ago, Chicopee’s Griffen Wrisley and Minnechaug’s Tyler Supczak were starters for the West soccer team which captured the Gold medal at the annual Bay State Summer games. The duo were the only returning starters on this year’s West squad. The West team took home the Silver medal at the Bay State Summer Games following a 2-1 loss to Central in this year’s Gold medal match, which took place at the Game On Sports and Performance Center in Fitchburg on July 11.

“I was lucky enough to be a member of the Gold medal team last year,” Wrisley said. “We have a bunch of new players on this year’s team and were hoping to win the Gold Medal again. It’s a lot of fun being a leader of this team.”

The other members of the West team, who live in the Turley Publications coverage area, are John Carra (Agawam), Zacharia Yarovoy (Chicopee), Antonio Maurico (Chicopee), Aidan Monaghan (Agawam), Kayson Gauthier (South Hadley), Spencer Parsons (South Hadley), and Braeden Fitzgerald (Agawam).

The West team finished pool play with a perfect 4-0 record. They posted a pair of one sided matches against Northeast 6-2, and Southeast, 8-0. They also pulled out two matches by 2-1 results against Central and Metro.

“Central was the best team we played in pool play,” Wrisley said. “I scored a goal and had an assist in that game.”

The West team was coached by

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Kayson Gauthier, of South Hadley, looks to make a free kick.



Spencer Parsons, of South Hadley, eyes an open teammate.



Aidan Monaghan, of Agawam, tries to play the ball off his chest.

Girls represented by two squads at Bay State Games

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

FITCHBURG— While the other sections of the state only had one girls’ soccer team competing in this year’s Bay State Summer Games, Western Mass. was represented by two teams for the first time. The West Red team was coached by Matt Mosher, while Eric Woods guided the West Yellow team.

The two squads faced each other in the final pool game on July 11 at the Game On Sports and Performance Center in Fitchburg. After building a 3-0 lead, the Red team withstood a late comeback by the Yellow team for a 3-2 victory.

“We had more than 40 girls’ try out for the two soccer teams, which shows how popular the sport is in

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Kelsey Morrisette, of Chicopee, starts her way up the field.

Teddy Bear Pools takes playoff title in Tri-County

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—For the first time since 2012, the Tri-County League championship title belongs to a baseball team other than PeoplesBank.

The third-seeded Teddy Bear Pools & Spas ended the second-seeded PeoplesBank twelve year dynasty after sweeping the best of three semifinal series. Teddy Bear then captured the championship trophy for the first time since the 1980’s with an 8-4 victory over the top-seeded St. Joseph’s Saints in last Sunday’s night decisive game three held at St. Joe’s Park in Thorndike.

“Before the start of the regular season, I thought we had the most talented team in this league,” said Teddy Bear player/manager Ryan Magni. “We have a couple of outstanding college baseball players on our roster, which made the biggest difference. It does feel great to win the championship title, but I do have a lot of respect for St. Joe’s.”

Ryan Magni played for St. Joe’s for eight years before switching sides a couple of years ago. His younger brother, Brandon, was the St. Joe’s starting first baseman in game three.

Ryan Magni started the game in centerfield before replacing righthander Brendan Fournier on the mound in the bottom of the seventh inning. St. Joe’s scored two runs

against the righthander in their final at-bats. The game came to an end when Brandon Magni hit a ground ball to the second baseman against his older brother.

“I’ve faced my brother many times over the years,” Ryan Magni said. “I didn’t have my best stuff tonight, but I didn’t make it very easy for him.”

St. Joe’s, who lost to Peoplesbank in last year’s championship series, was looking to win the TCL title for the first time since 2006.

“They just capitalized on our mistakes in tonight’s game,” said St. Joe’s manager Paul Marcinek. “It would’ve been nice if we could’ve scored a few more runs. We did win the regular season championship with a 16-4 record, and we have nothing to be disappointed about.”

Marcinek was assisted by Brian Hayes this season.

With one-out in the top of the first inning, Teddy Bear had runners on first and third when right fielder Willie Landman hit a ground ball up the middle. St Joe’s short-stop Jacob Hayes made an outstanding diving stop before tagging second base and throwing a strike to Magni completing the inning ending double play.

Jacob Hayes, who’s a member of the UMass Dartmouth baseball team along with his brother Jackson, belted a double to right center leading off the bottom half of the opening frame. Brandon Magni followed with a

groundball single into left field putting runners at the corners. St. Joe’s took a 1-0 lead when centerfielder Pat Fitzgibbons hit a bloopier just out of the second baseman’s reach which scored Hayes. Magni also crossed the plate following a throwing error by the catcher.

Fournier, who graduated from Chicopee High School in 2017, retired 17 of the final 18 St. Joe’s batters that he faced. St. Joe’s only base runner during that stretch was Fitzgibbons, who hit a triple to right field with one-out in the sixth inning.

“I struggled in the first inning, but I started throwing more off speed pitches that kept them off balance. My teammates also made the

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Teddy Bear Pools becomes the first new playoff champions in more than a decade.



Alex Gochinski takes a swing.



Nate Carrill makes a throw down to second.



Brendan Fournier fires a pitch home.

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Josh Wietecha, who’s the boys’ varsity soccer coach at Hampshire Regional. He graduated from Chicopee Comp in 2021 and helped the West team win the Gold medal at the 2019 Bay State Games.

Wietecha enjoyed coaching Wrisley at this year’s Bay State Games.

“Griffen is one of the best soccer players that I’ve coached,” Wietecha said. “He’s an outstanding forward and takes control of every game.”

This fall, Wrisley will be one of the few returning players on the Chicopee Pacers varsity team.

“We graduated twelve players from last year’s varsity team,” Wrisley said. “We only have a couple of varsity players returning.”

Wrisley never thought about transferring to a different high school.

“Chicopee High School

is a very special place for me and my family,” Wrisley added. “We won the Western Mass. title for the first time in 43 years last year. It was very special.”

Wrisley is the All-Time leading goal scorer for the Pacers boys’ soccer team. He needs only three more goals to reach the 100 goal milestone. He currently has 116 career points.

Hugo Destapado, who coached the West team at the Bay State Summer games last year, is returning as the Pacers varsity boys’ soccer coach.

“I would’n’t be a successful soccer player without the help of my coaches,” Wrisley said. “I’m looking to playing soccer for one final season at Chicopee High School.

The Pacers are scheduled to host Northampton in the season opener on Labor Day. They’re also scheduled to play another match against Frontier Regional at historic Szot Park two nights later.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Linus Dandurand attempts to make a stop.



Lucas Cruz hustles past mid-field.



Andrew Dziadroz makes a play on the ball.

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plays behind me,” said Fournier, who was the winning pitcher. “I’ve been playing in this league for almost ten years, and it feels great to finally win a championship.”

Teddy Bear cut the deficit in half against righty Jack Feltovic in the third inning.

With one-out, catcher Mike Toth, who graduated from Granby High School, was hit-by-a-pitch. Second baseman Ramon Jimenez singled to right field putting runners at first and third. Then Landman hit a sacrifice fly to right.

Jimenez graduated from Chicopee High School before playing Division 1 college baseball at Boston College and Central Connecticut. He was intentionally walked in his other three plate appearances.

The visiting team took the lead for the first time two innings later.

Ryan Magni and Jimenez reached base via walks, which was sandwiched between a Mike Toth flyball single, which loaded the bases with one out. Left fielder Josh Frometa (2-for-3) blasted a triple to center giving his team a 4-2 lead.

“The bases were loaded and I was looking for a pitch to drive,” said Frometa, who played baseball at Chicopee High and A.I.C. “It was a huge hit at that point of the game, and it feels great to win the championship title.”

After scoring an unearned run in the sixth, Teddy Bear scored three more runs in the top of the seventh against lefthander relief pitcher Jackson Hayes. The key hit during that frame was a bases loaded double by first baseman Will Kennedy, who played for St. Joe’s several years ago.

Teddy Bear entered the bottom of the seventh inning holding an 8-2 advantage.

St. Joe’s DH Adam Zebian drew a walk against Ryan Magni leading off the final frame. Zebian was replaced at first base by pinch runner Adam Przybycien. Left fielder Ryan O’Leary followed with a triple to center scoring Przybycien. O’Leary scored on an infield hit by catcher Nate Carillon, who graduated from South Hadley High School.

Ryan Magni settled down and got out of the jam by retiring the next three batters, including his younger brother.

Teddy Bear Pools & Spas will be looking to defend their championship title in the summer of 2027, but challengers like St. Joe’s and People’sBank will be looking to knock them off the top of the mountain.

Turley photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Jacob Hayes fires over to first.

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Western Mass.,” said Mosher. “Eric and I have a very good relationship. We try our best to make the teams equal. It’s has been a lot of fun coaching this team.”

It was the sixth consecutive year that Mosher coached a Western Mass. girls’ soccer team at the Bay State Summers Games. His previous teams won two Silver Medals and three Bronze Medals.

Mosher was assisted by Laura Wray-Ramos, who’s the longtime girls’ varsity soccer coach at Agawam High School.

The members of the Red

gion, are Filomena Stellato (Agawam), Hannah Haesaert (South Hadley), Kyra Lipmann (Holyoke), Gabriela Ramos (Agawam), Riley Platt (South Hadley), Audrey Afonso (Ludlow), Olivia Izzo (Agawam), Bridget Benoit (Belchertown), and Bri-Anne Kraus (Granby).

“All of the players on my soccer team have been playing with and against each other for years,” Mosher said. “They know each other very well.”

After finishing pool play at 2-1-1, the Red team surged to a 3-0 win over Northeast in the Gold medal game. It marked the first time that a

West girls soccer team won the Gold medal at the Bay State Games since 2016.

“It’s very exciting being a member of this soccer team,” Haesaert said. “There are a lot talented soccer players in the west.”

The Red team began pool play with a 2-1 loss to Northeast. The following day, they tied Central, 1-1, before celebrating a 3-0 shutout win against Southeast/Coastal.

During the past couple of years, Woods, who coaches the girls’ soccer team at the MacDuffie School in Granby, coached the Central/West team at the Bay State Games. His team won the Gold medal in 2024.

“The Central team had a mixture of players from Central and Western Mass. during the past couple of years,” Woods said. “It’s nice to coach a team with only players from the West. Soccer is a very popular sport in Western Mass.”

The Yellow team lost to Central, 5-0, in the Bronze medal game.

The members of the Yellow team, who attend a high school in the region, are Taylor Bartosz (Minnechaug Reg.), Kelsey Morrisette (Chicopee Comp), Grace



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Taylor Bartosz, of Wilbraham, looks to clear the ball on defense.

Sherman (South Hadley), Sofia Marsh (Granby), Cecelia Litz (Agawam), Kalli White (Granby), Margaret Healey (Granby), Grace Curto (Agawam), Mackenzie Lynch (Agawam), Sydney Germain (Chicopee), Cayla Ribeiro (Chicopee), Eleanor Szlosek (Granby), and Jordyn Szado (Monson).

The Yellow team (0-3-1) began pool play with a pair of 4-1 losses to both Central and Northeast. They managed to tie Southeast/Coastal, 1-1 the following afternoon.

In the West vs. West match-up, Healey scored a penalty kick goal and added a corner kick goal.

“It was really a lot fun

playing in the Bay State games for the first time,” said Healey, who’s a rising sophomore. “I enjoyed competing against the other players from the West.”

It was an enjoyable three days in Northern Worcester County for the two girls’ soccer teams from Western Massachusetts.



Aaliyah Wall, of South Hadley, chases after a loose ball.



Margaret Healey, of Granby, looks to get around an opponent.



Kaileena Smith, of Granby, advances up the field.



Kalli White, of Granby, is pressured as she heads through the middle of the field.

Orioles repeat as Valley Wheel champions

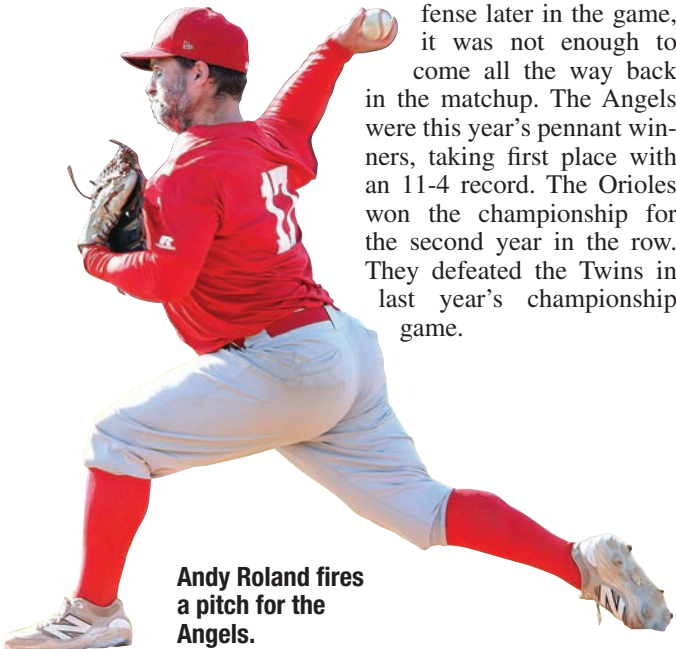


The Orioles are the 2026 Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League champions.

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WILBRAHAM – On Saturday, Aug. 15 at Spec Pond in Wilbraham, the Orioles defeated the Angels 15-8

in the championship game. The Orioles were propelled by nine runs in the first two innings. While the Angels would manage some offense later in the game, it was not enough to come all the way back in the matchup. The Angels were this year’s pennant winners, taking first place with an 11-4 record. The Orioles won the championship for the second year in the row. They defeated the Twins in last year’s championship game.



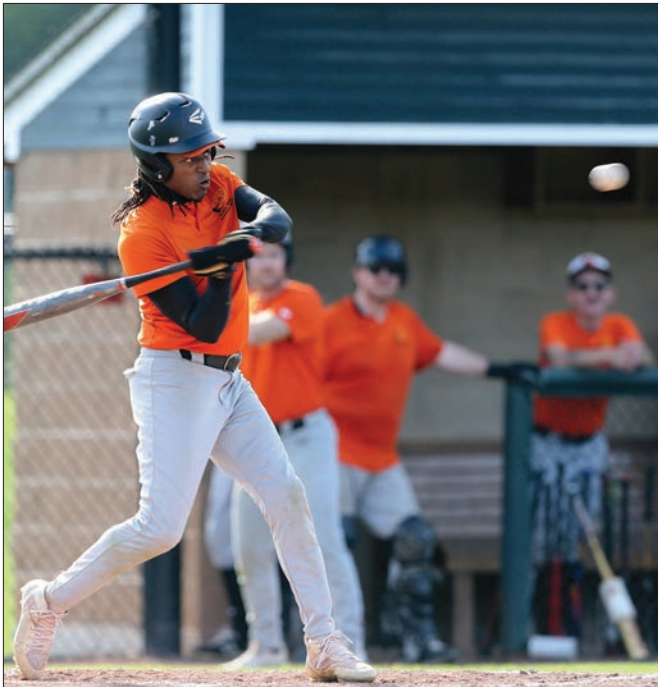
Andy Roland fires a pitch for the Orioles.



Sam Maxwell makes a backhand play.



Mike Burgos delivers a pitch for the Orioles.



Henry Henriquez is focused as he swings.

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Homegrown National Park is an environmental movement which encourages people to grow native plants and remove invasive plants in their communities. Cornell stated the movement was a large inspiration for Growing Wild, as well as serving as the bedrock for the subcommittee’s ethos for supporting local growers. Growing Wild hosts a number of events to promote the cause, which include workshops, community projects and even a yearly potluck.

“So, this will be the third year of the annual potluck,” Cornell said. “We try to get

together in the fall to celebrate the end of the growing season and just come together in community and have a good conversation...the idea is that people can thin out their gardens at the end of their growing seasons and bring their native plants in to give away to their friends.” Cornell described the subcommittee as both very informal and “very grass-roots,” with a small number of people piloting the helm. The idea is for members to educate each other and share “ideas and wisdom” around local plant life, conservation efforts and general growing tips for aspiring gardeners.



Rebekah Cornell introduces herself to the audience.



The library garden promotes local plant life.

One of the major outreach initiatives is to promote personal gardens. A resident’s backyard is a teeming ecosystem with the ability to grow local plants, which in turn combats regional food scarcity while also fostering independence.

Growing Wild also offers resources to those looking to begin their own personal garden. The Winter Seed Sow-

ing Workshop, for example, walked aspiring gardeners through the process of setting up a pollinator garden, complete with instructions on how to start seeds in gallon milk jugs. The Growing Wild webpage also provides links to online webinars and references to previous presentations, which can be found at <https://www.southhadley.org/1345/Growing-Wild>.

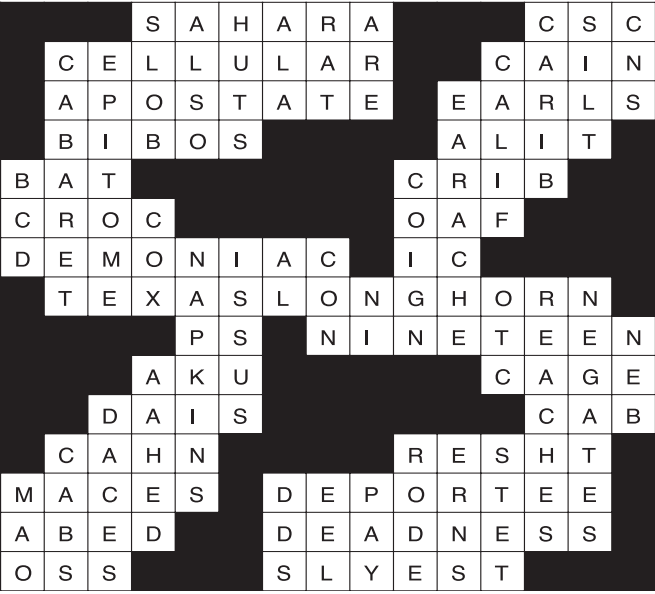


The Gaylord Native Plants Garden outside of the Gaylord Library.

There is also an upcoming presentation on storm water management which, according to Cornell, will take place in “late October.” The workshop will cover topical issues such as climate change, how to handle the effects of increased precipitation around the area and questions around water quality within the region. It will also include hands-on exercises for attend-

ees to “help them understand what nature-based storm water management opportunities look like.”

“We’re going to be providing kits for rain barrels so people can convert a trash can or a bucket into a rain barrel by attaching it to their gutter,” Cornell said. “So that will be a fun, fun project. The real part of it is that we’re also giving away native plants.”



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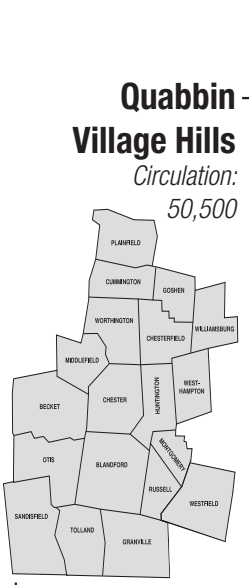
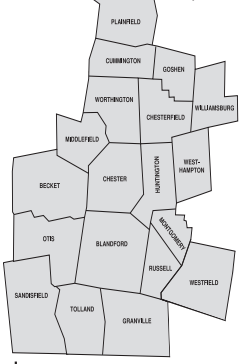
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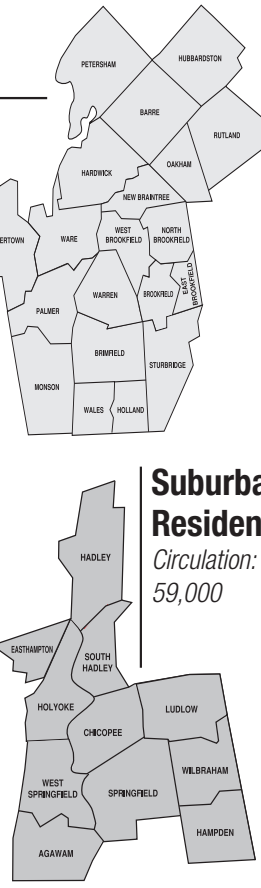
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band members dropping out as a result of being “older people.” Two years ago, the band contemplated hanging up the instruments. However, thanks to a gig offered bass by player Rick Peterson’s son, the band was able to continue playing on.

“His son said ‘Dad, I want you guys to play at my Jack and Jill,’” DeForge said, recalling the fateful day. “So, I scrambled and made some phone calls and got a hold of some people. We had just a couple months to get it together.”

The band’s new name, Over and Out, was a result of

a disagreement after a brainstorming session. Realizing they didn’t want to go by their original name because of their new, younger member, the group got to work coming up with a new name.

However, none of the ideas pitched by the members seemed to stick until one fateful passing remark smashed the band’s creative block.

“Jake’s not a fossil,” DeForge said, referring to lead guitarist Jake Chartier. “We threw it around and I threw a couple names up there. My bass player said ‘I don’t like any of them. I’ll catch you later, over and out.’ My singer goes ‘Over and Out? That sounds good.’ Everybody

goes, ‘yeah, that sounds real good.’ That’s how it became.”

DeForge stated the group has been having a good time and returning to their roots lending their talents to charity events and fundraisers. He said playing events is a lot of fun and the band liked to give back to the community. With a new keyboard player joining four months ago, the guitarist is optimistic about the band’s future.

“We got such a really good thing going,” DeForge said. “I want to make it last as long as I can.”



The Friends of Granby’s Elderly organized the event.



A momentary pause between songs.



Residents enjoyed live music on the green.



The well-attended event drew fans of all ages.



“Crazy Joe” DeForge introduces a song during the set.



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Zonta Club offering fun golf day

BELCHERTOWN – Join members of the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley on Sept. 12 for a fun day on the links at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown and be a champion for women and girls. The \$120 registration includes golf, cart, pastries/coffee, snacks, box lunch, beverages, prizes and more. If you aren’t a golfer, you can donate a raffle prize or sponsor a hole.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. Registration

form and link are at www.ZontaQV.org/golf. Questions can be directed to Mary Knight at 413-219-8260. Your support directly funds scholarships and grants that empower women and girls to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential. We’re working to end child marriage, domestic violence, and human trafficking, while also supporting climate justice, education equality, and women in decision-making positions.

