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Girls' volleyball hits an eleven-win streak as a team

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GRANBY – The Girls Volleyball teams have spent this season celebrating win after win, the girls on both junior varsity and varsity celebrating 11 wins and three losses, the most in a season for a long time.

“It means the work we’ve put in this year was worth it, and the effort we put in was the best part,” said Captain Audrey Pleisch.

The varsity team is composed of 14 girls in their junior and senior year of high school, and the junior varsity team has 15 girls in their sophomore year and younger.



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The varsity team is posing for a photo before the game.

Pleisch has been playing volleyball for five years, since seventh grade, and began as a captain in eighth grade in junior varsity.

“To me, it’s more than just teaching skills or running practices,” said Coach Emil Herrera-Concepcion about what coaching volleyball means to him. “It’s about representing the school and community with pride. It means being a role model for my athletes, showing them

what hard work, discipline, and teamwork look like both on and off the court.”

At practice, the girls start out with a warm-up to bring out their focus and get them moving before moving into skill drills and working on areas where the girls may need improvement on like serving, passing, or hitting.

“I love how fast-paced it is,” said Pleisch. “The people

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Savannah Rushlow, Lea Charest, Allison Charon, and Rosalba Manduca posing for a shot.

Resident celebrates her 100th birthday with apple pie

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SOUTH HADLEY – Last Thursday, October 9, the Pioneer Valley Rehabilitation Center hosted a special birthday party to celebrate Josephine Keeley’s 100th birthday.

“I love all the friends here,” said Keeley about the many people who came to celebrate her special day.

Keeley worked and traveled with the UMass Amherst Food Services as the resident dietician, planning the menus and make sure they accommodated all taste buds and were nutritious.

During her time working for UMass Amherst as a dietician in the Food Services, she got the chance to travel all over and received a reward for her hard work and dedication to the Food Services.

“I loved my trip to Hawaii,” said Keeley, referring to one opportunity to travel with Food Services to the beautiful state. “I used to attend conferences, and they were all over the United States.”

Keeley’s favorite thing in this world was her 100-foot garden, planting a variety of flowers and vegetables, and teaching anyone who would

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Turley photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

Josephine Keeley waving a shaker to blow out her candles on her birthday apple pie.

NHN receives generous donations from the community

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SOUTH HADLEY – As time marches on and we discover more and more areas where the financial crisis burdens families across the country with rising prices, it is food pantries these families look to for help.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has been operating to help the residents of South Hadley and Granby for over a decade, providing the community with food and hygiene products.

Recently, the pantry was donated some old voting machines from Districts 1 and 2,



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The compost bins outside that all leftover foods that can be composted go into to reduce waste.

and they repurposed them to act like composting bins.

The compost is then given to Full Circle Garden, which provides fresh produce for the pantry for same-day soil-

to-shelf delivery, and is run by Master Gardeners.

“The work they do is fantastic, and it really means the world to us,” said Guarnera. “We truly appreciate the

work they do and the fresh produce they bring us so we can supply fresh produce to our clients.”

The Pantry puts mainly fruit and vegetables into the compost bins, and donates the more favorable bread to be enjoyed by the cows at McCray’s Farm.

“We compost as much as we can so we don’t have to throw anything away,” said director Mary Lou Guarnera. “Sometimes things go quicker than you think, so it’s good to compost. We really try to be as responsible as we can with what we don’t use.”

The cardboard boxes that the food is delivered in

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Wine Haus under review by ZBA for proper use of special permit

ZBA holds a public hearing regarding the local winery, Wine Haus, to see if it is actually being used for agricultural purposes.

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GRANBY – The Zoning Board of Appeals continued a public hearing as it continues to evaluate whether or not local winery, Wine Haus,

is violating the terms of the property’s special permit.

Last week, ZBA meet to hear testimony related to the issue.

Former building commissioner Damian Cote issued a cease-and-desist order on the winery for violating the residential zoning restrictions regarding noise complaints and traffic concerns.

“The law is quite clear in Massachusetts. If a zoning violation exists, even if a former building inspector or commissioner determined otherwise, it can be en-

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Second Baptist Church invites community to celebrate fall

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Second Baptist Church of South Hadley is gearing up to welcome the community for its Fall Festival — a lively and free celebration that blends classic seasonal fun with a warm spirit of connection.

Pastor Joseph Greene said the idea for the festival originated from the success of a block party held earlier this year. “Earlier in the year, we had a block party and we met lots of new friends and

neighbors,” Greene said. “We thought that a follow-up fall festival was a great way to connect with our community again. Our vision is to bless the community in tangible ways, and these events help us realize that vision.”

The festival has quickly become a favorite way for neighbors and church members to come together. “It brings our community together in that we have a free, family-friendly event outdoors,” Greene said. “People are looking for safe and supportive environments to

bring their families to that don’t involve screens.”

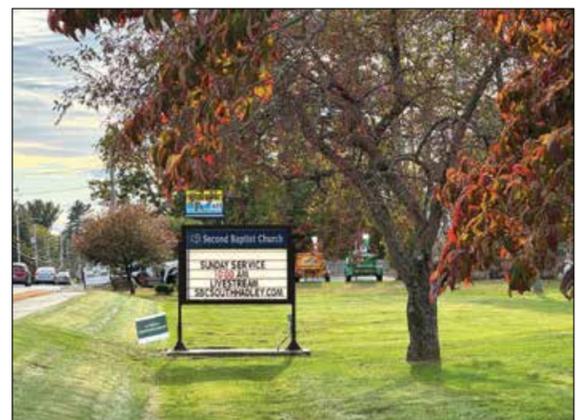
Attendees can look forward to a full lineup of festive activities, including an inflatable slide, hayrides, games, line dancing, music, and free food, creating a classic fall celebration for all ages. The event is entirely free, and everyone is invited.

Greene noted that the success of the festival depends on the dedication of many church volunteers. “It takes many church volunteers to make this event happen,” he explained. “Some prepare

the food, others oversee the games, and still others clean up.”

Beyond the fun and food, the heart of the festival is about sharing love and building community. “We want the community to know that we value them and want to bless them,” Greene said. “Jesus tells us to love people, and this is a small way for us to show love. It is hard raising a family these days, but it is easier when you have a faith community supporting you.”

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Turley photo by Tina Lesniak

The Second Baptist Church is getting ready for its fall festival next weekend.

Selectboard reviews proposed bitcoin machine ordinance

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Selectboard held a Public Hearing regarding Ethan Circle, a continued conversation on the construction going on, and changes to be made, as well as a talk about rising risks of fraud with Bitcoin and a new ordinance.

The Oct. 17 meeting also featured a discussion on various accepting and signing for funds for schools to address the current financial crisis for schools, projects around town, and tri-annual interviews and appointments.

Proposed Bitcoin Machine Ordinance

Police Chief Jennifer Gundersen proposed a ban of bitcoin, or cryptocurrency, vending machines in businesses in South Hadley.

There are currently 550 cryptocurrency Bitcoin machines across the Commonwealth in convenience stores, gas stations, grocery stores, and other retail places.

"I'm proposing that we have a ban on those being placed in business within South Hadley," said Gundersen. "Cryptocurrency is digital, virtual money; it's only online, there are no banks, there's no government. It's decentralized."

Essentially, the machines allow for purchasing and exchanging money for these cryptocurrencies, and the SHPD has received numerous calls regarding these machines, regarding scams from

people pretending to be South Hadley police officers or government officials through phone, email, and social media.

"They're told they need to make an urgent payment, such as taxes or bail money or something to protect their bank account, and they're directed to deposit cash into local cryptocurrency ATMs," said Gundersen. "These taxes are completely irreversible, untraceable, and nearly impossible for us to trace."

"This matters for us because this is going to protect our residents for preventable fraud, and it's also going to reduce the workload on our police officers," said Gundersen. "It's really a matter of public safety and consumer protection, and that's why I bring it to you."

The Selectboard will have this moved to be a warrant to vote upon at Town Meeting and moved unanimously to support the Bitcoin ordinance.

Public Hearing: Ethan Circle

The Selectboard heard a public hearing with the Planning Board back in January, and had been waiting for a sign that the HOA is up and running. After hearing back, they moved forward into the conversation in order to discuss the stormwater system, which is handled by the HOA.

"We are very anxious for this street to be adopted now," said resident of Ethan Circle, Gina Hoagland.

The main issue was in seeing the private way of

Ethan Circle be changed and adopted into a public way. The Selectboard reviewed the material, and after no further discussion or public comments, the Selectboard unanimously approved and accepted Ethan Circle as a public way.

Public Higher Education Stabilization Fund and Fiscal Crisis Sign-On Letter

The fund is designed to support higher education, including the community, college, state universities, and UMass system by the Massachusetts Teachers Association in order to address the funding cuts.

If accepted, the board on the union will urge the Legislature to set aside \$200 million from the \$2 billion generated by Fair Share in order to stabilize public higher education.

Similar to the Stabilization Fund, the Massachusetts Teachers Association developed a crisis letter in order to provide relief to Special Education, fixing the Chapter 70 inflation cap, reimburse region and non-regional school districts for transportation costs, increase rural school aid, further mitigate the financial impact of charter school on traditional public schools, and make targeted investments in staffing and programming in order to aid and support student mental health.

The Selectboard unanimously agreed to sign both the Stabilization Fund and the Fiscal Crisis Letter.

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee Invites Community Input on October 21

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee invites all community members to a virtual community workshop on Monday, October 21 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

This workshop is part of the Educational Visioning Process, where teachers, parents, students, and residents help define priorities for student learning, the spaces and programs that matter most, and how a new or renovated Mosier Elementary School can best serve the entire South Hadley community.

Project Update

The Committee recently selected Mount Vernon Group Architects (MVG) as the project's designer. Together with the District's Owner's Project Manager, Skanska, and the Massachusetts School Building Au-

thority (MSBA), MVG has begun the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) phase. This phase will establish the project's educational goals and evaluate potential options to address Mosier Elementary's long-term facility needs.

South Hadley was one of only 19 school districts, out of 63 applicants in 2023, invited into the MSBA's highly competitive grant program, which funds the design and construction of new or renovated schools. A Once-in-a-Generation Opportunity Built in 1969, Mosier Elementary has reached the end of its useful life.

The MSBA partnership presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for South Hadley to address urgent facility challenges while shaping a school that supports

modern teaching and learning and reflects the community's values.

"We look forward to hearing from residents and ensuring that this project reflects the values and priorities of our town," said Diane Mulvaney, Chair of the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee. "It will be important for our committee to blend the educational needs of our students with care, compassion, and fiscal responsibility, delivering a solution that serves our needs now and into the future."

For more information, email: shbuilds@southhadleyschools.org, and be on the lookout for the upcoming posting of the Zoom on the Town Website and Facebook page.

Harmony House hosts spaghetti dinner fundraiser

CHICOPEE – Harmony House of Western Massachusetts, a nonprofit home for hospice patients, will host their 15th Annual Spaghetti Supper on Friday, November 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Moose Family Center, 244 Fuller Road, Chicopee. The community event raises funds to support the organization's mission, providing a home and compassionate, around-the-clock care, allowing residents to live their final days to the fullest.

"Community support is absolutely vital to Harmony House. Donations enable us to provide 24/7 care and companionship to those who don't have a safe or suitable place to receive hospice care

and want to live out their final days in a place they can call home," said Gina Mazza, board president and executive director of Harmony House. "We're looking forward to bringing the community together to share a delicious meal and be part of our work providing the peace, comfort, and dignity that our residents and their loved ones deserve."

The evening will include a hearty spaghetti dinner, 50/50 drawing, and raffle baskets. Tickets can be purchased at HarmonyHouseWMA.org or from a board member and are \$15 if purchased before Thursday, October 30th. Tickets purchased after this date or at the door are \$20. Children six and under attend

for free. This event is made possible thanks to the generous donation of space from the Chicopee Moose Lodge and the support of our sponsors, including Westfield Bank, Egan, Flanagan and Cohen, P.C., Fedor Financial Group, LLC, Carla Santia & Associates, Pizza Lino, and Rivest Financial Associates, Inc. Additional sponsors are welcome and can learn more at the Harmony House website. Additional sponsors will be happily accepted until October 29th. Please visit HarmonyHouseWMA.org to learn more about the organization, event, volunteer opportunities, or to donate.

Christmas card collection

SOUTH HADLEY – The Friends of the South Hadley Seniors are collecting Christmas cards for their annual holiday stocking project. If

you have some unused cards to donate, there will be a collection box at the entrance to the Senior Center through October 31. Unused cards

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Granby to Go seeking to aid local family

GRANBY- As many people know many benefits for families have ended. This has devastated families especially with children with special needs and medical conditions. At this time we have a family who's child essential need for nutrition is vanilla Pedisure as their source of their basic food source and because of the benefit cuts this has hurt this family's

basic need to help feed their child. We are holding a Pedisure drive for this family. If you would like to donate vanilla Pedisure please contact our program manager at granbytogo@granby-schoolsma.net or by stopping by on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Granby Jr/Sr High School. Thank you from our program and the family.

Handbag Bingo is on November 8: Purchase your tickets before they sell out!

SOUTH HADLEY – Tickets are now available to the popular Handbag Bingo fundraiser being hosted on November 8 at St Theresa's Church by the Friends of Buttery Brook Park. This annual fundraising event will benefit improvements to the park, specifically, the addition of shade structures. "The recent park improvement project allowed us to add some wonderful new pieces to the playground. These, coupled with

our great spray park, brought more visitors to the park this summer. We often see families trying to crowd under small trees by the playground to get some respite from the sun. We know there is a need for additional shade," commented event organizer and Friends' board member Kim Prough. Tickets are \$40 each and can be reserved by emailing Kim at ksprough@me.com.

Police Chief Gundersen's community office hours for October

SOUTH HADLEY COA. – Police Chief Jeniffer Gundersen is holding several drop-in office hour sessions: October 24: 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the South Hadley Public Library. October 27: 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the South Hadley Public Library. October 31: 10 a.m. to noon at Newton Manor.

Donate to the SHHS's service club's projects

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School's Service Club has put together its October projects and is seeking to share with the community the need for donations for the following: **Book Drive/Lending Library: October 20 to November 21** This project involves the carpentry department of our high school, which will be building a physical lending library, and with donations

from the community, we will create a communal library.

Alianzia Domestic Violence Shelter Donation Drive: October 20 to 31

This project will consist of collecting the local domestic violence shelter's wish list, consisting of bedding, diapers, new clothing (for children and women), personal care products, and gift cards to supermarkets (Walmart, Target, etc.)

Learn about running for local office in South Hadley

SOUTH HADLEY— South Hadley voters are invited to attend an information session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025 in the Community Room at South Hadley Public Library at 2 Canal Street on South Hadley's elected offices and how to run for them. This is an opportunity for all voters to learn about the offices we see on our local election ballots, including precinct-based Town Meeting members and Town-Wide elected officials outlined in Town By-Laws. For those considering running for an office, now is a good time to begin thinking about the April 14, 2026 Annual Town Election. Starting early is helpful as the local election calendar begins in early December, just as the busy holiday season is getting underway.

good starting point for residents wishing to be more involved in and to better understand Town affairs. Town Meeting is the local legislative session that votes on our policies and budget, so members learn a great deal about how our town works and its finances. There are a total of 120 elected Town Meeting Members, 24 for each of South Hadley's five precincts. Members serve staggered 3-year terms, with eight seats on the ballot every year in each precinct.

Running for election as a Town Meeting Member is a

Plan to come and find out more about local offices and their responsibilities, requirements to be a candidate, how to run, and the timeline for running. The information session is hosted by the South Hadley Town Clerk's office and Board of Registrars. For election information, visit: www.southhadley.org/elections.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

Should I take Social Security now or at age 70?

Dear Rusty:

I was born in April 1958 and my plan has been to take my Social Security at age 70.

However, my sister-in-law says that it is smarter to take it now while I am still working. I will be 70 in 2.5 years. Her husband collects his SS and has kept working. She believes their strategy will net more money than mine due to the fact he has continued to pay into the system and she believes it has super boosted his monthly benefit. What say you? BTW, Lord willing and the creek don't rise I plan on living at least till 87.

Signed: Questioning My Plan

Dear Questioning:

You have already reached your SS Full Retirement Age, so you can earn as much as possible without your SS benefit being negatively affected by Social Security's Annual Earnings Test. In fact, if your current earnings are among the highest over your lifetime, your SS benefit amount will continue to increase because of your higher current earnings. You are now also earning Delayed Retirement Credits, which will improve your monthly amount by 67% for each month (8% for each full year) you delay. That means that if you wait and claim at 70 you will get about 127% of what you would have gotten had you claimed at your FRA of 66 years and 8 months plus you'll also get all COLA increases which occur between now and then. So your life expectancy is key.

It usually takes about 12 years to break even money wise by claiming at age 70 vs. at FRA. In other words, if you claim at 70 instead of FRA, you'll have received the same amount of SS money after you are 82. Thus, if your life expectancy is greater than age 82, you'll get more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting until 70 to claim. Of course, no one really knows how long they will live, so it is a judgement

you need to make. "Average" life expectancy for a man your current age is about age 84, but if you'd like to get a more personalized longevity estimate you can use this tool we use here at the AMAC Foundation: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>

Another thing to keep in mind is whether your wife will get a widow's benefit if you die first. A widow will get the higher of either her own SS retirement benefit or the husband's benefit amount when he died. So, if you claim at age 70, your surviving spouse will benefit if her own SS is smaller because you waited until 70 for your higher SS amount. Just something else to keep in mind.

Yet another is whether your wife will be entitled to a higher benefit as your spouse while you are both living. FYI, a spouse will get a "spousal boost" if her own SS retirement benefit at FRA is less than 50% of her spouse's FRA entitlement. If so, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit until you take your own SS retirement benefit. If your wife will be entitled to more as your spouse while you are both living, then delaying until age 70 means your wife cannot collect her higher spousal amount until you claim. Depending on your financial needs as a couple, that may affect your decision as well.

When to claim is always a judgement call which should consider your life expectancy, your financial needs and your marital status. If you don't need the SS money now while you are working and believe you will, indeed, live "at least till 87," then waiting would likely be your best long-term decision. If you have doubts about your life expectancy, and/or if your wife will substantially benefit from a "spousal boost" if you claim earlier, then claiming now would also be a wise choice.

Finally, it's also important to understand that your

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Jack Frost has come and gone; time to review

Usually we have a few nights that teeter around the freezing mark each fall, giving us an advanced warning of sorts, before a real deal killer frost strikes. Not so this year.

I tuned into the weather last Tuesday night and to my shock, we were expecting temperatures to dip into the mid to high 20s Thursday night into Friday morning! That meant going into extreme harvest mode to get everything indoors that needed to be and trying to cover what I couldn't get to.

I was trying to hold off on harvesting my Butternut winter squash, hoping for the green tinges of the skin to fade to a warm buff color, but by the time Wednesday rolled around I had to give in and pick them. I think they are mostly ripe.

I grew three total hills this year, two of a variety Mom had saved the seeds of and one of a highly touted, powdery mildew resistant F1 hybrid by the name of "Little Dipper." I was lured in by the catalog description that promised seven plus fruits per plant.

From my two plants in that one hill, I harvested 15. Pretty good, I'll say! They range in weight from just over a pound and a half to over five pounds, with most around the 3.5 pound mark.

I already cut into one, and roasted it. Not being used to such a dry texture, I added a little water when I whipped it up and it was flavorful enough. And true to its description in the Fedco

catalog (fedcoseeds.com) it was indeed powdery mildew resistant.

The leaves were incredibly green and still pumping out flowers until they were struck by frost. Will I grow it again? Yes.



One mention: the seeds took forever to germinate. I start mine indoors in early May. They were easily a week or 10 days behind the open pollinated squash and pumpkins I germinated indoors.

Another squash that was new to my garden this year was an Acorn squash by the name of "Festival" from Renee's Garden (reeneesgarden.com). I typically don't veer from growing butternuts due to a heavy load of squash vine borers on all other species, but the seed packet was so pretty that I succumbed to an "impulse buy."

I figured I could grow them to eat, and also use them for autumn decorations. The cream-colored squash are splashed with orange, yellow and/or green and reportedly will keep up to three months.

From four plants I harvested 21 squash; not too shabby for vines that are semi bush. I tried two plants in one of my raised beds as an experiment, and they did great there, as did the two in the main gar-

den.

I cut one in half, removed the seeds and roasted it cut side down until fork tender. To me, acorns are on the blah side but all that changes with the addition of some maple syrup.

As far as the vine borers go, the plants were early to bear and quick to ripen. By the time the borers discovered them most fruits were curing right on the plants. I'll definitely be growing them again.

Mouse Melon, also known as Cucamelon was a newbie as well, and one that I was not sad to see go when the frost hit. I sowed the seeds indoors and planted the transplants along one side of an A-frame trellis. By August I had the cutest mini-watermelons, think the size that would be perfect Barbie Doll food!

My appreciation for this trial ended with its cuteness, however. To me it tasted like a bitter cucumber, with a little bit of a kick to it. Not a fan.

I did enter them in the Ware Grange fair, however, and won first place in the "any other" category!

Stay tuned next week for more reviews and also what strategies worked and what didn't!

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

Fall entrepreneur...



Letter-to-The-Editor

Addressing safety concerns after multiple accidents

To the Editor,

On the afternoon of October 11, there was another accident on Route 202 in South Hadley in the vicinity of Pine Grove Drive. This was the fourth accident I am aware of in the past month. This one was a multi-vehicle accident responded to by several police cars, tow trucks and ambulances; two earlier ones involved only two vehicles. The one last month involved a truck, operated by a driver who admitted they were not paying attention, which veered into the bike lane and hit a 14-year old cyclist, knocking him off his bike. Fortunately he suffered only scrapes and bruises; it appears his helmet kept him from getting a concussion. This could have been much worse! Vehicles travel fast on this stretch of 202 between the

intersection of 202 and 33 to Five Corners in Granby. Many drivers use the bike lane as a "passing lane" while coming upon a vehicle waiting to turn left into one of the side streets, condo complexes and businesses. Many drivers ignore pedestrians trying to cross 202 at the crosswalks. I don't know what the solution is to this continuing (and seemingly worsening) situation is (more State and local police patrols? traffic lights?), but I do know that increasing traffic by adding more businesses, apartment complexes, etc. will exacerbate the problem!

I urge South Hadley Town Meeting members to vote no to the rezoning plan proposed by the Planning Board!

Richard Matteson
9 Pine Grove Drive
South Hadley, MA

The State House comes to Western MA for Historic Governor's Council Confirmation Hearing

REGION – The Healey/Driscoll administration has nominated Western MA resident Benjamin Mann to the position of Associate Justice of the Juvenile Court.

Nominees to judicial positions come before the Governor's Council for advice and consent for confirmation to the bench. Governor's Council holds confirmation hearings, usually at the State House in Governor's Council chambers, prior to voting at Assembly on nominees.

This event will bring the process from the State House to Western MA. Following the confirmation hearing, members of Council will hold a Q&A session and share information about the process of becoming a judge in Massachusetts and the constitutional role of the Governor's Council.

Governor's Councilor Tara Jacobs, representing District 8 on the Governor's

Council, a district encompassing 102 cities and towns across Western MA and Central MA, will chair the Governor's Council confirmation hearing for nominee Benjamin Mann.

This is a rare and historic hearing, with members of the Governor's Council traveling from across the Commonwealth to the Western side of the state. Members of Council will be available after the hearing to answer questions.

Hearings before Governor's Council are an opportunity to hear testimony from witnesses, a personal statement from the nominee as to why they believe they would serve the judiciary of the Commonwealth well from the bench, and to answer questions posed by members of the Council about a variety of issues relevant to the court and the position.

The Governor's Council generally holds confirmation

hearings on Wednesdays at the State House. This is an opportunity for the local community in Western MA to attend a hearing, observe the process, and meet members of Council after the hearing, during which there will be a Q&A session with Council.

This is a public hearing. Those interested in better understanding how judges are vetted and confirmed in Massachusetts are encouraged to attend, as well as those interested in applying to become a judge now or in the future.

The event is open to everyone: students and members of the community, including the legal community. When: Wednesday, October 22, 2025, and doors open at noon, Confirmation Hearing at 1 p.m. followed by a Q&A. Event ends at 3 p.m. at the Great Room at the Old Chapel on the UMass/Amherst campus, 144 Hicks Way, Amherst, MA.

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Join the PTO for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser

HOLYOKE – The Mater Dolorosa Catholic School PTO would like to invite the community to a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Wednesday, November 5 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in order to support the PTO in providing for school programs and student enrichment.

The supper is dine-in or take-out, and will be at the Pope John Paul II Social Center in Holyoke on St. Kolbe Drive. Bring a nonperishable food item to help fill Kate's Kitchen and support local

families in need this season. The meal costs \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children, by cash or check only, and includes pasta, salad, and garlic bread. Add-ons are available including sausages and meatballs, dessert, and extra sauce to-go.

This is a monthly supper, hosted on the First Wednesday of the Month, through June 2026, and is the PTO's biggest fundraiser. Come hungry and support a great cause.

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The church hopes families will leave the event feeling uplifted. "We hope people leave our event feeling like their family had a good time and made some new connections," Greene said. "We hope they feel loved by God."

The Fall Festival looks to grow into a cherished community tradition, and Greene sees it continuing to expand in future years, offering a

welcoming space for neighbors to gather.

As the event flyer notes, admission is free, and everyone is encouraged to invite friends. For more information, visit www.sbcsouthhadley.com.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 25, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the church, located at 589 Granby Road, South Hadley.

Together in Motion: A performance project of inclusion and creativity

SOUTH HADLEY — Join us for an evening that redefines performance art through the power of inclusion, creativity, and connection. Together in Motion: A Performance Project of Inclusion & Creativity takes the stage on Friday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Berk-

shire Hills Music Academy in South Hadley.

This isn't just a performance—it's a shared journey. Performers with differing abilities—have come together in a collaborative process, learning from one another, honoring their differences, and co-creating a

powerful dance piece that reflects their collective creativity, diversity, and human connection. From rehearsal to stage, this project has been a celebration of community and collaboration, reminding us all that movement speaks louder than words.

Tickets are offered on a donation basis, with suggested contributions ranging from \$5 to \$25. All are welcome, and every donation supports Together In Motion's inclusive programming and future performance opportunities.

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listen about the best ways to plant, and how to care for their gardens.

"I loved all the flowers," said Keeley about her garden. "And I liked to mow the lawn. I also grew onions. But, I didn't want to be a farmer. I knew I could do better, so I got an education."

Keeley's late son, Thomas Joseph Keeley, and late husband, Thomas Henry Keeley, worked with her in her gardens, and she made sure to show them how to care for

them the right way.

"She's done amazing work, and her gardens are still flourishing, and I always bring her bouquets of flowers from her garden," said April Clayton, whose mother was Keeley's best friend.

Clayton still visits Keeley every Friday at the Center, and makes a point to help care for her garden, and many others will bring her desserts and treats from UMass Amherst's dining services so she can "test" that they are still good from when she worked

there.

"She shared all her gardening tips with me, and she's the reason I'm a gardener today," said JoAnn Bourguignon, who set up and planned this special party. "She was my very good friend and supported me when my mother passed."

Keeley's warmth is appreciated by many, and her care for people and their health drew her to take on the role of dietician.

"My best advice is eat right," said Keeley. "Keep

away from salt, sugar, and saturated fat. I'm a dietician, so I know these things."

Keeley inspired many people, and for many more, she became a mother figure, providing a safe space and a shoulder for those who needed one.

"She is an amazing and powerful lady," said Clayton. "She's very smart, she's well-read, and she wanted everyone to be educated. She worked at UMass because she wanted to feed the kids. She's an amazing lady."



Taking a picture with Jo.

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April Clayton cutting Jo a slice of her favorite: Apple Pie from Atkins.

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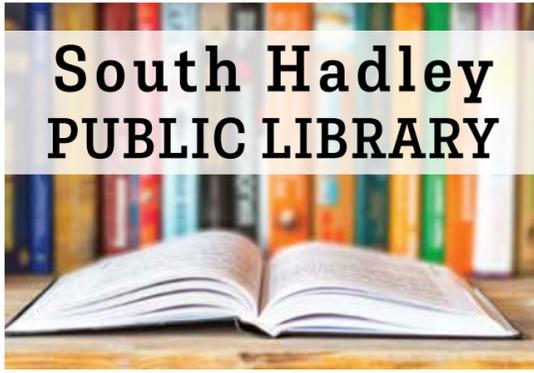
Spooky Season and Banned Books Week at SHPL

SOUTH HADLEY – The library's homepage will have a new look in October! We were faced with our long-time website provider closing their business and a reduced FY26 technology budget that required library staff to take a fresh look at what services and information needed to be available from our website. The new homepage contains information and (hopefully) easier access to the library catalog, online event calendar, local history resources, services and programs, and digital resources. We apologize in advance for any downtime over the first week as we work out the technical details.

Banned Books Week takes place this year during the first full week of October, celebrating the right of free people to read freely. This year's theme, in a nod to George Orwell, is *Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights*. The Library Trustees encourage our community to exercise their First Amendment rights at the South Hadley Public and Gaylord Memorial libraries.

Adult Programs at SHPL
Local author Mario Bonavita will share a heartfelt talk on his book, *All About Me: My Life on the Autism Spectrum* on **Saturday, October 18, at 10 a.m.**

We close the month with paranormal researcher **Ronny LeBlanc on UFOs on Wednesday, October 22 at**



6 p.m., as he dives into the mysteries of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) and UAPs (Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena)."

Are you reading what we're reading? Check out the library book discussion groups. We also have books for the discussion groups that meet at the Senior Center. Check out the full selection near our new book area.

The library, public health department, and Baystate Health are teaming up to hold a **Community Blood Drive on Monday, October 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Eligible donors will receive a gift card from Starbucks, Amazon, Panera, or Big Y. Email Fiona Cioch to register. You can also visit the **Public Health Drop-In Hour that same day from 3 to 4 p.m.** to learn more about the services and assistance available to residents.

There are also **Office Hours with Police Chief Jennifer Gundersen** taking place at the library on **Monday, October 27, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.** Bring your thoughts, concerns, and ideas to share with her.

Online Author Programs
Finding My Way with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai. Best-selling Author and Education Activist. **Wednesday, October 22 at 7 p.m.**

Courtly Intrigue and Whispers as Weapons with Historical Fiction Queen Philippa Gregory. Best-selling Author of *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *Leading Voice* in Historical Fiction. **Wednesday, October 29 at 2 p.m.**

Children's Programs at SHPL

All our usual programs continue: **Baby Lapsit Storytime, Lego & Games, Rhyme Time, Storytime, Playgroup, and Graphic Novel Book Club on Thursday, October 9 at 4 p.m.** Check the calendar for details!

Teen Programs at SHPL

This month's **Crafternoon** takes place on **Thursday, October 16, from 4 to 5 p.m.** We will be making Spooky Garlands. No sign-up is needed. **Night Craft** will be happening on **Tuesday, October 28, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** We will be crafting Stitch a Spider Web. None of

these programs require signing up unless you would like an email reminder.

Our monthly gaming sessions will be happening on **Tuesday, October 21 for Xbox1, and Monday, October 27, for Switch.** All gaming sessions start at **3:30 p.m. and run until 5 p.m.** in the Teen Room. No sign-up is needed.

Snackternoon returns this month on **Thursday, October 23, from 4 to 5 p.m.** This month features guest presenters, Food Explorers. They bring us a *Chopped* style program, making Tacos for Snackternoon. Please sign up so we can have enough supplies for all participants.

Our monthly **Teen Takeaways** continue to be available. This month features *Tealight Ghosts*. Sign up once and get a new Teen Takeaway every month. We also have our latest **Booktrovert** pick: *Kill Creatures* by Rory Power. There are no in-person meet-ups, just enjoy the book on your own time. Copies are available in the Teen Room for checkout.

Any questions please email Bethany.

Gaylord Memorial Library Programs

For kids, we also have our usual **Story Times (Fridays at 10:30 a.m.)**. We have a special visit from **UMass Live Insect Zoo on Friday, October 17, at 10:30 a.m.** where you can meet and learn about bugs! **LEGO Club** meets on **Thursday, October 30, from 3 to 6 p.m.**, and we have **Drop-In Crafts on Thursday, October 23, from 3 to 6 p.m.**

22 firefighters graduate from Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

Greenfield recruit recognized as outstanding student

REGION — State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy leadership today announced the graduation of 22 firefighters from the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program.

"Massachusetts firefighters are on the frontlines protecting their communities every day, and today's graduates are needed now more than ever," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "The hundreds of hours of foundational training they've received will provide them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely."

"Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructors draw on decades of experience in the fire service to train new recruits," said Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Director JP Seivane. "Through consistent classroom instruction and practical exercises, today's graduates have developed the tools they'll need to work seamlessly with veteran firefighters in their home departments and in neighboring communities as mutual aid."

The graduating firefighters of Class #S42 represent the fire departments of Amherst, Belchertown, Braintree, Falmouth, Greenfield, Hopkinton, Longmeadow, Monson, Northampton, Ox-

ford, and West Springfield.

The Richard N. Bangs Outstanding Student Award, which is presented to one recruit in each graduating career recruit training class, was presented to Firefighter Matthew Gardner of the Greenfield Fire Department. The award is named for the longtime chair of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, who passed away on October 2, and it reflects the recruit's academic and practical skills, testing, and evaluations over the course of the 10-week program.

Basic Firefighter Skills

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Career Recruit Program, all students have met the national standards of NFPA 1010, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, and are certified to the levels of Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations by the Massachu-

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national business WOMEN'S week

Women entrepreneurs who have helped to shape the world

The business landscape is continually evolving, shaped by the relentless determination and innovative spirit of visionary leaders of industry. Entrepreneurs come in many types, and a significant percentage of trailblazers are women. Women entrepreneurs have built global empires and inspired many young girls and women to follow in their footsteps.

Global Entrepreneurship Monitor says one in three high-growth entrepreneurs and nearly two in five export-oriented startups were led by women, according to its latest report of women's progress in entrepreneurship over the past 25 years. Forty-two percent of all American firms are women-owned businesses, according to Ecommerce-tips.org. In many regions, women are driving forces behind new business creation. Here's a deeper look at some of the women entrepreneurs that have made their mark.

• **Oprah Winfrey:** It wouldn't be a complete list of women entrepreneurs without Oprah Winfrey. Despite a challenging childhood, Winfrey built a multimedia empire from the ground up, becoming a self-made entrepreneur. From her talk show to the founding of Harpo Productions and the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN), Winfrey became the first Black woman to achieve billionaire status.

• **Melanie Perkins:** Perkins is the co-founder of the popular graphic design platform Canva. At around age 19, Perkins had the idea to make graphic design accessible to everyone, even those without many design skills. She persevered despite facing numerous rejections from investors. Now Canva is a multi-billion dollar global success story.

• **Whitney Wolfe Herd:** Online dating has helped pair many successful couples. Many have Herd to thank, as she is the CEO of the dating app Bumble. The concept of the app is unique from other platforms, as it requires women to make the first move, a concept that has helped empower women. At 31, Herd became the youngest woman to take a

U.S. company public.

• **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw:** Shaw is an Indian billionaire entrepreneur, and the executive chairperson and founder of Biocon Limited and Biocon Biologics Limited. These are biotechnology companies based in Bangalore, India. Shaw is known for being India's first woman entrepreneur and the country's richest self-made woman.

• **Arianna Huffington:** Huffington is a digital journalism pioneer. She is the co-founder of The Huffington Post and founder and CEO of Thrive Global, a wellness and health platform.

This is just a short list of the many women entrepreneurs that have helped shape the world.



Karen Sander-Buscemi, PMH-NP

Karen is a psychiatric nurse practitioner who specializes in geriatric mental wellness. She has over 35 years of experience in treating older adults.

She has a lengthy history of providing competent and empathic care in hospital, rehabilitation, and home care settings.

She holds a Master's Degree in Gerontological Nursing from the University of Connecticut, and a Post-Master's Certificate from the University of Massachusetts as an Adult Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.

She currently owns and operates, "GeriatricNP", a sole practitioner private practice here in South Hadley that offers psychopharmacologic interventions that target a variety of illnesses. These include: depression, anxiety disorders, and the challenges that often present with various dementias such as Alzheimer's Disease, Vascular and Lewy Body dementia.

She has extensive experience with geriatric program development, including evidence-based fall prevention, medication error prevention, and safe patient handling strategies.

Her interests include the safety and security of older adults residing in our local communities, and the progression of national and local dementia friendly initiatives. She is an active volunteer for the local TRIAD program.

Karen resides in South Hadley with her husband Andy and her ever growing aviary of feathered companions.

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Improved Tigers suffer league loss to Orioles

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY—Between 2019-2022, Abigail Olden compiled 110 career points (goals and assists) as a member of the Belchertown varsity field hockey team.

Olden, who's currently a junior on the Colby-Sawyer College field hockey team, was the first Lady Orioles player to reach the elite milestone.

Senior Edith Audette is the second Belchertown field hockey player to accomplish the feat. She put her name in the history books during last Tuesday's 5-1 road win against the South Hadley Lady Tigers.

Audette, who entered the Valley League contest with

99 career points, scored a penalty corner goal with 12 seconds remaining in the first half giving her team a 2-0 halftime advantage.

"I couldn't have done it without my team and both my coaches, Dina [Brunetti] and Laura [Cote]. They got me here this season," said Audette following her team's eleventh victory of the season. "My whole family is here too, so I was really hoping I got it today. And I did, so it was the perfect moment for me. I just love being a member of this team."

Brunetti took over as the Lady Orioles varsity field hockey coach when Audette was a sophomore. She gave her thoughts on the history making goal.

"That goal couldn't have

been any more perfect. That was just a beautiful setup. We ran that corner a bunch of times at practice," Brunetti said. "It was flawless, and we don't do that often. It was just super exciting."

Audette, who entered her senior season with 78 career points, scored ten goals and had twelve assists in the Lady Orioles first 14 games of the regular season.

Audette and Olden were teammates on the varsity field hockey team for one season.

"Abigail was the first player in school history to reach 100 points when I was a freshman," Audette said. "After I saw her do it, that's when I decided I would also like to accomplish it."

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Ella Haber advances past midfield.

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Amanda Stevenson sends the ball into the circle.

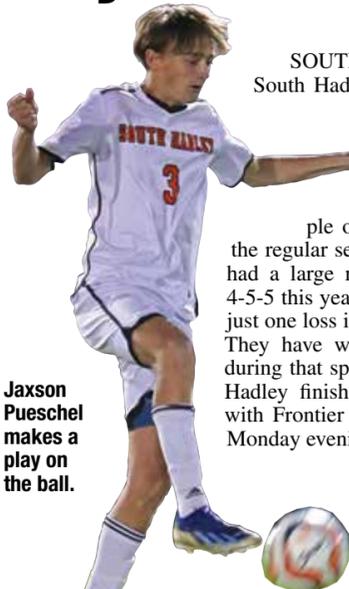


Sienna LaFlesh looks to clear the ball away.



Lily Harrington chases down the loose ball.

Boys soccer nears .500 record



Jaxson Pueschel makes a play on the ball.

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School boys soccer team needs one more win to get to .500 with just a couple of games remaining in the regular season. The Tigers have had a large number of ties, going 4-5-5 this year. The Tigers have had just one loss in their last five games. They have won two and tied two during that span since Oct. 1. South Hadley finishes the regular season with Frontier and Franklin Tech on Monday evening at 5 p.m.



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Noah Carillon looks to collect the save.



Brady Graham looks for his next move.



Ben Gillis gets a header.



Ari Alatalo is pressured.

Rams sweep Monson with one-goal win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

GRANBY—The Monson and Granby girls' varsity soccer teams have been members of the Central Division since 2017.

Monson entered the 2025 regular season with an 13-0-1 overall record in the rivalry series.

Back in the middle of September, Granby celebrated a 2-1 victory in Monson's annual night game at Moriarty Field.

The Lady Rams complet-

ed the season sweep by posting a 3-2 home win over the Lady Mustangs, last Thursday afternoon.

"We've had some very good battles with Monson over the years, but we've never been able to beat them until this season," said Granby head coach Bob Weaver. "Everyone contributed in today's game, and it feels very good to sweep the season series."

The Lady Rams (8-3-2, 5-3-2) have been the top

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Brenna Moreno looks ready to shoot.

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Edith, who's a co-captain of this year's team with senior Mya Philpott, learned how to play field hockey from her mother, Lisa, who played field hockey at Quaboag Regional.

"My mom was my field hockey coach from first grade to eighth grade," she said. "She was the person who got me to love the sport. Every player that I've played field hockey with have been amazing. Most of my best friends play field hockey."

Philpott and sophomore Kina Roy assisted on Audette's milestone goal.

"It was a great goal because Mya and Kina got the double assist on it," Audette said. "Kina has been my partner in crime since she came here last year, so her getting an assist on it was awesome."

It was also a very memorable afternoon for Belchertown sophomore Kian Roy, who recorded his first hat-trick in a varsity game.

Following a scoreless opening 15 minutes, Kian Roy scored his first goal of the match, which was assisted by junior Julia Rainaud less than two minutes into the sec-



Patricia Irzyk tries to beat her opponent to the ball.



Logan Muskus tries to keep the ball away from her opponent.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

ond quarter.

With the Lady Orioles holding a 2-0 halftime lead, the Lady Tigers failed to convert on three penalty corners before Kian Roy banged another shot into the cage with six minutes remaining in third quarter.

South Hadley (8-4) had only competed as a junior

varsity team during the past couple of years before moving back up to the varsity level this fall. The only senior listed on the Lady Tigers varsity roster is Elise Gingras

Despite the outcome in their first meeting against Belchertown, South Hadley head coach Nicole Casolari has seen a lot of improvement

from her players this season.

"The word I've been using this season is purpose," Casolari said. "Everything should have a purpose. And we still can work on that and fine tune some of our small skills, but I'd say as a team, we've made strides."

The Lady Tigers got on the scoreboard for the first

time with 13:56 left in regulation following a penalty corner goal from sophomore Lily Harrington, which was assisted by fellow sophomore Sam Harrison.

Kian Roy scored his third goal with 5:20 remaining on the scoreboard clock. Junior Gianna Zenon was given the assist.

A goal by Rainaud two minutes later wrapped up the scoring in the game for the Lady Orioles, who had a 11-2-1 overall record.

The Lady Tigers are scheduled to make trip east on Rte. 202 to Belchertown High School on Friday afternoon.

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ranked team in the MIAA Division 5 power rankings during the past couple of weeks.

"We've only talked about being the number one team in D5 once at a practice," Weaver said. "We're a young team this year and we're taking it one game at a time. We're not even thinking about the postseason tournaments yet, but today's game did feel like a postseason contest. It was a very big game for both teams."

The only seniors listed on the Lady Rams varsity soccer roster are Kaitlyn Curran, Mylin Laliberte, and Ava Elizabeth Loughman, who hasn't played this season due to an ACL injury.

The Lady Mustangs were the fourth ranked team in Division 5 despite having a 4-8-1 overall record and a 1-7-1 league mark following the road loss.

"We've played two very good games against Granby this season," said Monson head coach Larry Pagliaro. "I thought we played very well during the second half in today's game. We just need to play well for the entire 80 minutes."

It was very memorable week for Hannah Murphy, who's the only senior listed on the Lady Mustangs varsity roster.

Twenty-four hours earlier, Murphy scored a pair of goals on senior day which broke the all-time high school goal record in Massachusetts with 207. The state goal record was previously held by Kiarra Dorman, who graduated from Quaboag Regional High School in 2019. Dorman finished her outstanding varsity soccer career with 205 goals.

"I've worked very hard to break the record during the past couple years," said Murphy, who'll be continuing her soccer career at Sacred Heart University next year. "I'm very glad that I was able to

accomplish it during a home game."

Murphy has been a member of the Monson girls' varsity soccer team since the eighth grade.

Two years ago, Murphy helped Monson capture the Western Mass. Class C championship title for the third consecutive year with a 4-0 victory over Mount Greylock. A couple of weeks later, the Lady Mustangs defeated Whitinsville Christian, 5-0, in the Division 5 state finals, which was held at historic Doyle Field in Leominster.

"It has really been very special being a member of this soccer team," Murphy said. "I just love playing soccer with my teammates."

Eric Degnan coached Murphy the first three years that she played for the varsity squad. Pagliaro is wrapping up his second season as the Lady Mustangs varsity coach.

"I never thought that I would coach a player who broke state record," Pagliaro said. "Not only is Hannah an outstanding soccer player, she's also a wonderful person."

Murphy is a tri-captain, along with junior's Avery Beaudoin, and Chelsea Hull. During the first 15 minutes of last Thursday's contest, the two squads combined to score three goals.

The home side took a 1-0 lead during the fourth minute when sophomore McKenna Cudworth delivered a pass to freshman Marcela Tapia, who finished off the scoring play by firing a shot into the right corner of the net past Monson sophomore goalie Grace Berry (4 saves).

The Lady Mustangs tied the score six minutes later when junior Emma Maziarz lined a shot into the left corner past Granby junior goalie Meredith Bartosz (7 saves), who was looking into a bright setting sun in the half, for an unassisted goal.

During the 13th minute, Granby eighth grader Bri-Anne Kraus lofted a high floater that sailed over the keeper's head into the back of the net giving Granby the lead back.

Granby had several other chances to extend their lead during the final twenty minutes of the opening half.

Berry made several saves and a couple of other shot attempts were wide.

In the closing seconds of the half, junior Kalli White, who assisted on the Lady Rams second goal, passed the ball to Cudworth. She fired a shot into the net giving the home team a 3-1 halftime advantage.

A couple of minutes into the second half, a shot attempt taken by Maziarz was saved by Bartosz.

Hull also had a couple of shots for the visiting team, but the scoreboard didn't change.

With a little more than ten minutes remaining in regulation, Murphy weaved around a couple of defenders before firing a shot that sailed over the crossbar.

The Lady Mustangs inched a little bit closer following a corner kick goal during the 74th minute.

Maziarz booted the ball into the box from the right corner where Murphy knocked home a rebound shot for her 208th career goal.

"I do know a couple of the Granby players. It has been a lot of fun playing against them during the past couple of years," Murphy said. "I was hoping that we could've won today's game. I'm hoping that we do play them again in the postseason tournament."

The third meeting between Monson and Granby could take place during the Division 5 state tournament, which will be starting in a couple of weeks.



Kaitlyn Curran fights off a defender.



Marcela Tapia clears the ball ahead of pressure.

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McKenna Zumbruski is pursued by an opposing player.



Margo Healy passes to her left.

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I've met get me through it, and the plays are satisfying. For me, it's super engaging compared to other sports."

"I like setting, and then seeing them do it because they're always happy to see it," said Captain Lea Charest. "If we do badly, the hit will be bad. It's leading the team, and you get to know the team and environment so you can make people be in the right place at the right time."

Setters in volleyball are the leaders of the group, and they help organize and plan where each player should stand and when.

Both teams also work together in small groups and in team-based drills to work in a game-like situation, and end with conditioning unless there is a game the next day to save their strength.

"The girls on the team inspire me every day with their resilience, energy, and dedication," said Herrera-Concepcion. "No matter the challenges they face, they show up ready to learn, push themselves, and support one another. Their determination to improve and their belief in each other motivates me to be the best coach I can be."

"I always get down on myself, and they always tell me 'one bad play isn't a bad game'," said Charest. "They always tell me everything's fine and to just get out there and do it. The younger kids look up to us, and it's really awesome to hear we inspire

them." "I think volleyball has helped me to be more confident in what I'm doing in life every day at school. I feel like joining in seventh grade exposed me to older girls going into high school, and I got to get close to them on the team," said Pleisch.

As the girls prepare for future games with their winning streak and get ready to take on the rest of the games to come, they can be assured they are going into the game with a coach who supports them, and a team of friends that are ready and have each other's backs, working hard to be an inspiration to each other.

"I am most proud of how far the girls have come in such a short time," said Herrera-Concepcion. "Compared to last year, we've already taken big steps forward, not only in skill, but in confidence, teamwork, and determination."

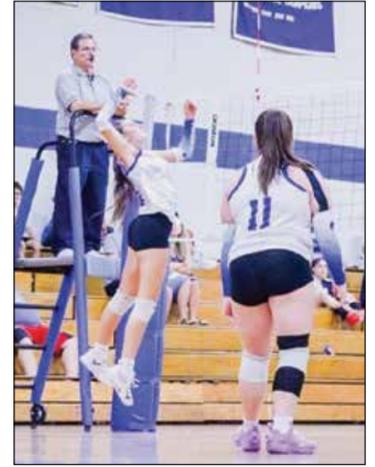
Anyone can play, and the game is made to have fun, build up a team, and create a place for athletes to challenge themselves to win.

"Bring your listening ears and be ready to learn," said Pleisch. "Even if you're not the best one, just keep trying and don't be nervous."

"Never give up because when I first started volleyball, I decided to just keep going, and do it, and now I'm here," said Charest. "I've learned not to be hard on myself because there's always more chances and more opportunities."



The team is celebrating the win after Wednesday's game.



Getting ready to spike the ball to the other side.



Sophia Rodrigues, Lyla Bergeron, Audrey Pleisch, and C.J. Kibbie posing for an Instagram photo.



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forced," said Costa. "I don't think there's any question here that this tasting room operation is not agriculture itself. Nobody's farming inside the tasting room building. It's not being used as a greenhouse. It's being used for events," Costa said. "But the applicant is arguing that it is accessory and therefore tied into the agricultural use."

Owner Jim Trompke came forward with his attorney, Peter Durning of Verill Law, to appeal a "Missing Information" which was issued by Granby's Building Commissioner, Tom Quinlan.

Durning came forward with the question of, "Is the Wine Haus entitled to conduct its agrotourism, tasting room, and the RS residential district?"

Durning shared that because the Wine Haus is "engaged in agriculture", it is protected by the town's existing zoning requirements and under the town's Right to Farm Bylaw.

The property has always been used as a business, and it traces back to when it was used as Thomas Fitzgerald's farming equipment, and then briefly used as a dog kennel for obedience classes, as well as a dog breeding operation, long before the building was later purchased by Trompke in 2020.

"As Wine Haus developed this concept, it was before the building commissioner and the ordinary course, and both Tom Quinlan and Damien Cote made early inspections of this property and neither mentioned that the use being developed needed zoning relief," said Durning.

Durning reassured that the Wine Haus has secured both winery and brewery licenses in order to conduct brewing and crafting wines and beer as the winery's vineyards mature in order to give better grapes for wine, and hops for beer.

"As the program develops, Wine Haus does bring in juice from grapes harvested on other properties and some of that juice is from out of state rather than from Massa-

chusetts," Durning said. "But the wine product is crafted, blended, and developed at Wine Haus."

In 2025, the Wine Haus has already produced 200,000 gallons of juice, and will later gain the winery in profits \$30,000 to \$45,000 in revenues.

"It is important for the ZBA to appreciate the importance of agrotourism under the town's own Right to Farm Bylaw," Durning said.

Trompke and Durning filed this appeal after receiving communication from the building inspector on May 31, which is referred to as the "Missing Information" letter, brought to the meeting to begin with.

Attorney John McLaughlin of Green Miles Lipton spoke Raymond Morrissette, an abutter of Wine Haus.

He said the Right to Farm Bylaw only applies to farms that grow crops or raise livestock, and that a winery or brewery cannot file under this type of zoning.

Because the business operates more out of an entertainment and makes most of its money from the restaurant, bar, and events it hosts for entertainment rather than haying fields, "they're not substantially agricultural."

McLaughlin said the Dover Amendment, which exempts certain land uses from some local zoning regulations, includes commercial agriculture, like selling produce and other related products. He shared that the definition of what agriculture can be considered "has extended beyond strictly cultivating crops or livestock."

"This cannot go forward," McLaughlin said. "The language says that there can be no industry... they can't get a special permit to make their farm building bigger for farm, not to have a restaurant, nightclub, brewery there."

Special Town Council Adam Costa provided his own interpretation of the situation.

"You can't prohibit it, you can't unreasonably restrict it, and you can't place it in a

discretionary special permit," Costa said of Trompke's use of the special permit for agricultural use. "In other words, you have to allow it, subject to maybe some reasonable restriction if in fact it's agricultural."

As for the impacts of revenue, Costa said it is "complicated," and explained that land owners are able to have accessory uses alongside an agricultural function for a site, but shared the question of whether an accessory use begins to trump the original use of the plot.

Costa referenced a situation where a Land Court Judge by the name of Michael Vhay in Massachusetts ruled that an accessory use has to be both "customary" and "incidental", which means that "the use must not be the primary use of the property but rather one which is subordinate and minor in significance," Costa explained.

"It is not enough that the use be subordinate; it must also be attentive," said Costa. "To ignore this latter aspect of the word incidental would be to permit any use which is not primary, no matter how unrelated it might be to the primary use."

For the definition of "customary," Costa shared that the courts that use the word "place a duty on the board or the court to determine whether it is usual to maintain the use in question I connection with the primary use of the land. And... it is not enough to determine that it is incidental in the two meanings of the word as discussed. The use must further be scrutinized to determine whether it has commonly, habitually, and by long practice been established as reasonably associated with the primary use."

At the end of the public hearing, the ZBA asked the Wine Haus to provide more information on its revenue and its sources in order to help them decide if the building itself is used for agriculture or not. The next hearing is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 4.

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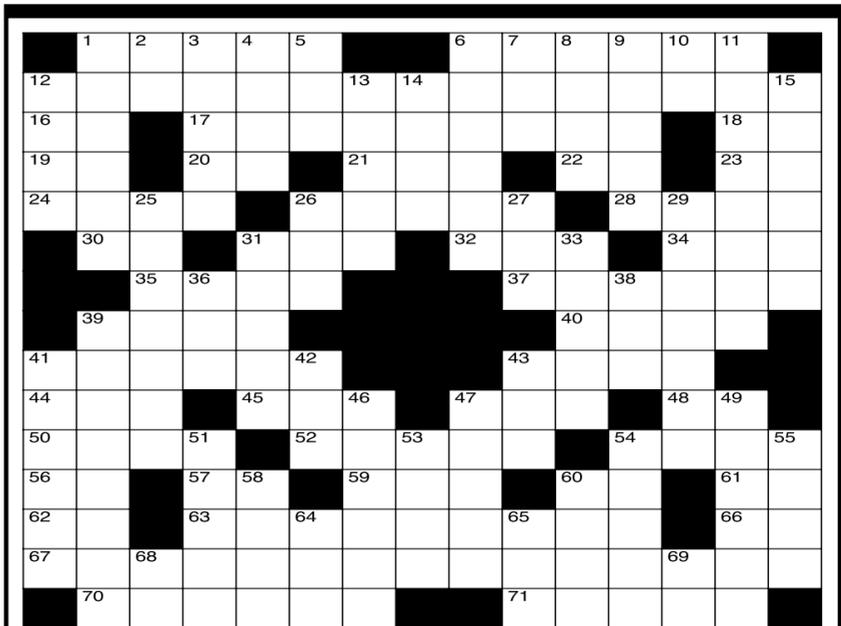
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Porsche on the Mountain

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By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – Over 300 Porsches of all years and models arrived at Palmer Motorsports Park on Sunday for the highly anticipated return of the Porsche on the Mountain event.

This is the first time the track has held the event since the pandemic, and it was clear that it was deeply missed by automobile enthusiasts.

“We had a good turnout,” said Al Sandy, Club Director at Palmer Motorsports Park. “We had people waiting at the gate.”

Sandy said this year’s event featured several rare and unique Porsches, even a “Horsche,” which was custom-built featuring a Porsche chassis with a Ford Mustang body.

“There were some very, very special cars there. One-of-a-kinds, lots of special paint colors...in the past Porsche was able to build a car for you and they’d paint it in any color,” Sandy said. “It was very unique, very fun to see.”

One unique car was a 1986 930 Turbo with a rare white gold metallic paint color. The 1986 was the first year Porsche was able to bring a turbo engine back to the U.S., due to stricter emissions laws enacted in the early 1980s.

“This is what Porsche started out with – racing,” owner Joanne Rydings said. “They detuned it and let people drive it.”

Owned Rydings and Paul Whooten of Middleboro, the couple bought this car 25 years ago after Rydings found it online in the early days of dial-up internet.

“It was a rare color,” Rydings said.

Rydings said the car was located in Kentucky, and that Whooten went down to look at it by himself to see if it was worth buying, when he called her.

“He said, ‘I bought it, you’re going to love it,’” she recalled.

Rydings then flew to Kentucky and drove the Porsche back home to Massachusetts.

The couple has had many adventures in the 1986, even traveling through Canada and facing some language barriers with a French speaking traffic patrolmen who pulled them

over for speeding.

Porsches are known for being “ridiculously fast” Rydings said with a laugh.

Rydings recalled the pastel blue Porsche Whooten owned when she first met him, and how she had mistaken it for a Volkswagen, like the 1973 bug she drove.

Learning to drive a Porsche was a “really big difference,” she said.

Rydings and Whooten have been Porsche Club of America members for many years, and they also own a 2011 Turbo S.

The day before attending Porsche on the Mountain, Rydings brought the 1986 to the Concours d’Elegance at The Elms in Newport, Rhode Island, where it took first place in its category.

Rydings talked about why she has been so loyal to the Porsche brand, which she has loved since she was 16 years old.

“It’s just like home to me, this car,” she said.

Leicester resident and owner of Bay State Brewing Co., Chip Jarry purchased his 2014 911 Carrera 4S this past July and brought it to its first Porsche on the Mountain event. Previous to this model, he owned a 964 for many years.

The 4S is an all-wheel drive vehicle, with more horsepower.

Jarry talked about the Porsche being a “driver’s car,” and how versatile it is going from the track to the road.

“Nothing drives like it,” he said. “It holds the road.”

Jarry said Porsches are also reliable and hold their value.

This year’s Porsche on the Mountain event was judged by Adam Wright of Unobtainium, a New York-based business that deals in vintage Porsche cars and parts and provides vital resources to those restoring their project car.

“He knew his stuff,” Sandy said of Wright.

Sandy said there were 23 awards handed out at Porsche on the Mountain, including one for the dirtiest Porsche.

“A lot of car shows are what are called ‘concours’ – the cleanest car wins... Here in Palmer, we’re about driving, not keeping your car spotless,” he said.

Sandy said there was also

an award for the highest mileage, which has gone each year to Tom Thalmann, who has an astonishing 700,000 plus miles on his 2003 Porsche 911 Turbo.

Proceeds from Porsche on the Mountain helped to benefit Homes for Our Troops, an organization dedicated to rebuilding the lives of severely injured post-9/11 veterans nationwide.

Sandy thanked the events sponsors, including anchor sponsor Porsche Norwell and co-sponsors Musante Motorsports, Intercity Lines, Kachel Motor Company and HMS Motorsport.

About Palmer Motorsports Park

Palmer Motorsports Park has been rated “One of the top 10 road courses in North America” by Road & Track Magazine. Its unique setting and challenging road course draws club members and visitors from New England and beyond for racing, research, recreational, and business-related activities.

Upcoming events include EMP’s 7th annual Charity Car Show to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project on Saturday, Oct. 18 with gates open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

All models and makes are welcomed.

A \$20 donation per vehicle covers entry and car show. Optional Charity Laps (\$20 for three laps) are available to purchase at the park.

For more information or to purchase an Accelerated Lap, visit <https://emperformance.online/>.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, Mustangs on the Mountain returns



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Over 300 Porsches were displayed at the Porsche on the Mountain event.



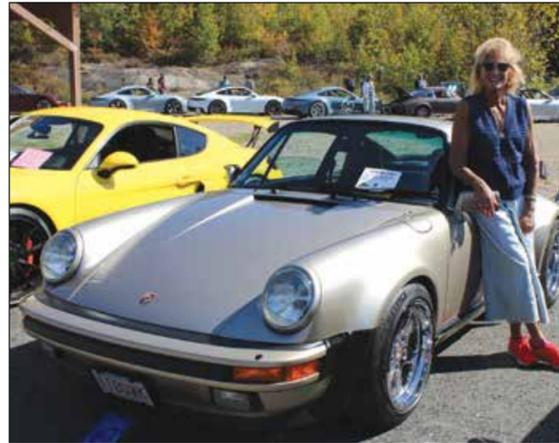
Rare and one-of-kind colors were found on Porsches throughout the event.

to benefit the West Brookfield-based Central New England Equine Rescue, which has been providing care and homes to horses, ponies and

donkeys for over 20 years.

For more information about the event visit www.mustangsonthemountain.com.

For more information about Palmer Motorsports Park, visit palmermsp.com or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.



Joanne Rydings is shown with her rare, white gold metallic 1986 930 Turbo.



Chip Jarry is shown with his 2014 911 Carrera 4S.



Ron Savenor provided laps in his 911 Cup racer at the Porsche on the Mountain event held on Oct. 5.



Participants enjoyed hot laps on the track with proceeds to benefit Home for Our Troops.



The Lars Anderson Auto Museum raffled off this 2024 Porsche 911 Carrera Coupe.



The red of these Porsches was enhanced by the foliage at the Whiskey Hill track.

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Today’s Firefighters Do Much More than Fight Fires

Modern firefighters train for and respond to all types of hazards and emergencies. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to gas leaks to industrial chemical spills. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice, an office worker stuck in an elevator, or a motorist trapped in a crashed vehicle. They test and maintain their equipment, including self-contained breathing apparatus

(SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, recruits learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

The MFA provides recruit and in-service training for career, call, and volunteer firefighters at every level of experience, from recruit to chief officer, at campuses in Stow, Springfield, and Bridgewater.