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HUNTINGTON

Gateway schools complete first year of new literacy programs

By Wendy Long
 Correspondent

A current trend in early literacy is for children to read 1,000 books before kindergarten (no worries parents: they can repeat books) with research saying that this gives them a sustained educational advantage.

Another body of research states that children, who are not reading at grade level by third grade, will begin falling behind in all subject areas and will struggle to understand or find meaning in their schoolwork.

The importance of learning to read has never been clearer. Parents, who are reading to and helping log those 1,000 books, are doing their part. Libraries, who provide books free of charge, run story hours and are all currently running summer reading programs and raffling off prizes for readers, are doing their part. And, as always, so are schools.

Two years ago, a panel of Gateway special education and reading teachers met to review and select new programs proven to help children learn to read-

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Chester Elementary School students performed plays based on their new reading materials.

Submitted photos



Reading and comprehension skills are integrated into studies of subjects like science and social studies. Here, students capped off their study of the human body by becoming "doctors for a day."

CHESTER

CHS alumni return for reunion

As Chester High Alumni and friends gathered in the town, a picture of history, nostalgia and community/school spirit developed.

The annual reunion and meeting always draw many people associated with the former Chester High School, including Chester residents, who attended or graduated from Gateway after Chester High School closed in 1968.

This year's meeting was held on June 24 at the restored Chester Train Station with arrangements by the

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Kelly Pease, left and Sybil Mizejewski attended the Chester High School annual reunion.
 Submitted photo

BLANDFORD

Parker Stockseth attends USA Hockey's development camp

By Mary Kronholm
 Correspondent

Parker Stockseth was top goaltender in his age group during the Final 40 of the Massachusetts Hockey Festival, in Rockland.

There were 80 Massachusetts-born players from the 2008 birth year in competition at the New England Sports Center in May in Marlborough to garner spots among the Final 40 players.

Those Final 40 went head-to-head for two additional days in May to make USA Hockey's Select 15 Player Development Camp

and Goalie Development Camp.

As a goalie, Parker is spending two weeks in Amherst, New York at the Development Camp.

He recently graduated eighth grade.

His selection for the Development Camp was a result of the many things he did right as a player, according to field reports. He remained big in the cage while protecting and was calm and composed each time he was out and was able to recognize how important it was for him to



Parker Stockseth won a spot to attend the USA Hockey's Select 15 Player Development Camp and Goalie Development Camp.

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Parker Stockseth without all his goalie gear.
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MassDOT lists roadwork schedule

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announces crews will be conducting overnight and daytime paving operations and bridge, guardrail and drainage repair work on I-90 eastbound and westbound in Montgomery, Russell, Lee, Becket, and West Stockbridge.

The scheduled work will require some lane and shoulder closures. Bridge repair work in Montgomery Thursday, July 20 from 7 p.m. through Friday, July 21 at 5 a.m. during night hours. All work is anticipated to conclude by Friday, July 21 by 5 a.m.

Pavement milling operations in Lee and Becket will be conducted nightly on I-90 eastbound and westbound from mile marker 14.0 to mile marker 21.0, from Monday, July 17, to Friday, July 21, during overnight hours from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following morning. All work is anticipated to conclude on Friday, July 21 by 5 a.m.

Guardrail repair operations in Lee will be conducted nightly on I-90 eastbound and westbound from mile marker 10.5 to mile marker 14.0, from Thursday, July 20

from 7 p.m. to Friday morning, July 21 at 5 a.m. during overnight hours. All work is anticipated to conclude by 5:00 a.m. on Friday, July 21.

Drainage repair operations in West Stockbridge will be conducted daily at I-90 eastbound from mile marker 1.0 to mile marker 6.0, through Thursday. The work will require temporary lane closures to allow crews to safely conduct the paving, bridge and guardrail repair operations.

Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

Clark Art Institute holds free writing workshop to be held on July 28

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Friday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m., the Clark Art Institute debuts a new Writing Closer program in the Manton Study Center for Works on Paper with its first session, Writing Closer: Moody Nature.

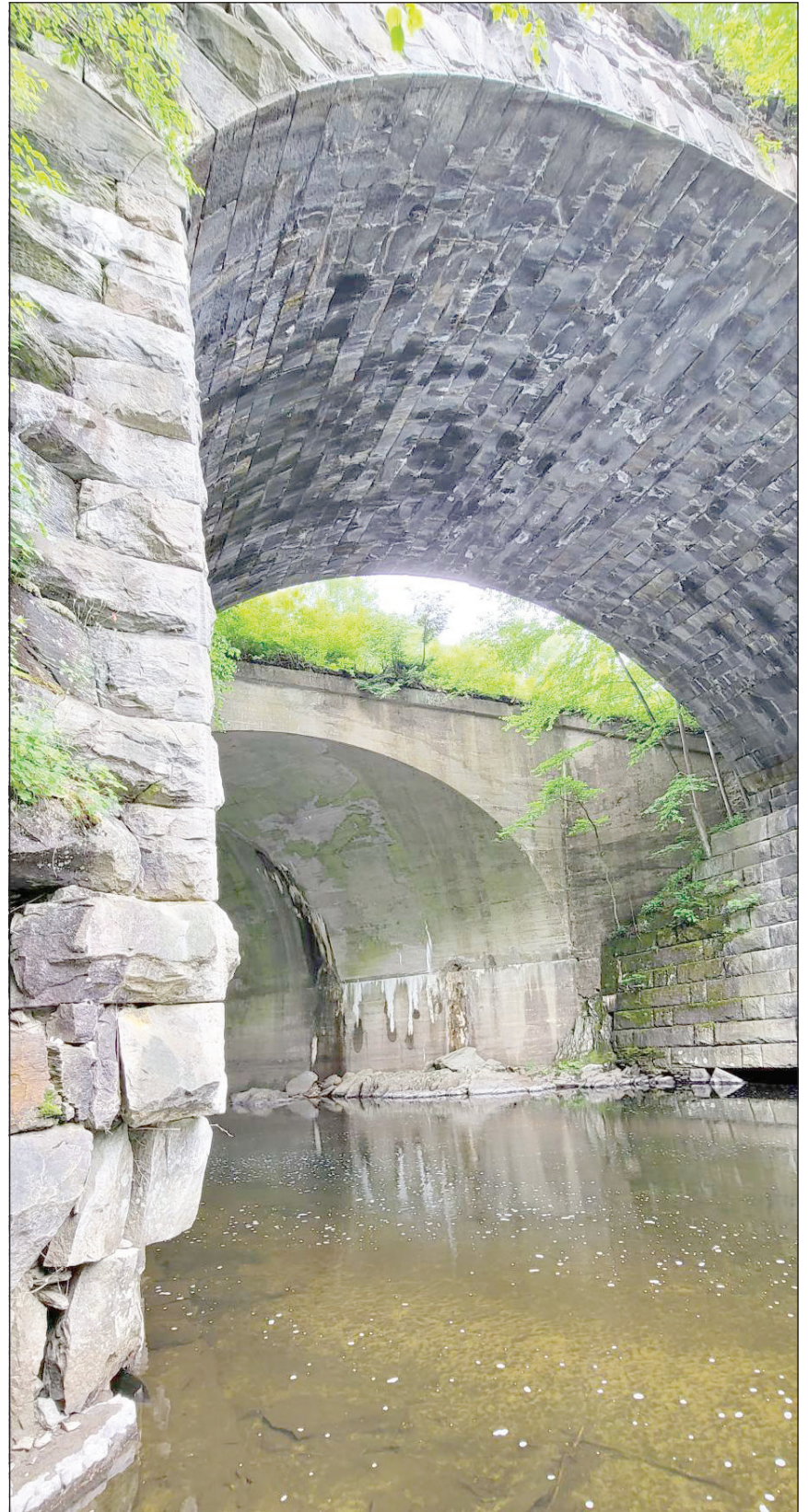
Developed as a “sibling” program to the Clark’s monthly Drawing Closer events, Writing Closer invites writers of all experience and skill levels to work independently on thematic selections from the Clark’s collection of prints, drawings and photographs.

This session focuses on “Moody

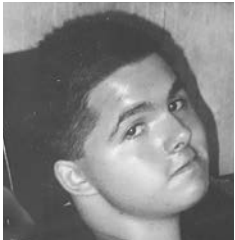
Nature” in conjunction with the Clark’s major summer exhibition, Edvard Munch: Trembling Earth. Whether it’s poetry or prose, fiction or non-, a story-in-progress or something completely new, participants will allow the works to inspire their writing.

The workshop is free. Basic materials will be provided. Only graphite pencils are allowed in the Study Center and museum galleries. Advance registration required as capacity is limited. To register, people should visit clarkart.edu events.

EXPLORING THE GATOR ARCH



The Gator Arch on the Becket and Middlefield town line, so called because of the teeth like ring stones on the arch. This bridge is the only original Keystone Arch not protected because it does not lie within the Keystone Arch Bridges area and lies on the other side of the tracks. Because it was not structurally sound, when the railroad was realigned, a poured concrete bridge was built next to it, actually partially on it. The gator is 55 feet tall and is deteriorating quickly. Submitted photo



William M. Baker
8/31/1986 – 7/17/2004

Nineteen years have passed since you have gone.
But as clear as yesterday I can see your smile,
hear your laughter and
look in your sweet brown eyes
filled with love and hope.
I can still hear your sweet voice saying,
Who loves you Ma!
I would say me Billy who loves you!
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Ma & Dad*



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Rep. Blais announces office hours

BOSTON – State Representative Natalie M. Blais (D- Deerfield) will host office hours on Monday, July 24 from 4-5:30 p.m. in the 1st Franklin District in July 2023. at Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turner Falls in the Blue

Annex Room. 1st Franklin District constituents are welcome to drop in during in person during office hours on July 24 or email Corinne Cory at corinne.cory-at@mahouse.gov or call 413-362-9453 to schedule an appointment.

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LITERACY

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and read well. Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts was selected for grades K-3 and Wit and Wisdom for grades 4-8.

According to Curriculum Director Deanna LeBlanc, Amplify CKLA has strong knowledge development, reading comprehension and comprehensive phonics instruction for the younger grades. Wit and Wisdom deepens the knowledge development and reading comprehension for the upper grades.

Both programs are based on the "Science of Reading" research, which is a collection of best practices and research on how children learn to read. Both programs are also considered "High Quality Instructional Materials" by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which means they ranked highly through a peer rating system.

Gateway then won a competitive grant to purchase the materials for this past school year. Last summer, teachers took part in a full day of training to launch the programs.

Amplify CKLA focuses on two

things: decoding and comprehension. Decoding is the act of transferring written words into oral language, such as our ability to read text out loud. Comprehension is the act of forming connections and making meaning of words; this is based on using prior knowledge, language skills such as vocabulary and reasoning skills.

There is a strong emphasis on embedding the reading instruction into all types of studies. At the Kindergarten level, this includes nursery rhymes and fables, seasons and weather, and Columbus and the pilgrims.

Knowledge skills deepen as the students move through grades 1-3. Grade 1 includes early American civilizations, astronomy, and animals and habitats. Grade 2 adds ancient Greek civilization, Greek mythology and the U.S. Civil War, among others. In grade 4, the studies deepen with units on the solar system, animal classification, and native American regions and cultures. There are 11 or 12 such topics of study for each grade level, five stories per topic and

each builds upon prior vocabulary and in-depth knowledge.

Teachers send home newsletters to keep parents informed on the topics and skills that students are working on. Chester Elementary School's Vanna Maffuccio said it's been a natural bonus to her first year as a principal. "Before I took on this principalship, I was a reading interventionist and coach, so I am very passionate about high quality reading instruction," she said.

Chester took the integration of these units one step further by a school-wide theater project on Greek Mythology. The two stories selected were King Midas and Pandora's Box and students had the opportunity to work on acting, set design and behind-the-scenes work.

The project built upon a number of domains from CKLA: kings and queens in Kindergarten; fables and stories in grade 1; Ancient Greece in grade 2; and the ancient Roman civilization for grade 3. It also paralleled units from Wit and Wisdom, such as myth making in grade 4.

"I can speak for my school," Maffuccio added. "We've seen more growth this year than last year," describing the progress that students made through the new literacy programs.

According to Maffuccio, the programs are not just surface learning. There are deep dives into applied reading skills in science and social studies, as well as literature.

"Teachers love Amplify," she said, adding it is easier to access and implement and a little more colorful and in depth than prior curricula. LeBlanc gave a nod to the teachers for the successful implementation this year. "Their enthusiasm for research-based reading instruction is what has driven this change, and continues to make a positive impact for students," said LeBlanc.

Maffuccio reports that the summer will be used to look deeper into student data to learn more about this year's success, and pull out items for focus next year. It's all part of continuous learning and improvement-for the district as well as its students.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



My state pension eliminated my survivor benefit

Dear Rusty:

My husband of 21 years died in January 2022 at the age of 70. We were both retired at the time of his death and they immediately stopped his Social Security payments. After many calls to Social Security asking why I was not receiving his benefits, I was finally told since I have my own pension from the State of Ohio that I would receive none of my husband's Social Security.

I cannot see why my Ohio retirement has anything to do with my husband's Social Security. I do get a small payment from SS based on my past earnings before I worked for the State of Ohio. Is there any chance of fighting this since we were married when they took money from his earnings for SS? If I wanted to write to an elected official to see if these rules could be changed, who would I write to or call?

Signed: Upset Widow

Dear Upset Widow:

Unfortunately, your entitlement to a Social Security survivor benefit from your husband is affected by a provision known as the Government Pension Offset, which affects any surviving spouse with a federal, state or local government pension earned without contributing to the Social Security program. Ohio is one of 26 states, which have opted not to participate in Social Security, thus exempting state employees from paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. The Ohio state pension, which resulted from your state employment, means that any Social Security benefits earned outside of your state employment are reduced. The GPO reduction to your survivor benefit is severe, a reduction by 2/3 of the amount of your Ohio state pension, which can and often does completely eliminate any SS survivor benefit you might otherwise be entitled to.

For clarity, the monthly SS payment your husband was receiving at his death stops automatically. At that point, your eligibility for additional SS benefits from your husband was assessed and because of the GPO, Social Security offset your potential survivor benefit from your husband by 2/3 of your Ohio state pension, which apparently eliminated your survivor benefit. As unfair as this may seem to you, note that the same thing happens to any surviving spouse, who also has their own earned SS retirement benefit, their personal SS retirement benefit offsets their SS survivor benefit, so a spouse with a regular SS retirement benefit higher than their deceased spouse's benefit gets no surviving spouse benefit.

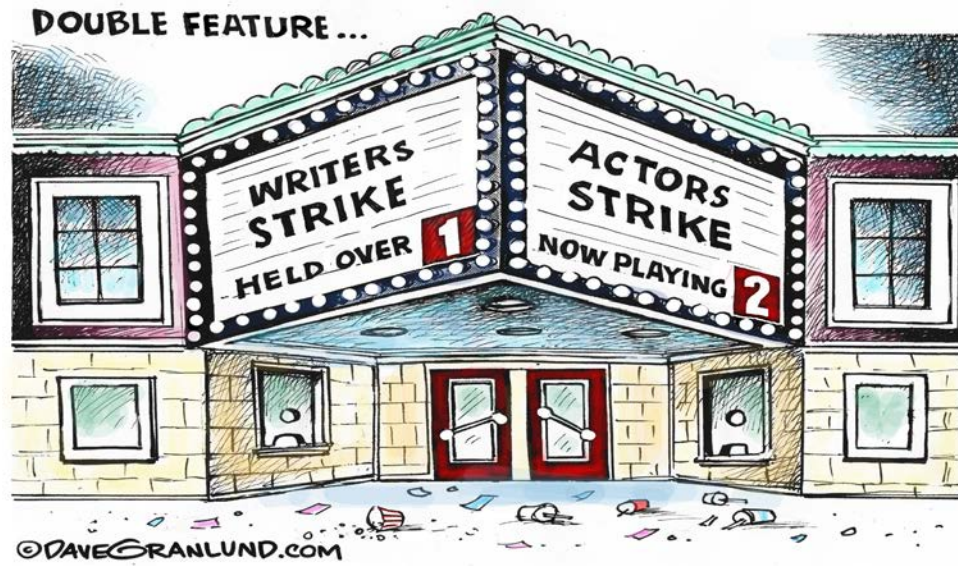
FYI, the State of Ohio has an obligation to make clear that by not paying into Social Security your future SS spousal/survivor benefits are affected. Without knowing how that was presented to you during your Ohio state employment, here's a quote from Ohio's Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS) website: "If you are eligi-

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GUEST COLUMN

Rainy weather equals slug paradise



I was so excited to be growing my cabbage, kale and cauliflower plants under bug netting this year in an attempt to keep them free from cabbage worms and loopers.

Formerly I had used a row cover with moderate success. It kept in the heat and seemed to encourage tall spindly growth on the broccoli.

So, I did some research and ended up with some netting that so far was working out great, until I saw the holes on my outer cabbage leaves. Slugs.

And of course, bug netting would not have an effect on slugs. Not at all.

Has the recent bout of rainy weather made your garden slug paradise? If so, here is a recap from a previous article so that you too can wage your own private

war on the slug.

Your first strategy should be to alter your surroundings to make them less slug friendly. Slugs feed during the night and hide during the day, for that reason we should rid the garden of popular daytime hiding spots, or at least conduct a search and destroy mission on these spots regularly.

I use old boards as garden paths, separating plots of greens. First mistake; boards, bricks, and rocks make great cover for slugs from the midday sun.

From now on I'll turn these boards over once a day and play "salt a slug" or better yet, "squirt a slug." A couple shakes of the salt shaker will dehydrate slugs, and a mixture of half-water, half-vinegar in a spray bottle will take care of business as well.

You can also bring a container of vinegar water or salt water to the garden and simply drop them in, using gloves, of course, less be stained by soap resistant goo.

Mass trapping also works. Probably the most famous trap around is made from stale beer.

To be effective it must be set up cor-

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in the tree tops. Occasionally, it eats berries.

Flycatcher at Lake Winnisquam

Sunday, June 25 I spent the day at my camp on Lake Winnisquam in Meredith, New Hampshire with one of my daughters and granddaughters. While standing on the dock, I noticed a great crested flycatcher flying out from tree branches along the shore. Its yellow belly was the identifying mark.

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Great crested flycatcher

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OPINION

HILLTOWN HISTORY

Looking through coin operated binocular

By Deborah Daniels
Correspondent

Whose Optics Are You Using? The Hilltown Hikers unexpectedly came across a real piece of American ingenuity on top of Mt. Greylock.

It was a coin operated binocular offering a 360 degree panoramic view of the surrounding area for 25 cents. Can you beat that?

People know the frustration of trying to hold their binoculars steady and then trying to focus it – well they get the picture – oh they don't. The coin operated binocular gives a carefree amazing viewing experience.

So this art deco style binocular has been in use over much of scenic America and Canada since 1930. It is made by the Tower Optical Co. in Norwalk, Connecticut. Its design really hasn't changed much in 100 years.

Which is to say it is well designed and built to last. It was engineered by three men, Arthur Casey, Earl Bunnell and John Hanrahan, great engineers but lousy business men. They struggled and failed to pay the machinist, who made the binocular parts. Tower W. Hamilton was the machinist, who did buy the company and put his sweat equity into making it a successful company. It has remained a family business for four generations in the same machine shop that it was started in.

The binocular offers 10 power optics on a machine that swivels in any direction with a 318 foot wide view on a solid pedestal with steps to accommodate little people. There is a version for wheelchair viewers.

The 10 power means the image appears ten times closer than what the naked eye can see. The original models charged 10 cents for 90 seconds of view-



A Tower Optical Co. coin operated binocular located on top of the Rockefeller Center in New York City.

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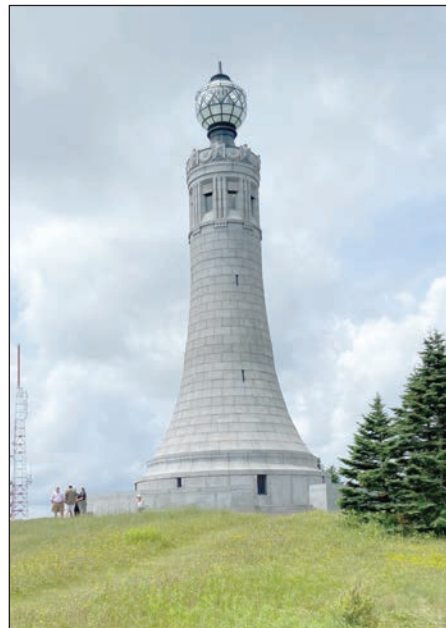
ing time. They were first placed at New England sites. Directions for use were simple, one dial that said turn to clear vision. Hard to argue with that, not the usual 24 sets of instructions to master the AI devices today, more like artificial idiocy instead of intelligence. Can you work your remote controls? You gotta celebrate the solid craftsmanship of these binoculars, 100 years running.

There are about 2,500 binocular optic viewers located across the United States of America and Canada. The ones on top of Rockefeller Center and the Empire State Building are the real money makers.

The viewers are leased, never sold. The Tower Optical Company's motto has been "we do one thing and we keep it simple."

They collect the quarters and service the viewers once a year. They strip down the viewer and clean and repair or replace worn parts, re-lubricate, paint it, and it's good to go.

Heavy use at beach locations attest to their durability to resist the weather. And you know it's not whales those



This is the War Memorial located on top of Mt. Greylock, highest mountain in MA.

patrons are viewing either. The viewers weigh in at 300 pounds and that plus their public locations discourage vandalism and theft according to the company.

For the question you are all waiting for, how much money does it hold? The vault holds 2,000 quarters. The money is often shared with the national historic site where it is located, splitting the proceeds in half. They have installed some in private homes and there are two located in prop warehouses for use in filming movies. Now, people can now view for 150 seconds, but it may cost 50 cents. So hikers should have some quarters handy because they never know where a binocular viewer may turn up.

People should get outside, nature, history and beautiful scenery await and maybe a Tower Optical Co. binocular to view it.



A Tower Optical Co. coin operated binocular located on top of Mt. Greylock in Lanesboro.



The view from where the binocular sits with some Hilltown Hikers standing in the distance. Photos taken by myself except where noted.

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ble for Social Security benefits and are receiving a retirement benefit from OPERS, your Social Security benefits may be affected by the Government Pension Offset or the Windfall Elimination Provision. The Government Pension Offset may also affect you if you are eligible for Social Security benefits through your spouse. The Windfall Elimination Provision may affect you if you qualify for Social Security benefits due to your own work history."

In any case, you are certainly not alone in your feelings about how your Social Security benefits have been affected by the GPO. This provision was enacted in 1983 and has been challenged in just about every Congressional session since that time, without success. In fact, there is a legislative bill active in the current Congress – H.R. 82 – The Social Security Fairness Act - which was introduced on the House floor in

January and "referred to committee" for consideration. Like all preceding WEP/GPO reform bills, this one sits idle in Committee. If you wish to add your voice to those who oppose the GPO, you should contact your Congressional Representative to solicit action on H.R. 82.

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Other birds at the lake

I also saw double-crested cormorants. One swam by the dock and another landed on a rock in the lake.

I did hear the loon, but I did not see them. The call came from a cove across the lake where the Loon Preservation Committee maintains a loon sanctuary with a floating nest.

There were several boats anchored in the cove. I think one boater got too near the roped off area as the loon started making its tremolo call, an alarm call. Loon chicks usually hatch sometime around the Fourth of July week or second week in July.

The water was quite warm and great for swimming. I hoped to make the trip to the lake again on the Fourth of July, but the weather did not cooperate.

Fledglings in Brimfield

I received an email from a Brimfield resident the end of June. He reported

several fledglings in his yard. He saw at least three cardinals with dark bills being fed by their parents.

Other youngsters included three fledging downy woodpeckers following their mother and begging for food, a young chipping sparrow, eastern towhee and a red-bellied woodpecker. He said the eastern towhee resembled the female, but it had a streaked breast. He saw the red-bellied at the feeder.

He also said, "House wren have nested in the yard for several years, unfortunately they stuff several nesting boxes with sticks that don't get used. On at least two occasions have evicted black-capped chickadees, who had stared to use a box.

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

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rectly, otherwise slugs will be lured but not trapped. Bury a container level with the soil surface and fill it with beer to one inch from the top.

Ideally, slugs stretch out their bodies to reach the liquid, fall in and drown. Dump the container often, especially after it rains, since water will dilute the beer as well as raise the level of the liquid.

Commercial slug "motels" come with a yeasty powder you mix with water - these work on the same principle as our homemade version.

Some folks also have good luck

trapping slugs in watermelon or cantaloupe rinds placed about the garden. Dispose of the slug filled fruit into the trash each morning without an ounce of slime on your fingers!

Barrier methods are also used to keep slugs off of your plants.

The most common is diatomaceous earth, a sharp substance formed from the skeletons of microscopic organisms called diatoms. Slugs avoid it, less they be cut to shreds.

My mom had reasonable success using lime, and I have heard the same regarding wood ashes. The most com-

mon recommendation is a two inch strip around the plants you want to be spared.

Slugs also reportedly hate crossing over copper. Line the perimeter of your garden with copper strips, or just target specific plants that slugs seem to go for.

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



OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

The Community College option

By Eric Goodhart

This is the first of six articles that address the characteristics of the community colleges in western Massachusetts.

With the annual cost of private and state colleges costing in 2023 up to \$85,000 and \$39,000 respectively, families are looking at ways to save money. Community Colleges are challenged to meet the need of those students, who are looking at the CC option.

Some do it better than others. The question is, which CC is better equipped to support and prepare a teenager through two years and matriculate with the transferable credits to qualify as a junior at a four-year institution, private or public?

Many people think of a community college as the next step in post high school education either to lead to training in a vocation requiring an Associate of Arts degree, a certification for a job or matriculation to a four-year state or private college. That, in fact, has been the case for thousands of Massachusetts students since 1960. That was the year Berkshire Community College was opened. It was the very first CC in the Commonwealth.

One does not have to look far to find data ranking four-year colleges in the US. In fact, the pioneer of such research was the US News & World Report in 1983. That turned into being a huge money maker for the publisher. So much so, that many other magazines got into the ranking business. But because Community Colleges are largely drawing students from drivable distances there has been no such ranking for CCs.

This article and those that follow do not attempt to rank the colleges in the manner of the above mentioned. The focus is on identifying the academ-



Greenfield Community College



Berkshire Community College



Mount Wachusett Community College

ic strengths of each college, particularly the particular departments for which they are well known. I look at the percentage of students that matriculate in two years to four-year colleges, public and private. From Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner to the Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield. Both do very good jobs in the areas I highlight below.

I counsel a number of students around the country. The rising cost of four-year private and public colleges in California has risen so high that what was once an "open-door" policy for high school graduates into a CC is no longer guaranteed for any program at most of the CCs in that state. The cost of even living in California has made CCs the most economical option for many. Nothing to be embarrassed about. Providing the even lower cost of a CC becomes a good return on investment.

Commonwealth CCs have not closed their doors except for students looking at training and certification in various health care fields such as nursing. That is the case at Mount Wachusett Community College and Greenfield Community College. That does not mean, however, a student with aspirations to become a nurse cannot start at a CC. A good CC advi-

sor, like the two CCs mentioned above, should be able to design a course plan for that student to earn admittance to the over enrolled more academic selective programs providing he or she has a strong academic outcome in the core courses.

Some areas a student and parents should research before enrolling are these. Request a meeting with a counselor, who has at least four years' experience as an academic and career advisor at that college or elsewhere. Most CCs have less than 30% of full-time students enrolled. How long does it take to earn an AA or certificate in a particular vocational program? What are the transfer steps at the CC to make sure the courses taken are transferable?

If those basic steps are not satisfactory, check out another CC even if it means renting an apartment in that community. CCs should be able to suggest suitable, safe housing. Living away from home while enrolled at a CC will help the student and parents see how ready he or she is to take on the responsibility to do the academic work in class; wash their clothes in a timely manner and even take on a part time job.

In a prior column I spoke about why college is so expensive. Besides starting a dollar cost average saving plan for college

when the student is still in the womb, dual enrollment can be a very good option. It will get the student out of the high school where in too many cases, the expectations and grade inflation have not truly prepared many high school graduates for college level work.

I once interviewed a Yale professor who told me candidly that in the last 15 years, he could not understand how some of his students were admitted. They could not put a cogent paragraph together in class.

There are also excellent four-year colleges that offer online courses to anyone with a desire to learn. Hillsdale College is one of those colleges. Ideally, many colleges with the exception of the Ivy League and its ilk may give college credit for such courses.

College Level Examination Program is another often forgotten option. At the very least it will demonstrate to the college admissions committee, that the student has taken the initiative and has the "intellectual curiosity" to do more than meet the basic requirements to graduate. More specifics on each of the Commonwealth's western CCs will come beginning next week.

Editor's note: People may email questions to edowner@turleycom.

OTIS

Local authors present 'Walk Through History' in Norton Cemetery program

OTIS – A walk through history in Norton Cemetery, Norton Road, off Route 23, will take place Saturday, July 22 from 2-3 p.m.

Authors Peter Cameron and John Hanson will lead a tour of Norton Cemetery. Cameron has written about the families, which include longstanding Otis names of Kibbe, Flint, Haskell, Benton and of course, Norton, in his book, "Norton Cemetery, May We

never Forget – A History of Loudon, Massachusetts."

Hanson's book, "Reading the Gravestones of Old New England" explains the meaning of the epitaphs and what the designs of the headstone can tell us. Their books will be available for purchase.

Participants should park on the road. A rain date will be announced if necessary.

PITTSFIELD

Housatonic River cleanup set for July 22

PITTSFIELD – Volunteers are invited to help clean up the west branch of the Housatonic River with Berkshire Environmental Action Team and Housatonic Valley Association at one of their annual river cleanups on Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

After the cleanup, volunteers will be provided a free hot lunch from a local restaurant. Volunteers must register in advance to reserve a free lunch or for more information by emailing team@thebeatnews.org or calling 413-464-9402.

Participants are asked to meet at Wahconah Park, 105 Wahconah St. on Saturday, July 22 at 9 a.m. Cleanup teams will disperse to nearby locations, gathering miscellaneous trash from the river banks and bottom. Canoes will be used to transport the trash. Old clothes, a hat, sunscreen, old sneakers or waterproof boots/waders, a full water bottle and sunglasses are recommended. The cleanup

will be canceled in the event of pouring rain or lightning or if the river is too high from recent rainfall.

Cleanups make a considerable difference in the health of the Housatonic River. Over the years, BEAT and HVA have collected a startling array of debris including mattresses, shopping carts, inflatable pools, bicycles, televisions, tires, construction materials, metal barrels and all kinds of everyday trash. Once, they even found an empty ATM. Since beginning annual cleanups, their efforts have made a noticeable impact, with the piles of trash getting smaller and this wouldn't be possible without the help of their volunteers.

West Branch river cleanups are organized by Berkshire Environmental Action Team and Housatonic Valley Association and co-sponsored by Blue Q, Panera, Greylock Federal Credit Union and the city of Pittsfield.

WILLIAMSBURG

GOVERNOR VISITS WILLIAMSBURG



Governor Maura Healey helicoptered over the farmlands of the area before visiting the Williamsburg Fire Station for a news conference Wednesday morning. She was here to check out the flood damage first-hand. Governor Healey, Northampton mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra (right in pink shirt) speaks with Governor Maura Healey (left in sunglasses) during a news conference in Williamsburg on Wednesday morning.

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NORTHAMPTON

Bacon Wilson, P.C. welcomes new law clerks

SPRINGFIELD – Bacon Wilson, P.C. announces Alexandre Pereira, Allison Hanna, Lauren Rainville and Emily Gorney have been accepted into the Law Clerk program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Bacon Wilson created the clerkship program more than forty years ago to allow law school students to gain experience and mentoring in the legal profession. The clerks are an integral and important part of the firm and participate in various firm events during their time at Bacon Wilson, P.C.

Alexandre Pereira

Alexandre Pereira joined Bacon Wilson, P.C. in May of 2023. He is a Western New England University School of Law Candidate for Juris Doctor in May 2024. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree, magna cum laude in finance from Western New England University, in 2021. Prior to Bacon Wilson, Pereira was a teaching assistant in the academic success center at Western New England. He was also a legal assistant at Marta Law Offices in Ludlow, where he gained experience in Estate Planning and Real Estate law.



Alexandre Pereira

Currently, he has interests in Estate Planning and Litigation. In addition to his previous work experience, Alexandre has volunteered. He has lived in Western Massachusetts his entire life and hopes to continue his legal career here after graduation. He is looking forward

to using his time at Bacon Wilson to explore many other areas of law.

Allison Hanna

Allison Hanna is one of two returning law clerks for a second year and has been with Bacon Wilson, P.C. since September 2022. She is a Western New England University School of Law Candidate for Juris Doctor in May 2024. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree, summa cum laude in legal studies from State University of New York in Canton, New York in 2020 as well as her Associate of Applied Science in paralegal studies from Tompkins Cortland Community College in Dryden, New York, in 2018.



Allison Hanna

Allison competed on the WNE National Moot Court team and served as a student Attorney for the WNE Global Justice Clinic. She is the Founder and Chair of the “Parents Attending Law School” committee through Western New England and also worked as a Lawyering Skills teaching assistant. Before joining Bacon Wilson, she was a Law Clerk for Riscassi & Davis, P.C. in Hartford, Connecticut as well as a paralegal at Morrison Mahoney in Springfield and Newman & Lickstein in Syracuse, New York.

Lauren Rainville

Lauren Rainville is a returning law clerk, who joined Bacon Wilson, P.C. in May of 2022. She is a Western New

England University School of Law Candidate for Juris Doctor in May 2024. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree, cum laude in Business Management from Bay Path University in 2016.

Her previous experience includes negotiations and settlements with claimants’ attorneys and pro-se claimants on personal and commercial auto damage, and injury losses in Connecticut. Rainville has volunteered her time at the Jewish Family Services Legal Immigration Clinic and as an educator for the Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School. She participated in Western New England University’s Law School Real Estate Practicum in the Spring of 2023. She is interested in pursuing a career in criminal or civil litigation and she hopes to build on the network she has formed and practice in the Springfield area.



Lauren Rainville

Emily Gorney

Emily Gorney joined the firm in May 2023 and will be eligible for her Juris Doctor in May 2024 from Western New England University School of Law. She holds a Bachelor



Emily Gorney

of Science Degree in international trade and marketing from the Fashion Institute of Technology in NYC. She is interested in family law, immigration and international law. This fall, Emily will be a judicial intern for the Hartford Immigration Court.

She participated in Western New England’s Global Justice Clinic last spring, which provided legal aid to families separated at the southern U.S. border. She has also volunteered for the National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project, Jewish Family Services of Western Massachusetts, and Dakin Humane Society.

Gorney enjoys the personal and interactive aspects of lawyering and is passionate about advocating for under-represented communities. She hopes to continue building a professional network in the Western Massachusetts area and is committed to maintaining involvement in the community.

Managing Shareholder Jeffrey I. Fialky commented, “We are thrilled to have the four exceptional law students continue in Bacon Wilson’s longstanding tradition of law clerk excellence and we are very fortunate to have this region’s best and brightest contribute to our work for the benefit of our clients.”

Founded in 1895, Bacon Wilson, P.C. is one of the largest firms in the Pioneer Valley with 45 attorneys, and approximately 80 paralegals, administrative assistants and support staff. From five locations, Springfield, Amherst, Hadley, Northampton and Westfield, Bacon Wilson, P.C. represents clients throughout Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut with comprehensive legal services.

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SCHOOLS & YOUTH

Peg Brodrick Scholarship committee lists winners

WORTHINGTON – The Peg Brodrick Scholarship Committee announces this year’s winners are Cecelia Balboni from Russell and Julia Langenheim from Cummington.

Cecelia Balboni is a recent graduate of Gateway Regional in Huntington and was very involved in competitive gymnastics, gymnastic coaching and an honor student as well.

She has been accepted at the University of Hartford where she will continue her education in prosthetics and orthotics. Her goal is to become a prosthetist, a healthcare professional who

makes and fits artificial limbs for people with disabilities.

Julia Langenheim is a recent graduate of Wahconah Regional High School, captain of both the Nordic ski team and the girls Track and Field team.

She is also a member of the National Honor Society. She is pursuing her education in psy-



Cecelia Balboni



Julia Langenheim

chology and criminal justice and has been accepted at the University of Rhode Island.

This scholarship was established in the name of Peg Brodrick, a longtime nurse at the Hilltown Community Health Center in Worthington. She passed away in 1989 from cancer at the age of 49. Anyone of

any age pursuing their secondary education in a health related field is eligible to apply. That applicant must either reside in one of the six towns within the Gateway district or one of the original towns served by the Hilltown Community Health Centers.

Former winners and applicants may apply each year as well as first time applicants. Donations for this scholarship are accepted throughout the year in Peg Brodrick’s memory. They can be mailed to the Peg Brodrick Memorial Scholarship, 14 Harvey Road, Worthington, MA 01098.

UNE announces Dean’s List

BIDDEFORD AND PORTLAND, MAINE | TANGIER, MOROCCO – The University of New England announces the Dean’s List for the 2023 spring semester.

Local students making the Dean’s List are Mackenzie Bates of Florence and Julienne Lussier of Florence. Dean’s List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

AIC awards degrees to local students

SPRINGFIELD – American International College awarded degrees to 364 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students in 2023.

The following local students have been awarded degrees from AIC: Ashley Day of Westfield, Doctor of Physical Therapy; Benjamin Gordon of Westfield, Doctor of Physical Therapy; Nicole Henderson of Westfield, Doctor of Education in Mental Health Counseling; Ashley Graveline

of Westfield, Master of Science in Nursing; Kevin Marsh of Easthampton, Master of Arts; Kayle Niro of Westfield, Master of Education; Neishka Rivera of Westfield, Master of Public Health; Emily Salnick of Westfield, Master of Arts; Bethany Smith of Westfield, Master of Education; Stephanie Giusti of Chester, Bachelor of Science and Laura Moya Mejia of Westfield, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Lasell celebrates Class of 2023

NEWTON– Lasell University celebrated the Class of 2023 at its 169th undergraduate Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13.

Graduates included: Hannah Prain of Westfield, Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education and Catherine King of Easthampton, Summa Cum Laude Bachelor of Science in fashion merchandising and management.

Hawks graduates from Univ. of Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, AL – Megan Hawks of Westfield received a Bachelor of Science from the University of

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SCHOOLS & YOUTH

Hampshire Regional Middle School lists honor roll

WESTHAMPTON – Hampshire Regional Middle School, 19 Stage Road, announces the grade 7 and 8 honor roll.

Grade 7 academic excellence

Grade 7 students making academic excellence are: Cooper Alexander, Logan Andrades, Persephone Bennett, Declan Butler, Colby Cabrini, Juliette Cerone, Isaac Clark, Amanda Clemeno, Ada Corner, Griffin Darling, Brianna Day, Addison DuCharme, Rosemarie Estelle, Gabrielle Falkowski, Jackson Garcia, Kylie Grimsley, Alana Hanke, Grant Jennings, Logan LaPointe, Samantha Law, Charlotte Letendre, Isabella Matthew, Olivia McAvoy, Alexis Morrey, Charlotte Niswonger, Ezra

Phillips, Luke Pickary, Caroline Puttick, Elise Rida, Torin Rowlett, Patrick Schmidt, Grace Scoble, Katherine Sturtevant and Joseph Wright.

Grade 8 academic excellence

Grade 8 students making academic excellence are: Alyssa Barcomb, Kathleen Barry, Mya Blanchette, Madeline Bresnahan, Elyse Campbell, Julia Caputo, Travis Carpenter, Emma Chateauneuf, Lily Connor, Alexa Cortis, Owen Cubi, Ryanne Dubai, Natalie Dunlap, Nadia Easton, Harrison Farrar, Amelia Gilman, Michael Goodridge, Rachael Hickox, Astrid Jensen, Leo Ketcherside, Katelyn Krause, Addison Miklasiewicz, Shayne Moynahan,

Hailey Paszko, Caroline Payson, Vanessa Reese, Nicholas Roy, Tobias Stearns, Eleri Tomsovic, Sophia Tremblay and Benjamin Zajac.

Grade 7 academic achievement

Seventh grade students making academic achievement are: Nelly Albitz, Kameron Andrades, Dexter Bonczek, Mallory Christy, Weston Crawford, Ayden Dempsey, Madeline Desilets, Kalin Dubai, Alexander Florek, Natalie Goodridge, Wyatt Hunter, Bedirhan Ibic, Telyn Kelly, Kayleigh LeCours, Kameron Locke, Olivia Lockwood, Samuel Mathews, Shawn McCarthy, Eleanor Miller, Alexandria Montague, Jacob Moran, Owen Moylan, Liam

Neill, Raelyn Osetek, Lukasz Robak, Dominic Servaes, Colton Shadrick, Sophia Shears Pennell, Connor Tefft, Malcolm Todd, Madelyn Zannotti and Honor Zigmund.

Grade 8 academic achievement

Eighth grade students making academic achievement are Emmett Bastek, Samuel Bond, Raegan Dubai, Eli Fern, Leo Florek, Isaiah Isa, Holly Kowalczyk, Magdeline Lashway, Kyle LeBeau, Krystian Lech, Adalynn McVeigh, Thomas Moore, Aydan Neylon, Catalina Ocampo, Samuel Plumer, William Schmidt, Allison St. Pierre, Brielle Stine, Isaac Stith, Ryan Theroux, Tyler Thibodo and Collin Westcott.

University of Rhode Island announces Dean's List

KINGSTON, RI – The University of Rhode Island announce the spring 2023 Dean's List.

Local students making the Dean's List are: Larissa Riley of Chesterfield, Jack DeMarinis of Montgomery, Brynja Miltimore of Russell, Zach Barouxis-Kroll of Westfield, Ally Burke of Westfield, Megan Danahey of Westfield, Kyleen Labrecque of Westhampton, Meghan Tobin of Westhampton

Addie Lashway of Williamsburg,

Hannah Marney of Williamsburg and McKenna Yarrows of Williamsburg.

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades, which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

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As a community newspaper our focus has always been local news. While we try very hard to run upcoming events as a public service whenever space allows, space does not allow us to run an upcoming event repeatedly. Our policy is to limit publication of upcoming events to one article in advance of the event and, space permitting, a second brief reminder article the week prior to an event, and to run those articles in only one section of the paper, and not in multiple sections simultaneously.

All such public service announcements and photos are subject to space limitations and deadlines, therefore publication cannot be guaranteed. Whenever copy for the week exceeds allotted space, news copy will take priority, and public service copy is the first area to be cut. We also reserve the right to edit for style and space, and are under no obligation to print lists of sponsorships, or articles that arrive after deadline, unless time and space allows.

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BLANDFORD

COA lists lunch schedule

BLANDFORD – The Council on Aging's next luncheon is set for Friday, Aug. 11 at noon at the Town Hall.

The regular schedule for monthly breakfasts and luncheons will resume in September with breakfast on the fourth Friday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m.

Blandford art exhibition to be held end of August

BLANDFORD – The local Cultural Council Arts Exhibition will take place Saturday, Aug. 26 and Sunday, Aug. 27 at the Blandford Country Club, North Street.

The exhibition is juried, and is open to fine arts, fine art crafts including sculpture, pottery and woodwork and can include limited edition and original works.

According to Cultural Council member and exhibit director Susan Racine,

the exhibit offers an opportunity both for area residents to enjoy artworks and to promote area artisans. All art works can be sold and there will be no commission fee.

Submissions must be received by the Blandford Cultural Council by Tuesday, July 25 and artists will have the jury's decision by Tuesday, Aug. 1. Artwork must be delivered to the Blandford Country Club from 10 a.m.-noon or 4-6 p.m. on Friday Aug. 25.

The exhibit opens for public viewing and sales on Saturday Aug. 26 at noon and will be open until 7 p.m. and again on Sunday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Submission application forms are available by visiting the town's website at townofblandford.com; search for Cultural Council Third Annual Exhibition.

For more information, people may call Racine at 413-478-3600 or email to susanracine1@gmail.com.

Fair committee to hold painting days

BLANDFORD – The 154th Blandford Fair seeks volunteers as they prepare for another celebration of one of Blandford's oldest traditions.

Volunteers are needed to paint several structures and windows on the fairgrounds. This is just one of many ways people can volunteer.

Next painting day are: Saturday, July

22 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and

Saturday, Aug. 5 fro 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for volunteers along with two passes to the 154th Blandford Fair

If people are interested in volunteering, they should call Linda at 413-977-2113 to assure there are enough lunches.

Blandford COA to hold picnic

BLANDFORD – The Council on Aging's annual picnic is set for Friday, July 28 at noon at the Town Hall.

The menu includes traditional picnic fare and the always favorite classic Root Beer Float. The floats have

become a longtime tradition at the annual event.

To reserve a seat, people should call 413-848-4279, extension 400 and leave the name and number of people attending.

Vendor space available at Blandford Fair

BLANDFORD – Fair Vice President for Concessions Greg Girard has issued a reminder to area vendors to register for space on the North Street Fairgrounds Labor Day Weekend.

"The Fair is a great way to promote your business to thousands of mostly local visitors," he said.

All vendors are welcome; food, mer-

chandise, crafts and various services. There will also be space available for non-profit and charitable organizations.

The Fair runs from Friday, Sept. 1 through Monday, Sept. 4.

For more information and vendor application, people may call Greg Girard at 860-559-1999 or email at ggirardsr@yahoo.com.

STOCKSETH

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stay on his angles and utilize his size.

Reports following his progress noted he did not panic even under breakaways or odd-man chances and was able to make impressive saves. Pucks were routinely hitting him in the bread basket because he was square to the shooter. His calmness allowed the rest of his game to

flourish and his tracking ability was evident.

The son of Jim and Kathy Stockseth and the grandson of Bud and Sharon Barnard, he will attend Seacoast Academy for high school in Exeter, New Hampshire in the fall.

MIDDLEFIELD

COA announces lunch menu

MIDDLEFIELD – The Middlefield Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail on Wednesday, July 26 will serve lunch at noon.

The meal is eat in or take out. The choice is macaroni and cheese

or ham and cheese quiche, Brussels sprouts, summer blend vegetables and orange juice. People should call 413-623-9990 to reserve a meal the previous Monday. There will a fire department information session.

HAYDENVILLE

Church to hold potluck supper

HAYDENVILLE – There will be a Community Potluck Friday, July 21 from 6-8 p.m. at the Haydenville Congregational Church, 143 Main St., in the dining hall.

The potluck is open to the wider community and everyone is welcome. People can bring a main dish, sides or a dessert to share or if pressed for time, come and enjoy the meal and make a donation.

Church Trustee and Treasurer Megan Jewett of Northampton said that the success of a potluck in June prompted church members to make it

a monthly event. Jewett said, "We want to create a community space where folks can simply visit, and enjoy a meal together."

Jewett noted that the 172-year-old church has always been a hub of the community, drawing members and visitors from throughout Hampshire County as well as Williamsburg.

Rev. Mark Seifried, the new pastor, said the potlucks are an extension of the "generous welcome for which HCC is known." Parking and the entrance to the dining hall are in the back off High Street.

MONTGOMERY



Patrons of the summer reading program created these fairy houses as part of the Summer Reading program at the Grace Hall Memorial Library in Montgomery. Submitted photo

Library offers summer reading programs

MONTGOMERY – Fantastic Frogs presented by the Mass Audubon will be at the Grace Hall Memorial Library 161 Main Road on Sunday, July 20 at 1 p.m.

Every participant receives a free book and will be entered into the Summer Reading Raffle. To learn more, people may call the library at 413-862-3894.

CHESTER

REUNION

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Chester Foundation. Special recognition was given to Sybil Mierzejewski from the class of 1948, who was present for the 75th anniversary of her graduation. Mierzejewski brought her daughter and many memories, along with a photo of her class the year they graduated.

Linda Boomsma Casper and Donna Willadson Harris received applause for tying as having traveled furthest to attend from North Carolina.

The Kent Alexander Scholarship was awarded to Idona Dulude, a sophomore at Southern New Hampshire University majoring in accounting. Dulude previously received a scholarship when she was a senior at Gateway Regional.

A scholarship from the Permanent Fund was awarded to Edward Harding, a senior at Gateway Regional. Harding will attend the University of Evansville, Indiana, majoring in archeology.

Association President Walter Boomsma noted that these reunions are "drifting in the direction of becoming as much a town event as a school reunion."

Noting that the Chester Foundation handled most of the meeting arrangements and food under the direction of Melissa McAuliffe. Boomsma also pointed out that the Historical Society supports the occasion by offering special hours for alums to visit during reunion weekend. "think this is proof that small-town America is alive and well, at least

here in Chester," he said. "We'd welcome the participation of town organizations and businesses."

The Association reelected Walter Boomsma as President for his eighteenth year. Also returned to the office was Secretary/Treasurer Robert Goewey. Kate Blanchard was elected Vice President.

The Association's Board of Directors includes Janice Leone Brown, Jack Young, Jackie DeMoss Conklin, Brenda Budreau, Judy Olson, Bruce Cooper and Edith Whitaker.

Scholarship Custodians are Diane DeMoss, Linda Casper, and Annette LaMountain. During the annual business meeting, a motion was made and

passed unanimously, directing the association to create a special award for Tino Cardarelli to recognize his many years of service to the association and the community.

The association has already started planning for the next annual meeting, scheduled for June 29, 2024. Those associated with or in some way connected with Chester or Chester High School are encouraged to be certain the Association has current mailing information by contacting Robert Goewey, Association Secretary/Treasurer, 1 Aldrich Avenue, Huntington, MA 01050. The association also maintains an informational website at <http://chesterhigh.wordpress.com> and a Facebook page.



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OBITUARIES

Gaylon "Gale" Roy Donovan, 96

WEST CHESTERFIELD – The Hilltown community is in mourning as it saddens us to announce that a pillar of the community, Gaylon "Gale" Roy Donovan, 96, passed away unexpectedly at his home in West Chesterfield on July 10, 2023.

In the interest of time, a detailed obituary will be provided at his funeral services. Gale's extraordinary life began on Dec. 19, 1926 in Washburn, Maine. He was the ninth child of John and Theresa "Tressie" Donovan. Together they managed their family farm while also working the local potato fields. At the age of 15, the Donovan family moved south to better prospects in Massachusetts, moving to Ireland Street, West Chesterfield.

Gale married Ruby Maxine Beckwith on Nov. 29, 1944. They were childhood friends and started a family culminating in five children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. They were approaching their 75th wedding anniversary before her passing in 2019. In his immediate family, he is predeceased by his parents, his ten siblings, his sons, Michael "Mick" Donovan and Mark Donovan, a daughter, Pamela Donovan-Hall and a grandson, Patrick Donovan.



Gale is survived by a daughter, Mary Senatore; his son, Matthew Donovan; his fiancé, Rosalie Pike; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gale is best known for his business, Donovan Bros. Sand and Gravel in Huntington. He achieved success through the hard work and determination that are synonymous with the name Gaylon Donovan. Gale retired (kinda) in 2020; however, he simply relocated his office, set up the coffee pot and box of cookies and continued his routine. He will always be remembered for his legendary tenacity, his heart-felt generosity, and his profound strength.

Gale's funeral services were held at Pioneer Valley Assembly at 63 Old Chester Road in Huntington, this past Tuesday, July 18, 2023 with burial at the Norwich Bridge Cemetery in Huntington. The Graham Hilltown Community Funeral Home, 27 Russell Road, Huntington was honorably entrusted with providing for Gale's care and services. Please visit our website, for online condolences.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shriners's Children's Hospital or St. Jude in Gale's memory.

Joseph "Joe" Kellam Sr., 81

HUNTINGTON – Joseph "Joe" Kellam Sr., 81, of Searle Road in Huntington, was born on May 8, 1941, in Walton, New York.

Sadly, he succumbed to a brief illness, peacefully surrounded by his beloved family on May 1, 2023.

Joe proudly served our nation in the U.S. Navy. Enlisting at 17, he served aboard the U.S.S. Grand Canyon. His spirit of camaraderie, resilience and honor, honed during those years of service, carried and guided him throughout his long and remarkable life.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; their five children, Tracey Masloski, Joseph Kellam Jr., Garrett Kellam, Amanda Thayer and Nichole Smith; ten adored grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Additionally, he leaves behind his closest friend of 40 years, Wayne McKinney. Joe is predeceased by his devoted mother, Juanita Bowker-Snyder, and three siblings, brothers. David and Paul Kellam and his sister, Earline Salerno.



Over 51 years in Huntington, Joe served as a respected community leader and volunteer, holding roles such as Boy Scout Master, Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, Board of Health member, among others. His entrepreneurial spirit shone in his successful contracting business, built from scratch and run with dedication, earning him a well-respected reputation.

His loss will be deeply felt in the community, where he was not just a resident but also a pillar of service and camaraderie. He will always be remembered for his vibrant spirit, contagious cackling laugh, charity, love for life, and dedicated service to his family, community, and country.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Joe's life will be held at the North Hall at 40 Searle Road, Huntington, MA, on Aug. 5, 2023, at 11 a.m. Donations in his memory can be made to the Fisher House Foundation at Fisherhouse.org or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org.

DEATH NOTICES

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KELLAM SR., JOSEPH

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Mar 21/Apr 20
 Sometimes you feel a need to be in charge to prove that you are capable, Aries. This week take a back seat and fall in line with the established modus operandi.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22
 Cancer, keep track of your mood this week, as it is easy to swing from glad to glum in no time at all. Friends can help keep you on a more even keel for the time being.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23
 Treat yourself to something special in the days to come. Perhaps it is a costly fragrance you've been spying on a new piece of furniture. You earned the indulgence.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20
 Make your career a priority. You may be feeling unsettled where you are now. There is no saying where things will go, so exercise caution when making decisions.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21
 You may get into the habit of focusing on past mistakes, Taurus. This week, instead of falling into old habits, think about how you can grow and learn from your mistakes.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23
 Leo, a refreshing sense of energy comes your way, and you start to jump head-first into all of those projects that have been pushed aside. You'll sail through tasks in no time flat.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22
 It's time to take your foot off the gas and slow down to a crawl, Scorpio. A well deserved break should be on your itinerary; otherwise, you may burn through all of your fuel prematurely.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18
 Wanderlust is on your brain. You've been fantasizing about all of the grand adventures you can take. Figure out a way to fund a getaway and get started.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21
 Gemini, it's time to be sociable and put out feelers for different adventures. Make sure you share on social media channels that you're available and ready to have fun.

VIRGO

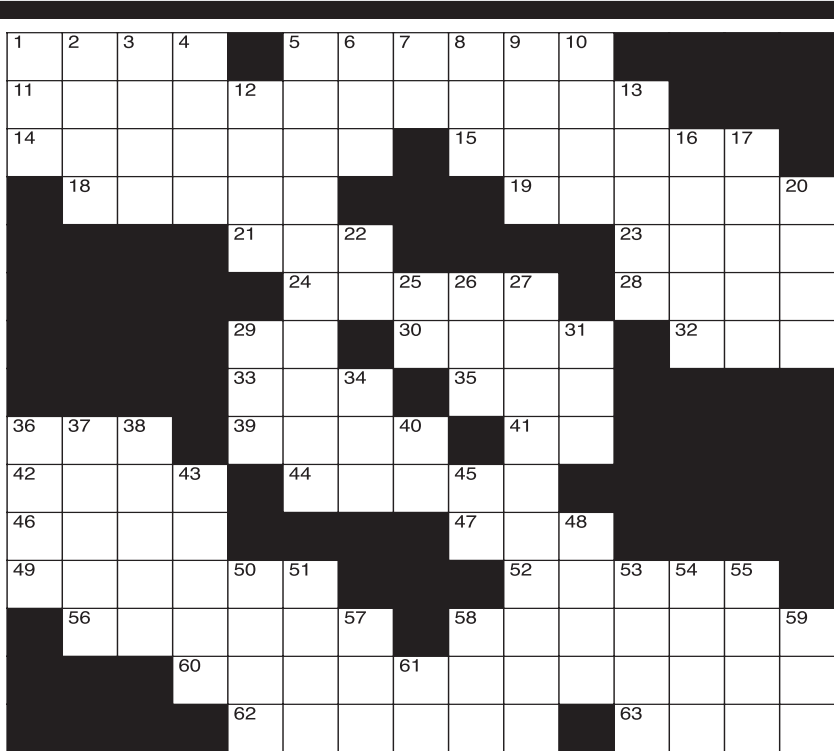
Aug 24/Sept 22
 An interesting travel opportunity comes your way, Virgo. However, at first glance it might not seem like the type of trip you would normally take. Keep an open mind and be surprised.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21
 Teamwork is the answer right now, especially when your to-do list seems to be growing exponentially. Recruit some close confidantes to help you.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20
 Something profound may have happened to you and you may need to sift through all of your feelings. Take all the time you need to process.

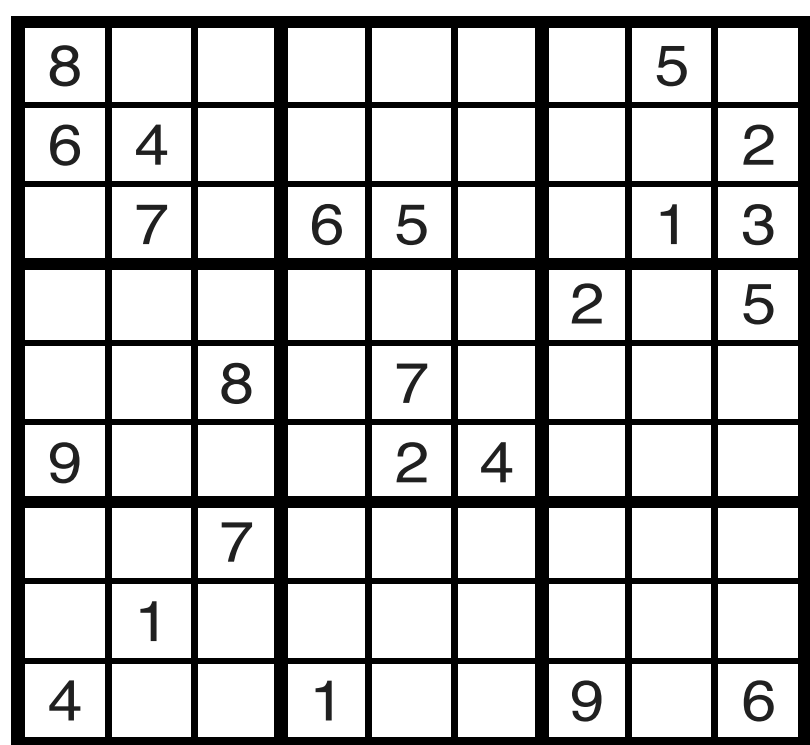


CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Commoner | 39. Two-toed sloth | 5. Dominant | 37. Comprehends |
| 5. Tea leaf | 41. Blood group | 6. English artists' society (abbr.) | 38. Walk with confidence |
| 11. They save you a table | 42. Soaks | 7. NY Giants legend | 40. Home of the Flyers |
| 14. Submissions | 44. Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon | 8. It's in the ground | 43. Appetizer |
| 15. Secretly revealed | 46. Japanese prefecture | 9. No No No | 45. News organization |
| 18. Personification of the sea (Norse) | 47. Place to be during a rock concert | 10. Pesky insect | 48. Source of the Nile |
| 19. Unreal | 49. Fully grown humans | 12. Danish-American muckraking journalist | 50. A way to march |
| 21. No seats available | 52. Emaciation | 13. Kids love to do it | 51. Soluble ribonucleic acid |
| 23. Bangladeshi currency | 56. Sparkling | 16. Good Gosh! | 53. Egyptian bull-god |
| 24. Leaders | 58. Fruits you peel | 17. Fakes | 54. Children's author Blyton |
| 28. Famed garden | 60. Derived from a noun | 20. A citizen of Denmark | 55. Baseball pitching stat |
| 29. Denotes past | 62. Popular items to grill | 22. Mystic syllable | 57. Rude young person |
| 30. Not living | 63. Port in Yemen | 25. Commercial | 58. Table napkin |
| 32. Midway between south and southeast | | 26. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet | 59. Monetary unit in Asia |
| 33. Small island (British) | | 27. Helpers | 61. One-time AL MVP Vaughn |
| 35. Woman (French) | | 29. Water (French) | |
| 36. Wife | | 31. Young woman | |
| | | 34. Red-brown sea bream | |
| | | 36. Messenger ribonucleic acid | |

CLUES DOWN

1. Before
 2. Actress Dunham
 3. This (Spanish)
 4. Director Peter



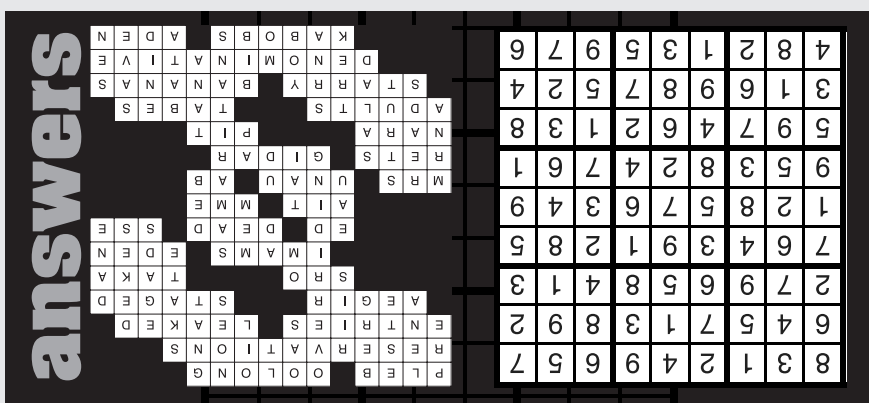
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07/20, 07/27/2023

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Project File No. 607675

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bridge Replacements Project, W-36-011 & W-36-017, Bridge Street over the Mill River and South Main Street over the Mill River in Williamsburg, MA.

WHEN:
6:00PM, Thursday, July 27, 2023

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacements Project, W-36-011 & W-36-017, Bridge Street over the Mill River and South Main Street over the Mill River. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of

replacing the Bridge Street and South Main Street bridges over the Mill River and rebuilding the portion of South Main Street between the two bridges. The traffic pattern in the area will be modified such that in the final condition both bridges and the section of South Main Street between the two bridges will create a single travel lane, one-way loop to the South Main Street intersection with Route 9 (Main Street). Shared use path accommodations will be added to the South Main Street bridge and extend through the reconstructed portion of South Main Street in accordance with the applicable design guides.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Williamsburg is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7210, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 607675. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or post-marked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is hosted.

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This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

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The Petitioner requests that: **Kimberly J. Rauscher of Boise ID and Clarence E. Page, IV of Leeds, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/16/2023.**

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 12, 2023

Michael J. Carey,
Register of Probate
07/22/2023

Town of Westhampton PUBLIC HEARING Zoning Bylaw Amendments

The Westhampton Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:30 PM, at the Town Hall, 1 South Road, Westhampton, to receive comments on a proposed revision to the Westhampton Zoning Bylaw.**

The revision as proposed will delete, in its entirety, the existing Town of Westhampton Zoning By-law, as Revised May 13, 1995, including

SECTION I - TITLE, AUTHORITY AND PURPOSES

SECTION II - ZONING DISTRICTS

SECTION III - PRINCIPAL USE REGULATIONS

SECTION IV - OVERLAY DISTRICT REGULATIONS

SECTION V - SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS

SECTION VI - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

SECTION VII - DEFINITIONS

and substitute with the document entitled "Town of Westhampton Zoning Bylaws, Revised on July 19, 2023", as proposed by the Westhampton Planning Board, and submitted to the Town Clerk on July 19, 2023, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and including the following sections:

SECTION I - TITLE, AUTHORITY, PURPOSES, OBJECTIVES, SEVERABILITY

SECTION II - ZONING

SECTION III - PRINCIPAL USE REGULATIONS

SECTION IV - OVERLAY DISTRICT REGULATIONS

SECTION V - SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS

SECTION VI - ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SECTION VII - (BLANK - RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE)

SECTION VIII - (BLANK - RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE)

SECTION IX - DEFINITIONS

SECTION X - AMENDMENTS

Table 1 - Schedule of Use Regulation
Table 2 - Schedule of Use Regulation (Alpha Order)
Table 3 - Schedule of Dimensional Regulation

The full text of the proposed revision is available for public inspection at the Town Hall and the Westhampton Public Library during regular business hours. The full text may also be downloaded at the Town of Westhampton website: <https://www.westhampton-ma.com>

Comments may be submitted to the Planning Board by US Mail to:

Westhampton Planning Board
1 South Road
Westhampton MA 01027
by email sent to the Chair of the Planning Board, or by attending the public hearing.

Douglas Finn,
Administrative Assistant,
Town of Westhampton
07/20, 07/27/2023

RUSSELL

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

July 20, 2023

The owner(s), occupant(s) and public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of RUSSELL and HAMPDEN County, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the year 2023 as committed to the Collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be taken by RUSSELL on **Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 09:00AM** for non payment of taxes, including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the property shall be previously discharged.

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Bill Number: 40

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Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.642 acres described as parcel 15 5 3 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of RUSSELL identified in book and page 15894/365, HAMPDEN County Registry of Deeds.

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Bill Number: 162

2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,517.85
1,517.85

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Bill Number: 307

2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 6,335.16
6,335.16

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.490 acres described as parcel 27 8 4 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of RUSSELL identified in book and page 13087/0369, HAMPDEN County Registry of Deeds.

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Assessed Owners: HOLMES ROBERT
Bill Number: 308

2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 855.60
855.60

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.157 acres described as parcel 27 8 S in the office of the Assessors of the Town of RUSSELL identified in book and page 13087/0369, HAMPDEN County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 345 DICKINSON HILL RD
Assessed owners: LAFRENIER JON
Bill Number: 376

2023 VIOLATI REAL ESTATE TAXES 16,747.60
8,436.96
25,184.56

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 9.700 acres described as parcel 18 1 7 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of RUSSELL identified in book and page 23420/346, HAMPDEN County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 173 WESTFIELD RD
Assessed owners: NEGRON WILLIAM & WEBSTER CHRISTY
Bill Number: 495

2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 872.32
872.32

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.191 acres described as parcel 16 3 10 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of RUSSELL identified in book and page 22242/0324, HAMPDEN County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 184 MAIN ST
Assessed Owners: RETTIE STEPHEN E
Bill Number: 575

2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,002.54
1,002.54

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.432 acres described as parcel 15 6 13 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of RUSSELL identified in book and page 8610/0325, HAMPDEN County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 34 VALLEY VIEW AVE
Assessed Owners: STRATHMORE HOLDINGS, LLC
Bill Number: 647

2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 279.00
279.00

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 7.500 acres described as parcel 32 2 9 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of RUSSELL identified in book and page 22770/0146, HAMPDEN County Registry of Deeds.

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CHESTERFIELD

National Historic Places plaque to be unveiled July 23

CHESTERFIELD – The Chesterfield Historical Society announces the unveiling of a National Register of Historic Places plaque at the Bisbee Mill Museum, 66 East St., on Sunday, July 23 at 1 p.m.

The plaque has been provided through a grant from the William G.

Pomeroy Foundation. The museum will be open for tours and the gristmill will be running after the dedication.

The Bisbee Mill Museum is a 19th century Gristmill and workshop dedicated to preserving Chesterfield's agricultural and industrial past.

WORTHINGTON

Friends of Library holds town wide yard sale

WORTHINGTON – The Friends of the Worthington Library will hold its town-wide tag sale on Saturday, July 22 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

On the day of the sale, maps of the sale sites will be available by donation at the library located at 1 Huntington Road from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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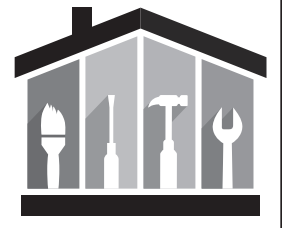
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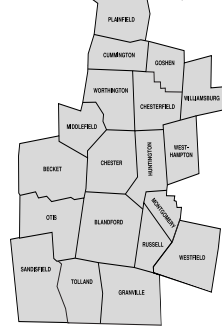
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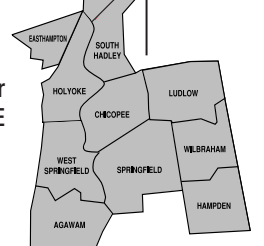
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REGION

Lawmakers see FAA bill as opportunity to support families

WASHINGTON – Sen. Edward J. Markey and Sen. JD Vance members of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, sent a letter to Sen. Maria Cantwell, chair of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, and Sen. Ted Cruz, ranking member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.



Sen. Edward J. Markey

The letter urged them to include a provision in the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration to prohibit family seating fees. In their letter, the senators included legislative language which would prohibit airlines from charging monetary fees for parents to sit with their children during a flight.

In their letter, the senators wrote, "Airlines should never be allowed to force parents to choose

between paying more and being separated from their kids. In extreme circumstances, parents have found themselves assigned seats many rows away from their very young children - a serious safety risk for those kids and an injustice to those families. This practice must end. The 2023 reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration provides an important opportunity to support families by banning these fees."

Markey is a staunch advocate for consumers, from the streets to the sky. In January, he reintroduced the FAIR Fees Act, which would prohibit airlines from charging fees disproportionate to the cost of the service. In February, Markey introduced the Families Fly Together Act, which would prohibit airlines from charging a fee for families to sit together on a flight.

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FLORENCE

Florence Bank welcomes Hess

FLORENCE – The Florence Bank announces Ryan Hess of Springfield, has joined the staff as vice president/commercial team leader.



Ryan Hess

Hired in June, Hess has over 11 years of experience in banking, serving in roles from credit analyst and portfolio manager to leadership in commercial lending. He most recently served as chief lending officer for a locally based startup bank and played a key role in its founding.

He came to Florence Bank for its reputation as a community partner. "It's an effective bank that's never strayed away from community involvement and serving the community," Hess said.

In his work as a lender, Hess enjoys delivering solutions to business customers. "It's very rewarding. These are peoples' livelihoods. There's an impact and story there," he said.

Hess' first few months have solidified his perspective on Florence Bank, and he said, "It's been evident from the first minute I was in the office that Florence has a great corporate culture."

Hess holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Stonehill College. He serves as co-chair of the Ronald McDonald House Golf

Committee, a member of the Make-A-Wish Golf Committee and vice-chair of the Springfield Zoning Board of Appeals.

Florence Bank is a mutual savings bank chartered in 1873. Currently, the bank serves the Pioneer Valley through 12 full-service branch locations in Florence, Northampton, Easthampton, Williamsburg, Amherst, Hadley, Belchertown, Granby, Chicopee, West Springfield and Springfield.

Habitat for Humanity leads way in affordable green homes

FLORENCE – Already recognized for leading the way in affordable green home building, Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity is taking the lead on bringing other Massachusetts Habitat for Humanity affiliates together to realize the potential of all-electric homes for low-income, first time-homebuyers across the state.

Pioneer Valley Habitat and the team will survey and facilitate education for low-income first-time homebuyers and share best practices and barriers, increase affiliate participation in community education efforts and increase HH affiliate construction of all-electric homes.

By the end of the project, the goal is for at least five Habitat for Humanity built homes to take advantage of the Mass Save® All Electric Homes incentive with rebate, to create training videos for future homeowners, and complete a summary report for further use and scaling.

Representatives from HH affiliates across the commonwealth convened virtually last week to kick off the year-long

project, funded through a grant provided by the EmPower Massachusetts program of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. The group is benefiting from the expertise of VEIC, who brings to the table their track record of high-impact energy solutions that are decarbonizing the world's buildings, transportation, and utility grids right here, right now.

"We're proud to be leading the way with this cutting-edge approach to sustainable homebuilding," says PVHH Executive Director Megan McDonough. "Our partner families are modeling to builders across the state that healthy, efficient homes are also affordable homes. This will be, in the not-too-distant future, the industry standard for all residential construction. True to our mission, we are finding the intersection between affordability and sustainability for long-term stability for families and communities."

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