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CHESTER

Littleville Fair opens: groundbreaking held Saturday for new building

By Wendy Long
Correspondent

The 101st Littleville Fair took place on Aug 4—6, with the fairgrounds featuring numerous improvements and new events

Over the past two years, volunteers have upgraded many buildings on the fairgrounds, including the dining hall, concession stand, cattle barn and information booth. A new post and beam craft shed will be used for the first time this year.

Saturday, Aug 5 marked the groundbreaking for a new handicap-accessible bath house. The project is slated to cost \$310,000 and the fair has received a \$110,000 matching grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

To date, the Board has raised \$160,000 and more than met the match. The project will not only improve the accessibility of the fairgrounds, but offer showers for exhibitors who are staying overnight.

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Littleville Fair Treasurer Jim Burke, from left, President Moe Boisseau, Chester Selectman Andy Sutton, and members/volunteers Kevin Junkins and Andy Myers break ground for a new handicapped accessible bathhouse.

Photo by Wendy Long

CHESTER

Littleville Fair offers farming community entertainment



Liz Massa is at the wheel for the tractor pulling for the 101st Annual Littleville Fair.

Photos by Deborah Daniels



These three little pigs enjoy a siesta at the Littleville Fair.

HUNTINGTON

Summer band concludes with amazing concert

By Wendy Long
Correspondent

"Summer Band" was held at Gateway Regional High School for students entering grades 5—12.

The four-day program opened on Monday, July 31 and ended on Thursday, Aug. 3 with a concert for parents and friends, by the twenty students taking part.

This is the second year that Gateway Instrumental Music Director Beth Guertin has offered the camp. The program ran from 8 a.m. - noon and was free of charge to Gateway band students.

"One of the coolest things was seeing kids that

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Musicians set aside their instruments to perform an inspiring, unnamed percussion piece with drumsticks and plastic buckets, led by alum Anna Pless.

Photo by Wendy Long

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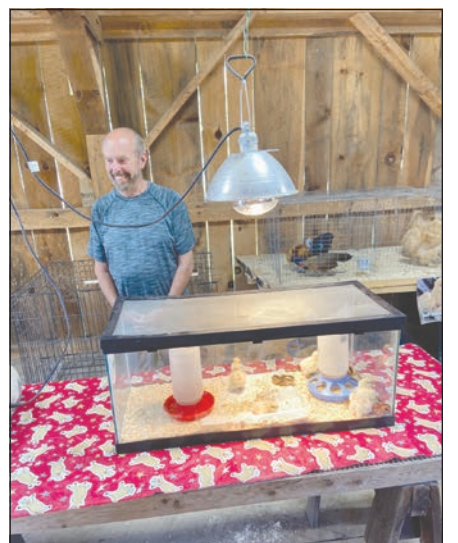
Blandford Fair president lists plans for this year

By Mary Kronholm
Correspondent

President Matthew Ripley and Executive Vice President Greg Girard of the Blandford Fair told the Select Board Monday of renovations and plans for this year's Labor Day Weekend Fair.

A Beer Garden will return to the Fairgrounds for the first time after many years beginning Friday eve-

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Chicken master Glen, who also moonlights as the Huntington mailman. He is the chicks' handler.



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MassDOT announces I-90 road work

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announces crews will be conducting daytime and overnight hour paving operations and guardrail repairs on I-90 eastbound and westbound in Lee, Becket, West Stockbridge and Stockbridge.

The work will be conducted at various times and locations through Friday, Aug. 11 at 5 a.m. Lane closures will be in place during repair operations and traffic will be able to travel through the work zones.

Paving operations and pavement markings in Lee and Becket will be conducted nightly on I-90 eastbound and westbound between mile marker 14.0 and mile marker 21.8 from Thursday, Aug. 10 to through Friday, Aug. 11 from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. During the work, lane closures will be in effect Monday through Friday morning.

Guardrail repairs in Lee will be conducted nightly on I-90 eastbound and westbound between mile marker 8.3 and mile marker 10.3 from Thursday, Aug. 10 through Friday, Aug. 11 from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. During the work, lane closures will be in effect Monday through Friday morning.

Temporary barrier installations and pavement marking operations in

Stockbridge will be conducted nightly on I-90 eastbound and westbound near mile marker 7.5 from Thursday, Aug. 10 through Friday, Aug. 11 from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. During the work, lane closures will be in effect Thursday night into the next day at 5 a.m.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

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

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

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Clark Art Institute holds program on Edvard Munch Aug. 19

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Saturday, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m., the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., hosts a free talk by art historian and Professor of Art History at Wellesley College Pat Berman.

He explores Edvard Munch's alternative worlds in the Clark's auditorium, the talk is presented in conjunction with the Edvard Munch: Trembling Earth exhibition.

Through his visual art and his writ-

ings, Munch offered speculation about alternative worlds, those that animate the tangible world on Earth as well as forces in the larger universe. In an era in which science fiction matured as a genre, a variety of radiant energies were studied by astronomers, and mediumistic communication had entered popular belief, Munch's "trembling earth" was suspended in a web of otherworldliness. For more information, people may visit clarkart.edu/events.

MassDOT announces road work

GILL – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announces it will be conducting repairs on the closed section of Route 2 eastbound in the vicinity just west of the Avenue A Bridge in Gill.

The repairs will continue for 4-5 weeks to install an earth support system, which will allow this section of Route 2 eastbound to be reopened.

A detour will be in place during the closure. Traffic will be detoured via I-91 northbound to Route 10 northbound (exit 50A). Traffic will continue to Route 63 southbound to rejoin Route 2 eastbound in Erving.

Temporary traffic control operations will consist of detour signs, message boards, arrow boards, and police

details will be utilized. Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is weather dependent and/or may be impacted due to an emergency.

For 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 shows 'Some Like It Hot'

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Wednesday, Aug. 16, the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., screens *Some Like it Hot*.

The film is shown as part of the Clark's five-part Summer Outdoor Movie Series for free. The film screens outdoors near the Clark's Reflecting Pool, beginning at dusk, 7:55 p.m.

One of the most beloved films of all time, this sizzling masterpiece by Billy Wilder set a new standard for Hollywood comedy. After witnessing a mob hit, Chicago musicians Joe and Jerry (Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon, in landmark performances) skip town by donning drag and joining an all-female band en route to Miami.

The charm of the group's singer, Sugar Kane (Marilyn Monroe), leads them ever further into extravagant lies, as Joe assumes the persona of a millionaire to woo her and Jerry's female alter ego winds up engaged to a tycoon. With a whip-smart script by Wilder and I. A. L. Diamond, and sparking chemistry among its finely tuned cast, "*Some Like It Hot*" (1959; 2 hours, 1 minute) is as deliriously funny and fresh today as it was when it first knocked audiences out sixty years ago.

People are invited to bring a picnic and their own seating to this free event. For more information, people may visit clarkart.edu/events.

Clark Art Institute hosts nature hike

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Thursday, Aug. 17 at 5:30 p.m., the Clark Art Institute hosts a nature hike along the Stone Hill trails.

Bud Wobus, professor emeritus of geology at Williams College, introduces the hike; then the Clark's Head of Public Programs Will Schmenner leads the hike. Exploring the 500 million-year geologic history of Stone Hill, Wobus traces the processes of mountain build-

ing and erosion, bracketed by two vastly different shorelines, that have sculpted the hill as seen today. Afterwards, Schmenner guides participants to sites along the Stone Hill trails, connecting the geologic story to the hill's present landscape.

This event is free, but advance registration is required as capacity is limited. For more information, people may visit clarkart.edu/events.

LITTLEVILLE

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On hand for the groundbreaking were Littleville Fair President Moe Boisseau, Chester Selectman Andy Sutton and fair volunteers/members Kevin Junkins and Andy Myers. Treasurer Jim Burke served as Master of Ceremonies. Missing, but noted, was Ira Brezinsky who had assisted on the MCC grant.

According to Burke, the incredible progress made on the buildings and grounds at Littleville would not have been possible without donations of volunteer time, materials and equipment-especially by Boisseau, who owns a construction company. Burke spearheaded changing the fair association from a 501(c)5 (agricultural) to 501(c)3 (non-profit), which made them qualify for grant money.

They are also grateful to partners like the Hampden County Improvement League, which funded the post and beam craft barn a few years ago. They also just awarded \$4,000 to help finish the siding on the exhibit/dining hall. Burke reports that they are also close to other area groups, such as the Chester Hill Association, which runs their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The fair puts a float in the Chester on Track parade and has worked more closely with town officials in recent years. Other partners have included the Hilltown Community Development Corporation, Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism and the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, which was on

hand last year to celebrate the fair's 100th year.

Stephanie Hunter has volunteered at Littleville Fair since 2019, where she organizes the children's activities. She got involved because her father is good friends with Boisseau and, as she said, "I just can't say no to Moe."

She says that when she started, there was no funding for any of the things she was proposing, like a magician. Now that they have their 501(c)3, she is able to submit grants to help fund the kids' events.

The capital campaign has also relied on donations and fundraising events toward this project. This was a tough year, as events that should have raised a lot were either canceled or had low attendance due to the frequent rain of 2023.

Undeterred, the board, members and volunteers pressed on and have already moved a historic building across the venue, where it will serve as a blacksmith shop in the future. While today's groundbreaking was ceremonial, work will begin in earnest this fall.

Once the capital improvements are completed, Burke has proposed starting a scholarship program for students studying agriculture. Anyone who wants additional information may email thelittlevillefair@gmail.com.

Donations may be mailed to the fair at 15 Kinnebrook Road, Chester, MA 01011. For more information, people may visit their website (<http://littlevillefair.com/>) or follow on facebook.

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Dakin Humane Society rescues cats and kittens in hoarding cases

SPRINGFIELD – Dakin Humane Society participated in rescue efforts involving two separate hoarding cases in the past week, and has taken over 40 cats and kittens into its care.

The felines are being medically and in some cases behaviorally evaluated, with several newborn kittens and mothers being placed in foster homes. Many are available for adoption, with more becoming available in the days and weeks ahead.

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, the organization traveled to a one-bedroom apartment in Berkshire County that contained more than 80 cats and brought several felines back to provide care and place for adoption.

The following Saturday, Aug. 5, Dakin assisted a Hampden County animal control team with the intake of over 30 cats and kittens, several of them Siamese and Ragdoll breeds and returned with 21 cats to treat and make available for adoption at Dakin.

According to Dakin's Executive Director Meg Talbert, "It's very unusual that Dakin responded to two hoarding cases just days apart, but it's a vital part of our mission to answer the needs of our community. Cats that come from these circumstances tend to be very shy, and are typically not confident or social around people for what may be just an initial period, or for their entire lives. They're perfectly happy to have a home with a cat companion or two. They're

very special animals, and we're hoping that people will open their hearts and homes to them."

Talbert noted that the cats and kittens will be spayed or neutered prior to being made available for adoption.

Due to the large number of cats taken in between the two rescues, Dakin has created an online form to collect contact information and other data from prospective adopters of these felines. All Dakin pets available for adoption, including the cats and kittens recently rescued and ready to be re homed, can be seen here. Several of the recently rescued cats have reduced adoption fees.

Dakin Humane Society, located in Springfield, delivers effective, innovative services that improve the lives of animals in need and the people who care about them. In a typical year, the organization shelters, treats and fosters more than 20,000 animals and has performed over 100,000 spay/neuter surgeries since 2009, making it New England's largest spay/neuter provider.

Dakin's Pet Health Center, a non-emergency veterinary resource for pet dogs and cats, opened in 2022 and has treated more than 2,500 pets. Dakin is a local non-profit organization that relies solely on contributions from individuals and businesses that care about animals to bring its services to the community. For more information, people may visit www.dakinhumane.org.

MONTGOMERY

Library announces upcoming events

MONTGOMERY – Music in Montgomery has moved from the Montgomery Grill to the Montgomery Town Hall and Grace Hall Memorial Library, 161 Main Road, on every Thursday at 3 p.m.

There is lots of room to dance. On Thursday, Aug. 17 the HillTown GrillBillies, Kara and Jerry Noble, Dan Damkauskus and Mary and Scott Darling, will make the Hilltops ring with song.

On Thursday, Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. the The Uncles: three part harmonies of folk, rock, jazz and more by Rob Adams, Dennis Avery and John Clark will perform. People may call Dale at the Gray Catbird Pottery and gift shop 413-875-5205 for more information.

"In the Wee small Hours" Cabaret Concert will be held at the Montgomery Library on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. It's a movable feast of songs from the

Great American Song book with singer Mary Jo Maichack and the exciting keyboard accompaniment of Bob Shepherd. This is sponsored by the Montgomery Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Grace Hall Memorial Library. For more information, people may call the library at 413-862-3894.

Book donations for the annual fall book sale are by appointment and will be held through out September until Thursday, Oct. 5. People may call the library at 413-862-3894 or email montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com to make an appointment. The library does not accept any text books, Readers Digest books or encyclopedias. Books must be mold and water damaged free.

The library is open Tuesday from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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FLORENCE

Florence Bank presents 2023 Community Support Award

FLORENCE – The Florence Bank announces it presented its 2023 Community Support Award to Tim Deshaies of Holyoke, director of Retail Operations at the bank.

The Community Support Award was established by the bank in 1997 as a means of formally recognizing employees who are active in the community and give their personal and professional time to local nonprofit organizations.

Each year, the award recipient can select an organization of his/her choice and the bank will donate \$500 to that organization. Deshaies chose The Therapeutic Equestrian Center, citing the incredible work the organization does with horse-assisted therapy for people in the community.

Deshaies came to Florence Bank in 2007. He holds a master's in business administration from Western New England University.

He is very active in the community and currently holds these positions: treasurer of The Therapeutic Equestrian Center and The Wistariahurst Foundation; vice president of Black Horse Trust and director of Mansir Trust.

"We are pleased to shine a spotlight on Tim because we are proud of all the important work he does in the



Tim Deshaies

community," said Matt Garrity, president and CEO of Florence Bank. "Tim well deserves the Community Support Award."

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.

Griffin's Friends receives donations

SPRINGFIELD – Throughout the month of June, Freedom Credit Union collected cash donations at its branches throughout western Massachusetts to benefit Griffin's Friends, a volunteer-led group dedicated to providing relief and support to children with cancer and their families, raising a total of \$1,400.

"Over the years, Griffin's Friends has earned a special place in our hearts because of the passion its volunteers have for preserving the memory of Griffin Kelleher through generous acts of kindness," said Freedom Credit Union President Glenn Welch. "There is a kind of magic in honoring the spirit of a child by providing joyful experiences that impact children and families on such a personal level, and at a time when they are needed most."

Griffin's Friends was founded in 1994 in Springfield and is named for Griffin D. Kelleher, who passed away from cancer when he was 14 months old. This group is his legacy, uniquely supporting children in treatment for cancer and their families by providing small acts of joy.

Examples of the types of experiences offered by Griffin's Friends

include trips to stage performances and sporting events; in-hospital and outpatient entertainment; massage therapy and activities such as art, computers and games. To contribute, people may visit griffinsfriends.com. One hundred percent of the funds donated go to the Griffin's Friends Children's Cancer Fund at Baystate Health Foundation, Inc.

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OPINION



I'm a veteran. How do I get my extra Social Security?

Dear Rusty: As a military veteran, I was told that the final amount of my Social Security should be a little higher as a reward for military service. If so, I have two questions: 1. How much is the boost? 2. How can I know that amount has been applied?

Signed: Unsure

Dear Unsure: We receive questions about this fairly often from our military veterans. I want to first thank you for your service to our country and then assure you that, as a military veteran myself, I have thoroughly investigated this subject: the so-called "Special Extra Credit for Military Service," which is widely misunderstood.

Although someone suggested that your Social Security benefit "is supposed to be a little higher" because you are a military veteran, allow me to share how this somewhat obscure rule actually works.

Any extra money for military veterans does not come in the form of a special "boost" to their Social Security benefit because of their military service; instead, certain older veterans receive extra credit to their earnings for the years they served.

Those extra earnings are applied only to those who served in specific years, as additional dollars added to their actual earnings record for their service-years. The amount added to the veteran's true service-year earnings varies a bit depending on which years you served.

For example, if you served between 1957 – 1977, your actual earnings for each service-year would be increased by \$300 for each full quarter you had active duty pay to a maximum of \$1,200 additional earnings per service-year. The credit is computed a bit differently for those who served between 1978 – 2001, but the maximum annual earnings credit for those service years is the same - \$1,200. And, for clarity, those who served before 1957 get extra earnings credit under an entirely different formula and those who served after 2001 receive no extra credits for their military service years.

So how might this affect your Social Security benefit? Well, when your benefit is claimed, Social Security reviews your lifetime earnings record, inflates each actual annual amount to equal today's dollar equivalent and selects the highest earning 35 years from your lifetime record to calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount," which is the amount you are entitled to at full retirement age.

If your military service-years are among the 35 years used to compute your PIA when you claim, then the "Special Extra Credit for Military Service" will result in a somewhat higher PIA (a slightly higher monthly SS benefit). If the highest earning 35 years in your lifetime record do not include your military-service-years, then those extra credits added to your earnings for your military-service-years will have no effect on your Social Security benefit (because using those service-years would result in a lower benefit).

How Social Security applies those special extra credits to your service-year earnings also varies depending on when you served. Those who served before 1968 needed to show their DD-214 to get the extra credits, but those who served in between 1968 – 2001 were automatically given the extra credits based on their military service records.

So, if your military service was between 1968 and 2001, your earnings during the years you served were automatically increased by SS to reflect your "special extra" earnings and - if those years are among the highest of

FAMILIES HEADED TO THE BEACH...



Zucchini and its many pests

The zucchini season started out with promise.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You'll notice yellow stippling on the leaves first, followed by wilting and browning; they head for the fruit last. Because I was on the look-out for the cucumber beetle I saw the adults before any damage ensued and sent them swimming as well, sometimes "two at a time."

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

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

nymphs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As ridiculous as it sounds, wrapping a shiny barrier such as aluminum foil around the plant's base does seem to deter the red bodied, transparent-leaved moth from her egg-laying endeavors.

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

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

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

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

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FAIR

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ning at 4 p.m. and going to 9 p.m. and daily for Saturday, Sunday and Monday with hours noon-9 p.m. Volunteers are still needed and Ripley said depending on the job all are welcome from high school aged and up. Contact information is available by visiting on the Fair's website at theblandfordfair.com.

In a new turn of events regarding Shepard Farm, Historical Commission member Linda Barnard told the board that the Fair has offered to take care down the smaller barn in exchange for moving the larger barn to the fairgrounds. It will be noted that there will be signage citing the Shepard Family and their contribution to the agrarian history of the town.

There are cupboards, hinges and knobs of value in the house, and a few floorboards that will be removed and housed either at the Fair or the Historical Society Museum.

The Historical Commission will step away from Shepard Farm. Ripley said he expected the work to be done at the location would not take place until next spring. Select Board Chair Cara Letendre said, "It's a good conclusion."

Highway Superintendent David Waldron reported that logging will continue on Beulah Land Road. Board member Allen commented on the paved width of Huntington Road, saying it was only one car wide. Waldron acknowledged that was true.

The trees on the top of the retaining wall on Russell Stage Road will be removed for safety where the boulders are on the right. Wood chips will be available from Northern Tree's and anyone who would like them should contact

the Highway Department for more information.

Beech Hill Road is closed in the Granville part until Aug. 18.

He is also waiting for new figures for Chapter 90 road funding.

Town Administrator Christopher Dunne discussed the foreclosure of .78 acres of land as a sliver of land going down Russell Stage Road from Sperry Road and the land now belongs to the town.

The land could be offered for \$35,000 was a suggested price but Dunne will speak with Town Counsel about possibly negotiating with the abutter's property.

The town has received a \$20,000 grant to be put towards the Municipal Light Plant. In keeping with the generator project, the additional fund assigned by the board from the American Rescue Plan Act will go back because the cost has been reduced, there being no need for a new generator.

The Porter Patio project is ready for bidding process. The library trustees are on board with placing the sign on the library property.

The board signed an amendment to the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission pending approval review from the Special Town Counsel; the board also signed the annual contract for services provided by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The board reviewed the summer schedule in consideration of Labor Day. They will meet next on Aug. 21 and then again Wednesday, Sept. 6, returning to weekly meetings on Sept. 11.

CONCERT

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were 10 performing alongside kids, who were 17, and all of them working towards the same goal," reflected Guertin. "I think every camper that participated in this had a fun and positive experience, and that's exactly what we wanted to provide."

Guertin relied on four other adults to run the program. Alumna Anna Pless opened each day with leadership activities focused on becoming an independent musician. Topics included the difference between practice and rehearsal-and why one is important for the other to be successful; how to prepare for and run a sectional rehearsal; and how to participate in an ensemble.

She also conducted an amazing percussion piece with all band members playing a plastic bucket with drum sticks. Pless works at the Community School of Music in Springfield.

Olliver MacFadden worked with the trumpet and brass players at camp. He student-taught with Guertin in 2006 and now teaches in Greenfield. Greg O'Connor, who student-taught with Guertin last year, worked with the saxophones and is starting as a band director in Baldwinville this fall. Guertin's husband Dan returned to work with the

percussionists.

Over 40 people attended the concert on Thursday, which had impressive offerings especially given only four days of rehearsals and such a wide age range of students. Pieces included "Atlantis" by Anne McGinty; "Dragonslayer" by Rob Grice; "Chrysalis" by Mike Story; "Creepy Crawlies" (also by Story); "Gentle River" by Rob Grice and Mucho Mariachi by Mark Williams.

Small ensembles sight read excerpts from familiar tunes and had the audience guessing in a "name that tune" format. The program concluded with a complex and beautiful compilation of Harry Potter themes by John Williams and arranged by Mike Story.

This year's program did not enjoy the same level of funding that was available last year through the Department of Elementary Secondary Education and the Gateway Education Foundation. As a result, all four adults returned and worked for a reduced stipend, for which Guertin was extremely grateful. This year's camp was funded by the Gateway Band Boosters, with some of the parents making donations for the end of camp pizza party and beverages.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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the 35 years used to compute your SS benefit - you are now receiving the extra benefit amount you're entitled to from those credits.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Protect yourself and others from the heat

SPRINGFIELD — Extreme heat can cause people to suffer from heat-related illness, and even death. Each year in the United States more than 700 people, both adults and children, die from the heat.

People suffer heat-related illness when their bodies are unable to properly cool themselves. Older adults, young children, and people with chronic medical conditions are at high risk for heat-related illness and death.

According to Dr. Seth Gemme, FACEP, vice chair, clinical operations for Emergency Medicine, Baystate Health, extreme heat affects the body's ability to safely regulate its temperature, often resulting in heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke, or heat cramps. Sweating is the body's natural defense to cooling itself. However, when humidity is high, sweat does not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly and resulting in a rapid rise of body temperature.

"Those at greatest risk for developing a heat-related illness are children under 5 and people 65 years of age and older, who have the least ability to regulate their body temperatures, as well as those who work outdoors for a living," Gemme said.

As with many illnesses, the best defense is prevention, consider the following tips to keep you safe in the high heat:

Stay out of the heat. Avoid direct sunlight and strenuous activity outdoors. If possible, remain indoors. If there is no AC at home, go to a location that does, such as the mall or a movie theater.

Dress for the weather. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a broad-brimmed hat when outdoors. Stay away from polyester in favor of cotton and linens which are better at repelling the sun's heat. Also, consider wearing sunglasses and putting on a sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater.

Drink plenty of liquids- Begin drinking before going outside and, if exercising, drink one quart of liquid an hour to replace lost fluid. Avoid caffeinated beverages and alcohol which can contribute to the loss of more body fluid. Also, if taking water pills or on a fluid restrictive diet, consult with a physician before increasing liquid intake.

Take it slow and easy with athletic

activity and working outdoors. Postpone athletic activity during high heat and humidity. Limit outdoor activities to the morning and evening. Drinking sports beverages can replace lost salt and minerals when sweating. However, those on low-salt diets should check with their doctor before drinking sports beverages. If you work outdoors, in addition to drinking plenty of liquids and dressing appropriately, pace yourself and take frequent short breaks in the shade.

Eat smaller meals. Instead of the usual rule of eating three square meals a day, eat smaller meals more frequently on days when the sun turns up the heat. Also, avoid high-protein foods which can increase metabolic heat.

Take a cool shower or bath to cool down.

Warning signs of an oncoming heat-related illness could include excessive sweating, leg cramps, flushed skin, nausea and vomiting, dizziness, headache and rapid pulse. If these occur, get out of the heat and drink liquids. If you don't feel better soon, Gemme recommends calling a doctor or visiting a local emergency department. "Since the elderly are at greater risk from the ill-effects of the heat, make it a habit to check on elderly relatives and neighbors several times a day to make sure they are safe and free from any signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke," Gemme said.

Gemme also reminds parents and caregivers that hot weather and vehicles can be a deadly combination for kids. About 950 children since 1990 died from heat stroke in hot cars when left alone. Most children unknowingly left behind. And, according to the National Safety Council, on average 38 children under the age of 15 die each year after being left in a hot vehicle.

Kids and Cars, a nonprofit focused on improving child safety around cars, suggests in a "Look Before You Lock" flier to place an item in the back seat that you will need to get before starting your day such as a laptop, handbag, phone, employee badge and more; keep vehicles locked at all times so young ones can't sneak in unknown to you; and teach kids to honk the horn if they become stuck inside a car. More tips are available at kidsandcars.org.

CHESTER

Chester History Museum open Sundays

CHESTER — The Chester Historical Society announces that the Chester History Museum, 221 Route 20, will be open every Sunday through Sept. 3 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

In addition to their permanent exhibits of Chester schools, businesses and veterans, this will be an opportunity to see the newly renovated second floor of the former Chester Methodist Church.

"We have just completed a full res-

toration of the former sanctuary," said Society President John Hultman. "The original stained glass windows have been refurbished, the tin panels have been stripped down and repainted their original color and the collapsed ceiling has been repaired and painted. We invite everyone to come and see the results."

The museum may also be visited by appointment by emailing the Historical Society at historicalsociety@chester-mass.com.

Library announces upcoming events

CHESTER — The Hamilton Memorial Library, 195 West Main St., will host summertime story and play on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 11 a.m.

All school age children are welcome. The program includes a read-aloud craft activity, playtime and free snack.

On Saturday, Aug. 12 at 11 a.m.

the library will host Jen Lahey for her nature matters talk.

On Thursday, Aug. 17, the library will host the Legos Club at 1 p.m. in the library.

The club participants combine imagination and engineering to bring Legos to life. They should call the library at 413-354-7808 to register.

Becket Athenaeum lists August events

BECKET — The Becket Athenaeum, 3367 Main St., holds story times Saturdays at 10 a.m.

RSVP is appreciated to bit.ly/BA-storytime. The Cookbook Club meets Monday, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. The

cookbook is "Recipes from an Italian Summer."

Participants should email info@bwlibrary.org to register and request a cookbook. They will prepare a recipe to share from the cookbook.

WORTHINGTON

Cultural Council seeks grant proposals

WORTHINGTON – Effective Friday, Sept. 1 through Tuesday, Oct. 17, the Worthington Cultural Council is accepting applications from organizations, schools and individuals for grants that support cultural activities in the community in 2024.

Applicants must submit requests online by visiting <http://www.mass-culture.org/Worthington> or by mail at: Worthington Cultural Council, P.O. Box

247, Worthington, MA 01098.

Projects must have an identified local venue or be accessible online and have a projected completion date to be considered. Information and local guidelines can be found by visiting <http://www.mass-culture.org/Worthington>, emailing worthingtonculturalcouncil@gmail.com or calling Zoë Spring at 917-415-0660.

The Worthington Cultural Council

is supported by an annual appropriation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The purpose of the local and regional cultural councils is to support public programs that foster a rich cultural life in communities across the commonwealth.

Previously funded projects have included storytelling at the Worthington Library, Hilltown Theater Anonymous and the Sevenars Concert Series.

Worthington Library hosts Hungrytown, folk duo

WORTHINGTON – Folk singing duo, Hungrytown, will perform at the Worthington Library (1 Huntington Road, on Saturday, Aug. 19 starting at 7 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Hungrytown features lyricist Rebecca Hall and instrumentalist Ken Anderson.

The duo describes their music as “a true artistic hybrid, able to hold Celtic and Americana, ballads and psychedelia, sunshine and darkness, joy and despair – not only within the same album, but within the same song.” Hungrytown has performed globally and has been featured on shows including The Daily Show and Portlandia.

This event will take place indoors. For more information, people may call 413-238-5565 or email TheWorthingtonLibrary@gmail.com.

NEW FIRE CHIEF



Michael Dondiego

WORTHINGTON – The Select board recently appointed Michael Dondiego as Worthington’s Fire Chief.

Worthington Council on Aging trip deadline is Sept. 5

WORTHINGTON – The Worthington Council on Aging plans a trip to the Adirondacks and crystal-clear waters of magnificent Lake George, nestled in an exquisite and unspoiled mountain setting on Monday, Oct. 9.

The trip includes a two hour luncheon cruise through the vistas of Lake George aboard the M/V Lac du Saint Sacrament. The ship’s captain will talk about the historic mansions, which surround the “Queen of American Lakes.” Cost is \$125 per person and \$75 for

Worthington senior residents. Deadline to sign up for the trip is Tuesday, Sept. 5. People should make check payable to Town of Worthington and include phone number and emergency contact information and mail to Worthington COA, P.O. Box 7, Worthington MA 01098.

They may call Phyllis Dassatti at 413-238-5962 for more information. The bus will depart from the Worthington Congregational Church, Huntington Road, at 8 a.m. and return to Worthington at approximately 5:15 p.m.

MIDDLEFIELD

MIDDLEFIELD SENIORS TOUR ENGINE #3



This was a fabulous tour of Engine # 3 given by Crystal Kruszyna, Larry Pease and Frank Lopinski of the Middlefield fire department on June 26 to Middlefield seniors.

Submitted photo

MIDDLEFIELD COA LISTS MENU

MIDDLEFIELD – The Middlefield Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail on Wednesday, Aug. 16 will serve lunch at noon.

The menu is eat in or take out. The choice is tuna salad grinder or chicken

salad, cherry tomatoes, Mandarin orange slices, rye bread (one slice) and chocolate brownie.

People should call 413-623-9990 to reserve a meal the previous Monday.

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HUNTINGTON

Village Closet offers free car seats and installation

HUNTINGTON – The Village Closet, a donation and distribution center, will be distributing free convertible car seats during an installation event on Tuesday, Aug 22 from noon-3 p.m.

The car seats are provided by Buckle Up for Life, as part of their Gift of Safety program. Buckle Up for Life is a child passenger safety program created by Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and Toyota. Their mission is to provide motor vehicle education and resources to families in need. The car seats that are available to families will be installed by a Child Passenger Safety

Technician.

It Takes a Village is one of 65 partner agencies across the country that was awarded the opportunity to provide car seats to families. On average, 49% of car seats are not installed properly. The Village Closet is proud to be working with four CPSTs, so families can travel with confidence, knowing their child’s safety seat is installed properly.

If people are interested in learning more about future car seat installation events or additional It Takes a Village programs, they may visit www.hilltown-village.org.

It Takes a Village seeks volunteers

HUNTINGTON – The Board of Directors of It Takes A Village, a small human services nonprofit based in the Hilltowns, is seeking new members who more fully represent the populations served by its programs.

The mission of It Takes A Village is to provide free postpartum and early parenting support to families with babies and young children living in Western Massachusetts and to inspire the community to welcome the newest members of their Village.

Founded in 2009 as a neighbor-to-neighbor support network, ITAV has grown throughout the last 14 years. The Village Closet donation center has distributed over \$1.8 million worth of free children’s clothing, diapers and other essential supplies to families across the region.

Last year alone over 2,000 families from 120 Massachusetts towns found support through in-home visits, parent groups, free children’s supplies, parent resource kits, and referrals to a network of local, state and federal services. The

\$500,000 in Village Closet supplies distributed just last year underscores the rate that the organization has grown since the pandemic.

“Volunteering with families of newborns and serving on this board have provided countless tender hearted experiences and opportunities for continued growth as a retired counselor and educator,” says Jeanne Sargent of Plainfield, a member of the It Takes a Village Board Development Committee.

Ideal candidates will identify with the populations served by ITAV programs, enhance and broaden the organization’s understanding of the needs of the community and help create a board that reflects and reinforces its mission. People with diverse backgrounds and experiences, as well as past board experience, are encouraged to inquire.

Inquiries and nominations from the public should be emailed to Board@HilltownVillage.org by Saturday, Sept. 30. For more information, people may visit www.hilltownvillage.org/volunteer or call 413-650-3640.

HAYDENVILLE

Church to hold art show and sale

HAYDENVILLE — The Haydenville Congregational Church, 143 Main St., has put out a call for artists to participate in an Art Show and Sale this fall.

The show will be Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the church. The popular show was curtailed during COVID.

The show will benefit the church and the Williamsburg’s Take and Eat Program, which provides weekend

meals to seniors.

Church trustee Megan Jewett said the art show gives area painters, potters, woodworkers, textile artists and other artisans a chance to display their work and meet their customers.

Details on the set up, space assignments and registration information can be found by visiting the church website at haydenvillechurch.org or by calling Megan Jewett at 617-833-5665.

BUCKLAND



This is a photo of the Center School in 1898.

Submitted photo

Historical Society holds opens houses and barn reconstruction

BUCKLAND – The Buckland Historical Society’s open houses and barn reconstruction

will be held Sunday, Aug. 13 from 2-4 p.m.

The Wilder Homestead is open to tour the furnished 1775 saltbox home with five fireplaces.

The 1790 English Barn will be under reconstruction and people can see the progress with this barn raising project.

The circa 1820 shoemaker shop,

129 Route 112, where boots could be bartered for with bushels of apples, cords of wood or in one case, the work of digging a grave, will be open.

The Buckland Historical Society Museum, 20 Upper St., is also open, a former school house in the Greek Revival style, which now houses three floors of artifacts and town records. There is a new exhibit on The Caged Man of Buckland, The Life of Josiah Spaulding.

CUMMINGTON

Cummington COA to offer En plein air painting workshop

CUMMINGTON – The Cummington Council on Aging was awarded a generous grant from the Cummington Cultural District Committee for en plein air or “in the open air” painting workshop.

Participants will set up folding tables, chairs and easels along Main Street in Cummington and paint the scene. This is currently scheduled to take place on Saturday, Sept. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 1 from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with rain dates to be determined.

Each day will begin with instruction and guidance by Jeanne Johns, who will also be available throughout the two days to answer questions,

have conversations and offer advice on developing the artwork. The completed work will subsequently be on display at the Community House.

The COA will supply canvases, paint, brushes and palettes, as well as some easels. Participants will need to provide a folding table and chair and possibly an easel.

People interested in participating in this weekend workshop, all skill levels are welcome or would like more information, they may email the COA at croumeliotis@cummington-ma.gov or call 413-634-2262 by Thursday, Aug. 31. Pre-registration is required.

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SCHOOLS & YOUTH

Hampshire Regional lists honor roll

WESTHAMPTON – Hampshire Regional High School lists students making first and second honors.

Grade 9 first honors

Grade 9 students making first honors are: Pom Sonika Ang, Ishetia Black, Keegan Butler, Colin Cahill, Alexandra Cianciola, Marc Ferrero-Sancho, Sarah Hultman, Ethan Kudelka, Carmen Laflam, Carlea Manley, Kiersten McKay, Lucy McVey, Joseph Moro, Addison Morrey, Augustus Niswonger, Caitlyn Packey, Evelyn Palmer, Amelia Perry, Lillian Popham, Samuel Robbins, Corinne Somes, Elisabeth Sturtevant, Bridget Sullivan, Rachael Theroux and Lila Watkins.

Grade 9 second honors

Grade 9 students making second honors are: Cody Bean, Phoebe Bowser, Joseph Breguet, Sicily Chase, Parker Christy, Finn DeWitt, Abigail Fiset, Jayden Hamel, Amelia Hanke, Colin Hogan, Emily Jendrysik, Nicholas Jones, Rylee Joseph, Efreem Korytoski, Scarlett Mendes, Reese O'Connell, Andrea Paszko, Lauren Pellegrini, Abigail Provost, Elizabeth Puttick, Oscar Schiff, Tristan Somes, Avery Tudryn and Lucia Winters.

Grade 10 first honors

Grade 10 students making first honors are: Sabah Alshmlh, Sophia Bernier, Grace Brouillard, Matthew Cesare, Cassidy Clark, Breanna Dale, Miguel Delgado, Georgiana Frazier, Layla Gauger, Beatrice Hamilton, Camden Jarosz, Emma Kelly, Jack Laliberte, Sadie Mahon-Moore, Olivia Manganelli, Benji Marconi, Alexander Materdey, Isabelle Mondschein, Philip Morin, Julianne Moro, Thomas O'Connor, Madeline Oravec, Zachary Phakos, Destiny Saltis, Ava Senecal, Anna Shadrack, Julia Sicard, Katherine Simmons, Zola Simonelli, Ash Skow, David Thibodeau and Dana Warren.

Grade 10 second honors

Grade 10 students making second honors are: Fadhil Al Baghdadli, Dara Cassidy, Clairissa Cranston, Isabella DeMar, Delsin Diaz, Addison Hufnagle, Robin Ketcherside, Tricia Malanson, Riley Marney, Daniel Martin, Elijah

Picard, Colman Radowicz, Emily Reyor, Jacob Sicard and Brendan Stevenson.

Grade 11 first honors

Grade 11 students making first honors are: Megan Adams, Hailey Bean, Maisie Bowler, Matthew Brouillard, Timothy Cahill, Curtis Casey, Owen Connor, Brandon Couture, Lydia Donatelli, Dominick Dybacki, Anjou Edwards, Nicholas Elias-Gillette, Ava Gaida, Paige Galpin, Jonah Graves, Emma Kraus, Devin Lemay, Kaylee McConnell, Aidan Moynahan, Audrey Perrone, Emily Phelan, Anna Puttick, Kaylee Rooney, Zachary Roy, Olivia Urbanek and Olivia Young.

Grade 11 second honors

Grade 11 students making second honors are: Jack Boyle, Nickolas Brisson, Ashley Cortis, Claire Donahue, Evan Graham, Alice Jenkins, Zachary Jones, Misty Layman, Cassandra Littlefield, Aidan Miklasiewicz, Evan O'Malley, Diana Perez, Aoife Reynolds, Ava Richards, Ambria Stine, Josephine Taylor, Sedona Williams and Hailey Wodecki.

Grade 12 first honors

Grade 12 students making first honors are: Mariam Al Baghdadli, Norah Benkley, Hailey Bergeron, Hannah Burke, Avery Caputo, Makenzie Colson, Emma Czarniecki, Alicia Deso, Ella Forest, Ozzie Frazier, Jerica Ayne Gilbuena, Nora Hamel, Ava Kowalczyk, Lindsey Ledoux, Sage Leigh, Ella Masenior, Jocelyn Mettey, Dillon Neveu, Shelbee Parker, Elizabeth Sawyer, Riley Shaughnessy, Stellina Simonelli, Riley Smith, Charles Strate, Kathleen Sullivan, Jared Szwajkowski, Abigail Thibodeau, Samuel Unger and Nayalie Velez.

Grade 12 second honors

Grade 12 students making second honors are: Silvia Bastek, Kyle Dale, Alayna Deliz, Olyvia Girard, Lily Godbout, Reese Hickox, Aidan Jones, Mikayla Joyne, Spencer Lefebvre, Addison Masi and Justin Meunier.

Colleges and universities list graduates

Clarkson University Potsdam, N.Y.

Caroline Moreau of Easthampton, Bachelor of Science in civil engineering.

Eastern Connecticut State University Willimantic, CT

Halie Matthew of Westfield, Bachelor of Science in psychology

Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA

Alexander Wheeler of Worthington, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering with highest honors

Mount Wachusett Community College Gardner

Parkpoom Seesangrit of Pittsfield, Associates Degree

Roger Williams University Bristol, R.I.

Jack Finnie of Westfield, Bachelor of Science in marketing

University of Albany Albany, N.Y.

Kevin Rayner of Pittsfield, Master's degree in international affairs

University of Scranton Scranton, PA

Clara Downey of Easthampton, Bachelors in political science and history with a legal studies concentration
Recipient of Prof. Timothy H. Scully for Excellence in Political Science Award and Student Life Award

University of Wisconsin Madison Madison, Wis.

Isaac Bond of Northampton, Bachelor of Science in data science with distinction

School district to destroy old special education records

WORTHINGTON – This notification is to inform parents/guardians and former students of the Worthington School District's intent to destroy the Special Education records of students, who were no longer receiving Special Education services as of 2016.

These records will be destroyed in accordance with the state law unless the parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student notifies the School District otherwise by Friday, Sept. 1. Special education records collected by the Worthington School District related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement or the provision of Special Education in the district, must be maintained under

state and federal laws for a period of seven (7) years after special education services have ended.

Special Education services end when the student is no longer eligible for services, graduates, moves from the district or completes his or her education program at age 22. After seven years, the records are no longer useful to the district, but they may be useful to parents/guardians or former students in applying for Social Security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc. The parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student may request records by calling R. H. Conwell Elementary School at 413-238-5856 or emailing Emily Lak at elak@hr-k12.org.

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THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Things that have seemingly been holding you back should be reevaluated. You are looking elsewhere for solutions, when all you need to do is make a few tweaks.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Prepare for some stressful times. It is nothing you cannot survive, but it could throw a wrench in your plans. Reward yourself with some extra pampering.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you may have to take off the rose-colored glasses for a little while. Although it's good to have a cheery outlook, a no-nonsense approach will serve you well in the days ahead.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Think about adding more hobbies or recreational activities to your slate. All work and no play is not healthy for you right now. It's time to find a greater balance in life.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Spend time reflecting on things this week, as you may have some difficult decisions to make in the near future. A close confidante can serve as a sounding board.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you may have planned on staying to yourself, in order to knock things off of your to-do list. That simply will not pan out right now. Expect to be surrounded by people.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
You could be having doubts about your role in your workplace. Maybe the work isn't stimulating or the responsibilities too great. If change is happening, do it soon.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
The latest developments on the job have not been encouraging. You are tempted to cut back on your efforts, but you are worried about the implications.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
Now is the time to identify your priorities as they pertain to the job. Do you want a career and a company that you stick with? Or, are you satisfied with being a contract worker?

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Others do not seem receptive to your way of doing things. You cannot please everyone, so figure out who you can work with and appeal to those people to get things done.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Something from your past will come back to the surface in the days to come. Maybe it is an error you made or it could be an opportunity that you thought was lost.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
People who followed you in the past may now confront you with a difference of opinion, Pisces. No need to worry as a healthy dialogue could help the relationship grow.

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- CLUES ACROSS**

 1. A way to pick up
 5. Presents
 10. Type of guitar
 14. Actor Idris
 15. A citizen of Iran
 16. Creative
 17. Harness
 18. Weight unit
 19. You better call him
 20. Utterly devoted
 22. Male cat
 23. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 24. Risk-taker
 27. A team's best pitcher
 30. Cool!
 31. Women's ___ movement
 32. Georgia rockers
 35. Step-shaped recess
 37. The princess could detect its presence
 38. Type of truck
 39. Butterhead lettuces
 40. Angry people see it
 41. Lines where two fabrics are sewn together

CLUES DOWN

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

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answers

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Goshen, MA Conservation Commission Notice of Public Meeting

The Goshen Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting under the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131 Section 40) on **August 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM** at the Goshen Town Offices to review a **Request for Determination** filed by Scott and Theresa Healy, 45 Pond Hill Rd., Goshen, MA. The work to be reviewed is: add on mudroom and garage connected to original house. 08/10/2023

NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS

Worthington School District August 1, 2023 NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS 2023

This notification is to inform parents/guardians and former students of the Worthington School District's intent to destroy the Special Education records of students who were no longer receiving Special Education services as of 2016. These records will be destroyed in accordance with the state law unless the parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student notifies the School District otherwise by **SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**.

Special education records collected by the Worthington School District related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or the provision of Special Education in the district, must be maintained under state and federal laws for a period of seven (7) years after special education services have ended. Special Education services end when the student is no longer eligible for services, graduates, moves from the district or completes his or her education program at age 22.

After 7 years, the records are no longer useful to the district, but they may be useful to parents/guardians or former students in applying for Social Security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc. The parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student may request records by calling: R. H. Conwell Elementary School at 413-238-5856 or emailing Emily Lak at elak@hr-k12.org 08/03, 08/10/2023

Town of Blandford Massachusetts PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Blandford Select Board on **Monday, September 11, 2023 following the conclusion of the 6:00 pm Select Board meeting, at Town Hall located at 1 Russell Stage Road** on the pole petition from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY, upon the plans marked: #10359894. The petitioners are seeking to be granted permission to relocate and/or install poles, wires, cables, and fixtures, including the necessary anchors, and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to bring electrical service to 43 Beech Hill Road. Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting

may do so remotely by visiting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82168083073> - Meeting ID: 821 6808 3073- One tap mobile: +19292056099,,82168083073# 08/10/2023

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT Town of Russell Police Storage Facility Installation Project

The Town of Russell invites sealed Bids for the Police Storage Facility Installation Project. The project includes the design and installation of a 32' x 48' storage facility in the parking lot of the Russell-Montgomery Police Department.

This project is being administered by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and funded by a grant through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Community Compact Grant Program. The estimated design and construction cost for this project is approximately \$138,000.

Contract documents will be available electronically beginning August 10th, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104, phone: 413-781-6045. Electronic copies may be obtained by contacting Sue Ortiz at sortiz@pvpc.org.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the greatest possible bid amount, considering all alternatives and made payable to Town of Russell.

All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.30, §39M as amended, and M.G.L. c.149, §§26 to 27H, inclusive.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the sixty (60) days subsequent to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Police Storage Facility Installation Project.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be awarded the contract subject to availability of funds under the grant program. The Town of Russell may cancel this Invitation for Bid (IFB), in whole or in part, at any time that such an act is deemed in its best interest, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town, and will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

All questions regarding this project should be directed to John O'Leary at the PVPC, 413-781-6045 or joleary@pvpc.org.

Bids must be received at the office of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission no later than 3:00 PM on Friday, August 25, 2023. Bids will be opened and read at that time.

08/10/2023

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

The owner and occupant of the following parcel of land situated in the Town of Chester in Hampden County and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and all other persons are hereby notified that the taxes thereon, severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as the Collector of Taxes for the Town of Chester, by the Board of Assessors of said Town remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the Town of Chester on **August 29, 2023 at 11:00 AM** for the non-payment of said taxes and betterments and the interest, if any, along with all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Mary Ann Pease, Tax Collector
Town of Chester

Property Location: 191 Abbott Hill Rd. Map 408 Lot 73
Assessed Owner: BUA Alice Trust
161 Valley View
W. Springfield, MA 01089

2020 Taxes Unpaid	\$201.87
2022	\$713.50
2023	\$153.26

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.2 acres being described as Map 408 Lot 73 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 3871 on Page 68 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 0 Lyon Hill Rd. Map 405 Lot 54
Assessed Owner: Aiges, Stanley & Leila
5 Horizon Rd.
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

2021 Taxes Unpaid	\$309.37
2022	\$935.98
2023	\$870.10

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 3.90 acres being described as Map 408 Lot 54 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 10411 on Page 291 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 114 Route 20 Map 202 Lot 2
Assessed Owner: Clemons, Bradley J.
114 Route 20
Chester, MA 01011

2022 Taxes Unpaid	\$1,804.84
2023	\$1,907.82

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about .27 acres being described as Map 202 Lot 2 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 22208 on Page 11 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 189 Route 20 Map 202 Lot 121
Assessed Owner: Donegal Vacations LLC
North Fund III LLC
3519 N. Casper Dr.
Goodyear, AZ 85395

2019 Taxes Unpaid	\$930.30
2020	\$937.71
2021	\$1,225.30
2022	\$1,285.06
2023	\$1,362.22

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about .05 acres being described as Map 202 Lot 121 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 22718 on Page 571 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 8 Emery St. Map 202 Lot 24.0
Assessed Owner: Pacitti, Maryanne
29 Oxford Place, Apt. B.
W. Springfield, MA 01089

2023 Taxes Unpaid	\$786.14
Code Violation Lien	\$ 53,931.98

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about .10 acres being described as Map 202 Lot 24 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 21147 Page 522 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 80 Route 20 Map 412 Lot 12.2
Assessed Owner: Geary, Arthur Jr.
P. O. BOX 83
Chester, MA 01011

2023 Taxes Unpaid	\$2,550.11
Code Violation Lien	\$50,500.00
Electrical Lien	\$187.27

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.20 acres being described as Map 412 Lot 12.2 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 6047 on Page 403 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 180 Route 20 Map 202 Lot 7
Assessed Owner: Farnham, Gordon
180 B Route 20
Chester, MA 01011

2022 Taxes Unpaid	\$103.67
2023	\$3,793.35
Municipal Water	\$231.69
Municipal Electric	\$1,231.27

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about .24 acres being described as Map 202 Lot 7 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 22814 Page 385 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 126 Middlefield Rd ap 201 Lot 66.1
Assessed Owner: Northeastern Holding Co. LLC
215 Johnson Hill Rd.
Washington, MA 01223

2022 Taxes Unpaid	\$14.85
2023	\$1,472.76

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon containing about .38 acres being described as Map 201 Lot 66.1 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 23576 Page 330 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 133 Middlefield Rd. Map 201 Lot 69
Assessed Owner: Northeastern Holding Co., LLC
215 Johns Hill Rd.
Washington, MA 01223

2022 Taxes Unpaid	\$127.75
2023 Taxes Unpaid	\$6,978.66
Municipal Electric	\$589.09

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon containing about 15.74 acres being described as Map 201 Lot 69 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 23576 Page 330 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 664 Route 20 Map 414 Lot 12
Assessed Owner: Luo, Jie Yan
2546 S. Fairhill St.
Philadelphia, PA 19148

2022 Taxes Unpaid	\$38.97
2023	\$889.78
Code Violation Lien	\$15,000.00

Lot 12 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 23677 Page 568 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon containing about 1.9 414

Property Location: 85 Bromley Rd. Map 410 Lot 50
Assessed Owner: Goldman, Steven E. & Valerie M.
85 Bromley Rd.
Chester, MA 01011

2018 Taxes Unpaid: \$5,614.36

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 20 acres being described as Map 410 Lot 50 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 11253 on Page 066 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 0 Main St. Map 202 Lot 18
Assessed Owner: White, Mathew
Lee Chester Properties, LLC
Smith - Lee, Emily E.
Lee, Robert E.
33 Moose Hill Parkway
Sharon, MA 02067

2021 Taxes Unpaid:	\$108.06
2022	\$381.68
2023	\$354.82

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about .70 acres of land with any buildings thereon, being described as Map 202 Lot 18 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 23961 on Page 199 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 20 Main St. Map 202 Lot 19
Assessed Owner: White, Mathew
Lee Chester Properties, LLC
Smith - Lee, Emily E.
Lee, Robert E.
33 Moose Hill Parkway
Sharon, MA 02067

2021 Taxes Unpaid:	\$282.23
2022	\$2,596.98
2023	\$1,806.18

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about .40 acres of land with any buildings thereon, being described as Map 202 Lot 19 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 23961 on Page 199 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 27 Main St. Map 202 Lot 38
Assessed Owner: Smith - Lee, Emily E.
Lee, Robert E.
33 Moose Hill Parkway
Sharon, MA 02067

2023 Tax Unpaid \$2,911.21

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about .17 acres of land with any buildings thereon, being described as Map 202 Lot 38 in the office of the Assessors and identified in Book 23961 on Page 196 at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds. 08/10/2023

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1624EA
Estate of:
Shirley Ann Smith-Winer
Date of Death: 05/12/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal

Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Douglas B Smith of Milton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Douglas B Smith of Milton, 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 08/30/2023.
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.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested

in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 01, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
08/10/2023

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The Goshen Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting under the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131 Section 40) on **August 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM** at the Goshen Town Offices to review a **Request for Determination** filed by Corinne Barrineau for 74 S Chesterfield Rd. The work to be reviewed is adding an above ground pool.
08/10/2023

BECKET

BAC hosts arts, crafts marketplace

BECKET – The Becket Arts Center announces its first ever Arts and Crafts Marketplace, which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 9 and welcomes the participation of county artists and crafters.
This will be a great opportunity for jewelry makers, woodworkers, painters, photographers, sculptors, textile experts and other artists to exhibit

and sell their work. It will also be a chance for visitors to shop and talk with the talented artisans living and working in the beautiful Berkshire hills.
Artists and crafters interested in participating in this inaugural event should fill out the application form by visiting becketartscenter.org/marketplace.

RUSSELL

COA to hold annual tag sale

RUSSELL – On Saturday, Sept. 16, the Russell Council on Aging will host its annual Tag Sale from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the lawn outside the Senior Center at the Russell Town Hall, 65 Main St. and across the street in Veterans Memorial Park.
People can reserve a 12-ft. x 12-ft. site for just \$20, which includes the Town of Russell tag sale permit fee. Vendors must supply their tables, chairs and tents if desired.

Participants should send name, contact information and payment to Russell COA, P.O. Box 407, Russell, MA 01071. They may call Carrie Florek at 413-862-6217 or email coa@townofrussell.us with further questions. All proceeds will benefit programs and activities for the Russell Council on Aging. In the event of rain cancellation, payments will be returned. There is not a rain date.

OBITUARIES

Joseph G. Clendenin, 33

RUSSELL – Joseph G. Clendenin, 33, of Russell, loving son, brother, uncle and friend passed away at home on July 25, 2023.

He was born in Holyoke to Gregory J. Clendenin and Paula M (Sanford) Tennyson. He attended the Granville and Southwick school system. He worked in the home improvement and asphalt business. He was an avid outdoorsman, fishing, hiking, being in the woods and working in his sawmill (summer/winter) whenever he had the chance.

He loved spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his mother Paula M. Tennyson of Russell, his father Gregory J. Clendenin and wife



Lisa of Granville, his brothers Michael Clendenin of Montgomery, Richard Oathout of Russell, his sister Samantha Oathout of Westfield, Uncle Bill Sanford and wife Sarah of Stephentown, Aunt Judy Lennon and Dave of Middlefield, his cousins Matthew Lennon/Kaleb Lennon, Paul Sanford, Jesse Sanford, Eric Dean/Avah Dean and his beloved niece Alexandra Mendonca. Joe and his contagious grin will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Aug. 4, 2023 from 4-7 p.m. at the Firion Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad Street, Westfield, MA 01085. www.firionadams.com.

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HILLTOWN HIKING ADVENTURES

Hikers trek October Mountain State Forest



Mary stands near the waterfall with her dog, Betty.

October Mountain State Forest with 16,500 acres has plenty to explore.

Last weekend, the Hilltown Hikers went in from the Lenox side on New Lenox Road where Mill Brook flows down from Farnham Reservoir. This time of year people can drive up the really rough dirt road up past the old Mill Brook Reservoir and park.

The group hiked from there into Washington following the old colonial Congdon Road, which is stone lined. No trails are marked here in this part of the State Forest, so hikers should make sure they have GPS.

The hikers saw the old Congdon Schoolhouse from the 1800s and then headed to find the elusive No Name Falls located in the corner of Washington and Pittsfield. This dramatic waterfall is in a deep gorge off trail.

The Hilltown Hikers heard of this waterfall from Christy Butler in his book "Berkshire Destinations." The rain has been great for waterfall hikes, but the mosquitoes are swarming in the woods.



The group stand by no name falls in October Mountain State Forest.

Submitted photos



Here is another view of the no name falls with two of the hikers and a canine companion standing nearby.

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