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## BLANDFORD

# Whalemobile

## visit highlights summer reading

By Mary Kroholm  
Correspondent

It was a whale of a tale Saturday morning at the Town Hall. Whalemobile Founder Cynde McInnis came to town with her 40-foot inflatable Humpback whale named Nile.

It only took a moment to inflate the mammal replica and when it was full-size, McInnis gave the first group of youngsters guidance to enter.

Entry was through a slit in the side. Once inside everyone sat down to listen to whale facts.

McInnis pointed out the heart, lungs and nose – blowhole – and with her flashlight illuminated various parts of the whale, such as rib-cage.

There were four separate programs, each a full house. All told, there were over 250 people who visited the Porter Memorial Library's presentation, coming from as far

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Nile, the inflatable humpback whale is now fully inflated and ready for participants to enter him, where they will learn about the anatomy of a whale.

Photos by Mary Kroholm

Just like Jonah, these children and family members find themselves inside a whale. This time they are inside an inflatable humpback whale named Nile. They are shown with Whalemobile founder, Cynde McInnis, on the left side.

### Dear Readers,

Every week a team of reporters, editors and people who assemble the paper work hard to bring readers information they need to know about their community, including the joys and difficulties of rural life. It's hard work and we love it.

Our goal is to provide a clear reflection of the community, and share stories about issues and events in your town as well as those about your neighbors, family and friends; in essence, a clear reflection of the community. We provide news that is difficult to find anywhere else.

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We love being a part of this community and maybe even, in a small way, a part of your family.

We hope to be arriving each week at your home holding up that mirror, the Country Journal.

Patrick Turley, CEO  
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Turley Publications, Palmer

## HUNTINGTON

# Gateway students return Aug. 30

By Wendy Long  
Correspondent

Teachers and staff will return on Monday, Aug. 28 to open their school year with professional development and the following day is dedicated to making final touches in classrooms before students return on Aug. 30.

Bus routes are posted on the Gateway website by vis-

iting www.grsd.org. Parents are advised to have children at their bus stops early on the first few days, as buses adjust to their new pickups or routes. Questions or concerns may be directed to the Transportation Coordinator by calling 413-685-1016.

Gateway Regional Middle and High Schools continue under the direction of Principal Jason Finnie and

Assistant Principal William Sullivan. School hours are 7:30 a.m.-2:10 p.m. Principal Vanna Maffuccio will again lead Chester Elementary School and veteran teacher Melissa McCaul is the new Principal for Littleville Elementary School. Elementary school hours are 9 a.m.-3:20 p.m.

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## BLANDFORD

# Matthew Ripley becomes new Blandford Fair president

By Mary Kroholm  
Correspondent

Matthew Ripley, a well-spoken and confident young man of 32 years old, is the new president of the Blandford Fair.

He's only held this position since the end



Matthew Ripley

of June, but already changes are being made. He thinks out of the box, has new ideas, builds on existing practices and is working hard to re-invent the fair to attract new fair-goers, younger fair-go-

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# HILLTOWNS

## MassDOT announces upcoming I-90 road work

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announces crews will be conducting overnight hour pavement marking, slope repair, guardrail and bridge repair operations on I-90 eastbound and westbound in Lee, Becket, West Stockbridge and Stockbridge.

The work will be conducted at various times and locations from Thursday, Aug. 24 through Friday, Aug. 25. Lane closures will be in place during repair operations and traffic will be able to travel through the work zones.

Pavement marking and slope repair operations 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. 24 through Friday, Aug. 25, from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Aug. 25 by 5 a.m.

Guardrail repair work 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. 24 through Friday, Aug. 25 from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Aug. 25 by 5 a.m.

Bridge repair operations in West Stockbridge will be conducted nightly on I-90 eastbound and westbound near mile marker 0.6 from Thursday, Aug. 24

through Friday, Aug. 25 from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Aug. 25 by 5 a.m..

Bridge repair operations in Stockbridge will be conducted nightly on I-90 eastbound and westbound near mile marker 7.5 from Thursday, Aug. 24 through Friday, Aug. 25, from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Aug. 25 by 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 download the Mass511 mobile app or visit [www.mass511.com](http://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 X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

## Scout aviation exploring program seeks members

WESTFIELD – The Western Massachusetts Council, Boy Scouts of America launched an Aviation Exploring program for all youth in sixth grade to age 20 to learn about aviation careers last November.

The council are currently seeking additional new members. These programs serve youth from all across Western Massachusetts. Regular meetings typically occur Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. twice a month at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport in the Terminal Building second floor conference room at 110 Airport Rd, Westfield.

Meetings are year-round with off-site visits to aviation industry points of interest. The next meetings are Saturday, Sept. 2 and Saturday, Sept.

16. The program is being facilitated by a collaboration of entities including the Air National Guard, the city of Westfield, Wright Flight, Fly Lugu, The New England Air Museum, Westfield Technical High and others.

It is planned that the participants will travel annually to participate in AirVentures in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and other such super-activities of the aviation world. Currently a trip to NASA is being planned. Local field trips planned include: New England Air Museum, Bradley Airport, Advanced Manufacturing, Westover Air Force Base, Air Shows and more.

For details and more information, people may visit [Tinyurl.com/Flight1903](http://Tinyurl.com/Flight1903), email [Art.Lobdell@Scouting.org](mailto:Art.Lobdell@Scouting.org) or call 413-594-9196.

## Bidwell House Museum offers zoom history talk

MONTEREY – The Bidwell House Museum on Saturday Aug. 26 for its final history talk of the 2023 season with Kenneth P. Minkema, Director of The Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University.

While the colonial-period enslavement of persons of color and the business of the “slave trade” or the kidnapping of free Africans, are usually assumed to have been foreign to New England, people are discovering the significant extent to which people of this region participated in-and profited from-enslavement and the slave trade. A vital justification for slavery was provided by religious belief and by the Bible as it was interpreted by white colonizers at that time.

In this presentation, Dr. Kenneth Minkema will examine some of the theological, religious, and biblical rationales for the institution of slavery, as expressed in the Puritan and Dissenting tradition inherited by many of the English colonizers of New England. Prominent ministers of western Massachusetts, such as Jonathan Edwards of Northampton, along with others, enslaved people of color.

As the eighteenth century wore on, however, critiques of the slave trade and, eventually, of slavery itself emerged, helping to set the stage for a nation-wide

debate and eventual armed conflict.

Kenneth P. Minkema is the Editor of The Works of Jonathan Edwards and Director of The Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University, with an appointment as Research Scholar at Yale Divinity School.

This lecture will be held on Zoom. Registration via the Museum event page is required by visiting <https://www.bidwellhousemuseum.org/event/religion-and-slavery-in-colonial-new-england/>.

Registration is free for museum members and \$15 for non-members with only one registration required per household. Attendees will receive an email one-two days in advance of the talk with the link to access the Zoom presentation.

The Bidwell House Museum, 100 Art School Road, is open for guided tours from Memorial Day to October. Tours are by appointment only on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.

Tours can be booked by calling 413-528-6888 or emailing [bidwellhm2@gmail.com](mailto:bidwellhm2@gmail.com). The museum grounds-194 acres of woods, fields, historic stone-walls, self-guided trails and picnic sites-are open every day, dawn until dusk, free of charge. The program of events can be found on the museum’s website by visiting [www.bidwellhousemuseum.org](http://www.bidwellhousemuseum.org).

## DCR to restrict weekday access to Mount Greylock State Reservation

Effective immediately and continuing through Friday, Sept. 22 excluding weekends, the Department of Conservation and Recreation will restrict access to Sperry Road and close the parking area on Rockwell Road

at Mount Greylock State Reservation in the Towns of New Ashford and Williamstown from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. to accommodate road improvement work. Sperry Road is expected to reopen for weekend hikers.

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# HUNTINGTON

## Huntington Country Store to close in October

By Wendy Long  
Correspondent

HUNTINGTON – After over 30 years of operation, the Huntington Country Store—and home of “the wrap-ple” is set to close on Sunday, Oct. 22.

Owned and operated by Rebecca and Randy Butler for the last 17 years, the store opened in 1992 and was originally run by Rebecca’s parents, David and Carol Majercik, who also created the Williamsburg Country Store in 1977.

In addition to a bakery, ice cream, and fresh salads and sandwiches, the store has a huge variety of items for sale, including kitchen supplies, fresh herbs and spices, cookbooks, greeting cards, puzzles, Christmas items, jewelry, wind chimes, clothing and toys.

Non-food items are now 15% off for cash customers, as the store begins selling off inventory. Over time, the savings will increase incrementally and changes may be views by visiting their website <https://huntingtoncountrystore.com>

Rebecca Butler says that they are no longer adding inventory, but they have ordered Halloween candy. They will sustain the food and bakery counters right



Rebecca Butler, co-owner of the Huntington Country Store, steps out on the porch of the historic building, which dates back to the late 1700s. Photo by Wendy Long

up until closing. The building itself is for sale.

Once the store closes, equipment including the ovens, coolers, ATM machine and mixer will be available for purchase. This includes a Hobart Mixer D300 and two G.S. Blodgett ovens; offers may be posted by visiting [hcstore.com](http://hcstore.com).

The Butler family, who currently live above the store, will stay until the building sells. Becky and Randy have been toying with the idea of living near the ocean for retirement and have explored a number of coastal areas throughout the country. But, as Randy recently posed, “Why are we going to live by the ocean when we could live on the ocean.” The couple are now looking at purchasing a catamaran for their next adventure.

The Butlers invite everyone to stop in for food, ice cream and, of course, baked goods and to say goodbye over the next two months. The Huntington Country Store is still open 7 days a week, starting at 9 a.m. each day. It is open until 6 p.m. on Mondays; 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and closes at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays.

## Norwich Bridge School hosts open house on Aug. 27

By Wendy Long  
Correspondent

HUNTINGTON – The Huntington Historical Society is hosting an Open House at the Norwich Bridge School Museum on

Sunday, Aug. 27 from 1-4 p.m.

The schoolhouse is located at 72 Worthington Road next to the Huntington Country Store. This event is free of charge.

The museum is home to many artifacts relating to the town of Huntington

that have been collected and donated to the Historical Society.

The Historical Society formed in 1971 to begin to address the poor condition of the school house, and obtained a grant that funded some weatherization and restoration in 1976.

Additional efforts to maintain the building continued over a number of years.

The Huntington Historical Society meets at the schoolhouse on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

## Council on Aging to hold Grandparents Day celebration

HUNTINGTON – The Huntington Council on Aging will be hosting their annual Grandparents’ Day celebration on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 1 p.m. Stanton Hall, 26 Russell Road.

The celebration will feature Forest Park Zoo’s Wildlife on Wheels. Residents of any age and commu-

nity are welcome to attend this free event. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Huntington Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

People may call the COA at 413-512-5205 or email [coa@huntington-ma.us](mailto:coa@huntington-ma.us) for more information.

## GYAA soccer registration

Gateway Youth Athletic Association is currently registering players for Recreational, in-town league.

Recreational soccer is for children age 3 before Friday, Sept. 1 up to grade 6. This program has all games played in Huntington at the Gateway fields, games start Saturday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Oct. 28.

To register, people should visit

[gatewayyouthathletics.org](http://gatewayyouthathletics.org) and use the registration link listed under “Useful Links.”

For additional information on the Rec Soccer program, people may email Erik Jackson at [recsoccerdirector@gatewayyouthathletics.org](mailto:recsoccerdirector@gatewayyouthathletics.org). For other questions regarding GYAA people may email Kellye Dowd at [president@gatewayyouthathletics.org](mailto:president@gatewayyouthathletics.org).

## Fall festival hosts artists, food vendors

HUNTINGTON – The Huntington Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Town Green by the intersection of Route 20 and 112.

Local artists, food vendors, face painting, balloonist and tattoos, pumpkin painting, crafts, live music by Out of Bounds on Saturday and the Time Streechert’s on Sunday and more. This is a free event for all.

### STUDENTS

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Save the date for elementary school Open Houses, which will both be on Tuesday, Sept. 26. Middle/High School Open Houses will be held in March.

Friday, Sept. 1 will be a half-day for students. Middle and High School students will be dismissed at 10:40 a.m. Elementary students will be released at 11:40 a.m.

All schools in Massachusetts will

offer free lunch this year, as directed by Governor Maura Healey.

Schools will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 for the Labor Day holiday.

A complete calendar for the 2023-24 school year, staff directory, classroom supply lists, bus routes, lunch menus and more are available by visiting the Gateway website at [www.grsd.org](http://www.grsd.org).

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL



### When should my wife claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty

My wife will be 65 next year, and her full retirement age is 66 years plus 10 months.

Can she collect 50% of my Social Security benefit at her full retirement age and then get her own higher personal amount at age 70? Her own amount at her full retirement age is \$1,100 per month but her age 70 amount is \$1,800. My Social Security is \$2,300. Suggestions welcome.

Signed: My Wife's Helper

Dear Helper

Your wife cannot separate her spousal benefit from her personal Social Security retirement benefit – whenever she claims she will be automatically deemed to be filing for both her own benefit and her spousal entitlement. Thus, she cannot claim her spousal benefit first at her Full Retirement Age and defer claiming her own SS retirement benefit until she is 70.

When your wife should claim is, essentially, a decision which should consider the urgency of her need for the money, her life expectancy, whether she will be eligible for a spouse benefit from you and whether she is working.

If your wife claims before her Full Retirement Age and is working, she'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much she can earn before some SS benefits are taken away. Social Security's earnings test goes away at FRA.

Average life expectancy for a woman your wife's age is about 87. If your current \$2,300 benefit is a result of you taking your Social Security at your full retirement age or earlier, then your wife will receive a small "spousal boost" from you.

If she claims at her Full Retirement Age, your wife's total Social Security payment will be 50% of the amount you were entitled to at your FRA and that will be her permanent amount, except for annual COLA increases.

However, from what you've shared, your wife's age 70 amount is considerably more than her maximum spousal benefit so, if her life expectancy is long, that suggests she may wish to consider waiting until age 70 to claim her own maximum benefit. By doing so, your wife will get more in cumulative lifetime benefits if she achieves average life expectancy.

The unknown factor is your life expectancy because, as your widow, your wife will be entitled to 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death, instead of the smaller amount she is receiving on her own or as your spouse. If life expectancy is long for both of you, then your wife maximizing her own benefit by waiting until age 70 to claim is a prudent choice. But if your, or your wife's, life expectancy is shorter, then your wife claiming at her Full Retirement Age would be a better decision.

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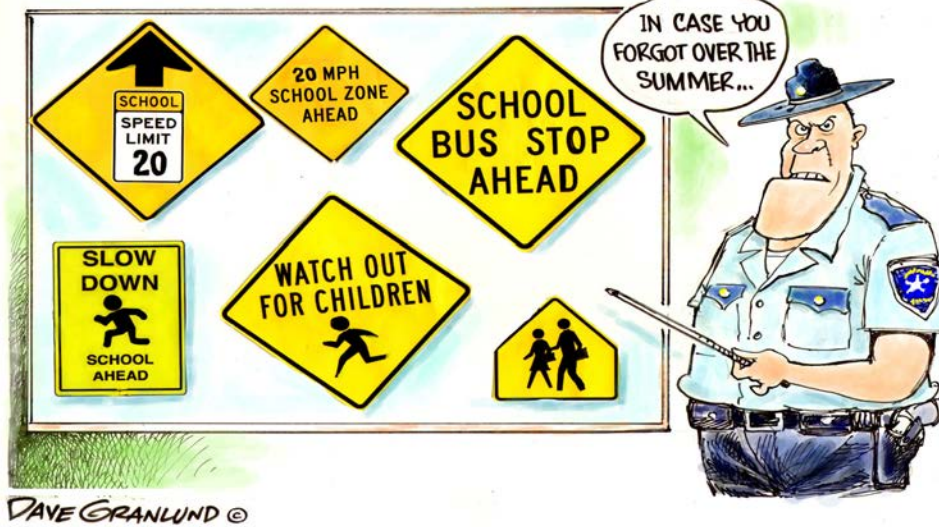
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### Back to school refresher course ... for drivers ...



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Midsummer questions for the Garden Lady



Marie, who gardens in Wheelwright, has harvested her potatoes and she's a little upset with the outcome.

"The potatoes have raised, warty areas all over them. In other places they are pitted. Is my soil infected with some type of disease or is there an insect that is causing these imperfections?"

My guess would be that you are fighting the scab fungus. It is most prevalent in soils that contain lots of decaying organic matter and remain wet for a considerable amount of time.

With all of the rain we had this summer there are many gardeners in the same boat, pun intended!

Although the fungus can remain in the

soil for years, it is most active when the pH is between 5.7-7.5. With this in mind, rotate your potato crop from year to year.

Also, do not lime or apply wood ashes to the soil where potatoes are to be planted. If you amend the soil with compost or manure, be sure it is well-rotted.

Select seed potatoes that are certified disease-free and choose varieties that are resistant to the disease. Thicker skinned russet types as well as those with reddish brown skin seem to suffer the least amount of damage.

Check out the Moose Tuber section in the Fedco Seeds catalog ([www.fedcoseeds.com](http://www.fedcoseeds.com)) for a resistant variety that suits you.

Karen reads the column from her Brimfield home. She takes great pride in her new flower gardens!

"Some of my annual flowers are starting to look a little beyond hope. Should I pull out my snapdragons, bachelor's buttons and calendulas or will they rebound?"

All of the flowers you mention are cool loving annuals. By the heat of midsummer they are looking tired.

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I received an email this week from an Oakham resident, who saw a couple of warblers at Muddy Pond in Oakham. He said they were very vocal and "chirping." He said at first he thought they were Tennessee warblers, but then he noticed more gray on their head and neck. They may have been orange-crowned warblers.

The orange-crowned warbler is about five inches long and looks similar to the Tennessee warbler. A distinguishing feature is the orange-crowned has yellow under tail coverts and the Tennessee, white.

Drab is a term used to describe the

orange-crowned warbler and is best identified by its lack of field marks. The orange crown patch is seldom visible as these warblers flutter about in the trees. It has dull olive-green upper parts and pale olive-yellow underneath. In addition to the yellow under tail coverts it has faint streaking on the sides of the breast.

The female lays three to six cream colored eggs in a nest of bark strips and grasses, placed either on the ground or in a shrub. They eat insects and berries and inhabit dense thickets, forest edges and brushy fields. Their song is a high-pitched chipping trill, which trails off at the end. The call is a metallic "chet."

#### Wild turkeys and poults

I had to stop to let a flock of three adult hens and over 12 poults cross a road recently. As they made their way across the road, I tried to get an accurate count. However, the young turkeys moved quickly and often went behind another poult or a hen. This was the second time I saw the flock in the same general area.

#### Loon census

On July 15, the Loon Preservation Committee of New Hampshire held their annual loon census. In their newsletter they said, "During the Loon Census, a total of 440 volunteers took to 121 lakes across New Hampshire to count loons. In total, they documented 431 adult loons, 56 loon chicks, and 2 immature loons. This census coverage represents roughly 1/3 of the lakes that LPC biologists monitor annually, and as such, our final population numbers for the season will likely be higher."



Orange-crowned warbler

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## OPINION

# Seven sisters and 37 feet of hair: The strange saga of the Sutherland Sisters



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

But one thing set the Sutherland sisters apart. Their remarkably long, love-



The Sutherland Sisters

ly hair which grew to their waist and beyond. People raved about it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The act began with the sisters sporting braids atop their heads. The highlight

came when they turned their backs and unpinned it, unleashing a tidal wave of hair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

They got a chemist to write, "I hereby certify that I found it free from all injurious substances ...and I cheerfully endorse it." In the days before the FDA,

that was good enough for gullible consumers.

By 1884 the company had raked in \$90,000 in sales (about \$2.7 million today).

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

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

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

Despite their facade of Victorian respectability, behind closed doors, they would have been "The Real Housewives of Cambria, New York." There was alcoholism, complicated extramarital affairs, and even whispers about witchcraft—enough fodder for a tabloid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## GARDEN

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There are a few things that you can do now to help the plant send out more flowers once the weather cools in early autumn.

First, deadhead spent flowers regularly. Lots of times this action will encourage the plant to initiate new growth from the base.

If it does, cut it back to that point and apply liquid fertilizer. In no time at all you should be delighted with a burst of new blooms.

Of the three that you mention, you will get the best response from calendula and snapdragon. I like to leave these in place and work my fall mums and kale around them.

It is time to harvest carrots from Lisa's vegetable garden and she's a little concerned that many of them are forked or bumpy.

"What causes this phenomenon?"

Forked, bumpy or otherwise deformed carrots are likely the result of your soil type. Is it heavy clay or does it have lots of rocks in it?

Carrots prefer loose, well-drained soil, that way their roots can grow



straight down. What likely happened in your garden is that the carrots split to avoid a stone.

Before planting your seeds next spring, remove rocks and if necessary, sift the soil. You can also try growing carrots in a raised bed filled with screened loam or special raised bed soil mixes.

Overcrowded conditions can also cause roots to fork, so be sure you thin your seedlings carefully to about a thumb's width apart.

Overwatering can also cause forking. This year we didn't have control over much of that!!

One other suggestion: don't apply fresh manure to your seed bed - it too can cause the problem you speak of. Instead, add plenty of organic matter in the form of finished compost if you would like to increase your soil's fertility.

Test results could initiate some revisions to our fertilization and liming routine this fall, preparing the way for a healthier, more productive garden next spring and summer, and maybe even a few more peppers for Genevieve to enjoy!

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### Loon fact

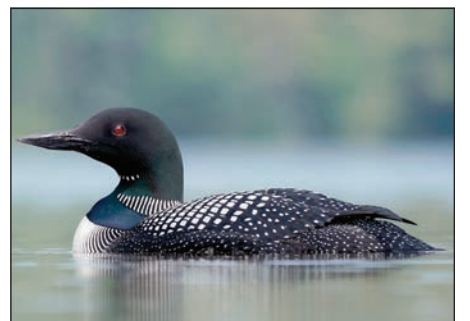
After the hatch of their first chick, adult loons often remove the membrane from the first hatched egg and any attached large pieces of eggshell from their nest. This behavior has been widely documented here in New Hampshire, both on LPC's Live Loon Cams and by wildlife photographers, as well as by biologists in the field.

In a recent newsletter from LPC an article said, "The removal of eggshell fragments from loon nests may occur in part due to the asynchronous hatch of the two chicks. Until the second chick hatches, the loons brood their first chick on and around the nest. While they may take it into the water for brief swims or to feed it, the first chick ends up spending a lot of time on the nest while the family waits for the hatch of the second chick."

The article continued, "Loon eggs and newly-hatched loon chicks are brown in color, and as such, they blend in with their surroundings on the nest. The egg membrane and the inside of eggshells, in contrast, are a creamy white color. That makes them much

more conspicuous and, if left on the nest, could increase the chance of nest predation. Therefore, it is believed that in removing egg membranes and large eggshell pieces from the nest, adult loons may be protecting their chick and the second egg from being easily noticed by predators."

*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](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.*



Loon

## PLAINFIELD

## PVFA to host annual chicken barbecue Sept. 3

PLAINFIELD – On Sunday, Sept. 3, the Plainfield Volunteer Firefighters Association will host the 52nd Annual Plainfield Firefighter's barbecue behind the Shaw Memorial Library on Main St.

The PVFA will start serving meals at 1 p.m. The meal includes ½ barbecued chicken, baked potato, local corn on the cob, homemade Cole-slaw, dinner roll, slice of watermelon and a beverage.

The firefighters association only sells 400 tickets. Tickets are \$17 per adult and \$9 per child under 12. Members of the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department and Plainfield Volunteer Firefighters Association have tickets to sell.

Day of event ticket sales are very limited at best so people should plan to buy their tickets early. This year to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, the menu includes a slice of anniversary cake to celebrate. They will also have a limited supply of 70th anniversary t-shirts available for purchase.

Along with the meal, they will host an annual Silent Auction of many locally donated items, gift certificates and cards. Winning tickets will be announced after the meal is served. Raffle tickets will be



Plainfield Volunteer Firefighters Association will hold their annual chicken barbecue on Sunday, Sept. 3 at 1 p.m. behind the Shaw Memorial Library on Main Street, Plainfield.

Submitted photo

on sale at the gate entrance table.

The 46th Annual Road race, a short, but difficult 1.1 mile run around the center of town will take place at 1:20 p.m. Pre-sign for the race under the tent, entry is free. Live music featuring the Curtis Rich Review from Buckland return again this year with funding from the Plainfield Cultural Council.

Many town groups also take advantage of the barbecue, Plainfield's largest annual event and hold activities. This includes the Shaw Memorial Library Book Sale in the basement of the library. ArtsFeast, a gathering of the town's creative arts and crafts people's work, will be displayed in the library conference room and under a tent outside.

This event is a major fundraiser for the volunteer Fire and EMS Departments. Through support of their events, they can purchase critical vehicles and equipment, not available through the normal town annual budget. Many of these items will be on display at the barbecue.

For further information on the annual barbecue, people may call 413-634-5470 or stop by the Public Safety Complex on North Central Street any Thursday beginning at 7 p.m.

## PITTSFIELD

## First Fridays Artswalk returns to downtown Pittsfield

PITTSFIELD – The First Fridays Artswalk in downtown Pittsfield returns on Friday, Sept. 1 from 5-8 p.m.

There will be an Art Market on Dunham Mall with DJ Champ, live music in Persip Park with sets by Niki Kaos and duo Bree Nicola and Crys Moore, a live art demonstration with Creative Sorceress Mollie Kellogg, opening receptions, open studios and a Free Kids' Paint & Sip and Scavenger Hunt.

Other participating venues include the Berkshire Art Center, Clock Tower Artists, Hotel on North, Krol Headquarters, Lichtenstein Center for the Arts, Marchetti Headquarters, Marketplace Cafe, Methuselah Bar

and Lounge, NUarts gallery + studios, ReDefine Community Center, Soda Chef, Soma's Aromas, the Unitarian Universalist Church and Witch Slapped.

People may link to digital tour for September by visiting <https://pocketsights.com/tours/tour/Pittsfield-September-1-First-Fridays-Artswalk-in-Pittsfield-MA-8667/>

On Friday, Sept. 1, solo musician Niki Kaos and duo Bree Nicola and Crys Moore will share the stage at Persip Park, 175 North St., as part of the First Fridays Artswalk.

From 5-6:30 p.m., duo Bree Nicola and Crys Moore will kick-off the evening and from 6:30-8 p.m, Niki Kaos will treat

audiences to her original songs.

Bree Nicola is a 22-year-old singer/songwriter from Pittsfield. She just graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Rider University as a musical theatre major. A Crys Moore is a 20-year-old indie/RNB artist from Pittsfield.

Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. will host a Free Kids' Paint & Sip and Scavenger Hunt on Friday, Sept. 1 in the outdoor seating area next to Hot Harry's and in front of the Marketplace Cafe (37 & 53 North Street). The Paint & Sip is from 5-7 p.m. and the Scavenger Hunt is from 5-8 p.m.

This free Back-to-School-themed Paint & Sip is best suited for ages 5 to 12, although younger and older chil-

dren are welcome. All materials, instruction, snacks, and juice will be provided. Children are welcome to drop in anytime over the course of the event, and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

First Fridays Artswalk is supported in part by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council, and a grant from the Pittsfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. This program is also supported in part by The Feigenbaum Foundation as well as a grant awarded by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's Arts Build Community initiative with funding from the Barr Foundation.

## Let It Shine announces Cara Petricca will paint an original mural

PITTSFIELD – The Let It Shine Public Art Partnership announces Cara Petricca will paint an original mural on the north-facing side of 348 North St., the alleyway facing St. Joseph's Church.

The mural is funded by a MassDevelopment Transformative Development Initiative Creative Catalyst Grant, and painting began the week of Aug. 21.

The Pittsfield Let It Shine Public Art Partnership will celebrate Petricca's mural along with four additional new murals in Pittsfield on Saturday, Sept. 9, the day of the partnership's community celebration: "Let It Shine A Celebration of Public Art."

The celebration will feature self-guided tours of the mural sites and the Let It Shine Block Party on Saturday,

Sept. 9, from noon-6 pm at Palace Park at the Cooper Center, 116 North St., with musical headliner, Sample The Cat.

Cara Petricca is an American artist born in Pittsfield, whose work ranges from mural painting to ceramic sculpture to statement jewelry. She combines her skills in art with her passion for rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife, agricultural, and domestic animals at her sanctuary and studio location, Bluebird Farm in Cheshire.

Per the request of the property owner, Paul Aronofsky, an agricultural theme celebrating Paul's love of pigs and roosters will be depicted in this mural.



Cara Petricca

"Having rescued many pigs and roosters over the years, I knew that my special connection and knowledge of these animals would aid me in providing the building owner and the community a glimpse into their intelligence and beauty," Petricca said.

The mural will depict the inner life and tranquility of a pig and rooster enjoying a moment under the sky with dandelion seeds sending wishes off into the Universe. With depth of color, texture, and whimsy the viewer is invited to make their own wish.

The Block Party on Saturday, Sept. 9, from noon-6 p.m. at Palace Park at the Cooper Center, 116 North Street,

will feature live music, community art making, food vendors, and a beer garden. Attendees will be able to take a self-guided tour of the mural sites and meet the mural artists.

The Let It Shine Public Art Partnership is a group of Pittsfield-based community members who have formed to organize public art and revitalization on North Street, empowered by organizing efforts through MassDevelopment's TDI. MassDevelopment's Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) is a program for Gateway Cities designed to accelerate economic growth within focused districts.

For more information on Downtown Pittsfield, Inc., people may visit [downtownpittsfield.com](http://downtownpittsfield.com) or call Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. at 413-443-6501.

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## SCHOOLS &amp; YOUTH

## Back to School event scheduled for Aug. 28

HUNTINGTON – The Hilltown Family Center and the Huntington Public Library will provide a free, fun “back to school celebration” event at the Huntington Public Library on Monday Aug. 28 from 10 a.m.-noon.

At 10:15 a.m. families can walk the guided StoryWalk of Color Monster Goes to School with Hilltown Family Center Coordinator, Susan LeBarron. Children will make a craft and have a snack in the library and play outdoor games with friends. The Hilltown Family Center will have backpacks with school supplies from the Salvation Army for families to take home.

The Family Center will also provide Ready4K School Transition Guides and In Kindergarten books, help families sign up for the Family Center’s Ready 4K texting program, and connect families to other

programs.

The Ready4K program is a free, research-based text messaging program for families with children from birth to 8th grade. Each week families receive texts with fun facts in English, Spanish, Russian and seven other languages and tips on ways to help their child learn and grow and boost their child’s learning. To sign up for Ready4K text HCHC to 70138.

This event is made possible through a Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care through the Hilltown Community Health and the Huntington Public Library. For information regarding this program, people may email Susan LeBarron, Hilltown Family Center Coordinator, at slebarron@hchcweb.org or call 413-667-2203.

## Springfield Tech High School to hold reunion Sept. 23

SPRINGFIELD – The spirit and camaraderie of Springfield’s Tech High School is alive and well as they gear up for another exciting reunion on Saturday Sept. 23 at the Elks Lodge #61 at 440 Tiffany St., from 3-8 p.m.

The reunion is open to all Tech classes. An outside barbecue will be held rain or shine under the lodge’s pavilion and will include hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork, salads, vegan options, dessert and more. There is a cash bar, free parking and handicap accessibility.

There will be a DJ, dancing, corn hole and bocce games, raffles and time to reminisce with friends over the years and make new friends as well.

According to committee chair Mike Borecki, “Tech High was a great school and many lifelong friendships were forged back then. It’s our dream for everyone to have fun and to keep the Tech Spirit tradition alive for many years to come.”

Seating is limited and tickets are \$25 each. All are on a first come, first served basis. For tickets, alumni may call Mike Borecki Class of 1972 at 413-351-6572, Margaret McCormick Class of 1974 at 413-531-4763, Dawn Duncan Class of 1971 413-896-3930 or Matt Villamaino Class of 1967 at 413-896-2206.

Springfield Technical High School was founded in 1906 and closed in 1986.

## R. H. Conwell lists back to school information

WORTHINGTON – R.H. Conwell Elementary School, 147 Huntington Road, announces the first day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 30.

The first two day of school Wednesday, Aug. 30 and Thursday, Aug. 31 will have early dismissal at noon. Students will begin their day on the playground and can be dropped off beginning at 8:30 a.m. School begins at 8:50 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:20 p.m.

Classroom teachers plan to host parent-teacher in-takes during the afternoon on those early release days. Classroom teachers will contact parents about available times for meeting.

Preschool’s first day of school is on Wednesday, Sept. 6 and is a full day of school.

The Annual Back to School Potluck will be on Monday, Aug. 28 from 5-7 p.m. on the blacktop at the R.H. Conwell Elementary School. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share (side, salad, main or dessert). There will be hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill this year. Participants should bring non-alcoholic drinks, chairs or blankets to sit on. Plates, napkins and cutlery will be provided. People should email Anna Langone @ anna.Langone@yahoo.com to sign up to help out.

This year there are three new families and seven new students to the district for a total of 74 students enrolled

in preschool through sixth grade.

The After-School Program will begin on Monday, Sept. 11. The program will be open Monday through Friday from 3:20-5:15 p.m. for grades first through sixth and will be open on Monday through Wednesday for kindergarten. The program is open on full days of school.

The After-School Program is free to students thanks to two grants from the Department of Education. DESE requires students to attend the program a minimum of two days a week. Registration forms will be handed out to students in their classrooms during the second week of school.

The fall activities will include: Girls on the Run for grades 3 to 6, Golf at the Worthington Golf Club for grades 6, instrument lessons for grades 4 and 6, Comic Book Creation for grades 3 to 6, Music & Dance Exploration, Drama, Art Studio and Innovation Hub for kindergarten to grade 6. For more information, parents may email Shannon Madden, After-School Program Coordinator, at smadden@hr-k12.org.

The school breakfast and lunch program is free this school year. If you would like to purchase milk with a bagged lunch it will cost 50 cents. Parents may send cash or checks in an envelope. Checks are made out to The town of Worthington.

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## HCC to hold ‘Registration Express’ for fall semester

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will hold ‘Registration Express’ for the Fall 2023 semester Thursday, Aug. 24 and Friday, Aug. 25 in the HCC Campus Center.

During Registration Express, prospective students can apply for admission, take the college placement test, meet with an academic adviser, register for classes and set up financial aid, all in one day.

“Enrolling in college can feel overwhelming,” said Mark Hudgik, HCC director of Admissions. “Registration Express puts all of the resources new students need in one place.”

HCC’s Registration Express event will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Campus Center on the main campus at 303 Homestead Avenue on Thursday, Aug. 24 from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday, Aug. 25 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Full-term, 14-week fall classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 5. HCC has two additional fall flex start dates: Sept. 25, for 12-week classes and Oct. 30, for 7-week classes.

Those who can’t make it in person during Registration Express week will be able to connect with registration advisers via Zoom or visit campus another day. Outside Registration Express, the HCC Admissions and Advising offices on the

first floor of the Campus Center are open Thursday, Aug. 24 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Fridays, Aug. 24 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

For more information and instructions about accessing Registration Express via Zoom, people may visit Registration Express pages on the HCC website at [hcc.edu/regexpress](http://hcc.edu/regexpress), call HCC Admissions at 413-552-2321 or email [admissions@hcc.edu](mailto:admissions@hcc.edu).

## 1Berkshire welcomes 13th Youth Leadership Program class

1Berkshire welcomes its 13th class into the Berkshire Youth Leadership Program.

This group of 27 rising high school juniors from across the Berkshires was selected through a competitive application process to begin a year-long leadership development program that kicked off in June with a three-day, two-night retreat held at Camp Becket.

This year’s class brings a wide breadth of experiences, backgrounds and potential to this program. The 1Berkshire Youth Leadership Program is focused on helping students in the region develop and grow through career opportunity awareness, leadership skill development and the design and completion of a nine-month-long collective-impact project focused on positively impacting the Berkshires. Selected students have shown a significant capacity to grow their leadership skills and a strong desire to have a positive impact on their communities.

These 27 students will convene at

locations all around the region to participate in workshops, engage in meaningful group dialogues, learn from speakers and one another, and to develop and execute their selected collective-impact project.

Ben Lamb, Vice President of Economic Development at 1Berkshire, and co-director of the Youth Leadership Program said, “We are beyond thrilled to begin this year’s Youth Leadership Program. During the retreat, our students began building connections and thinking about how their personal learning and communication styles interact.” He said, “We look forward to an excellent year in which our students will learn about career opportunities and resources available to them here in the Berkshires, as well as devising and executing a plan to make a positive impact here in the Berkshires and out in the world.”

Students in the Youth Leadership Program leave with a new group of friends from all around the county, a unique and deep understanding of career opportunities here in the Berkshires, and

the pride of completing a project that has positively impacted their community.

Made possible through the financial and resource support of sponsors including Berkshire Bank, Greylock Federal Credit Union, NBT Bank and Berkshire Agricultural Ventures, the 1Berkshire Youth Leadership Program is coordinated by 1Berkshire with the dynamic support of the volunteer Youth Leadership Program Steering Committee.

The 2023-2024 Youth Leadership Class participants are: Emily Alvarez - Mount Greylock Regional School, Maryn Cappiello - Hoosac Valley High School, Bradley Chapman - Drury High School,

Persephone Clark - BART Charter Public School, Natalie Cunningham - Wahconah Regional High School, Vera de Jong - Mount Greylock Regional School, Madison Digrigoli - Lenox Memorial Middle and High School, Mary Haight - Wahconah Regional High School, Will Hakes - Hoosac Valley High School, Kaeleigh

Heath - Lenox Memorial Middle and High School, Shaffer Kropke - Lenox Memorial Middle and High School, Eleanor Kropke - Lenox Memorial Middle and High School, Catherine Makuc - Mount Everett Regional School, Mia McCluskey - Pittsfield High School, Molly McLear - Hoosac Valley High School, Emma Meczywor - Hoosac Valley High School, Micah Miles - Lenox Memorial Middle and High School, Arthur Millet - Mount Greylock Regional School, Griffin Mucci - Hoosac Valley High School, Cassius Osinga - Monument Mountain Regional High School, Leandra Quintero - Wahconah Regional High School, Madeline Rundle - Monument Mountain Regional High School, Daniel Sargent - Wahconah Regional High School, Etta Schnackenberg - Lenox Memorial Middle and High School, Jared Senzel - Lenox Memorial Middle and High School, Knowl Stroud - Mount Greylock Regional School and Elizabeth Wheeler - Wahconah Regional High School.

# BLANDFORD



This is a photo of last year's choral performance by area Mennonites. They will perform this year on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the White Church on North Street, Blandford. Submitted photo

## Upcoming events set to happen in Blandford

BLANDFORD – The Blandford Fair Sept. 1 to 4 is not the only end-of-summer event.

The 28th Annual Bel Canto Opera performance is on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. at The White Church, North St. There will be tickets available at the door for \$40 each.

The Blandford Cultural Council hosts the third annual juried Arts Festiva on Saturday, Aug. 26 from noon-7 p.m. and Sunday Aug. 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Blandford

Country Club.

Dale Bucanan will present The Dale Show on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for this performance by this local musician and children 12 and under will receive a free T-shirt while supplies last.

There will be a free Choral Performance by area Mennonites on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. Both the Dale Show and Choral Performance will be held at The White Church on North Street.

## All resident entrepreneurs need business certificates

By Mary Kronholm  
Correspondent

BLANDFORD – Town Clerk Doris Jemiolo reminds resident entrepreneurs that it is necessary to obtain a business certificate through the Town Clerk's office.

According to Mass. General Law Chapter 110, sec. 5, "Any person conducting business in the commonwealth under any title other than the real name of the person conducting the business, whether individually or as a partnership, shall file in the office of the clerk of every city or town where an office of any such person or partnership may be situated a certificate stating the full name and residence of each person conducting such business, the place, including street and number, where, and the title under which, it is conducted, and pay the fee as ..."

"This applies to any and all types of businesses," said Jemiolo. "Any sort of cottage industry, baking, bed and breakfasts, animal boarding, even any business conducted online; all businesses must have a business certificate in order to comply with the law," she continued.

Obtaining a business certificate goes beyond legal compliance. It serves as the basis for establishing a legitimate and well-structured business, fostering an environment of transparency, credibility and accountability.

This certificate signifies a commitment to following local regulations

and contributing positively to the community's economic landscape. First and foremost, a business certificate demonstrates that the business is operating within the law.

There may be specific zoning regulations, health and safety codes and other legal requirements that businesses must adhere to and if there is any question, business operators will be directed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Board of Health or the Building Inspector.

Obtaining a business certificate validates adherence to regulations, ensuring that operations are safe, in turn fostering trust among stakeholders and potential clients and enhancing the business's reputation.

According to Jemiolo, beyond legal and financial implications, obtaining a business certificate reflects a commitment to the town's growth and prosperity.

Businesses are integral components of the town's economic ecosystem. As an officially recognized entity, entrepreneurs show dedication to the community, creating jobs and driving local economic development. This commitment can foster positive relationships with local organizations, residents, and other businesses, leading to collaborative opportunities.

Business certificates are good for four years and cost of \$25. They must be obtained in person.

For more information, people may call Jemiolo at 413-848-4279, extension 203.

## Historical Society seeks volunteers for Fair weekend

BLANDFORD – Volunteers may pick their day or days and what ever hours they would like to help the Historical Society handle the South Gate and parking on the grounds of The White Church.

The Historical Society parks cars every year at fair time as a fund raiser

for the preservation of the building. Parking attendants and people to work in the ticket booth are needed all four days from Friday, Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. to Monday, Sept. 4 at 5 p.m.

People, who are able to assist, should call Peter Langmore at 413-505-9086.

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# BLANDFORD

## Congregational church to hold Community Day

BLANDFORD – The First Congregational Church of Blandford's Community Day returns Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on the parsonage lawn.

There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, a bounce house and lots of activities for children. There is no charge to attend.

Deacon Stepen Hart said, "Everyone is welcome to come and have fun and socialize." New pastor Ciprian Droma, his wife Eve and their three children will be on hand.



Access to the whale is gained through a slit in the side of the 40-foot inflatable whale named Nile.

Photos by Mary Kronholm

## WHALEMOBILE *from page 1*

away as Grafton.

This event was in conjunction with other libraries in the Gateway Regional School District and the Hilltown Family Center. Family Center Coordinator Susan LeBarron said the combined effort is to help build community and provide access to establish early childhood literacy and education.

The Whalemobile visit was the final event in the ocean-based Summer Reading Program and was funded with a Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care under the auspices of the Hilltown Community Health Center's Hilltown Family Center.



Whalemobile founder Cynde McInnis begins the inflation process, which did not take long.

## RIPLEY

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ers and yet hold onto those, who come and participate every year.

Involved with the fair since he was very young, he has a keen interest in it. He is the fourth-generation of Ripley fair officials as well as the seventh generation of Granville Ripleys where the family homestead is. The property does flow into Blandford on Beech Hill Road.

"One of my first jobs was raking the grounds," he said. His official duties at the fair began while he was in high school. He first managed the sound system for musical events on the stage and apprenticed electrical work with the late Fair President Bruce Wyman.

Matt was elected to the Board of Directors when he was 17-years-old and hasn't looked back. He is the youngest of the three young Ripley brothers, all of whom are involved in the fair in one way or another.

His father, Leon, was elected Fair Vice President in 1973 and is now a director. Speaking about the fair in general, Ripley said, "We need to appeal to younger generations...what are people younger than me going to want to come and see?" Matt is the youngest of the three brothers at 32. Dave is 44 and John is 41.

"The fair has a great reputation for being a big, little fair," he said, and we're trying to maintain that. One of the struggles in recent years has been that multi-generational ride vendors have

retired. One family was with the fair for 75 years according to Matt. He added that Massachusetts has more strict laws and regulations regarding rides than elsewhere. The New England regulations are stricter overall.

"This makes it even more difficult for us to find a ride vendor to come to Massachusetts and one who's not already busy Labor Day weekend," he said.

Bringing back the beer garden with the local Skyline Beer Co. in Westfield, he believes will help the Fair cater to the younger crowd.

"Craft beers have skyrocketed in the last few years," and "breweries are much more family oriented" also, today people are more conscious of alcohol consumption. "We might as well ride that wave," of the craft beer trend. "We want to bring some of that more family-oriented atmosphere to the fair."

The Beer Garden will be near the stage and will offer a number of fall beers and ciders and a selection of wines. There is a new tent for the audience area at the stage.

New restructuring ideas that he hopes will help build up attendance on Saturdays and Sundays is the \$5 after 5; a reduced evening admission on both days for all adults.

"A huge priority of mine is building back that relationship with the community," he said, which begins with free admission on Monday for all Blandford

residents. Right now, according to Ripley, the priorities are working on what is visible from the road; painting buildings, new roof and new fencing along North Street. "Some of that is general maintenance, but we want to focus on what people see year-round," he said.

The Board of Directors has also agreed to rent the grounds for various functions throughout the year. "It's an underutilized space that's a beautiful area," he said.

Other building issues include the loss of two cow barns from heavy snowfall during this past winter, the Barnyard Barn and the Cattle Show barn. The fair will re-purpose the Rabbit and Poultry Building for the Barnyard Barn.

The expense for bringing show animals to the fair is great. Shots and health exams for either rabbits or poultry cost more than the fair premiums, he said, "hopefully" the premium book will be revamped this winter and there will be a discussion about changes in the premium awards. The state at one time funded all the premium awards but has not done this for a long time. "We hope to change that," said Matt.

There may be changes at the state level. According to Fair Director Bruce Cooley, the State Association has petitioned the Commissioner of Agricultural Resources to appoint a director of Fairs, a position that has been vacant since the 1980s.

Right now, Matt wants to continue to focus on general maintenance and the correct care of the historic buildings, the primary impetus is for preservation. To that end, he cites the creation of the Blandford Fair Preservation Association. "We are grateful for the creation of another association with that mission."

He spoke about the dining hall, which is back in operation this year, but with a major change. The North Elm Butcher Block is responsible for Saturday and Sunday while the Blandford Bistro will handle Monday. "It's just too many people to feed from the kitchen, which, Matt said, is "really non-commercial."

One of the new programs this year on Saturday and Sunday is Wild Mustangs by Heritage Farm in Easthampton. A complete schedule of events and weekend menus can be found online by visiting the Fair's website at theblandfordfair.com.

In the meantime, work on the grounds continues. There's a new parking area for the truck pull funded by the Hampden County Improvement League and more can be seen when visiting the Blandford Fair, "the best, big little fair."

Cooley said, "I think he'll do a great job, and he is no stranger (to the fair). He's headed in a good direction. Matthew Ripley has his work cut out and has it firmly established to build and maintain the Fair's reputation.

## BUCKLAND

# Buckland Historical holds open houses

BUCKLAND – The Buckland Historical Society’s Open Houses and Barn Reconstruction will be held

Sunday, Aug. 27 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. The circa 1820 shoemaker shop, 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 and is located at 129 Route 112.

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.

The new exhibit of Josiah Spaulding, the Caged Man of Buckland will be open.



Joseph Wilder 1841-1865 homestead will be open during the open houses.

Submitted photos



This photo of a team of oxen is one of many photos on display at the museum.

## LENOX

# The Mount to host local Latinx artists on Aug. 27

LENOX – The Mount, Edith Wharton’s Home, 2 Plunkett St., will be the location for a free musical celebration of Berkshire Latinx culture and artistry on Sunday, Aug. 27 at 4 p.m.

Admission is free to this family event with a performance under the tent from Brazilian samba/salsa dancer, Luana Dias and live Mexican music from Loreli Chavez and Laura Cabrera, the multifaceted singer of Yo Soy Arte.

Food will be available for purchase from local favorite, La Chalupa y La Enchilada and a beverage garden will feature a variety of drink options. Children’s activities will include face painting and dancing, of course.

Free bus transportation from Pittsfield to Lenox will be provided; 3 PM a bus departs from Hotel on North, 297 North St., Pittsfield at 3 p.m. to The Mount, returning to Pittsfield at 7 p.m. People may register for transportation by calling 413-707-2607 or emailing [latanacio@edithwharton.org](mailto:latanacio@edithwharton.org).

This project is supported by a grant awarded by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation’s Arts Build Community initiative with funding from the Barr Foundation.

The Mount, Edith Wharton’s Home is a National Historic Landmark and cultural center that interprets the intellectual, artistic and humanitarian legacy of writer Edith Wharton.

## WORTHINGTON

# Council on Aging to hold Veteran’s celebration

WORTHINGTON – The Worthington Council On Aging invites all Worthington Veterans and spouses, partners or caregivers to their Annual Veteran’s Celebration, Monday, Sept. 11 at noon in the Town Hall.

This potluck luncheon recognizes

Worthington Veterans. Participants will enjoy lunch with their neighbors and the friendship of their fellow veterans. They should should call Phyllis Dassatti at 413-238-5962 or email [coa@worthington-ma.us](mailto:coa@worthington-ma.us) for more information or if they plan to attend.

## BECKET

# Becket Athenaeum joins CW MARS, providing access

BECKET – The Becket Athenaeum has joined CW MARS.

Becket Athenaeum patrons can use the same library card at any CW MARS library from Worcester to Williamstown, providing access to millions of items. They will be able to easily check out from over 100 libraries and then return those items to Becket, Lee, Pittsfield or any other CW MARS library that is convenient for them.

People, who already have a library card from another CW MARS library (Dalton, Lee, Lenox, Otis, Pittsfield, Stockbridge, etc), will use that same card in Becket and for accessing digital content in Libby. If they have a Becket library card, but not a CW MARS card or have lost their card, they should contact the Becket Athenaeum to get setup.

People can continue to request items from libraries across Massachusetts via the interlibrary loan system and pick those items up at the Becket Athenaeum or another convenient CW MARS library. There is a mobile app for the CW MARS catalog and patrons now have access to NoveList, which provides reading recommendations for all ages.

Holdings can be placed in the online catalog using the library card number and password, which is automatically set to the last four digits of their phone number.

Digital holds placed in the CW MARS Libby collection will have priority over patrons from other library systems. If Becket have holds in Libby placed as a MassCat Library Patron, the hold will not transfer so they will lose their place on the waiting list.

Patrons may choose to download their checkout history from Becket’s previous system, MassCat, before they lose access. This information will not be transferred to CW MARS. To do so, log in or contact Becket Athenaeum if they don’t know their login details) and select “your checkout history” from the menu on the left. Then select “CSV” to download a spreadsheet.

Since CW MARS has over 1 million patrons, they may need a bit more information to find the right patron if they are checking out items without their library card.

People may call 413-623-5483 if they have any questions.

# Congregational Church to hold annual chicken barbecue

BECKET – The Yoked Parish of Becket will host the annual chicken barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 2 from noon- 2 p.m. or rain date of Sept. 3, at the First Congregational Church Guild Hall on YMCA Road.

The menu is 1/2 chicken, potato salad, corn on the cob, green bean salad and homemade blueberry crisp with real whipped cream for dessert. People may

eat in, take out or eat on the grounds of the church weather permitting.

Drinks will be provided for those eating there. Cost is \$18 per meal. People should call 623-8300 or 623-6455 for reservations by Tuesday, Aug. 29. The funds raised will benefit the fuel, electricity, plumbing, and Food Pantry assistance programs for this community.

## WILLIAMSBURG

# Haydenville man dies in head-on Aug. 15 collision in Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG – A head-on collision claimed the life of Edward Duggan, 57, of Haydenville, shortly Tuesday, Aug. 15 after 2 p.m. according to the office of Northwester District Attorney David E. Sullivan.

After a preliminary investigation at the scene, police believe that Duggan’s SUV, headed west on Route 9 in the vicinity of 202 Main St., Haydenville, drifted, colliding with a pick-up truck being driven by a Worthington man in the eastbound lane. He sustained minor injuries.

A person driving behind Duggan called 911 after witnessing the collision.

No arrests were made in connection with the crash. State Police troopers attached to the Northwestern District Attorney’s Office and the Crime Scene Services Section, Williamsburg and Northampton police, members of the Williamsburg and Northampton fire departments and a paramedic with Highland Ambulance responded to the scene.

The collision remains under investigation. Criminal charges are based on probable cause to believe a person has committed a crime. All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

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## REGION

### Clark Art concludes movie series

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m., the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., concludes its five-part Summer Outdoor Movie Series with a screening of “Johnny Guitar” near the Clark’s Reflecting Pool.

The event is free and people may bring a picnic and should bring their own seating. One of the boldest and most stylized films of its time, “Johnny Guitar” (1954; 1 hour, 50 minutes) is quirky, political and twisted—a psychosexual drama between two powerful women, wrapped up in the duds of a B-Western. Joan Crawford stars as the tavern-owner, Vienna. Her archenemy, Emma—a cattle baron (never baroness) is played by Mercedes McCambridge.

## CHESTERFIELD

### BIRD OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER



A flock of Canada geese graze in a freshly mowed field in Chesterfield.

Photo by Mary Kronholm

## NORTHAMPTON

### Forbes Library announces upcoming news and events

NORTHAMPTON – Cinema Northampton presents “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” for free on the lawn at the Forbes Library, 20 West St., on Monday, Aug. 29 at 8:30 p.m.

Cinema Northampton returns with “The Super Mario Bros. Movie,” the 2023 American computer-animated adventure comedy film based on Nintendo’s Mario video game franchise.

Participants are encouraged to bring drinks, snacks, bug spray, flashlights, lawn chairs, blankets, and friends to these free outdoor screenings. If a

screening is postponed due to rain, the library will update their facebook event page.

The film will have subtitles on and a bathroom will be open in the library. Screening times are based on when the sun sets. The screen can not be seen during daylight. Cinema Northampton is a collaborative film screening project between Northampton Open Media, Forbes Library and the City of Northampton.

On Saturday, Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. New England Birds of Prey with

Wingmasters will be in the Hosmer Gallery at the library. Birds of prey are also known as raptors and they are hunting birds characterized by hooked beaks and powerful grabbing feet armed with sharp talons.

The word raptor comes from a Latin word that means to seize. Raptors can also boast the best eyesight and the sharpest hearing in the animal kingdom. Raptors include hawks, falcons and owls and this presentation, which incorporates six live birds of prey, all native to New England, gives an overview of these dif-

ferent categories.

The program is designed to explain predation, the birds’ place at the top of the food web, their different hunting adaptations and their status in a rapidly changing world. Because many birds of prey are declining in number, this presentation also features one or more of the endangered raptors that Wingmasters cares for and explains why these species face an uncertain future.

The program is recommended for ages 6 plus. This event is sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club.

## EASTHAMPTON

### Park Hill Orchard holds outdoor sculpture exhibit on Aug. 27

EASTHAMPTON – The organizing committee of Art in the Orchard 2023 invites the public to discover the thirty-two new sculptures and installations that are now on display on the beautiful grounds of Park Hill Orchard, 82 Park Hill Road.

The sculptures range from whim-

sical to classical, including a life-sized beaver and a full-sized sailboat, an oversized “walk-in” wasp nest and an outsized head overlooking the stunning view. An Artists Day is scheduled for Sunday Aug. 27, where the public will be able to chat with this year’s participating artists by their creations.

It is open daily from dawn to dusk until Thanksgiving. The event is free but donations are highly encouraged as they help for things like the artists’ stipends, the mobility cart and all printed materials.

Additional events like Bread & Puppet and the Full Moon Poetry Walk,

two familiar favorites, and new ones like the two Small Works Sales (Sept. 16 and 17 and Oct. 14 and 15) featuring smaller work creating by many of the Art in the Orchard artists. A list of events is available by visiting Art in the Orchard’s website at <https://www.parkhillorchard.com>.

## WESTFIELD

### Suspicious fire causes major damage

Fire and police officials seek public’s help

WESTFIELD – Westfield Fire Chief Patrick M. Egloff, Westfield Police Chief Lawrence P. Valliere, and State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine are asking for the public’s help as they investigate a suspicious fire on a railroad freight car on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

“We are asking anyone with information on last night’s fire to contact Westfield Police detectives at 413-572-6400,” said Chief Valliere. “Anyone who observed people or vehicles near the train tracks north of Notre Dame Street yesterday evening may have information that could help us.”

“Railway fires come with a unique set of hazards to firefighters and the public, and this was a very challenging fire for us to knock down,” said Chief Egloff. “We had to cut our way into the freight car to fully extinguish it.”

“Every fire is dangerous,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “We’re very fortunate that no one was injured last night, but if that fire had spread we could have seen a serious risk to the community. If you have any information on how it started, please share it with investigators.”

The Westfield Fire Department responded to the area behind 181 Notre Dame St. just after 6:45 p.m. for a report of a fire in a railroad car. On arrival, they observed a freight car with its doors open and heavy fire showing within. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to that car, but the contents were destroyed.

In addition to fire damage, signs of forced entry and further property damage were identified at the scene. The incident remains under investigation by the Westfield Fire Department, Westfield Police Department and State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit assigned to the State Fire Marshal’s office.

## MIDDLEFIELD

### Hilltown Hikers to hold hike Aug. 26

MIDDLEFIELD – Andrew DeVries created a Sculpture Trail featuring over 40 works on 15 acres in Middlefield.

The Western Massachusetts Hilltown Hikers group will hold a hike on Andrew DeVries Sculpture Trail, 42 East River Road on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 10 am.-2 p.m. The hike is rated easy and flat.

The sculptures along the trail include outdoor figurative and abstract works in bronze created by DeVries. These are installed in two shaded groves and along the meadows’ back hedge that follows the middle branch of the pristine Westfield River. New this year are recently installed aluminum signs of poetry by various writers. This hike will be an exclusive tour of this trail by Andrew himself.

Andrew’s gallery, DeVries Fine Art International, formerly in Lenox is also located on the property and contains indoor bronze works and paintings. Andrew has a career that spans four

decades and is among a handful of sculptors in the United States, who not only create but also cast their own works in bronze.

He is also a great Hilltown neighbor who loves the Hilltowns. His works are in private and public collections on five continents, including France, Ireland, Germany, Chile, and Australia.

People should register per car load by visiting <https://westernmasshilltownhikers.ticketleap.com>. Maps and bottled water are provided. Hikers should be prepared for rocks, roots and some elevation.

The hike will be held rain or shine. No dogs are allowed on this hike. Suggested donation is \$5, hike is People may visit [www.hilltownhikers.com](http://www.hilltownhikers.com), email [westernmasshilltownhikers@aol.com](mailto:westernmasshilltownhikers@aol.com) or call/tex 413-302-0312 for more information. Western Massachusetts Hilltown Hikers are a non-profit 501C(3) organization incorporated in the State of Massachusetts.

## REGION

# Art and Sole sneakers gets new designs

SPRINGFIELD – Just in time for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement, the Art and Sole sneaker outside of the Shell station on East Columbus Ave is getting a refresh.

After 13 years, the paint adorning the sneaker has worn away making the original art nearly undetectable. Shannon Monaghan, then a Renaissance School student, was the sneaker's original artist.

When a request was made to refresh the sneaker in time for the Aug. 11, 2023 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame enshrinement, Commonwealth Murals, the Springfield Business Improvement District and Springfield Cultural Partnership agreed to support the project. Springfield artist LESN101 is painting the sneaker with a Travis Best inspired design.

"When asked how we could get this done, I knew Karen and Britt were the right partners to bring in. Together we pooled our resources and were able to complete the project in time for Enshrinement Weekend. Public art is a powerful tool for enriching our community and inspiring us all, and LESN's choice to depict one of Springfield's own local NBA stars truly exemplifies this," said Michelle Grout, Executive Director of Springfield Business Improvement District.

"Basketball is a big part of this city. Travis Best and all he accomplished inspires a lot of people here. This design is about inspiration, movement and progress," said the artist. In response,



This photo shows the 2010 art by Shannon Monaghan.

Submitted photos



Springfield artists LESN101 paints the new design on the sneaker by Travis Best.

Travis Best states, "I hope the image serves as a reminder of discipline, hard work, sacrifice, humility and integrity."

"Our hope is for this sneaker to serve as a catalyst to assist us raise

funds to refresh all of the public Art and Sole sneakers that are in need. This effort is underway with consulting support including RT Woods Consulting, Springfield BID, Commonwealth

Murals and TSM Design," states Karen Finn, Executive Director, Springfield Cultural Partnership, "and we welcome support to assist in funding the project's continuation."

## Clark Art Institute hold free artist talk on Sept. 17

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Sunday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., presents a free artist talk with Pallavi Sen.

Sen leads an informal conversation about the sculptural artist's garden that she and a group of Williams College students are cultivating as part of the Clark's Humane Ecology: Eight Positions exhibition. The talk takes

place on the Lunder Center's Moltz Terrace.

Sen and the students walk through the garden and discuss the process of cultivation from seed-to-seed. They also describe the garden's double status as an artwork and productive food source.

Featuring eight contemporary artists who consider the intertwined natu-

ral and social dimensions of ecological relationships, Humane Ecology: Eight Positions includes sculpture, sound installation, video and plantings. Each artist represents a distinct approach and place, or "position," and the complex dynamics between living things and their environments is essential to their thinking. Through their work, these artists illuminate patterns of cultivation

and care, migration and adaptation, extraction, and exploitation that span historical, geographical, and species lines.

Humane Ecology is presented in outdoor and indoor spaces at the Clark, including both the Clark Center and Lunder Center at Stone Hill. For more information, people may visit [clarkart.edu/events](http://clarkart.edu/events).

## Bidwell House Museum holds Housatonic Heritage Walk

MONTEREY – Each year, the Bidwell House Museum, 100 Art School Road, participates in the Housatonic Heritage Walk series that takes place throughout the Berkshires and northern Connecticut.

This year the museum will be offering three guided walks, the first on Saturday, Sept. 2 with Richard Greene is titled On the Royal Hemlock Trail, A Hike Through Township #1. On this excursion across the Bidwell grounds as well as the BNRC's Hudson-Howard property, visitors will trace the route of the early residents of Township No. 1 from their homes to the first meeting house on a hill near the museum.

Dr. Richard Greene will lead the group on old roadways, past foundations and stone walls of long-ago homesteads and explore flora and fauna along the way. Greene has always loved being in the woods and is fascinated by the animals that live there. He studies track and sign and has used camera traps to further his interests.

He is a long term Board Member and volunteer at the Bidwell House

Museum. He is a retired physician living in Tyringham and wandering around all over the place.

This walk is free and is being offered as part of the Housatonic Heritage Walk series. The walk is limited to 25 people and attendees are asked to pre-register on the museum website by visiting <https://www.bidwellhousemuseum.org/event/on-the-royal-hemlock-trail-a-hike-through-township-1/>.

Participants should dress for the weather, wear hiking boots and bring water and a snack. This hike will last 2-3 hours and will traverse approximately four miles.

The terrain is steep and rocky in a few places. This is a strenuous hike and is best for those with some hiking experience.

The walk will happen in light rain, but will not go if heavy showers or thunderstorms are forecast. Registration for this hike does not include a tour of the Bidwell House Museum interior. If people would like to book a tour after the hike, they may call the museum at 413-528-6888 or email [bidwellhm2@gmail.com](mailto:bidwellhm2@gmail.com).

## Clark Art Institute hosts two upcoming concerts

WILLIAMSTOWN – Over Labor Day weekend, the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., presents two concerts by the Knights Orchestra celebrating its Edvard Munch: Trembling Earth exhibition.

The first is an outdoor concert on Saturday, Sept. 2 at 4 p.m. on the Fernández Terrace by the Clark's Reflecting Pool. The second is a family concert on Sunday, Sept. 3 at noon in the Clark's auditorium, located in the Manton Research Center.

The Knights Orchestra returns to the Clark with a performance inspired by the Edvard Munch: Trembling Earth exhibition. Music written by Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg is paired with traditional Nordic folk songs, as well as a work by Munch's close friend, Frederick Delius. The program also features an original composition by Knights Artistic Director Colin Jacobsen and a newly imagined orchestration of a classical staple, Antonín Dvoák's "Toward

America" quartet for strings.

People may bring a picnic and their own seating to this free concert.

Music lovers of all ages will delight in a family-friendly concert on Sept. 3, which complements the Edvard Munch: Trembling Earth exhibition in an engaging, interactive setting. The Knights perform excerpts from works by Edvard Grieg, Antonín Dvoák, and Frederick Delius, alongside audience participation activities that highlight musical details and showcase the way instruments can tell a story. This performance provides younger audiences with a fun and engaging introduction to classical music.

Both performances are free, but advance registration is required for the Family Concert. For more information or to register, people should visit [clarkart.edu/events](http://clarkart.edu/events). These performances are presented through the generous support of Mela and Paul Haklisch.



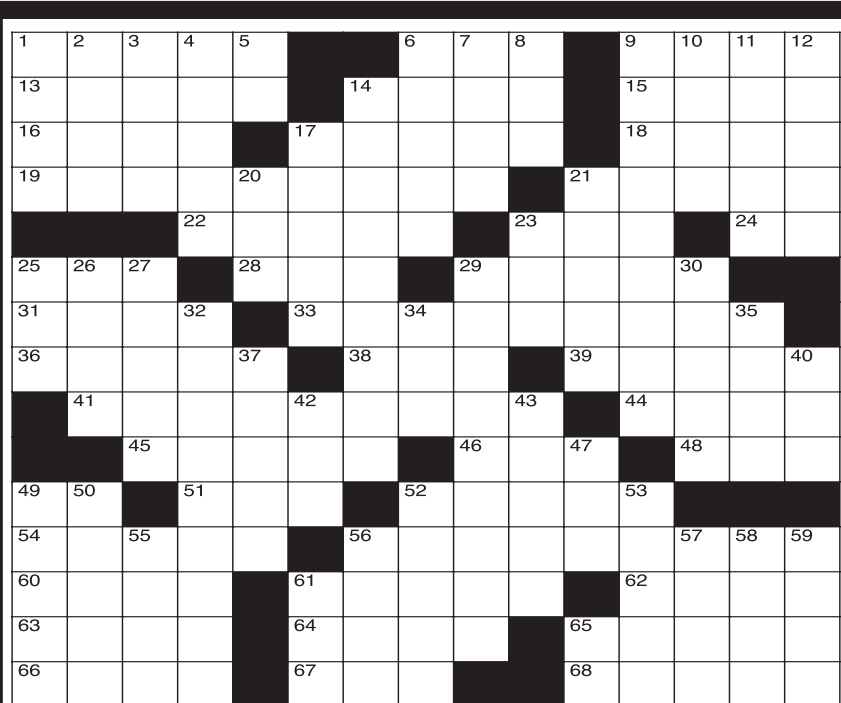
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1. Russian painter
6. Very fast jet
9. Phillipine municipality
13. Intestinal
14. Small freshwater fish
15. Algerian coastal city
16. Vomit
17. Famed astronomer
18. Ghanaian currency
19. Improved the condition of
21. Int'l association of interpreters
22. Infections
23. Dish made with lentils
24. Thou
25. Former CIA
28. Unit used to compare power levels
29. Members of Pueblo people
31. Myanmar monetary units
33. Polished
36. Signed a contract

38. Nothing
39. Once-ubiquitous department store
41. Neural structures
44. Thick piece of something
45. Slang for trucks with trailers
46. Longing
48. Senior officer
49. Levels of frequency
51. Bird's beak
52. Move rapidly downwards
54. Koran chapters
56. Stretches out
60. Top of the human body
61. A Chinese temple and Indian town are two
62. Fertility god
63. Sea eagle
64. Dry
65. Zodiac sign
66. "Horizon Call of the Mountain" character
67. Have the ability to
68. Take somewhere

**CLUES DOWN**

1. "Iron Man" actress Leslie
2. Wings
3. Adjust the spacing
4. They're usually locked
5. Atomic #43
6. Wise individuals
7. Horse mackerel
8. Pearl Jam's debut album
9. Confines
10. Colorless crystalline compound
11. Unsatisfactorily
12. Plant of the parsley family
14. Determines time
17. Causes the birth of
20. Small ornament on a watch chain
21. Richly decorated cloth tapestry
23. Vito Corleone was one
25. Igbo musical instrument
26. Put in harmony
27. Japanese alcoholic drinks

29. Tinseltown
30. Closes tightly
32. Songs sung to one's lover
34. One thousandth of an inch
35. Small drink of whiskey
37. Political divisions in ancient Greece
40. Helps little firms
42. Baby's eating accessory
43. Very long periods of time
47. Small block of wood
49. Town in Surrey, England
50. Enquiry
52. Murdered
53. Bura-; Chadic language
55. Crater on Mars
56. Mammal genus
57. Sock
58. Make
59. Stony waste matter
61. Partner to cheese
65. Pound

# THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPES

**ARIES**

**Mar 21/Apr 20**

It is time to recharge your batteries. It may be challenging to slow down, but that is just what you need to do or you are going to run out of steam on your next project.

**CANCER**

**Jun 22/Jul 22**

Cooperation from others has been hard to come by lately, Cancer. That could lead to some conflicts along the way. Collectively you will have to find some middle ground.

**LIBRA**

**Sept 23/Oct 23**

Even if others make suggestions, use your own judgement regarding how to spend time. You may want to eschew all responsibilities for something fun.

**CAPRICORN**

**Dec 22/Jan 20**

Strong opinions rule the day, so convincing others could be especially difficult in the days ahead. Wait some time and they try again, Capricorn.

**TAURUS**

**Apr 21/May 21**

Early on this week you may start out in a bit of a funk, Taurus. That all will change with some words from a friend that will help your mood bounce in the other direction.

**LEO**

**Jul 23/Aug 23**

You could be focused on things in the past. This could start you on a trek to track down mementos in a home or to visit an antiques shop to make some purchases.

**SCORPIO**

**Oct 24/Nov 22**

Seek new places for any sort of inspiration. You never know what you may uncover unless you visit new places instead of your old haunts. Start exploring this week.

**AQUARIUS**

**Jan 21/Feb 18**

There will be some measure of public speaking or performance in your near future, and it is likely giving you a bit nervous. No one will judge you, so lighten up.

**GEMINI**

**May 22/June 21**

Gemini, the side of your brain responsible for pragmatism has been working overtime. You are ready to solve any problems and find answers to most questions.

**VIRGO**

**Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, there is still a lot to learn, but you have the time right now to pay attention to everyone around you to glean what you can. Never stop gathering information.

**SAGITTARIUS**

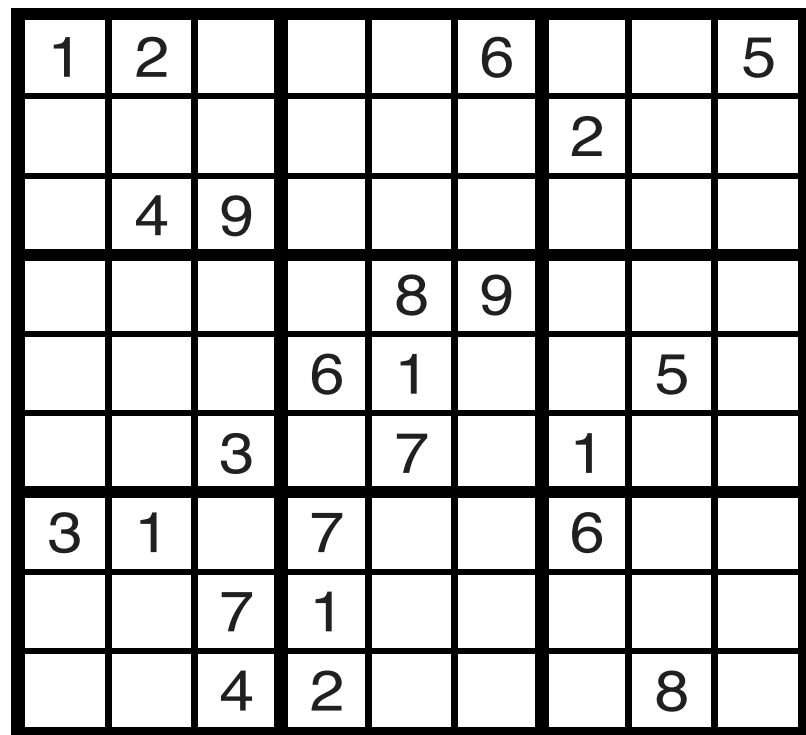
**Nov 23/Dec 21**

Some outside energy has muted your normally boisterous personality, Sagittarius. You may want to skip out on social scenes and spend some time at home in the coming days.

**PISCES**

**Feb 19/Mar 20**

You could encounter more oddballs than normal in your daily routines. From customers making scenes to quirky coworkers, you might need to be patient and open-minded.



# SUDOKU

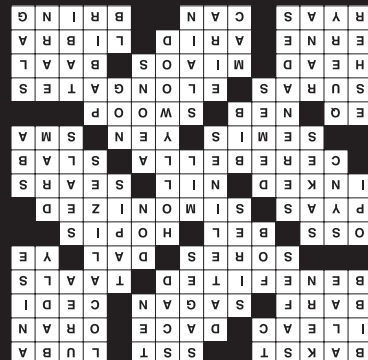
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# answers



1	8	7	5	3	2	4	6	9
3	6	5	4	9	1	7	8	2
4	2	9	8	6	7	5	1	3
9	1	6	7	2	4	3	5	8
7	5	8	3	1	6	2	9	4
2	3	4	6	8	5	7	1	9
6	3	1	7	8	2	9	4	5
8	7	4	5	1	2	9	6	3
1	2	8	3	4	6	9	7	5

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# OBITUARY

## Susan L. (Dejkus) Watson

CHESTER – Susan L. (Dejkus), Watson of Chester, 74, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Aug. 10, 2023 after a short battle with lung cancer.

She was born in Westfield on Oct. 6, 1948 to Konstanty Dejkus and Irene Dejkus (Skwarek). She graduated from Westfield High School in 1966.

Susan spent almost her entire working career as a bank teller at Westfield Bank where she enjoyed interacting with the community. In her younger years, Susan, enjoyed horseback riding and trips to the ocean with family and friends; her favorite spots were Hawaii, Maine and Rhode Island. She also enjoyed spending time outside and



watching the many animals and birds that frequented her yard in Chester.

She is survived by her two daughters, Stacy L. Stewart (Willard) of Chester and Stefani J. Watson of Cazenovia, New York. She also leaves behind her sister, Patricia A. Katalina of Westfield, nephew Matthew Katalina of Springfield, niece Jennifer Roos (Dan) of Easthampton and cousin, Nancy O'Sullivan of Westfield.

Her family would like to thank the nurses at Baystate Hospital for their care of Susan in her final days.

Firtion Adams will be handling all arrangements, however, Susan has requested that her services be private to only the family. [www.firtionadams.com](http://www.firtionadams.com).

## DEATH NOTICE

**WATSON (DEJKUS), SUSAN L.**

Died Aug. 10 2023  
Services are private

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One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE of PUBLIC MEETING WILLIAMSBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION,

Williamsburg MA 01096

The Williamsburg Conservation Commission, in accordance with MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Williamsburg town offices, 141 Main St, Haydenville, MA to review a:

Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by: Beverly Bullock

The subject area or activity is located at: Meekins Library, 2 Williams St, Williamsburg, MA 08/24/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampshire Probate and Family Court  
15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413)586-8500  
Docket No. HS23P0497EA  
Janet Susan Mollison  
Also known as:

Janet S. Mollison  
Date of Death: 01/10/2016  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Noll B. Kenyon of Huntington, 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: Noll B. Kenyon of Huntington, 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 09/06/2023.

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 appear-

ance 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)

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WITNESS, Hon. Diana S. Velez Harris, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 10, 2023

Michael J. Carey  
Register of Probate  
08/24/2023

Town Of Russell  
2024 Tax Classification Hearing  
Legal Notice  
There will be a Tax Classification Hearing

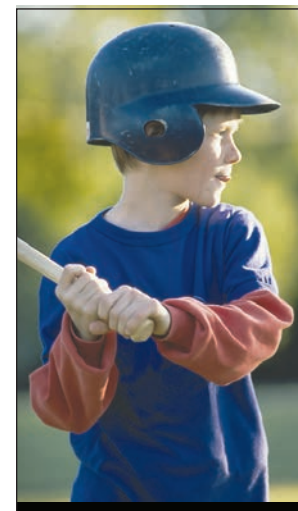
held at the Board Of Selectmen's Office at Russell Town Hall Tuesday, September 5, 2023@ 6:30 p.m.

To discuss the determination of the Fiscal Year 2024 tax rate of the residential, commercial, industrial, open space, and personal property as set forth in Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 79 Acts of 1982 and Chapter 79 on the Acts of 1983, General Laws of Massachusetts.

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Town of Russell  
Board of Selectmen  
08/24/2023



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