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CUMMINGTON

Cummington Fair created smiles



This mural welcomes visitors to the Cummington Fair. See more photos on page 8.

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BLANDFORD

BFD comments on BESS

By Mary Kronholm
Correspondent

Fire Chief Adam Dolby prepared a fact sheet for residents regarding the Battery Energy Storage System proposed by Mission Clean Energy at the Monday, Aug. 11 presentation.

Concerning the status of the project, which is in the early review phase, no construction yet, Dolby considered potential community impacts.

Possible benefits, pending confirmation, would include possible Payment in Lieu of Taxes income for the town, construction jobs and some ongoing operations staff. There would possibly be training and equipment funding for the Fire Department and the energy grid improvement increase local reliability.

Potential Risks will be evaluated include fire or overheating in battery units, called thermal runaway; gas release during a fire vented by container design and emergency response com-

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BLANDFORD

Select Board issues temporary liquor license for beer garden at fair

By Mary Kronholm
Correspondent

At the Monday, Aug. 18 Select Board meeting, the board approved a temporary liquor license for Skyline Brewery for the beer garden at the Blandford Fair for Saturday, Aug. 30; Sunday, Aug. 31 and Monday, Sept. 1.

Resignation and more

The board acknowledged Brian Nemorowski's resignation as auxiliary

member of the Planning Board.

Goddard Consulting will serve as a third party to review the Huntington Road solar proposal. Mission Clean Energy's Emma Riley would like a second meeting and it was suggested that Springfield Water and Sewer Commission be included.

Town Administrator

The board reviewed and approved goals for Town Administrator Cristina

Ferrera which include engaging with residents on issues, support Open Meeting Laws and reinforce its importance during meetings; assisting departments and boards with staff support with job descriptions etc.; ensure high priority issues are on board agendas with sufficient information; support progress on the Battery Energy Storage System projects; discuss with the board town wide maintenance.

As far as any finance

responsibilities, Ferrera will provide support for all departments to navigate the town's financial processes and support the fiscal year 2027 budget process in collaboration with the Finance Committee and all departments. The goals will be reviewed in six months.

Upgrades to gym

The board approved spending up to \$20,000 for upgrades in the gym and they are looking for a quote for

acoustic improvements.

Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Ray Hultay reported that the Russell Stage Road project has been approved for Chapter 90 funding to fix about 1,200 feet of road. He told the board about proposed capital expenditures for highway which included a new grader, a water trailer for dirt roads, a dirt roller and an "over the guard railing mower."

Energy Committee

The board also approved member Jackie Coury's proposal for an Energy Committee to consist of one member from the Fire Department, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Zoning, Water, the Select Board and one or two residents. The committee will have a budget to cover legal fees of at least \$200,000. Funding source

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CHESTER

Historical Museum displays flag

By Wendy Long
Correspondent

A 44-star American flag dating back to the 1890's has been donated by Sherry (Kenyon) Henry to the Chester History Museum, located at 221 Route 20 in Chester.

The museum, which is run by the Chester Historical Society, will be open from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. every Sunday through September, giving the public a chance to view this item, which is laid out on the second floor. According to John Hultman, President of the Chester

Historical Society, the flag measures 15 feet by 24 feet and went into effect in July 1890 when Wyoming became the 44th state to join the union.

It was only used until July 1896, when Utah became the 45th state. This flag, in fact all American flags, contains 13 stripes, which represent the original 13 colonies of America.

Henry found the flag in a crate in the attic of the Kenyon family home, located two houses up from Chester's Historic Jail. The Keefe family lived in that house in the 1890s. It is not

known which family was the original owner of the flag.

After Sept. 28, the flag will be folded and moved into a clear display case and remain in the museum. There is much to see in the Chester History Museum, including memorabilia from the Chester High School Blue Devils, historic maps and photos, information on emory and the granite mining in Chester and military and veterans' items from World War I forward.

Earlier businesses are also honored, with signs

FLAG, page 6



This very large historic flag is on display at the Chester History Museum, 221 Route 20, Chester on Sundays through the end of September. Photo by John Hultman, Chester Historical Society president



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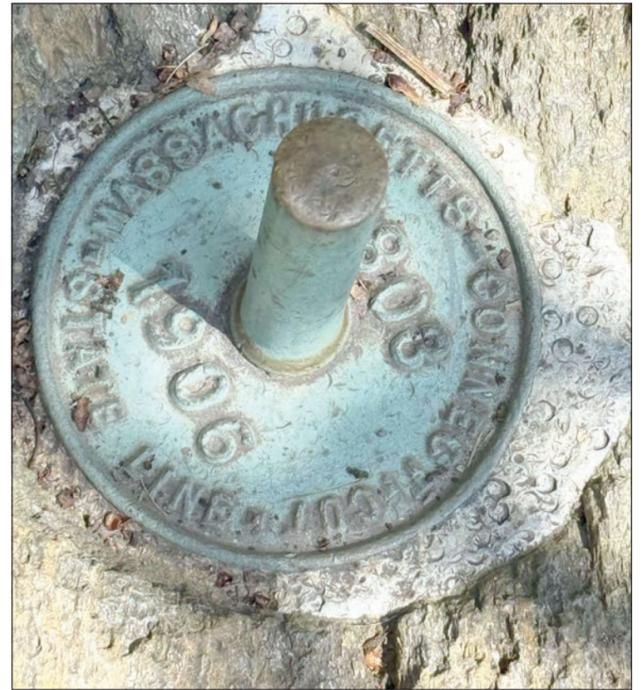
HILLTOWN HIKING ADVENTURES



Cybill perches atop the Massachusetts, Connecticut New York Tri-State Bounty in Mount Washington State Forest.



The southerly tri-state boundary was originally a granite post. Tom takes a look.



This is the Massachusetts Connecticut state line.

Submitted photos

Hilltown Hikers trek to border point

Did you know there are sixty tri-state points in the United States?

Thirty five are on land and 26 are on water. In the last few weeks, the Hilltown Hikers have hiked to both the Northern and Southern State borders of Massachusetts. Boundary Posts have been used since 1616 as far as we could tell.

The earliest reference to a boundary stone in Greek literature is in the Iliad, which describes the goddess Athena using one as a projectile. It's a great adventure finding these boundaries and some make it a point to get to as many as possible boasting "I have been to all the state points."

There are several other types of named border markers, known as boundary trees,

pillars, monuments, obelisks and corners. Many borders were drawn along invisible lines of latitude/longitude, which created a need to mark these borders on the ground, as accurately as possible.

Markers are part of boundary law in the United States, both in the original colonial states and those added later during westward expansion, known as the Public Land Survey System. Man-made boundary markers or monuments, are considered to be second-highest in the Order of Evidence in boundary law in the United States, behind only natural markers such as boulders and rivers.

We read in many of the old History books of Western Massachusetts that boundaries or place markers were

often trees or stone walls. The trees really didn't hold up. Modern day boundary stones you may find are usually made of concrete but the oldest ones were made of stone like granite.

In Mount Washington State Forest Tom Hoffman noticed the original tri-state marker was made of granite, it still lies there but was replaced by a newer concrete marker. He also found a triangulation station, which is a fixed surveying station used in surveys.

On the Taconic Range both North and South "Surveyors faced difficulties in establishing a straight line due to the rugged terrain of the Taconic range, which required them to navigate through heavily wooded areas. The boundary was

surveyed multiple times with the first significant attempt occurring in 1719. However, it was it until 1897 that a comprehensive survey was conducted."

Some boundary posts are easy to get to being located near a trail, some absolutely not. Some require a good bushwhack over

steep terrain like the one in the Northern Corner of Massachusetts, Vermont and New York giving Greg and Valerie a good goat climb off trail traveling over one thousand feet of elevation to reach that goal.

I can tell you all, my experience as a boundary stone walker for the town

of Chester was an adventure following both GPS and a compass to find all the boundary points in town hiking through swamps and up mountains following in the steps, who have done it before and marked that date it was done on those stones going back to the early Hilltown days.

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Valerie stands next to the Massachusetts Connecticut State Boundary in Mount Washington State Forest.



Valerie is at the New York Vermont Massachusetts Tri-State Boundary off trail in Williamstown.

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Love, Mom

HUNTINGTON

Gray Catbird pottery studio expands

By Wendy Long
Correspondent

HUNTINGTON – The Gray Catbird pottery studio has undergone several changes in the past six months.

Owned and operated by Dale Rogers, the original space at 22 Main St., housed both a studio and a gift shop, with items for sale from pottery students and local artists. Earlier this year, Rogers sold off the Gray Catbird Gift Shop, now housed next door to the studio and re-assigned the space for her growing series of arts workshops.

The studio offers six pottery classes a week with Rogers teaching four classes on slab, coil and pinch techniques, hand building, and wheel throwing to aspiring potters. Master Potter Linda Siska teaches the other two classes on wheel throwing, but it is preferred that students have some experience before joining that class.

Six-week pottery classes with either instructor are offered for \$275, covering materials and instruction. The pottery classes are currently full, but people can call Alicia Hackerson at

413-210-3746, email her at aliciahackerson@gmail.com to get on the wait list or sign up for any of the workshops below.

Rogers has also arranged a series of workshops in other arts. Joanie Ryan is offering Exploring Drawing workshops on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m., starting Monday, Sept. 8. Students can take two classes for \$75 or four classes for \$130. Mondays, Sept. 8 and Sept. 15 will focus on techniques with charcoal; composing pictures and still-life. The Monday, Sept. 22 class will be pen and ink techniques and the Monday, Sept. 29 class will be on figurative drawing, including drapery, gesture and movement.

A single workshop on Late Summer Floral Design will be offered on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Mary Cantler and Lydia King will teach basic principles of flower arranging and students will create their own big beautiful bouquet. This class costs \$60 and fresh flowers will be provided from Mary and Lydia's gardens and business "Gardens at Old House Road."

Linda Briggs returns in September and November to offer two-week classes in Pine Needle Basketry. The series on Sept. 20 and 27 are already full but the other two-week session will be offered Nov. 15 and 22 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. For \$100, students will use 12 - 18" long pine needles from the Carolinas to coil needles into a basket using a simple stitch. Materials will be provided.

The new owner of the Gray Catbird Gift Shop, next door to the studio, Sherri Church is offering a single class workshop on Tuesdays, Oct. 7 or Oct. 21 on creating shadow boxes. Priced at \$55 per class, students will use sea glass, shells, beach stones, driftwood, tiny starfish, 1 piece of wampum and sand to create their own unique picture within an 8" X 8" shadow box. Cost is \$55 per class.

Finally, Denise Beaulieu will offer a Fused Glass Art workshop on different Saturdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. There is one seat left for the Saturday, Oct. 18 wind chimes class. Future workshops will be offered on Saturdays, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6 and these will focus

on seasonal projects. Each class is \$65 and all materials are provided.

"It's just a whole range of wonderful offerings," Rogers said.

Divesting herself of the gift shop also leaves Rogers time for her latest project, "Empty Bowls." After learning that the local Food Pantry, located at the Pioneer Valley Assembly of God Church in Huntington, had lost half of its annual funding, Rogers set out to organize a fundraiser to help. Modeled after an "Empty Bowls" program she took part in while a pottery student at Holyoke Community College, Rogers set herself a goal of creating 200 bowls by the end of September. Siska is assisting in this effort and a team of volunteers is glazing unique designs onto each bowl. Along with several community partners including Moltenbrey's Market, the Mennonite Youth Group and area musicians four events will take place on Saturdays in October rotating across several towns. From 3-6 p.m., community members can purchase a finished bowl for a suggested price of \$25. As a thank you, each bowl will be filled with a choice of soup with a roll provided. Area musicians will donate their time to entertain participants.

"This is a whole community outreach effort to take care of those who are struggling among us," she said. "We're so divided. This is a way to come together for good."

Four gallons of soup for each weekend are being generously provided by Darryl Flisk at Moltenbrey's market at a very low cost. If other patrons can donate and offset that bit of overhead, all of the proceeds, which would gross \$5,000, can go to the Food Pantry. People may email Dale Rogers at graycatbirdpottery@gmail.com if they can help or would like additional information. More information will be out in September on the Empty Bowls events.



Artist and new owner of the Gray Catbird Gift Shop in Huntington, Sherri Church, here with one of her shadowboxes. Church will be teaching a class on creating shadow boxes in the upcoming workshop series planned for the Gray Catbird Studio next door.

Gray Catbird Gift Shop has new owner and location

By Wendy Long
Correspondent

HUNTINGTON – The Gray Catbird Gift Shop, previously run by pottery studio owner Dale Rogers, has changed owners and locations but kept its name.

Located right next door to the pottery studio on Main Street in Huntington, the gift shop is now located in the former Gino's Pizza place.

Now owned and operated by Sherri Church and her husband, the gift shop has a bit more space in its new digs. When she opened on July 16, 2025, her inventory represented 66 artisans. With a larger space, she is now up to 77.

Church had previously lived and worked on Martha's Vineyard, managing her daughter's shop "Driftwood." That shop closed during Covid and did not reopen, although the family kept the shop fixtures, such as display cases. After selling their home and moving to the area to be closer to her son and grandchildren, the first person Sherri met was Dale Rogers-owner of the pottery studio/gift shop. Church took some of Rogers' pottery classes and, as Rogers expanded her studio space, Church decided to buy the gift shop business and open up next door.

The inventory includes a range of items from the unique to the sublime: barrettes made from silver spoons, wooden bowls, jewelry, pottery, greeting cards, natural cosmetics, bags, hats, sweaters, afghans, toys, books, and walking sticks/canes among them. It contains intricately carved lanterns made from balsa wood using a laser cutter. The front window has a display of hand carved native American flutes. This winter, Church expects to add holiday gift wrap to her inventory.

The connection between the studio and gift shop remains strong. Jewelry maker Linda Briggs hunts gems in the wild and does the lapidary work herself. She is also selling her pine needle baskets in the shop, while also teaching a workshop in the technique at the studio.

Church herself will be

teaching a workshop at the studio in shadow box making, with samples for purchase in the shop. Church also creates wampum: using quahog clam shells, Church crafts earrings, necklaces and other items using the vibrant, purple pattern inside the shell. She explained that when the quahog shell is opened, both halves contain a mirror image in their purple pattern and match perfectly for paired jewelry like earrings.

"It feels like an arts district, especially when Crazy Arepas is set up in the courtyard," Church said. Crazy Arepas is a food truck serving Spanish/American food. As we're in the height of fair season, they are less available at the Huntington site, but are highly visible when they are able to be there.

The Gray Catbird Gift Shop is closed Mondays and Tuesdays and open the rest of the week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is a great place to find a special gift or treat yourself.



This pine needle basket created by Linda Briggs includes a center gem that she found and prepared. Briggs will teach a class in making these baskets at the studio next door.

Turley photos by Wendy Long



Bowls crafted by Gray Catbird Pottery Studio teachers Dale Rogers and Linda Siska are waiting to be glazed by a team of volunteers helping to prepare for an upcoming fundraiser to benefit the Food Pantry at the Pioneer Valley Assembly of God Church. Submitted photo

COA to host Grandparent's Day

HUNTINGTON – The Huntington Council on Aging will be hosting their annual Grandparents' Day Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 1-4 p.m. on

the Town Common, 24-26 Russell Road.

The event will feature two bounce houses, one for toddlers and one for older children,, craft activities,

ice cream and snacks. The event is free and open to all ages from all communities. For more information, people may call Crystal Wright-Partyka at 413-685-5283.

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OPINION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Study by citizen group encourages citizen input

Knowledge is power.

Education is the basis of democratic governance. My home town of Blandford demonstrated that a few years ago, when it defeated the state's attempt to make it a model of industrial wind turbine development. When confronted with an attempt to pressure the town to pass a by-law enabling such a development, townspeople thoughtfully opted for a six week period of study to enable them to carefully consider the potential dangers to health, public safety and the resultant degradation of quality of life in the town with its inevitable negative effect on property values, as well.

When a vote was taken after the six week study period, the proposal met with overwhelming defeat.

The people spoke.

Blandford is currently confronted with the decision of whether or not to allocate funds for its defense against Eversource, Battery Energy Storage System installations and other solar installations. A Special Town Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 22 with several non-binding questions to feel the town's pulse on this issue.

An organized group of citizens to study these issues prior to such a meeting would be very much in keeping with Blandford's respect for the power of knowledge, as well as the enhancement of citizen participation that is the hallmark of our democratic society.

Jane Pinsley
Blandford

GUEST COLUMN



How do I apply for Social Security and receive my payments?

Dear Rusty:

I'm ready to apply for my Social Security benefits, and I'm aware of how my benefits are calculated. What I would like to know about is how the application process actually works and how my benefits are received.

Signed: Ready to Collect

Dear Ready to Collect:

Essentially, you have two main options for applying for Social Security benefits, and also two separate options for receiving your payments:

To apply for benefits, you can either contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to make a telephone appointment to complete your application while speaking to an SSA representative on the phone or you can submit your application for SS benefits online.

When using the telephone option, you will be guided by an SSA agent while completing your application and can discuss your benefit options directly with that agent, just be sure to be available to receive SSA's call at the scheduled time. You can

also make an appointment by calling your local SS field office directly get the number for your local SS office at this link: www.ssa.gov/locator. It is not usually necessary to visit your local SSA office in person to apply.

If you are reasonably proficient with computers, you can, instead, apply online, but you will first need to create your personal SSA account online at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Once you have your personal account set up, you will be able to see your estimated benefit amount at different claim ages, which should help you decide when it is best to apply. Here is a short video which explains the process for applying for benefits online: https://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm.

If applying online, you can start your online application at www.ssa.gov apply and re-access it multiple times as needed until you are ready to submit it; just be sure to write down the "reentry code," which

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How students learn about subtraction



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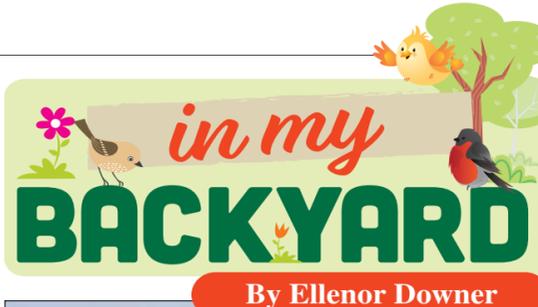
GUEST COLUMN

A Brimfield resident reported he visited Lake Wallace in Belchertown with a friend last week and saw a great egret.

They also saw a great blue heron, at least three green herons, a few Phoebes and an Eastern kingbird. There were also several ducks, mallards and wood ducks. The two male wood ducks were in eclipse plumage.

The great egret is slightly smaller than the great blue heron, but they are still large birds with an impressive wingspan. They hunt in the classic heron way standing immobile or wading through water to capture fish with their bill. At one point, egrets were hunted to near extinction for their feathers for hat decoration. The great egret is the symbol of the National Audubon Society.

Rivalry among nestlings



By Ellenor Downer



Great egret

is common and the larger chicks frequently kill their smaller siblings. The great egret is white with a yellow bill and black legs. During breeding, a patch of skin on

its face turns neon green and long plumes grow from its back called aigrettes. These aigrettes were prized for ladies hats.

Great egrets fly slowly, but powerfully with just two wingbeats per second at a speed of about 25 miles per hour. The oldest known Great Egret was 22 years, 10 months old and was banded in Ohio.

Eagle sighting

A New Braintree resident and a friend went bass

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Gardening tasks best accomplished now

The mornings have been a little cooler this last week or so.

I must admit that after the summer we had, the respite from the heat is a welcome relief.

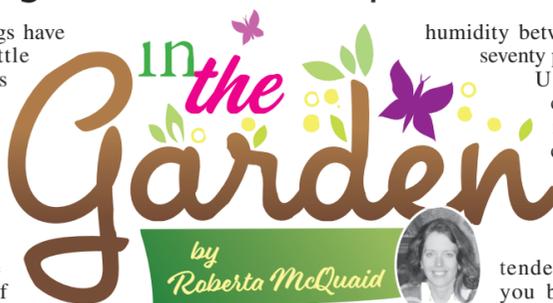
With the unofficial end of summer just a few short days away, folks are starting to think about winterizing their pools, getting their boats in storage, closing up their cottages and the like. There are a number of things that we gardeners can do now to ease winter's blow and set the stage for a successful garden next year!

Here is a replay of a timely column that lays it all out there.

Order spring flowering bulbs now. I ordered mine just last week!

For the widest array of tulips, daffodils, crocus and the like, consider making your selection from a mail order company. Most have great web sites, offering photos of pretty much everything they sell. Our bulbs will arrive in early October – the perfect time for planting!

We get them into the soil prior to the ground freezing so that they will have a chance to send out roots, perfect little anchors for winter



by Roberta McQuaid

humidity between fifty and seventy percent.

Under these conditions most will last eight to twelve weeks depending on variety.

Dig up tender plants. Did you buy rosemary, bay tree, lemon verbena, French lavender or scented geraniums this spring? Unfortunately, not one of these favored herbs is winter hardy in our area.

I usually get them out of the ground once frost threatens, and will bring them inside overnight and back outside during the day for a few weeks until it gets too cold. From that point most of them will thrive in a bright but cool room of the house.

Don't be surprised if the lemon verbena loses its leaves soon after you pot it up or that the French lavender doesn't look all that zippy during the winter – both are normal responses. New leaves will sprout and luster will return come March.

Instead of digging tender plants up, some folks prefer to take tip cuttings. During the rooting process, mist a few times a day to prevent wilting. You will have especially good luck root-

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Country Journal welcomes Election letters to the editor

The Country Journal welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Country Journal, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to countryjournal@turley.com.

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HILLTOWNS

MassDOT announces I-90 roadwork

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announces it will be performing overnight and daytime line painting, shoulder work and bridge repair work on I-90 eastbound and westbound in the towns of West Stockbridge, Stockbridge, Lee, Becket, Blandford, Montgomery and Russell.

All work is weather dependent. In West Stockbridge and Stockbridge, line painting and shoulder work will be conducted on I-90 eastbound and westbound from mile marker 0.0 to mile marker 7.8 nightly now through Thursday night, Aug. 28

from 7 p.m.-5:30 a.m. the following morning.

In Lee, bridge repair work will be conducted on I-90 eastbound at mile marker 9.4 now through Thursday night, Aug. 28 from 7 p.m.-5:30 a.m. the following morning.

In Becket, bridge repair work will be conducted on I-90 eastbound and westbound at mile marker 18.4 nightly from now, through Thursday night, Aug. 28 from 7 p.m.-5:30 a.m. the following morning.

In Blandford, bridge repair work will be conducted on I-90 eastbound and westbound at mile marker 26.2 nightly now

through Thursday night, Aug. 28 from 7 p.m.-5:30 a.m. the following morning. In Montgomery and Russell, bridge repairs will be conducted on I-90 westbound from mile marker 35.9 to mile marker 36.5 now through Thursday morning, Aug. 28 from 6 a.m.-noon.

All work will be complete, and all contractors will be off the road on Friday, Aug. 29 by 5 a.m. ahead of the Labor Day weekend. Appropriate signage and law enforcement details will be in place to guide drivers through the work area. Drivers traveling through the area should expect delays, reduce speed, and use cau-

tion. 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 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.



OPINION

BIRDS

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fishing on Brooks Pond in North Brookfield in a canoe recently. Half way out on the pond, they started to hear the seagull like calls of an eagle. As they rounded a little peninsula on the left side up in the top of a broken pine was a large eagle's nest.

The broken pine made a perfect platform for them to build a nest. They then saw the two mature adult pair with their white heads on a stump near the water. Up in the pine near the nest were two juvenile eagles, all dark brown. They weren't flying, but just squeaking for food.

They actually looked quite big for baby eagles. His friend said it was because they still had their fluffy feathers and developing new feathers.

They fished nearby and watched them hop around. They seemed unbothered by them being about 60 feet from the shore of the peninsula. Eventually the two

adult eagles flew off probably in search of a meal for these big babies. So neat to be able to see eagles fairly common now in Massachusetts.

Male cardinal

I received this email, "I was just walking the dog after dark and my flashlight came upon this guy (male cardinal). I have seen him every night since. We just stare at each other for a few seconds and say good night."

Loon census

The Loon Preservation Committee reported on Saturday, July 19 from 8-9 a.m., 566 volunteers simultaneously surveyed 135 lakes across New Hampshire for loons. Together, they counted 541 adult loons and 109 loon chicks during the census hour. The New Hampshire loon census is part of a larger regional effort. While N.H. partic-

ipants were out surveying for loons on their lakes, hundreds of volunteers in Maine, Vermont, and New York were doing the same. This simultaneous survey of so many lakes helps create a "snapshot in time" of not just the loon population here in New Hampshire, but across the Northeast.

Helping birds

A reader from South Hadley suggested I include a section about ways to help birds. She even provided several tips for future columns. Some people also continue to put out suet and that is so dangerous. It gets rancid in the heat and that's bad for birds. Perhaps even worse, it gets their feet and chest feathers greasy and when the preen, they spread the grease all over their bodies. This interferes with a bird's natural waterproofing and can also cause their nesting to be covered in grease.

Sandhill cranes

An Oakham resident saw two sandhill cranes in Barre on Aug. 14 in a field across from the Listening Center. Sandhill cranes also visit his field in Oakham as well.

Warren birds

The Brimfield resident said, "In Warren this week there are still adult ospreys about, on two visits I saw and adult on or near the nest. I have not seen a juvenile out of the nest so am not sure if any young fledged this year. I saw one chick in the nest earlier this summer and there is an eBird report from July with a picture of a fully grown chick in the nest with an adult. It's unknown if the chick fledged successfully?" In Warren at the pond on New Reed Street the past several years I had seen Great Egrets there in August but none have been seen there this year.

Cedar waxwings

The Brimfield resident in referring to recent mention in this column about cedar waxwings, said a large part of their diet is fruit based. He read an article that stated that because their diet is mostly fruit based that if a waxwing nest is parasitized by a brown-headed cowbird the cowbird chick is not likely to survive because it can't survive on the fruit based diet.

I visited the section of Ware River recently where my daughter has seen cedar waxwings and I was not disappointed. I stood and watched them fly over the water and into nearby trees. They moved so quickly I was unsuccessful in watching them through binoculars.

Bird bath

The Brimfield resident reports the bird bath in his yard is getting lots of use,

especially by catbirds and blue jays. Goldfinch show up and drink from the drip as well as black-capped chickadees, chipping sparrows and house finches.

Four juvenile raccoons are regular visitors to the bird bath. He has a trail camera near the bird bath and it captures lots of pictures of the raccoons in the bird bath. Not sure what they are doing, it doesn't look like they are drinking and sometime the stones in the bath are moved around. A couple of times he's seen a pickerel frog in the bird bath.

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

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is provided when you begin your online application.

When you are ready to submit the application, just select "Submit" and your application will be sent to SSA's application processing unit for review. They will contact you if there are any questions about your application or if any additional documentation is needed. Note that it typically takes a couple of months for your payments to start and note that payment is made in the month following the month earned. For example, if you begin your benefits in August your first payment will be received in September on either the second, third or fourth Wednesday of each month thereafter, depending on your birthday.

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checks except in rare circumstances.

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GARDEN

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ing scented geraniums – it should take just about a month.

Take cuttings now, before the plant starts prepping for winter (yes, plants do, too!), and you'll have better luck.

Plant some autumnal color. Mums and kale are at their peak at local garden centers now. Choose a plant that is healthy, free of brown leaves and with a root ball that fills the pot and isn't sunken away.

Use these plants to fill in places in the border where annuals have gone by, or, fill a container or two for a quick burst of fall at your front door. Die-hard gardeners have no problem staving off the onset of winter with a last minute plant installation.

Be sure to cover with a sheet if frost threatens, to prevent the flowers from being nipped. With careful watering and some good luck, the mums may even

return to the garden next season – just as we intend to!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

News, photo publication policy

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

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

Deadline is Friday at NOON.

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BLANDFORD

Blandford Fair takes place this holiday weekend



This exhibit of jams and jellies shows ribbon winners at the 2024 Blandford Fair.

File photo

BLANDFORD – The 156th Blandford Fair is this weekend, Friday, Aug. 29; Saturday, Aug. 30; Sunday, Aug. 31 and Monday, Sept. 1.

Premium books are available at the Blandford Country Store and also online at theblandfordfair.com.

The Demolition Derby will be both Friday, Aug. 29 and Saturday Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. The Horse Show is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 31 and Monday, Sept. 1.

Throughout the fair there will be many family events that will include

corn husking, a frozen T-shirt challenge, bale tossing, nail driving and more. A complete list of all family events is on the Fair's website by visiting theblandfordfair.com.

Adult admission is \$12, seniors and veterans \$8 and children 12 and under are free. Fair President Matt Ripley with Vice President Greg Girard and many volunteers have been working all summer to prepare the grounds, renovate the Agricultural Hall and worked on constructing a new pavilion for performances. The weather looks promising.

Cultural Council now seeking applications

BLANDFORD – Applications for cultural programming, which directly benefits the citizens of Blandford and neighboring Hilltown communities may be submitted now.

The deadline for all on-line submissions is Thursday, Oct. 16. According to Cultural Council Chair Sue Racine, programming includes concerts, plays, art shows, library programs and classes in the community and in-school and field trip cultural programming for the students at the Gateway Regional Schools.

Application forms for the 2026 round of grants and detailed information about completing submissions is available by visiting the Mass. Cultural Council website at massculturalcouncil.org/. Information is also available by emailing Blandford's Cultural Council at blandford-culturalcouncil@gmail.com.

The MCC awards \$7.5 million to 329 local councils, representing every city and town in the state.

Council on Aging breakfast features blueberries



Getting ready to serve breakfast Friday, August 22 are Judith MacKinnon, left and Susan Racine

BLANDFORD – Breakfast attendees enjoyed a blueberry French toast with surprise dollops of cream cheese at the Council on Aging's regular fourth Friday on Aug. 22.

Joann Martin's muffins, her distinctive creations, were also blue-

berry, but combined with cranberries, cherries and nuts. Fresh sections of cantaloupe complimented the breakfast.

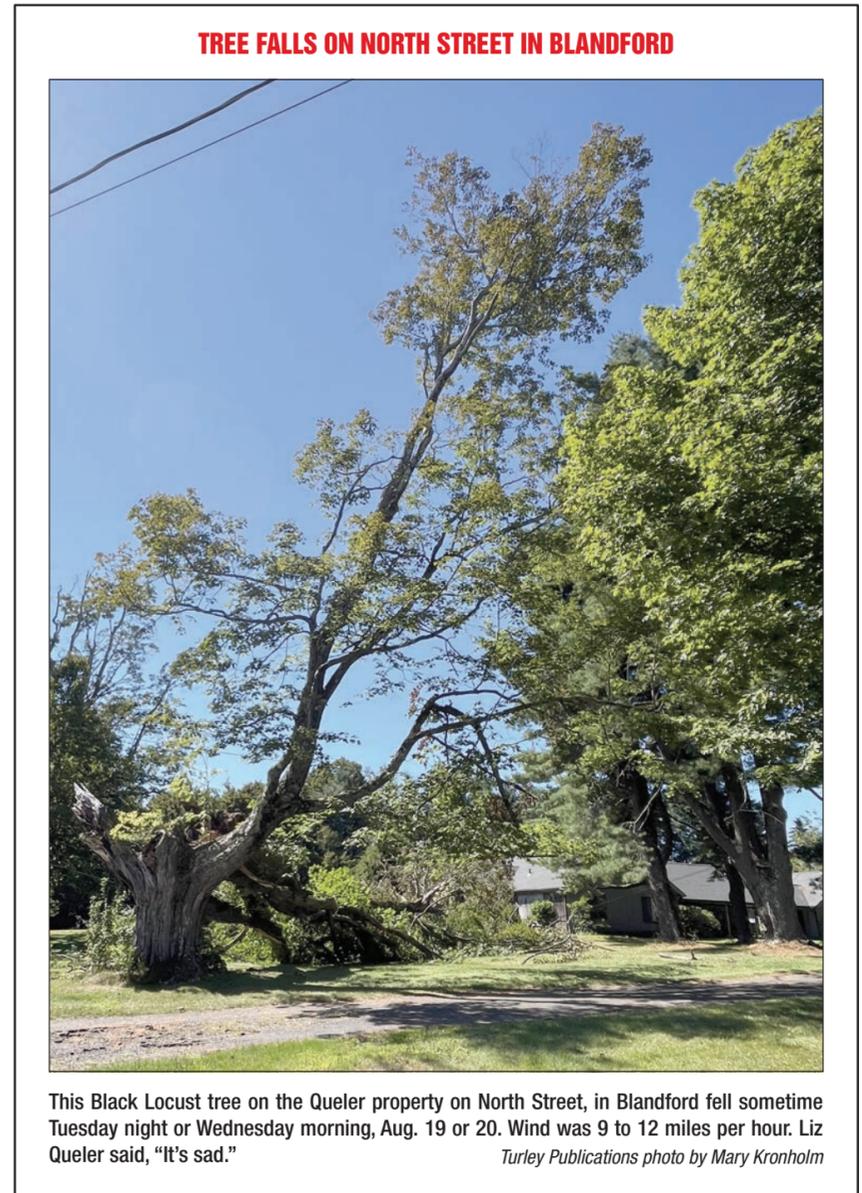
COA Director Margit Mikuski announced that the flu clinic is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 10. Details will be forthcoming.



Shown from left are Lorrie Bean, Fred Benda, George Forish and Bob Twyman at breakfast; Lorraine Bean back to camera.



Mary Mangini, Paul and Pam Dirschka and Wanda Deitner feast on blueberry French toast. Turley Publications Photos by Mary Kronholm



TREE FALLS ON NORTH STREET IN BLANDFORD

This Black Locust tree on the Queler property on North Street, in Blandford fell sometime Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, Aug. 19 or 20. Wind was 9 to 12 miles per hour. Liz Queler said, "It's sad."

Turley Publications photo by Mary Kronholm

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from Wildcat Springs, Charlie's Garage, Brookside Lodge, Rest-A-While rooms and Chester Bank. There is also an antique printing press and other miscellaneous items including a box containing literacy tests that were once required for voters. An article passed in 1857 required Massachusetts voters to prove they were able to read a section of the U.S. Constitution and show that they could also sign their names. While this law is still on the books, it was overridden by the Federal

Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibited the practice of literacy tests.

Upcoming fundraisers for the museum include a Cemetery Tour on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. in the Pine Hill Cemetery. Attendees will visit the historic graves in the older section of the cemetery. The rain date will be Sunday, Oct. 26 at the same time. Their annual Snowflake Craft Show fundraiser is also coming up and will be held the first Saturday in November – Nov. 1 at Chester Town Hall,

15 Middlefield Road.

Dedicated to the preservation of Chester's heritage and historical buildings, the Chester Historical Society meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Old Jail on Route 20, from 9-11 a.m. More information is on the Society's website by visiting www.chestermass.com.

Anyone wishing to visit the Chester History Museum after Sunday, Sept. 28 may arrange an appointment by emailing HistoricalSociety@chestermass.com.

SELECT BOARD

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will be determined. This committee will focus on the three energy projects proposed: Eversource Expansion, Solar Field Builds in town and Battery Energy Storage System. Chair Cara Letendre said she would put togeth-

er information on how the monthly department meetings should be conducted.

Bicentennial Park In a discussion about Bicentennial Park, George Reichert reminded the board that he had provided information about a hose, fer-

tilizer etc. earlier this year. The landscaper increased his work at the park to twice a month for an additional \$600. According to Reichert, there needs to be a plan for the care of plants and bulbs and watering the azaleas, a routine maintenance.



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CHESTER

Library lists upcoming events

CHESTER – Story and Fun Time is held every Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Hamilton Memorial Library, 195 West Main St.

This is a great opportunity for little ones to socialize, learn new skills and have some fun. On Saturday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. the library hosts New England UFOs: We welcome television celebrity and author, Ronnie LaBlanc from the Discovery Channel's show, Expedition Bigfoot, the show Paranormal Caught on Camera and New England UFOs at the Chester Town Hall, 15 Middlefield Road. LaBlanc's enthusiasm and personal experiences create an interesting evening that will leave people looking towards the sky. People should RSVP by calling 413-

354-7808.

The Book Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. On Wednesday, Sept. 17, they will be discussing the novel, "Mrs. Quinn's Rise to Fame" by Olivia Ford. This story follows an older woman, who decides to do something for herself. She wins a spot on a TV baking show which catapults her into the spotlight and impacts her marriage of fifty-nine years. There will be snacks and lively discussion. Extra book copies are available. On Thursday, Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. Intrinsic Movement-Let's Play, Learn and Dance with special guest, Laurel Lenski will take place during the regular Story and Fun Time. Lenski always gets the fun going with her conta-

gious enthusiasm and energy. This program is perfect for younger patrons.

On Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10:30 a.m. Kay Judge of Blue Sky Wellness will hold a broom making program. She will help people create their own small broom using natural broom corn and hemp cord while teaching about the history of broom making in Western Massachusetts. Materials will be provided. Pre-registration is required and the program is limited to the first ten participants to sign up. People should RSVP by calling 413-354-7808.

The Great Inflatable Race happens on Saturday Oct. 25. People may get their inflatable costume ready for some fun. More details will follow.

GOSHEN

Goshen Council on Aging announces programs

GOSHEN – The Council on Aging will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Williamsburg Snack Bar, 109 Main St. Haydenville.

This month for lunch they will meet at the Williamsburg Snack Bar and please note earlier time. Those attending will order off their extensive menu and enjoy some time together in this local restaurant. People should call Kerry at 413-268-9354 by Tuesday, Sept. 2 to let her know they are coming.

A painting class with Lena Garcia will run nine weeks starting Thursday, Sept. 18. The COA is excited to have Lena back to teach an acrylic painting class.

Participants will work on developing traditional painting methods including color mixing/theory, value, line, shape, and "seeing" what they are painting. Students will complete two to three paintings during class time, working at their own speed and comfort level.

No experience is necessary. All materials and supplies will be provided and Garcia is a skilled and gentle teacher. People may sign up with Lena by visiting www.lenagarcia.com or, if they do not have access to a computer, they may call Kerry at 413-268-9354 and she will help them sign up. Class size is limited so

reserve a spot now.

On Wednesday, Sept. 3 Crafts Group meets this month in the Goshen Public Library, 42 Main St. People may bring their own craft project to work on in community with others. The group has a lot of talent, who love to share ideas. If they have an idea for a craft or art project they'd like to try, let the COA know. They might be able to gather the supplies needed.

On Thursday, Sept. 4 from 9-10 a.m. there will be a last Tilton Trek 4 at Tilton Town Farm. Participants will walk around the grounds and/or on the trails for a bit of exercise. The September breezes will be blowing and maybe some leaves will be changing. People should bring their own water bottle. Rain or extreme heat will cancel this walk.

On Friday, Sept. 5 Community Connections meet from 10-11 a.m. Last month they had to cancel because it was wet and cold. They will meet outside at the new accessible picnic table that sits in the shade. People should either call 413-268-8236, extension 118 or email coa@goshen-ma.us if they plan to attend or for more information. The COA will have snacks and drinks to share and some fun conversation. Croquet will be set up and the group will play a modified version of the game

together.

On Tuesdays, Sept. 16 and 23 Highland Valley Elder Service offers grab and go lunches to the Goshen COA on the third and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Participants pick up their hot lunch at the Goshen Town Hall, 42 Main St. from 12:30-1 p.m.

The lunch for Tuesday, Sept. 16 is a choice of egg salad or chicken salad and the choice for Tuesday, Sept. 23 is chicken stew or broccoli quiche. The meals also include milk, vegetables and dessert. There is a suggested \$4 donation given to Highland Valley Elder Service to offset the cost of the meal. People should call Kerry at 413-268-9354 if they would like to sign up to get these nutritious and delicious meals.

On Wednesday, Sept. 17 Games Group will meet in the library from 2-4 p.m. They have a variety of games to choose from and they will also have cards. People may also bring their favorite game and teach others how to play. Weather permitting they will meet in the park across from Town Hall.

On Thursday, Sept. 18 Technology Help will be available in the library from noon-2 p.m. People can ask questions regarding their computer, phone, tablet or any other technology related questions. The tech help will do their best to help.

DONKEY KEEPS AN EYE ON THE FAIR GROUNDS



This donkey known as "Mr. Ed" was part of the petting zoo at the Littleville Fair held in Chester Aug. 1 to Aug. 3. *Turley Publications photo by Deborah Daniels*

BESS

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plexity in rural terrain.

While the developer states that the fire suppression strategy is "let it burn" under control to prevent energy buildup, containers vent gases upward and are built to contain chemical exposure ongoing operations will involve minimal traffic and low water use.

The Fire Department

is reviewing fire and safety design as more information is released; requesting training, gear, access planning, and response coordination.

The Fire Department is not a position for or against the project at this stage and the department will continue to update the community as information becomes available.

Dolby said, in his statement, "This is a new type of facility for Blandford, and it's normal to have questions. We encourage respectful discussion and fact-based engagement."

For any questions about fire safety, contact the Fire Department at 413-848-4279 ext. 600 and leave a message.



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CUMMINGTON



An attendee takes a look at the John Deere and Farmhall antique tractors on display at the Cummington Fair.



Fair goers make their way through the Cummington Fair. The midway is seen in the background.



These Brown Swiss young stock lay down in the cattle barn at the Cummington Fair. *Turley Publications photos by Deborah Daniels*



An exhibitor grabs the yoke for his team of oxen.



Vegetables are on display at the Cummington Fair.



Yoked oxen wait to enter the show ring.

RUSSELL

Russell Public Library announces September events

RUSSELL – The Russell Public Library, 162 Main St., is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3-7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The library will be closed Monday, Sept. 2 due to the Labor Day holiday. People may borrow from the “Library of Things,” which include early childhood toys, yard games for an outdoor event and a discount card from the Amelia Park Children’s Museum. The library will be adding new tools, small appliances and electronic items. Items must be checked out and returned in person at the Russell Public Library.

Adult Monthly Book Club meets on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 6-8 p.m. The book is “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby VanPelt. Books are available at the library now. People may register by email to rpldirector162@gmail.com, call 413-862-6221 and leave a message or come in and sign up at the library by Monday, Sept. 8. The next Book Club will be on Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 6-8 p.m. and the book will be “Heartwood.”

On Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 6-8 p.m. there will be an adult craft night with Tammy Sanderson. There is no fee, all materials will be provided to make a one of a kind treasure. There is a ten person limit

so people should register by email rpldirector@townofrussell.us, call 413-862-6221 and leave a message or come in and sign up at the library by Friday, Sept. 12.

Starting this month, a bimonthly, Mom’s Feel-Good Fiction Book Club, begins on Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 5-6 p.m. The book is “Windfallen” by JoJo Moyes.

Children may join Miss Dawne on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10:30 a.m.-noon for “Star Light, Star Bright.” They will read and learn about the night sky and design Glow in the Dark Constellation Tees. There is no fee. They should register by email rpldirector@townofrussell.us, call 413-862-6221

and leave a message or come in and sign up at the library by Wednesday, Sept. 17.

A family event “Eyes to the Skies,” will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. With a waxing crescent moon aglow and Saturn at its brightest, join the Russell Public Library, WMA AMC Outings and the Springfield Naturalist Club to behold the wonders of the early fall sky using the library’s new telescope from the library of things. This event will take place behind the Russell Public Library.

Families are invited to join a guided reading of the book “Look Up.” on the Library’s StoryWalk® beginning at 6:30 p.m., spon-

sored by the Hilltown Family Center, as well as other in the dark activities for children. There will be popcorn and cider for all. Participants should wear layers, bring a headlamp or flashlight, folding chair and or a blanket. Mostly cloudy or rainy conditions will postpone this event to Saturday, Sept. 27. Register by email rpldirector@townofrussell.us, call 413-862-6221 and leave a message, or come in and sign up at the library by Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Game Night for tween and teens is held every Friday. All games and snacks will be provided, participants are welcome to join anytime during library hours on Fridays from 3-7 p.m.

Council On Aging set to host marketplace Sept. 6

RUSSELL – The Russell Council on Aging coordinator announces the COA Marketplace on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 65 Main St.

There will be a tag sale, bake sale, crafters and a little bit of everything. Vendor sites are still available. People may call the COA at 413-862-6217 or email coa@townofrussell.us.

WILLIAMSBURG

Williamsburg Porchfest set to take place on Sept. 13

WILLIAMSBURG – The Williamsburg Cultural Council announces the first ever Williamsburg Porchfest, Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in the center of Williamsburg.

Admission is free for all. Event will take place rain or shine. Indoor venues will be used in case of inclement weather.

The town will come alive with the soulful sounds of local talent as the first ever Williamsburg Porchfest graces the charming porches of downtown. Held in conjunction with the annual Grange Fair, community members and visitors alike are welcome to stroll along Main

Street and enjoy free, live performances from a diverse lineup of musicians.

Modeled on other porchfests throughout the country, musicians will play outside various venues in the center of town including the Grange, market, library, and local businesses. The porchfest movement started in 2007 in Ithaca, New York, as community driven music festivals where neighbors open their porches for free performances in a vibrant celebration of local talent and togetherness.

Performers will include: Louise Coombe, Michael Ewen Madden, Paired Down, Stephen Katz, Holly

Muñoz, Sing along with Jennifer Black, Stellaluna, Don Chiulli, Wild Thyme and Electric Castle.

Performances coincide with the annual Williamsburg Grange Fair, with displays of locally grown produce and hand-crafts, craft vendors and baked goods and lunch for sale. Food will be also be available from local establishments.

Major sponsors include: Exhibit A Brewery, Williamsburg Market, Tangle Chocolate and Local Burgy.

For the schedule of events, people may visit website at <https://www.williamsburgporchfest.com>.

EASTHAMPTON

Riverside Industries, Inc. receives \$250K grant

BOSTON – The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced \$one million in grants to five organizations through the Executive Office of Economic Development’s Social Enterprise Capital Grant Program, which funds nonprofits focused on hiring and assisting people who face barriers to employment.

Riverside Industries (Easthampton) - \$250,000

Riverside Industries Inc. of Easthampton received a grant for \$250,000. It will renovate its production department, which employs individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities alongside non-disabled community members

to conduct quality control, packaging and shipping for local businesses. This renovation will make the social enterprise more accessible by relocating the Production Department to a larger ground-floor space and upgrading essential infrastructure such as flooring, electrical, plumbing, sprinkler systems and other equipment.

The Social Enterprise Grant Program invests in organizations that open doors to opportunity,” said Interim Secretary of Economic Development Ashley Stolba. “By funding organizations that hire and train people facing barriers to employment, we’re helping individuals build brighter futures, strengthen-

ing our workforce, and supporting communities across Massachusetts.”

Social Enterprise Capital Grants support the purchase, repair, renovation and improvement of the facilities of nonprofit businesses that both sell goods or services and provide paid employment and supportive services to individuals facing significant barriers to employment. Eligible organizations must offer paid work opportunities to low-income individuals, with priority given to socially and economically disadvantaged populations who require intensive support. Under the Healey-Driscoll Administration, the program has awarded \$7 million to 13 communities.

MONTEREY

Museum hosts talk on 18th century chocolate

MONTEREY – People may learn about the incredible role that chocolate played in the pivotal events leading up to the American Revolution with Michele Gabrielson on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 2 p.m. in the Bidwell House Museum, 100 Art School Road.

Cost is \$20 members and \$30 for non-members. This program is being held at the Bidwell House Museum. Due to limited space and to ensure enough chocolate samples, tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Accompanied by a table prepared with items crucial to the story of the 18th century chocolate production, historian and educator Michele Gabrielson takes the audience on a journey from “bean to beverage.” While telling this incredible tale, Gabrielson will also share items of important material culture in the history of chocolate; including cacao beans, a grindstone, spices and period printed materials that advertise the consumption and sale of chocolate. This, along with the added option of sampling chocolate that would have been enjoyed by colonial Bostonians, is sure to leave a lasting impression on the audience.

Michele Gabrielson is a local history teacher and historic interpreter of the 18th century. She specializes in interpreting the history of colonial women printers, the stories of loyalist refugees, and of 18th century chocolate makers.

Most recently, she has taken on building a first-person impression of the revolutionary playwright and poet Mercy Otis Warren. Michele additionally serves on several historical committees dedicated to helping preserve the history of colonial America, is a member of the Authenticity



“(Bitter)sweet History: 18th Century Chocolate and the American Revolution” with Michele Gabrielson, will be held at the Bidwell House Museum on Sept. 6 at 2 p.m. Due to limited space, tickets must be purchased in advance. *Courtesy photo by Michele Gabrielson*

Standards Committee for Minuteman National Historic Park and is the coordinator for the Battle Road Guides for the annual reenactment of the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

She was recently awarded a 2024 Rising Star Award for Public History by the Massachusetts History Alliance for her programming titled, “The Revolutionary Classroom” and named a finalist for the 2024 Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year. She was additionally awarded the 2025 Teacher of the Year from the Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution and the Outstanding Teacher of 2025 Award from the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.

For more information

and to register online, click here: <https://www.bidwell-housemuseum.org/event/bittersweet-history-18th-century-chocolate-and-the-american-revolution/>

The Bidwell House Museum 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., 1p.m. or 3 p.m. Tours can be booked by calling 413-528-6888 or emailing bidwellhm2@gmail.com. The Museum grounds, 194 acres of woods, fields, historic stonewalls, self-guided trails and picnic sites, are open every day, dawn until dusk, free of charge.

The program of events can be found by visiting the museum’s website at www.bidwellhousemuseum.org.

SCHOOLS & YOUTH

Christopher Jamieson completes Intensive Research Project

WORCESTER – Christopher Jamieson of Easthampton, a member of the class of 2026 majoring in mechanical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, was a member of a student team that recently completed a professional-level research-driven project titled “STEAM Implementation at Tower Bridge.”

Known as the Interactive Qualifying Project, this project is a core part of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI. Centered around project-based learning, this hands-on approach offers students opportunities to help develop thoughtful solutions to open-ended

problems. These real-world problems affect the quality of life for people in the communities where students work, giving students a chance to make a difference in the world before they graduate. All WPI undergraduates are required to complete an IQP, usually in their junior year, through which they apply science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of WPI students complete their IQP at one of the university’s 50+ off-campus project centers located in more than 30 countries around the world.

“The WPI project-based curriculum’s focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their

comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems,” said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of International and Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. “Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture—from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat, all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today’s global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application.”

Clark Art Institute hosts Night at the Clark for college students

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Wednesday, Sept. 3, the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., hosts “Night at the Clark,” an evening of special activities and exclusive gallery access to celebrate the arrival of the Class of 2029 to the Berkshires.

Students from Williams College, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Berkshire Community College, Bennington College, State University of New York at Albany, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Smith College and more are invited to come together to explore, connect and make memories on the Clark’s campus.

Activities on Sept. 3 include On Air with WCFM 91.9 and Belltower Records from 5-7 p.m. at the reflecting pool lawn; Print Room Pop-Up Exhibition: Paper Trails of the Clark’s Collection from

5-7 p.m. in Manton Study Center; press on the

move with with Melanie Mowinski from 5-7 p.m. at Manton Research Center; Pages to Pins: Button-Making Workshop from 5-7 p.m. at Manton Research Center reading room; From Ground to Cup: Lemon Balm, Milky Oats and Catnip from 5:30-7 p.m. Schow Pond with herbalist Rebecca Guanzon; Mariel Capanna: Giornata Rapid Painting at 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Family Room; A Room of Her Own Embroidery Workshop from 6-8 p.m. at Clark Center lower lobby; Berenice Abbott’s Modern Lens Curator-led Tour at 6:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. in the Eugene V. Thaw Gallery; Works in Progress: Astral Sea Performance with Tsedaye Makonnen and Williams College 7:15 p.m. on Fernández Terrace; Outdoor Film: Night at the Museum (2006) from 8-10 p.m. on the Reflecting Pool

Lawy and Stargazing & S’mores

8-10 p.m. Thomas Shütte’s Crystal, Stone Hill

Berenice Abbott’s Modern Lens Curator-led Tour and Mariel Capanna: Giornata Rapid Painting require a free ticket that can be collected by students at the main admissions desk. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 5 p.m.

All activities are free. No registration is required to attend Night at the Clark. Select timed activities require a free ticket that can be collected by students at the main admissions desk. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 5 p.m. Food from the outdoor grill is available for purchase until 8 p.m. For accessibility questions, students may call 413-4580524. To view the full schedule of activities and learn more, students may visit clarkart.edu/events.

CHESTERFIELD

HHC offers easy ride program

CHESTERFIELD – Residents of the Hilltowns, age 60 years plus handicap, disabled, a Highland Valley Elder Service consumer or a patient at the Hilltown Health Center in need of transportation to important medical appointments, services and access to healthy food are eligible for the Hilltown Easy Ride and Driver Pool program.

The program operates two vans in partnership with Franklin Regional Transit Authority and they have a handicap accessible van of their own. They have a small pool of folks, who will provide transportation with their personal vehicles too. They are looking for drivers. They should reach out to the Program Coordinator by calling 413-296-4232.

The Hilltown Small Business Program offers a workshop on starting a cottage kitchen business on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 5 p.m. at 387 Main Road, Chesterfield. This program is free, but registration is required. To register, people may email Joan Griswold at joang@hilltowncdc.org or call 413-296-4536, extension 102.

STOCKBRIDGE

SBPHC hold mobile vaccine clinics

STOCKBRIDGE – The Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative announces the launch of its fall 2025 Mobile Vaccine Clinic series, offering convenient access to flu and COVID-19 vaccinations at community buildings and schools throughout Southern Berkshire County.

These clinics will provide the following vaccines: regular-dose flu for individuals aged 6 months and older, high-dose flu for individuals aged 65 and older, updated COVID-19 for individuals aged 65 or older and updated COVID-19 for individuals with underlying medical conditions that make them high risk for illness. SBPHC encourages anyone who believes they may be eligible, based on the above, to register and adjustments can be made once the final eligibility criteria becomes clear.

Registration is required and can be completed in one of two ways: People may visit online at <https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/>

tritown and select their preferred clinic location or call SBPHC at 413-243-5540, extension 109 for assistance with registration.

While flu and COVID-19 vaccines are provided at no cost, individuals are asked to bring their insurance card to both registration and the clinic appointment. If they experience difficulty entering insurance information online, they may select “No Insurance” and bring their card to the clinic.

SBPHC offers in-home vaccination services for individuals, who are unable to easily leave their house. They should call 413-243-5540, extension 109 or email Jill Sweet, Public Health Nurse, at jill@tritownhealth.org. People may visit www.southernberkshirehealth.com for the schedule.

Local clinics include: Tuesday, Sept. 30 from 3-6 p.m. at W.E. Dubois, 313 Monument Valley Road, Great Barrington; Monday, Oct. 6 from 2-4 p.m. Housy Dome, 1064 Main St.,

Housatonic; Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 3-6 p.m. at Lee Middle High School, 300 Greylock St., Lee; Thursday, Oct. 9 from 3-6 p.m. at Lenox Memorial Middle/High School, 197 East Street, Lenox; Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m.-4p.m. at Monterey Town Library, 452 Main Road, Monterey; Thursday, Oct. 16 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Lee Senior Center, 23 Crossway, Lee; Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Sandisfield Old Town Hall, 3 Silverbuck Road, Sandisfield; Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Stockbridge Town Hall, 50 Main St., Stockbridge; Thursday, Oct. 23 from 1-3 p.m. at Claire Teague Senior Center, 917 Main St., Great Barrington; Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Otis Town Hall, 1 North Main Road Otis and Thursday, Nov. 30 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Farmington River School District, 555 North Main Road, Otis.

WORTHINGTON

Parks and Rec install stream crossing signs

WORTHINGTON – The Park and Recreation Committee with the help of numerous volunteers, spearheaded by J.P. Welch, completed putting up 34

stream crossing signs throughout town.

All the materials for the project was fully funded by the Wild and Scenic Westfield River

Committee.

Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Committee and all the volunteers, who did the assembly and installation.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Worthington Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Worthington Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing in response to a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) regarding a proposed dirt bike race to be held at 159 Cummington Road.

The Hearing will be held **Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM** in the Selectboard meeting room at Town Hall, 160 Huntington Road.

08/28/2025

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 25 SM 001641 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Nichole E. Bruneau Destiny Santiago

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq)

Nationstar Mortgage LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Huntington, numbered 7 Stanton Avenue, given by **Nichole E. Bruneau and Destiny Santiago** to “MERS” Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for Mortgage Network, Inc.; “Lender” and its successors and assigns, dated June 16, 2022, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14587, Page 5, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’

Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 9/29/2025 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 8/12/2025

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

08/28/2025

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Westhampton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.**, on a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by Hilltown Land Trust. The proposed invasive plant (Phragmites) management area is within wetland Resource Area buffer zones. The RDA will be available for public inspection at Town Hall or via email request to [mail@westhamptonma.gov](mailto:westhamptonma.gov)

08/28/2025

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT Town of Chesterfield Notice of Public Tree Hearing Notice is hereby given pursu-

ant to MGL c.87, §3 concerning the cutting of Public Shade Trees; a Public Tree Hearing will be held on **Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Office, 422 Main Road, Chesterfield.** The purpose of this Hearing is to allow public input regarding the proposed tree removals on Damon Pond Road. Tree removal is requested due to the upcoming North Road & Damon Pond Road Reconstruction Project. The twenty-one (21) trees are marked with orange ribbon, located starting three poles from North Road and ending opposite Don Emerson Rd., and are various types ranging in size from 9” to 30”. They include: Five-Sugar Maple Trees (2 at 22”, 1 at 18”, 26” and 30”); Two Maple Trees (1 at 10” and 1 at 15”); Three Ash Trees (1 at 10”, 18” and 20”); One Beech Tree at 8”; One Hop Hornbeam Tree at 10”; Two Black Birch Trees (1 at 18” and 16”); One Cherry Tree at 16”; Five Red Maple Tree (4 at 14” and 1 at 10”); and Spruce Tree at 20”, which is dead. For questions call the Tree Warden at 413-238-5976.

Chris Ryan, Chesterfield Tree Warden 08/21, 08/28/2025

Town of Worthington Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Worthington Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing in response to a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) regarding the proposed work associated with the drilling of a new well and replacement of the septic tank at 52 Patterson Road.

The Hearing will be held **Thursday, September 11, 2025,**

at **7:15 PM** in the Selectboard meeting room at Town Hall, 160 Huntington Road. 08/28/2025

TOWN OF BLANDFORD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to MGL, Ch. 40A Sec. 9 the Blandford Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Blandford Town Offices, 1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford, MA 01008 at 6:05 pm on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. This hearing is scheduled under the following Blandford Zoning By-Laws: Section VIII – Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations and Section IX – Site Plan Review and Special Permits. The Hearing is to consider the application for a request for a Site Plan Review and Special Permit for Gibbs Brook, LLC, solar photovoltaic installation with battery energy storage system, located at 30 Huntington Road and Huntington Road Off (Map 416, Parcels 10, 11 & 12) in Blandford, MA 01008.

The Applicant is proposing the installation of a large-scale ground-mount PV solar facility with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and a gravel access driveway that would utilize an existing entrance from Huntington Road. The system will be rated at 2.8MW (DC) and will consist of PV modules attached to a Single-axis tracker racking system. This system slowly rotates the modules as they track the path of the sun during the day, allowing for greater efficiency and fewer modules.

The completed application and plans are available for public inspection at the Town Offices or on the Town of Blandford’s website: <https://townofblandford.com/planning-board-project-details/>

You may also make an appointment to view a hard copy of these forms at the Town Hall by e-mailing the Planning Board Chair at planning@townofblandford.com.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should join the virtual meeting as outlined above or e-mail the chair at: planning@townofblandford.com. Please submit comments, in writing, to the Blandford Planning Board at 1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford, MA 01008. Failure to make recommendations on the matter for review shall be deemed lack of opposition thereto.

Edna Wilander, Vice Chair, Blandford Planning Board 08/28, 09/04/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD25P1714EA Estate of: Joanne T Hebert Also known as: Joanne Hebert Date of Death: 05/21/2025 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Robert J Kidrick, Jr. of Westfield, 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: **Robert J Kidrick, Jr. of Westfield, 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 09/16/2025.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

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HOUSATONIC

Berkshire Pulse holds fall class registrations

HOUSATONIC – Berkshire Pulse, South County's dynamic dance and performing arts education center located in the heart of Housatonic, announces its fall session of in-studio classes and programs for students of all ages, abilities and experience.

Classes take place at Pulse's studios on third floor of 420 Park St. The fall session begins Monday, Sept. 8 and runs through Sunday, Dec. 14. Course list and registration is now available by visiting berkshirepulse.org/courselist.

Berkshire Pulse is a welcoming, inclusive studio offering session-long and drop-in classes for youth, teens and adults, in addition to in-school community programs, artist residencies and studio rentals. With classes in ballet, modern, hip hop,

musical theater, tap, jazz, African, flamenco, drumming and more, Pulse has something for everyone.

Pulse's Youth Performing Arts Program provides an in-depth, interdisciplinary learning experience to young dancers ages four to 18 from throughout the Berkshires and tri-state area. From the start of their training, students are introduced to dance practice with an equal emphasis on technical development as well as artistic exploration. PAP's after-school, weekend, and summer training supports youth creative expression, self-confidence, collaboration, and community engagement.

Pulse's Community Class Program offers inter-generational classes and workshops for adults with no long term commitment - students may attend class-

es weekly throughout the session, or drop in anytime! Teens are also welcome to participate in Community Classes based on age and previous dance experience. This fall, Pulse is thrilled to introduce a new, highly requested "Hip Hop for Absolute Beginners" class with Jody Greene, "Salsa Partner Work and Social Dance" series with Prashad Abeysinghe and much more!

As families begin registering for YPAP classes and renewing their Community Class Passes this fall, we invite them to PAY IT FORWARD by making a gift to the Pulse's Tuition Assistance program. By doing so, they can help make space for a neighbor or friend to join them in experiencing the joy of movement, community, and creative expression. Every donation made to the TA

program ensures that all of our students can continue their dance journey with Pulse.

Over 1,000 students have benefitted from the TA program, a reflection of Pulse's long-standing commitment to never turning away a student for an inability. Tuition assistance is available for all in-studio programs, with 50-100% tuition waivers offered through Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture program for families with a valid EBT, WIC, or ConnectorCare cards. More information about Pulse's Tuition Assistance program and how someone can support their pay it forward campaign can be found on their website berkshirepulse.org/pay-it-forward.

Berkshire Pulse brings people together to move, create, and connect. Visit

the Berkshire Pulse website to learn more about class offerings, teacher bios, travel/parking information, accessibility, and more at berkshirepulse.org. New and returning students should contact the front desk with any questions by calling 413-274-6624 or emailing berkshire.pulse@gmail.com.

Berkshire Pulse is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1995 by Bettina Montano dedicated to building and strengthening community life through diverse and accessible programming in performing, movement, and creative arts. By promoting participation in these educational and health-sustaining activities, they enrich the lives of families and individuals of all ages throughout the region. For more information, people may visit <http://berkshirepulse.org/>.

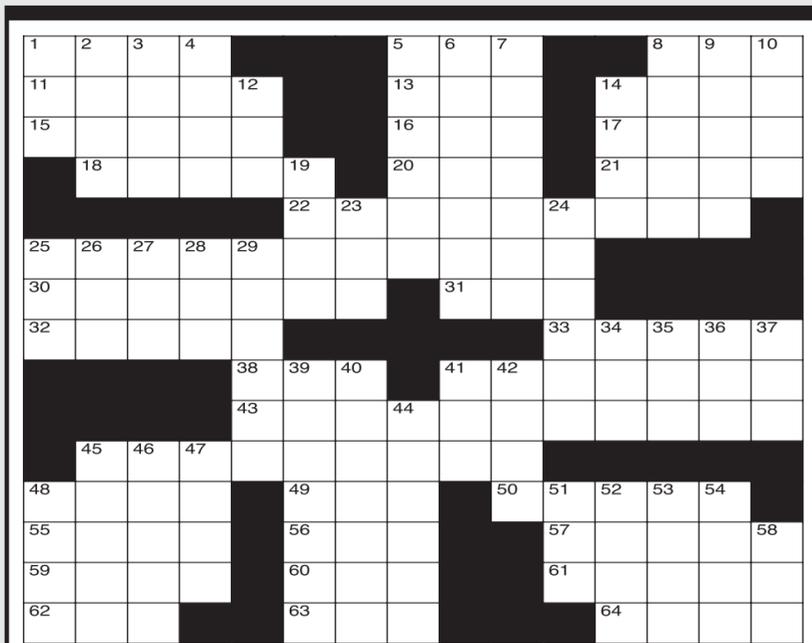
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Taxis
- 5. Space Systems Command
- 8. Plant seed by scattering
- 11. Alliances
- 13. Fiddler crabs
- 14. Heroic tale
- 15. Yemen capital
- 16. Misleading gesture
- 17. Cain and ___
- 18. Simple shoe
- 20. Hundredweight
- 21. Children's toy in the snow
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Free of deceit
- 30. Performed a dance
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Exaggerated
- 33. Refrain from inflicting

- 38. A doctrine
- 41. Can be subdued
- 43. A place to bathe
- 45. Land used for pasture
- 48. Curved piece of iron
- 49. Automobile
- 50. Fencing sword
- 55. Breezes through
- 56. Child
- 57. NBA legend
- 59. Horsley and lacocca are two
- 60. Midway between northeast and east
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. U.S. leader during much of WW2
- 63. Lair
- 64. Fibrous material

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Home of "60 Minutes"
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. ___ fide: legitimate
- 4. Immune response
- 5. Assistance and support
- 6. Glared
- 7. Spanish saloon
- 8. Pitch black
- 9. S-shaped lines
- 10. Statistical test
- 12. ___ Paulo, city
- 14. Graduation garb
- 19. A way to record
- 23. Not good
- 24. Weather events
- 25. A pituitary hormone
- 26. Jamie Foxx film
- 27. Rocker's accessory
- 28. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 29. One who obtains pleasure from another's pain
- 34. Consume
- 35. Licensed for Wall Street
- 36. Sick
- 37. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 39. Removed the husk
- 40. Mass of rocks and sediment
- 41. Two-year-old sheep
- 42. Area units
- 44. Prison overseer
- 45. Walked
- 46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier
- 47. Tax
- 48. 50 percent
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Tattle
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Resist authority (slang)
- 58. Egg of a louse

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPES

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

You are likely to experience a week full of thoughtfulness and introspection. You are searching for a new source for self-fulfillment, and may be inspired by another's ideas.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

The plan may have been to stay isolated until you get all of your tasks done, Cancer. But those closest to you have some other ideas; they might invade your quiet cocoon.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Right now you might not feel you are in the correct place in your profession. Is your current role too restrictive or does it not challenge your skills? You might want to start looking around for new challenges.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Something unusual may happen to you this week, Capricorn. Be ready for the unexpected. This also is a good time to tie up some loose ends that you have been overlooking.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Now is the time to identify your priorities. Figure out what you want or would prefer to do before you start taking any steps forward. This is the only way to get satisfaction.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, there's more than one way to approach a project. Remain receptive to new ideas and take time to think things through before choosing a path forward.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, now is a great time to take the bull by the horns. An opportunity to be assertive and take on a leadership role presents itself this week. You're ready.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

There is nothing to stop you from asking for help from time to time, Aquarius. While you certainly enjoy the satisfaction of getting things done, assistance is necessary from time to time.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your independent streak may need to be tempered in the days ahead. Teamwork is the name of the game so make a concerted effort to be a good team player.

SAGITTARIUS

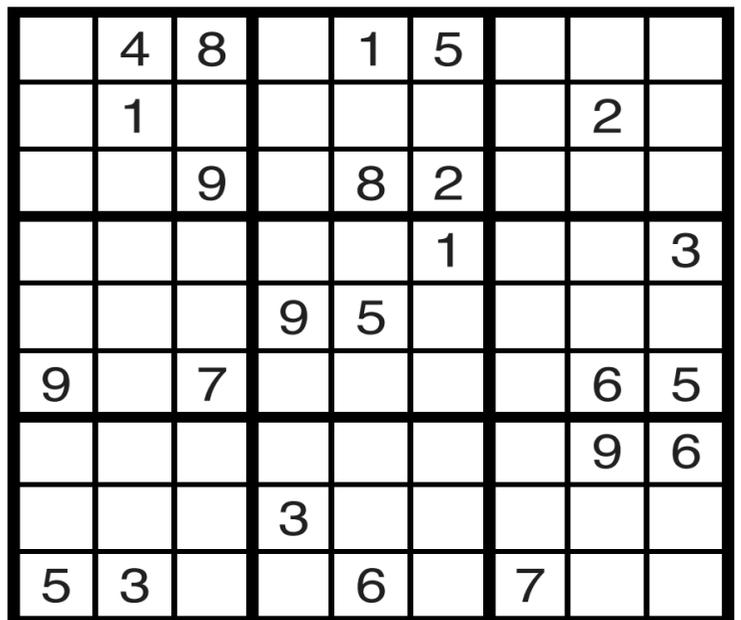
Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may be taking stock of your professional life and goals. Be sure you plan accordingly to balance the work side with your personal needs.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Hard work is starting to pay notable dividends, Pisces. Enjoy the fruits of your labors, but remember to keep your nose to the grindstone.



SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

answers

T	S	V	B	N	D	R	S	F
I	B	B	V	R	E	N	E	L
N	L	L	V	D	K	I	S	O
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L	L	L	W	O	S	C	S	S

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

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