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Harvest Fair fun



Nova Ryan, age 4, wears fairy wings at the Huntington Harvest Fair held on the Town Common on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Photos by Wendy Long



Gateway Regional High School sophomores, Grace Renauld and Ana Holmes, held a bake sale for the Class of 2026 at the Huntington Harvest Fair.



Landon and Lucas LeBeau take part in the pumpkin and face painting activities at the Huntington Harvest Fair.

HUNTINGTON

Housing listening session takes place Oct. 11

By Wendy Long
Correspondent

The second listening session by the Age and Dementia-Friendly Working Group, in concert with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at Stanton Hall, 26 Russell Road.

"Housing" and "Aging in Place" for older adults will be the topic for this session.

This is part of a grant-funded project to look at priorities for the town to be a community where senior citizens-and those with dementia-can age. At this session, area residents are invited to weigh in on issues such as whether or not the town needs more senior housing options or support services for elders living alone.

The final listening session will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 15 and will cover topics related to health and community services, communications and public safety.

Members are still sought for the

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Highway Department receives kudos

By Mary Kronholm
Correspondent

George Reichert told the Select Board Monday that he "wanted to recognize good work," and had compliments for the Highway Department.

He said he knew that the Highway Department had been working on dirt roads at the end of the summer, and said, "Blair Road held up marvelously during this last rain storm." Reichert is a Blair Road resident. He said that he had recorded over two-and-a-half inches of rain.

Culvert work
Highway Superintendent

David Waldron told the board he was not aware of any applicants for the opening he has. Northern Tree will be in town on Russell Stage Road working on trees.

There was only one contractor that came to the Gibbs Road culvert meeting. Culvert work on South Street will be done this week and Waldron does not expect it will take more than a day.

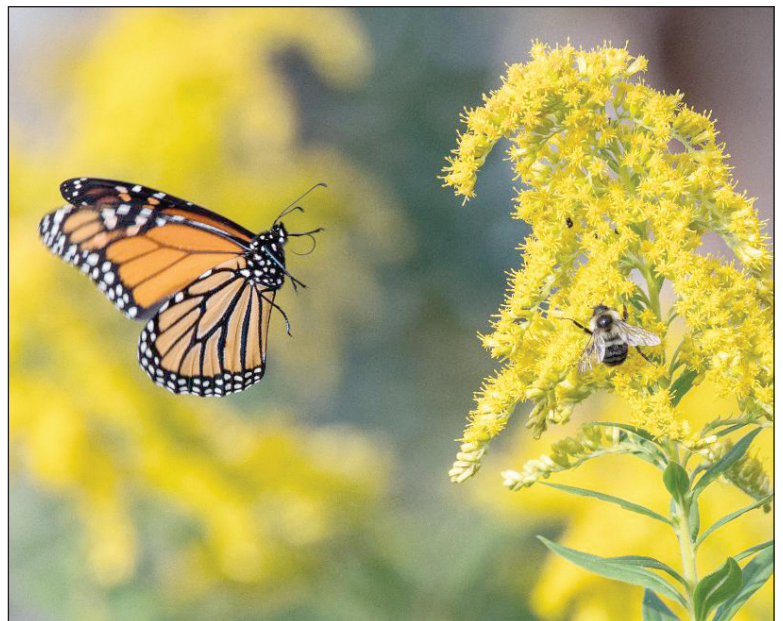
He complimented Select Board member Jeff Allen and his helpers Deb Brodie, his sister Sharon Barnard and brother Tracy Allen on the gardening work accomplished at Bicentennial Park on Sunday.

Drainage ditch

Board member Theodore Cousineau brought to the board's attention the drainage ditch on the former Johnson property is causing flooding. The home at 125 Chester Road is now owned by Donald and Patricia Arel. Drainage from the Mass Turnpike also apparently runs over the rear of the property. The drainage ditch in question has not been part of town maintenance for over 50 years according to Cousineau and since it is on private property there is nothing the town can do.

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COMING IN FOR A LANDING



A monarch butterfly heads for some goldenrod. A bumblebee is already on the plant.

Submitted photo



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MassDOT announces upcoming roadwork on I-90

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announces crews will be conducting daytime and overnight hour pavement milling, slope stabilization, bridge and drainage repair operations on I-90 eastbound and westbound in Becket, Otis, Lee, and Blandford.

The work will be conducted at various times and locations Thursday, Oct. 5 through Friday, Oct. 6.

Lane closures will be in place during the construction operations and traffic will be able to travel through the work zones.

Bridge repair operations in Becket will be conducted daily on I-90 eastbound at mile marker 17.4 from Thursday, Oct. 5 to Friday, Oct. 6, from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the

next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Oct. 6 by 5 a.m.

Slope stabilization operations in Becket and Otis will be conducted nightly on I-90 eastbound between mile marker 21.0 and mile marker 22.0 from Thursday, Oct. 5 to Friday, Oct. 6, from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Oct. 6 by 5 a.m.

Milling operations in Lee will be conducted nightly on I-90 eastbound between mile marker 7.6 and mile marker 13.5, from Thursday, Oct. 5 to Friday, Oct. 6, from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Oct. 6 by 5 a.m.

Paving operations will be conducted

nightly on I-90 westbound between mile marker 13.0 and mile marker 7.4, from Thursday, Oct. 5 to Friday, Oct. 6, from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Oct. 6 by 5 a.m.

Milling operations will take place at the Lee service plaza on I-90 westbound on Thursday, Oct. 5 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. The back loop of the plaza will be closed on Friday, Oct. 6, through 5 a.m., but there will be access to the plaza.

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 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.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission secures grant

The National Park Service named the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's 501(c)3 subsidiary, the Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center, Inc. as one of only 13 awardees nationally to receive a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant.

The \$750,000 grant will allow the state-designated regional planning agency to work with the Ventures Center to develop a sub grant program and select individual projects in rural communities for physical preservation projects that will contribute to economic vitality. It is the first time a Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant has been awarded to a Massachusetts organization.

"From our cities to our rural towns, we know economic development is often spurred when we reinvest in places that

reflect the history of community and pay tribute to the people who came before us. We are grateful to the National Park Service and its Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant program for providing the resources necessary to reactivate historic buildings in rural towns that will create 21st-century opportunities for growth," said PVPC Executive Director Kimberly H. Robinson.

Using its 501(c)3 subsidiary, the Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center, PVPC staff will provide sub grants to competitively selected preservation and rehabilitation projects on National Register-listed anchor historic buildings in 40 communities with less than 12,500 residents in Hampden and Hampshire Counties and West Central and Southwest Central Worcester County.

The PVPC's Perseveration Works in Western Mass Bruhn Competitive Sub grant Program's focus is on projects that will support the revitalization of National Register-listed anchor historic buildings that are significant to the community and, when rehabilitated, will contribute to local economic development.

Sub grant awards of up to \$100,000 will be given to work in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties to conduct pre-planning; roof repair or replacement; exterior rehabilitation such as painting, repointing, or historic siding restoration; structural repairs; window and door restoration; and life safety improvements to include fire suppression and ADA compliance.

Eligible owner-applicants will be private, public or nonprofit. There will be no match required. Applications will be evaluated based on population, regional distribution, variety of project type, community and economic development potential, pre-planning to determine project needs and the capacity of the active, local working group.

A Preservation Restriction will be required on a property that receives funding. These grants mark the fifth year of funding for the program honoring the late Paul Bruhn, executive director of the Preservation Trust of Vermont for nearly 40 years. The Pioneer Valley is the state-designated regional planning agency for the 43 cities and towns of Hampden and Hampshire Counties.

Clark shows 'Daughters of the Dust'

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Thursday, October 5 at 6 p.m., the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., continues its free four-part film series examining the L.A. Rebellion, will show "Daughters of the Dust" in its auditorium, located in the Manton Research Center.

The first American feature directed by an African American woman to receive a general theatrical release, "Daughters of the Dust" (1991; 1 hour, 52 minutes) is set in 1902 and tells the story of a "Gullah" family, descendants of African captives who escaped the

slave trade to live on islands off the coast of South Carolina and Georgia. Here, many members of the Peazant family are on the verge of a planned migration to the United States. Directed by Julie Dash, a brilliant cast does justice to the decision the Peazants face: to embrace or abandon the land their ancestors fled.

For more information, people may visit clarkart.edu/events. The final screening in the RAP/Clark Conference Film Series is "Sankofa" on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Clark's auditorium.

Clark Art Institute presents textile workshop

WILLIAMSTOWN – Saturday, October 7 at 2 p.m., the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., invites visitors to explore how sound, color and emotions resonate in a textile dyeing demonstration and hands-on workshop.

This free drop-in event will be held on the Fernández Terrace. Artists Emily Carris-Duncan, Eugene Lew, and Imani Uzuri lead a demonstration and workshop exploring how feelings, colors, water, voices and sound resonate. Immerse textiles in indigo and goldenrod dye baths in an attempt to capture the ephemerality of emotions and concentrated vibrations.

Water will be drawn from the grounds to create the dye baths shimmering in time with the subaquatic circulation of the Clark's reflecting pool. Participants' voices will arrange iron and alum salt patterns on Chladni plates to be impressed upon freshly dyed cloth. Uzuri will lead a collective song reflecting on the experience.

People may drop in any time from 2-6:30 p.m. Textiles and cloth are provided. Those interested in working with dye baths should dress accordingly. Rain moves the event to Sunday, Oct. 8 at 3:30 pm. For more information, people may visit clarkart.edu/events.

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Memorial Fly fishing clinic to take place Oct. 14

HUNTINGTON – The Westfield River Watershed Association and the Western Mass. Fly Fishermen will honor their late president, Bill Rose, with the free Bill Rose Memorial Fly Fishing clinic on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m.-noon.

The clinic will take place on Route 20 in Huntington in the turnout on the Westfield River across from the Huntington Health Center. Children and teens are welcome with the supervision of an adult at this family-friendly event.

“Early fall is a lovely time to get outside and enjoy the treasures of the Westfield River watershed,” said Mark Damon, current WRWA president. “Bill Rose was president of both the WMWA and the WMFF at the time of his death. He loved fly fishing. In his memory, we invite folks to try fly-fishing for the first time or get expert tips and coaching for the experienced fisherfolk out there,” said Damon.

People can drop in throughout the morning and watch a fly-tying demonstration and practice casting. A life-long fly-fisherman, Bill Rose was always sharing his passion. “Beginners are welcome. It’s not as complicated as it looks on TV,” he would declare. “Kids as young as 6 can successfully tie simple flies and cast their lines. You only need to cast out a few feet to successfully catch fish in our local streams and rivers,” Rose said.

The Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife stocks waters around the state, including the Westfield River and its tributaries. “It makes for good fishing,” states Harold Norman, a long-time

member of the WMFF. Norman said, “I’ll be there in Huntington on the 14th ready to teach the folks who show up.”

In addition to fly fishing activities, Damon, who is a biologist, will be on hand to net insects from the river and help participants learn to identify them under microscopes. “Knowing what the fish eat and how those bugs behave in the water helps make folks better fishers,” says Damon. The WMFF will guide participants through tying simple flies that they can use when they go out on their own.

WRWA encourages people who own a fly rod and want to learn more about using it to bring it to the clinic. For those who have never tried fly fishing before, some equipment will be available to use at the clinic. “A decent beginning fly-fishing combo is available for less than \$50 complete,” according to the fishermen’s group. “Take up the challenge of outwitting the fish. It’s great family fun. If you have an interest in fishing and want to try fly-fishing, then come out and join us,” they said.

Damon adds that as a tribute to Bill Rose a beginning fly-fishing set will be given to a young participant, who otherwise would not be able to access the sport. There will be a portable toilet on site. The clinic will be held rain or shine, barring extremely stormy weather.

To learn more about the WRWA, people may visit www.westfieldriver.org. To learn more about the WMFF people may visit <https://wmffclub.org/>.



Bill Rose fly fishes on the Westfield River. The Westfield River Watershed Association and the Western Massachusetts Fly Fishermen will honor him by holding the Bill Rose Memorial Fly Fishing Clinic Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m.-noon. Submitted photo WRWA

Health Fair set for Oct. 14

HUNTINGTON – The Huntington Council on Aging is sponsoring a Health Fair at Stanton Hall, 26 Russell Road (Route 20) on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Vendors include Baystate Hospice, Commonwealth Care Alliance, Cooley Dickinson Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, Hilltown Community Health Centers, Highland Valley Elder Services, the Huntington Food Pantry, Linda Manor Extended Care and Assisted Living, WestMass Elder Care

and more.

A flu vaccination clinic for all ages will be offered. People should bring their medicare and insurance cards to take part.

A food truck will be on hand from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and available to all ages. Free \$10 food truck vouchers will be available for the first 50 seniors (60 and over), who register by calling 413-512-5205. Vouchers must be picked up at the health fair and are valid on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. only.

LIBRARY HOLD BOOK SALE



Lyric and Sara Thrasher select some books at the Huntington Public Library book sale, which was held in conjunction with the Harvest Fair. Photo by Wendy Long

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working group; people may email the Council on Aging if they are interested or coa@huntingtonma.us or would like more information.

This work is being led by Becky

Basch at PVPC, and will result in a plan to improve resources for Huntington’s senior citizens and those who have dementia. People may email her at bbasch@pvpc.org for more information.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Taxpayer asks about federal taxation of Social Security benefits

Dear Rusty

Why are my Social Security benefits being taxed at all? The Social Security FICA payroll taxes taken out of my paycheck while I was working were paid with taxable income.

Signed Disgruntled Taxpayer

Dear Disgruntled Taxpayer

Many Americans share your belief that federal taxation of Social Security benefits is unfair because we pay into the program through payroll taxes on our taxable earnings. Unfortunately, Congress took a different view in 1983 when taxation of Social Security benefits was first enacted at a time Social Security was having financial issues.

Congressional logic back then was that a beneficiary only personally pays 50% of the Social Security contributions made, the other half is paid by the employer, so, since your Social Security entitlement was only half paid for by you and the other half by your employer, the portion of your benefit attributable to your employer's contributions should be taxable. So, it's that other half, the portion of your benefit which resulted from employer contributions, which the 1983 Congress decided should be taxed. So, starting in 1984, if a beneficiary's overall annual income from all sources exceeded \$25,000 for a single filer or \$32,000 for those filing married-jointly, half of that person's Social Security benefits became part of their income taxable by the IRS.

That was how it worked until 1993 when a new and different Congress added another threshold which, if exceeded, resulted in up to 85% of Social Security benefits received during the tax year becoming taxable. The logic used for the 1993 law was that beneficiaries, on average, would only personally pay for about 15% of the lifetime benefits they would eventually receive, leading that Congress to conclude that if your combined income from all sources exceeded the higher threshold, \$34,000 for single filers and \$44,000 for those filing married/jointly, up to 85% of your benefits should be taxable.

Please understand that I'm not defending nor endorsing those historical Congressional views, but I have researched why Social Security benefits are taxable at all and the above is what I've learned from that research.

For information, the Association of Mature American Citizens has long advocated for eliminating federal taxation of Social Security benefits or, at the very least, raising the thresholds at which benefits become taxable. The income thresholds for taxing Social Security benefits were established in 1983 and 1993, but those thresholds have never been adjusted for inflation.

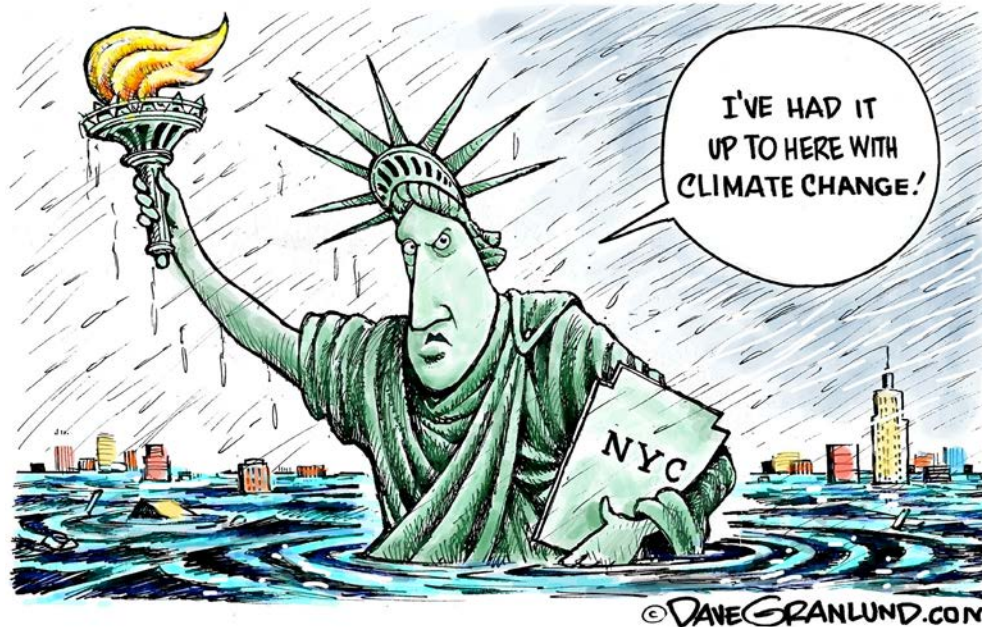
When taxation of Social Security started in 1984, less than 10% of beneficiaries paid income tax on their benefits, whereas today that percentage is over 50% and growing. If you want to add your voice to those

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GUEST COLUMN

What I know about Jumping Worms



I recently saw a comment on social media about a woman that had so many night crawlers in her yard she thought she'd go into the fishing bait business.

I question if she really had night crawlers or the Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm.

This worm has been getting a lot of attention lately and for good reason. It is seemingly showing up everywhere!

Amyntas species are the worms that are a cause of concern. The common name of Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm is logical due to the fact that these worms thrash about when disturbed; some would even call it violent slithering, hence the

snake connotation.

But worms are a good thing, yes? Not in this case.

This particular type of worm differs from the European earthworms that we like to see in our garden, happily aerating the soil and leaving behind nutrient rich worm castings.

Invasive worms live in the first few inches of soil only and devour organic matter at an alarming rate, leaving behind large castings that look like coffee grounds or gravel but are devoid of nutrients and literally soil altering.

If you think about your tomato or marigold plant and the depth of their roots: what organic matter is left for the plant if the worm eats it all?

Likewise, what is left for other, less aggressive worms. Not much.

This time of year, Jumping Worms are easily identified. First and foremost, look for their crazy movements.

If you suspect you have them, pick one up and examine the ring (clitellum). If it is about one-third of the way down from the

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I received an email about the sighting of a Northern harrier in Warren from a man who reports bird sighting for this column on a regular basis.

The Northern harriers is the only harrier in North America. Harriers are very distinctive hawks, with long wings and long tails. They are about 18 inches long. The male is gray above and white underneath and the female is larger than the male and brown above and streaked brown underneath.

They are usually seen flying low over the ground in open country. At close range, the face of Northern harrier resembles an



Northern harrier

owl. Unlike most hawks it may rely on its hearing like an owl to help it locate prey as it courses low over the fields.

Males tend to fly lower and faster than females. The female lays four to six pale bluish-white eggs in a platform nest of sticks and grasses placed on the ground. The female remains with young most of time at first and the male brings food and delivers it to female, who feeds it to young. After the young are about two weeks old, the female does much of the hunting for them.

They feed mostly on small mammals and birds. They also eat large insects especially grasshoppers as well as snakes, lizards, toads and frogs. May feed on carrion, especially in winter.

Ruby throated hummingbirds

Ruby throated hummingbirds still being seen. Pittsfield and Williamstown, Gill, Longmeadow, Amherst, Princeton, Petersham reported sightings to Massachusetts Audubon Society on Sept. 25 and Sept. 26.

Loon fact

The Loon Preservation Committee provides loon facts in a newsletter. Loons usually sleep on the water unless they are incubating a nest and loon cams captured nesting loons sleeping while incubating. To sleep, a loon will turn its head and rest it on its back, tucking its bill into its scapular feathers.

The newsletter said, "If you see a loon sleeping during the daytime, don't worry. Loons sleep in short bursts that may happen at any time, day or night." Daytime sleeping bouts tend to be a little shorter, averaging 14 minutes than nighttime one, averaging 24

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SCHOOLS & YOUTH

Univ. of Hartford lists local graduates

WEST HARTFORD, CT— The University of Hartford announces local graduates of the Class of 2023.

They are Magaly Correa Ruiz of Westfield, Ashelyn Baran of Westfield, Abigail Cervonayco of Westfield, Aaron Champagne of Westfield, Madison Degrandpre of Easthampton, Elizabeth Clark of Easthampton, Lilia Levchyk of Westfield and Sophia Singer of Westfield.

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Anjos plays college field hockey

WILLIMANTIC, CT – Eastern Connecticut State University's women's field hockey team recently commenced its fall 2023 season.

The roster includes 21 players, welcoming nine first-year members to the program. Among the student-athletes is Morgan Anjos of Westfield, number 22, who plays defense. Anjos is a junior, who majors in accounting.

Head Coach Christine Hutchison

enters her 20th season with the program, having won more matches than any other coach in team history. "With almost half the team as newcomers, we are looking forward to learning and growing as the season continues," said Hutchison.

The team opened its season on Sept. 1 at Johnson & Wales University. To learn more about the program, people may visit <https://gowarriorathletics.com/sports/field-hockey>.

WNE names local students as peer advisors

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University announces Peer Advisors for the 2023-2024 academic year. Local students names as peer advisors are Sean Alvord of Westfield, who is working toward a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in finance; Rachel Brenzel of Westfield, who is working toward a Bachelor of Science in secondary education/math and science and Emaleigh Lindsay of Westfield, who is working toward a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy Studies. Lindsay has been appointed as Recruitment Committee Co-Chair within the Peer Advising organization.

St. Anselm College announces Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH – Saint Anselm College announces the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade.

Local students making the Dean's List are Caela Scanlon of Easthampton, education studies and elementary education, Class of 2026 and Elizabeth Swanson of Pittsfield, health sciences, Class of 2025.

Eastern Connecticut State Univ. lists new students

WILLIMANTIC, CT – More than 900 new students are in their first semester at Eastern Connecticut State University this fall 2023.

Local students enrolled at the university are Margaret Barr of Easthampton, a first-year student majoring in exploratory education and Joshua Mayo of Westfield, a first-year student majoring in health sciences.

The new admits include 696 first-time students and 254 transfer students who are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate-level programs.

OPINION

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who oppose federal taxation of Social Security benefits, you may wish to contact your Congressional Representative to do so. And it is worth noting that eleven U.S. states, to varying degrees, also levy income tax on Social Security benefits.

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minutes. Loons spend more time sleeping at night than they do during the day. When sleeping, loons tend to prefer open water, further from the shoreline.

Sightings Warren and Brimfield

Besides seeing a Northern harrier, a birder reported in an email two great egrets at a no-named pond on New Reed Street. He said, "On South Street at the pond with an osprey nest one juvenile, who fledged a few weeks ago, was still visiting the nest and perching in the tree with the nest. A second osprey had fledged from the nest and had left the area around the pond over two weeks ago."

He also said, "I did see two osprey flying high over the pond on New Reed Street. The birds were quite high, well above tree top level with one bird following a couple of hundred yards behind the first. They were too far away to tell if it was an adult being followed by a juvenile."

In another email, he said, "There was a flock of hen turkeys with some young. We have not see many turkeys near out property for a couple of years, probably because this are was had hit by

sponge moths (used to be called gypsy moths) and we haven't had a decent acorn crop in several years.

He said there were about 20 birds in all with two different age groups based on the size of the young birds.

He said, "As I was watching a young gray fox appeared and that got the turkeys even more excited. I could see the fox moving around and the turkey were running back and forth, however it didn't seem as though the fox was stalking the turkeys. After several minutes a dozen of the turkeys flew away into the woods. I didn't see where the rest of the turkeys of the fox went."

The birder sent an email in mid-September and commented about how I like juncos. He said, "Juncos are harbingers of the coming change in seasons and my wife has the exact opposite reaction to their arrival that you do, 'oh no the juncos are back'"

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.

GARDEN

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worm's head, is smooth, whitish and goes all the way around the body of the worm, you've got them.

Earlier in the season the ring will not completely encircle the worm; identification then is a little trickier. Worms tend to be reddish-purple in color with a slight iridescence.

Unlike European earthworms, Jumping Worms do not survive the winter. Beginning in August and going into the fall months, they lay eggs (no mate needed!) in cocoons that do have the ability to overwinter.

The cocoons look like small, round soil aggregates. In a recent experiment where researchers looked at the effect of heat and cold on the cocoons, there is promise that heat will kill the eggs and young in the cocoon.

What does this mean for us? I think a lot about solarization and how to do that effectively. One research document I read indicated that cocoons die at 104 degrees; worms at 85 degrees.

The recommendation was to lay clear plastic (1 mil thickness for a home garden) on the soil for at least two-to-three weeks or until the soil temperature reaches 104 degrees for three days. This is thin plastic, mind you, but it should be OK in most garden settings free from animal visitors.

Weighting it with would prove helpful for windy situations. Clear is better than black for this purpose.

There is little else pesticide-wise that experts are recommending to combat these pests. Hand picking the adults is an option.

The best way to combat them is prevention. Too late for some of us, but for those of you who do not have

them or have them in one part of your yard and not in another I can make some recommendations.

Be careful about garden inputs. Plants you pick up at swaps or from a friend may unknowingly have cocoons in the pot.

Compost you bring in or move around your yard may affect areas that aren't infested. Make sure your compost pile gets hot, hot, hot!

Consider unused bait.

A friend thought she was doing a good thing by releasing bait into her garden. In the spring the worms looked like average night crawlers, but they were simply immature invasive worms...talk about wanting to cry.

Since cocoons are in the first few inches of soil, think about your tools, tillers, shoes or wheelbarrows and such. Although the worms are bad for the garden, they are not poisonous to pets or other animals.

It's hard to look at this subject optimistically, but we gardeners are an optimistic lot.

Otherwise, would we do it all over again year after year despite blights and infestations, floods and droughts, early frosts or scouring heat? Of course, we will!

Maybe with a little more caution, but we certainly will.

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

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WORTHINGTON

Historical Society presents program on Harriett Rice

WORTHINGTON – The Worthington Historical Society's featured exhibit for 2023, "Harriett Langdon Pruyn Rice (1868-1935): Seeing Worthington Through A Different Lens," will officially open to the public on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Worthington Historical Building, 6 Williamsburg Road at Worthington Corners.

Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

There will be a brief presentation by the researchers-curators Jim Downey, Kate Ewald and Arthur Tuttle on the artist and the gift of her glass negatives to the town's library in 1944; the re-publication of Whittier's poem *Snow-Bound* illustrated with her photos and the existence of the artist's extensive journals, now held at the Albany Institute of History and Art, documenting her photography of the Berkshire Hilltowns at the turn of the century.

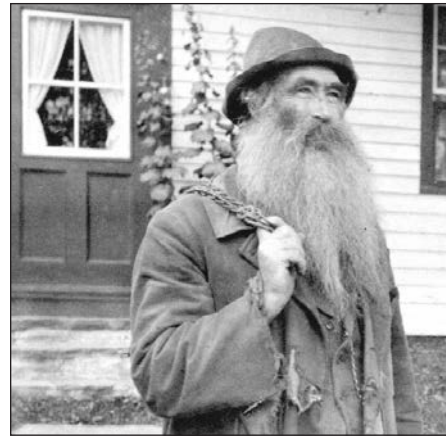
Amateur photographer Harriet L.P. Rice was an Albany, New York, resident and daughter-in-law of Worthington native William A. Rice Jr. The exhibit



This photo by Harriett Langdon Pruyn Rice shows apple trees in blossom in Worthington.

features around 50 of her photographs taken in Worthington from about 1892-1906, along with extensive background research and excerpts from her journal entries.

Her photos of Worthington residents-taken free of charge in their homes, fields, pastures and door-yards- are informal, candid and utterly natural, depicting



Amateur photographer Harriet L. P. Rice, was the daughter-in-law of Worthington native William A. Rice Jr., took many photos of the residents of Worthington. *Courtesy photos*



the town's hardscrabble residents in their familiar and well-worn environs, proudly greeting the camera's eye.

The exhibit also includes photos of Rice's husband, child and their Worthington residence on Old North Road. These photos were used to illustrate the photographer's re-printed edition of *Snow-bound: A Winter Idyl*, an

extraordinarily popular poem published in 1866 by ardent abolitionist, John Greenleaf Whittier. Pages and photos from one of the fifty privately printed editions are also displayed.

This program is partially sponsored by the Worthington Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council.

Rod and Gun Club to hold chicken barbecue

WORTHINGTON – The Worthington Rod and Gun Club will host its annual chicken barbecue on Sunday, Oct. 15 with the meal served at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 each and includes chicken with all the fixings. People should call Deana Gasparini at 413-

433-0009 for tickets. People should bring their own beverages.

Archery and Trap Ranges will be open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be raffles.

The final meal of the year will be a roast beef dinner and will be held on the first Saturday, Dec. 2.

HAYDENVILLE

Sen. Mark to hold office hours

BOSTON – State Sen. Paul W. Mark announces his staff will host office hours in Williamsburg for two days in October.

Staff office hour dates are Tuesday, Oct. 10 and Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 1-3 p.m. in the Town Offices, 141, Main St., Haydenville.

Residents of any of the 57 municipalities in the Senator's Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin, and Hampshire District are encouraged to ask for assistance with issues involving any state agency or to share ideas on current or potential state legislation. Appointments are not required.

WESTFIELD

First of four-concert chamber music series set for Oct. 26

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Athenaeum and The Springfield Chamber Players, formerly Musicians of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will present an expanded four-concert chamber music series this season at the Westfield Athenaeum.

The Keep It Fresh Quartet opens the series on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. The remaining three concerts will take place in winter and spring, 2024 and will be announced later in the fall. This is the third year of Springfield Chamber Players MOSSO's partnership with the Westfield Athenaeum. Guy McLain, Executive Director of the Westfield Athenaeum, will offer a pre-performance talk at 6 p.m., which is free to ticket

holders.

The Keep It Fresh Quartet, an ensemble comprised of Springfield Symphony Orchestra members violinist Beth Welty, violist Dani Rimoni, cellist Joel Wolfe plus flutist Jill Dreeben, will perform a program of Gordon Jacob's *Four Fancies* for Flute and String Trio; selected movements of Mozart's *Divertimento* for String Trio, K. 563; Kathleen Hoover's *Divertimento* for Flute and String Trio; Carlos Simon's "Loop" for String Trio; Dvorak's *Trio* for Flute, Violin and Viola and Mozart's *Quartet in D* for Flute and String Trio.

The Westfield Athenaeum, located at 6 Elm St. in downtown Westfield, serves as the cultural center for the city.

In addition to an active public library which provides a range artists and a history museum, documenting the history of Westfield and the surrounding region from 1669 to the present day. For information on the Westfield Athenaeum, people may visit www.westath.org.

Tickets for the concert, \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Westfield Athenaeum during business hours or online by visiting <https://www.westath.org/>.

The Springfield Chamber Players, formerly known as MOSSO, are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. The non-profit was organized by the musicians in 2021 to produce and perform concerts in Greater Springfield and

Western Massachusetts. To date, they have presented their musicians in pop-up concerts throughout the area; performances with local ensembles, including the Springfield Jazz and Roots Festival; two full orchestral performances with Maestro Kevin Rhodes in Springfield's Symphony Hall; a Sondheim tribute with full orchestra and singers at Symphony Hall; on the Sevenars concert series in Worthington and a recent series of chamber ensemble concerts in Longmeadow, Springfield, and Blandford. For further information about Springfield Chamber Players, people may visit www.SpringfieldSymphonyMusicians.com or find them at [Facebook.com/mossomusicians](https://www.facebook.com/mossomusicians).

Alzheimer's Association Support Group scheduled to meet Oct. 25

WESTFIELD – On Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m. the Alzheimer's Association Support Group will meet at Armbrook Village Senior Living and Memory Support Community, 551 North Road.

Caregivers and family members are invited to enjoy a light dinner and to share

their personal experiences and strategies for communicating with their loved ones. The public is welcome.

To join this group, people may email reception@armbrookvillage.com or call 413-568-0000. Groups are held the last Wednesday of the month.

St. Joseph's to hold autumn dinner

WESTFIELD – St. Joseph's National Catholic Church, 73 Main St., is hosting an Autumn Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 22 at noon.

This community dinner will feature delicious stuffed roast pork and gravy, potato casserole, glazed carrots, apple crisp and coffee, apple cider and beverages. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10

for children under 12.

For tickets, people should call 413-562-3067 or 413-454-2028 and leave message with number of tickets requested (dine-in or take-out) along with name and telephone number. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Thursday, Oct. 19. Take-out dinners are available for pick-up at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Westfield State University to host job fair on Oct. 12

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University will be hosting its annual Government, Criminal Justice and Non-Profit Career Fair on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Woodward Center, 395 Western Ave.

The fair offers a convenient opportunity for Westfield students and residents to network with employers and learn what it would be like to work for area non-profits and government agencies.

Representatives from police departments throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut and New Hampshire will be available to answer questions and showcase their agencies to prospective employees. Some of the registered city and town agencies include Amherst,

Enfield, CT., Holyoke, Northampton, and Westfield. Registered state police agencies include Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York.

Registered non-profits and government agencies include, May Institute, Center for Human Development, Gandara Center, Match Education, Peace Corps, SeviceNet, Wellpath and Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

The job fair is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the South Lot off Western Avenue. Shuttle service will run continually throughout the event.

For more information, contact the Career Center at Westfield State University, 413-572-5206.

BLANDFORD

COA lists October menu

BLANDFORD – Council on Aging Board Member Joann Martin announces the menus for the October luncheon and breakfast.

Friday, Oct. 13, the noontime feast will be a hearty sausage vegetable stew, bruschetta with a balsamic glaze followed by a blackberry cobbler.

The breakfast, on Friday, Oct. 27 at 10 a.m. is a ham and asparagus quiche, red roasted potatoes and a breakfast salad. Both events are at the COA room at Town Hall.

People may call 413-848-4279, extension 400, and leave name and number of people to secure a reservation.

Halloween activities announced

BLANDFORD – The Recreation Committee met last week and made plans for the annual town-wide Halloween celebration.

This year it will be on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 4-7 p.m. on the grounds of Watson Park and the Town Hall. There will be games, prizes, music, a bonfire and lots of treats. A popcorn buffet, popcorn with lots of different toppings; donuts, cookies, full-sized candy bars, hot chocolate and hot cider will all be

available.

The committee has planned a photo booth to capture pictures. Trunk or Treat will locate along Watson Park Road and in the parking lot at Town Hall. Recreation Committee Chair Keri Morawiec said, “We need some help and anyone who can volunteer to assist in decorating and passing out candy will be very welcome.” People may call Joann Martin for additional information at 413-455-9039.

KUDOS

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Both he and Waldron made a site visit to the property.

Grants

Town Administrator Christopher Dunne brought the board up to date on grant possibilities and that the patio work in front of the library will be rebid and rescheduled. He has asked for an extension from the state on the grant funds.

The town needs to compile a complete list of transportation assets that can be updated annually.

He is working with David Hawkins of Urban Forestry Solutions to develop a list of trees that provide the greatest risk to roadways for another grant. He will have more on this in November.

PILOT

Action items included an amendment to Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the solar farm on George Millard Road to bring the financial aspect up to date with a payment of \$75,000. Going forward, when the farm is up and running, the contractual relationship will fall into place.

Other business

They then signed off on a new contract with Mass Munifin for \$72,000 for a year for treasurer/collector services for one year. There will be someone in the office regularly along with former treasurer/collector Karen Shaw and Sue Mello.

Duane and Select Board Chair Cara Letendre were appointed as members of the Advisory Board for the Franklin Regional Transit Authority through June 30, 2024.

Dunne expects a quote from Liberty Hill Tree Care for work on the tree in Bicentennial Park, which may be in the neighborhood of \$900 to do some thinning. Letendre said the town needs to establish a yearly plan for maintenance.

The board, acting as Trustees of Watson Park, approved the purchase of an additional trash can for \$744.70 made of plastic wood so “it won’t rot,” said Allen and a 50-year guarantee.

The board discussed generator maintenance and will see if Kinsley can provide a competitive price for this.

A review of the departmental expenditures concluded the actions for the meeting.

RUSSELL

General Knox Road to be closed Oct. 23 to 27

RUSSELL – Highway Superintendent John Hoppe announced this week General Knox Road will be closed to all traffic at the Westfield/Russell town line the week of Monday, Oct. 23 through Friday, Oct. 27 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every day.

Tree removal work is to be done in preparation for the General Knox Site and Slope project. Russell received a Massworks Community

One Stop for Growth Grant through the state’s Executive Office of Economic Development to perform road stabilization work near the town line.

Anyone regularly traveling General Knox Road should plan an alternate route while the work is being done. Any questions may be directed to the Russell Highway Department by calling 413-862-6222 or by emailing to jhoppe@townofrussell.us.

CHESTER

Trunk or Treat set for Oct. 20

CHESTER – Halloween Trunk or Treat will take place at Emery Park on Friday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m.

There will be candy, music by 413’S and a haunted trail. This free event is sponsored by the Chester Recreation committee, the Hamilton

Memorial Library, the Chester Fire Department and the Chester Hill Association. People should wear their costume.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Trunk or Treat should email ches-terrecreation413@gmail.com.

Hiking group buys granite works

CHESTER – The Chester Hudson and Granite Works property, near the old Chester Railway Station, was purchased on Monday, Sept. 25 by the Western Mass Hilltown Hikers, a 501c(3) organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the history and natural beauty of the Hilltowns for all to enjoy.

The Granite Works were started in the early 1800s to cut and finish the granite, which was quarried just up the road at the Beckett Quarry, a property that is now owned by the Trustees of Reservations. It features a huge granite saw, originally operated by steam power, with some remarkable mechanisms designed to handle the massive blocks of quarried stone.

The property has been in private hands up to last week and might have become lost to history without some very special efforts to save it. “Our goal is to completely preserve this unique, magnificent and historic piece

of land and its original equipment,” announced Liz Massa, co-founder and president of the Hilltown Hikers. “We plan to apply for National Historic Landmark status so all can enjoy it and learn the impressive history of an early industry in Chester, Massachusetts.”

Western Mass Hilltown Hikers was founded by a small group of friends, who loved the Hilltowns of Western Mass. The more they hiked, the more rich history of the area they found. They eventually began to offer guided tours and hikes each month.

They also built a huge website filled with thousands of hiking ideas, blogs, maps and photos. And they have developed a very large following. People can learn more about this organization and how to help support their efforts by going to www.hilltownhikers.com. Anyone who wished to donate may visit their Go Fund Me campaign link at <https://gofund.me/0e837ecb>.

NORTHAMPTON

Forbes Library sponsors ‘Stolen Beam,’ free five session class

NORTHAMPTON – The Forbes Library, 20 West St., is sponsoring a free five-session class, called “The Stolen Beam.”

The class meets on Zoom for five consecutive Tuesdays: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 5 from 7-8:20 p.m. with the last class going from 7:00-8:50 p.m. This online class is free and is a series developed and facilitated by members of the Reparations Committee of the Jewish Community

of Amherst. People may register by visiting forbeslibrary.org/events or by calling 413-587-1011. Registration opened Monday, Oct. 2 and will close when full or up until Friday, Oct. 13.

The goal of this course is to provide educational engagement and personal reflection on the topic of reparations for African Americans, with a focus on the legacy of African enslavement and 400 years of anti-Black rac-

ism. It will consider what was stolen, what may be owed, historical examples of reparations, current challenges and controversies, and faith-based reparations statements and examples.

The class materials offer participants a fuller perspective on U.S. history, one that many never learned, that centers on the historical and lived experience of African-Americans. The class asks participants to consider the case for reparations as a remedy for

past injustice and continued harms to descendants of enslaved African people and as a concrete response to the ongoing racial wealth gap in this country.

Each class offers both readings as well as videos or audio recordings of the authors being discussed that week that participants are encouraged to review in preparation for that week’s discussion. This is not a lecture class, but rather a highly participatory experience based on active discussion.

GREAT BARRINGTON

Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires welcomes new Board of Directors

GREAT BARRINGTON – The Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires announces Kim Baker, Brian Berkel and Julia Dixon have joined the Board of Directors. Now in its eighth year, NPC offer over two dozen programs and services for nonprofits, including 180 member organizations.

Kim Baker is a Senior Account Executive at the Toole Insurance Agency helping businesses and nonprofits understand their risks. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and a certi-

fied Worker Compensation Advisor. Kim has over twenty years of board leadership experience with a variety of organizations including Berkshire Business & Professional Women, United Cerebral Palsy, Berkshire County Kid’s Place and Berkshire Family and Individual Resources.

Brian Berkel retired from the Massachusetts State Police as a Detective Lieutenant in 2021. During his 25-year career, he was involved with various local nonprofit organizations and volunteered

as a mentor to at-risk youth through Big Brothers of Berkshire County and 18 Degrees. Affiliated with the Berkshire Coalition for Suicide Prevention since 2009, he currently serves as the board President. He also serves as Treasurer on the board of Berkshire HorseWorks and for the Pittsfield Lions Club.

Julia Dixon is a cultural and strategic planning consultant, educator, writer and artist based in North Adams. She is an expert in rural creative economy strategy and is an adjunct professor in the Fine and

Performing Arts Department at MCLA. Previously, she served as managing director of Berkshire Creative and creative economy specialist at 1Berkshire. Julia has served as a member of the BerkShares board of directors, North Adams Makers’ Mill founding board, Berkshire Cultural Resource Center advisory board, North Adams Cultural District core group and chair of the North Adams Public Arts Commission.

For more information, people may visit npberkshires.org.

PITTSFIELD

Muralist Ramiro Davaro-Comas completes “Let it Shine” art

PITTSFIELD – “The Let It Shine” Public Art Partnership welcomed Argentine/American artist, Ramiro Davaro-Comas, to paint an original mural entitled “Let the Autumn Shine” on the back of 26 Dunham Mall, facing City Hall.

The mural was funded by the MassDevelopment Transformative Development Initiative and the property owner, Scarafoni Associates, and was completed on Sept. 28. This mural is part of a series of new murals in Pittsfield and to access a guided tour of all the murals, people may visit downtownpittsfield.com/2023/08/let-it-shine.

Ramiro Davaro-Comas is an Argentine/American artist with a background in public art and artist residency management. His passions for painting, storytelling and community work have pushed him to travel throughout his career, collaborating with artists around the world. Davaro-Comas studied hospitality and tourism management at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, which was followed by a year of service in Holyoke for Americorps, all while continuing his pursuit of illustration and painting.

In 2012 Ramiro was invited to participate in a collection of international and U.S. artist residency programs, bringing him to Berlin, Amsterdam and Barcelona for six months, then back to the states for another six months in Upstate New York and Providence, Rhode Island. This pivotal year shifted his focus from the non-profit world to working full-time as an artist.

After moving to Brooklyn in 2013, he had two sold-out solo exhibitions at the Cotton Candy Machine Gallery, which set the groundwork for his career as an artist straddling the line between fine-art and illustration. He began producing limited edition art books in tandem with his exhibitions, always considering the multiple avenues for art collection. Throughout the past decade, Ramiro’s work as an illustrator has centered on a passion that precedes his love

of art, collaborating primarily with independent skateboard companies for board and merchandise graphics.

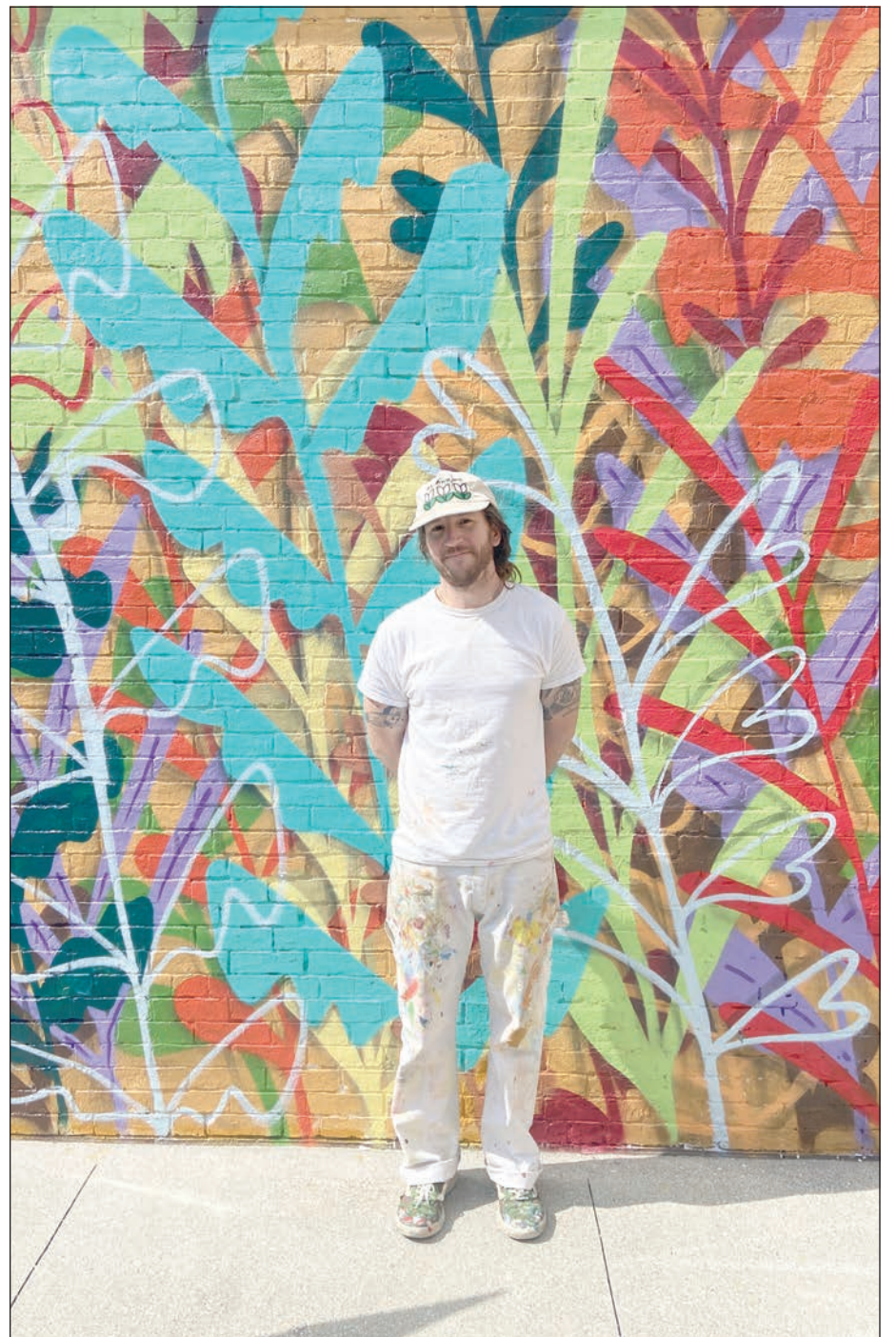
In 2016, he launched Dripped on the Road, the only traveling artist residency program for muralists in the US. From 2016-2022, the program worked with over 30 artists, painting over 150 murals throughout the East Coast of the United States. Davaro-Comas is currently co-directing Super-Stories, a non-profit arts education organization in Upstate New York with his partner Grace Lang.

The mural “Let the Autumn Shine” is part of a series of plant murals that Ramiro has been painting on a variety of different walls since October 2022. The plant design is bold, colorful, and meant to bring a vibrant touch of nature to the urban landscape.

Ramiro’s goal is to paint plants with surrealistic colors on locations and walls that might otherwise not see flora, with some large postcard-like words that reflect positive community projects, quotes, or ideas. Ramiro’s hope is that these murals add to the pride of the community and activate forgotten or underutilized spaces, while at the same time bringing the importance of plants and nature into the subconscious of the viewer.

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 is a program for Gateway Cities designed to accelerate economic growth within focused districts.

MassDevelopment’s TDI Creative Catalyst Grant program is made possible by the Barr Foundation, which since 2019 has awarded \$4.4 million to MassDevelopment to create and administer arts-based programming that directly supports the expansion of cultural and creative industries in Gateway Cities.



Muralist Ramiro Davaro-Comas stands in front of Let the Autumn Shine.

Submitted photo

SHELBURNE FALLS

Historical Society to hold Indigenous People’s celebration

SHELBORNE FALLS – Artisans and performers from local Indigenous nations come together with the Shelburne Historical Society to celebrate the Third Annual Indigenous People’s Recognition on Sunday, Oct. 15 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Arms Academy Building, 33 Severance St.

This year, the date for the event has

been changed to accommodate the schedules of the Native presenters, who will be busy appearing at other area events around the weekend of Indigenous People’s Day.

The new date also commemorates the passage of Proclamation 4468, which was signed into law by President Gerald Ford in 1976. The Proclamation made this week in October “American Indian Awareness

Week” and is important as the first national recognition of the culture and history of Indigenous Peoples since the founding of the United States of America.

Confirmed artisans and presenters include Trace Lara Hentz of Blue Hand Books, Visioning BEAR Intertribal Coalition and the Nolumbeka Project, among others. The Pocumtuck Valley

Memorial Association, fellow historical organization from the parent town of Deerfield is the sponsor.

The Historical Society is still accepting artisans, performers and volunteers. People may call the museum at 413-625-6150 or email info@shelburnehistoricalsociety.org if interested in participating in this event.

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Community Events Committee sponsors apple picking



Alesha and Chris Gilbert, pick apples at Jameson's High Meadows Farm in Chester, with children Cavan and Kaylee. Photos by Wendy Long



Bonnie and Roman Kubacki took part in the apple picking event sponsored by the Huntington Community Events Committee.



Seated are Susan Pieciak and Vicki Mayhew and standing are Mary Arkoette, Joanna Arkoette and Rick Arkoette at Huntington's apple picking event held at Jameson's High Meadows Farm in Chester.

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WILLIAMSBURG

Library hosts annual book sale

WILLIAMSBURG – The Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries hosts their traditional October holiday book sale on Saturday, Oct. 7 and Sunday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The popular sale will be held rain or shine, under tents on the Meekins Library lawn at 2 Williams St., Route 9 in the center of Williamsburg. Hundreds of used books, donated by the community, are for sale, including children's books, adult fiction and non-fiction books grouped by categories such as gardening, crafts, art, biography, history and more. Prices range from \$1 for children's books to \$3 for adult hardcovers.

Proceeds are used to support Williamsburg library programs. The Friends pay for ongoing programming,

equipment, furnishings and enrichment of all kinds.

The Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries is a volunteer group that has raised money to support the libraries since 1986. The Friends hold membership drives, raffles, book sales and support community events. The group's mission is to help maintain a vibrant cultural center for the town of Williamsburg and the surrounding communities. The Friends sponsor and raise funds for community events and assist in making gifts of time and money to meet needs not normally covered in the libraries' operating budget.

For more information, people may call Susan Farrell at 413-268-9298 or email Farrellsings1@gmail.com.

MIDDLEFIELD

Senior Center lists lunch menu

MIDDLEFIELD – The Middlefield Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail, on Wednesday, Oct. 11 will serve lunch at noon.

The menu is eat in or take out. The choice is meatloaf or breaded white fish,

tartar sauce, butternut squash, veggie blend, chilled pears

People should call 413-623-9990 to reserve a meal the previous Friday, Oct. 6. The Council on Aging Board meets at 1 p.m.

WESTHAMPTON

Westhampton Public Library announces October programs

WESTHAMPTON – The Westhampton Public Library, 1 North Road, is open Monday and Thursday from 2-8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The library will be closed Monday, Oct. 9. The library is open for in-person browsing and materials pickup as well as curbside pickup. To place a request for curbside pickup, people may either email westhampton@cwmar.org or call 413-527-5386.

People may also visit Instagram @ WesthamptonPublicLibrary for library updates.

Recurring programs at the library include: Council on Aging computer class with Bob Miller second and fourth Mondays from 10 a.m.-noon; knitting group on Mondays at 6 p.m.; yoga with Brian on the fourth Monday at 6

p.m.; Scrabble group on Tuesdays at 2 p.m.; CFCE playgroup on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and book group on the fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Other programs are walk-in wellness clinics with the Westhampton's Public Health Nurse on the first and third Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m.; story time on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.; coffee and chat on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-noon; after school fun on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.; LEGO Club on the first Thursday; craft club second Thursday; Nintendo Switch happy hour on third Thursday; Comics Club on the fourth Thursday and teen craft night on Thursdays at 6 p.m. People may email Emily at ewayne@cwmar.org to receive teen craft updates and reminders

The Westhampton Historical Society is offering an October "pop-up" exhibit of old legal contracts

spanning three centuries. From Enoch Hale's acceptance of Westhampton's offer to hire him as their "settled minister" to the indenture of a six year old girl to a member of the town's Board of Overseers of the Poor, all but one of the contracts on display pertain to the town of Westhampton.

October and November artists exhibiting are Georgie Runkle and Susanna White entitled Plein Air Paintings of the Pioneer Valley. An opening reception will take place Thursday, Oct. 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. They've painted as often as the two could manage during the warmer weather. They share bold, colorful palettes and views, yet create totally different realities. This show is the culmination of the past two years of their efforts.

A pumpkin carving workshop with Jo Martin will take place Thursday, Oct.

26 at 6:30 p.m. To register people may email westhampton@cwmar.org or call 413-527-5386. This workshop is for all ages and is limited to ten participants. Children must be supervised at all times by a responsible parent or guardian as sharp tools will be used.

Participants should bring one pumpkin of any size, two additional small pumpkins or gourds, optional and any tools they want to use including loop tools, scrapers, etc.

Movie night will show "The Bride of Frankenstein" on Friday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

The screening the classic John Whale film "The Bride of Frankenstein" stars Boris Karloff. People are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume and bring blankets and pillows to get cozy. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided.

OTIS

Otis Council on Aging lists upcoming October happenings

OTIS – The Council on Aging Center, located in Town Hall, One North Main Road, is open Mondays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Wednesdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Otis Food Pantry is open Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. on Oct. 11 and Oct. 18. Fitness class with Mabelle is held every Monday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The center is open on Monday, Oct. 9, Indigenous Peoples Day for fitness class at 12:30 p.m. Other dates for the fitness class are

Mondays, Oct. 16, 23 and 30 at 12:30 p.m.

A pot luck lunch with a Halloween theme will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at noon. Self paint will also take place. Canvas, paints and brushes are supplied. On Friday, Oct. 20 a brown bag lunch will be available from 10 a.m.-noon. Also on Friday, Oct. 20 there will be a Community Health Program van providing COVID booster shots from 10 a.m.-noon.

CUMMINGTON

Contra Dance to be held Oct. 21

CUMMINGTON – A Contra Dance will be held Saturday, Oct. 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the Cummington Community House, 33 Main St.

The Cummington and Cultural District and Dancing Fiddle Farm Productions sponsor this beginner and family friendly event. All dances will be taught. Donations are accepted at the door.

Contra Dance is a New England tradition since 1620. Steve Howland will do the calling. Annika Astutz on fiddle, George Wilson on fiddle, Becky Hollingsworth on piano, Joe Bleumenthal on bass and the back row band will provide music.

People may email Sadie Stull at sarahestull@gmail.com or call 413-634-5013 with any questions.

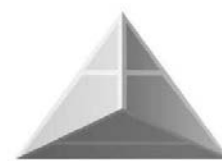
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ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
A project you thought would be done quickly is taking more time than expected to be completed. Don't fret over it too much, as things will work out in the end.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Others might start asking questions about your whereabouts if you take too many days off from your job. While you don't necessarily have to explain yourself.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, money is a major driving force behind a lot of decisions, but it shouldn't be the only one. You may be taking on too much if you are working yourself to the point of exhaustion.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
No one knows which side of you they will get during an interaction. That can make business or family interactions challenging. Try to be more open.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
There are just a few obstacles that you need to get past before it is smooth sailing for a bit, Taurus. Use these roadblocks as learning opportunities as you go along.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
If someone already has made up their mind about something, it's unlikely that you will be able to change their way of thinking in one day. Keep at it if it means that much to you.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, when someone approaches you saying they have a good deal for you, there are certain questions you should ask before moving ahead. It's important to get all the facts.

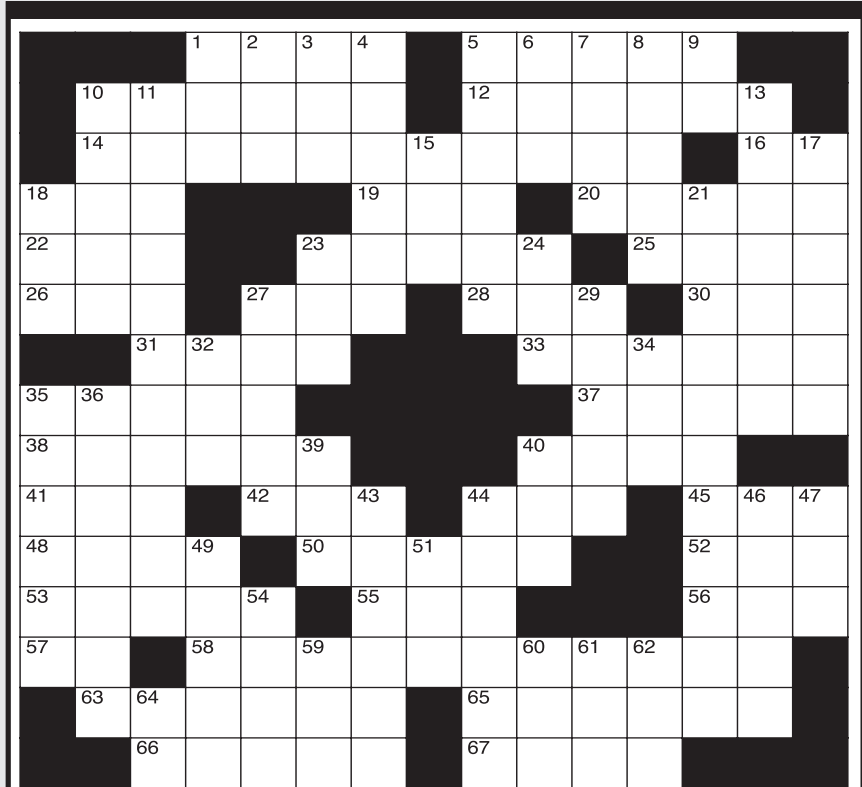
VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
If you really ponder how you have been interacting with others, have you been completely honest? You might think you're getting away with something, but others see the truth.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
You continue to roll with the punches, despite things not going your way just yet. Don't worry, your break is out there. The timing is just off for now.

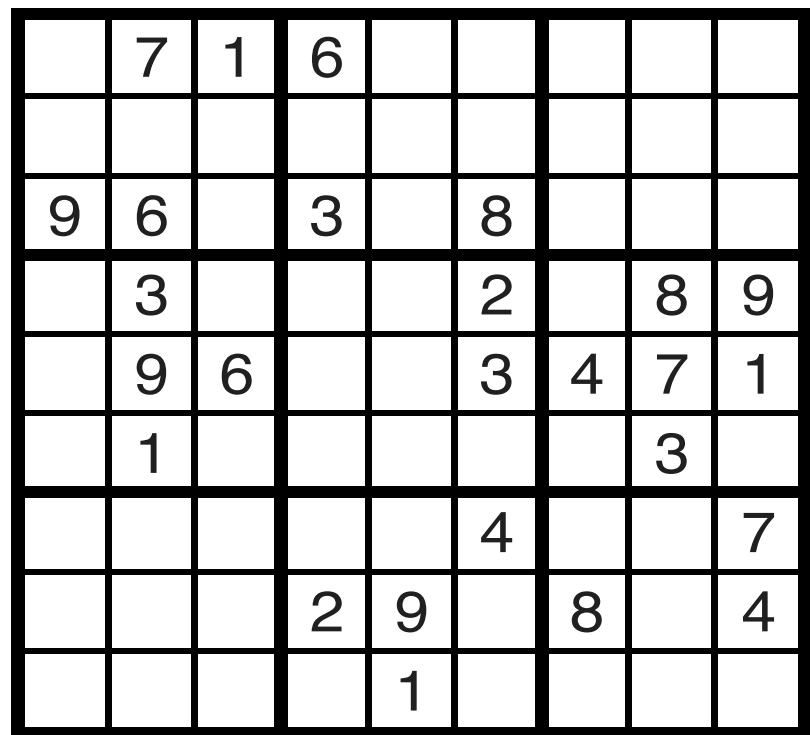
SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you might be the topic of conversation this week, as others are all figuring out what they can do to be in your good graces. Try not to play favorites in this instance.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
You have been managing a lot of extra tasks and could be feeling the added stress from the work. Tune out for a few days to rest yourself and restore your mind.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you want to be everyone's friend and go along with any plan that comes your way, but you might have to be a little bit more firm in your choices moving forward.



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MEMA offers hurricane preparedness information

FRAMINGHAM – In conjunction with the beginning of Atlantic Hurricane Season the beginning of this month, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency announced a series of online resources for the Commonwealth's residents to deepen their awareness of and prepare for the impacts of tropical storms and hurricanes.

"History shows that regardless of where you are in Massachusetts, on the coast or inland, a tropical storm or hurricane can have significant impacts on your area," said MEMA Acting Director Dawn Brantley. "Ensuring Massachusetts communities are prepared for hurricane season requires immense collaboration among emergency management partners at the state and local levels, as well as participation from all residents to prioritize personal prepared-

ness," she said.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration seasonal outlook predicts near-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic this year, but it only takes one storm to cause significant impacts.

The beginning of hurricane season is a timely reminder for all residents to prepare for the effects of a hurricane. MEMA offers the following tips.

Know the evacuation zone

They should visit www.mass.gov/knowyourzone to learn if they live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone. If they live in an area that may flood and may need assistance evacuating, plan with family, neighbors and friends who may be able to assist and contact their local public safety officials to make them aware of their needs.

Make an emergency plan

A plan should address how their family would communicate, evacuate and shelter in place if needed. Be sure to account for the needs of all family members, including seniors, children, individuals with access and functional needs and pets: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>. If you receive medical treatment or home health care services, work with your medical provider to determine how to maintain care and service if you are unable to leave your home or have to evacuate.

Build an emergency kit

Build an emergency kit that will sustain the household for three to five days without power. For tips on what

to include, people should visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>

Stay informed

Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts. They should visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency> to learn more about different types of alerting and information tools, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, social and traditional news media, Mass 2-1-1 and local notification systems.

For more resources, people may visit the Hurricane Safety Tips section of MEMA's website at <https://www.mass.gov/mema/hurricanes>.

Dragon Boat Festival rescheduled to set sail Oct. 14

SPRINGFIELD – The new date for the ninth annual Dragon Boat Festival is Saturday, Oct. 14 on the Connecticut River.

The festival was originally scheduled for July 29, but postponed due to unsafe water conditions resulting from recent flooding. Admission to the festival is free for spectators. The event will feature Dragon Boat races, food trucks and Asian-themed entertainment from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at North Riverfront Park, 121 West St.

Twenty-four teams from throughout New England are registered to participate in this year's Dragon Boat races. Community teams include Behavioral Health Network, CRRC-MA (the rail car

manufacturer), as well as the defending champions, Springfield Pharmacy First Responders. With the new date set, registrations for additional teams to sign up for the Oct. 14 races will be allowed by visiting www.pvriverfront.org.

The Springfield Dragon Boat Festival, which has been hosted by the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club since 2013, attracts hundreds of participants and spectators to the banks of the Connecticut River for a day of competition, festivity, and community support. The Festival is an important fundraiser in support of Breast Cancer survivors and Community Programming at the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club.

According to Ben Quick, Executive

Director of PVRC, "We are happy to have found an alternative date for the Dragon Boat Festival, which has become a staple of our offerings on the Riverfront. With the additional time, we are opening registration for teams and a fall dragon boat experience on the Connecticut with colleagues and friends can be spectacular. We look forward to welcoming Dragon Boaters and fans of this fun and exciting event."

Hundreds of paddlers from New England participate in the festival races. A dragon boat festival team is comprised of up to 20 paddlers, who race against other teams in 200-meter races on the Connecticut River. Each race lasts about one minute, and each team races at least

three times on the day of the festival. Dragon Boating originated in China 2,000 years ago and today is one of the world's fastest growing team water sports.

There is free parking available nearby at 77 West St. or along Avocado Street and on property abutting and behind the new Starbucks store adjacent to the Riverfront Club. The festival can also be reached by the Connecticut Riverwalk Bikeway. More information can be found by visiting www.pvriverfront.org or by calling 413-736-1322.

The Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club has both adult and youth programming throughout the fall and winter months. For more information, people may visit www.pvriverfront.org.

SNAP Gap Act to expand eligibility, increase benefits

WASHINGTON – Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), a member of the Senate Health, Labor, Education and Pensions Committee, and Rep. Lori Trahan (MA-03) today introduced the Bridging the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Gap Act, legislation to expand SNAP benefits for young adults, families, and Americans with regular medical expenses by breaking down harmful rules that limit eligibility and benefit levels.

The legislation would ensure that working students ages 17 to 21 can continue to receive their families' benefits and extend existing rules for seniors and people with disabilities so that all SNAP beneficiaries who spend at least \$35 a month on health-related expenses can receive higher monthly benefits.

"Nearly one-in-three college students are food insecure. Families across the country are seeing Congress cut their benefits as their medical costs rise. The Bridging the SNAP Gap Act will reverse this trend and help ensure that no student or family falls through the cracks," said Markey. "Families should be able to put food on the table, this shouldn't be controversial."

"For decades, working families have relied on SNAP to help make ends meet and get food on the table. I'm proud to be working with Senator

Markey to introduce the Bridging the SNAP Gap Act to strengthen the vital nutritional support that SNAP provides," said Trahan.

Specifically, the Bridging the SNAP Gap Act would; Raise the student income exclusion age from 17 to 21 to let young people receive SNAP benefits as part of their parent(s)' household without reducing the amount of SNAP benefits the family can get; Guarantee that all SNAP recipients can get additional benefits if they have at least \$35 of monthly medical expenses; and, Reduce and streamline paperwork for the medical expense deduction floor, currently at \$165 in 2023, with increases mirroring that of Medicare Part B rates.

In April, Markey led his colleagues in a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Social Security Administration urging them to make SNAP more accessible for Americans who are receiving or are eligible for Supplemental Security Income benefits, including low-income elderly and individuals with disabilities. In December 2022, Markey successfully advocated to insert a provision to ensure that victims of "SNAP skimming" would have their benefits repaid by requiring the USDA promulgate regulations to reimburse individuals and families whose SNAP benefits were stolen.

Bipartisan push to end violence against children around the world

WASHINGTON – Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, alongside Rep. Maria Salazar (R-FL) and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) introduced a major new bill to update and strengthen existing U.S. Government efforts to end global violence against children, improve inter-agency coordination in addressing violence and promote the use of evidence-based strategies and information gathering capabilities.

Globally, half of all children experience violence. Violence includes abuse, neglect, and exploitation and can be physical, sexual, psychological, or emotional in nature. Violence can happen anywhere-in communities, schools, homes, workplaces, and in humanitarian settings. Sexual exploitation and abuse take many forms and include human trafficking, early and forced child marriage, homicide, online exploitation, and gender-based violence.

"America has played a leading role in developing strategies to reduce and end child violence, and our new bipartisan bill builds on that legacy to help put an end to violence against children once and for all," said McGovern.

"We must do more to protect vulnerable children from being exploited by evil individuals across the world," said Salazar. "I am proud to co-lead the Strengthening Efforts to End Violence Against Children Act to help inno-

cent children who are at risk of sexual exploitation, human trafficking, forced child marriages, online abuse, and gender-based violence."

"It is our duty to protect children from exploitation and violence," said Fitzpatrick. "I am grateful to partner with my colleagues on the bipartisan Strengthening Efforts to End Violence Against Children Act to ensure that appropriate resources are directed to protect vulnerable children at risk of violence around the world."

Specifically, the Strengthening Efforts To End Violence Against Children Act will:

Align current interventions for vulnerable children with USAID's Advancing Protection and Care for Children in Adversity Strategy and evidence-based interventions such as the INSPIRE strategies and Violence Against Children Surveys.

Elevate the USAID Special Advisor for Assistance to Orphans and Vulnerable Children and require the Special Advisor to advise USAID offices, bureaus, and field missions and other U.S. government agencies to address violence against children through the current whole-of-government strategy. Update USAID reporting requirements to identify how U.S. agencies are utilizing the INSPIRE strategies and findings from Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys, including in response to the effects of COVID-19.

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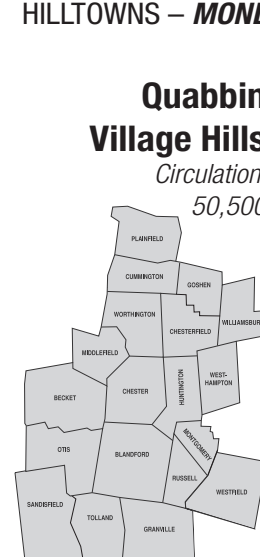
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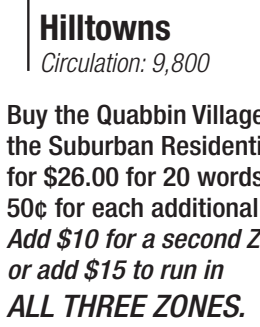
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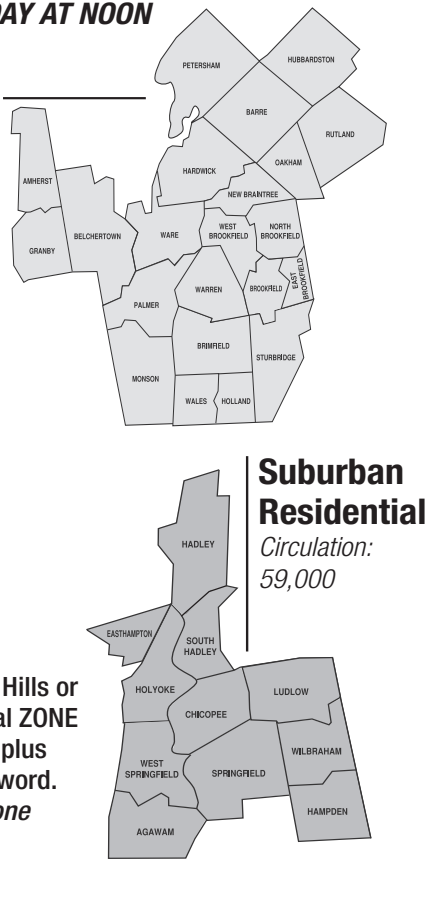
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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Goshen Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting under the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131 Section 40) on **Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Goshen Town Offices, 40 Main St., Goshen (rear meeting room) to review a **Request for Determination** filed by **Philip Hurzeler** for work at **81 Lake Drive**, Goshen. The work to be reviewed is: **replace metal septic tank with complying septic tank.** 10/05/2023

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Project File No. 607675
A Public Information Meeting will be hosted by MassDOT to discuss the design for the proposed Bridge Replacements Project, W-36-011 & W-36-017, Bridge Street over the Mill River and South Main Street over the Mill River in Williamsburg, MA.

WHERE: Haydenville Town Offices, 141 Main Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium Haydenville, MA 01039

WHEN: 6:00 PM, Thursday, October 19, 2023

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

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

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

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or

closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

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JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER
10/05, 10/12/2023

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Amber Small to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated December 3, 2020 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 13883, Page 90, subsequently assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 14426, Page 165 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on October 12, 2023 at 6 Maple Street, Huntington, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land in HUNTINGTON, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, being bounded and described as follows: COMMENCING on Maple Street at the corner of land of C.M. Lindsey and THENCE WESTERLY on land of said Lindsey, one hundred fourteen (114) feet and eight (8) inches to land formerly of one Hawkins; THENCE SOUTHERLY on said Hawkin's land forty-four (44) feet to land now or formerly of one Church; THENCE EASTERLY on said Church land to said Maple Street; THENCE SOUTHERLY on said Maple Street forty-four (44) feet to the place of beginning. For title reference, see deed herewith. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

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days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any

reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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09/21, 09/28, 10/05/2023

Town of Huntington Office of the Collector The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Notice of Tax Taking

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on **October 20, 2023 at 10 o'clock a.m.** at the Collector's Office, City Hall, PO BOX 550, Huntington, MA 01050, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, the following described parcel/s of land will be TAKEN FOR THE Town of Huntington for non-payment of taxes due thereon, with the interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Sue Fopiano, Collector

Property Location: 62 COUNTY RD
Assessed Owner(s): GOLDSMITH AARON J
Tax Bill #: 536 Map/Parcel ID: 444 90 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 522720 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13281 Page 104

2023	REAL ESTATE TAXES	1,756.09
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	115.38
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	90.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	1,961.47

Property Location: BROMLEY RD
Assessed Owner(s): DORSEY CHARLES
Tax Bill #: 1358 Map/Parcel ID: N4 25 A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 14374 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 10033 Page 309

2023	REAL ESTATE TAXES	47.05
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	4.40
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	90.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	141.45

Assessed Owner(s): SMALL AMBER
Property Location: 6 MAPLE ST
Tax Bill #: 880 Map/Parcel ID: H2 24 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 5445 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13883 Page 86

2023	REAL ESTATE TAXES	883.89
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	170.81
	INTEREST	69.17
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	90.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	1,213.87

Property Location: 17 MAPLE ST
Assessed Owner(s): DELLAMARCO ROBERT
Tax Bill #: 882 Map/Parcel ID: H2 26 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 10890 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13322 Page 354

2023	REAL ESTATE TAXES	656.15
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	589.31
	INTEREST	48.72
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	75.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	1,369.18

Property Location: 34 WORTHINGTON RD
Assessed Owner(s): LURGIO MICHAEL COLBY
Tax Bill #: 951 Map/Parcel ID: H2 91 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 34848 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13739 Page 26

2023	REAL ESTATE TAXES	618.29
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	40.55
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	90.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	748.84

Property Location: 2 ALDRICH AV
Assessed Owner(s): BROGA ALWAN J
BROGA DEBRA ANNE
Tax Bill #: 1032 Map/Parcel ID: H5 3 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 14766 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 2053 Page 273

2023	REAL ESTATE TAXES	599.18
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	39.30
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	90.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	728.48

Property Location: ALDRICH AV
Assessed Owner(s): PEASE HARRY R
PEASE SHELLY E
Tax Bill #: 1050 Map/Parcel ID: H5 5 A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 9626 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13138 Page 339

2023	REAL ESTATE TAXES	14.11
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	0.93
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	90.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	105.04

Property Location: ALDRICH AV
Assessed Owner(s): PEASE HARRY R
PEASE SHELLEY E
Tax Bill #: 1051 Map/Parcel ID: H5 6 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 15246 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13138 Page 339

2023	REAL ESTATE TAXES	14.52
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	0.95
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	90.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	105.47

Property Location: 10 ALDRICH AV
Assessed Owner(s): PEASE HARRY R
PEASE SHELLY E
Tax Bill #: 1053 Map/Parcel ID: H5 8 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 19035 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13138 Page 339

2023	REAL ESTATE TAXES	1,124.91
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	73.78
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	90.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	1288.69

Property Location: ALDRICH AV
Assessed Owner(s): PEASE HARRY R
PEASE SHELLY E
Tax Bill #: 1056 Map/Parcel ID: H5 9 A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 8232 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13138 Page 339

2023	REAL ESTATE TAXES	14.11
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	0.93
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	90.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	105.04

10/05/2023

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HILLTOWN HIKING ADVENTURES



The Western Massachusetts Hilltown Hikers climb through the "hole in the wall" at Flag Rock in Great Barrington. Submitted photos



The Hilltown Hikers enjoy the view from flag rock, located on the west side of Monument Mountain. In the distance is the village of Housatonic.



The Western Mass. Hilltown Hikers gather next to a large boulder during a recent hike.



Perched Rock, located off the trail on land managed by the Trustees of Reservations, is an authentic balanced rock.

Exploring boulders along the trail in Great Barrington

GREAT BARRINGTON – The Western Massachusetts Hilltown Hikers did some exploration of some splendid and humongous sized boulders at Flag Rock in Great Barrington with Christy Butler author and photographer of Berkshire Destinations and an adventurer.

They explored the fantastic boulders along this trail including "the mall, hole in the wall and Perched Rock." "Perched Rock" is

an authentic balanced rock, located off the trail.

The vista on flag rock looks over the village of Housatonic and its iconic Hilltown village and the Housatonic River. Flag Rock Vista is on the west side of Monument Mountain and is managed by the Trustees of Reservations.

This was a Housatonic Heritage sponsored group hike which are offered every year in fall for free to the public.

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