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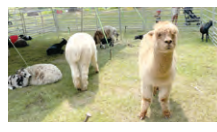
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Pride flag-raising ceremony a huge success

BY JAIME MICHAELS
Guest Contributor

BELCHERTOWN - Filling the Town Hall auditorium to capacity, over 100 people, from two to 94, attended Belchertown's second annual Pride Flag-Raising Ceremony last Thursday. People just kept pouring into the

auditorium. They arrived with so much enthusiasm and then the size of the turnout sparked even more excitement and energy. As the Pride Flag-Raising Ceremony coordinator and co-founder of Belchertown Pride this was a great moment.

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BY MARC BARRETTE

Tegan Mannino (left), the technology librarian at The Clapp Memorial Library in Belchertown, sets up an exhibit of LGBTQ books at the Belchertown Pride Flag-Raising Ceremony.

Selectboard discusses goals and objectives

Communications, personnel, budget among priorities

BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - As the town approaches a new fiscal year and ushers in a new Town Administrator, soon to be the town's first Town Manager, the Selectboard discussed its goals and objectives in the upcoming year.

Selectboard Chair Ed Boscher said the goals and objectives are "what direction we want to see the town go." Then these goals and objectives are delegated to the Town Administrator.

Town Administrator Steve Williams presented some of his own goals and objectives, on which members provided feedback.

He wanted to improve communications in the town to get more people informed including a system for customer feedback, social media and signage.

"We need to have a town-wide social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and whatever else is out there so we can disseminate information better,"

he said.

He said he is already in the process of working with the police department to budget for a permanently mounted sign on State Street for town-wide notification.

"It's an easier location and if we have emergency messages that come out, we can get a message up right away and they can update it," he said. "It can be as simple as high school graduation, elections, the Annual Town Meeting or EEE is active again."

Selectboard member Peg Louraine proposed two signs, given that not everyone goes down State Street on a regular basis.

"Something where it would be more universally viewed," Louraine said.

Boscher said the signs typically cost about \$30,000 to \$40,000 each.

Selectboard member Jen Turner brought up perhaps having a PR position.

Another goal Williams has is to update job descriptions for town employees, which he said hasn't been done in over a decade.

"I spoke with our HR Director, and we have a very

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Salutorian Brady Pete.

Congratulations Granby CLASS of 2023

BY MATTY ANDERSON
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GRANBY- Tassels were turned, tears were shed and laughs were shared among graduates friends and family.

Granby Junior Senior High School held the 2023 graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 10 in the gymnasium. From the beginning of the ceremony it was clear that this goodbye would not be an easy one, for students and staff alike.

After the National Anthem, Lauren Parker, Senior Class Corresponding Secretary, led her peers, teachers and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then

Principal Alison Jordan took to the podium and explained to her former students how unpredictable and amazing life can be.

She explained how she never expected to go into education but she's so glad that she did, and she reminisced over great times she's had with the class of 2023.

Her speech included inside jokes between her and the students, one student even cheered her on as she got emotional about saying goodbye, which demonstrated how much she and the graduates cared for each other.

She passed the podium to Class President Markus Baran who put the audience through a roller-coaster of emotions with his powerful words. He explained, "Fifty-

eight percent of our class went to kindergarten together. We went on field trips and made many great memories."

He teared up as he spoke, then after a brief pause to compose himself, he said, "Anyways" in a comedic sequence, which got a huge laugh from the whole gymnasium.

Following Baran's wonderful speech, the Granby Junior Senior Band dedicated a musical performance of "All of The Lights" by Kanye West, which was arranged by R.M Castellano.

Then, Senior Class Treasurer Abigail Huebner presented the Class Gift. The class of 2023

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Valedictorian Kathrine Vallee

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Town's Democrats to elect delegates to state convention

BELCHERTOWN – On Saturday, June 17, Belchertown Democrats will hold a virtual caucus to elect delegates and alternates to attend the 2023 Massachusetts Democratic Convention, where they will help set the party's agenda for the year ahead.

According to a news release, Registered and pre-registered Democrats in Belchertown may vote and be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus. Young people (ages 16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color, and

members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates are encouraged to apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or by visiting massdems.org/massdems-convention.

The convention will be held in person at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell on September 23.

Those interested in attending can sign up on the Belchertown Democratic Town Committee's website at belchertowndemocrats.org or via email at belchertowndemocrats@gmail.com.

Players, public invited to BHS alumni lacrosse game set for June 16

BELCHERTOWN — It's time to relive those glory days.

Former teammates and classmates are invited to participate in the Belchertown Lacrosse Association and Owen W. Sedlacek Memorial Foundation Alumni Lacrosse Game to be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 16, in the Belchertown High School Stadium.

All former and current Belchertown

High School players are invited to participate and all residents are encouraged to attend to cheer on the players.

The event includes a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Owen W. Sedlacek Memorial Foundation.

For more information or to register, email Jennifer Keefe at Jennifer.Keefe15@gmail.com.

Jubilee Ministries host diaper drive Saturday

WARE – The United Way and Trinity Episcopal Church, Jubilee Ministries Diaper Mission will be outside Walmart this coming Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m.-noon to collect diapers, pull-ups, wipes and monetary donations.

These donations will be used to assist in the effort of supplying materials to the local surrounding communities in order

to meet their diapering needs. The greatest need is for larger sizes; size 4 and up diapers and 4-5T and up pull-ups.

All donations benefit 15 agencies serving families across Franklin County, Hampshire County and the North Quabbin region. To donate online, people may visit uw-fh.org/diaper-drive.

Lions waiting to serve hot food

BELCHERTOWN — The Lions Club will be on the Town Common all day Saturday, June 17, for the Aaron's Day event selling hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries and meatball grinders.

All proceeds will go to Aaron's Day and to local veterans organizations. The Belchertown Lions invited everyone to stop by their hot food stand and help support these worthy causes.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The annual Aaron's Race family fun day will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, on the Town Common. More racers are needed for the event's pinewood derby.

Pinewood derby contestants needed

BELCHERTOWN — Preparations for the second Aaron's Race family event being held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, on the Town Common are entering the final lap.

Building upon last year's inaugural launch to provide help and information as to preventing teen suicide, the day's program offers families a day of fun from the race, to the SUPER raffle, to the booths and demonstrations and much more.

While much of the race day activities will take place on the Belchertown

Common, the actual Pinewood Derby race takes place in Old Town Hall. More contestants are needed for the derby. Cars used in prior races can be used in this one, too.

The Aaron's Race brochure available round town contains an application. If one can't be found, information is available on Facebook at Aaron's Race 01007. The page is updated daily for the race, SUPER Raffle, car show, mental health booths with informational to help prevent teen suicide and the day's other activities.

Explore barren habitat with DCR July 15

BELCHERTOWN – The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center is offering another free program.

On Saturday, July 15 from 9-11 a.m., explore barrens habitat restoration on Barre Heathland, meeting at the intersection of Route 62 and Barre Road in Hubbardston on a 1-mile moderate hike. How can forest management and prescribed fire programs support rare plant and animal habitats?

All ages are welcome. Email QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov with questions or to be added to the mailing list

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Editor's Note: Due to an error portions of this article were missing in last week's Sentinel. It is reprinted here in its entirety.

A therapeutic massage for all ages

BY CHRISTAL WHELAN
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BELCHERTOWN – A stone's throw away from the Belchertown Common, tucked away in a barn long since repurposed into comfortable massage treatment rooms, lies A Healing Touch Therapeutic Massage, Inc., owned and operated by a husband and wife team, Pauline and Christopher Reynolds.

Last November the company reached its 20-year milestone. During these two decades it has grown and diversified. The practice now includes three additional licensed massage therapists who share the Reynolds' holistic approach to health.

The therapists specialize in Integrated Therapeutic Massage, a modality that combines various methods such as Trigger-Point Therapy, Myofascial Release and Swedish Massage. Rather than a single therapy or a fixed massage protocol, the practitioners at A Healing Touch employ a combination of these various techniques determined by the needs of the particular client.

The Reynolds, who trained together at the Central Massachusetts School of Massage and Therapy, formerly in Spencer, are avid athletes. For six years the couple competed in triathlons.

Many of their clients were also fellow athletes who came to them for Sports Massage. At present, the majority of their clients are professionals with a payload of stress that



Pauline and Christopher Reynolds with their 4-year-old son Edan.

ultimately led to their greater emphasis on an integrated massage.

Prior to opening their own massage therapy business, the Reynolds offered chair massage in various doctors' offices in western Massachusetts and Springfield, and participated annually in the Belchertown Fair.

Much earlier in her career, Pauline Reynolds worked at Baystate Hospital as a medical secretary. "I like helping people," she said with a radiant smile.

At this 20-year-plus juncture in their therapeutic work in Belchertown, more than anything else, the Reynolds would like to express their deep gratitude to the wonderful community of Belchertown for their unrelenting support, and for being such a fantastic place in which to both live and work.

Located at 26 North Main St. in Belchertown. For more information, please visit their website ahealingtouchonline.com or contact them by phone at 413-323-9952.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY CHRISTAL WHELAN
A relaxing treatment room at A Healing Touch Therapeutic Massage, Inc.

Belchertown Community TV Schedule Highlights

Thursday, June 15

- 8 a.m. – Select Board – 12 June
- 10 a.m. – BHS Graduation 2023
- Noon – Aaron's Race 2023
- 7 p.m. – Select Board – 12 June
- 9 p.m. – BHS Graduation 2023
- 11 p.m. – Aaron's Race 2023

Friday, June 16

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. – Aaron's Race
- 9:30 a.m. – Communication Committee – 8 June
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 7 p.m. – Aaron's Race
- 7:30 p.m. – Communication Committee – 8 June

Saturday, June 17

- 8 a.m. – Swift River 1st Grade sings at Senior Center
- 8:30 a.m. – Graffiti Jam 2023
- 9:00 a.m. – Aaron's Race 2023
- 6:00 p.m. – BHS Graduation 2023
- 8 p.m. – Swift River 1st Grad sings at Senior Center
- 8:30 p.m. – Graffiti Jam 2023
- 9 p.m. – BHS Graduation 2023

Sunday, June 18

- 4:30 p.m. – St. Francis Romas Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. – Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. – Hope United Methodist Church
- 8:30 p.m. – Fire/Police Citizens' Academy Graduation

Monday, June 19

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. – Police Department dedicates a tree to Gary Brougham
- 9:30 a.m. – Fire/Police Citizens' Academy Graduation
- 10 a.m. – Swift River 1st Grad sings at Senior Center
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 7 p.m. – Police Department dedicates a tree to Gary Brougham
- 7:30 p.m. – Fire/Police Citizens' Academy Graduation
- 8 p.m. – Swift River 1st Grad sings at Senior Center

Tuesday, June 20

- 8 a.m. – Graffiti Jam 2023
- 9:00 a.m. – BHS Graduation 2023
- 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee – Channel 192
- 7:00 p.m. – Community Preservation Committee – Channel 191

Wednesday, June 21

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. – Graffiti Jam 2023
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 7 p.m. – BEDIC _ Channel 191

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preliminary budget of about \$35,000 to hire consultants that come in and redo our job descriptions. I think there are over 100 of them," Williams said. "These will be updated to reflect current job duties. We can look at organizational structure at that time and compensation."

He also wants to review and reevaluate the structure of the performance evaluations as well.

As far as the budget is concerned, Williams said he wanted to tackle the structural deficit by starting the budget process earlier, which he wants to begin in the fall.

"The Town Accountant and the Town Assessor are already working with the DLS forecasting tools," Williams said. "It's quite an effort, but once we have that, it should be easier to maintain."

He wants to begin to look at the deficit number and begin to chip away at it in a responsible way that doesn't lose essential services.

"We need to look at what we're charging for various programming and permits and make adjustments not only to account for expenses more closely but to compare to other communities," Williams said.

Speaking about first responders and emergency management, Williams said he'd like to have another tabletop exercise to practice the town's plan as well as roles and responsibilities.

He also spoke about working with the police and fire department chiefs to set goals and objectives, which Boscher said he'd like to see a presentation on in the next two to three weeks.

Williams also spoke about the town's need to look at its buildings and equipment capital to "find a way to be more aggressive with that."

"We are falling behind on new trucks and equipment. We have buildings that are aging," Williams said. "Not only do we need to have a capital plan, but until we back out of our reliance on free cash, we don't have the means to fund these capital projects."

Boscher asked if Williams had a complete list of the buildings, equipment, approximate ages and life expectancies. Williams said he did.

During feedback from the board, members brought up determining office hours of the Conservation Department, an Earth Day clean up and the town's master plan.

Turner said it's been updated in sections with implementation steps.

"I'd like to see that as more of a living document that we're using. There was a lot of work and effort put into that," she said. "We updated the economic development section and the recreation and open space section. The housing section is actively being worked on. There are steps we can follow and use it as a guidebook."

Selectboard member Lesa Lessard Pearson and Turner also brought up looking at the organizational development of the Human Resources Department.

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GRANBY CHARTER DAYS

Alligators and vultures and red tail hawks, oh my!

BY MATTY ANDERSON
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GRANBY— Over the weekend, Granby held its annual Charter Day celebration at Dufresne Park to commemorate their independence from South Hadley.

Granby was originally part of the Hadley Equivalent Lands, then part of South Hadley. First settled in 1727, on June 11, 1768 the town finally received its own charter, and was named in honor of John Manners, Marquis of Granby, and hero of the Seven Years War.

Every year the town celebrates its Charter with an annual town fair on the second full weekend in June. Festivities these days include games, rides, food, fireworks and much more.

On Friday, Fanelli Rides and Concessions were open from 5-10 p.m., then music was played in the field. Highlights included the Truck and Tractor Pullers Association's truck pull, and the Granby Legion Beer Tent.

Saturday began early with a Granby Police Pancake Breakfast from 7-10 a.m. and a Fishing Derby starting at 8 a.m. Oxen Pulls took place at 10 a.m., and Jim from the BWNA put on a wildlife show which featured a number of amazing animals including baby alligators, red winged hawks, barred owls and many more.

The beer tent was open from 12-10 p.m., the James Germana



Rich Gaj holding a baby alligator.



Fun rides that were available at the event.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY MATTY ANDERSON

Band performed from 2-4:30 p.m., followed by the Midlife Crisis Band and the East Coast Cowboys. The night concluded with a stunning fireworks show.

On Sunday, the final day, there was a Tractor Pull and the Wrestling 5K Fun Run and Walk Fundraiser in the morning. In the afternoon there were two musical performances – by the Berkshire Hill Music Academy and the band Under Black Skies.

The Charter Day Committee consists of President Crista Dufresne, Rich Gaj, Carol Nobes, Lyndsey Nobes, Nick Robinson, Jen Bernatchez and Bridget Ray. On Sunday, Dufresne said

“We held a ceremony today to honor Rich Gaj who is retiring after 38 years on the committee. We’ve received nothing but positive feedback about this celebration, I’m just glad that everyone enjoyed the food, music, fireworks and everything else.”

A few other members will be stepping down from the committee in the near future, so if you’re interested in being on the Charter Day Committee, don’t hesitate to reach out and apply. This is a yearly celebration, so if you missed out this year mark your calendars for the second full weekend of June 2024.



Jim Moulton holding Vern the vulture.



William Coleman working the game booths.



Simply Cannoli, a food vendor that came all the way from Boston to be there.



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chose to replace the mats and redo the walls of the gymnasium, not just because they felt it was necessary, but also because they wanted to do something special for a place where they had shared many good times over the years.

The next speaker was Brady Pete, a real triple threat, from swimming and cross country to obtaining the academic status of Salutatorian. Pete said "This isn't the end, I encourage all of you to view this moment as the beginning."

Our class may be small but our potential knows no limits, I want to stress that our class rank doesn't determine our worth, it's just a rank nothing more."

After the ceremony, he added. "I'm looking forward to the future and wishing everyone good luck, make your dreams your reality!"

Brady's humble and encouraging speech was followed by fellow academic powerhouse and Valedictorian, Kathrine Vallee. She said, "The other day I came across a picture of all of us in kindergarten as they passed out our nametags and we looked so scared."

Somewhere along the way we grew up. I realize now that we were scared we were young and didn't know what the day would bring, I guess that's just like today."

Going forward, Vallee will be attending the University of New Hampshire, to study Biomedical Engineering.

After the ceremony, she added, "I feel very lucky to be graduating from Granby. It's such a nice community. I'm sad that my time here is coming to an end but happy that I was able to have this experience."

Senior Class Recording Secretary Eva Bartosz introduced the Commencement speaker who was chosen by the students. Mr. Todd Dorman was chosen for his signature dramatic flair, fun and engaging attitude toward teaching.

He joked, "Who would have thought there could be such a long conversation about a Kia Soul and whether or not I drive one. The joke went on for so long that I was inspired to take a Zoom field trip to my garage to prove that I don't... especially not an Alien Green one."

He demonstrated exactly why he was chosen by his students as he had the whole gymnasium laughing, then his students saw another side of their mentor. He got emotional as he explained "It's likely that you guys will be the last class that I teach, the class of 2023 will always have a special place in my heart!"

Superintendent Stephen Sullivan



"The Elites" Eva Bartosz, Markus Baram, Madison Gaj, Abigail Huebner and Carter White.

followed Doorman's speech, and explained how the class of 2023 would stick with him in the same way. He entered the school the same year they did and said, "I have no doubt in my mind that you are leaving this school brighter and better than you found it. You guys had a huge impact on this school."

School Committee Chairperson Mrs. Jennifer Bartosz spoke for everyone when she approved the distribution of their diplomas. She added, "I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles."

Julia Richardi composed the recessional music for the ceremony, which she played as the former students turned their tassels and tossed their caps before exiting the gymnasium.

After the ceremony had concluded students met up with their friends and family in front of the school. Some smoked their celebratory cigars and others took photos to remember their best friends from high school.

The Senior Class Officers stood together as they retired from their government positions and said goodbye to their political stomping grounds. President Markus Baran said, "This is the end of a decade but the beginning of an age."



Robert Labbee, Johnny Santiago and Daniel Gauvin.

Vice-President Madyson Gaj added, "A grand adventure is about to begin." Recording Secretary Eva Bartosz said, "I'd like to say cheers to the elites! That's what we call ourselves. It's an inside joke."

With a small class that has been together since they were children, I doubt graduating means goodbye but rather see you soon. The bond between these students was written all over their faces throughout the ceremony. Many celebrated together after leaving. May they remain close as they move forward.

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OPINION



How will working affect my first year's benefits?

Dear Rusty: I retired from working in January of this year and have since claimed Social Security. I didn't work at all in February or March, but I began a part time job in April. I'm very confused about how Social Security counts earnings for the first year. I don't know if I need to keep each month's earnings under \$1,770 or if they average it. Some of the literature I've found says each month must remain under \$1,770 or no benefit will be paid that month. Two people at the Social Security office told me that they'll just dock me \$1 for every \$2 I am over that, even in my first year. I also cannot find anything about when they count your income. Is it when it's earned or when it's paid? If I go over in a month because there are three pay periods, can they withhold the benefit for that month? I'm just so confused!
Signed: Part Time Worker

Dear Part Time Worker: The Social Security earnings test during your first year collecting benefits before full retirement age is, indeed, somewhat confusing. The reason is because there are two methods, which Social Security may use during your first calendar year collecting early benefits, and they will use the one which results in the least financial impact to you.

To elaborate:
If you claim benefits mid-year before your full retirement age, for the remainder of that first year (starting in the month benefits begin and ending in December) you'll be subject to a monthly earnings limit (\$1,770 for 2023). If you exceed the monthly limit in any remaining month of that first calendar year, you won't be entitled to benefits for that month, so Social Security would (eventually) take back that month's benefit. That is, unless using the annual limit (\$21,240 for 2023) instead will result in a smaller penalty. If your total earnings for your first year collecting are over the annual limit (e.g., \$21,240 for 2023), the penalty would be \$1 for every \$2 over the annual limit and, if that is less than the penalty from using the monthly limit, they will assess the smaller penalty. In other words, Social Security will use the method, which is most beneficial to you when assessing a penalty for exceeding the earnings limit during your first calendar year collecting benefits. And just for clarity, the earnings limits are much higher and the penalty less during the year you attain Full Retirement Age.

Something else to be aware of: if you know in advance you will exceed the annual limit it would be best to inform Social Security in order to avoid an Overpayment Notice next year. If you don't, Social Security won't know about your 2023 earnings until you file your 2023 income taxes, so you'll get your 2023 monthly payments as usual. But when the IRS informs Social Security of your 2023 earnings later next year, Social Security will ask you to detail your monthly work earnings for 2023. If you have exceeded the limits, they will determine an overpayment amount and will ask you to either pay back what is owed in a lump sum or will withhold your benefits for enough months to recover what you owe for exceeding the 2023 earnings limit. Then, after you FRA, you'll get time credit for all months in which benefits were withheld, thus slightly increasing your monthly payment after your FRA.

Finally, it is when your income is earned that counts, not when it is paid. So, for example, if you worked in January 2023 and were paid for that work in February 2023, that is considered January income, which wouldn't count toward the February earnings limit.

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LETTERS

Aaron's Race: Fun, awareness for community

Until it happens to you, the depth of that horrific moment is not understood. That moment is life changing, heart wrenching. The confusion and tears flood your being and the range of emotions is a tsunami.

Until it happens to you, then and only then will you know what it is like.

To prevent the above from happening as well as to give family and friends a head's up, the second Aaron's Race on Saturday, June 17, will take place on our Town Common and in our Old Town Hall (for the Pinewood Derby). It is first and always a day of remembrance of those who took their lives – those who didn't know how to work through whatever it was they were going through.

Aaron's Race is also an opportunity to

"be there" when your teen summons the courage to share with you.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be games, music, food, a Super Raffle and much more; but, it is an opportunity to come, share and learn. There will be opportunities to meet and talk with those who can help you and your teen move forward.

Heather Twining and Tim Plant, along with their legion of volunteers, have worked diligently to create a day where fun, remembrance, learning, and sharing are uppermost in all the staff's collective mind. Come to the Common and be a part of this endeavor to save a life.

Gloria Fortunato
Belchertown

Do you prefer 'freedom and liberty'?

The Declaration of Independence had 27 tyrannical complaints against the King of England. One should look at them to see if any of them apply to our country today.

You may be surprised. Our colonies were divided by those who supported the King and those who preferred freedom and liberty.

Look at today's society and we are once again divided in the same way; those who support D.C. and those who support freedom and liberty. What do you prefer?

Back then, Americans tried to work through the system to make changes according to England's laws, but things were never corrected. More taxes and more restrictions came their way. Today, we have more taxes and more restrictions, too. Has history repeated itself?

What do you think?

Back then, some Americans couldn't tolerate England's increasing burdensome laws. They thought hard and long. They knew England had many more resources available for any war they may have. Americans knew they didn't. America was not equal to England in resources.

Back then, Americans did outshine England in their faith, desire and will

power to be a Free country. So, they created the Declaration of Independence stating such. The signers stated: "...we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

There were 56 colonists who signed this declaration of treason.

As we all know, history repeats itself. Do you think this will happen in America again?

If so, by what legal way would our country fix ourselves? One would need to look at Article 5 of our Constitution. Article 5 allows not only Congress to propose amendments, but also the states. Only 34 states need to pass specific proposed amendment(s) for the Convention of States to take place. The states send commissioners to debate the specific proposed amendments.

Any agreed amendments would then need to be ratified by 48 states to become Amendment(s) of the Constitution. That 19 states have already passed a resolution to call a convention of states? We the people can take action. Do you prefer freedom and liberty? Do you?

Jane LaBorde
Granby



Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sightings of a least bittern at Richmond marsh in Berkshire County, one at Great Pond in Hatfield in Hampshire County, two at High Head in Truro and one at Bell's Neck in Harwich, both on Cape Cod.

The least bittern is the smallest of the

herons at only 13 inches tall. The male has a black crown and back and the female has a rich brown crown and back. Its chest is white with brown streaking. In flight, the buffy, inner wing patches are visible.

Least bitterns fly weakly with quick wingbeats. They inhabit marshes with dense vegetation. Least bitterns stalk through reeds in a crouched posture or stand in place. They eat small fish, frogs, insects, small mammals and sometimes bird eggs and chicks.

They nest in a small platform of sticks lined with live or dead vegetation placed

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In response to the large crowd, Belchertown High School student Daniel Cormier said, "I was very surprised because I expected a small turnout, maybe more kids from the high school. However there were many older folks and it really made me emotional."

The program included guest speakers Representative Aaron Saunders, Chief of Police Kevin Pacunas, Select Board member Lesa Lessard Pearson, and the 2023 LGBTQ+ Honoree, Bonnie Strickland. The Clapp Memorial Library had a large exhibit of LGBTQ+ books and there was a dedicated table with free souvenirs sponsored by several local banks.

Also in attendance were special guests Kristen Elechko, the Western Massachusetts Director for the Governor's Office and Senator Jake Oliveira who, although having just flown in from Europe, drove directly from the airport to the flag-raising ceremony. It makes a very strong statement to Belchertown residents to have so many special guests and speakers show up for our Pride ceremony. People really noticed.

Rep. Saunders kicked off the lineup of speakers by emphasizing the importance of the Pride Flag-Raising Ceremony and the need to continue the progress for the LGBTQ+ community. He said that this includes "supporting our LGBT young people [and] insuring that the rash of violence against our trans community is dealt with clearly and unequivocally."

"The ceremony was an amazing display of acceptance," said Cormier, age 17. "I feel that sometimes when I have to deal with people who may not like me as much due to my sexual orientation or my gender identity, that it's hard to remember that most of the community accepts me for who I am. The ceremony reminded me that I have friends and support in the community."

Belchertown Chief of Police Kevin Pacunas sparked a loud round of applause and cheers when he stated in his remarks, "I think it's important for our community to know that the Belchertown Police Department supports equality for everybody. Hate is not acceptable. It is not tolerable...Raising the Pride Flag tonight in front of Town Hall is going to help foster...inclusiveness so that all members of our community can feel safe and welcome."

The centerpiece of the program was a newly minted tradition honoring a LGBTQ+ Belchertown resident. For 2023, the honoree was Bonnie Strickland, age 86, a Belchertown resident for 50 years,



Colleen DuroShea (second from left), Vice Chair of the Council on Aging Advisory Board with her wife Martha (left) and friends at the Belchertown Pride Flag-Raising Ceremony.



Over 125 people filled Belchertown's Town Hall Auditorium to capacity at the Pride Flag-Raising Ceremony.

and one of Belchertown's eldest LGBTQ+ residents. Strickland is a nationally renowned and award-winning psychologist, and a social activist for over 60 years. She is author of a widely acclaimed memoir, "Leaving the Confederate Closet: A Southern Lesbian's Journey."

During the horrible era when homosexuality was diagnosed by psychologists as a mental illness, Bonnie was fighting courageously on the front lines of her profession to have the diagnosis eliminated. In 1973, the fight was finally won. Generations later, we all still benefit from Bonnie's daring trailblazing advocacy.

With a thunderous standing ovation, the audience showed its appreciation of Strickland as she approached the podium to speak. In her remarks, Strickland reminded the audience of the reality she lived through for many decades, "If I had been identified as a 'homosexual' in my early adult life, I would have lost my job, I could have been jailed, referred to a mental hospital, shunned by my family and friends."

So much has changed for LGBTQ+ people in my lifetime. Here in Belchertown, I can live openly and happily with my beloved partner. LGBTQ+ people can marry whom we please, and we have been fortunate with pro-LGBTQ+ legislation that has been passed to protect us."

Being honored by her community was very moving to Strickland. She said, "I have had the good fortune to have received some accolades and recognition during my lifetime."

But, none are as meaningful to me as this. I am so happy and proud to live in a community that can raise a Pride Flag and hold an event such as this, signifying that Belchertown recognizes, respects, and is inclusive and supportive of its LGBTQ+ residents."

The final program speaker was Lesa



Belchertown High School Juniors Ori Sussman and Daniel Cormier were given the honor this year to raise the Pride Flag at Belchertown Town Hall.

Lessard Pearson, who made Belchertown history by becoming the first openly out LGBTQ+ Select Board member when she was elected in May. "If being open about who I am can help others to feel safe, welcome and respected in their own town then I'm proud to serve as Belchertown's first openly gay Select Board member."


Lessard Pearson added, "I hope that flying the Progress Pride Flag sends the message that no matter who you are or who you love, you are welcome, you are safe and you are respected as a resident or visitor in Belchertown."

With Select Board member Peg Louraine standing by her side, Lessard Pearson read the Select Board's Proclamation recognizing June as National Pride Month. The Select Board also approved for the first time that the Pride will fly for the whole month of June. The audience burst into another round of enthusiastic applause.


Undaunted by the heavy downpour that was occurring, I invited the audience to "grab your umbrellas and lets go raise our Pride Flag!" Everyone braved the rain and cheered as two Belchertown High School students, Ori Sussman and Daniel Cormier, raised the Pride Flag over Town Hall.

As soon as the Pride Flag was flying, the rain stopped, and the sun came out over Belchertown.

Sussman, age 17, in describing his experience of the ceremony said, "The turnout made me proud. Coming from Arizona, I wasn't used to such a positive community like Belchertown has been, and so seeing this small town have a ton of people at a Pride Flag-Raising Ceremony just made my heart full with joy."



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Tyler McDonald smothering a grounder.



Derek Gould squares up a strike.

Orioles fall to Medfield

BELCHERTOWN – The season has come to an end for Belchertown baseball, but the Orioles enjoyed a bunch of post-season play, participating in both

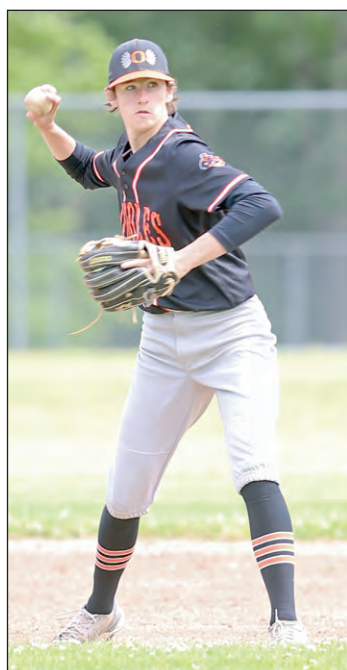
the Western Mass. and state tournaments this year. On Sunday, June 4, the Orioles defeated Norwell 5-4 in the Division 3 state Round of 32. The Orioles

would move on the next day and lost at Medfield 9-0. Belchertown, which will now move on to Legion baseball, finishes at 13-7.

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Luke Giguere returns the ball to the infield.



Ian McDonald slings a throw to first.



Josh Misiaszek pitches for Belchertown.

Girls tennis reaches second round

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—One of the goals for Belchertown girls' tennis team before the start of the regular season was to celebrate a victory in the Division 3 state tournament.

The fourth-seeded Lady Orioles achieved that goal by pulling out a 3-2 home win over 29th-seeded Dedham High School in the round of 32 on the final day of May.

Their season came to an end following a 3-2 loss to 13th-seeded North Reading in the round of 16, last Tuesday afternoon. That match was originally scheduled to be held at the Belchertown High School tennis courts. It was moved indoors to the Ludlow Tennis Club due to the weather.

“One of our team goals this season was to win a match in the state tournament, which we



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Ava Shea gets ready to make a return.

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Kasey Gibbons has this hit squared up.

Pioneers get another draw

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The last two Western Mass. Pioneers home matches have ended in draws. It's something that hasn't taken place at historic Lusitano Stadium since 2018.

Four days after playing a scoreless draw against Black Rock FC, the Pioneers had to settle for a 1-1 home tie versus the Boston Bolts, last Wednesday night.

“Another tie really doesn't help us very much,” said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. “We've been having trouble putting the ball into the net during the past couple of games.”

At the beginning of the 2018 regular season, the Pioneers posted back-to-back 1-1 home draws against the Boston Bolts and the

GPS Portland Phoenix.

The Pioneers also played a road tie against the Seacoast United Phantoms and a home tie against the Westchester Flames in back-to-back matches at the end of the 2018 regular season.

The good news is the Pioneers haven't lost a regular season match at Lusitano Stadium since June 22, 2018, when they suffered a 2-1 setback to Black Rock FC.

The Western Mass. squad had a 3-0-3 overall record after their first six matches of this season. Their other tie came in the first meeting of the regular season with the Phantoms, which took place away from the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium on May 25.

The Pioneers posted a 3-0 road victory over the Bolts in the season opener on May 16.

Western Mass. was trailing 1-0

at halftime of last Wednesday's home contest.

The Bolts (0-3-3) took a 1-0 lead following a header by Harry Sankey, which was assisted by Tanner Barry, during the 21st minute.

The home team, who played much better during the second half, had several very good chances to put the ball into the net past Bolts goalie Nikola Antich.

Alec Hughes, Jared Smith, Lucio Berron, and Khalid Rose had shots on goals for the home team.

Augustine Boadi, who's a first-year member of the Western Mass. Pioneers squad, finally got the job done during the 84th minute.

Boadi, who'll be entering his sophomore season as a member of

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Connor Hicks makes a throw-in.



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Tomas Duben socks a corner kick away.

SPORTS

Rollins takes win in Late Model race

WINCHESTER, N.H. — Veteran wheelsman Geoff Rollins rocketed to victory Saturday at Monadnock Speedway, gobbling up the competition as he won the first round of the 2023 Teddy Bear Pools NHSTRA Late Model Triple Crown series at the storied high-banked speedplant.

The Bay State hot shoe was one of four drivers scoring his first win of the year Saturday on the high banks. Nate Wenzel, NHSTRA Modifieds, Louie Maher, Mini Stocks, and Michael Yeaton, Six Shooters, each earned his first victory lap of the summer, while Pure Stocker Chris Davis and Young Gun Adrian Smith both won for the second time.

Starting up front in the 50-lap main event after dominating his heat race, Rollins never looked back en route to running away with the \$1,000 top prize. Strongman Chris Buffone stayed with him the first ten laps but when Buffone suddenly dropped out on lap 11, it was all Rollins. Behind him, though, the competition was fierce for spots two through five.

With only one caution, on lap 47, slowing the rapid-fire event, gains were hard to come by as the sizzling field blasted through the fog. Kenny Thompson claimed the duce at Buffone's demise, but had Tim Wenzel glued to his bumper.

Matt Sonnhalter, charging from row four, took second on lap 35, but Wenzel stayed just inches behind. With three to go, Rollins lost his half-lap lead, while the two top contenders set up for a furious finish. Sonnhalter's last-lap backchute dive netted him second, with Wenzel, Thompson, and Hillary Renaud rounding out the potent top five.

Sophomore speedster Nate Wenzel led all the way in the NHSTRA Modified 40-lapper, keeping defending track champ Tyler Leary in his shadow to score his first victory of the summer. Brian Chapin edged Aaron Fellows for third, while JT Cloutier, spun on lap five, stormed back through the field to come home fifth.

The crowd held its breath in this one, as the red waved on lap five when Kimmy Rivet's open-wheeler took a wild ride in turn two, landing on top of the backstretch wall. Something appeared to have broken in Cole Littlewood's car, sending him into Rivet and then into the wall, but both drivers fortunately walked away from the carnage.

Louie Maher made the move of the night



Geoff Rollins got a victory at Monadnock Speedway last Saturday evening.

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on lap three of the Mini Stock feature to take the lead from Skyler Shippee and then hold strong to score his first win of the season in the caution-free 25-lapper. Shippee finished at his bumper, with Kevin Clayton strong in third.

Chris Davis held second-generation pilot Nolan McClay in his shadow for all 25 laps to win his second Pure Stock feature in a row. Reigning Claremont champ Chris Chambers was third, taking the checkers just ahead of Kodi Sabins and CJ Johnson.

Week one winner Steve Miller and son Steve Jr. brought the Six Shooters to the green but, if this one was supposed to be a Marvelous Millers show, Michael Yeaton hadn't read the script. Yeaton took over on lap three and never looked back. Miller Jr. was strong in second, with Renegade Robert Shaw coming home third.

Markus O'Neil led the first eight laps of the Young Guns feature before giving way to event winner Adrian Smith. Owen Zilinski got up for second on lap 11 but couldn't reel in the speedy Smith, while O'Neil stayed strong to earn the third podium spot.

After a weekend off, Monadnock Speedway will return to action on Saturday, June 24, when it hosts the 50-lap Pure Stock Shoot Out. The NHSTRA Modifieds, Pro 4 Modifieds, Mini Stocks, and Young Guns, along with the NELCAR Legends and Bandaleros, will all be in

action too.

Monadnock Speedway June 10 Unofficial Top Tens:

TEDDY BEAR POOLS TRIPLE CROWN LATE MODEL 50: Geoff Rollins, Matt Sonnhalter, Tim Wenzel, Rupert Thompson, Hillary Renaud, JD Stockwell, Erik Smith, Isabella Minchella, Gordon Farnum, Chris Castor.

NHSTRA MODIFIED: Nate Wenzel, Tyler Leary, Brian Chapin, Aaron Fellows, JT Cloutier, Cory Plummer, Joel Belanger, Eric Leclair, Adam LaPoint, Kevin Pittsinger.

MINI STOCK: Louie Maher, Skyler Shippee, Kevin Clayton, Cam Sontag, Erin Aiken, Jon Fultz, Chris Sontag, Robert Williams, Jake Puchalski, Pat Houle.

PURE STOCK: Chris Davis, Nolan McClay, Chris Chambers, Kodi Sabins, CJ Johnson, Colton Martin, Jimmy Zellman, Andrea St. Amour, Colton Hull, Ricky Melcher.

SIX SHOOTER: Mike Yeaton, Steve Miller Jr., Robert Shaw, Steve Miller Sr., Andrew Scott, Ethan Meyette, Mike Comtois, Zach Zilinski, Jacob Scott, Russell Mason.

YOUNG GUN: Adrian Smith, Owen Zilinski, Markus O'Neil, Madison Cousino, Addison Brooks, Cambri Hubbard, Kailyn Hubbard, Sofia Rego, Jordan Higbee.



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Eliot Dix makes a play.

Blue Sox open regular season

HOLYOKE — The Blue Sox dropped their final game of their four game homestand, losing to the Martha's Vineyard Sharks by a score of 11-4 on Sunday afternoon. The Blue Sox tallied three hits on the day, and all their runs came in the third inning. The team fell to 2-3 on the season.

The Sharks scored 11 runs off of nine hits, with Clemson's Nathan Hall going 3-5 on the day with two triples. The Blue Sox allowed nine stolen bases and seven advancements on wild pitches or passed balls, and will hope to limit the traffic as they head on the road for their next game.

In one of the most peculiar innings of play so far this season, the Blue Sox were able to score four runs while not tallying a hit the entire inning. The runs all came from walks and hit batters, allowing four runners to score thanks to the Blue Sox excellent plate discipline. Martha's Vineyard walked eight batters

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did accomplish against Dedham last week," said third-year Belchertown head coach Alanna Grady. "We lost a close match today, but it has been a fun season."

The Lady Orioles, who lost to Valley Wheel rival Ludlow in the Western Mass. Class B finals, finished their outstanding season with a 16-5 overall record.

The Lady Orioles, who split their two regular season matchups with the Lady Lions, wound up finishing in first place in the league standings.

Amber Drummond, who filled the second singles spot this spring, is the only Lady Orioles starter who graduated.

"Amber has been a strong part of our team this season," Grady said. "She's a very good leader and it's going to be big shoes to fill losing her, but we do have a strong core returning next year."

Drummond lost her round of 16 match to North Reading senior Alyssa Bradley, 6-1, 6-4.

The other two Belchertown seniors are Lauren Morris and Caroline Primavera.

"Even though Lauren and Caroline weren't in the starting line-up, they still came to every match and practice. They've also outstanding leaders," Grady added. "We normally bring all of our players to every road match."

The Lady Orioles first singles player is junior Ava Shea, who's also an outstanding volleyball player. She lost to sophomore Althea Bradley 6-1, 1-6, 2-6 in the round of 16.

"I normally play very well during the first set of my matches," Shea said. "My opponent was very good, and she played very well in the last two sets. My tennis team did make it a step farther in the state



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Anna Stamp gets the backhand.

tournament than we did last year. I'm already looking forward to coming back next year."

Shea only lost one match during the regular season.

"Ava has been a steadfast player for us this year," Grady said. "I'm pretty sure that she's disappointed with today's performance, but she's only lost one match during the regular season. I'm very proud of her."

Belchertown's other singles starter is junior Anna Stamp, who was a first-year member of the girls' tennis team.



Amanda Murray reaches high to keep the ball in play.

Stamp defeated North Reading junior Vanessa Wright in three sets, 6-2, 5-7, 6-1, in third singles.

On the first day of the 2022-23 school year, Shea took Stamp under her wing.

"My dad (Thomas) is in the Air Force, so my family has moved a lot. I came to Belchertown from England last summer," Stamp said. "I met Ava at the Ludlow Tennis Club before the start of the school year. We quickly became good friends, and she introduced me to other tennis players. She also showed me around the high school on the first day, which made it so much

easier for me. I'm very thankful that I met her. She's an amazing tennis player."

Stamp, who was born in Florida, has also lived in Germany and Colorado.

"I'm definitely staying in Belchertown for my senior year," Stamp said. "It's been very hard having to keep moving every few years, but it's been a great opportunity for me."

Grady didn't meet Stamp until the first day of the spring sports season.

"I was told that there was going to be a new tennis player on this year's team," Grady said. "Anna just fit in perfectly with the other members of the team."

The Lady Orioles won another point, as sophomore Mia Corish and junior Emalee Chaisson posted a 6-4, 6-4 win over junior Bhagy Bandara and senior Mary Bonzagn in the second doubles match.

The duo will also be teammates on the Lady Orioles varsity soccer team in the fall.

With the overall match tied 2-2, the outcome was decided in the first doubles match.

That match took three sets before North Reading's senior's Chloe Florez and Katherine Hoadley pulled out a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 win against Belchertown freshman Amanda Murray and junior Kasey Gibbons.

"I didn't tell them what the situation was because I didn't want to put extra pressure on them," Grady said. "Even though Amanda and Kasey lost their match, it was still a very good learning experience for them."

The returning Lady Orioles tennis players will be looking to advance to the round of eight in next year's Division 3 state tournament.



Lucio Berron dribbles up the field.

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the Boston College men's soccer team in the fall, received a pass from Hughes before firing a shot off the post into the right corner of the net for the game tying the goal.

"It was the third goal that I've scored as a member of the Western Mass. Pioneers," said Boadi, who was born in Accra, Ghana. "I scored my first goal of the season in a home match against Pathfinder. The second one came at Boston City, which was a 10-1 win. Another tie wasn't the result that we really wanted in tonight's match, but it's one of those games we need to learn from."

Boadi also does a very good job in the classroom at Boston College. He was recently selected to the ACC All-Academic Team.

Prior to playing soccer for Boston College, Boadi attended Northfield Mount Hermon where he was named as the Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior.

Frankie D'Agostino, who's a former Pioneers player and is currently the associate head coach of the B.C. men's soccer team, recommended Boadi to Molinari.

"Frankie played a key role in getting me to play for the Pioneers this year," Boadi said. "Vermont and the Bolts also wanted me for them. Frankie told me about this

team and stadium, so I decided to come here. It has been a lot of fun so far. This is a very special place and I'm hoping to come back here next year."

D'Agostino, who grew up in Longmeadow, had the chance to watch Boadi play a soccer match at Lusitano Stadium for the first time last Wednesday night.

It looked like the Pioneers would take a 2-1 lead with a stoppage time goal, but the referee never called it a goal.

"From my point of view, I thought the shot by Andrew Serafino did go into the net," Boadi said. "It was either a goal or we should've been given a penalty kick because of a hand ball."

Molinari gave his thoughts about the no goal call.

"All of the players told me it was a goal," he said. "If it was a goal, it's disappointing that the referee didn't allow it, but there isn't anything we can do about it now. We now must win the rest of our games if we want the chance to make the playoffs."

Nicholas Oberrauch, who's the Pioneers captain, didn't play in the Pioneers home match against the Bolts because of an injury.

After playing a couple of road matches, the Pioneers will be returning home to battle rival Seacoast United at 7 p.m. on June 23.

Athletes invited to participate in sports clinics

LUDLOW – Lions Pride Sports Clinics are back. Young inspiring athletes have the opportunity to participate in one or all of our exciting clinics. The 2023 lineup consists of, Soccer session 1 from June 26 to 30, Soccer Session 2 from July 17 to July 21. Athlete Prep strength

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Matthew Garcia ranges to pick up the grounder.



Nick Callano winds and fires.

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Miachel Zarrillo fires to first.

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today and hit two.

Matt Bergevin was able to produce quality at-bats in each of his plate appearances today, going 1-3 with two walks. With strong plate discipline Bergevin worked three consecutive at-bats to a full count.

EJ Kreutzmann stayed hot at the plate, going 1-5 with an RBI.

The Blue Sox opened the regular season on the road, then had four-games from Thursday to Sunday.



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Belchertown Police

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of May 24 through June 6. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 676 calls police responded to, there were 35 incidents, 13 accidents, 14 arrests/summons and 42 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Saturday, May 27

5:30 p.m. – Robert C. Haggerty, 46, of 3 Sarah Lane, Belchertown, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license. An officer was around Bay Road and Sarah Lane when a vehicle turned and went east on Federal Street. The operator was known to the officer via previous encounters, and they were known not to have a license. A stop was initiated. The person was arrested.

9:44 p.m. – A 57-year-old Springfield male summonsed for operating a vehicle with suspended license and no inspection sticker. An officer was on Federal Street when they ran the plate of the vehicle in front of them. The vehicle was not registered and there was no inspection sticker. The operator was identified and their license came back suspended. They were issued a summons accordingly.

Tuesday, May 30

6:42 p.m. – A 26-year-old Weathersfield CT male was issued a summons for a violation of abuse prevention order, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery on a family member.

Tuesday, June 6

6:51 p.m. – A 30-year-old Three Rivers resident was issued a summons for operating with a suspended license, a marked lanes and unregistered motor vehicle. An officer was on patrol on Bay Road when they saw a vehicle pass a dump truck in a no passing lane. The officer stopped the vehicle and the person's license came back as suspended after the officer ran their information. They were advised they were not able to operate the vehicle. The vehicle was towed.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Wednesday, May 24

2:36 a.m. – Officers assisted Belchertown Fire and paramedics with a person having mental health issues.

4:40 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence for a wellbeing check.

4:51 p.m. – Officers assisted Belchertown fire and paramedics with a mental health crisis.

Thursday, May 25

1:19 a.m. – An officer assisted Belchertown Fire and paramedics with a mental health situation.

4:59 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. An electric tricycle was traveling east on Federal Street when a vehicle passed on the left, slowed and stopped. The tricyclist tried to pass on the right striking the left rear of the vehicle. No injuries were reported and no tow was necessary.

5: p.m. – An officer returned a call to

a person in regard to a hit and run. The operator was going north on Summit Street while towing a trailer with landscaping tools. The operator said they were being tailgated, the other person was screaming at them and accusing them of being drunk. The operator pulled over as did the second person. The operator exited the vehicle to get the license plate. Then the second person backed up and struck the driver's side of the vehicle. There were no reported injuries or tows. The person was able to get a partial license plate and an officer was able to find an address associated with the plate. They went to the associated location and it was difficult to determine if damage on the vehicle there was new or not. The person at the residence knew what the officer was there for and denied the incident.

5:13 p.m. – An officer was dispatched to a Turkey Hill Road residence for a report of missing shrubbery. The person said they planted four arborvitae and did landscaping. They went to get water and the trees were missing. They thought their neighbor was involved and an officer spoke to the neighbor.

Friday, May 26

9:14 a.m. – A pair of prescription glasses were left outside of the dispatch area. They were entered into evidence.

12:41 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident at Bay Road and Federal Street. A vehicle was stopped at the intersection when it was struck from the rear. The operator of the second vehicle said they thought the first vehicle was moving forward. The operator of the first vehicle struck their face on the steering wheel but was not transported from the scene. No vehicles were towed from the scene.

1:13 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Allen Road and Federal Street. A vehicle traveling on Federal Street had the right of way with no stop sign and struck a vehicle that came into the intersection quickly. The second vehicle was at a stop sign and entered the flow of traffic without yielding, causing the collision. There were no injuries reported and no tows needed.

11:11 p.m. – An officer responded with Belchertown Fire and paramedics to a report of a vehicle that was all over the roadway and entered a driveway. The officer found the vehicle at the provided address. The person was slumped over the steering wheel. A field sobriety test was given, but was interrupted by another person who came out of the home. The person was found not to be intoxicated. An immediate threat was filed on their license.

Saturday, May 27

7:52 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A parked vehicle was struck by another vehicle that left the scene. The officer spoke with the reporting party who returned to their vehicle after being inside of a business. They said there was left-side damage caused by a white vehicle parked next to them. The officer reached out to the business to get video footage. There are no suspects at this time.

12:05 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle was struck on the passenger's side while attempting to enter the flow of traffic. The second vehicle had the right of way. There were no injuries reported and no tow was needed.

2:09 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Pepper Ridge Road. A vehicle was backing out of a driveway when it

ran over a mailbox, fence and flower box. There was severe damage to all three items. There was damage to the vehicle as well. No injuries were reported and no tow was needed.

Sunday, May 28

2:10 p.m. – Officers assisted Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

2:12 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Ware Road. A vehicle traveling east on Ware Road when the operator said they fell asleep at the wheel. The vehicle veered off the roadway, onto the grass and struck a large rock. The vehicle rolled over multiple times and landed upside down. There was significant damage to all areas of the vehicle. The operator was transported from the scene and the vehicle was towed.

8:02 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle attempted to turn left onto Federal Street from Bay Road and failed to yield to another vehicle. The second vehicle struck the first in the intersection. One person was transported from the scene and both vehicle were towed from the scene.

Monday, May 29

6:18 p.m. – A person came to lobby to turn in a golf cart battery found near the railroad underpass. The battery was entered into property.

Tuesday, May 30

3:51 p.m. – An officer assisted Belchertown fire and paramedics.

4:55 p.m. – A person came to the station to drop off a motorcycle plate they found. It was run through the department's system and came back as cancelled. It was placed into evidence.

7:34 – An officer assisted Belchertown Fire and paramedics and took a person into protective custody.

Wednesday, May 31

2:45 a.m. – An officer responded to a North Main Street residence for a report of an assault. The person claimed they were run over by a vehicle after a disagreement. The person said they climbed on the hood of the vehicle and ripped the windshield wipers off and ran the person over. The person declined treatment. A witness on scene said they were not hit by the vehicle. The person did not pursue charges.

2:19 p.m. – An officer took a report of a stolen package. The resident ordered a cell phone and the company tried to deliver it. The resident wasn't there when it was delivered, but a person was waiting in the driveway with an out-of-state license plate. and he wasn't home and it wasn't delivered. The following day, there was a person waiting in the driveway with an out-of-state plate signed for the package and drove away. Reporting party got a letter on phone that it was delivered sign for.

3:54 p.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud. The resident got a call from their employers saying they had filed for unemployment.

8:16 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Sargent Street. A vehicle parked in a lot was struck by another on the right rear side. No injuries were reported and no tow was needed.

Thursday, June 1

1:11 p.m. – An officer responded to Stadler Street for a person who was going around yelling at people. The person was transported to the hospital.

2:40 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence along with Belchertown Fire and paramedics to execute a section 12.

Friday, June 2

6:56 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Main Street. A vehicle traveling north crossed over the center line and left the roadway on the left side. The vehicle struck bushes and shrubs on the south side of a business, then a sign for another business and went through a parking lot. The vehicle was unable to driven from the scene. There were no injuries reported.

Saturday, June 3

12:44 p.m. – Officer responded to Federal Street for a report of a box truck that struck a flashing yellow light at the intersection. They said they were going to call the police but didn't. The officer spoke with the witness on scene. They said the truck struck the yellow light after loading a washing at the property. The light was a flashing yellow light on a pole, which was kicked over but working. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation was contacted.

4:33 p.m. – mv1 glanced down and when looked back up person hit bridge embankment. Railroad company made aware. No injuries, no tow.

Sunday, June 4

12:20 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person about harassment involving an ex-acquaintance. A report was completed.

5:29 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on mv said glanced away from road when looked up contacted utility pole. There was a tow and no injuries were reported.

Monday, June 5

1:48 a.m. – An officer on State Street passed parking lot and saw vehicle turning into spot at the school. The area was considered no trespassing after dark. They looked at where it was, saw it parked, and saw its silhouette sprinting into the woods. Then when officer went to check the woods the person got back into the car. They saw it take off. Another officer came across the vehicle and ran the vehicle's info. The plate number was taken, came back to a different vehicle. The vehicle was towed.

10:15 a.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

1:11 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. A person reported they got a letter from a collection agency for a past due payment. They contacted the company and explained they did not open the account. They were working with the company to resolve the issue. They wanted the matter documented.

2:48 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person about a report of larceny. The person went to an establishment and left their wallet there. When they went back, the wallet was gone, and they found fraudulent charges on of their card. The person was told to contact all their financial institutions.

7:47 p.m. – An officer spoke to a delivery driver about an incident while on their route. They were delivering a package to a residence when they were bit by the dog. The Animal Control Officer was contacted, pictures were taken, and the person went to their doctor.

8:04 p.m. – An officer responded to residence for a juvenile in crisis.

Tuesday, June 6

5:44 p.m. – An officer investigated a report of abuse on a juvenile.

Granby Police

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 188 calls for the week of June 2 through June 8. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, June 2

7:12 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle fail to stop for a red light. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation failing to stop at a traffic signal.

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OBITUARIES

Beverly A. Jackson, 94

BELCHERTOWN – Beverly A. Jackson was born on November 24, 1928 in Palmer to the late Rufus and Ivis (Campbell) Miller, and passed away on June 7, 2023 with her family by her side.



In 1951, Beverly moved to Belchertown and began to establish her career as a business-woman. She was the co-owner of Bev and Mona's Antiques and Lace in both Belchertown and New Hampshire. She was also the owner of The Village Victualer Gift Shop in Sturbridge, Dining Room manager at Steil's Restaurant in Belchertown and President of G.B. Jackson, Inc. in Belchertown.

Beverly was predeceased by her husband, George B. Jackson, in 2000; her son, Kenneth Jackson, in 1981; her granddaughter, Marissa Jackson, in 2014; and

her brothers, Wayne and Richard Miller. She will be greatly missed by her son, Mark Jackson, and his wife Brenda; her son, Neil Jackson, and his wife Marcella; her daughter, Laura Jackson; and her 11 grandchildren, George, Jeffrey, Dan, Joshua, Jeremiah, Matthew, Bo, Brooke, Christopher, Sean and Jared; and her 18 great grandchildren.

Beverly was a kind, compassionate and generous woman, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and brightened everyone's life she touched.

Services are being held privately and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the mentoring program, Girl's Inc., in Holyoke. Please visit www.beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

Thomas David Hulmes, 79

BELCHERTOWN – Thomas David Hulmes was born on March 20, 1944 in Patterson, New Jersey, and passed away from cancer on May 22, 2023 in Maryville, Tennessee.

He spent his younger years growing up in Belchertown. He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Jean Hulmes.

He is survived by his wife Connie Hulmes, daughter Suzanne (Kevin) Harlinski, son Steven (Kimberly) Hulmes, sister Leita J. Hulmes, brother Jack Hulmes, Jr. and grandchildren Sarah, Ryan, David and Daniel.

He was honorably discharged from the United States Army on November 1970 and was a member of the Vero Beach Veterans, Inc. in Vero Beach, Florida. He retired after many years as an automotive technician for Chrysler Automobiles in Vero Beach.

He loved to fish, hunt, hike, ride motorcycle, skydive and kayak. He was a loving husband and loved his kids, grandkids, sister, brother, nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts and uncles. Services are private.

In place of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Vero Beach Veterans, 2525 St. Lucie Avenue, Vero Beach, Florida 32960.

Death Notices

Hulmes, Thomas David
Died May 22, 2023
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Space is limited. To register for this event, visit www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?_page=1.

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in cattails, bulrushes or bushes above the water. The female lays two to seven pale blue or greenish, white eggs. In courtship, males make cooing sounds. The male also makes a guttural "uh-uh-uh-oo-oo-ooah" while the female makes ticking sounds. Both give a "tut-tut" sound.

The least bittern is a secretive bird. It will run through reeds in water and flutter briefly above the reeds. It has the same alarm posture as American bitterns of pointing its head skyward.

Other Audubon sightings

Other sightings included common ringed plover in Fairhaven; four sandhill cranes in Worthington and three in Plymouth County and four in Ashfield in Franklin County; worm eating warblers in North Brookfield; an Acadian flycatcher at gate 8 at Quabbin Reservoir in Pelham and two in Granville and an out of place pileated woodpecker in Provincetown on Cape Cod.

Other sightings included a gray-cheeked thrush in Northampton, a blue grosbeak at the Honey Pot in Hadley, a hooded warbler at the Grace Robson Wildlife Sanctuary in Westfield and a northern goshawk at gate 43 of the Quabbin Reservoir in Hardwick.

Turtle

Although a turtle is not a bird, I did see one before Memorial Day laying eggs in the small cemetery on Lincoln Road. I was planting flowers on my late husband's parents and grandparents graves. After planting the flowers, I walked by a smooth shelled turtle about seven to eight inches in size laying eggs. Water is nearby as there is a beaver pond across the street and another located behind the cemetery.

Several days later while driving past the cemetery, I saw two turtles, at different times, crossing the road in the general area of the cemetery. One was a large snapping



Acadian Flycatcher



Common Ringed Plover

turtle and the other much smaller, most likely a spotted turtle.

Other wildlife

An Oakham resident said she saw a large coyote and also heard of someone seeing one at Crocker Nye Spring in town.

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Sunday, June 4

2:07 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle traveling at 62MPH in a posted 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding and failure to have their license in possession.

Tuesday, June 6

9 a.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident near Dunkin Donuts. Granby Police and Fire responded. One of the operators was transported to the Holyoke Medical Center with minor injuries. Responding officers completed an accident report.

3:26 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries and responding officers completed an accident report.

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- Indonesian island
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- Arctic
- Wood sorrels
- Defied
- Cattle
- Tableland
- Honorably retired and retaining one's title
- Repossession
- Danced
- Adult males
- A type of section
- Type of Japanese animation
- Satisfaction
- Fit
- "Ain't No Sunshine" singer
- Failure
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- Highest parts of something
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- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Site of the famous Leaning Tower
- American rocker Snider
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- ___ Squad
- Resident
- Federal savings bank
- Paddle
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
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- Winter melon
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- Anger
- Central European river
- First responders
- Spanish noble
- Persons with absence of skin pigment
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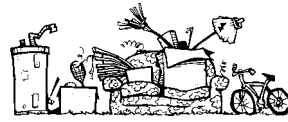
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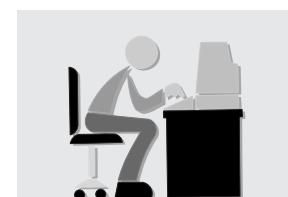


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The position works under the direct supervision of the Principal Assessor. Please go to **www.townofpalmer.com** for full job description. Send resume and cover letter to **kwenzel@townofpalmer.com** or to **4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069**. Salary commensurate with experience between \$22.26 - \$25.77 per hour. This position requires a high school education; and one (1) to three (3) years of experience in a real estate or office setting; Experience in appraisal and assessment practices desired; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Associates Degree preferred. Experience with Vision, Munis and GIS is desirable.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Belchertown Conservation Commission LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the authority of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Belchertown Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Chapter 139), the Belchertown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Lawrence Memorial Hall Auditorium, located at 2 Jabish Street in Belchertown, MA 01007** to review a Notice of Intent permit application submitted by the Sandra Walsh of Blue Star Farm c/o Bucky Sparkle for the proposed repair and expansion of a farm pond at the properties located at 532 and 540 Franklin Street (Assessor's Map 272-85 & 92) in Belchertown. Work is proposed to occur within Bank, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, and Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways. Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place designated. 06/15/2023



Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS23PO368EA Estate of:

Jean Lucille Dulude Also Known As: Jean L. Dulude Date of Death: April 28, 2023

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David W. Dulude of Feeding Hills, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

David W. Dulude of Feeding Hills, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses

of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 06/15/2023

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tures at the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail located off Whitlock Way (Assessor's Map 250-57 & 243-178.21) in Belchertown. Work is proposed to occur within Bank, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, and Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways. Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place designated. 06/15/2023

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Larry Foote – M29
The online sale will end on **Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 10 a.m.**

Snow's Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids, or to cancel the auction at any time for any reason.

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If you're a self-starter who enjoys community journalism and who can envision themselves connecting with our communities, we encourage you to apply for this position. Not a remote position.

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Please tell us in a cover letter why you would be a good fit for this position and send it along with a resume and three writing samples to

Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor
24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
or email directly to ekennedy@turley.com

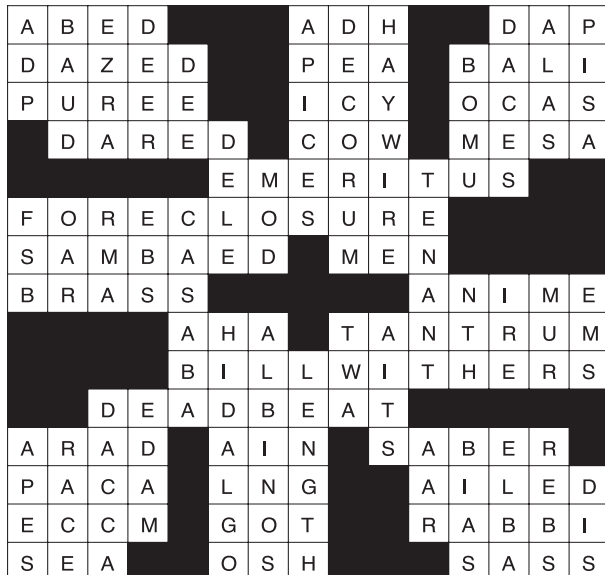


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Jabish Brook students present research findings



Students Owen Kurzeski, Jonas Fasser and James Carey demonstrate their stream current sampling methods to Dr. Timmie-Laragy.



Orange Team awards: Best Overall, Ekua Ampiah-Bonney and Ava Swiatlowski; Best Experiment Design, Samantha Letzeisen and Myra Ablicki; Most Creative Experiment, Serena Jones and Addison Piedade; Most Content Knowledge, Adelina Gualberto and Jocelyn McMahon; Best Visual Display (TIE), Aubrey Klingensmith, Madeline Williams, Samantha Deren and Analise Reed; Best Oral Presentation, Clayton Guillermo and Landon Pellerin.

BELCHERTOWN — Jabish Brook Middle School students recently completed the school's second annual Research Symposium.

Students spent the first two days on field trips to Jabish Brook, first at the Jabish Brook Conservation area and then at the Jabish Canal, which takes

water from Jabish Brook to the Ludlow Reservoir.

After the research phase, the students organized and prepared their findings into proj-

ects. Those were presented to a panel of judges who provided feedback and nominated groups for awards.



Gray Team members Salem Hubbard, Grace Perron and Gabby Slovack were awarded Best Overall. In other awards: Best Experiment Design, Maggie Wheeler; Most Creative Experiment, Angela Vanderpuije; Most Content Knowledge, Kina Roy and Cami Adamczyk; Best Visual Display, Brody Pope, Liam Verocchi and Cooper Honstetter; Best Oral Presentation (TIE), Grace Noble-Elsebae, Harper Chotowski, Giselle Bourgeois, Melany Rivera-Castro and Laura Annis.



Students Dara Mao and Owen Glenn discuss the behavioral adaptations observed in crayfish with Belchertown Conservation Administrator Sarah Fortune.

Wizards, beasts, botany and summer reading at Granby Free Public Library

BY MATTY ANDERSON
Staff Writer
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GRANBY- Wizards, picture books, ice cream and lots of fun surprises lie in store for young scholars this summer.

The Granby Free Public Library will be offering an All Together Now Summer Reading Adventure, from June 12 to August 4. Come join in their adventure, log how many days you read for at least 15 minutes and claim prizes while you enrich your mind.

For young learners picture books are always available and it's ok to ask someone to lend a helping brain by reading stories aloud to you.

All those from birth to 11 years old are welcome to enter. There will be a wide range of content from easy to more difficult

stories.

No good library is complete without the fan-favorite Harry Potter series, so take advantage of this opportunity and study up on your spells and potions. These magic skills may help you at the upcoming Alchemy Laboratory, with Ed the Wizard taking place on June 29 at 2 p.m.

On July 13 at 11 a.m., there will be a Bugaboo Review Puppet Show to give an inside look into the complicated lives of creepy-crawlies that live in many of your gardens. Every bug has a song to sing about their special job to help plants grow. Learn why it's important to keep bugs alive.

The Alchemy Laboratory and the Puppet Show are only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to upcoming activities. In June there will be magic, botany, quilting and crafts.

July will feature beasts, art, animal-themed fun with "Bluey." For more

information check out granbylibrary.com, for all the details.

Make sure to keep track of your reading time because with knowledge comes power... and prizes. Reading for 15 minutes a day for 15 days will earn you a two-pack of gel pens and a coupon to Cindy's Ice Cream. After 30 days of reading, you will earn a goodie grab-bag, a lei and a free book.

Make sure you fill out your log sheets and entry tickets and submit them to claim prizes before Aug 4. To pre-register for programs, stop in or call the library during

business hours.

Students entering grade 7 are invited to join the Teen Got Summer Reading Program. Finally, dates for the upcoming CFCE Summer Play Groups are on the near horizon. Once weekly they will take place outside in the nice weather.

Much excitement awaits Playgroup this summer with mystery character boxes, summer story walks, guessing jars and Bright Spot Therapy Dog visits. Don't be a bummer, there's lots of fun to be had at the Granby Free Public Library this summer.

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