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Where are we now?

COURTESY PHOTO
Current water buildup at previous dam site.

A two-year anniversary reflection on the Belchertown flood of July 2021

BY CAROL TOMKIEL
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN — In the early morning hours of July 18, 2021, more than two inches of rain and flash flooding upstream caused a beaver dam to burst on the Herman Covey Wildlife property in Belchertown.

This, in turn, sent rushing water to nearby East Street. The cascading force burst the culvert beneath the street and cut a crater in the road measuring nearly 20 feet

long by 15 feet deep.

From there, the waters traveled downhill submerging several residential properties in its path. This July 18 marks the second anniversary of a disaster that left private property owners with tens of thousands of dollars in damage, some of which has yet to be resolved.

At the time, private property damage included, but was not limited to, contaminated wells; ruined septic tanks, heating, and electrical systems; and also

destroyed cars, docks and boats. The bank along the Swift River was eroded at that time, potentially even changing the course of the river flow.

While repairs were made to East Street with the help of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, affected homeowners were left with the burden of their own clean-up and repair costs. Although assured by state representatives at the time that they would “not rest

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HR updates SB on job description review

BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN — The Selectboard weighed in on one of the goals and objectives Town Administrator Steve Williams is already pursuing — a job description update and salary study.

Williams said he wanted to come to the board to present two estimates for a job description overview and was looking for direction from the board about the project.

Board members emphasized the importance of the study and provided insight into what they believed the study should include such as organizational review, reducing redundancy and other issues.

On Monday, HR Director Joanne Misiaszek, provided

the board with more information on the study. She told the board she spoke with the HR consulting firm that did the last study in 2011 and received multiple quotes for different project scopes.

For a “full-blown” study that would include benefits, comparing other communities, reviewing job descriptions and other aspects, would be \$33,000 for about 100 positions. For a job descriptions class study, to see if jobs would need to be adjusted based on class or grade, it would be \$18,000. Then to review all job descriptions and update them as needed would be \$15,000.

“Something to consider is what we do comparable to other communities to see how mar-

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Music, sundaes and stories for teens at Clapp library

BELCHERTOWN — Clapp Memorial Library has two upcoming programs specifically for local teens.

At 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, award-winning singer and storyteller Davis Bates will perform. The program will include sea shanties, songs from the 1960s, union songs, civil rights

songs and stories about Bates’ journey as a storyteller and involvement in various social movements over the last 60 years.

There will also be exercises designed to get folks to share their own stories. Register at the

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NEW PODCAST ‘The Inspired Being’

Wellness - the interplay of mind, body, and spirituality

BY MICHAEL HARRISON
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN — While many couples prefer to keep their philosophical discussions about the human condition and its intersection with spirituality and holistic wellbeing to themselves, Liz Varney and Dave Eyerman want you to listen in.

The husband and wife team recently launched a podcast called “The Inspired Being,” produced in a studio they created in an 8

by 8-foot spare room in their Belchertown home. Collectively the couple has over two decades of experience helping others find physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing.

The podcast takes deep dives into profound subjects with wit, humor, humility and a playfulness, sounding more like two besties with shared interests who don’t necessarily always agree. The unscripted format seems a no-brainer considering Eyerman and Varney said both on-air and in an interview that they felt too constrained in their first post-college jobs.

He was a high school math teacher and she was a public social worker. Now, Varney is a

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and Professional Intuitive while Eyerman is a Licensed Acupuncturist and Shamanic Practitioner.

“I steer away from the term “shaman” because it has a cultural complement which is part of indigenous culture and I’m not,” Eyerman said.

“But the techniques of shamanism, some of the perspectives of shamanism, are not tribe-specific. There are some that are and those are not ones I have a right to and that’s not what I teach. But there’s something called “core shamanism,” core pieces from indigenous cultures from all around the globe that have no way of connecting to each other but they have the



TURLEY PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARRISON

Belchertown residents Dave Eyerman (left) and Liz Varney, who recently launched “The Inspired Being” podcast, get ready to record a new episode.

same sort of understanding about the energetic nature of life, and that is what I mainly work with. I

practice shamanic techniques and

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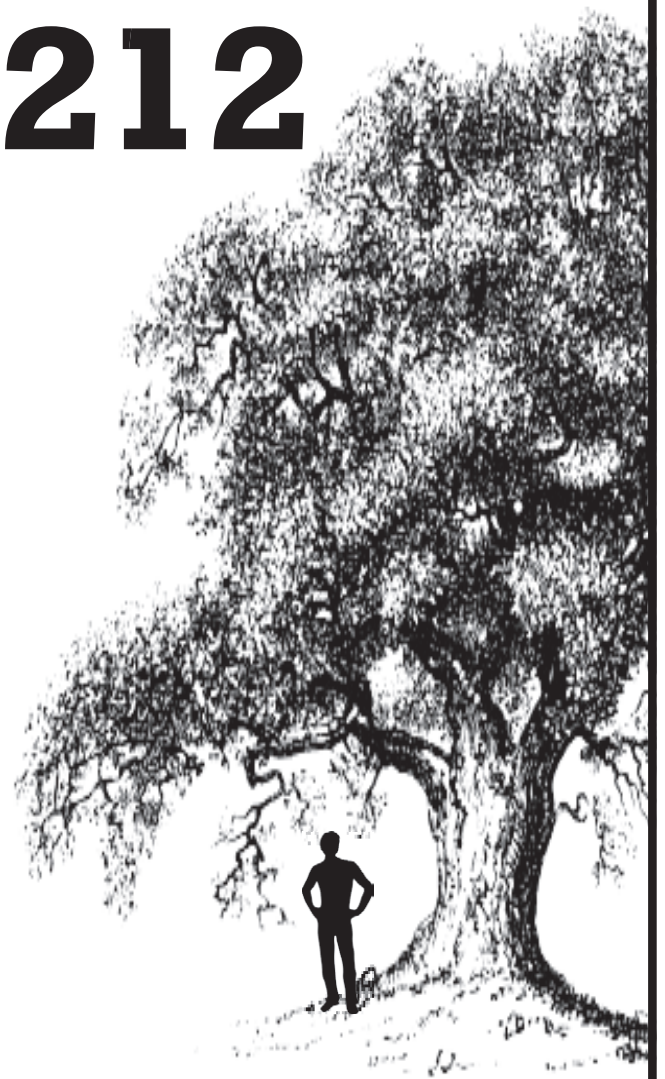
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COMMUNITY

Residents needed to fill board vacancies

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Select Board is looking for citizens interested in sharing their expertise by serving on a town board or committee.

Interested residents should apply by July 28.

The town is trying to fill the following vacancies:

Finance Committee: The primary duties of the Committee are to advise and make recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting and any Special Town Meeting regarding the budget and other areas of finance. Members are required to attend regularly scheduled public meetings and any special meetings as needed. Additional information specific to this committee can be found at <https://ecode360.com/9050244>. Send a letter of interest to the Select Board's Office outlining your background in finance and reasons for wanting to join the committee.

Belchertown State School Buildings and Grounds Committee: Two additional full-member seats are available. The committee advises the town and the Select Board on funding opportunities for maintaining and developing the remaining State School buildings as well as advising on historical and cultural development opportunities. Expertise with real estate/architecture, grant writing, or historical experience to strengthen the skill set of the committee is highly preferred.

Council on Aging: Members coordinate programs and services for the elderly population and oversee the Belchertown Senior Center.

Trustee for the Calvin Bridgman Library Fund: This is a three-year elected volunteer position with random hours

as needs arise. This position will be elected at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. This individual will work with two other trustees to oversee disbursements of funds to libraries within the Town of Belchertown. Interested parties should submit a letter to the Office of the Select Board, The Finnerty House, One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007.

Trail Stewardship Council: Interested individuals should be knowledgeable about local land use and related issues. Additional information specific to this council can be found at newenglandtrail.org.

Animal Control Advisory Board: This board has the authority to conduct hearings as allowed in the town's by-laws and pose reasonable conditions as deemed appropriate. The ideal applicants may be a dog breeder, a dog trainer, a veterinarian, non-pet owner from the community, a medical professional specializing in emergency medicine, animal enthusiast or caregiver, pet owner and/or interested residents.

Cultural Council: The council promotes an appreciation of the arts and culture by participating in the development and administration of funds for local cultural activities, awarding grants each year to support cultural activities in town, using the funding the Town receives from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. In addition, the council sponsors two flagship events, Food Veterans' Services Advisory Board: The Board works closely with the Town's Veterans' Agent on issues pertaining to veterans to include but not limited to Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, war memorials, veterans graves or any other related areas of concern.

Belchertown Family Center Committee: The committee is seeking

passionate, service-minded individuals to fill an active voting member position. This committee is charged with oversight of the Belchertown Family Center and its support programming for families, and is actively working to create a breadth of resources for the community.

Scholarship Committee: Someone is needed to fill a home schooling representative seat. Anyone interested is asked to submit a letter of interest.

Communications Committee: A full-member seat is available for someone who wants to help develop a communications plan to improve information flow from the town to the public. Experience with marketing, communications, and/or social media is highly preferred.

Trail Stewardship Council: Interested individuals should be knowledgeable about local land use and related issues. Additional information specific to this council can be found at newenglandtrail.org.

Historic District By-Law Commission: A full member Real Estate seat. The Commission has regulatory control over new construction, reconstruction, alterations, movements and demolition of all exterior architectural features of buildings and structures within the Historic District which are visible from any public street, public way or public park.

Residents who have the time to serve on one of these boards and are interested in getting involved in the town's activities are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to: Select Board, The Finnerty House, One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007 or by email to selectmen@belchertown.org.

The deadline to apply is noon on July 28.

Local resident dies in crash

GRANBY – According to a press release from the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, Katelyn Gress, a 28-year-old Granby woman, died Saturday, July 1, as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle collision that took place around 1:15 a.m. on Pleasant Street in Granby.

The Granby crash occurred near the intersection of Pleasant and Barton streets when a Jeep Grand Cherokee traveling northbound on Pleasant Street lost control, crossed into the southbound lane, rolled over and struck a Lexus SUV.

The female passenger from the Cherokee, later identified as Katelyn Gress, was transported by ambulance to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield where she was pronounced dead.

The driver of the Cherokee, a 30-year-old Granby man, was transported to Baystate Medical Center for treatment of what investigators said were non-life-threatening injuries; and the driver of the Lexus, a 74-year-old Springfield man, was taken to Holyoke Medical Center for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

The intersection of Pleasant Street and Barton Street was shut down for about eight hours as police investigated and workers attended to damaged telephone poles and downed power lines. Granby Police, State Police Detectives assigned to the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, troopers with the Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section and the Crime Scene Services Section are investigating the crash. No charges have been filed. The crash remains under investigation.

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COMMUNITY

In and Out

Navigating the shoals of Hollywood

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BELCHERTOWN – Film aficionado Frank Mendosa visited the Clapp Memorial Library last month, as part of its Pride Month celebrations, presenting “Out of the Shadows,” a talk on Hollywood’s treatment of LGBTQ people both on-screen and off.

Mendosa’s presentation covered the period from the early twentieth century of silent film to the present. He demonstrated through film clips and his own research the gradual changes in attitude over the decades.

He also shared many intriguing historical tidbits -- the first use of the word “gay” in reference to non-straight sexual orientation appeared in the 1938 film “Bringing Up Baby” with Cary Grant, that Greta Garbo was bisexual and that “Midnight Cowboy” expressed a common double standard. While nudity between a man and women was acceptable on screen, that between two men had to be implied but never shown.

Mendosa commented on the main shift from treating LGBTQ people as the targets of “cheap shots, diminishing jokes, and stereotypes” to an increasingly dignified approach as exemplified in such films as “Brokeback Mountain” released in 2005. He explained the restraints that the film industry placed on the lives of non-straight directors, actors, and editors.



For decades, explained Mendosa, Hollywood operated on the “studio system,” which meant that actors signed a binding contract with a specific studio for which they worked exclusively. But studios also reserved the privilege of lending an actor to another production house for a specific project.

“The studio owned you,” said Mendosa. “They owned your personal life as well as your professional life.” The contracts given to actors contained a moral clause that ensured the studio’s right to cancel the contract if an artist should transgress the acceptable political, social, or religious moral standards of the time.

Studios tended to be edgy about the possibility of having their reputations sullied, since it could easily cause box

offices sales to tank. As an antidote, they monitored and even micromanaged the lives of their artistic staff. Mendosa cited the example of Rudolph Valentino, a silent-movie superstar, whose movie career began around 1914 before the advent of talkies.

Of French-Italian ancestry, Valentino came to the U.S. at age 18 from Italy after failing to secure employment there. He initially settled in New York where he took various odd jobs, including working as a Tango instructor.

Eventually, he made his way to Hollywood where he was marketed as the quintessential “Latin Lover” and became a phenomenal success. Although Valentino never openly confirmed his sexual orientation one way or another, said Mendosa, he dealt with a lot of speculation that threatened his

career.

In 1926, an unsigned editorial in the Chicago Tribune blamed the actor for face-powder dispensers in Men’s Rooms, and for America’s “degeneration into effeminacy,” said Mendosa.

That was just a few weeks before the release of “Son of The Sheik” in which Valentino was starring as both the sheik and his son.

The film’s press agent was alarmed by the negative publicity caused by the editorial and soon after, Valentino was required to publish a response. In his letter Valentino challenged the anonymous writer to a duel to which the person never showed up.

“That sort of stress took its toll,” said Mendosa. Valentino died at age 31 of acute peritonitis caused by an ulcer not long after the film’s release and while he was traveling for its promotion.

In the case of matinee idol Rock Hudson, the star knew that he was gay from childhood and had been taunted for it by his stepfather. Although a victim of Hollywood’s moral clause, Hudson’s studio came up with an easy solution: He should marry and put an end to the rumors that he preferred men to women as sexual partners. A marriage was arranged for him with a 30-year-old secretary Phyllis Gates as a cover. The marriage lasted only a few years but did serve its purpose of diverting the attention of the press and protecting the reputation of his studio.

One of the most intriguing figures Mendosa introduced was the phenomenal director Dorothy Arzner, now largely unknown. Mendosa claimed that his mission was to keep her name alive.

“She didn’t talk about it [sexual orientation], but didn’t keep it a secret either,” said Mendosa. With her trademark style of slicked-

back hair and tailored pantsuits, Arzner stood out.

She also lived with a female friend, the choreographer Marlon Morgan, for much of her life. Arzner was a “woman of firsts,” said Mendosa.

She directed the first talking film by a woman, “Manhattan Cocktail,” in 1928. She directed Paramount’s first talking feature, the 1929 hit, “The Wild Party.”

Arzner was the first female director admitted to the Directors Guild of America. She also invented the first boom microphone by attaching a microphone to a fishing pole.

After retiring from the show business world, Arzner taught at UCLA’s film school in the 1960s when Francis Ford Coppola was a student there.

Acknowledging her contribution to film directing, in 2018 Paramount named a building on its lot in her honor and Coppola flew in from Chicago to be at the dedication. He said that Arzner had given him the best advice as a film director of anyone in his entire career.

He described her in these words, “She was salty and sort of tough, but she had a heart as big as the world.”

With such an endorsement and 20 films over the course of 24 years in the male-dominated film industry, in addition to being one of the most prolific female film directors of all time, the small group gathered at the Clapp shared the same question: Why haven’t we ever heard of her before?

Mendosa hosts a Facebook film group called the Silver Screenist. He is also the co-host of Silver Screeners, an Apple Podcast. For more information or to receive his newsletter, please contact him by email at silverscreenerspod@gmail.com.

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library or by emailing clapplibrarytab@gmail.com. This performance is funded, in part, by a grant from the Belchertown Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Also, from 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, tweens and teens ages 12 to 18 are invited to the Clapp Library for a "Teen Write Night: Sundaes & Stories" program. Participants will partake in an ice cream sundae-making station as they play writing games and write together.

No creative writing experience is necessary to attend.

All attendees will earn a raffle ticket for the Teen Summer Reading Program. Tweens and teens are encouraged to bring a laptop or a notebook and pen/pencil.

Clapp Memorial Library is located at 19 South Main Street in Belchertown. For more, go to clapplibrary.org.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Singer and storyteller Davis Bates will perform at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, at Clapp Memorial Library.

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until homeowners are whole again," Carla Chaisson, whose mother Rita Broughman's East Street home was flooded, said.

"But not a lot of energy was put into helping residents. It's unfair, it's unfortunate, and it will happen again," added Chaisson. This concern over a repeat disaster was echoed by Linda Wood, also of East Street, who notes that prior to the July flood, beaver dams had burst just months before and resulted in the temporary closing of Gulf Street in Belchertown and Rte 67 in nearby Warren.

"It's imperative," said Wood, "that the Wildlife property be managed properly. When we bought our house over 20 years ago, flooding was not a concern."

Maryalice Morin of Cold Springs Road expressed similar sentiments, adding that "we trust Wildlife to manage the power of water."

Had the flood been during the day, she noted, the many kayakers and swimmers on the Swift River would have been directly in its path. "People

could have died; it was like a tsunami."

In response to such concerns, Joe Rogers, district manager of the Fisheries and Wildlife Division, said that the situation is being "managed." Although no beavers have been trapped or removed, his division is monitoring the site of the original breach.

While residents are concerned that the water is building up again, Rogers said that the beavers have not come back to the breached area and are unlikely to do so soon.

He added that beavers use a location for approximately 10 years, but that the internal dam in question does not have the food resources or the water level at present to attract their return.

When asked what lessons or observations they would like to share with their neighbors and local government officials from this experience, Carla Chaisson named those she called the "unsung heroes" - the highway, police, grounds and maintenance and other emergency services personnel - who braved the storm in the dark of

night to help evacuate and secure residents. In Chaisson's case, she credits those whose flashlights directed her and her mother to turn right on East Street as they were evacuating when it was her instinct to turn left.

"We would have ended up submerged in a 15-foot hole filled with water without their help," she said. Morin also credited emergency personnel for securing her flooded basement where her thirteen year old grandson was sleeping when water began to cover him. He was not electrocuted, and her house was saved, although she lost all material possessions in the newly winterized cellar.

"When something like this happens" said Chaisson, "you expect governmental infrastructure to be there for you." When asked about the State's responsibility to do more to help private residents, the office of Senator Jacob Oliviera said that the senator is "exploring environmental bond bills which are designed to promote climate change adaptation, environmental and natural resource protection, and investment in recreational assets and opportunity."



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OPINION

THE WILD EPICUREAN



Samy! Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra cultivar*), prized for its sweet berries, showing the ramial mulch at the base.

Elderberries (*Sambucus* species)

BY CHRISTAL WHELAN

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If your elderberry bushes are in their first year, you needn't worry that deer are browsing on them just as they are beginning to produce the buds of their fragrant white flowers.

In the first year these flower clusters, called "cymes" or "blows," should be cut off anyway in order to strengthen the root system as much as possible. During the second year you can cut some and leave some on the bush, but by the third year the bushes will probably be well established and ready to produce ample berries for harvest.

One way to provide the elderberry bush with optimum nourishment is to place ramial mulch around the base of the bushes to about 4" deep. Ramial mulch, made from the branches and young stems of deciduous trees, has a higher ratio of cambium to cellulose than chips made from heartwood.

It is especially good for fruit trees because it has the ideal carbon to nitrogen ratio for promoting soil fungi and building up organic matter.

Elderflowers bloom in May and June for a couple of weeks before producing the green to red and then purplish black berries. Once your bushes are established, deer may like to browse on the cymes and you will have little left with which to make elderberry flower fritters or elderberry cordial, both made from the flowers, or anything that will later require the berries.

How can the gardener or homesteader deter deer from destroying their elderberries? The secret lies in the deer's nose.

The deer's olfactory sense is very acute, having evolved to help them find food at great distances, and also to detect predators. But because of their heavy reliance on this one sense, they avoid strong odors that might easily overwhelm their normal sense of smell and interfere with their detection of a nearby predator.

Some of the plants with powerful fragrances which they tend to avoid browsing on for this reason are: lavender, garlic and mint. While you can grow these plants at the base of your elderberry bushes, it will take a few seasons to get established.

In the meantime, to make a deer repellent to spray directly on the elderberry bushes, mix 15 drops each of mint, lavender, and clove essential oil with a cup of vinegar, a tablespoon of light cooking oil, and a teaspoon of dish detergent in a spray bottle.

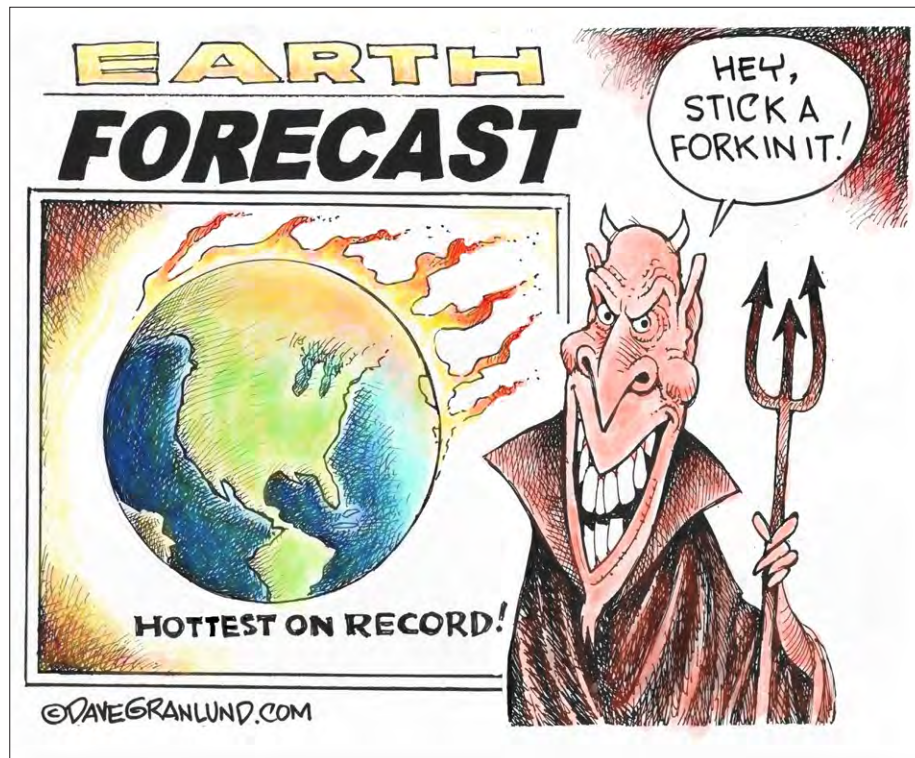
Spray the bush on strategic areas to discourage deer from coming too close.

To make elderberry flower fritters, cut the cymes from the bush, but don't wash them; they contain beneficial pollen and yeast.

Holding them by the stem with the blossoms facing downward, dip them in the batter made by mixing ½ cup of flour, ½ cup of milk, 1 egg, and ½ teaspoon sugar, ¼ teaspoon salt.

Then fry them until light brown in hot oil with a neutral scent (canola or safflower).

While there are many ways to make and serve elderberry flower fritters, they are especially popular in Austria and Germany where they are sometimes eaten with vanilla ice cream.



LETTER

Support the THRIVE Act

Recently, there is a bill in the state legislature called the THRIVE Act which gets rid of two things that will radically shape education forever: state receivership and the graduation requirement for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System.

Some may say that getting rid of these two factors are unnecessary and harmful to education. However, MCAS itself is unnecessary, undemocratic and harms students of color.

MCAS is a standardized test issued by the state of Massachusetts that nearly every student takes in order to measure how well the school district is matching the state curriculum. If the district is meeting curriculum standards, it gets revenue from the state. If the district is "chronically underperforming" it goes into state receivership, also known as state-takeover.

State takeover gets rid of any autonomy a district can have. It strips the municipality of any democracy it had left for education and gives that power entirely to the state. Teachers can no longer control their curriculums. Superintendents and school committee members have little to no say on what's happening in the classrooms.

And, you can forget about an outlet for

the students' voice.

There is also little evidence suggesting state takeover increases MCAS scores. According to a report done by FairTest, test score increases from 50% to 80% are typically temporary and fluctuate due to factors outside of changes in learning.

State takeover also targets Latin American communities and segregates districts even more. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the three towns to which their schools are under state-takeover, Lawrence, Southbridge and Holyoke, all have large Latin American populations. It doesn't help that English Language Learners also have to do MCAS in English after only one year in American Schools.

In addition to targeting marginalized communities, MCAS further segregates them. Real estate companies look at test score rankings to determine the value of the neighborhood/municipality. Because MCAS disproportionately discriminates against people of color, those neighborhoods' property values are kept low.

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Nora Dyer-Murphy
Belchertown



Why can't I collect survivor benefits from my deceased wife?

Dear Rusty: I am a 62 year old widower that is still working full time. While my late spouse was in hospice, I was able to get her to apply for Social Security disability and she received one payment before she passed away two years ago. I was told that I could collect a survivor benefit, so I called my local Social Security office, but they told me that I could not collect any type of benefits from my wife and that all the money she paid into SS for all of those years was basically gone for good. Would you please advise what I can do and if this is true? I was also told that Social Security's agents will do everything they can to avoid paying out benefits.

Signed: Frustrated Widower

Dear Frustrated Widower: I suspect that the reason Social Security said you were not eligible for benefits as a widower is because you are working full time. At age 62, you are subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn while collecting early Social Security benefits. The 2023 earnings limit is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS

will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If your earnings are high enough, that could make you temporarily ineligible to collect benefits until 1) your earnings are less, or 2) you reach your Full Retirement Age (FRA) when the earnings test no longer applies.

Assuming you have not yet claimed your personal SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible to collect a survivor benefit from your wife when your earnings are less or after you reach your full retirement age. One strategy you may wish to consider, if you plan to keep working full time, is to wait and claim only your surviving spouse benefit at your FRA (67), thus allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to continue growing until you are 70 when your personal SS retirement benefit will be about 75% more than it would be now. Although your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your FRA, your personal benefit doesn't reach maximum until age 70, so it's possible to collect your smaller survivor benefit from your wife first and claim your higher personal benefit later.

You were apparently given some confusing information when you contacted Social Security. If you haven't already claimed your own SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible for a surviving spouse benefit from your wife but likely cannot collect a widower benefit at this time because you're working full time. However, that doesn't mean you can never collect a survivor benefit; only that you can't collect it

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offer shamanic perspectives to my clients.”

“How I like to explain it,” said Varney, “is every single person has intuition and we call it our “sixth sense” or our instinct, and every single person has some level of understanding of what this is.”

She elaborated, “Then there are some who really want to use it as an asset in their life and that’s the process of honing that intuition and using intuition to gather information for yourself or someone else. “Psychic” has a lot of connotations I don’t want to put myself in. “Intuition” seems like a more palatable word for most people. When I work as a professional intuitive, I just work with my intuition to give information versus my psychology background. Working intuitively is not that different than being a therapist. It’s just the way that information comes forward is different.”

But the two see themselves, as they make clear in their introductory first episode, as what they are not: Under no circumstance do they consider themselves “healers.” Rather, they are more like sherpas who help clients unlock the healing their own minds and bodies are capable of, they said.

Their conversations vary. They could be about respecting boundaries or the idea of the human body as a vehicle for fun-loving souls that chafe against an ego-driven survival instinct that avoids risks and ambitions.

They believe that the free-wheeling nature of their conversations is part of its appeal.

“We have a long list of ideas we came up with as we generated ideas for the podcast,” Eyerman said.

“With each of those topics we just make a couple of bullet points for them and the topics are things we’re already familiar with,

things we talk about together or with clients. So the preparation is really just our experience.”

“Honestly,” Varney said, “we take a few minutes to go over bullet points before recording, but we want it to be a very organic conversation between the two of us. Having it be spontaneous allows us to be more creative.”

Neither one seems shy about offering a counterview while recording an episode and that can steer the conversation down a side street before it finds an on-ramp back to the main topic. One of them made a tennis analogy, though clearly no one is keeping score.

And not for a second do they profess to have all the answers.

“I feel worse today than when we started,” Varney joked at one point in Episode 2.

Going independent

Eyerman said in Episode 1 that he realized early in his teaching career that he was bored and if he was bored, he imagined his students were as well. Having to follow a curriculum didn’t allow for much creativity, he said. Varney said she felt similarly unfulfilled and also frustrated by the role of insurance companies and other bureaucracy in her job.

“Many LICSWs work within systems such as schools, hospitals, mental health centers or social services agencies. When an LICSW works within a system, they do not have any say over the clients they work with or how they can work with them as most systems have clear standards of care that need to be followed,” she said.

“Traditional LICSWs who work as therapists work with a model of diagnosing mental disorders and often work within the confines of insurance companies that require therapists to use an evidence-based model to treat symptoms until the client’s symptoms are elevated enough to be



More about Dave

Age: 43
Hometown: Teaneck, New Jersey

How long have you lived in Belchertown? Since 2019

College/post high school education: Johns Hopkins University – BS in Mathematical Sciences, New England School of Acupuncture – MAc (Masters of Acupuncture)

Last book read: “Breath,” by James Nestor

Hobbies/interests outside of work: Woodworking, Hiking, Music (enjoying concerts rather than playing)

Please tell us something few people know about you: I lived for a year each in Prague and in a town outside Kyoto called Kusatsu.



More about Liz

Age: 45
Hometown: Dalton

How long have you lived in Belchertown? Since 2019

College/post high school education: Marist College BA Psychology, Boston College MSW

Last book read: Currently reading “She’s Come Undone” by Wally Lamb

Hobbies/interests outside of work: Art (of all kinds), gardening, running

Please tell us something few people know about you: I’m learning to play the ukulele.

quite the fan of the modality” and quickly realized the benefits.

“I tried it once from someone who had just graduated from acupuncture school himself and offered me a free treatment and loved it. I didn’t have a specific thing I was seeking treatment for, but I felt so calm, clear and refreshed in a way that I wasn’t expecting or had really ever experienced prior. I was quickly hooked and it became a staple of my self-care routine, regardless of where I lived,” including two countries overseas.

He said he can still draw on his teaching background in his current career.

“It has helped me hone a bal-

ance between personal and professional. It became clear how the energy of the teacher – or practitioner – sets the tone for the entire environment, so I aimed as a teacher to be clear and in command of the room, but not without a personality,” Eyerman said.

“I am a little more informal as a practitioner, but the mindset is the same: How can I help you feel comfortable and open to receive something new and different? Of course, being comfortable to stand in front of a room of 25 teenagers – many of whom were very quick to call me out if I made a mistake or moved or spoke awkwardly – definitely builds confidence in public speaking, in making mistakes and in finding many ways to get a point across.”

Residents of Belchertown since just a couple of months before the pandemic, Eyerman and Varney both said they’re glad they chose it as their new home.

“We wanted to be closer to Western Mass for several reasons,” they said together in an email.

“The work we do blends nicely into the open-minded community here and we both wanted to be in a more nature-filled location with a bit of a slower pace than what we experienced in Eastern Mass. We both like the town a lot – it’s quiet, peaceful, the people are super friendly, and it’s got easy access both to the woods as well as to the more city energy of Amherst, Northampton and Springfield.

Want to know more?

The podcast is available on most platforms, including Apple, Spotify and iHeartRadio.

To find out about the services Eyerman and Varney offer, read more about their backgrounds and to contact them, visit their website at inspiredbeingllc.com.

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at this time because of the “earnings test.” The earnings test goes away when you reach age 67, so you can claim only your survivor benefit at that time or before if you no longer work full time and allow your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow to age 70 if you like.

From our experience with the Social Security Administration, the skill level of SSA representatives varies, but we have never suspected their goal was trying to avoid paying benefits due. Nevertheless, depending on the agent you spoke with, the information provided may have been less clear about the best claiming strategy for you, which is why

the AMAC Foundation’s Social Security Advisory Service exists. Our advisors are all highly experienced and strive to provide you with complete and clear information which enables you to make an informed choice about how and when to claim the Social Security benefits you are entitled to. I hope we have succeeded.

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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 June 21 through July 4. 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 679 calls police responded to, there were 23 incidents, five accidents, six arrests/summons and 45 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Wednesday, June 21

10:08 p.m. – A 16-year-old juvenile was issued a summons for possession of alcohol under 21. An officer responded to a noise complaint. They spoke with a person and determined someone was underage at the gathering. They were charged accordingly.

Friday, June 23

3:22 p.m. – A 43-year-old Leeds man placed into protective custody. Officers took a report of a drunk person who had trouble walking, went into a business and refused to leave. The person was later located on North Main Street. They were taken into protective custody.

2:57 p.m. – A 31-year-old Ludlow man was issued a summons on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle. An officer was on North Main Street when they saw two motorcycles driving northbound when one person pulled a wheelie. There was heavy traffic on both sides of the road. Both motorcycles were pulled over. The operator was issued a summons because of the potential endangerment.

Tuesday, June 27

1:42 p.m. – Jeffrey C. White, 56 of 542 Center Street, Ludlow, was arrested on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery and breaking and entering received a misdemeanor. An officer responded to a Mill Valley Road residence for report of an incident involving a knife. The reporting person said they were involved in the attack. They said they were punched. The person said they were punched during the confrontation and then pulled a knife. There is no further information at this time.

Sunday, July 2

5:52 p.m. – Eric L. Kenney, of 167 Brittany Manor Drive, Amherst, was arrested on a warrant. Officer was on patrol on Hamilton Street and conducted a registration check on a vehicle with no inspection sticker. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the occupants. One person in the vehicle had a default warrant. The officer issued a citation to the operator and arrested the suspect.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Wednesday, June 21

9:31 p.m. – A person dropped off wallet they found in West Springfield. The ID in the wallet came back to a Springfield resident. The officer was able to get their phone number. The person said they got a new wallet and no longer wanted the one found.

Thursday, June 22

12:08 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle traveling south on State Street was stopped to turn into the parking lot. A second vehicle was unable to stop in time and collided with the back of the first vehicle. The second vehicle was towed from the scene.

Friday, June 23

12:19 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Mill Valley Road. A vehicle traveling north on Mill Valley Road struck a deer that ran into the roadway. No tow was necessary, and no injuries were reported.

Saturday, June 24

11:05 a.m. – An officer was dispatched to Allen Road for a report of a found road sign in woods next to the residence. The sign was lifted out of the ground and moved from where it was installed. The Department of Public Works was advised of the matter. The reporting party believed the sign was from George Hannum Road.

6:06 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

1:52 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person reporting fraudulent activity. A credit card was provided in the mail with a name and account number. Their relative also received information about the account. The company was contacted, and the account was shut down. They were told to put credit freezes in place.

Tuesday, June 27

3:33 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Liberty Street. A vehicle traveling south on North Liberty Street went over the center line, striking a utility pole. The pole cracked and needed replacement. There was heavy front-end damage to the vehicle. The operator said they fell asleep and woke up on impact with the pole.

1:42 p.m. – A person dropped off keys at the department. They were found on Warren Wright Road by the bike trail entrance.

5:33 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle traveling east on Federal Street and struck a vehicle in the rear. The operator of the first vehicle said they tried to reach a bug and pressed the gas pedal, causing the accident. No tows were necessary, and no injuries were reported.

Wednesday, June 28

11:27 a.m. – Person informed of credit card opened under their name. added online other account and purchases were made. Person lives in town, reported to OK city PD. Thinking someone was responsible for

opening the account.

Thursday, June 29

1:03 p.m. – An officer took a report of a fraudulent unemployment claim. The person was advised to contact the credit bureau and social security.

Friday, June 30

7:23 p.m. – A Federal Street business owner reported damage done to a restroom at their location. A suspect ripped something off the wall, causing a leak. The bathroom was put out of service. The owner had a suspect in mind. The business owner requested that the person responsible for the damage be contacted. The owner was made aware of how the suspect could have trespassed from the property. Images were captured that were forwarded to the officer. The officer tried to contact the suspect. The matter is an open investigation.

Saturday, July 1

1:58 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street and Bay Road. A vehicle stopped at the stop sign was rear ended by another vehicle. The operator of the second vehicle said they were looking at traffic and thought the first vehicle continued forward into the intersection. There was minimal damage. Both vehicles were able to drive from the scene.

5:01 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

9:32 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence to serve a notice of a firearms suspension. The officers took custody of the firearm license and the firearms in the residence.

Monday, July 3

10:36 a.m. – An officer investigated report of alleged 209A violation.

Tuesday, July 4

9:15 a.m. – A person spoke to officer contacted by employer they got an unemployment app and a credit card and got in contact with appropriate agencies.

12:26 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

Granby Police

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 312 calls for the week of June 23 through July 6. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, June 23

10:40 p.m. – A motorist reported that a vehicle struck a utility pole. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries and responding officers completed an accident report.

Saturday, June 24

11:06 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of a disturbance and spoke to two parties. The parties were separated, and an

incident report was completed.

Monday, June 26

11:05 a.m. – A resident reported that two men, wearing masks, stole some items from her woodshed and then left in a green Toyota sedan. It was later discovered that nothing appeared to be missing from the shed. Officers responded to the area but did not locate the vehicle. An incident report was completed.

Thursday, June 29

1:45 p.m. – A resident stated that they believed an employee was stealing items at their home. An officer spoke to the parties and completed an incident report.

Friday, June 30

9:11 p.m. – An employee of the American Legion reported a possible assault. Officers responded and completed an incident report.

Saturday, July 1

1:13 a.m. – The police department received several 911 calls regarding a serious two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire initially responded. Two additional ambulances were requested from South Hadley and Ludlow Fire departments. Two people were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. One person succumbed to their injuries. The accident is pending further investigation by the Granby Police, the Massachusetts State Police, and the Northwestern District Attorney's Office.

Sunday, July 2

7:43 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 52MPH in 30MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

10:47 p.m. – A roll over single vehicle accident was reported. Granby Police and Fire responded. The driver and only occupant of the vehicle was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. An accident report was completed by the responding officers. The operator was issued a criminal citation for crossing marked lanes and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Monday, July 3

1:17 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 52MPH in 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

Wednesday, July 5

1:38 p.m. – A resident reported that two of their bikes are missing. An officer responded and completed an incident report.

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Tickets for Sportsman's Club dinner on sale

BELCHERTOWN — There is still time to purchase tickets to the Swift River Sportsman's Club Chicken BBQ/Pig Roast scheduled for noon-6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26.

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For more information, including tickets, please contact either Mike at 413-205-6778 or Ed at 508-981-7249.



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ketable we are, how our jobs and salaries compare with other communities. It's a tough market right now," Misiaszek said.

"If we have more competitive salaries, we get a better candidate pool." If the board opted to do just a job description review, the consultant would meet with employees to talk about their job duties, look at how it matches their job description and provide the board with a presentation on its findings.

She said another aspect of the study would include internal equity – making

sure current employees have the possibility of a regrade. "If we want her to stick with-in \$20,000 on salary adjustments, if that were part of the results, we would need to look at how to project that," she said.

Selectboard member Jen Turner said when she thought of the study, she was under the impression there would be an organization development review. "It looks at all of the jobs created over the years and makes sure we have the right organizational structure," Turner said.

Selectboard member Lesa Lessard Pearson said she didn't see having compensation as part of the project's scope

when the town is working to get rid of a structural deficit. "I see it as, our overall effectiveness, if there's any redundancy. We want to meet the needs and expectations of the residents by streamlining operations," she said.

When asked how many full-time employees the town has, Misiaszek said she didn't know off the top of her head.

Williams said the budget scenarios presented did not include the request the members made, and it may take longer to get an updated quote. When Williams asked if the board wanted to include the schools in the estimate, Selectboard Chair

Ed Boscher said he didn't; that option was readily available.

"During the budgetary process, the schools are part of that, but once the money is allocated, the schools can make changes," he said. "It's difficult." When asked about whether the board wanted to look at part-time employees, Boscher said he didn't think that was important.

"We haven't looked at this in many, many, many years. Given the constraints we're faced with, these are things we have to be honest with the community," he said. "All of the information through an organizational chart would be outstanding work."

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(TURLEY PHOTOS BY CHRISTAL WHELAN) Meat selections from Austin Valley Farm.



A variety of radishes at Hope's Tent.



Bath bombs and lip balms at Cold Spring Soapery.

BY CHRISTAL WHELAN
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BELCHERTOWN – By midmorning we were already too late.

Fortuna Italian Pastries had nearly sold out their sweets by then. There was nothing left to do but have a chat with the owner and buy one of the last two packs of chocolate-chip cookies.

Diana Shea said she had inherited her recipes from her Italian grandmother whose first name was Fortuna, after which she named her company. Her “nonna” or grandmother had come to the U.S. from Quindici, a small town in southern Italy less than an hour from Naples. Many from that town settled in Springfield and nearby areas.

But her grandfather was from the other end of the boot, Verona, which explains the two distinct culinary streams in the family. Besides Italian biscotti and coconut macaroons, Shea sells a line of gluten-free cookies to accommodate those she has known with celiac disease, which is “way beyond gluten intolerance,” she said.

We should have come earlier, she confirmed as she brushed off her tablecloth. She was right. Only a handful of vendors showed up on this torrentially rainy day, and those who did tended to have their most popular items sold out in the first hour.

Diagonal from Fortuna’s tent, stood the Austin Brothers Valley Farm kiosk, a dairy farm turned beef farm 16 years ago. They had an extraordinary variety of meat cuts available although the short spare ribs were already sold out.

The Austin Brothers steward 130 acres of pasture land that supports their cattle on a diet of pasture and silage without the use of hormones or additives. Depending on the season, they sell salad greens, veggies, squash, corn, tree fruit, stone fruit, meat, eggs, potted plants, herbs, fiber products, artisan décor, and pork from Hilltown Pork.

They also engage in agrotourism that involves a corn maze and wagon rides for children and families.

Buying and selling quality cattle is an ongoing business for the farm. They provide meat to McCarthy’s Pub, Sutter Meats Butcher Shop and sell directly from their farm.

Their sidelines are selling manure for composting, and hay for all kinds of purposes. They also encourage calls from people who need something not on the usual dock. So don’t hesitate to call this resourceful farm or meet them at the Sunday market.

Joyce Douthwright, the owner of Cold Spring Soapery, sold various hand-crafted self-care items. One of the most attractive was a soap deck made of cedar wood and finished with several colored designs made with epoxy.

She also sold eye-catching bath bombs, one which looked like it could easily have been a souvenir for the debut screening of “Jaws.” She had various lip balms, and her multi-colored soaps with swirls looked a lot like marbled papers. The only animal sourced

item she uses in their soapmaking is goat’s milk.

Clarissa and Mike Madden of Grown Up Farm are both new to farming. Madden worked for 25 years as a chef and decided to quit his job in 2020 during the pandemic. He and his wife wanted to explore the other side of food preparation – the planting, growing and harvesting.

Mike is now a full-time farmer who has embraced “low-till” farming, mushroom cultivation, and Clarissa keeps geese and other birds. They are exploring companion planting, cover crops, deep mulching, and composting, knowing well that food is only as nutritious as the soil which produces it.

Hope’s Tent is a charming tent to pop into. Those who sell here are members of the United Methodist Church located in the center of Belchertown.

Joanna Page and Ginny Ayers, are both farmers who sell whatever vegetables they have in season. They displayed many varieties of radishes, and were selling lettuce, spinach and arugula.

The raspberries and gooseberries had sold out fast that morning. They were selling Smith’s cheeses from Winchendon, and maple syrup from Shattuck’s Sugarhouse in Belchertown, a business that also offers tours during sugaring season from late Feb. to early April.

Later in the summer Page and Ayers said they will have blueberries. Unfortunately, this year was a bad one for peaches and plums the women both agreed: “The cold snap in March ruined them.”

Loving Kindness Farm’s Melissa Weise was busy bagging microgreens for a customer. She also sold small do-it-yourself sprouting kits. Normally she has eggs, but they had sold out that morning.

Rachel Sweet was there selling her small-batch spice mixes in attractive packaging. These would make nice gifts for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year.

And Jennie Moss of Dream Glimmers had come to sell her minimalist line and acrylic artwork, mostly in the form of cards with companion envelopes.

The works she displayed were typically black ink drawings with certain parts painted crimson red.

Katie Bobbin, the new manager of Belchertown Farmers and Artisans Market, a nonprofit corporation, kept a hand tally-counter on her table, although people could enter from all directions.

She said some 500 people had shown up for the first Farmers Market of the season on June 11. The rain had kept both vendors and customers at home on this fourth week, which also coincided with the Fourth of July weekend.

The Farmers and Artisans Market is open every Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Sept. 24 on the Belchertown Commons, 50 Main St., Belchertown.



Rachel Sweet sells her premixed spices and spice recipe book.



Grown Up Farm sells mushrooms, seasonal vegetables, and cheeses.



Hope's Tent selling vegetables and fruits, cheeses, and maple syrup.

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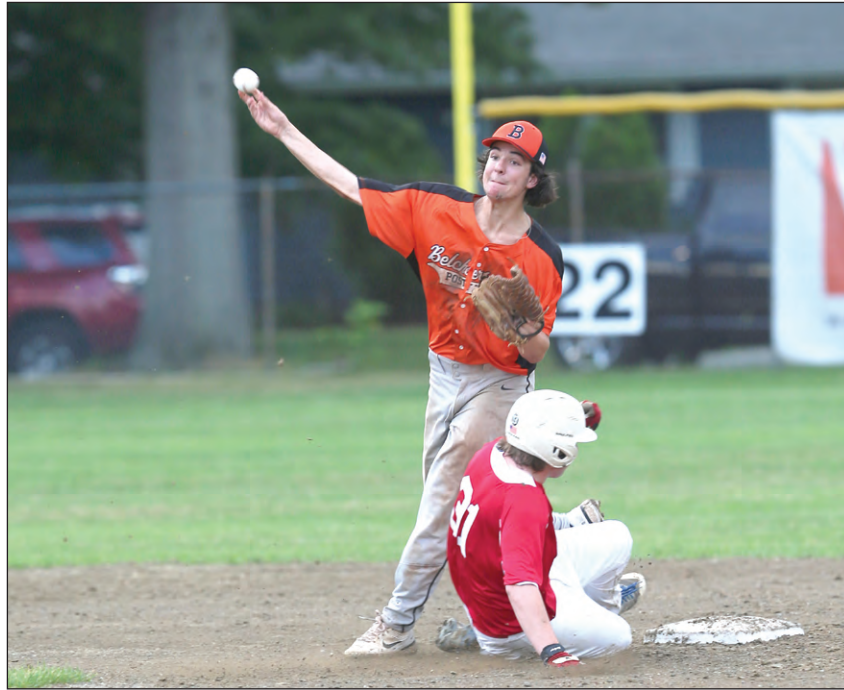
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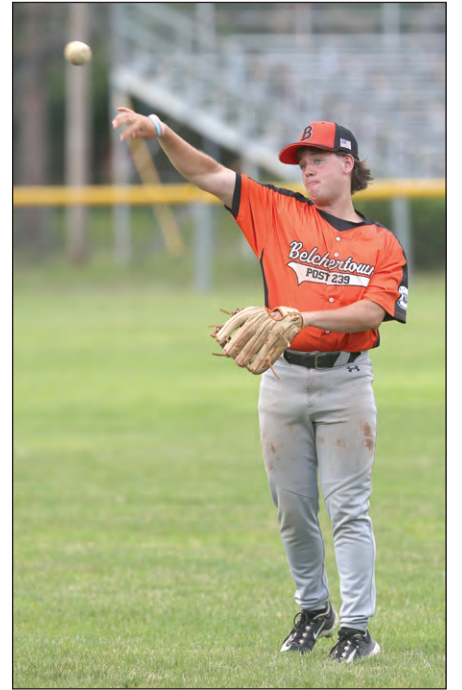
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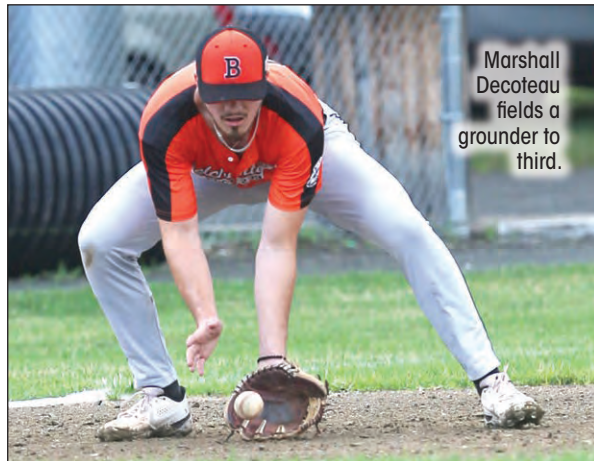
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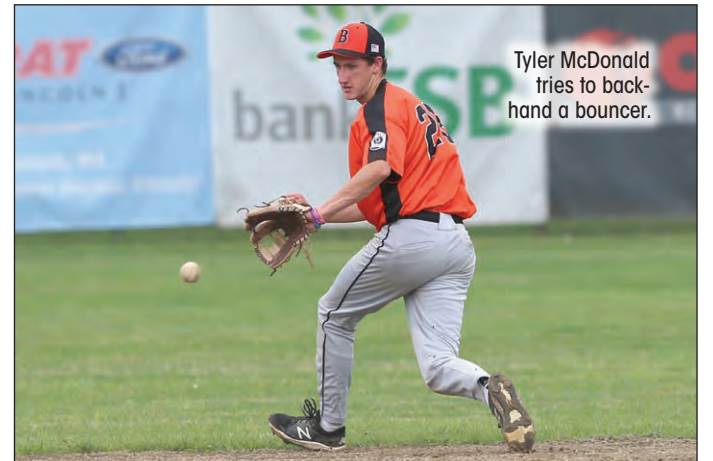
Joseph Mankowsky fires a throw back to the infield.

Post 239 clutch heading into final week

BELCHERTOWN – Last week, Belchertown Sr. Legion Post 239 posted two more wins to their season total and enter the final week of the regular season at 7-3. Belchertown defeated Westfield 6-4 last Monday and Aldenville of Chicopee 8-4. Belchertown completes the season with two games this week.



Marshall Decoteau fields a grounder to third.



Tyler McDonald tries to backhand a bouncer.

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Pioneers score shutout to keep playoff chances going

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Mamadi Jiana was one of the seven reserve players listed on the Western Mass. Pioneers starting line-up sheet for last Friday night's USL League Two match-up with Vermont Green FC.

Jiana, who was a member of the boys' varsity soccer team at Chicopee High School a couple of years ago, entered the match during the 78th minute. Two minutes later, he scored what turned out to be the game winning goal. The Pioneers kept their postseason dreams

alive with an exciting 1-0 victory before the largest crowd of the regular season at Lusitano Stadium.

"The tempo was very high when I came into the game late in the second half, and I was ready for the moment," Jiana said. "When I saw the scoring opportunity, I knew that I had to capitalize on it. We played very well tonight, and it just feels amazing. I'm very proud of the guys."

It was Jiana's third goal of the regular season and all of them

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Gianluca Cersosimo sends a kick away.



Ben Burger runs down the ball.



Gavin Moreno clears the ball for Granby.



Adam Stetson looks for an open teammate.



Jaxton Roy O'Connor plays the ball off his chest.

Rams edge Pacers

GRANBY – Prior to the Fourth of July holiday, Granby boys summer soccer defeated Chicopee 3-2. The Rams improved to 2-4 for the summer, but are still on the outside of the playoff picture in the B Division of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League. Granby resumes play this week.



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Nico Grandmont sends away a free kick.

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Dave Clark makes a good throw to first.



Cam McDonald winds up for a long throw for an out.

Bankers rolling to first place finish

HOLYOKE – PeoplesBank are the elite of the Tri-County Baseball League, and are now 13-1 heading into the final stretch of the season. Last week, the Bankers scored at 14-4 win over St. Joe's, and a 12-1 win over DiFranco Realty. Those wins took place on consecutive nights and the Bankers now have a five-point lead for first place. The Chicopee Falls Tigers hold second place at 10-5-1. St. Joe's has moved into third place at 7-8. The regular season is heading for a close during the next two weeks.



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James Flahive continues to rack up wins for PeoplesBank.

Wall Stadium Speedway to host big race

MILFORD – Six-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Doug Coby will look to add yet another track to his winners list this Saturday night. Wall Stadium Speedway, located in New Jersey, is a high-banked, high-speed track that has tight corners and often produces exciting side-by-side racing.

When the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour rolls into town for the Jersey Shore 150, Coby will drive the Tommy Baldwin Racing, Mayhew Tools No. 7NY. With one win this season (Monadnock Speedway), Coby enters the race third, 30 points back in the championship standings on the Whelen Modified Tour circuit entering the eighth race of the season.

In his 35 career wins, Coby has been to Victory Lane at 12 different tracks. At Wall Stadium, Coby has three career Tour starts, with only one coming in the last 18 years. Coby started sixth, led 72 laps and

finished 10th in 2019. He did not compete in the Whelen Modified Tour event at Wall last year, but Jimmy Blewett won in the Tommy Baldwin Racing entry Coby will be driving for this event.

"I watched the race last year and it didn't seem like it was similar to the one in 2019," Coby said. "It seemed like the groove had moved around. Wall is one of those places that can throw a lot at you – and a lot can happen quickly. Our car will be good. I've never won there and it's on my bucket list of tracks where I want to win. I got my first pole there, used to race at Little Wall as a kid, and I've always liked the facility."

Saturday's practice session will roll from 3:30-4:30 p.m., followed by Mayhew Tools qualifying and the Jersey Shore 150 at 8 p.m. The main event will be live on FloRacing.TV for those who would like to watch from home.

Valley Blue Sox score doubleheader sweep

HOLYOKE – Last Saturday, the Valley Blue Sox swept a doubleheader versus another North Division opponent. The team defeated the Upper Valley Nighthawks 4-1 to climb back to .500 on the season at 14-14. Valley now leads the West Division by one game over the Bristol Blues.

As in the first game, the Nighthawks got on the board first, following a sacrifice fly in the top of the second.

Blue Sox pitching was rock solid in the ballgame, only

allowing one run off five hits. Dillon Ryan started the game for the team, pitching three innings allowing one run while striking out two batters.

Michael Weidinger would relieve Ryan in the top of the fourth inning, pitching two shut-out innings and striking out five batters.

All of the runs for the Blue Sox came in the bottom of the fifth following a huge rally, even with the team only recording

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were game winners.

"We can't win games with just eleven players," said Pioneers longtime head coach Federico Molinari. "We need contributions from all 18 players to be successful. Mamadi is a local player and we're very happy to have him on our team this year."

Jiana scored his first goal wearing a Pioneers uniform in a 2-1 road win against AC Connecticut on June 10. A little more than two weeks later, Jiana, who currently lives in Westfield, was a starter in another road match against Pathfinder FC. He netted the only goal of that contest.

During the past two years, Jiana scored 17 goals and had 13 assists for a total of 47 points as a member of the men's soccer team at Norwich University, which competes at the Division 3 level. He recently entered the NCAA transfer portal and is hoping to play soccer for a Division 1 school in the fall. Jiana has two more years of college eligibility remaining.

The Norwich University men's soccer coach was Adam Pfeifer, who retired at the end of last season. Pfeifer is currently the Athletic Director at Kimball Union Academy and is also the Vermont Green head coach.

The first and second place fin-



Tomas Duben stops the ball as he runs into the opposing defense.



Connor Hicks, of Monson, runs down the ball.



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Stevan Milosevic dribbles up the field.

ishers in the Northeast Division will qualify for the playoffs.

The Pioneers (8-1-3) and Vermont (9-3-0) are battling for one of those two spots, along with the Seacoast United Phantoms. If the Pioneers can win their final two regular season matches at Albany, which was scheduled to be played on Tuesday night, and at home against AC Connecticut on Saturday night, they should

lock up a playoff berth. The last time that the Pioneers didn't qualify for the playoffs was in 2018.

"This is a very good win for us tonight," Molinari said. "We made a couple of changes at halftime, and we played a lot better in the second half."

Alec Hughes, who entered the match at the start of the second half, had a couple of opportunities to give the home team a 1-0

advantage.

Hughes breakaway shot in the 58th minute was flicked over the endline by Vermont goalie Nathan Schmur resulting in a corner kick.

Less than ten minutes later, Hughes had another wide open shot, but his chip shot clanked off the cross bar.

The Pioneers didn't miss their third scoring chance.

The scoring play began when

Connor Bagdon, who had also entered the match at halftime, intercepted a pass before delivering a pass to Lucio Berron. After dribbling the ball over the mid-field line, Berron made a short pass to Ignacio Albo, who then found Jiana open on the left side. Jiana dribbled the ball into the box before firing a rocket shot into the right corner past Schmur, who made a diving attempt to make the save.

"I was wide open, and Ignacio passed the ball to me," Jiana said. "Then I shot the ball with my right foot into the corner. As soon as I shot the ball, I knew that it was going to go into the net."

When the Pioneers made the trek north to the University of Vermont on June 17, Albo scored the only goal of the match.

A year ago, the Pioneers pulled out a thrilling 3-2 come-from-behind home victory over the Vermont Green.

In the first ever meeting between the USL-League two rivals.

During the first half of last Friday's home match, Western Mass. goalie Gianluca Cerosimo (4 saves) made a couple of outstanding saves, which allowed Jiana to score his third game winner of the season with ten minutes remaining in regulation.

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HoopHall introduces new board members

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced four new board members. Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Executive Director of the National Basketball Players Association Foundation, was named to the Board of Governors. Executive Chairman of Delano Media Group, Todd Delano; Former NBA Head Coach and Player, Vinny Del Negro; and Thomas Tull, Chairman of the USIT Fund, and Chairman of Tulco Holdings, were named to the Board of Trustees.

“We are very pleased to be adding Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Todd Delano, Vinny Del Negro, and Thomas Tull as board members,” said Jerry Colangelo, Board Chair of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “Each new member brings unique perspectives which will be invaluable in supporting the Hall of Fame’s mission to promote and preserve the game.”

“I look forward to working closely with our new Board members,” said John Doleva, President and CEO of the Hall of Fame. “We have a significant amount of investment coming to the Hall over the next few years, and the Board’s input and guidance is critical to the success of our organizational goals.”

Board members serve as ambassadors of the Hall while also being responsible for preserving the fundamental mission and financial well-being of the Basketball Hall of Fame. The Board is made up of individuals that work in or have worked in the game, as well as business leaders that have supported the game in Springfield, Mass., or on a national or global level.

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two hits in the inning. Efrain Correa Jr. was hit by a pitch, Will Gale singled, and newcomer Jack Power walked to make it bases loaded with no outs.

Jeff Pierantoni and Eliot Dix both hit RBI fielder’s choices to take the lead for Valley. The team added two more insurance runs off an RBI single from AJ Guerrero, and a throwing error from Upper Valley to allow the final run of the ballgame.

Jason Arrigo would relieve Weidinger to close the game for Valley. Arrigo’s curveball was ranked third in the league in RPM. The right-hander pitched two scoreless innings to earn himself the save, and added to his strikeout totals with three more on the night.

AJ Guerrero went 2-for-3 in the game, with an RBI. Will Gale also had two hits, going 2-for-2 with a walk and a stolen base.

In Game 1, another close game throughout the seven inning contest saw the Blue Sox rallying back from a three run deficit to claim the victory.

The Nighthawks scored one run in the top of the first inning following an RBI double, then added two more in the top of the second inning off an RBI single.

Sean Scanlon was on the bump to start the game for Valley, pitching four innings while allowing three runs and striking out two batters. In the bottom of the second inning,

the Blue Sox took a run back off of an RBI double from Zach Ketterman. Matt Bergevin scored on the play to make it a 3-1 game.

Valley added two more runs to tie the game in the bottom of the third following RBI singles from AJ Guerrero and Matt Bergevin.

The Blue Sox then wasted no time taking the lead, scoring a run in the bottom of the fourth inning following the first home run hit by a Blue Sox player at home this season. Zach Ketterman hit a towering solo shot over the right field wall to make it a 4-3 ballgame. The third baseman went 2-for-3 with two RBIs in the contest.

Terry Murray relieved Scanlon in the top of the fifth inning, pitching two innings allowing one unearned run while striking out two.

The Nighthawks rallied back to tie the game 4-4 in the top of the sixth after two straight errors from the Blue Sox.

Zach Cameron pitched a scoreless frame in the top of the seventh to set the Blue Sox up to walk it off in the bottom half of the inning.

Jeff Pierantoni walked in the bottom of the seventh, then AJ Guerrero hit a double to put runners on second and third with only one out. EJ Kreutzmann hit a ground ball down the third base line allowing Jeff Pierantoni to score. The Blue Sox secured their second walk-off victory of the season 5-4.

OBITUARY

Michael “Uncle Mike” Skura, 71

BELCHERTOWN – Michael “Uncle Mike” Skura, 71, of Belchertown passed away quietly on June 24, 2023 after suffering a battle with cancer.



He leaves his wife, Lorraine (Lysik) Skura of 51 years, his daughter, Emily Jasmin and her partner Chris St. Germain of Ware, her son, Sam Skura and his wife Diana Gliniecki of Ware, his three beautiful granddaughters, Megan Jasmin, Isabella Skura and Gracelyn Skura all of Ware; two sisters, Pat Piche of Three Rivers and Janice Skura of California; many sisters-in-law, their spouses and many nieces and nephews. Mike was predeceased by his brother, Thomas. He was born in Chicopee, son of the late Edward and Marge (LeClerc) Skura.

Mike was an avid fisherman. He and his fishing buddy Sam loved to fish the Quabbin and the many tournaments on Lake Champlain. Mike was a Hot Rod enthusiast, loved the car races and was born with a green thumb. He loved his 36 Chevy and was so proud when he drove it around town.

He was the producer, owner, and distributor of Uncle Mike’s Salsa, then became the owner of Uncle Mike’s Seafoods.

Mike was loved by many and will be missed dearly. A Celebration of Life will be held at St. Joe’s Club on 8 Commercial St. in Thorndike on July 28 at 5:30 pm.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

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Docket No. HS23P0414EA**

**Estate of:
Carol A Hebert
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Date of Death:
May 11, 2023**
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kerry K. Strong of Roslindale, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
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The estate is being

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07/13/2023

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Wendy Bailey = P15
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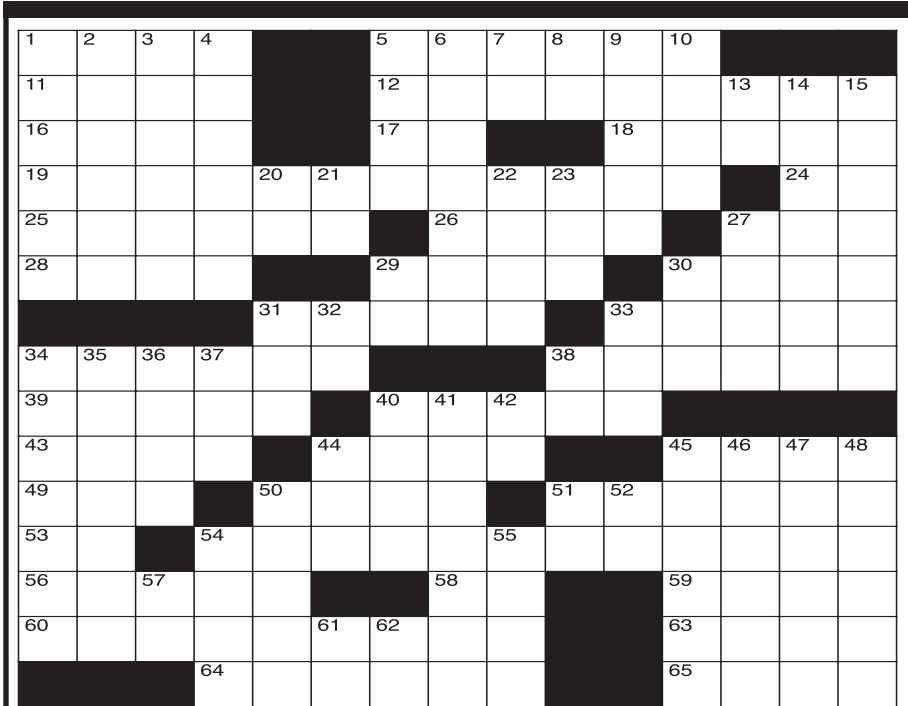
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Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor
24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
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1. Database management system
5. Medical procedures
11. ___ Clapton, musician
12. Defender
16. Exert oneself
17. Indicates position
18. Prevents river overflow
19. Atrocities
24. Mister
25. Ends
26. Slope or tilt
27. Taxi
28. The very ends
29. Actor Sean
30. Japanese persimmon
31. Sours
33. Beneficiary
34. Baseball official
38. Muddy, boggy ground

39. Not worldly
40. Actress Lathan
43. Soil
44. ___-Cola
45. Asleep
49. ___ Angeles
50. Give birth to a child
51. Beach shelter
53. Commercial
54. Taste property
56. Local jurisdictions
58. It cools your home
59. Dismounted from a horse
60. Charge with a crime
63. Close in
64. Spoke
65. Famed garden

CLUES DOWN

1. Draw a scene
2. Its sultan is famous
3. Unlucky accident
4. A way to ski

5. Abba ___, Israeli politician
6. Saw
7. "Westworld" actor Harris
8. Belonging to me
9. Shoelace tube
10. Takes to court
13. Early multimedia
14. In a way, produces
15. Bowlers
20. Of I
21. Equally
22. Gets some sun
23. A place to stay
27. Town in Galilee
29. Aronofsky film
30. Klingon character, "Star Trek"
31. Equal to 100 square meters
32. Atomic #58
33. Arrived extinct
34. Loosen grip
35. A distinctive odor that is unpleasant

36. Membranes
37. Some is poisonous
38. Partner to Pa
40. Small brown gray rail
41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
42. Sodium
44. Military official (abbr.)
45. Lighted
46. Took off
47. All
48. Ohio city
50. More abject
51. A radio band
52. Controversial tech product (abbr.)
54. Monetary unit
55. Passed with flying colors
57. A way to win a boxing match
61. The Golden State
62. Home of the Longhorns

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CAMPUS NOTES

Western New England University

The following local students earned President's List honors at Western New England University for the 2023 spring semester:

Caitlin Bradshaw of Belchertown, who is majoring in Elementary Education/Psychology.

Cylie Kirejczyk of Granby, who is majoring in Political Science.

Dylan Laramée of Granby, who is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Jasmine Rodrigues-Jones of Granby, who is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Jonathan Couture of Granby, who is majoring in Civil Engineering.

Julia Frappier of Granby, who is majoring in Pharmaceutical Business.

Nicholas Parker of Granby, who is majoring in Criminal Justice.

Sarah Scott of Granby, who is majoring in Health Sciences.

Dean College

The following local students earned a place on the Dean's List at Dean College for the 2023 spring semester:

Sinead Fitzpatrick of Belchertown; Meredith Pickering of Amherst; and McKenna Talbot of Belchertown.

Plymouth State University

Becket White of Amherst has been named to the President's List at Plymouth State University for the 2023 spring semester. White is majoring in Biology.

To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade-point average of 3.7 or better and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

University of Hartford

Two students from Belchertown, Jenna Kruse and Zachary Stowe-Alekman, were named to the President's Honors List at the University of Hartford for the 2023 spring semester.

The President's Honors List is made up of an extremely select group of students who earned a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher in the semester.

Ohio University

Golsa Rajaei of Amherst was named to the Dean's List at Ohio University's College of Fine Arts for the 2023 spring semester. The Dean's List recognizes undergraduate students who complete a particular semester with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.999 with a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Baldwin Wallace University

Hunter Duseau of Belchertown, a graduate of Belchertown High School majoring in instrumental performance, has been named to the Dean's List at Baldwin Wallace University for the 2023 spring semester, according to Provost Stephen D. Stahl.

The Dean's List recognizes students who earn a grade-point average of 3.8 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more graded hours during the semester.

Rochester Institute of Technology

The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2023 spring semester:

Emma Waite of Amherst, who is in the biomedical sciences program.

Stevie Alvarez of Pelham, who is in the computer science program.

Zachary Trager Macdonald of Amherst, who is in the electrical engineering program.

Joojo Ampiah-Bonney of Belchertown, who is in the electrical engineering program.

Theo McCallum of Amherst, who is in the industrial design program.

Luke Ross of Amherst, who is in the mechanical engineering technology program.

Schuyler Mann of Amherst, who is in the mechanical engineering technology program.

Clyde Collins of Belchertown, who is in the mechanical engineering technology program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Clark University

The following local residents were named to the Dean's List at Clark University for the 2023 spring semester:

Philly E. Brainin of Amherst was named to first honors.

Elena A. Gonzalez Roblee of Amherst was named to first honors.

Jasper T. Scott of Amherst was named to second honors.

Jonah R. Scudere-Weiss of Belchertown, MA, was named to first honors.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

TEC Connections Academy

Caitlin Boudreau of Belchertown was among more than 300 seniors graduating in June from TEC Connections Academy Commonwealth Virtual School, the largest, public K-12 virtual school in Massachusetts.

Emerson College

The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Emerson College's for the 2023 spring semester:

Julia Slaughter of Amherst, who is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2024.

Jena Marie Roseman of Belchertown, who is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2024.

Zachary Poulin of Amherst, who is majoring in Business Creative Enterprises and is a member of the Class of 2025.

The requirement to make the Dean's List is a grade-point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Quinnipiac University

Aryanna Mercado-Santana of Granby was named to the Dean's List at Quinnipiac University for the 2023 spring semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than "C." Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible.

Elms College
The following local students were named to the Dean's List at The College of Our Lady of the Elms for the 2023 spring semester:

Simon Abbott of Granby; Kelly Hislop of Belchertown; Dylan Holubowich of Granby; Madisson Hussey of Belchertown; Angelys Martinez of Belchertown; Oliver Abbott of Granby; Jessica Bachand of Belchertown; Meredith Dulak of Belchertown; Derek Fortin of Granby; Megan Lawson of Granby; Catherine Mastalerz of Belchertown; Reagan Os of Belchertown; Melissa Pierce of Granby; Lauren Pope of Belchertown; and Michelle Redenz of Amherst.

To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes.

SUNY Oneonta

Emmett Bird of Pelham earned Dean's List honors at SUNY Oneonta for the 2023 spring semester. Bird is studying Environmental Sustainability.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.



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