

Dwight Day celebrates the special history of local village



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Local musicians Jaques "Pop" Hooten and the Ne'er Do-Wells provided music for the day.

Historic talks and live music featured

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BELCHERTOWN – On June 15, the town celebrated the village of Dwight in northern Belchertown by holding a special event, dubbed "Dwight Day".

It featured history talks of the historic sight, live music, food trucks, activities for kids to enjoy,

antique cars, and a cemetery tour at Dwight.

The day also featured many local artists and their works, including paintings, sculptures, mosaics, and photography. Jaques "Pop" Hooten and the Ne'er Do-Wells performed for the day, and magician Fran Ferry made an appearance for the children as well!

Living members of the Dwight Family will also be present, a family that has been a part of the Belchertown community since John Dwight immigrated to

Massachusetts around 1634.

"We are putting this fascinating and unique village on the map again," said Tom Stockton, president of the Belchertown Historical Association.

The Belchertown Historical Association held the event to learn about, for the first time, the history behind the old, 19th century railroad destination and farming community.

Dwight Village, located upon the lands of the Eastern

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Archivist reveals the story of Angeline Palmer

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BELCHERTOWN – Cliff McCarthy, an archivist from the Stone House Museum, came to the Clapp Memorial Library last week to give a presentation on the mystery surrounding the historical figure Angeline Palmer.

"My research on this story has piggy-backed off of others who have tried to resurrect this story," McCarthy said. "I read stories from the Amherst historians James Avery Smith and Dan Lombardo."

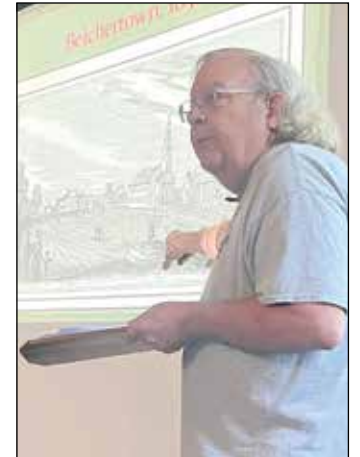
McCarthy has worked as an archivist at the Stone House Museum for almost 30 years, and

The story of Angeline Palmer is the story of a young, free-born African American girl that was almost kidnapped and sold into slavery sometime before the Civil War.

"It exemplifies the heart-breaking narrative of free Blacks, especially children, who were kidnapped from northern or border states and sold into slavery," McCarthy said.

The story begins with a well-known family that came to northern Belchertown, the Dwight Family. It was with Susanna Shaw and her husband, Mason Shaw, that Angeline comes into the picture.

Susanna's daughter, Susan, or "Susie" would later grow up with Angeline Palmer, who became considered a ward of the town after her mother's passing and her father's disappearance.



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Cliff McCarthy showing the house of the Stowe family, where the story begins.

Little Susie, now grown up, married Calvin Bridgman, and her mother and father moved away, leaving her the house and Angeline to serve as the couple's maid.

In 1840, Susanna returned to visit her daughter, and received a letter from her husband that contained a scheme to kidnap ten-year-old Palmer and take her down to Georgia, where Mason Shaw hoped to sell her into slavery and get \$600.

Susanna, however, had a seventeen-year-old Black woman as a maid, and she overheard the letter being read and jumped into action to alert other Black members of the community.

Palmer's half-brother, Lewis Frazier, and his friend William Jennings went to the Amherst selectmen in hopes of stopping the kidnapping. But they refused

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Tradition lives on with summer community concerts

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BELCHERTOWN – For the past 38 years, Belchertown has hosted summer concerts, with its pride and joy, the Community Band playing music to all.

Melissa Hurst, the president of the Belchertown Community Band Board, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, that is run by volunteers, and a liaison to the schools, has taken pride in organizing these concerts, and looks forward to it every year.

"We are very, very excited for the summer to come," Hurst said. "People really like the spirit and culture of our (summer concerts)."

Currently the community band is going into their fourth week of rehearsals to prepare for the first concert on Thursday, July 25 at



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The Belchertown Community Band performing outside for the community.

6:00 p.m. on the common.

"It's so sweet and nostalgic, and a really amazing tradition out community enjoys," Hurst said.

"It's really amazing because how often are there events that people of all ages can go to and enjoy?"

The Knights of Columbus will

be there to provide concessions, including their delicious, homemade popcorn.

Band members range in age

from middle schoolers to folks in 70's and 80's and everything in between. Most are from town, but some members come from all over the area like Springfield and Northampton.

Billy the Bulldog, a beloved community member, will be there ready to listen to the music and say hello to all of his friends in the community.

The concert is completely free, funded partially by grants from the Belchertown Cultural Council, which is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and donations from local businesses who have donated for years.

Travis, the owner of Relentless Towing, provides a donation of

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Declutter with a purpose

BELCHERTOWN— July has arrived and it is time to start decluttering your houses with a purpose. As you begin to sort through your collected stuff the St Francis Parish Giant Tag Sale team requests that the annual sale on August 24, be your purpose. The team will gratefully accept many of the items that you have determined to no longer be needed in your households. Sorting through the accumulated “stuff” will provide two broad goals as it will first help to better define your household spaces, understand which of your belongings you value, curate your surroundings to bring joy, clarity, and purpose, and secondly, add to the St. Francis Parish Giant Tag Sale inventory.

As you sort, please be aware that the following items are gratefully accepted: bed and table linens, new dust-free candles, craft items, hardware, kitchenware, luggage, backpacks, handbags, children’s clothes up to size 4T only, small working appliances, working lamps, toys, pictures, frames, holiday decorations, hand tools, yard tools, jewelry, shoes, boots, sporting goods, children’s books, baby gear, small but not-upholstered furniture, knick-knacks, and collectibles. Unfortunately, the team cannot accept: used dusty candles, clothing larger than size 4T, cook-

books or any adult book genre, decorative or bed pillows, and any large furniture items. All items that are dropped off will only be accepted if they are clean and in working condition. The Team politely requests that donors clear all donated items of storage dust, bugs, mold, and critter residue. All donors and their donations will be greeted at the lower level of the St. Francis Parish Hall by a pleasant volunteer worker.

Last year, after many years of attempting to lessen the “after the sale dumpster toss” per the requests of participants, the team made great strides and curated a list of organizations who will claim, repurpose, and remove the unsold treasures after the sale.

The proceeds from this annual effort are earmarked for a new parish hall which will be built on the present grounds of the Jabish Street church.

The Tag Sale Team will accept donations for a two-week period – Aug. 4 to Aug. 18, only. On Sunday, Aug. 4, at noon, the doors to the Pine Room on the lower level of the St. Francis Parish Hall on Park Street will open to accept donations. Donations will be accepted Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday donations will be accepted noon to 5 p.m.

Fiber Arts for a cause

AMHERST— Knitters and those who crochet are invited to join us for a nine-week series of meetings in July and August as participants knit (or crochet) for a cause. Join us in the Amherst Room on Monday mornings from July 1 through Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. through noon for the return of this popular knitting program.

In these sessions, we will be coming together to knit/crochet hats for babies and children who are in need. These items will be distributed through a variety of organizations. Come to as many

sessions as you like. Patterns and yarn will be available, or use your own yarn (machine wash and dry only). Please bring your own needles/hooks. Hats in sizes preemie through adult are welcomed. The group will be facilitated by Pam Ledoux.

Finished hats can be brought to the sessions each week, or dropped off at the reference desk at other times through Aug. 26.

Free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Janet Ryan at 413-259-3223.

Sales Tax holiday approved

BOSTON— The Massachusetts Legislature approved Aug. 10 and Aug. 11 as a sales tax holiday weekend for Massachusetts. On those days, the Massachusetts sales tax of 6.25% will be suspended for most items that retail for less than \$2,500.

The holiday welcomes Massachusetts residents to visit retailers and small businesses around the state. A spike in consumer activity routinely boosts indirect tax revenues. According to the Department of Revenue, during the 2023

sales tax holiday, indirect tax revenues due to increased economic activity were approximately \$3.54 million.

“I am glad to see the sales tax holiday be approved in the legislature today, giving our residents a great chance to get outside and embrace their local businesses and community at a little bit of a discount,” said Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). “This annual holiday gives a boost to our small business owners and consumers, and I am proud to support this measure annually.”

History happened here

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Historical Association is looking for volunteers to give tours of the museum. The Stone House Museum was built in 1827. The house portrays family life during the years 1840-1890. The furniture, textiles, ceramics and carriages all belonged to local residents. The museum committed is offering a workshop for anyone inter-

ested to training to become a docent (tour guide). The museum is a busy place and requires a lot of “people support.” Contact the historical association if interested and a date for the workshop will be scheduled. Please consider helping in the effort to share the history and to protect the treasures for future generations. Contact: salyshattuck54@gmail.com.



Local resident attends basketball festival in Portugal

Donovan McMahon, 12, travelled to Lisbon, Portugal to represent The Court’s U15 Boys USA team in an international basketball festival. His team came in 3rd.

Tee Off for women and girls

BELCHERTOWN— Join in for the 30th Annual Zonta Golf Tournament and help create a brighter future for women and girls in the community.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, at Cold Spring Country Club, tee off will be at 8:30 a.m. for a day of fun, friendly competition, and making a difference.

Whether a seasoned golfer or just looking for a fun day out, everyone is welcome. For \$120, individuals will enjoy a round of golf, a delicious box lunch, and the chance to win amazing prizes.

Support directly funds scholarships and grants that empower women and girls to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential.

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Algonquin people, borders the towns of Pelham and Amherst, and the Quabbin Reservoir.

The village is historic, and hosts lumber mills, schools, inns, ball-rooms, two railway depots, a chapel, a general store, and post office for people to explore.

Held at Dwight Chapel on Federal Street, the Stone House Museum archivist Cliff McCarthy, artist Elizabeth Pols, and Springfield Republican and New England Public Media contributor Michael Picard.

“This ten-square-mile area has rich historical significance for the entire region, and possesses a great variety of natural features, from scenic waterfalls and swimming ponds to old-growth forests and prime agricultural land,” Stockton said.

The day’s events also included Living History Educator Dennis Picard, who portrayed the famous



abolitionist and minister, Henry Ward Beecher, who gave his first sermon at a schoolhouse here.

“We are looking forward to the community spirit that will emerge from this special event for all of Belchertown and eastern Hampshire County,” Stockton said.

Dwight was once known for its many, world-renowned aquatic flower gardens, but today is a hub for its arts and rural beauty, including its many bicycle paths and hiking trails.

Make sure to take a trip to Dwight to experience the beautiful and wonderful history that is offered for the community to explore.

BCTV schedule

Tuesday, July 18

- 8 a.m. Select Board – July 15
- 10 a.m. Conservation Comm. July 15
- Noon BEDIC – July 17
- 7 p.m. Select Board – July 15
- 9 p.m. Conservation Comm. July 15

Friday, July 19

- 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. Conversation with Pakman
- 7 p.m. BEDIC – July 17

Sunday, July 21

- 4:30 p.m. St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. Hope United Methodist Church

Monday, July 22

- 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. Conversation with Pakman

Wednesday, July 24

- 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. Conversation with Pakman

Sponsors needed for Lions Club car show

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown Lions Club Seeking Local Business Sponsorship for its 1st Annual “Cruisin’ the Common” Car Show on August 10.



In an effort to defray the costs (trophies, permits, entertainment, flyer printing, and distribution, etc.) the Belchertown Lions Club is appealing to our local businesses to have an 18 x 24” weather-resistant sign with ground stake custom-printed and prominently displayed on the Town Common during the event on August 10. We will handle the set-up design and printing for a donation of \$100 for this worthy cause--Breakthrough T1D —formerly The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Alternately, or in addition to the sponsor sign, businesses can opt to submit a gift certificate in any amount to be displayed for a Pick-A-Prize raffle, where attendees can purchase a sheet of 25 tickets...and place as many of their tickets into whichever gift bags they desire.

If you are the owner or representative of a local business and would like to sponsor a ground sign or submit a gift certificate for this event, send an email to Lion Mike Mathras at mmathras@charter.net and you will receive the necessary information.

As you consider your donation, please keep in mind that all profits from the sale of food, raffle tickets, and sponsor signage at this event will go directly to the Breakthrough T1D (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), and because we are a non-profit 501c 3 entity, all donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Our Tax ID number is 04-6137653.

Stay tuned for upcoming information regarding the “Cruisin’ the Common” Car Show in the Sentinel or visit our website at belchertownlionsclub.com or scan the QR code.



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BHS honor roll 2023-2024

BELCHERTOWN— The following students were named to High Honors or Honors for the fourth quarter of 2023-2024 school year at Belchertown High School.

Grade 12 High Honors

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Grade 12 Honors

Natalie Bianco, Caleb Brechner, Brooke Burrows, Olivia Corbin, Daniel Cormier, Giana Cruz, Tyler Dauplaise, Juliana Duclos, Nora Dyer-Murphy, Sarah Fink, Sarah Hiersche, Ava Kopec, Allison Kotowski, Shaun Lohse, Logan Lovett, Mattingly Marques, Nicholas Merullo, Anna O'Rourke, Caleb Perron, Rylan Queiros, Joe-Ann Richard, Christopher Rivers, Karyna Rondeau, Ava Ronkese, Christina Santiago, Veronica Thayer and Braelynn Tucker.

Grade 11 High Honors

Alexia Albu, Alexandra Barabolkin, Luke Bergeron, Tyler Black, McKenna Cardwell, Liam Chien, Mia

Corish, Lilah Dean, Jillian DeBarge, Katherine Dorman, Veronica Dymkowski, Brian Fuller, Katie Gay, Jada Kelley, Dylan Laramée, Chloe LaRoche, Benjamin Les, Jack Mandeville, Rocco Meausky, Jack Meyers, Logan Moses, Chloe Moss, Zachary Mullen, Gianna Picardi, Nicholas Rettura, Vivian Ross, Varvara Sas, Liam Spraggon, Maya Tellier, Stephanie Wenzel and George Wheeler.

Grade 11 Honors

Kamilah Acosta-Morales, David Akodu, Jack Bergeron, Meera Berryhill, Gavin Boisjolie, Samantha Causeway, Chiara Chrystal, Alaina Cote, Julianne Cozine, Levi Daigle, Michael DeMento, Zacahary Dragon, Isabel Faustino, Charles Fijal, Caleb Gloster, Natalie Haluch, Trent Harper, Jared Haynes, Lucia Hellyar, Kamden Houle, Daniel Hulmes, Noah Les, Isabella Martins, Ian McDonald, Allison Morris, Colin Mullen, Hannah Racine, Brianna Ribeiro, Alexis Romaniak, Ryan Shea, Addison Sullivan, Jack Sullivan, Mikayla Valley, Brycen Vann, Valerie Williams, Joseph Yoon and Oliver Young.

Grade 10 High Honors

Edith Audette, Olivia Bailey, Rachel Baltazar, Tyler Benedetti, Mackenzy Bowers, Mackenzie Burch, Lily Carr, Canyon Charron, Chase Connor, Joselyn Currier, Nathan Fink, Lila Goodrich, Ryan Gould, Jordan Kalish, Emma Kornbluth, Clara Lambert, Collin Laragy, Alex Longridge, Miles McNamara, Brandon O'Connor, Destiny Ranzie, Sam Smolinski and Ashleigh Thayer.

Grade 10 Honors

Abigail Almeida, Zane Auger,

Lucas Bermudez, Tyler Burrows, Owen Clark, Chloe DaCosta, July Delaney, Luke Dudek, Lydia Edds, Jake Gormely, Elijah Grillo, Mason Gualberto, Graham Guardenfield, Izabella Haggerty, Alexa Karabetsos, Brooklyn Keeler, McKenzie LePage, Shea MacLean, Nathan Marino, Alex Maroney, Molly Mazzaferro, Joseph Minnon, Kayleigh Olszewski, Evan Perkins, Brooke Pogoda, Brenna Raines, Aleksandra Randall, Aliya Sabourin, Camryn Scoon, Ryan Shea, Bebe Noorya Sultani, Vincent Ting, Ryan Volz-Benoit, and Patrick Wallace.

Grade 9 High Honors

Naveen Berryhill, Hayden Bressette, Kaiya Cavanaugh, Cooper Chianciola, Avery Cooper, Paige Dias, Addison-Rose DiBona, Grace Duchon, Ryleigh Fine, Dory Keefe, Owen Lorenzo, Cian Lindsay, Sean Lindsay, Charlotte MacKenzie, Sophia Mitus, Tahlia Nesbitt, Jocelyn Patten, Piper Patten, Madelynn Perry, Lia Pikul, Alexa Radner, Julia Rainaud, Elise Roggie, Miles Schneider and Lily Tellier.

Grade 9 Honors

Rulon Anderson, Tobias Bamford, Zackery Bledsoe, Tyler Boisjolie, Dennis Bonilla Alvarado, Benjamin Causeway, Gavin Couchon, Kale Couture, Maria Fahmy, Charles Fisher, Oliver Hellyar, Emmett Howard, Natalie Jordan, Sokaltida Kan, Eleni Kofides, Brice Letendre, Aubrey McCain, William Mitus, Jezelle Morisseau, Kali Pacunas, Madelyn Philpott, Racquel Pogoda, Kate Rivera, Luke Roy, Rose-Emily Roy, Morgan Sambor, Klara Shaink, Fatiom Siri, Ryan Toner, Isabella Vozzella, Emily Waller, Henry Walter, Mya Wojtczak and Gianna Zenon.

CAMPUS NOTES

Univ. of Hartford students named to Dean's and President's Lists

The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that 1,927 students have been named to the Dean's List and President's List for the spring 2024 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes students achieving superior academic standing. The requirement, with some exceptions based on school or college, is a grade point average of at least 3.0 and no grade below C.

The President's List recognizes a select group of students reaching the highest level of academic standing. To be placed on the President's List, students must maintain a GPA of at least a 3.75 and receive grades of C or better.

Among the students honored for their academic achievements are:

Jenna Kruse of Belchertown -- President's List

Zach Stowe-Alekman of Belchertown -- Dean's List

Samantha Grabherr of Granby -- President's List

We recognize all our students for their hard work and congratulate them on their achievements!

Jennifer Lee inducted into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi

Jennifer Lee of Amherst, Massachusetts, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Lee was initiated at University of Massachusetts.

Lee is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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Meatball Sub Saturday

BELCHERTOWN— On Saturday, July 20, Meatball Sub Sale will return to the grounds of the Belchertown United Church of Christ on Park St. The food wagon will be set up right along the sidewalk, allowing customers to drive up, place an order, and have a freshly prepared meatball grinder/mozzarella cheese and sauce, a bag of chips, and a beverage in their hands within a couple of minutes for only \$10! Serving begins at 11 a.m. and continues until sell-out (which is usually about 2 hours.) All proceeds from these grinder sales, as always, will go to local charities.

Ice cream social set for July 21

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Historical Association is hosting its 3rd annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday afternoon, July 21, from 2 to 4 p.m., on the grounds of the Stone House Museum. The public is invited to attend and share in a community gathering from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and find a shady spot to sit and enjoy ice cream while singing along with music provided by Jacques "Pops" Hooten.

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OPINION

Protect yourself from heat-related illnesses

Even before the official start of summer, many of us were feeling the heat. Dangerous temperature records were set and we have a long, hot summer ahead.



Our bodies are resilient, but heat is dangerous even to the fittest person. Heat-related illnesses are the main reason emergency room visits spike in the summer.

Let's review the signs of heat-related illnesses and review safety tips. These are especially important if you have a young child or senior in your care, as they are most susceptible.

Types of heat-related illnesses

We're designed to maintain an internal body temperature a few degrees above or below 98.6° F. Heat-related illness sets in when the body isn't able to rid itself of excess heat at a fast enough rate.

When the body starts to overheat, blood vessels get bigger and the heart beats faster and harder. More blood flows to the outer layers of the skin so that heat can be released into the environment.

If the outside air is warmer than the skin, the brain triggers sweating to cool the body. As sweat evaporates, it releases heat from the body. As you probably have experienced, sweating when the weather is humid is much less effective.

When the body can't cool itself effectively or quickly enough, heat-related symptoms can start showing up. Here are a few things to watch for:

Heat rash: This is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating and clogged pores during hot, humid weather. Babies, who have folds of skin on their necks, legs and arms, can quickly develop this, but anywhere your skin rubs together (armpits, under the breasts) can be susceptible. Small blisters may develop.

Heat cramps: The body loses a lot of salt and electrolytes when it's sweating excessively, which can lead to painful muscle spasms in the arms, legs, abdomen and other areas.

Fainting or light-headedness: More blood is flowing to the skin surface (which is why people may look red or flushed when suffering heat-related illness), so there's less in the brain. This may cause you to feel dizzy or even faint when you stand up. One of the reasons for ER visits in summer is injuries caused by a fainting spell or dizziness.

The more serious heat-related illnesses are heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which is potentially fatal. A person's skin may feel cool to the touch, but the internal body temperature may still be dangerously high.

Heat exhaustion: When the internal temperature is between 101 and 103 degrees and you've become dehydrated from sweating, heat exhaustion can result, with feelings of fatigue, nausea, fast heartbeat and shallow breathing. This is your body telling you to stop exerting yourself.

Heat stroke: This is a medical emergency. Sweating causes your blood volume to drop and therefore your blood pressure, meaning not enough blood and oxygen are reaching internal organs. The body's internal temperature of 104 or above may be enough to lead to organ failure. Immersing a victim in cold water is the best immediate course of action.

So, clearly, heat is not something to mess around with. How do you protect yourself and those you love?

Avoid going outside unless you really have to. Most of us are fortunate enough to have air conditioning in our homes and cars, but if you don't have it, find somewhere that does, whether that's the mall, the library or a museum. There are cooling centers across the region.

Get wet. As water evaporates from the skin, it cools the body. Jump in a lake or take a cool bath.

Shed layers. Summer is no time for fashion statements. Wear light-colored, loose clothing that allows air to flow around you. And a broad-brimmed hat, too.

Exercise or do yardwork in the early morning. One of the effects of prolonged heat is that even the nights are hot. Temperatures are usually lowest in the early morning.

Stay hydrated, but not too hydrated. Yes, drink water or sports beverages and eat foods that are water-rich. But too much water can dilute the salts in your body, so some salty snacks are a good addition.

Listen to your body and keep an eye on others. Heat illness can develop very rapidly and is not always obvious before it becomes life-threatening.

Most of all, don't hesitate to seek medical treatment if you suspect heat exhaustion or heat stroke. You want to make sure to be around when things cool off in autumn!

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Zucchini days of summer

In the last three days I have picked 10 zucchini. The seeds were sown around Memorial Day and I ended up with six plants total.

I am thrilled that the harvest is starting to come in. I just wish I had air conditioning in my kitchen so I'd feel like baking!

Zucchini is the brunt of many jokes due to its prolific nature. Some years, though, the harvest isn't so great. Either borers take out the plants or powdery mildew slows them down until the inevitable comes.

Anyhow, I'll count my blessings this year and try my best to preserve and prolong the harvest as much as possible. If you are blessed with your own supply of zucchini or you have been gifted a few, read on, straight from the archives, as to how to make the best use of your bounty.

Store it

Zucchini will keep in the refrigerator for at least one week. Smaller squashes are more flavorful, and less seedy than their overgrown counterparts.

Harvest when the fruits are six inches long or less, and still narrow. It is likely that baseball bat-sized squashes will develop now and then, especially if you are away from the garden for a few days.

Don't worry; they can be used in most recipes that call for zucchini, although you may wish to remove the largest seeds first; they have a tendency to get tough and chewy.

Freeze it

Simply shred whole zucchinis, skin and all. Drain in a colander to remove excess liquid and pack in containers or freezer bags.

Nothing beats zucchini bread in the middle of winter. It is helpful to freeze in amounts compatible with your recipe; in other words if you need two cups to make bread, freeze in two cup portions.

If fried veggies are a favorite treat, you

can freeze raw, peeled zucchini sections after coating them with bread crumbs.

First, prefreeze on a plate or cookie sheet, then, pack in freezer bags with as much air removed as possible. Fry up at a later date.

I have never been very successful freezing blanched zucchini slices. Experiment yourself and maybe you will have better luck.

Steam it

Who likes soggy zucchini? No one. Cut in slices one quarter of an inch thick and steam for a mere two or three minutes.

Sprinkle with dill or lemon juice and thyme for a wonderful summer side dish.

Stuff it

Here is the perfect use for the aforementioned baseball bat sized quash. Making zucchini boats are my sister-in-law Janice's favorite way to utilize the vegetable. I can always count on her to take a few biggies off my hands.

With a spoon hollow out the seed cavity. Stuff it with a mixture of cooked rice, sauce and ground beef or turkey. Top with shredded cheese and bake until it bubbles. Yummy!

Put a Mexican spin on this recipe by using black beans, salsa and taco cheese along with brown rice in place of the other ingredients. Freeze individual portions of this dish for a quick dinner.

Bake with it

Zucchini bread and muffins are one thing, but double chocolate zucchini cake? Yes, and there are more enticing dessert recipes where that came from.

Consult your local library or the internet for other mouth-watering selections.

One pointer: drain shredded zucchini well before using in any recipe. Place it in a colander and apply pressure with clean hands or a large mixing spoon. Squeeze all the liquid right out of it.

This way your desserts will be moist but not soggy.

Be creative and experiment to find your own favorite ways of cooking with this vegetable. Zucchini pickles, perhaps? How about zucchini pancakes? Zucchini wedges in place of cucumbers with dip?

The list is endless!

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We want to claim SS at 62. When should we apply?

Dear Rusty:

My wife and I are going to be taking Social Security at 62. She will be 62 on April 15, 2025. I will be 62 Aug. 7, 2025. When should we apply for Social Security?

Signed: Ready to file

Dear Ready:

Social Security recommends you apply for benefits about two – three months prior to when they want their benefits to start to get them time to process the application. You will specify on your application when you wish your benefit to start, so applying early isn't a problem. Just a few things to keep in mind:

Your first month of eligibility will be the first month you are 62 for the entire month. In your wife's case, her first month of eligibility will be May 2025 and in your case your first month of eligibility will be September 2025. Your wife's benefits will be paid on the third Wednesday of every month and your benefits will be received on the second Wednesday of every month, payment dates depend on when your birthday falls.

Social Security has an earnings test for those collecting early benefits (before your full retirement age). If you are working and exceed the earnings limit, SS will take away some of your benefits. The earning limit for 2024 is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take

away \$1 in benefit for every \$2 you are over the limit (the limit changes annually, so the 2025 limit will be more.

Thus, if you plan to work after collecting, you must stay aware of the earning test. If you earn substantially more than the earnings limit, you even may be temporarily ineligible to collect benefits until you either earn less or reach your Full Retirement Age when the earning test no longer applies.

By claiming at 62, you will incur a cut in benefits of about 30% from the amount you would get by waiting until your FRA to claim. And, except for annual cost of living adjustments, that is a permanent reduction. FYI, your benefit will continue to grow if you wait longer to claim.

Deciding when to claim Social Security should take into account your financial needs, your life expectancy and your goals as a couple. Claiming at 62 is the right choice for many, but waiting longer, if feasible, will result in a higher monthly amount, which could be beneficial if your life expectancy is long. Of course, we are here for you if you have any additional questions, so please don't hesitate to contact us again if needed.

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POLICE LOGS

Belchertown Police Log

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of July 3 through July 9. 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 calls police responded to, there were 20 incidents, three accidents, four arrests/summons and 63 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Wednesday, July 3

1:26 p.m. – Tyler M. Larose 33, of 104 Turkey Hill Road, Belchertown arrested on a warrant.

INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 3

12:53 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Amherst Road. A vehicle struck a porcupine, and it was still alive. The animal was injured beyond rehabilitation and was euthanized.

Thursday, July 4

2:25 a.m. – An officer responded to North Washington Street for a report of a vehicle parked in the roadway for a long period of time. The vehicle had its hazards on and was leaking fluid. The officer identified the operator who reported the vehicle stopped working as they were on the way from. The person was slurring their speech. A few houses back, it appeared there was damage and fluids in the roadway, leaving a trail to the vehicle. Photos of the scene were taken. The operator reported they had a medical procedure done recently and an immediate threat was filed against their license.

2:20 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a dispute between a tenant and

a landlord. Both people called requesting assistance. The landlord reported they were attempting to do work in the apartment and weren't allowed inside. The tenant reported receiving threatening texts from the landlord. The landlord reported they were going to housing court to file for an eviction.

Friday, July 5

8:18 a.m. – An officer responded to Rockrimmon Road for a report of a deer struck by a vehicle. The deer was injured beyond rehabilitation and was euthanized. The Department of Public Works removed the deer from the scene.

2:29 p.m. – A resident reported their telephone was being used by someone else and they were using it to access personal information. The person reported their email was hacked. Information about the person's physician and a relative's Social Security card number was accessed by the scammer as well. The person reported they were in contact with their bank and wanted the incident documented.

Saturday, July 6

9:12 a.m. – An officer took a report of larceny. A resident recently had friends over and upon their departure, the resident noticed jewelry was missing. The matter was documented.

11:07 a.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. A resident traveling recently returned home to find letters from banks and credit card unions denying requests for credit cards. There was an approval letter from one banking institution. The person reported they didn't apply for any of the cards. They contacted the credit bureau and institutions to report the matter. The matter was documented.

11:35 a.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. A person got a letter from financial institution for improperly filling out all the paperwork for an auto loan. The person

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CAMPUS NOTES

Area residents receive degrees from Clark University

Clark University awarded 1,376 degrees (503 bachelor's, 847 master's, 26 doctoral degrees) to the Class of 2024 and conferred four honorary degrees during the University's 120th Commencement exercises on Monday, May 20. The graduates included 653 international students representing 39 countries.

Following is a list of area residents who received degrees:

Philly Edward Brainin, from Amherst, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts. Brainin graduated with highest honors in History and was a member of the Gryphon & Pleiades honor society.

Jonah R. Scudere-Weiss, from Belchertown, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts. Scudere-Weiss graduated with highest honors in Computer Science.

39 students inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society

The Western New England University chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma National Honor Society welcomed 39 students at the University's annual induction ceremony on May 2nd in the Campus Center.

Alpha Phi Sigma is the national criminal justice honor society. The mission of the society is to promote critical thinking, rigorous scholarship, and lifelong learning to keep abreast of the advances in scientific research; to elevate the ethical standards of the criminal justice profession; and to sustain in the public mind the benefit and necessity of education and professional training.

Evan Stewart of Amherst, MA is working toward a degree in Criminal Justice.

Nicholas Parker of Granby, MA is working toward a degree in Criminal Justice.

SEE MORE CAMPUS NOTES ON PAGE 5

Elms College announces Dean's List for Spring 2024

The College of Our Lady of the Elms has named the following students to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester. Congratulations to all the students who are named to the list.

- Simon Abbott** of Granby
- Jessica Bachand** of Belchertown
- Meredith Dulak** of Belchertown
- Dylan Holubowich** of Granby
- Julia Hubbard** of Belchertown
- Madisson Hussey** of Belchertown
- Megan Lawson** of Granby
- Angelys Martinez** of Belchertown
- Catherine Mastalerz** of Belchertown
- Kelly Murray** of Belchertown
- Andrew Pope** of Belchertown

Dean's List honors for Nichols College

Nolan Sullivan of Granby, MA, has achieved Dean's List honors for the spring 2024 semester at Nichols College.

Dean's List recognizes those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester.

Obiedzinski Graduates from Emmanuel College

Angelica Obiedzinski of Belchertown graduated from Emmanuel College on Saturday, May 18, 2024, during the College's 102nd Commencement Exercises on its campus in Boston. Obiedzinski received a Bachelor of Science in Biology during the ceremony.

Belchertown students graduate from TEC Connections Academy

Tommy Applegate and Madison Lussier of Belchertown were among more than 370 seniors graduating in June from (TECCA), the Commonwealth's largest <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/massachusetts-virtual-school-public-k-12-virtual-school>. TEC Connections Academy enrollment has grown steadily from about 240 students 10 years ago to nearly 3,000 today with students representing every county in Massachusetts.

Dean's List at University of New England

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

- Cole Irving**, **Maya Monteiro** of Belchertown, MA
- Bella St. George** of Granby, MA

Spring 2024 semester Dean's List at Dean College

Dean College is pleased to announce that **McKenna Talbot** of Belchertown has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. Students named to the Dean's List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Spring 2024 President's List at Dean College

Meredith Pickering of Amherst has earned a place on the President's List for the Spring 2024 semester. Students named to the President's List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

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called the agency to report they never applied for the loan. They were advised to report the matter to the local police department.

1:31 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Bay Road. A vehicle traveling east on Bay Road struck a deer that ran into the roadway. There was damage to the front side quarter panel of the vehicle. The driver had no injuries, and the deer ran from the scene.

3 p.m. – An officer took a call regarding road rage. The person reported something was thrown at their vehicle and they were following the vehicle. The officer located and stopped the vehicles. The operator of the first vehicle, which allegedly through something at the second said they thought the second vehicle was their friend. The person drove the same color, make and model vehicle. They threw a water balloon at the windshield because they thought the operator was their friend. The vehicle was not in fact the right one. The matter was documented.

4:17 p.m. – An officer took a call about suspicious activity. A vehicle parked in front of a residence had passengers inside with ski masks on. The calling person said one person ran up the driveway and then ran back down. They got back in the vehicle and then the vehicle left. Nothing was reported missing at the residence and the officers were unable to locate a vehicle matching the description provided.

Sunday, July 7

4:57 a.m. – An officer responded to a residence for a report of a person trying to gain entry through the front door. The officers found it was a non-verbal child in a diaper trying to gain access to a residence through the front door. They were returned home and a report was filed with DCF.

9:29 a.m. – A person came to the station to turn in a credit card found in their driveway. The officers attempted to contact the person on the card, but they reported they didn't lose any cards. The card was placed into property for safekeeping.

Monday, July 8

8:17 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. The person got mail related to credit cards they didn't apply for. They wanted the matter on file.

Tuesday, July 9

8:38 a.m. – An officer responded for a report of assault at a group home. The person assaulted staff members and was ultimately transported to the hospital for an evaluation with an officer following behind. The other people were evaluated by Belchertown Fire but declined transportation.

Tuesday, July 9

11:45 p.m. – Officers and fire/paramedics to Rural Road for a person passed out behind the wheel of a vehicle. The officer saw the person slumped over in the driver's seat of

the vehicle which was still in drive. The driver woke up and said they must have fallen asleep at the wheel. They refused transportation to the hospital. It was determined they fell asleep at the stop sign or had a medical episode. An immediate threat was filed against their license, and they arranged for a ride from the scene.

1:02 p.m. – An officer took a report of credit card fraud. A resident received letters and mail for credit cards they didn't apply for. They were in contact with the credit card company and credit bureau.

2:44 p.m. – Officers went to serve a restraining order.
6:02 p.m. – An officer took a report of threatening messages from a resident's neighbor. The officer spoke with the involved parties. The incident was part of an ongoing neighbor dispute. They were advised the person aggressively banged on the door and they had footage of the incident. The neighbor made threats towards the caller's dogs. It was an ongoing issue with the person driving by and yelling things. They were advised of their harassment prevention order rights and to contact the officers with any other development.

6:59 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on South Main Street and Mill Valley Road. A vehicle approaching the intersection of South Main Street and Mill Valley Road was rear ended by a second vehicle. One vehicle pulled over to be able to exchange information and the other operator drove away. No injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 140 calls for the week of July 5 through July 11. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Monday, July 8

3:30 p.m. – A resident reported that they were the victim of identity theft. An incident report was completed.

Wednesday, July 10

5:38 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 62MPH in a 35MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and it was discovered that the operator had a suspended MA driver's license. The operator was issued a criminal citation for operating with a suspended driver's license and speeding.

Thursday, July 11

8:40 a.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 57MPH in a 35MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and it was discovered that the operator did not have a MA driver's license. The operator was issued a criminal citation

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Library hosts a rocks and mineral program

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GRANBY – The library hosted local resident Jack Marcy over the weekend to host his annual Rock and Mineral Programs for the community to enjoy.

Marcy has been hosting these programs at the library for years, and even now, the children of the kids he once had are coming and attending his classes.

The program included the kids getting to hold rocks, minerals, crystals, and fossils Marcy acquired from all across the United States, Canada, and internationally.

Marcy has in his position a beautiful piece of malachite from Australia, as well as a specimen of opal from New Zealand, two valuable pieces.

The kids at the program got the chance to hold and examine different specimens, including

fossilized brain coral, a Native American tomahawk head, petrified wood, fossilized plants, and more.

There were also geodes, “thunder eggs,” obsidian, tiger’s eye, malachite, Herkimer Diamonds from Herkimer, New York, and different shapes and kinds of quartz crystals.

Marcy also showed that some rocks glow under blue light, and passed around a smooth rock, called a “gizzard stone” that was found in the remains of a dinosaur’s stomach that helped it to digest plants!

Marcy also gave the kids a paper explaining how to log and categorize different rocks, minerals, and fossils, and gave them all some rocks to either begin, or add to, their collections.

“I love to see the smiles from the kids,” Marcy said. “My son inspired me to start collecting in



Jack Marcy holding up a rock to a blue light, showing it glows fluorescent.



A collection of beautiful pieces part of Marcy's collection, including fossils, crystals, and more.



Bradley Krupski showing his rock collection, and the new rocks he has to add to the jar!

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1978.”

Since then, Marcy has joined the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club, which meets the first Wednesday of every month, and loves to spend time cataloging the many rocks and minerals in his collection.

Presently, Marcy has logged and organized 4,864 different specimens, but isn’t done yet, with around 3,000 more to go.

“My favorite part about collecting is finding something new,” Marcy said. He has travelled all over in search of that perfect new piece, and it has taken him all over the place.

Make sure you get to his next talk on Saturday, August 3 at the library, and get ready to learn more and more about the many different kinds of rocks, minerals, and fossils he has to share.

Local business grants program now available

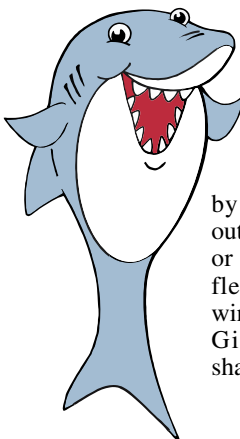
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July is shark month at GPL



GRANBY— Join the Granby Library celebrating shark month. There will be fun for all ages. Stop by the library and check out any shark themed book or movie to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win our “Crazy for Sharks” Gift Basket.. Take the shark trivia quiz or correct-

ly answer a shark joke to earn a raffle ticket.

Don’t forget to stop in to say hello to Finn, Granby Library’s very own shark week mascot.

Patrons can also show their shark spirit by purchasing a cute shark water bottle cozy. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Granby Public Library.

Road work starting August

GRANBY— Road resurfacing on East Street between New Ludlow Road and Ludlow Town Line will commence on the week of Aug. 26. Please seek alternate routes if possible. Roadway detours and/or closures are anticipated.

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Diana L. Adair

AMHERST — Diana L. Adair, 70, passed away Jan. 22, 2024. Born in Northampton, MA on July 26, 1953, she was the daughter of Howard I. Mann Sr. and Marietta Tataro. Diana grew up in Belchertown, the eldest of 8 children. Living most of her life in Amherst she was well known in the real estate profession, as well as the horse community while owning, and operating Heartland Farm for over 20 years. Her son, Robert H. Adair, and family will be hosting a Celebration of Life on Sat., July 27 from 12-3 p.m. at Andrew's Greenhouse, 1184 South East St., Amherst, MA with refreshments will be provided and a time of reflection observed. Please visit www.beersandstory.com



Kathleen A. Brower

Port Jervis, NY — Mrs. Kathleen A. Brower of, NY a Home Health Aide, died Tuesday, January 9, 2024, she was 67.

She was born December 10, 1956 in Brooklyn, NY the daughter of the late Peter L. Cusack and the late Catherine Cusack.

Kathy was married to her beloved husband, Alan Brower for 24 years before his passing in 2010. She was a loving wife and mother. She had a very outgoing personality and loved to be around other people.

Surviving Kathleen is her beloved children, Bryan Brower and Melody Neilan and her husband Jared; Her loving siblings, Vincent Cusack, Nancy Cusack Ribando and her husband Anthony, and Kevin Cusack and his wife Devi; her grand-



children, Elliott and Owen; her very close friend, Rosie Burns and also many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her two brothers, John and Peter Cusack.

A visitation was held at the Gray-Parker Funeral Home, Inc. 100 East Main Street Port Jervis on Sun., January 14, 2024 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Funeral services were held on Mon., January 15, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial was at Hillside Cemetery, Middletown, NY. Funeral arrangements were by the Gray-Parker Funeral Home, 100 E. Main St., Port Jervis. For additional information, directions or to send a condolence note to the family please visit www.grayparkerfuneralhome.com.

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George Wolfe

BELCHERTOWN — George Wolfe, 66, passed away July 11, 2024. He was born on July 27, 1957 in Portsmouth, OH., and was a graduate of Holyoke Trade High School. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Jane (Beauchemin) Wolfe; daughters, Becky Quinn and her husband Brian, and Heather Carrigan and

her husband Dan; and his grandchildren, Jackson and Lincoln Quinn, and Noah and Robbie Carrigan. Services are being held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations in George's memory can be made to the Chicopee Sportsman Club, P.O. Box 332, Chicopee, MA 01021. Please visit www.beersandstory.com for more information.

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towing the huge trailer the community band uses for its chairs, stage, equipment, and instruments.

"Our town is so amazing. Without them, we wouldn't be able to do what we need to do. The local businesses are amazing," Hurst said.

Kids, in "bucket brigades", walk around with buckets for donations for the concerts to continue. While you don't have to donate, any donations are welcome.

The concerts always start with the Star Spangled Banner, and end with Stars and Stripes Forever. If weather is good, an award-winning twirler from Belchertown will come and perform.

You can find a little bit of everything at the community band. From country to

rock to even opera, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

"All of it is accessible; its nothing that folks won't understand or appreciate. We've been able to keep upgrading our music every year," Hurst said.

This year, we are doing a new medley of music from movies that were done by John Williams." (Jurassic Park)

"Just come and enjoy. Get dinner somewhere or bring a picnic. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and definitely some bug spray. It really is a great way to be in the community."

You can find the band playing on Thursdays starting July 25, then August 1, 8, 15. A special concert will also be held on Sunday, Aug. 18 to close the season.

It is open to any alumni or others that want to play. Rehearsal is at 1:30 p.m., and the concert is at 4 p.m.

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to get involved.

Palmer's grandmother tried to get involved to get her and the seventeen-year-old somewhere safe, but the man she worked for, Hezekiah Wright Strong, heard of the plot and instead moved to just send both girls down to Georgia, directly to Shaw.

After a back-and-forth race, the friends of Palmer raced against the clock to catch the stagecoach that Palmer was being delivered in, to stop the kidnapping.

Frazier, Jennings, and Henry Jackson, the servant of the man who was hired to kidnap Palmer, found her at the Shaw's house, and immediately took her from the home and made a dash back to Amherst.

After being able to rescue Angeline and get her to safety and the horror of almost being sold into slavery, Frazier, Jackson, Jennings, and Frink, the man hired by Strong to bring Palmer to Georgia, were all arrested for assault and kidnapping.

After all of this, however, Angeline Palmer eventually returned to Amherst in 1851 and married Sanford C. Jackson, but she passed away shortly after their marriage.

Palmer's story is just one of many that tell the tragedy and horrendous act of kidnapping freeborn African Americans to sell into slavery in the south.

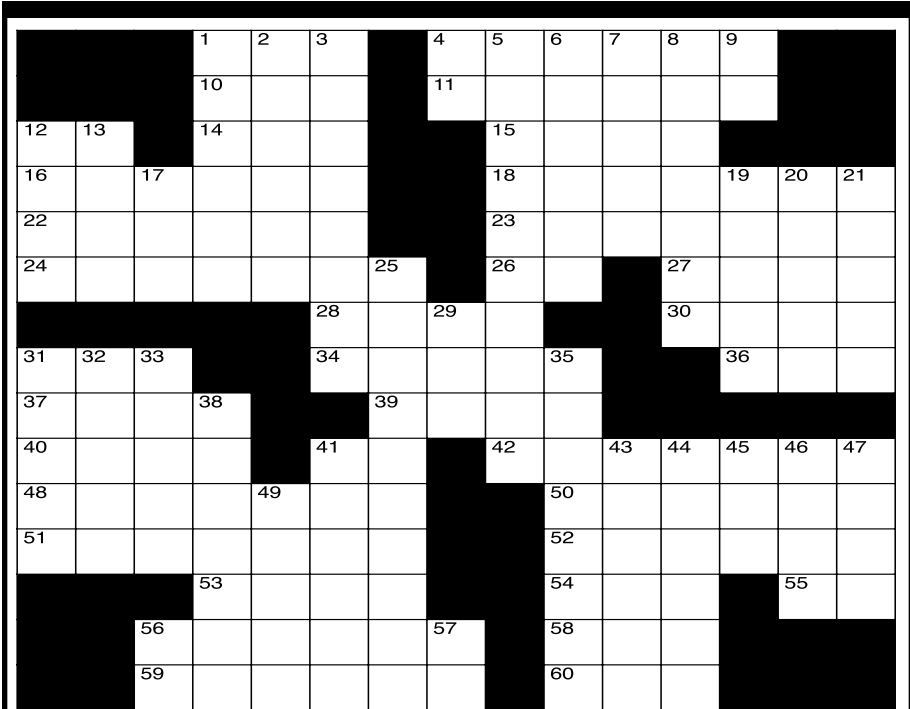
"Even though we think of slavery as a southern institution, it was here in our



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Cliff McCarthy smiling as he gets the opportunities to share the histories of people, and the history of our town of Belchertown.

towns in Western Massachusetts, and we have a very real connection to institutionalized slavery," McCarthy said.

"For me, history comes alive when you can see the story come alive. Here in Belchertown, I get to see the stories in the artifacts and beyond," McCarthy said.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Letter of the Greek alphabet
4. Cause to become entangled
10. Swiss river
11. Conversation
12. "Magnum" was one
14. Small integer
15. Christmas
16. Of a specific mountain region
18. Burrowing bugs
22. Of a symbol worthy of veneration
23. A type of syndrome
24. Cephalopod mollusks
26. Metric ton
27. Ornamental box
28. As quickly as can be done
30. "Hoop Dreams" subject Arthur

- 31. Old TV part
34. Extinct flightless birds
36. Former CIA
37. Successor
39. Archaic form of you
40. Within
41. Danny Hurley's alma mater
42. Not sacred or biblical
48. Written law
50. Popular hairstyle
51. Congressman
52. Type of font
53. A predetermined period in office
54. Pouch
55. Hormone that stimulates ovulation (abbr.)
56. One from a particular Asian region
58. One's sense of self-esteem

- 59. Headgear used to control a horse
60. The habitat of wild animals

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A right conferred through legal means
2. American island state
3. Inflexibly entrenched
4. "Pollock" actor Harris
5. Foolish person
6. Follows a particular Chairman
7. Choose
8. Sunrooms
9. One hundred grams (abbr.)
12. A symptom of some physical hurt or disorder
13. South American hummingbird
17. "Girl Chopping Onions" painter
19. Wild dog
20. Units of land
21. Footwear
25. Possessing a constant temperature
29. Hormone that promotes water retention (abbr.)
31. Popular game
32. Pension (German)
33. Giant of industry
35. Inferred
38. One who revolves
41. Kept possession of
43. Loss of electricity
44. Stoppered bottle
45. Everything
46. First to walk on the moon
47. Engrave
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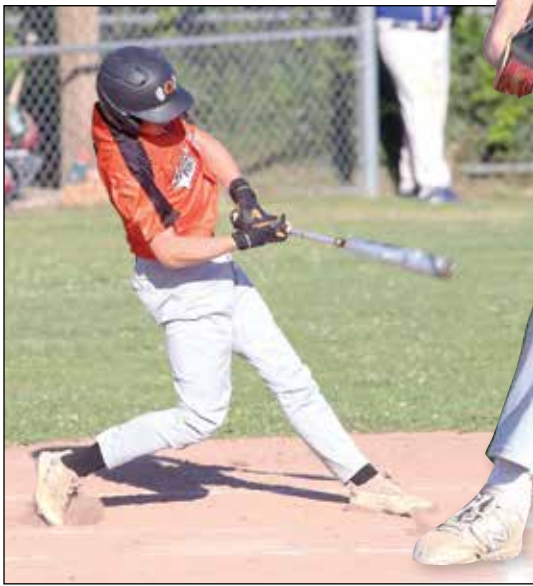
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Ryan Gould takes a swing.



Brady Perkins delivers a pitcher for Post 239.

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Spencer Waite slides into third base.

Post 239 cruises to another victory

Perfect this summer

BYTIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—Even with four players playing in the annual Bay State Summer Games and a couple of others on vacation, the Belchertown Post 239 Senior Legion baseball team didn't miss a beat against Aldenville Post 337.

The Post 239 squad improved to a perfect 12-0 following a 3-0 shutout victory over Post 337 on a windy night at the Belchertown High School baseball field, last Wednesday.

"We've been rotating guys in and out the whole season," said Belchertown Legion assistant coach Mark Zawistowski. "We want to keep them all fresh so that they're ready for the playoff run, and it also builds that team unity. When everyone is playing, every-

body is involved, and everybody is engaged."

Belchertown manager Todd McDonald didn't coach in the home game versus Aldenville because he was in Malden watching his son, Ian, play for the West squad in the Bay State games.

The other three Belchertown Legion players who were also members of the West team, which was managed by longtime Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery, are Thatcher Rudnik, Alex West, and Jake Waller.

Todd McDonald and the four players did get to Belchertown High School in time to watch the final couple innings of last Wednesday's contest, which was an old fashion pitcher's duel.

Belchertown lefthander Cody West hurled a complete game allowing no runs on seven base hits, which were all singles. He issued two walks and recorded five



Cody West is safe on a close play.

strikeouts while throwing a total of 107 pitches.

"Cody is one of the college

kids we have back to pitch, and he's just a great leader out there," Zawistowski said. "When he's on

the mound, he is in control. He's in control of hitters, he's in control of his emotions out there, and it just makes it a lot easier to play defense behind him."

It was Belchertown's second shutout of the Legion season, but their first one at home. They posted a 13-0 win at North Adams Post 125 on July 2. Ryan Gould tossed a no-hitter in that game.

Belchertown is trying to lock up the top seed in the single elimination Legion Senior Division playoffs, which is scheduled to begin on July 21.

Aldenville (8-5), who entered the road contest having won five of their previous six games, is also hoping to secure a high playoff seed during the final week of the regular season.

"I thought both teams were evenly matched," said Aldenville manager Mason Scott, who

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Logan Carmody tries to get by a defender.

Granby edged by Ludlow

LUDLOW – Last Tuesday evening, Ludlow Ideal B boys summer soccer defeated Granby by a close 5-4. Despite the warm weather, there was a lot of action and a lot of scoring on both ends. The win brought Ludlow to 3-3-1 and they are currently in contention for a playoff spot in the B Division. Granby is 2-2-3 and hold the No. 8 spot.



Riley Goodhind sends a pass forward.

RIGHT: Anthony Santiago lunges after the loose ball.



Gavin Moreno passes ahead of pressure.



Cole Fuller looks upfield as he advances.

SPORTS

N.E. Mutiny successful in league semifinals

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Entering last Friday night's United Women's Soccer East Conference semifinal match, the New England Mutiny had outscored their previous five opponents, 35-3.

After a scoreless first 45 minutes of the contest, Steel City FC took a 1-0 lead by scoring an own goal in the 53rd minute. The Mutiny quickly tied the score by converting a penalty kick.

The score remained tied until the 68th minute. That's when Emma Pedolzky, who lives in Westfield, became the hero for the home team. She scored a corner kick goal giving the Mutiny a 2-1 victory at historic Lusitano Stadium.

"Scoring the game winning goal is really exciting," Pedolzky said. "I'm glad that we were able to win tonight's game. We're now looking forward to playing in the finals on Sunday."

Emma Pedolzky, who began her collegiate soccer career at Bryant University transferred to UMass-Amherst last year. One of Emma's teammates at UMass is her twin sister, Chandler, who also plays for the Mutiny. They'll be seniors on this year's squad.

"It has really fun playing on the same college soccer team with my sister," Emma Pedolzky added. "I'm looking forward to playing with her for one more season."

The semifinal victory improved the Mutiny's overall record to a perfect 9-0-0. It was also their first playoff win in five years.

Steel City FC (5-1-3) also didn't lose a match during the regular season.

"We didn't know very much about Steel City, but they were organized and played well in the first half," said Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari. "I thought we dominated in the second half after allowing a goal. It was very important for us to score the tying goal right away."

The Mutiny were awarded a penalty kick in the 55th minute after Jess Mazo was fouled hard in the box. She was forced to leave the match with a right shoulder injury. Abbey Jones stepped up to the line and booted a low shot into the right corner of the net.

"I've been taking a lot of PK's at practice," Jones said. "It was the first time that I've taken a penalty shot during a game this season. I wasn't very nervous before making the shot."

Jones, who plays college soccer at UConn, also assisted on Emma Pedolzky's game winning goal.

"Abbey is a very good technical soccer player," Molinari said. "She understands the game very well."

The Mutiny had an opportunity to take a 3-0 lead at the end of regulation, but a breakaway shot attempt by Palmer's Maddy Theriault was saved by Steel City goalie Payton O'Malley.



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Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, fights to get the ball by the goalie.



Hannah Peric sends a pass forward.



Abbey Jones heads up the field.



Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, moves up the field.

Hammann picks up win in late model event

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT — Stafford Speedway's Limited Late Model division took center stage on Friday, July 12 with their lone extra distance feature event of the 2024 season, the Riley Generators 30. Rich Hammann was the big winner of the night, taking advantage of a late race restart to win the Riley 30. Hammann becomes the first repeat Limited Late Model feature winner after there were 9 different winners in the first 9 races. Other feature winners included Michael Christopher, Jr. in the SK Modified® feature, Adam Gray in the Late Model feature, Alexander Pearl in the SK Light feature, and Travis Hydar in the Street Stock feature.

In the 30-lap Riley Generators Limited Late Model feature event, Jeremy Lavoie brought the field to the green flag and he took the lead on the opening lap. Gary Patnode took second behind Lavoie with Connor Jencik, RJ Surdell, and Matt Clement making up the top-5. Surdell took third from Jencik on lap-5 while Adrien Paradis, III was on the move and he took fourth place on lap-6 to drop Jencik back to fifth as Lavoie continued to hold the lead with Patnode giving chase from second place. Mike Hopkins backed into the turn 1 wall to bring the caution flag out with 9 laps complete.

Lavoie took the lead back under green

with Patnode still holding second. Surdell was third in line with Kevin Cormier moving up to fourth. Rich Hammann took fifth on lap-13 to drop Paradis back to sixth. Surdell made a move on lap-19 to move into second and that move allowed Hammann to take third and drop Patnode back to fourth as Lavoie continued to lead. Ari Jencik spun in turn 1 to bring the caution flag back out with 22 laps complete.

Lavoie took the lead on the restart with Hammann moving into second. Surdell was third with Kevin Cormier up to fourth and Paradis in fifth. Hammann made a move in turn 3 to take the lead from Lavoie but Matt Winter, II spun in turn 2 to bring the caution flag out with 26 laps complete and negate that pass. Patnode was sent to the rear of the field by Stafford officials for making contact with Winter.

Hammann was able to stay even with Lavoie on the restart and Hammann led lap-27 by a nose. Hammann cleared Lavoie on lap-28 while Surdell was third and Devon Jencik took fourth place from Paradis. Hammann took the checkered flag to pick up his second win of the season and become the first repeat Limited Late Model winner in 2024. Lavoie held off Surdell for second with Kyle Theriault and Devon Jencik rounding out the top-5.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® event,

Wesley Prucker took the early lead at the drop of the green flag while Keith Rocco quickly moved up to second. Marcello Rufrano and Anthony Flannery were wheel to wheel for third with Andrew Molleur in fifth place. Rocco made a move to the inside of Prucker on lap-3 and he took the lead from Prucker on lap-4. Prucker came right back to the inside of Rocco on lap-5 and he retook the lead. RJ Marcotte and Curt Brainard spun on the frontstretch with Ethan Durocher getting collected to bring the caution flag out with 6 laps complete.

Prucker and Rocco went wheel to wheel on the restart with Rocco holding the lead by a nose to complete lap-7. Prucker got clear into the lead on lap-8 with Rufrano taking second. Rufrano took the lead from Prucker on lap-10 with Flannery taking second. Michael Christopher, Jr. took third with Prucker falling from the lead back to fourth place with Rocco in fifth.

Michael Gervais, Jr. took fourth on lap-15 with Rocco taking fifth and Prucker falling back to sixth while Flannery took the lead from Rufrano on lap-16. Prucker's great night came to an end against the backstretch wall to bring the caution flag out with 16 laps complete.

Flannery took the lead back under green

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T-Birds win community service award

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds received more recognition from the American Hockey League on Thursday night during the Awards Gala at the Board of Governors' Annual Meeting at Hilton Head Island, S.C.

The franchise was presented with the Eastern Conference Award of Excellence for Community Service following a record-setting year in the community. During the 2023-24 season, the Thunderbirds raised more than \$128,000 for local charities, while players and mascot Boomer combined to make over 300 visits in the area for various charitable causes.

"Being ingrained in the community has been among the top priorities for our franchise since the day we were established," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "We take immense pride in this award and are honored to be recognized by our peers, but ultimately, we want to continue

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to do right by the wonderful Springfield community in any way we can. As with everything else in our business, we want to raise the bar even higher.”

A number of the Thunderbirds’ marquee game nights in 2023-24 had distinct tie-ins to the community, from the annual Pink in the Rink to benefit the Rays

of Hope Foundation to the return of the annual Sensory-Friendly Sunday game in conjunction with the Center for Human Development (CHD). The organization is currently planning the 2023-24 promotional schedule, which will feature many returning events to benefit the local community around Springfield. A complete list of such promotions will be available later this summer.

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has never celebrated a win against Belchertown during his coaching career. “We just made a couple of mistakes in one inning, which hurt us. We also didn’t get the key base hit with runners on base. Belchertown is a good baseball team and we’re hoping to face them again in the playoffs.”

Aldenville righty Matt Drobiak also went the distance allowing three runs (one earned) on seven hits with two walks and four strikeouts.

“Matt pitched very well in tonight’s game,” Scott said. “I’m not happy with the result, but I thought it was an outstanding baseball game tonight.”

Leading the way offensively for the home team was right fielder Brady Perkins, who’s also a starting pitcher. He had two base hits and scored a pair of runs.

With one-out in the bottom of the second inning, Perkins lined a shot into the strong wind, which was blowing in from left field for a double and catcher Jacob Smith drew a walk. Drobiak retired the next batter on a pop-up, but he couldn’t record the third out of the inning before Belchertown took the lead.

First baseman Evan Fournier hit a groundball to the shortstop that was

bobbled for an error loading the bases. Centerfielder Spencer Waite also reached first base on a throwing error which allowed two runs to cross the plate.

Aldenville only had a couple of scoring opportunities.

Drobiak led off the top of the fourth with an infield hit and he advanced to second base on a throwing error. After the next batter struck out, leftfielder Burke Belsky walked. West quickly ended that threat with back-to-back strikeouts.

Belchertown took a 3-0 lead in the bottom half of the frame when Perkins, who hit a leadoff single, scored from first base on a double by Smith.

With one out in the sixth inning Drobiak, who went 3-for-3, hit a line-drive single to left center. He advanced to third base on another single to left field by Belsky with two outs. The next batter grounded out to third baseman Pat Fitzgibbons, who made a nice play to end the inning.

West walked a batter with two outs in the seventh inning before Perkins ended the game by catching a high flyball.

“This is probably the best baseball team that I’ve ever played for. It’s something very special,” Perkins said. “We just want to end the regular season with an undefeated record.”

Blue Sox return home to get win

HOLYOKE – After not being home for seven days, the Valley Blue Sox played host to the Upper Valley Nighthawks. On a beautiful early Sunday afternoon, the players came out energized and bats hot, as the offensive later proved. The stage was set for a great game of summer baseball in Holyoke Massachusetts.

With Ethan Lyke starting on the mound for the Blue Sox, pitching was off to a good start. In six innings, Lyke gave up three runs, off five hits, with four additional strikeouts. While it was not the best day for the pitching crew, the offense picked up the slack.

Led by a monster Jonathon Hogart home run in the third inning, nine total runs over three innings. From the third to the fifth, it was an absolute clinic put on from the Blue Sox offense to take a strangle hold of this game as the lead bloomed to 9-1 at one point.

The Blue Sox biggest issue in today’s game seemed to be fielding. With two errors notched in the stat sheet, the Blue Sox also gave up ten total runs in this game, as well four runs over the last four innings. This may seem like a simple stat, but with under a month left in the season, every game is crucial and an opportunity to touch up these smaller issues that can show up against tougher competition. At the end of the day, it was another great showing

from the home team. With this win, Valley broke even once again with a 0.500 record at 15-15.



Martha’s Vineyard 10, Blue Sox 3

The Blue Sox were plagued once again by one bad inning against the Martha’s Vineyard Sharks.

Last Friday night’s game featured a similar outcome to Wednesday afternoon’s game: One bad inning. Valley gave up five runs in the first inning en route to a 10-3 loss.

Blue Sox starter Gregory Shaw had a rough bottom of the first inning. He started off by giving up three straight singles. The inning was highlighted by a Reese Robinett grand slam to put the Sharks ahead 5-0.

Valley added two in the top of the third to make it a 5-2 game. But Vineyard responded with three in the bottom of the fourth to make it 8-2.

Robinett hit another home run, his seventh of the season, in the bottom of the fifth to make it 9-2. Derek Williams hit an RBI single in the top of the sixth to make it 9-3.

Tryston McCladdie hit a solo home run in the bottom of the eighth to make it 10-3. Out of the 10 runs Valley allowed, only seven of them were earned.

Vineyard starter Harry Deliyannis went 3 innings and allowed just two runs on four hits. He walked one and struck out four.

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with Rufrano slotting into second behind him. Rufrano didn’t stay behind Flannery for very long as he made a move going into turn 3 and came out of turn 4 with the lead. Christopher was now third behind Rufrano and Flannery with Rocco in fourth and Cory DiMatteo in fifth. Christopher started to apply heavy pressure to Flannery for second, but Flannery was able to keep Christopher behind him. Flannery then started looking high and low for a way to get around Rufrano for the lead but wasn’t able to make a pass. Flannery lost second to Christopher on lap-27 and Christopher immediately began to hound Rufrano for the race lead. Christopher made a bottom shot move going into turn 1 and he took the lead from Rufrano on lap-30.

With 5 laps to go it was still Christopher in the lead with Rufrano, Flannery, Rocco, and Gervais lined up behind him. Christopher led Rufrano and Flannery to the checkered flag to pick up his second win of the season. Rocco finished fourth and Gervais rounded out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature event, Alexandra Fearn streaked into the lead at the start of the race with P.J. Zarrella in second. Tom Fearn was third in the early going followed by Tom Butler in fourth and Andrew Durand in fifth place. Darrell Keane spun in turn 4 to bring the caution flag out with 5 laps complete.

Alexandra Fearn took the lead on the restart with Tom Fearn moving up to second. There was a scuffle midpack that saw cars scrambling but there was no contact or spins and everyone continued on under

green. Durand moved up to third with Adam Gray up to fourth and Chris Buffone was now up to fifth on lap-8 with the two Fearn leading the field.

Gray took third place on lap-11 with Durand falling back to fourth. Paul Varricchio, Jr. was up to fifth while Buffone fell back to sixth, just in front of Kevin Gambacorta, who was on a charge through the field after starting 12th. Varricchio took fourth on lap-13 with Durand and Gambacorta following him through to move into fourth and fifth and drop Buffone back to sixth.

Tom Fearn caught Alexandra Fearn on lap-15 and began to look for a way to move into the lead. Tom made his move on lap-17 to the inside of Alexandra in turn 4 and he took over the race lead. While the Fearn were contesting the lead, Gray ran the two

leaders down and on lap-19 it was now a 3-car fight for the lead with Varricchio just behind the lead trio in fourth. Gray worked his way around Alexandra on lap-20 to move into second with Varricchio now applying heavy pressure to Alexandra for third while Gray was all over the back bumper of Tom Fearn looking to take the lead.

Gray got to the inside of Tom Fearn on lap-25 and he took the lead on lap-26. Varricchio was now side by side with Alexandra Fearn for third with Varricchio taking the position on lap-27. Gambacorta was now in fifth with Durand back to sixth. Gambacorta took fourth on lap-29 to drop Alexandra Fearn back to fifth but it was Adam Gray taking down the feature win, his first of the season. Tom Fearn finished second with Varricchio, Gambacorta, and Alexandra Fearn rounding out the top-5.



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07/18/2024

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