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## 'Summer Eats' offers free lunches for school-aged children

BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON  
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - For the fifth year in a row, anyone under the age of 18 is eligible to receive a free lunch Monday through Friday this summer thanks to "Summer Eats" - a federally-funded and state-administered Summer Food Service Program.

According to Barrett Grazioso, Food Service director, Belchertown first started participating in the program in 2018. At that time, Belchertown qualified using a Food Research & Action Center map, which helped determine the need to support a free meal program.

Grazioso said she applies for a grant each year from Project Bread to get the program kick started, but the full program continues to be funded by reimbursements through SFSP. Project Bread also provides a lot of resources in addition to community outreach.

The Summer Eats program runs Monday through Friday until Aug. 11, with lunch being served inside the Chestnut Hill Community School cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CHCS is located at 59 State St., Belchertown.

Enter through the doors near the gymnasium at the right side of the school.

Grazioso said she has already seen an increase in participation from last year, with a



TURLEY PHOTO BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON  
Food prep worker Rebekah Rogers serves up a delicious free lunch during the Summer Eats program at Chestnut Hill Community School.

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## Meeting provides project update

BY MELINA BOURDEAU  
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - With a project manager and architect hired as well as a feasibility study underway, the Jabish Brook Middle School project is in the pipeline. However, there is still a lot of work to be done before shovels hit the ground.

The project is done in "modules" strictly outlined by the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

The first module was the statement of interest that was submitted by the district. After that, the promoters of the project were invited to participate in the program as entering a feasibility study. Following the assembly of a project manager and an architect, the project moved into module three, a feasibility study.

The next milestone is to submit a preliminary design program to the state, which the OPM aims to do by July 30.

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G.E. Smith playing his maplewood guitar.

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## Guitar legends and lore

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BELCHERTOWN - Over the weekend, G.E. Smith visited Belchertown High School where he gave an exclusive solo performance in the school auditorium which blew attendees away.

Local performers Tony and Amanda, and student musicians from BHS also performed. If that wasn't cool enough, he returned the next day to present "A Masterclass on The History of Guitar in America."

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## The new face of the Clapp Memorial Library

Meet the director

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BELCHERTOWN - Cyndi Harbeson is the new face of the Clapp Memorial Library.

As of June 13, 2022, Harbeson has acted as the library's director, and with her she brings a strong background in history to the table. Considering the historic architecture of the library, having a strong understanding and respect for its history is crucial.

Harbeson previously worked at the Jones Library in Amherst as the head of Special Collections. "I basically curated a collection at the library for historians to utilize," she said.

As for her transition into her



Cyndi Harbeson

role as director, she added, "It was a big shift, I had my start in a library working in Special Collections, but there was a bit of a learning curve to help get things up and running again after Covid. Thankfully, the staff here

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# Belchertown Community Band, boogies and bulldogs

**BY MATTY ANDERSON**  
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**BELCHERTOWN** – Get ready for two music-filled months at the center of town.

If you're native to Belchertown, you're probably familiar with the concert series that takes place every summer on the Commons. The Belchertown Community Band has been practicing diligently for their 37th season of performing.

Bandmember Melissa Hurst said, "We're excited because we have some new pieces this year. We're doing the Jurassic Park theme, a new jazz song and music that attendees may recognize from their favorite TV shows. We have a little something for everyone!"

She added, "For me, as a legal services attorney, I can't manage a full year schedule of performing, but to be able to play for the summer season is really great. It's wonderful because we are able to collaborate with people who we wouldn't normally cross paths with, from all different careers."

Music is a great creative outlet and Hurst knows that well. She explained "Oh my gosh, it's what

keeps me sane! Back in 2008, when I was studying for my bar exam, I actually performed the night before my test. Having a creative release and getting to let loose with your friends is so important."

The magic of summer allows a little extra leeway for everyone, which draws in a wide variety of people. Everyone has different strengths, skill levels and talents to bring to the table and incorporate into the bands overall sound.

This diversity makes for a really cool experience for the performers and audience alike, no wonder this tradition has held up for 37 summers. Hurst explained, "We work really hard to foster a welcoming and accepting environment; regardless of skill level, profession, sexual orientation, race, etc... we are a community."

Concerts will take place at 7 p.m. on July 20, July 27, Aug 3, Aug 10. There will be a special Sunday concert on Aug 13 at 4 p.m., In the event of rain, concerts will be held in the Belchertown High School Auditorium.

If you're free on any of those dates, consider stopping by, you may even get to meet Billy the Bulldog, the band's puppy and mascot.



A previous performance by the Belchertown Community Band.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MELISSA HURST

*It is a fantastic way for the community to come together and enjoy a meal in a relaxed, fun, air-conditioned, central location. Many families like to come for the social element and the special events we host each week; it offers up a nice break in the day to get out and see people and have a great lunch."*

**BARRETT GRAZIOSO,**  
Director Food Service

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record-breaking number on Thursday last week, however nothing compares to the COVID years. She said rising costs at the grocery store are contributing to the increase in participants, but she believes the socialization aspect of the program also plays a big part of people coming out.

As for what is served for lunch each day, Grazioso said the menu consists of similar items that would be served during the school year.

"We follow the same meal pattern the USDA requires us to complete for a reimbursable meal," she said. "With the added bonus of really great fresh local produce."

Grazioso said the food is purchased from a few sources, with buying local produce as much as possible. She said they receive donations from the community and school gardens, as well as utilizes the USDA commodity supplies, and purchases groceries from the same vendor used throughout the year.

On the day "The Sentinel" visited the Summer Eats

program, pizza was on the menu, with fresh peas and kale from the school garden, freshly chopped pepper strips, salad, baby carrots, bananas, and for a sweet snack – a Rice Krispies Treat. It's worth noting, the program is "nut free."

Working hard in the kitchen to make it all happen is a dedicated team that includes: Grete McGinnis, Shirlon Edwards, Karin Bachand, and Rebekah Rogers.

And while this appears to be the last year Belchertown is eligible for the Summer Eats program, surrounding towns like Amherst, Palmer and Ware will still participate. Grazioso said there are talks in the Senate that could change the qualifying percentage that would allow Belchertown to continue to participate. She said the more who can speak up about the importance and need of free meals, the better.

To learn more about the Summer Eats program or to see the menu, please visit [www.belchertownps.org/summer-eats](http://www.belchertownps.org/summer-eats).

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**SOLVING 'COLD CASES'**

**Learn forensic genealogy at Clapp Memorial Library**

BELCHERTOWN — Dr. Anthony Redgrave of Redgrave Research Forensic Services comes to Clapp Memorial Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1, to delve into the world of forensic genealogy, also known as investigative genetic genealogy, and advances in solving cold cases of missing and murdered persons.

Redgrave will present a general overview of forensic genetic genealogy, examples of cases that he has worked on with his team and the particular difficulties inherent in cases involving LGBTQ+ victims. Redgrave will also be available to answer any technical or ethical questions presented by attendees.

Redgrave is a founding board member of the Trans Doe Task Force, an organization that seeks to resolve cases of missing, murdered and unidentified members of the queer community, especially transgender individuals. His dissertation focused on determining barriers to communication between members of key stakeholder groups affected by the

use of forensic genetic genealogy in order to develop standards of practice that support its use to resolve cold cases of fatal violence towards marginalized victims.

He is also the founder and instructor of Forensic Genealogy for Law Enforcement, an online education program designed to teach forensic genetic genealogy to law enforcement professionals, and Redgrave Research Forensic Services, a forensic genetic genealogy research team for hire by law enforcement clients and private clients with difficult genetic genealogy questions that others haven't been able to answer. Redgrave has assisted in the resolution of dozens of cold cases since 2018 and presents frequently at universities and academic conferences on the topics of forensic genetic genealogy and the reduction of postmortem violence towards transgender individuals.

For more information on Dr. Redgrave, his work, and cases he has worked on, visit his Facebook page, redgraveresearch.



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Shown (from left) are: Debbie Wood, Belchertown Pickleball Community Leadership Committee; David Gadouas, AVP, Branch Officer, bankESB's Belchertown Office; Alicia Austin, assistant manager, bankESB Belchertown Office; Gary Turku, SVP, Retail Banking, bankESB; Andrew Inglot, Mortgage Loan Originator, bankESB; and Larry Davis, Belchertown Pickleball Community Leadership Committee.

**bankESB commits \$5,000 to pickleball community**

BELCHERTOWN — Local pickleball enthusiasts have something to celebrate.

Easthampton-based bankESB recently awarded \$5,000 to the Belchertown Pickleball Community and Belchertown Orioles Athletic Association to support the initiative of building two new community pickleball courts at 59 State Street.

The Belchertown Pickleball Community is a volunteer run,

not for profit organization created to better the pickleball experience in town. The two new State Street courts recently held a grand opening to celebrate the finished project and partners who helped to make it a reality.

The donation was made as part of the bank's charitable giving program, The Giving Tree, which reflects the roots the bank has in its communities, its commitment to making

a real difference in the neighborhoods it serves, "and the belief that everyone's quality of life is enhanced when we work together to better our communities," a news release states.

The courts are lighted and open until 10pm through Labor Day and are open to the public. For more information about these new courts, visit btown-pickleball.org.

**See 'Star Wars' outdoors**

BELCHERTOWN — Belchertown United Church of Christ at 16 Park Street will be hosting an outdoor movie night at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, in the church parking lot.

The feature film will be "Star Wars" and kids of all ages are

encouraged to dress up as their favorite character. "Drive-in" parking is limited, so be sure to bring a chair.

There is no rain date and if the weather proves inhospitable, BUCC will open the church to show the film indoors.



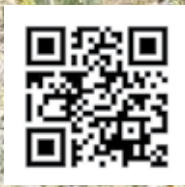
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# Fire on Daniel Square claims life of one man

BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON  
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - One man is dead following a residential fire on Daniel Square last Monday, according to a news release by the Department of Fire Services.

At about 12:20 p.m. on Monday, July 10, the Belchertown Fire Department was notified of a fire at 42 Daniel Square. Upon arrival, firefighters were faced with a single-story house that was “well involved” with heavy smoke venting through all windows and heavy fire showing in the rear of the residence.

“Firefighters immediately mounted an aggressive exterior attack, then moved inside until conditions forced them from the building,” says the release.

Aiding in the response, after the fire went to two alarms, were firefighters from Amherst, Bondsville, Granby, Ludlow, Palmer, Pelham, Three Rivers and Westover. They battled the fire for approximately two hours before having it under control.

DFS reports that an adult male, the only person home at the time, was located deceased inside the residence. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will determine the exact cause and manner of his death.

“On behalf of the Belchertown Fire



Fire damage to the house at 42 Daniel Square.

Department, I want to express our sincere condolences to the man’s family,” said Belchertown Fire Chief John Ingram. “This is a sad day for them and our community.”

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Belchertown Fire Department, Belchertown Police Department, Hadley Police Department, State Police assigned to the State Fire Marshal’s office, and State Police assigned to the Northwestern District Attorney’s office. The Belchertown Department of Public Works and the Department of Fire Services’ Special Operations team also offered their support at the scene.



Smoke billows from a house at 42 Daniel Square.

(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

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is amazing.”

So far Harbeson has gone above and beyond. Ruthie Sterling, the Teen Services Librarian, said, “Cyndi is a great person to work for. She fosters such a great environment here at the library.” Speaking of community, Harbeson said, “I really love the sense of community here; the library acts as a kind of community center. People can stop by just to hang out or use this as a productive workspace without being expected to spend money.”

She added, “Helping people meet their needs can be very fulfilling: from internet access, to finding the perfect book.” Since accepting the library’s directorship, Harbeson has focused heavily on how she can help improve the library and enhance the experience of all those who visit.

She’s also taken an active role in the community and said, “We bring books once a month to Christopher Heights to make reading more available to the residents. Some of them don’t have reliable transportation. This way they can return and check out books each time we stop by.”

She added, “We’ve also partnered with the Quabbin Arts Association. They held their Art Meets Poetry exhibit here in April.

We’d like to have their next exhibit on the walls. By next fall we hope to have a wall hanging system in place to display their artwork.”

When you give to the community, sometimes they give back. Good karma has already begun to show itself in the form of strong friendships. Harbeson explained, “The Friends of The Clapp Memorial Library have been amazing, they’ve helped so much with their bi-annual book sales. They helped fund almost all of our programs; we couldn’t do it without them!”

Harbeson has already formed a great relationship with the five trustees of the library. “They’re a very supportive

group and they’re so dedicated to the library, I’m very lucky to have such a great team,” she said.

Every five years, the library’s director and the five trustees work together on a “strategic plan” for the upcoming fiscal years. Harbeson has spent many hours thinking about fiscal years 2025-2030. She aims to take full advantage of this transformative opportunity. So far, she’s applied for and received four grants.

“Long term we’d like to create more outside space,” she said. “We’re thinking about turning the backyard into a story garden.

There is a call in the community for a bigger and better programming area. We’re looking for feedback from the community as to what our goals and priorities should be moving forward.”

Harbeson demonstrated her respect for the library’s historic nature, by hiring an architect to perform a design study on the library. The study was made possible thanks to one of the grants she applied for; the goal was to see if the library’s space could be optimized to better accommodate the growing community.

“We’d like to have a space that allows us to host events while the library is open. We usually have to have them while we’re closed due to the lack of space.

Around next January, opportunities will be available for you - the public - to give your input as to what the library’s priorities should be when making upgrades.”

Harbeson said, “I want to be very clear that we respect the historic nature of our building. We want to incorporate changes by integrating them into the historical nature of the building rather than replacing it.”

She added, “I know that the library as a building is very important to the town. I hope that my background in history will assure people that I fully intend to respect the building.”



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Cyndi Harbeson shows a poster of the activities she planned over the year.

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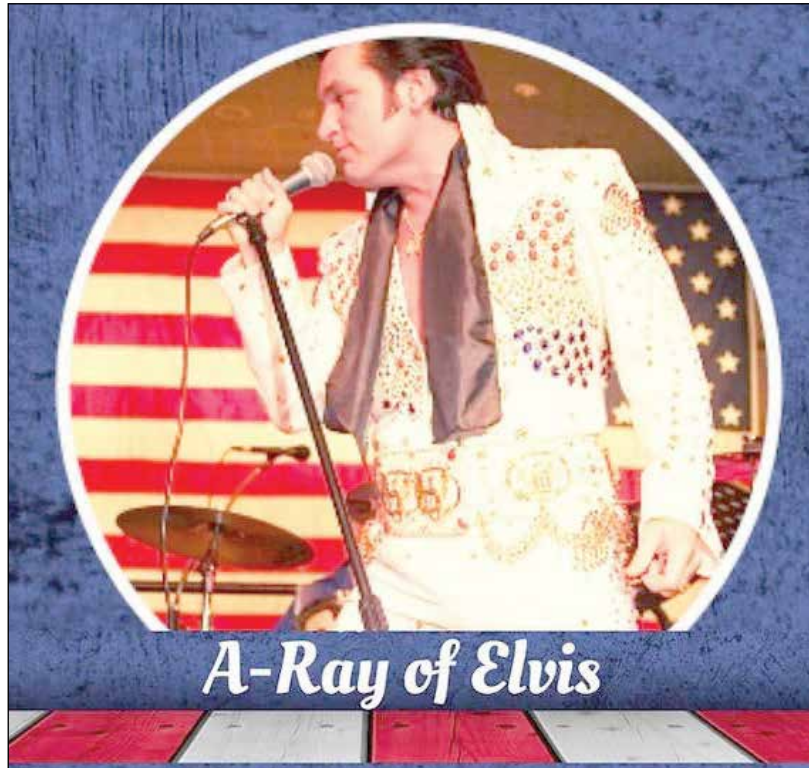
## Catch a 'Ray of Elvis' at the Senior Center

BELCHERTOWN — The Council on Aging Senior Center at 60 State Street welcomes Ray Guillemette Jr. and his A Ray of Elvis tribute show at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 21.

Guillemette has amazed and inspired people with his show for over 20 years. He is a 10-time international Elvis Tribute Artist and has performed throughout the U.S., Canada, and Japan.

This performance is free to attend, and will be held outdoors on the side lawn of the Senior Center (weather permitting). Bring a chair and any personal comfort items needed. Christopher Heights of Belchertown is providing refreshments.

This concert is offered through a grant from the Belchertown Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Ray Guillemette Jr. performs as A Ray of Elvis July 21 at the Belchertown Senior Center.

## Free peas for picking at the School Garden

BELCHERTOWN — There is an abundance of English shelling peas at the School Garden and anyone who is interested is invited to pick their own.

"We don't want them to go to waste," a news release from garden officials states.

They are growing in beds one and three on the end of the garden near the pollinator garden. "Remember, the pods are not edible — just the peas inside," the release states.

The School Garden at 57 State Street is in need of volunteers to help keep the garden watered and weeded over the summer months.

Volunteers sign up for a week of

responsibility at a time. Anyone interested can sign up for one side of the garden or both, watering or weeding or both and/or to help out with the pollinator garden.

Sign up at SignUpGenius by going to these links (you don't need an account to sign up, just an email address):

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**Weeding the school garden**

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**Volunteering in the pollinator garden**

[tinyurl.com/fixs25r4n](https://tinyurl.com/fixs25r4n)

Anyone who wants to make a donation or volunteer in any way, or just has questions about the garden, should contact Holly Field at [btown-garden@gmail.com](mailto:btown-garden@gmail.com).

The community garden has lots of beautiful and tasty things growing. Come take a stroll through and enjoy.

For more, visit the Belchertown School Gardens Facebook group.

## Donations needed for St. Francis tag sale

BELCHERTOWN — The St. Francis Giant Tag Sale returns to the Town Common on Aug. 26 and any donations of items are welcomed.

The St. Francis Pine Room, located on the lower level of the St. Francis Social Hall on Park Street, will open for collections at 9 a.m. on Aug. 6 and will close at 5 p.m. on Aug. 20. Monday to Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. with noon to 5 p.m. hours on Sundays.

The church asks people to not drop off articles unless the collection site is open and you are acknowledged by a volunteer.

The following items are needed:

linens; collectibles; craft items; pictures; frames; hardware; kitchenware; luggage; handbags; small working appliances; toys in good, working condition; baby clothes up to 2T; hand tools; jewelry; knick-knacks; shoes and boots; sporting goods; children's books; baby essentials, but no cribs or car seats; and small, non-upholstered furniture.

The tag sale cannot accept: air conditioners; dehumidifiers; microwaves; books (except children's); computers; monitors; televisions; console stereos; treadmills; exercise bikes; skis; compressed gas items; gas grills; propane tanks; paint; hazardous materials;

insecticides; used or melted candles; clothes hangers; medical equipment; mattresses; large furniture; upholstered furniture such as couches; clothing, larger than 2T; cribs; or car seats.

As items to donate are gathered, the volunteers request that the donation is in saleable condition: not broken, relatively clean, all parts included and fully operational. Malfunctioning items are not accepted.

All donations should be free of bugs and critter droppings.

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## OPINION



### My state pension eliminated my Social Security survivor benefit

**Dear Rusty:** My husband of 21 years died in January 2022 at the age of 70. We were both retired at the time of his death and they immediately stopped his Social Security payments. After many calls to Social Security asking why I was not receiving his benefits, I was finally told since I have my own pension from the State of Ohio that I would receive none of my husband's Social Security.

I cannot see why my Ohio retirement has anything to do with my husband's Social Security. I do get a small payment from SS based on my past earnings before I worked for the State of Ohio. Is there any chance of fighting this since we were married when they took money from his earnings for SS? If I wanted to write to an elected official to see if these rules could be changed, who would I write to or call?

*Signed: Upset Widow*

**Dear Upset Widow:** Unfortunately, your entitlement to a Social Security survivor benefit from your husband is affected by a provision known as the Government Pension Offset, which affects any surviving spouse with a federal, state or local government pension earned without contributing to the Social Security program. Ohio is one of 26 states, which have opted not to participate in Social Security, thus exempting state employees from paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. The Ohio state pension, which resulted from your state employment, means that any Social Security benefits earned outside of your state employment are reduced. The GPO reduction to your survivor benefit is severe, a reduction by 2/3 of the amount of your Ohio state pension, which can and often does completely eliminate any SS survivor benefit you might otherwise be entitled to.

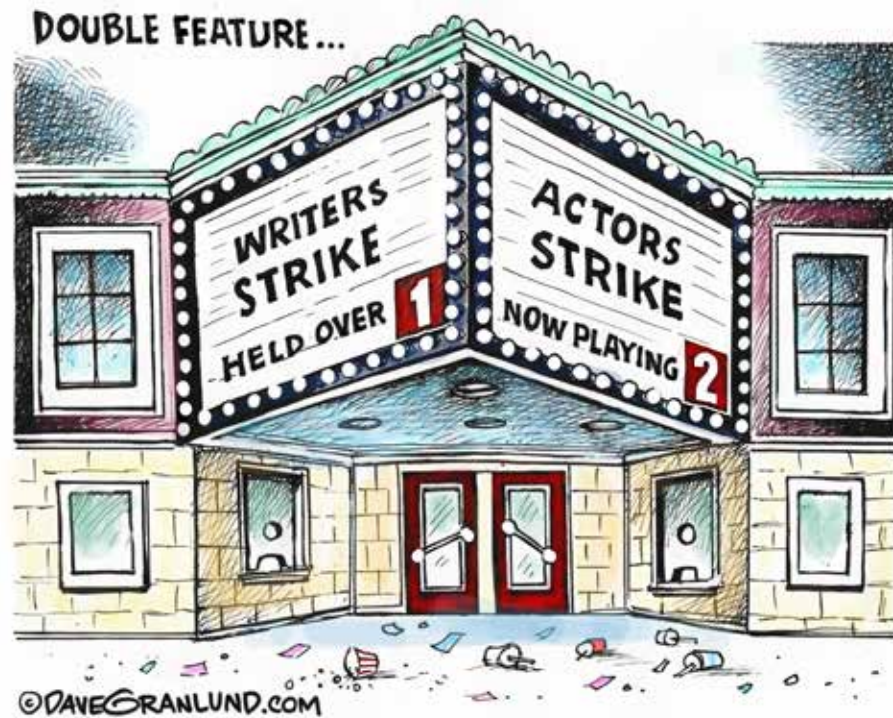
For clarity, the monthly SS payment your husband was receiving at his death stops automatically. At that point, your eligibility for additional SS benefits from your husband was assessed and because of the GPO, Social Security offset your potential survivor benefit from your husband by 2/3 of your Ohio state pension, which apparently eliminated your survivor benefit. As unfair as this may seem to you, note that the same thing happens to any surviving spouse, who also has their own earned SS retirement benefit, their personal SS retirement benefit offsets their SS survivor benefit, so a spouse with a regular SS retirement benefit higher than their deceased spouse's benefit gets no surviving spouse benefit.

FYI, the State of Ohio has an obligation to make clear that by not paying into Social Security your future SS spousal/survivor benefits are affected. Without knowing how that was presented to you during your Ohio state employment, here's a quote from Ohio's Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS) website: "If you are eligible for Social Security benefits and are receiving a retirement benefit from OPERS, your Social Security benefits may be affected by the Government Pension Offset or the Windfall Elimination Provision. The Government Pension Offset may also affect you if you are eligible for Social Security benefits through your spouse. The Windfall Elimination Provision may affect you if you qualify for Social Security benefits due to your own work history."

In any case, you are certainly not alone in your feelings about how your Social Security benefits have been affected by the GPO. This provision was enacted in 1983 and has been challenged in just about every Congressional session since that time, without success. In fact, there is a legislative bill active in the current Congress - H.R. 82 - The Social Security Fairness Act - which was introduced on the House floor in January and "referred to committee" for consideration. Like all preceding WEP/GPO reform bills, this one sits idle in Committee. If you wish to add your voice to those who oppose the GPO, you should contact your Congressional Representative to solicit action on H.R. 82.

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### This is how divided government should work

Before the memory of the recent debt ceiling negotiations disappears and we confront the next new drama in Washington, let's pause a moment to acknowledge what just happened.

You can debate from here to eternity whether the American people were winners or losers in the deal (I'd say winners because the government didn't default; losers because we had to go through the whole charade in the first place) but what's not debatable is one key point: Congress and the White House provided a lesson in how negotiations and bipartisanship are supposed to work.

We live in an era when this can seem impossible, as hard-line conservatives in the GOP and a few determined progressives in the Democratic party try to push policy to the extremes and appear to reject the idea of even talking to the other side. But Washington has a way of imposing the

discipline of hard numbers - in this case, a House controlled by Republicans with a bare majority; a Senate with a very small Democratic margin; and a presidency in Democrats' hands.

For either side to make progress, they have to negotiate with the other.

What's easy to forget is that this has been the norm for more than a half century. Of the 28 Congresses since 1969, 19 have been divided (if you include the 107th, which began and ended under unified Republican control, but for most of its two-year length was divided because of a senator's party switch).

Anyone who's spent time in the nation's capital during this long era of mostly divided government knows that with power so distributed, there is no single path to success in trying to make the Congress work. As long as they're playing by the rules, the chief way to judge success is by the results. And on that front, the debt ceiling debate was a success - even if the harder-core members of the GOP caucus in the House are now trying to punish Speaker Kevin McCarthy for the deal he struck.

You may know the broad outline of the agreement: It buys the government two more years before the next debt ceiling clash; imposes a freeze on some federal spending; broadens work requirements

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during the day, for that reason we should rid the garden of popular daytime hiding spots, or at least conduct a search and destroy mission on these spots regularly.

I use old boards as garden paths, separating plots of greens. First mistake; boards, bricks, and rocks make great cover for slugs from the midday sun.

From now on I'll turn these boards over once a day and play "salt a slug" or better yet, "squirt a slug." A couple shakes of the salt shaker will dehydrate slugs, and a mixture of half-water, half-vinegar in a spray bottle will take care of business as well.

You can also bring a container of vinegar water or salt water to the garden and simply drop them in, using gloves, of course, less be stained by soap resistant goo.

Mass trapping also works. Probably the most famous trap around is made from stale beer.

To be effective it must be set up correctly, otherwise slugs will be lured but not trapped. Bury a container level with the soil surface and fill it with beer to one inch from the top.

Ideally, slugs stretch out their bodies to reach the liquid, fall in and drown. Dump the container often, especially after it rains, since water will dilute the beer as well as raise the level of the liquid.

Commercial slug "motels" come with a yeasty powder you mix with water - these work on the same principle as our homemade version.

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## SENIORS

# Summer fun and more at the Senior Center

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Council on Aging Senior Center at 60 State Street offers a variety of programs, activities and services. For more information, visit the center, or contact Programs and Volunteer Coordinator Stephanie Fraleigh at 413-323-0420, ext. 501 or SFraleigh@belchertown.org.

Here's a look at upcoming some upcoming programs:

### Tai Chi Energy Workshop 10:45 a.m. Aug. 4

A free, fun 40-minute workshop that will build awareness of how energy works in the body. This information has been used in several schools in the Pioneer Valley and has been taught all over the world with great results. This program is open to any age, and no preparation or materials are necessary. Just bring an open mind and a willingness to learn.

The regular Tai Chi class starts at 10 a.m., so come early to watch or participate. Beginners are always welcome.

### AUGUST SHOPPING TRIPS

Walmart in Ware on Aug. 4

Atkins Farms on Aug. 18

Call Kim 323-0420 ext 508

### Senior Center Night

On Wednesday Aug. 9, let Villa Rose Restaurant at 1428 Center Street in Ludlow do the cooking. They will donate 20% of all food sales that day to the Belchertown Senior Center Friends.

### Quabbinares (walking club)

There will be three walks this month – Aug. 8, Aug. 22 and Aug. 29, all at 9 a.m.

The Senior Center will email information at the beginning of the month to all those who have registered, with locations for the walks as well as details on difficulty level. Walks average about 90 minutes and range from flat pavement to moderate trail hikes. To join the group, email Stephanie at SFraleigh@Belchertown.org.

### Home Care & Caregiver Support Program 2 p.m. Aug. 14

Are you interested in learning about home care services for yourself or a loved one? Family Caregiver Specialist Sara Colegrove from WestMass ElderCare discusses how to live independently and safely in the community as you age. If you are feeling burned out or struggling with taking care of a loved one, she will provide valuable information on WMEC's Family Caregiver Support Program.

No registration necessary. Walk-Ins Welcome.

### Summer Fun and Activities Faire noon-2 p.m. Aug. 18

Ever wonder what types of programs, classes, and activities we offer at the Senior Center?

Come to the lawn for some fun in the sun, and get all your questions answered. Many volunteers, instructors, technicians and group leaders will be available to highlight their programs, answer questions, and help you to feel comfortable participating in the future. Want a tour? Just ask.

### Ukulele lessons 12:30 p.m. Aug. 21 and Aug. 28

Singer, songwriter and musician Julie Stepanek teaches the fundamentals. Free, but legislation is required by calling Stephanie at 323-0420 ext. 501. Be sure to mention if you need to borrow a ukulele or will bring your own.

### Summer Concert 10 a.m. Aug. 25

The Willies will perform outdoors. In case of inclement weather, call 323-0420 ext. 504 the morning of the concert for an update on cancellation.

### It's 'Book Club Month!'

Enjoy the hit movies, and consider joining the Senior Center Book Club which meets at 10 a.m. the third Monday of every month.

### "Book Club" the film, Aug. 16.

(2018 PG-13)

Four Friends' lives are turned upside down to hilarious

ends when their book club tackles "Fifty Shades of Grey." Starring Jane Fonda, Diane Keaton, Candice Bergen

"Book Club: The Next Chapter" Aug. 30.

This sequel follows the four friends as they take their book club to Italy for the girls trip they never had.

### ONGOING

#### The nurse is in

Stop in to have your blood pressure and glucose checked and get answers to many of your health questions by Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger, RN, BSN, 10 to 11 a.m. Aug. 14 and Aug. 28.

#### Massage

Jodi Kaufman, licensed massage therapist and certified in geriatric massage, offers one-hour massages the first Tuesday of every month. \$65 per visit.

#### Footcare

Certified Foot Care Specialist Piper Sagan, RN, will assess overall foot health, clip/file nails, file calluses and recommend shoe wear and cushioning as needed and finish with a massage using healing essential oils to promote foot health on Aug. 7. \$50 per visit. Call Stephanie at 323-0420, ext 501 to schedule.

#### Skincare

Diane Neill, licensed esthetician offers facials and waxing services on Aug. 16. Choose between a Signature Facial, a Microdermabrasion Facial, LED Light Therapy, or waxing services. Prices vary by service.

#### Lunch with a police officer

Officers from the Belchertown Police Department join everyone for lunch the second Thursday of every month. Call Kim 323-0420, ext. 508 to sign up.

#### Healthy Bones & Balance

Increase your strength, mobility, flexibility and balance! Classes are offered at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for a suggested donation of just 50 cents per class. No need to pre-register.

Also, Yoga Classes are 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 11:15 a.m. Mondays and Fridays.

#### Interested in playing Bridge?

The group that meets at 10 a.m. every Monday is in need of players. Call Stephanie if you're interested.

#### Grief/Loss Support

Liane Smola will be at the center at 12:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month to help those who have suffered a loss and feel they need some help working through difficult emotions. Liane can help with your grief journey. Call Stephanie for more information and to register, but walk-ins are also welcome.

#### Aging Nutrition Program

The Senior Center Nutrition Department offers both congregate and home delivered meals Monday through Friday. All meals are home cooked and prepared daily in the center's kitchen. Meals are balanced and nutritious, served with dessert and choice of juice/coffee/tea or milk.

There is no fee for these services, but there is a suggested, voluntary, confidential donation of \$2.50 for adults age 60 and over. Guests under 60 are required to pay \$5

#### Congregate Meals

In-person dining is offered at 11:30 a.m. Monday to Friday. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance by calling Kim at 323-0420, ext. 508.

#### Home Delivered Meals

Meals are delivered between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to those clients who are eligible. Supper and weekend meals are also available. Eligibility is based on individual circumstances, and can be available on a short or long term basis. To inquire about eligibility,

contact Laura at 323-0420, ext. 507

#### Lunch menus:

Aug. 3 Chicken Dijon  
Aug. 4 Fish w/Crumb Top Chocolate Chip Cookie (to celebrate National Cookie Month)  
Aug. 7 Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Aug. 8 Lasagna  
Aug. 9 Pork Roast/Gravy  
Aug. 10 Hot Dog  
Aug. 11 Alaskan Pollock  
Aug. 14 Penne w/Meat sauce  
Aug. 15 Ham  
Aug. 16 Tuna/Potato/3 Bean Salad  
Aug. 17 Chicken Marsala  
Aug. 18 Pork Chop Peach Cobbler (to celebrate National Peach Month)  
Aug. 21 Mac & Cheese  
Aug. 22 Chicken Ala King  
Aug. 23 Beef Stroganoff  
Aug. 24 Stuffed Shells  
Aug. 25 Potato Pollock Fish  
Aug. 28 Garlic Chicken  
Aug. 29 Broccoli Quiche  
Aug. 30 Roast Beef/gravy  
Aug. 31 Ravioli

#### Grief/Loss Support by GuidanceByLi

#### The first Wednesday of every month.

If you've suffered a loss and feel that you need some help working through difficult emotions, join Liane for help with your grief journey. Call Stephanie for more information and to register, but walk-ins are also welcome! 323-0420 ext. 501

#### Rainbow Coffee Hour 10 a.m., second Wednesday of every month

Join Join Elaine, the LGBTQIA+ community and allies to meet new friends and share ideas.

#### DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

##### Monday

9:30 a.m. Yoga  
10 a.m. Bridge  
11:15 a.m. Yoga  
Noon Hand, Foot & Elbow, Card Game  
12:30 Ukulele

##### Tuesday

9 a.m. Open Craft Time  
9 a.m. Sit 'n Stitch  
10 a.m. Cribbage  
10 a.m. Healthy Bones and Balance  
12:30 p.m. Bingo  
3 p.m. Tai Chi-ZOOM\*

##### Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Yoga  
10:30 a.m. Eddie C music  
12:30 p.m. Mah jongg  
12:30 p.m. Canasta

##### Thursday

10 a.m. Healthy Bones and Balance  
10 a.m. Pitch  
10 a.m. Zendoodle  
12:30 p.m. Bingo

##### Friday

9 a.m. Open Craft Time  
9 a.m. Sit 'n Stitch  
9:30 a.m. Yoga  
10 a.m. Wii Bowling  
11:15 a.m. Yoga  
3 p.m. Tai Chi-ZOOM\*

\*Zoom=Activity will be held virtually. Email SFraleigh@belchertown.org for a link.

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**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 5 through July 11. 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 343 calls police responded to, there were 17 incidents, three accidents, four arrests/summons and 18 citations.*

**ARRESTS/SUMMONS**

**Sunday, July 9**

4:41 p.m. – Nathan Davis 19, 210 Granby Road, Belchertown was arrested on charges with person under 21 in possession of alcohol. An officer responded to a North Main Street business for a report of loitering. There was a vehicle parked with two to three people drinking and littering. Upon the officer's arrival, one of the people went into a restricted area near a dumpster. The person had alcohol on them. They were identified and were under 21. The person also administered a town bylaw violation for having an open container of marijuana in the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

7 p.m. – Thomas McRae, 68, of 10 Country Lane Belchertown, charged with operating under the influence of liquor and operating with a suspended license. An officer responded to Main Street for a report of an erratic operator. The officer got the plate number from a resident, and it came back that the person's license was suspended for operating under the influence. The officer saw the vehicle going down Metacomet Street and down to Country Lane. The officer activated their lights. The person was identified and wasn't wearing any shoes. A field sobri-

ety test was given. Based on the officer's observations, the suspect was placed under arrest and then the vehicle was towed. Passengers were given ride back to their residence.

**Tuesday, July 11**

9:27 p.m. – Sandra Foster, 75, of 29 Ledgewood Drive, Belchertown arrested for operating under the influence and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. An officer responded to a North Main Street business for a report of a car that had backed into another while in the parking lot. A person was possibly intoxicated, and a plate number was provided. Another officer was in the area went towards the location. The officer saw the vehicle travelling toward them on Turkey Hill Road. They confirmed the plate and pulled over the vehicle. A field sobriety test was given and the vehicle was towed from the scene. Massachusetts State Police responded to assist with booking.

10:51 p.m. – Thomas McRae, 68, of 10 Country Lane, Belchertown, was arrested on a probation warrant. The suspect was booked at the station and then transported to the regional lock up for holding.

**ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS**

**Wednesday, July 5**

12:05 a.m. – An officer spoke to a person about a juvenile issue and curfew issues with their child.

12:30 p.m. – An officer emptied the drug take back box into property.

2:52 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle traveling north on State Street ran off the roadway, striking a curb and a sign. The vehicle came to rest in a parking lot.

6:45 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics with someone found on the ground who had collapsed and was confused.

**Thursday, July 6**

1:50 p.m. – An officer responded to a Dana Hill Road residence for a report of lawn damaged by a vehicle. The officer observed the damage on scene including tire marks. There was footage of the incident. The matter is under investigation.

3:02 p.m. – An officer responded to Liberty Street for a report of stolen trash barrels. Five trash containers were in the driveway adjacent to the house. When the resident returned, they found that the trash barrels weren't there. They contacted the waste disposal company who said there's no reason they would have it. The barrels were valued at \$100 each.

**Friday, July 7**

6:33 a.m. – The department got calls from a Mountain View Drive resident where one vehicle was stolen and the other was broken into. One had a side window that was smashed.

6:43 a.m. – An officer responded to a Maple Crest Drive call for a report of a stolen vehicle. While on the way to the call, the officer saw a vehicle on the side of the road with the driver's window open and items strewn about. The one that officer passed on their way there was the stolen vehicle in question.

7:07 a.m. – An officer responded to a Turkey Hill Road business for a report of stolen property from the location. Several items from the front of the store were taken.

7:18 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a broken into vehicle on North Washington Street. The resident reported they went outside and noticed the front door was slightly open and they were unsure if they locked it or not. Items were rummaged through, and money was stolen from the center console. The matter is under investigation.

6:09 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Daniel Shay Highway. In a 60 mph zone on Daniel Shay's, they attempted

to accelerate, and spun out of control into a ditch then hit a curve-ahead sign. The sign was pulled from its footing. No injuries and no tows.

10:10 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics for a mental health call.

**Sunday, July 9**

9:43 a.m. – A person came to the station to report an incident of unemployment fraud. They got a letter from the state stating they filed for unemployment. They said they did not. They were already in touch with their bank and the credit bureau.

**Monday, July 10**

12:19 p.m. – Belchertown Communication Center numerous calls for well-involved fire. The callers said there was a large volume of smoke on the way there. There were concerns about someone inside of the residence. The officers worked in collaboration with the Belchertown Fire Department and others for mutual aid.

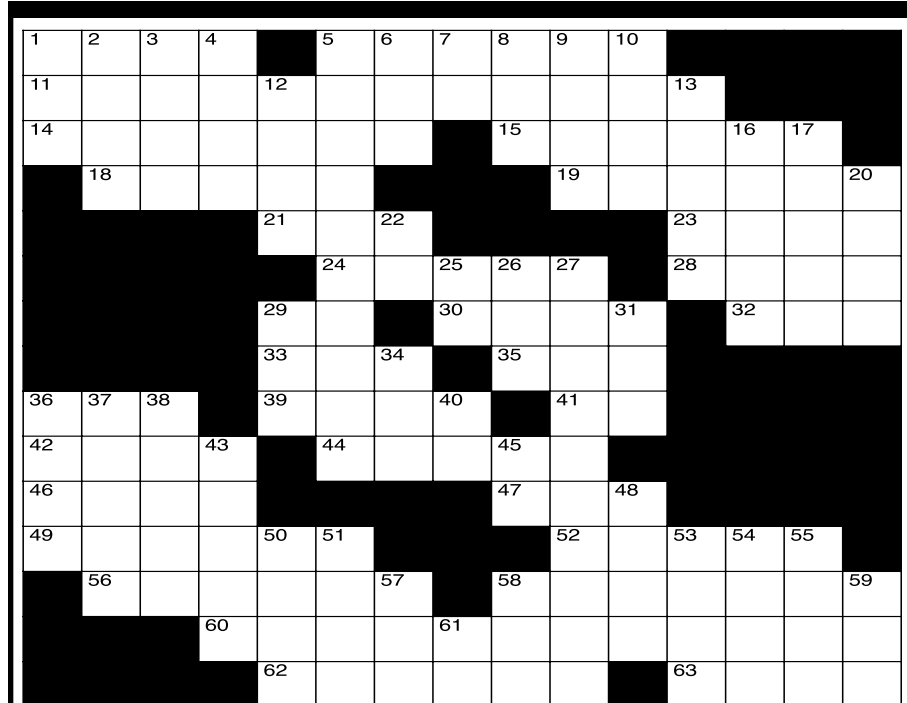
1:39 p.m. – An officer responded to a State Street business to speak with an employee about a hit-and-run at the business. A truck with a trailer was seen in the back lot struggling to go through the turn, and swiped the front bumper of another vehicle, leaving a scrape. The officer spoke to the operator who said they didn't realize they hit a car. The owner of the company was contacted. The officer reported there was very limited impact. The operator and the owner will work things out between the two of them.

**Tuesday, July 11**

5:24 p.m. – An officer did a wellbeing check on a person threatening to harm themselves.

9:33 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Bay Road. The operator of the

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Commoner
  - 5. Tea leaf
  - 11. They save you a table
  - 14. Submissions
  - 15. Secretly revealed
  - 18. Personification of the sea (Norse)
  - 19. Unreal
  - 21. No seats available
  - 23. Bangladeshi currency
  - 24. Leaders
  - 28. Famed garden
  - 29. Denotes past
  - 30. Not living
  - 32. Midway between south and southeast
  - 33. Small island (British)
  - 35. Woman (French)
  - 36. Wife
  - 37. Two-toed sloth
  - 41. Blood group
  - 42. Soaks
  - 44. Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
  - 46. Japanese prefecture
  - 47. Place to be during a rock concert
  - 49. Fully grown humans
  - 52. Emaciation
  - 56. Sparkling
  - 58. Fruits you peel
  - 60. Derived from a noun
  - 62. Popular items to grill
  - 63. Port in Yemen
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Before
  - 2. Actress Dunham
  - 3. This (Spanish)
  - 4. Director Peter
  - 5. Dominant
  - 6. English artists' society (abbr.)
  - 7. NY Giants legend
  - 8. It's in the ground
  - 9. No No No
  - 10. Pesky insect
  - 12. Danish-American muckraking journalist
  - 13. Kids love to do it
  - 16. Good Gosh!
  - 17. Fakes
  - 20. A citizen of Denmark
  - 22. Mystic syllable
  - 25. Commercial
  - 26. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
  - 27. Helpers
  - 29. Water (French)
  - 31. Young woman
  - 34. Red-brown sea bream
  - 36. Messenger ribonucleic acid
  - 37. Comprehends
  - 38. Walk with confidence
  - 40. Home of the Flyers
  - 43. Appetizer
  - 45. News organization
  - 48. Source of the Nile
  - 50. A way to march
  - 51. Soluble ribonucleic acid
  - 53. Egyptian bull-god
  - 54. Children's author Blyton
  - 55. Baseball pitching stat
  - 57. Rude young person
  - 58. Table napkin
  - 59. Monetary unit in Asia
  - 61. One-time AL MVP Vaughn

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Some folks also have good luck trapping slugs in watermelon or cantaloupe rinds placed about the garden. Dispose of the slug filled fruit into the trash each morning without an ounce of slime on your fingers! Barrier methods are also used to keep slugs off of your plants. The most common is diatomaceous earth, a sharp substance formed from the skeletons of microscopic organisms called diatoms. Slugs avoid it, less they be cut to shreds. My mom had reasonable success using lime, and I have heard the same regarding

wood ashes. The most common recommendation is a two inch strip around the plants you want to be spared. Slugs also reportedly hate crossing over copper. Line the perimeter of your garden with copper strips, or just target specific plants that slugs seem to go for. *Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

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for food stamps; and makes other changes designed to appeal to either Republicans or Democrats. As The New York Times' Catie Edmondson wrote after it passed, "The compromise was structured with the aim of enticing votes from both parties. It allowed Republicans...to say that they succeeded in reducing some federal spending – even as funding for the military and veterans' programs would continue to grow – while allowing Democrats to say they spared most domestic programs from the severe cuts." This allowed both McCarthy and President Joe Biden – and their parties – to claim victory. In a set of negotiations like this, that's actually what you're aiming for: the ability for everyone to walk away saying, "This is what I've done for you." It's a classic illustration of how democracy works, especially when political leaders are content to share credit. In an analysis after the bill passed, longtime Times Washington correspondent Peter Baker noted, "The president's approach to the negotiations – and especially their aftermath – reflects a half-century of bargaining

in Washington. When someone has been around the track as long as Mr. Biden has, resisting the temptation to spike the ball and claim victory can be critical to actually securing the victory in the first place." The recent floor rebellion by some disgruntled members of McCarthy's caucus is a reminder that none of this is easy. But the overwhelming majority by which the debt ceiling compromise passed in both houses is also a reminder that, when the chips are down, many members can remember a key fact about life on Capitol Hill: You have to be flexible and work with what you can patch together when you're trying to lead the country. That's what our system offers – the chance for political leaders to do their jobs and make democracy work. *Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.*

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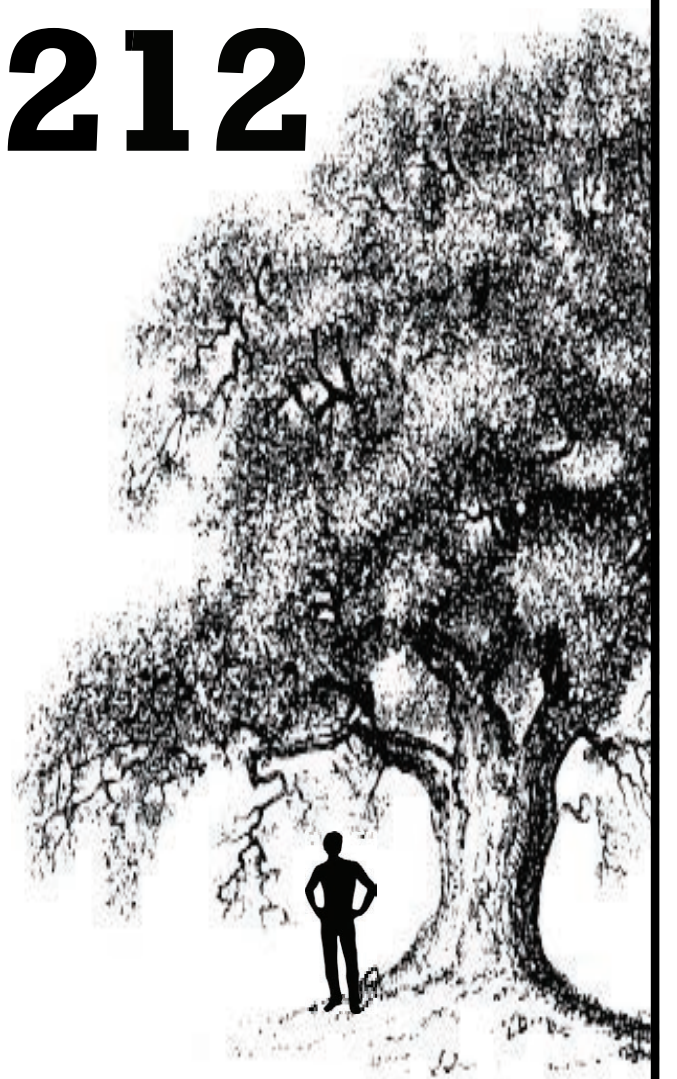
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# Shark week at the Granby Free Public Library



Finn the shark.



More shark themed fun.

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GRANBY – Shark sighting reported at Granby Free Public Library.

Shark week came early this year to the GFPL: from July 11-18 the library has offered a number of exciting shark-themed activities. You may have noticed the GFPL's very own great white shark friend, who is proudly displayed on the wall as he should be.

Believe it or not, his talented creator, Jean Crosby, cataloger and shark master, took only three days to knit him. She needed help coming up with the perfect name for him, so the library held a vote asking members of the community for recommendations.

After tallying up the votes, from that day forth he has been known as "Finn." Crosby explained, "I made him for shark week because I'm an avid shark lover.

We try to spread knowledge about sharks by doing things like shark trivia that anyone can take part in. If you participate, you'll earn a raffle ticket for our "Crazy for Sharks" basket that will be drawn at the end of the month."

The quality and quantity of shark-themed merchandise available at the library is genuinely impressive. Crosby and her

knitting group made shark-cup cozies, while Jeanne French and Jane LaBorde knitted shark ice-pop holders.

Crosby added, "I'm very against the term shark attack. First of all we're in their water. They aren't trying to attack people; they're just looking for food to survive. Sharks are misunderstood animals.

"My favorite is the great white but goblin sharks are really cool too." As for book recommendations she said, "I recommend 'Jaws' even though I don't totally agree with it. The writer actually said that if he knew the stir it would have caused, he never would have written the book in the first place even though he sold over 10 million copies. He actually spent years trying to undo misinformation caused by the book and movie."

After the release of "Jaws," sharks were vilified and depicted as horrible monsters of the sea, which just isn't accurate. Shark week at the GFPL is the perfect chance for shark fans and those who are shark averse to educate themselves about these beautiful and fascinating creatures.

Sharks are powerful and should be treated with caution just like any other wild animal, but they aren't malicious or evil. The library has a number of great



Shark cozies

shark books and movies available and on display near the front desk for anyone interested.

Youth Services Librarian Janice McArdle has gone above and beyond as usual. She has organized a number of activities including a scavenger hunt in which children are asked to help Finn find his five missing friends who are hidden throughout the library.

She has also been giving out real shark teeth and shark stickers to kids who are interested. McArdle added "Shark week is fun for all ages. It's good to bring awareness to people in a fun way towards animals they are afraid of."

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G.E. with student musicians from BHS.



Students perform as part of the G.E. Smith event.

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Smith gave a down-to-earth crash course on the history of the guitar. He made it clear to the audience that they could feel free to chime in with comments and questions, which attendees seemed to enjoy.

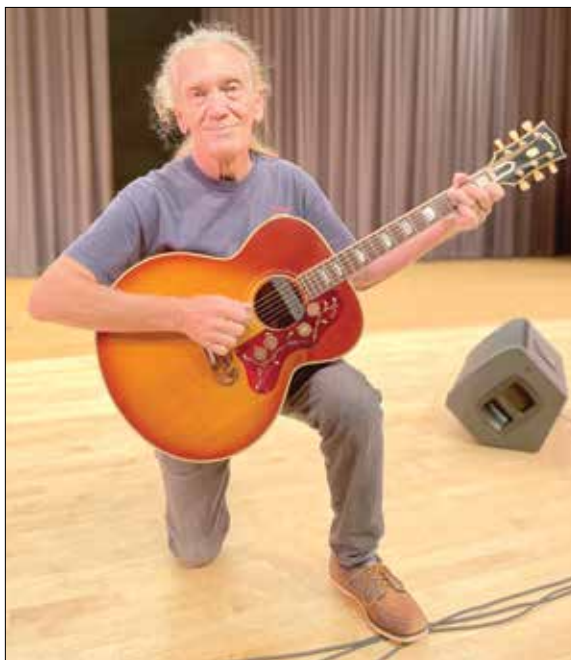
He explained, "I started playing guitar when I was just a kid. I was in the basement one day while my mom did laundry and said what's that? She said a guitar. I said can I have it? She said yeah, I've just always been obsessed with guitars. Even after 60ish years I'm still excited to play."

Funny enough, that guitar belonged to his great-uncle George, whom he was named after. Smith said, "Great uncle George was a cranky old man, but he actually liked me, he influenced me a lot back then. He taught me to look closely at how things are made, especially guitars."

Smith added, "I was born in 1952, the perfect time to become a guitarist. I went to Woodstock and everything. I knew I had to go to New York City to pursue my dreams, but George Smith was too chicken, so I had to make up with this guy called G.E. Smith who was brave enough to go."

"I was really lucky. I would be somewhere and meet somebody and that would lead me to my next job."

Once Smith moved to the city he found a cheap apartment with a roommate, in the neighborhood of Tribeca, which is now a million-dollar neighborhood. He explained, "I paid \$40 a month. The water was cold.



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G.E. Smith striking a pose with his maplewood guitar.

We had heat...kind of...when it would seep through the wall from another apartment. I loved it though because there were so many talented musicians in the area."

From there Smith got lucky, he met the right people and passed the vibe check, so they introduced him to big names including Pink Floyd. When asked how many guitars he owned, he joked, "You're not secretly friends with my wife right? Back before I was married, I had four Cadillacs and 700 guitars."

From there Smith explained how guitars evolved from gourds with a piece of animal intestine stretched over it into an instrument called the oud, which made its way all over the world and took on many forms



Music educators, from left: Geoff Gould (Swift River Elementary School music teacher), Josh Guerraz (BHS choir director), G.E. Smith (legendary guitarist), Corrina Smith (Jabish Brook Middle School band director).

until one of them became a guitar.

After answering everyone's questions, it was time for Smith to wrap his class up and head out. Attendee, John Ciampa, who attended the presentation with his family,

said "I thought this was just amazing. All of the historic information that he knew, in addition to all of his life stories, this was just so cool."

## Digital photo help for St. Francis directory offered

BELCHERTOWN — An integral part of the upcoming Saint Francis of Assisi Centennial Celebration will be the publication of "The Centennial Parish Directory 2023."

The Centennial Team is currently collating parishioner items to include in this publication and requests that the parishioners help

to bring the new edition to fruition. Unlike previous directories, there is no photographer to schedule sitting times. This new version joins the modern technology age as it requires parishioners of St. Francis Church to submit their own digital picture.

However, since there is no por-

trait package to purchase, there is a \$35 cost to purchase the completed directory.

The goal of having a minimum of 200 families participating is close to being met. In a final effort to reach this objective, the Saint Francis Centennial Directory Team announces that team members will

be available to assist parishioners with picture taking and completing order forms following all Masses at St. Francis Church on Jabish Street, the weekend of July 22-23.

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K-9 Knox demonstrates how to apprehend a suspect.



Family and friends of State Police troopers enjoyed lunch in the shade.

# Community Day highlighted State Police's specialty units

NEW BRAintree – The State Police Academy hosted what is hoped to become an annual event last Wednesday, with the first ever Community Day.

On July 12, people had the opportunity to get an up close and personal look at the State Police's specialty units and the equipment they use, as well as meet with various Troopers as well as recruits attending the Academy.

Farmer Matt along with the Academy's commissary, Eurest, provided free food to the hundreds of people who attended Community Day.

The Mounted Unit was there with horses, as well as the K-9 unit with a variety of dogs to demonstrate their skills.

Remy, an almost 7-year-old black Labrador Retriever, is an accelerant detecting K-9 with the Fire and Explosive Investigation Unit, assigned to the State Fire Marshal, along with her handler, Trooper Dan Riopel.

Riopel said Remy has a high work drive, and is food driven.

Remy has been in training since she was eight weeks old, raised by an inmate through the "Puppies Behind Bars" program.

She attended about six or seven fire scenes last month, searching for the use of an accelerant, which is about average, Riopel said. He added that the pair travels all around the country as Remy is a federal K-9.

Remy is one of 10 accelerant-detecting K-9s in the state.

"She's a regular dog at home," Riopel said.

K-9 Scout was also raised through the "Puppies Behind Bars" program and is trained in explosives detection, assigned to the Bomb Squad.

Scout, a yellow Labrador Retriever celebrated his 5th birthday in December and lives with Trooper John Ragosa and his other dogs.

Please see **COMMUNITY DAY**, page 13




Members of the State Police's Mounted Unit were at the State Police Academy.



K-9 Remy relaxes during the recent Community Day.



The State Police had many vehicles displayed at Community Day, including this breast cancer awareness cruiser, dedicated to the memory of Trooper Tamar Bucci.



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Mitchell Avellino, age 2 of Leicester, checks out "Roscoe" the State Police Bomb Squad's robotic dog.



Trooper John Ragosa and K-9 Scout play a game of hide and seek.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE  
K-9 Knox prepares to take down the suspect.



K-9 Knox has secured the suspect.



Hardwick Fire Department, West Brookfield Rescue Squad and the Hardwick-New Braintree Police Department also participated in the State Police Academy's Community Day.

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While Scout is skilled in his ability to detect explosives, he's also a hide and seek pro, as demonstrated at Community Day, when he quickly hid behind Ragosa when the Trooper covered his eyes.

Other K-9s can be trained to detect cadavers, find lost people or apprehend suspects.

K-9 Knox has received over 580 hours of training and originates from the Czech Republic, while K-9 Barry has received close to 1,000 hours and comes from Holland.

Central and western Europe are the breed-

ing grounds of some of the top U.S. K-9 breeds, including the Belgian Malinois; a breed that trails closely behind the German Shepherd in K-9 use.

Trooper Nick D'Angelo said for K-9s like Barry and Knox, all of their "fun" is had on the job, and their home life is very calm, maybe even boring at times.

Community Day also offered people the chance to meet with their local law enforcement, as well as first responders, including the Hardwick-New Braintree Police Department, Hardwick Fire Department and West Brookfield Rescue Squad.

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# Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary awards \$3,500 in scholarships

**PALMER** — The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary recently presented \$3,500 in scholarships to area high school students pursuing careers in healthcare.

“Each year the scholarships are financed by the hard work and dedicated fundraising efforts of its members,” a news release states.

The Auxiliary awarded scholarships to seniors graduating from Belchertown, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder, Minnechaug and Ware High schools who are pursuing higher education in the healthcare field.

According to the release, students were chosen based on their academic excellence, volunteer efforts and related community service, work experience, and dedication to their goals. A committee reviewed the applications of area students in April to select the students who this year will each receive a \$500 scholarship.

The 2023 scholarship award recipients are:

Madeline Jaszek from Belchertown High School

Kaylee Lyman from Ludlow High School  
Nikolas Supczak from Minnechaug

Regional High School

Maggie Ronaldson from Monson High School

Colton Santarelli from Palmer High School

Morgan Austin from Pathfinder Regional High School

Callie Orszulak from Ware High School

“Our Auxilians work hard each year to raise funds for scholarships because it is very important to them to support our future healthcare professionals,” said Ursula St. Amand, chair of the scholarship committee.

“We are extremely proud of these students and grateful to the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary members for their continued dedication to our hospital and our communities.”

For over 75 years, the Auxiliary has been actively supporting Baystate Wing Hospital through its sponsorship of special events and management of the gift shop. This diverse group of women and men includes teachers, nurses, business owners and both young and retirees who live in many different communities and are united by a shared commitment to support the mission of the hospital.

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LPAIA Associates Principal Christina Bazalmans, the architect firm, said the purpose of the preliminary design program is to “look at what the needs of the building are to bring it up to the 21st century learning as well as meeting your education plan.”

Belchertown Public Schools Superintendent Brian Cameron said with the support of the School Committee, the steering committee and the building committee for the middle school, the proposal will include the middle school enrollment to be for grades six through eight for a couple reasons.

“We felt that sixth grade developmentally should be at the middle school. This would also allow sixth graders to be exposed to STEM, which is science, technology, engineering and math. We would have a true Middle School,” he said. “The other would be pre-kindergarten. Students who went to kindergarten, they go to one school and then they have to transition to another school. If they started at Swift River (Elementary School), there’d be at Swift River for three, possibly four or five years, if they were in preschool, too. So that would allow students not to have to attend one school at Cold Springs and then leave.”

This plan would also allow the dis-

trict to no longer need Cold Springs Elementary School.

The plan includes the fact the middle school would be expected to serve the community for at least 50 years.

The team is required to look at a base repair option which is a benchmark, reuse of the building and new construction options.

During the presentation, Principal Architect Eric Moore, stated that the project is likely less expensive than a baseline repair to address the needs of the district. “It’s a status quo, fix what’s broken,” he said. “You’re not meting your education plan with the base repair plan. You’re not getting the teacher spaces; you’re getting the special education spaces. The MSBA will likely not participate in the base repair program.”

The team reviewed several options for the different types of projects – including renovation and a new building. These options were presented to the group, but there were no recommendations from the team.

Of the eight options presented, the cost ranged from \$65 million to \$118 million.

The building committee was set to vote on the three options to pursuit in the next phase. Then the whole PDP is going to be submitted to the MSBA this month. Narrowing down to one option won’t occur until around October.

**POLICE LOG** from page 8

first motor vehicle stated they went around a vehicle that had its hazard lights on and appeared to be pulling over to the side of the road. As the first vehicle was going around the second, the second came back into traffic and attempted to run the first vehicle off the roadway. The first vehicle sped up to get in front of the second and they made side by side contact for about 45 seconds. The second vehicle lost speed while going up the road. The operator of the second vehicle said they were being tailgated and the first vehicle came into their lane, causing the accident. No one was transported from the scene and no tows were necessary.

## Granby Police Log

*Editor’s Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 207 calls for the week of July 7 through July 13. Those*

*arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.*

**Friday, July 7**

11:11 a.m. – A motorist reported a single vehicle rollover accident with possible entrapment. Granby Police and Fire responded. The operator was assisted out of the vehicle by police and fire personal. The operator sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to the hospital. Responding officers completed an accident report.

**Saturday, July 8**

9:06 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 65MPH in 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and it was discovered that the registration was revoked for insurance. The operator was issued a criminal citation for speeding, operating a

motor vehicle with a revoked registration and no insurance.

10:11 a.m. – A resident reported a single vehicle accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. A vehicle struck a guardrail. There were no injuries and responding officers completed an accident report.

**Sunday, July 9**

2:13 p.m. – A resident reported that a black sedan just struck two mailboxes on West Street and left the area. The vehicle and operator were identified, and an accident report was completed. There were no injuries.

9:54 p.m. – A resident reported that they were the victim of a phone scam earlier today. An incident report was completed.

**Monday, July 10**

9:43 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 50 mph in 30 mph zone. The vehicle was stopped and

the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

4:05 p.m. – A resident came to the station to report that they were the victim of fraud. An incident report was completed.

**Wednesday, July 12**

5:13 a.m. – A resident reported that two motorcycles were stolen from his shed sometime last night. An incident report was completed.

11:08 a.m. – Cory Menard, 30, of Granby, was placed under arrest due to having an active arrest warrant.

**Thursday, July 14**

2:28 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries and responding officers completed an accident report.



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Maddie Decosta tries to get around an opponent.

Logan Moses sends a free kick away.

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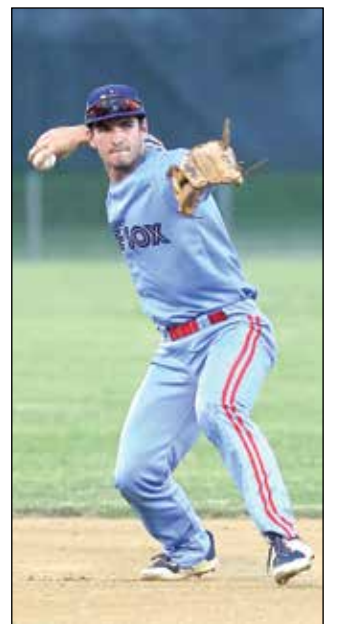
## Blue Sox doubled up by Westerners

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury Westerners by a score of 10-5 last Saturday. The team fell to 16-15-1 on the season.

Sean Scanlon started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching five shutout innings with four strikeouts.

Valley led the game for the first five innings. Eliot Dix leadoff the game with a solo home run, followed by an RBI groundout by Efrain Correa Jr. in the top of the second. Michael Zarrillo added a solo home run in the top of the sixth inning to make it 3-0. Zarrillo batted 2-for-3 on the night with a walk.

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Jeff Pierantoni winds up for a long throw.

## Enfield takes out Belchertown

BELCHERTOWN – Last week, Belchertown girls summer soccer suffered a 5-0 loss to Enfield. The Orioles

are in a tough spot heading into the final two weeks of the season, having just a 1-5-1 record in A Division action.



Avery Cooper passes through an opposing player.

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Alexis Conoa plays the ball off his knee.

## Mutiny makes playoffs following tie with Rush

BY TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The New England Mutiny managed to qualify for the United Women's Soccer (UWS) playoffs for the second consecutive year.

The Mutiny officially clinched a berth in this year's East Conference playoffs following a 2-2 draw against the Connecticut Rush at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow on July 8.

However, it wasn't the result that the Mutiny players or coaches were really looking for in the regular season home finale.

"You don't always get the result that you're looking for in the game of soccer," said Mutiny assistant coach Jill Kochanek.

"We tried a slightly different formation with the personal that we had for tonight's match."

First-year Mutiny head coach Maurico 'Toto' Coimbra was unavailable for comment following the home match.

The Mutiny, who finished the regular season with a 4-2-2 overall record, entered the playoffs as the sixth seed. They were scheduled to make to Lancaster for a quarterfinal match on Wednesday July 12.

"We come into every season expecting to make the playoffs. That's our number one goal," said Meghan Cunningham, who has been playing for the Mutiny for more than ten years. "It's disap-

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Laura Gauvin gets past an opponent.

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Hope Santaniello maneuvers through the middle of the field.

SPORTS

# Bonsignore wins photo finish at New Hampshire

LOUDON, N.H. – Justin Bonsignore scored his second win of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Saturday evening at New Hampshire Motor Speedway – and did it in a photo finish coming to the line. The driver of the No. 51 for Ken Massa Motorsports machine was out front when rain hit the track with just under 35 laps to go and the field pulled down pit road.

It looked as though it might be over – but the rain stopped – NASCAR and track officials dried the track – and the Mohegan Sun 100 went back under the green flag. Bonsignore pitted during the caution and had to restart outside the top-10. He charged through the field and was in position to race for the lead in the final few laps in the Phoenix Communications ride.

Bonsignore passed Doug Coby to take the lead when the field crossed at the white flag. Off turn two on the final lap, Coby went to the outside of Bonsignore for the lead with Ron Silk looking three-wide to the bottom. Bonsignore

led through the middle of turn three before Coby crossed to the bottom and got inside coming off turn four to the finish line.

Bonsignore and Coby dragged to the line and made a little bit of contact, with Bonsignore coming out on top by a small margin. It was the 37th career win for the Holtsville, New York, native and his second points-paying win at New Hampshire.

“It was just crazy,” Bonsignore said. “The way we were able to drag-race back to the line and beat Doug, it was amazing. This is our Super Bowl, our Daytona 500. There’s nothing like racing a Modified here. I’m glad we got the race back going and the fans stuck it out. Coby, Silk and I have a good rivalry but there’s a ton of respect involved. I knew where I wanted to be on the last lap.”

Bonsignore will be back on the track at Claremont Motorsports Park for the next NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event on Saturday, July 29. For more information on the three-time series champion, visit JustinBonsignore.com.



Justin Bonsignore was a winner at New Hampshire Motor Speedway last weekend.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Bankers in great shape heading for playoffs

BYTIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE— PeoplesBank has been one of the best baseball teams in the Tri-County League during the past few decades.

PeoplesBank has won the last nine TCL championship titles and a total of 18 since 1995. They entered the final week of the 2023 regular season with a 15-1 record.

“We were the second seed in last year’s playoffs, which I believe was only the second time that we weren’t the top seeded team during the past nine years,” said Joe Ferry, who has been the PeoplesBank player/ manager since 2019. “We finished the regular season with the same record as Easthampton Savings Bank, but they won the tiebreaker against us.”

PeoplesBank wound up defeating Easthampton Savings Bank in last year’s finals.

Because Easthampton Savings Bank is no longer a member of the TCL, the Chicopee Falls Tigers will probably be PeoplesBank biggest challenge in this year’s playoffs.

“We’re looking forward to playing any team in the playoffs,” Ferry said. “All of the teams are gunning for us. We do have a big target on our backs, but we know how to deal with the pressure.”

St. Joe’s celebrated a 3-1 home win over PeoplesBank on June 6.

“We haven’t lost a game since St. Joe’s beat us in the second game of the season,”

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pointing that we’re not a higher seed this year.”

The conference semifinals and finals are scheduled to be held at a site to be announced this weekend.

Following a 3-0 road win against the Scorpions SC on June 12, the Mutiny had a 3-0-1 record.

Their leading goal scorer at that point of the regular season was Catherine Berry, who headed back to University of South Carolina to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season.

Had Berry been able to play in every regular season match, the Mutiny, who posted a 1-2-1 mark during the second half of the regular season, would’ve probably been hosting a playoff match for the second consecutive year.

A year ago, the Mutiny lost to FC Buffalo, 2-1, in the East Conference semifinals at Lusitano Stadium.

“Having to play a midweek playoff game on the road is always a very difficult thing to do,” Cunningham said. “Hopefully, we can get a good group of players for our playoff game. It has been a lot of fun being a member of this soccer team and I’m hoping to come back again next year.”

The start of last Saturday’s match was delayed for an hour due to lightning.

Once the weather did clear up, the Mutiny took a 1-0 lead during the second minute of the opening half.

Jenna Kalwa, who’s the head coach of the University of Saint Joseph women’s soccer team, began the scoring play by sending a pass to Catherine Bean in the middle of the box. Bean finished off the play by blasting a shot into the upper left corner past Rush goalie Alessandra Augur.

Bean, who’s from Westfield, will be a junior on the Bryant University women’s soccer team in the fall.

She gave the Mutiny a 2-0 advantage by converting a rebound



Laci Lewis gets ready to clear the ball.



Catherine Bean tries to corral the ball.

goal during the 23rd minute.

The Mutiny other local players, who saw action in the regular season finale, were Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Brooke Samborski (Chicopee), and Alexis Legowski (South Hadley). Julia Robak (Chicopee) was the back-up goalkeeper.

The Rush (1-6-1) cut the deficit in half a couple of minutes later following Ellery Winkler’s first goal of the contest.

A little more than five minutes into the second half, the Mutiny had another scoring chance on a header in the box by Rachel Marchini following a corner kick, but it just sailed wide.

The Mutiny managed to hold onto the one goal lead until the 74th minute when Winkler fired a low shot into the right corner of the net past Kopac tying the score at 2-2.

Marchini missed another header and the Mutiny had to settle for the draw.



Meghan Cunningham looks to make a decision with the ball.

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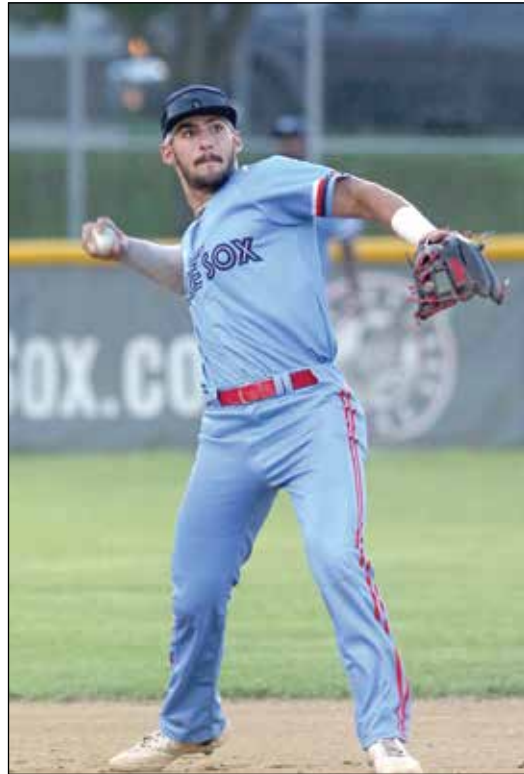
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Jonathan Bautista pitches for the Blue Sox.



Michael Zarrillo gets the out at first.

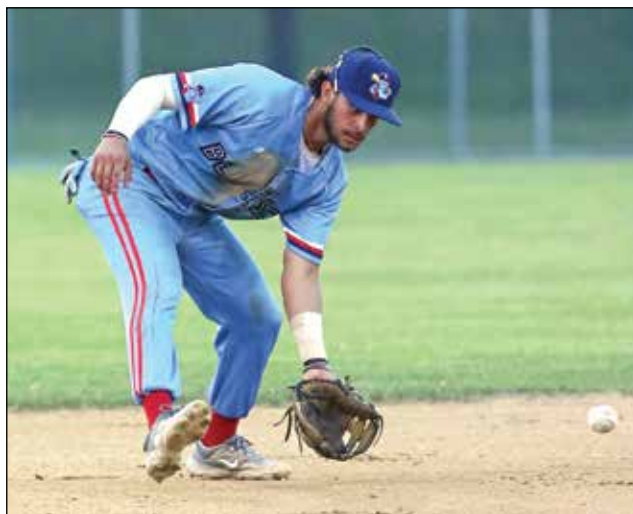
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The trouble began in the bottom of the sixth inning, when the Blue Sox gave up seven runs off of back-to-back home runs followed by a fielding error and a sacrifice fly to allow the Westerners to take the lead 7-3.

AJ Guerrero hit a solo home run in the top of the seventh to cut the Danbury lead to three runs. The left fielder went 3-for-5 on the night.

Danbury added three more runs off in the bottom of the seventh following a two run home run and an RBI double, allowing the Westerners to increase their lead 10-4.

Valley would take one more run back following a solo home run from CJ Willis, making the final score 10-5.



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Matthew Garcia fields a grounder.

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Ferry said. "We won the next three games against them by the final scores of 14-1, 14-0, and 14-4."

The only other PeoplesBank managers during the past 30 years have been Jim Long, who passed away on July 12, 2017, and Fred Perry.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for Jim Long," Ferry said. "He meant a lot to this baseball team and we're trying our best to carry on the winning tradition here. We just want to have fun and win another championship title."

Most of the PeoplesBank players have been playing together for many years.

"We do have a very good team chemistry," Ferry added. "We also have a lot of other guys who can fill in. We're always looking to add new players every year."

PeoplesBank will enter this year's TCL playoffs as the top seed. They clinched first place following a 10-0 home victory against 413 ATC on July 11. Jimmy Flahive hurled a sixth inning no-hitter in that contest.

The other members of the PeoplesBank pitching staff are Johnny Gegetskas, Matt Gardner, Zach Handzal, and Danny Gaines, who's from Holyoke.

"We do have a solid pitching staff," Ferry said. "We play a couple of games each week and the starting pitchers know which day they're going to pitch."

Ferry was the j.v. baseball coach at Palmer High School when Handzal was a member of the team.

"I just love playing on the same baseball team with Zach. He's a bulldog on the mound," Ferry said. "He always gives 110% effort in every game."

Several other players listed on the PeoplesBank roster are Dave Clark, Pete Hogan, Kyle Platner, Seth Allen, Sam Allen, Rey Rivera, and Aiden Consedine.

The Tri-County League playoffs are scheduled to begin on July 24. Each of the playoff series will be a best of three series.

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**SPORTS**

**Hall presenters named**

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the list of Hall of Famers scheduled to present the Class of 2023 at the Enshrinement Ceremony to be held Saturday, Aug. 12, at Symphony Hall in Springfield, Massachusetts, the "Birthplace of Basketball." 45 Hall of Famers are expected to be in attendance for the ceremony, including all presenters.

Members of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2023 were asked to select previous inductees to accompany and present them to their peers. The choice is solely the decision of the incoming Hall of Famers or their family members if recognized posthumously.

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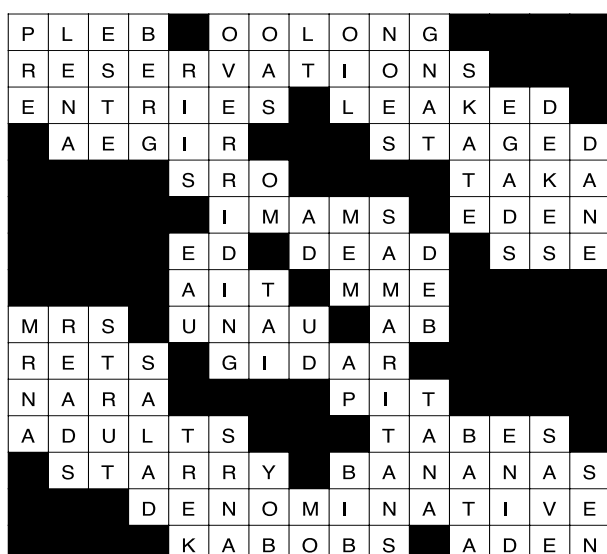
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**CAMPUS NOTES**

**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, Dylan Holubowich, Oliver Abbott, Derek Fortin, Megan Lawson and Melissa Pierce, all of Granby.

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

**Quinnipiac University**

Aryanna Mercado-Santana of Granby was named to the Dean's List for the 2023 spring semester. To qualify, students must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C.

**Boston University**

Emily Frank of Granby has been named to the Dean's list at Boston University for the 2023 spring semester.

A first-year at BU, Frank is majoring in Film and Television in the University's College of Communications and minoring in Education in the University's Wheelock College of Education and Human Development.

**University of Vermont**

Ethan Lefebvre of Amherst graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Environmental Studies.

**Western New England University**

Ashley McNamara of Belchertown has been named to the Dean's List at Western New England University for the 2023 spring semester. McNamara is working toward a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade-point average of 3.30 or higher.

The following local students recently graduated from WNEU:

James Michael Wolak of Belchertown, who graduated Cum Laude from Western New England University with a BS in Computer Science. He also graduated with a minor in Mathematical Sciences.

Sarah Ann Scott of Granby, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Western New England University with a BS in Health Sciences. She also graduated with a double minor in Chemistry and Psychology.

Lucas John James Hunter of Belchertown, who graduated from Western New England University with a BS in Neuroscience. He also graduated with a minor in Psychology.

Ashley Rose McNamara of Belchertown, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Western New England University with a BS in Pharmacy Studies.

Danielle Hamel of Granby, who graduated Cum Laude from Western New England University with a BS in Secondary Education/Biology. She also graduated with a minor in

Chemistry.

Jonathan L. Couture of Granby, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Western New England University with a BSE in Civil Engineering.

Jasmine Marie Rodrigues-Jones of Granby, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Western New England University with a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

**Holy Cross**

Maxim Caron of Belchertown was named to the Dean's List at the College of the Holy Cross for the 2023 spring semester.

To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

**Hamilton College**

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

Carter Hampson of Amherst, who is a rising senior majoring in economics, is a graduate of Deerfield Academy.

Anna Richardson of Granby, who is a rising junior majoring in government and Hispanic studies, is a graduate of Williston Northampton School.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester and earned an average GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

**Foundation awards Girl Scouts of Central and Western Mass**

REGION — Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts recently announces it has received a three-year, \$165,000 grant from the Women's Foundation of Boston.

According to a press release, the grant will fund the expansion of the "It's a Girls World" community based program that encompasses STEM, Financial Literacy, Healthy Living and Mental Health Wellness programs.

GSCWM is one of 10 nonprofits that exclusively serves women and girls awarded in WFBoston's 2023 grant cycle and one of three grantees who serve women and/or girls in Massachusetts "Gateway Cities," the release states.

"Historically as a society, we have not done enough to build women and girls' confidence in their academic, athletic, leadership, and financial abilities, all of which are priorities for the

organizations we support and help scale," said Christina Gordon, co-founder and CEO of the Women's Foundation of Boston.

"It is crucial that we continue to invest in nonprofits, especially those operating in our Gateway Cities, giving them the ability to serve thousands of women and girls in need of our support."

According to GSCWM Fund Development and Marketing Manager Jamie Mahon, "this generous grant enables us to expand what we've been doing in Worcester County and allows us to serve more girls, meeting them where they are, in communities that may experience gaps in access to resources and programming."

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts plans to bring It's a Girls World to Chicopee, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Springfield

and Westfield.

To inquire about It's a Girls World, or to join, volunteer, donate or reconnect, contact GSCWM at [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org) or visit [gscwm.org](http://gscwm.org).

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