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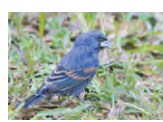
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## National NIGHT★OUT held last week

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
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BELCHERTOWN – Last week, the police department hosted its “National Night Out” event to promote police-community partnerships.

The event, which police said was an opportunity to meet community members and introduce themselves and their public safety partners, featured a Lifeflight helicopter show, a magic show, a K-9 unit demonstration, activities, vendors, giveaways, and much more.

“It was a great time, and the crowds were much larger than expected,” Belchertown Police shared. “We value and appreciate the support of our community.”

“We had a wonderful National Night Out held at the Chestnut

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## Select Board announces committee, board vacancies

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
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BELCHERTOWN – The Select Board is seeking citizens to volunteer for several town boards and committees.

In a statement on its website, the town announced that it wishes to fill the following vacancies:

**Historic District By-Law Commission:** Full-member real estate seat According to the town, the Commission has regulatory control over new construction, reconstruction, alterations, movements, and demolition of all exterior architectural features of buildings and structures within the Historic District, which are visible from any public street, public way, or public park. Deadline: Friday, August 25

**Council on Aging:** One vacancy

Members of the Council on Aging coordinate programs and services for the elderly population and oversee the Belchertown Senior Center. Deadline: Friday, August 25

**The Calvin Bridgman Library Fund:** Trustee

The Trustee vacancy is a three-year elected volunteer position “with random hours as needs arise,” according to the town. This position will be elected at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. Individual will work with two other Trustees to oversee disbursements of funds to libraries within the town of Belchertown. Deadline: May 10, 2024

**Trail Stewardship Council:** One vacancy

The vacancy will “represent landowners of the town on the Trail Stewardship Council.” Interested individuals should be knowledgeable about local land use and related issues. Additional information specific to this council can be found at [www.newenglandtrail.org](http://www.newenglandtrail.org). Deadline: Friday, August 25

**Animal Control Advisory Board:** One vacancy

This board has the authority to conduct hearings as

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## Belchertown to launch comfort dog program

BY MELINA BOURDEAU  
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – Joining communities like Greenfield, Amherst, and Erving, Belchertown will soon be home to a K-9 comfort dog through the police department.

The Select Board approved a comfort dog policy at its meeting on Monday after hearing a presentation from Chief Kevin Pacunas and Amherst Police

Officer and Belchertown resident William Laramee, as well as the future handler of the K-9 comfort dog, Officer Valerie Austin.

The board wanted the policy changed slightly to clarify the cost to the town, that the insurance costs will be borne by the handler and via fundraising and others.

Pacunas said the department has been looking into creating a comfort dog program for over a year and said there would be no

cost to the department.

“They can help with crises, victims of crimes, fostering trust in the community—a wide array of situations,” he said. “It’s good for the community. We have the proper handler. I think it would be good for Belchertown.”

Laramee said he’s been a resident for 30 years and has been advocating for the program for “quite some time.”

“I’ve done some crisis intervention within the schools, but

as it related to [Amherst], we’re super busy,” Laramee said. “I’m guessing if you included the cost that I’m putting into the program, it’s going to be less than \$1,000 a year with a hugely beneficial effect.”

He said the connections between law enforcement and public safety are important. One of the goals is to break down barriers.

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**BUSINESS**

# 'Sláinte' to McCarthy's Pub

Celebrating 40 years

BY MAUREEN MCGARRETT HALL  
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BELCHERTOWN - McCarthy's Pub, located on East Walnut Street—"On the Common" in town—is a popular community- and patron-favorite Irish Pub preparing to celebrate a 40-year landmark anniversary that many business owners only dream to achieve.

"The love this community has shown me not only filled my cup, it has overflowed my cup for years, and it is with my heartfelt conviction that I say thank you!" said Janice McCarthy Rogers, owner of McCarthy's Pub. "Thank you to all who have journeyed through the doors of McCarthy's Pub. This is why we celebrate."

It was this exact dream that led Janice, in memory of her late fiancé Andre Richard, to embark on this entrepreneurship back on August 18, 1983. Known today as McCarthy's Pub, the doors originally opened 40 years ago as "Andre's On the Common" with the partnership of Gerald and Patricia Richard. And with the help of her parents, John "Jack" and Rita McCarthy, Janice began operating as McCarthy's Pub one year later.

This journey through four decades has not only helped fulfill a dream, but it also helped Janice heal and find inspiration through a difficult time after the loss of Andre.

"As this 40-year anniversary is upon me, I am able to reflect on so many wonder times. If the walls could speak, they would share all of these wonderful memories," Janice said.

Since the beginning, Janice's main priority has always been her family. Both her sons, Matt and Ben, experienced a childhood wrapped up within the walls of this establishment, and all of her patrons have had the honor of tasting her mother's soups and menu contributions throughout the years. And six years ago, Janice married her husband, David Rogers, who jumped right in and began helping with promotions, creating new menus and new ideas. With their marriage, Janice gained three sons—David, Daniel, and Douglas—who have all supported her in the efforts in keeping this dream alive.

The layout of McCarthy's Pub has seen many changes over the years, from the old well-known horseshoe bar to the newest look, which includes a grand wrap-around bar providing a cozy, quaint pub atmosphere with Irish decor displayed throughout. Upon entering through the front door, guests see "Mc" etched on the glass, Ireland mile markers, mural designs showcasing some of Ireland's most-famous



The newly remodeled look of McCarthy's Pub.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY MAUREEN MCGARRETT HALL

castles (which were hand painted by Laurie Genereux), Coat of Arms, and plenty of Irish knick-knacks.

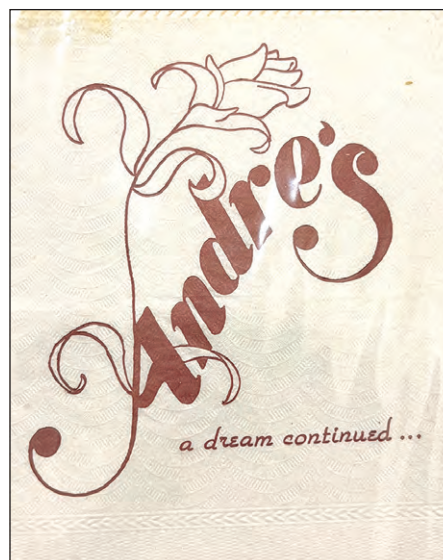
Janice commended her staff, pub guests, and the community, who unknowingly helped reach this achievement with their friendly faces and comic relief—especially friend and patron Eric Brown, who, when in attendance, always gets her to smile, she said. In return for the love the community has given, Janice has devoted herself to giving back; whether it's Little League, Shriners Hospital for Children, The Scouts organizations, Big Brothers Big Sisters, or a friend in need, she has been there.

It's no secret that McCarthy's Pub serves as entertainment for its patrons, not only with the annual St. Patrick's Day events showcasing Bagpipers and Irish Step Dancing, but also with other events such as The Belchertown Fair, car shows, poker runs, charity fundraising events, and cookie parties for kids—all of which usually have a favorite band or DJ performing.

"We celebrate the journey and all of our patrons that have been a part of it," Janice said. "I look at this anniversary celebration as a way to celebrate them."

She added that, in this 40-year journey, she's enjoyed the comfortability she has with guests the most.

"It is very hard for me to describe, but I never actually feel like I am being treated as an owner of a business. I feel a camaraderie and closeness to my customers that is more of a supportive friendship and does



The original logo printed on a napkin is seen in the photo above.

Janice said that one thing she wished she knew was how much inner strength would be required to get through the difficult obstacles such as COVID, remodeling, the 2008 economic recession, and the loss of "so many close staff and customers" whom she "loved like family," including: Red McGuinness, Hershel Jackson, Al Olsen, Rachel Kimball, Rachel Kowal, Nancy Lockwood, Lauren Shumway, Victor Jackson, Ray Boulais, and Ed Czupkiewicz, to name a few.

"These are just some of the moments that I struggled to find the strength to pull through, and it was during these times that my staff has constantly, over and over, helped get me through."

Janice added that her biggest hope is that the legacy of McCarthy's Pub—and Andre's On the Common Corporation—continues on "in the spirit of this community and continues to give back."

"The best part of every job is the people you meet," said General Manager Kathy West. "In my nearly 18 years here, I have had the privilege and pleasure of not only meeting amazing people but working for the most inspiring, humble, respectful employer who is now one of my dearest friends."

McCarthy's Pub will hold anniversary celebrations on Saturday, August 19, with festivities—including food, raffles, entertainment by The Willies, and more—starting at 11 a.m.

not come close to the word corporation that is in the business name, but more like a gathering of friends."

Janice said she remains excited after four decades for the business's big events, including The Leprechaun Plunge, parties, fundraisers, and holidays.

"Although they take a lot of work to organize, it excites me to be able to see my patron's enjoyment, that is what bring me the most joy," she said.

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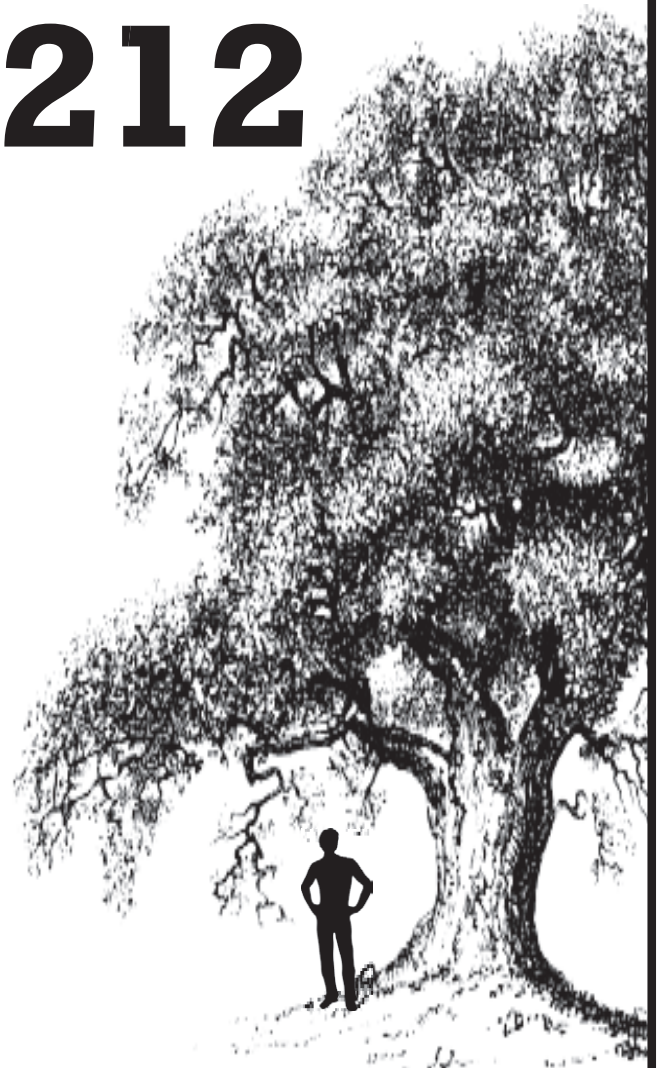
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**COMMUNITY**

# Donations needed for upcoming tag sale on the Town Common

BELCHERTOWN - The annual St. Francis Tag Sale team is gearing up for another sale on the Belchertown Town Common, and community donations are encouraged.

The tag sale will be held from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 26.

“Your donated treasures will be welcome additions and always help to define the success of this annual event,” the tag sale team released. “If you are cleaning, downsizing, or upsizing, your adult child finally has an apartment and you are ready to reclaim their room, get ready to donate to this event.”

Since its inception 30 years ago when the late Claire Oberly started it “as a small fundraiser targeting the eventual building of a new St. Francis Church,” the tag sale team said the event is “anticipated every year.”

“An army of volunteers recently met to review the details of the well-planned 2023 sale,” the group released. “As always, your donated treasures are needed.”

The Tag Sale Team will accept, categorize, and competitively price donated

contributions through Sunday, August 20. The committee designates items into more than 20 donated goods categories, including: antiques, boutique, crafts, electrical, frames, hardware, handbags, hats, holidays, infants, jewelry, kitchenware, knick-knacks, linens, pictures, religious, shoes, sporting goods, toys, and miscellaneous.

“Bring your items and the team will find a new home for them,” the group shared, adding that clothing over size 2T is not accepted.

The Pine Room, located at the lower level of the Park Street Social Center, will be opened to accept donations from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. on Sundays through August 20.

As per a list of “not accepted items,” a significant change this year is that clothing sized over 2T is no longer accepted, but “hats, caps, handbags, and shoes will be accepted.” Additionally, neither bed pillows or used candles will be accepted.

“Your generous donations are appreciated,” the St. Francis Tag Sale team added.

## BCTV Schedule

August 10 – August 16

### Thursday, August 10

- 8 a.m. – Select Board, August 7
- 10 a.m. – Planning Board, August 8
- 12 p.m. – Communication Committee, August 2
- 7 p.m. – Select Board, August 7
- 9 p.m. – Planning Board, August 8

### Friday, August 11

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. – Board of Health, August 9
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 7 p.m. – Board of Health, August 9
- 9 p.m. – Communication Committee, August 2

### Saturday, August 12

- 8 a.m. – BHS Graduation 2023
- 7 p.m. – BHS Graduation 2023

### Sunday, August 13

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

### Church

- 8:30 p.m. – BVJ, How to Run for Local Office

### Monday, August 14

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 7 p.m. – Conversation Commission, Channel 192

### Tuesday, August 15

- 8 a.m. – BHS Best Buddies Show 2023
- 10 a.m. – Fire/Police Citizen Academy Graduation 2023
- 7 p.m. – BHS Best Buddies Show 2023
- 9 p.m. – Fire/Police Citizen Academy Graduation 2023

### Wednesday, August 16

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 6:30 p.m. – Zoning Board of Appeals, Channel 191
- 7 p.m. – BEDIC, Channel 192



The police department's recent National Night Out event featured a Lifeflight helicopter show.

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Hill Community School,” the town’s fire department added in a recent statement on social media. “Thank you to the Belchertown Police Department, Belchertown Dispatch, Belchertown Senior Center, Hampshire County Sheriff’s Office, Lifeflight, and all the others who showed up to make the event safe and wonderful for our community.”

According to the National Night Out campaign, the events culminate annually

across the country on the first Tuesday in August.

“National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community,” the campaign released on its website. “Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.”

For more information on the campaign, visit [natw.org](http://natw.org).

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Laramee also explained how care for the dog and funding for the program would work.

“My wife and I essentially support this program. We pay for his food, we pay for medical insurance, and I do community fundraising,” he said.

Laramee said there is a strong sense of community among officers in the comfort dog program.

Select Board member Ron Aponte asked if Austin would be able to take on the comfort dog program along with her current workload.

Pacunas said she currently serves as the sexual assault investigator, domestic violence liaison, and court officer, making her “the ideal officer to handle this.”

Select Board member Peg Louraine asked Laramee if he’s worked with fire departments in the past. He said yes.

Selectboard Chair Ed Boscher asked about the cost of the program to the town.

Pacunas said Austin has already fronted some money, but there will be some fundraising through a pickleball tournament.

“Val is understanding that this is her dog, she’s going to have to front some money as necessary,” he said. “It’s her dog. [It’ll] sort of fall under the department’s policies and procedures.”

The dog will be a puppy, about eight weeks old, and it will be coming from a breeder, according to Austin. This dog will be coming from Boonefield Labradors, based out of Rindge, New Hampshire. This is the same breeder the Amherst comfort dog, Auggie, is from.

Another policy presented was the transportation of the dog.

“Is this a scenario where you’re contemplating a take-home vehicle?” asked Boscher.

Pacunas said when Austin goes to work, she’s assigned a cruiser for that day. Then, she will go home with the dog in her own vehicle.

## Concert and music event this weekend

BELCHERTOWN – The Saint Francis of Assisi Centennial Committee is hosting an evening of inspirational church music this weekend.

The event, to be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, will be held in the church at 24 Jabish Street, Belchertown.

The well-known, premiere Western Massachusetts singing group Dan

Kane and Friends will present this concert, according to a press statement. This event is open to the public, free, and provides abundant parking. “The marvelous acoustics inside the church will bring added spirit to the concert voices,” said Paula Moran of the Centennial Committee. “All are invited to join.”

## A Note to Readers

The Sentinel’s email address experienced some issues over the past two weeks that have since been resolved. However, those who submitted a story

idea, press release, calendar listing, or other that has not appeared in the newspaper yet are kindly asked to resubmit by sending to: [sentinel@turley.com](mailto:sentinel@turley.com).

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**GRANBY**

# Granby School Committee considers updated cellphone policy

BY MELINA BOURDEAU  
Correspondent

GRANBY – Texting in class may be a thing of the past for students at Granby Junior Senior High School this coming year, pending approval of a cellphone policy presented to the School Committee.

There were three options for cellphone use, or lack thereof, presented by Principal Alison Jordan at the committee's last meeting.

One option would be to ban phones altogether in grades seven through 12, the second is phones being locked up once students walk into school. In the second case, there would be bins for each grade that would be under observation throughout the day. Students would have their phones locked up once they walk into school.

The third option would be to ask students to turn in their phones for instructional time only and at the end of class, they would get their phones back.

"They would have their phones for break, transition time, and lunch time," she said.

Staff would bear the burden of asking students to place their phones into what they would call "phone homes."

There is currently a policy in place, which allows for each classroom to

have its own policy and the junior high has no policy.

Jordan said cellphones have become an issue for staff where even if phones are banned from the classroom, students manage to use them anyway.

"I think observations of walking through classrooms and seeing how often staff are addressing it, or how we'll walk in a classroom and see a student just streaming Netflix," Jordan said.

She recognized that students also use their phones to do things like check their Google Calendar or plan a ride home from school with a relative. However, use often goes "above and beyond that."

"They're not even paying attention. I think I had an 'aha moment' this year that we have to do something. We have to be better," she said. "We have to support the teachers. It's a lot on them."

In conversations with students, parents, and community members, Jordan said that many were in favor of a cellphone policy.

She said that a policy would "give kids their lives back" when they're in school.

"Our students are experiencing the feeling of addiction and feeling like they have to constantly be in tune with

social media or watching 'Breaking Bad,'" she said. "I've seen an increase in tardiness, absenteeism—because the kids are up really late. These [apps] are addicting."

Superintendent Stephen Sullivan, former principal of the high school, said students have adequate technology they can use to stay connected.

"It's a difficult balance. Like Allie said, the goal isn't to separate you from your phone all day so you can't communicate with a parent or someone that you might need to throughout the day. But we recognize the other side is that I would say, when it comes to bullying, conflict and harassment, 90 percent of the issues come from cell phones," he said. "That doesn't even get into class avoidance and work avoidance."

Jordan said the aim is to have the student handbook to the committee on Aug. 15. Currently, any updates will also need to be aligned with East Meadow School, making sure both are up to date.

"It's always a work in progress," Jordan said. "I really look forward to everyone's feedback. It's not something where you want to make a decision by yourself."

The committee also approved an updated wellness policy at its meeting.

## Meatball grinder sale this month

BELCHERTOWN - The Belchertown Lions Club will hold its monthly drive-thru/pick-up "Meatball Grinder Sale" from 11 a.m. to sell-out on Saturday, August 19, on the grounds of the Belchertown United Church of Christ, 20 Park Street in Belchertown.

There is no need to pre-order; \$10 includes the sub, chips, and a beverage.

"Actually, there is no need to even leave your vehicle—just drive up, tell us what you would like, and we will prepare it fresh on the spot and deliver it to your window," the Belchertown Lions Club released.

All proceeds from the club's fundraising events go to charity and local projects.



## Tri-Lakes chicken BBQ set to take place Aug. 20

BELCHERTOWN - On Sunday, August 20, the Tri-Lakes Association will hold its Annual Chicken BBQ at the Belchertown VFW from 1-4

p.m. There will be music and raffles; tickets are \$25, which includes: Half chicken, baked potato, corn, salad, and dessert. Meals are available to go,

and tickets are available for purchase at eventbrite.com. Find the Tri-Lakes Association on Facebook by searching "Friends of the Tri-Lakes."

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## OPINION

### EDITORIAL

# Meet the Editor

Hi! I'm Kimberly Palmucci, the new editor of The Sentinel. I am passionate about journalism and the opportunities it affords to create connections and keep a community informed.

I grew up in Western Massachusetts and previously served as the Interim Editor of The Sentinel last year. I've been a correspondent with the newspaper for several years, and I started my journalism career after graduating from Temple University in Philadelphia in 2012. Immediately upon graduating, I was hired as a multimedia reporter and news anchor for a local outlet in the Philadelphia suburbs, as well as the host of a pet show that featured a special and interesting pet each week.

However, I have found nothing more rewarding in my career than sharing local, community voices. Creative writing is also cathartic for me; I am an author as well as a journalist. I write creatively to express myself and to connect readers with uplifting narratives, and as your editor, I aspire to offer accurate, detailed, and unbiased information to this community. Ethical journalism is a community's tool for civil discourse, and it's my goal to not only share your stories, but to deliver that tool each week.

I'm a mom, a wife, and a cat mom to four adopted felines. My family is my foundation; their love means the world to me, and I could not imagine succeeding in my career without their support. I am an advocate for adoptable pets and believe one person can make a world of difference. I play piano, and I feel the most grounded when I am in nature, feeling especially peaceful in the forest, near mountains, or by the sea.

My favorite part of any job I've held has been creating connections; please write to me at [sentinel@turley.com](mailto:sentinel@turley.com) with your perspective, whether it's a question, a thought, or a grievance. I am here to listen, and I value your feedback as well as your unique stories. I am a fallible human being capable of making mistakes, and I want to hear from you if you think something can be done better. I chose reporting and authorship as my career for this reason; I believe we each have an important story to share, and it's my job to share those stories. I tell all of my readers—you matter, your voice matters, and you can inspire others with your words. I look forward to working hard for this community and meeting many of you as I cover stories moving forward.

*Kimberly Palmucci, Editor, The Sentinel*

### LETTER

## 'Thank you' from Wings of Song

REGION - On behalf of the Wings of Song choral group, we would like to thank all those who helped make our Blue Boat Home concerts such a success.

We would also like to thank Melissa Hoffer, Massachusetts Climate Chief, for attending our concert at Shepherd Hill Regional High School and speaking about climate change.

With the generous support of all our attendees, friends, and contributors, we were able to donate \$300 to the Environmental Defense Fund which was tripled by a special fundraising program they were involved in at the time our donation was made.

Wings of Song will resume rehearsals in the fall on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Church, Fiskdale, with our next program, Celtic Noels. We are also resuming our annual auction on Nov. 4 at the Federated Church of Sturbridge/Fiskdale.

Our concerts, as always, will be admission-free and we strive to keep our membership dues as low as possible. We continue to rely on audience contributions and WoS Friends donations to continue offering high-quality concerts to our community.

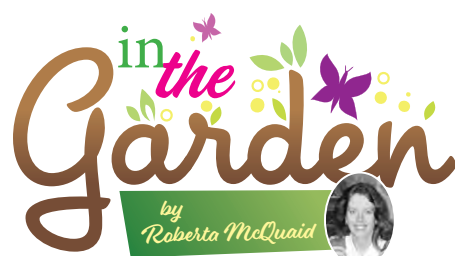
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With much thanks and appreciation for all our followers,



Photo: Western Mass. native Kimberly Palmucci has recently transitioned into the editor role for The Sentinel newspaper.



## Zucchini and its many pests

The zucchini season started out with promise.

I sowed my seeds early and covered the hills with Reemay (a light, polyester row cover) to keep out the striped cucumber beetle. From past experience I knew that young seedlings could be decimated by this pest.

Within a few days the seeds had popped. I thinned them to three per hill and continued to water.



Soon they grew too big for their covering, and I figured that at this point in the game they could withstand a little damage. Sure enough, striped cucumber beetles found the plants.

It was harder to sneak up on them during the day, but at night I was able to position a cup of soapy water under a leaf and "tap," sending them in for a swim. My plants endured a bit of leaf damage, but not much more than that.

Populations dropped off and I presumed that it would be smooth sailing from here to harvest. So I thought.

Along came the squash bug, a brownish gray insect about a half-inch long with a triangular top and an oval bottom. Many people confuse squash bugs with stink bugs because they do indeed stink!

Squash bugs have a taste for the foliage and fruit of the cucurbit family, whereas stink bugs don't. Entire plants can be killed if infestations are severe enough.

You'll notice yellow stippling on the leaves first, followed by wilting and browning; they head for the fruit last. Because I was on the look-out for the cucumber beetle I saw the adults before any damage ensued and sent them swimming as well, sometimes "two at a time."

If you miss the grownups, chances are you will have to scout for eggs. Usually they are laid in a "V" pattern on the under-

sides of the leaves.

They are hard to scrape off, so I crushed them between my two thumbnails. I must have also passed by a few eggs, so next I had to look for young squash bugs called nymphs.

If a bug could ever qualify for cute status, this one would with its one quarter inch light gray body, black legs and head. "Tapping" comes in handy here too - this time I brought a shallow cardboard box out into the garden, gave the leaf a good tap, and the whole team was cornered then dumped in a bath of soapy water.

It's beginning to sound as if all I do is hang out in the garden all day catching bugs - not true. With only two hills of zucchini all this work took just a few seconds each morning and night.

At last, we harvested the first zucchini and summer squash, picked at about six inches. At that size the flesh is tender, and the seeds are barely evident. The cucumber beetle did not transmit a disease.

Nor did the squash bug kill the plant. But while I was busy looking under the leaves for obvious bugs, the squash vine borer was at work inside its stem.

One giveaway that you have it: a mushy, sawdust-like excrement appearing outside of small holes in the stems. Affected plants also have leaves that wilt despite being well watered.

I tried removing the white, wrinkled worms from the hollow stems by making a slit with a needle and removing the insect. I must have missed a few - a strong possibility considering the female moth lays two hundred individual eggs at the plant's base!

The eggs hatch into larva that tunnel into the stems, eventually killing the plant.

As ridiculous as it sounds, wrapping a shiny barrier such as aluminum foil around the plant's base does seem to deter the red bodied, transparent-leaved moth from her egg-laying endeavors.

My dead plants were carried off to the trash, not the compost pile, and I will turn over the soil in both fall and spring to kill any pupae that may be overwintering. Rotating your crops can also help.

Some gardeners wash down their stems daily to dislodge and kill the eggs. Others make a late sowing only; supposedly after July Fourth or so egg laying ceases.

I made a second sowing a couple weeks back. If the borers don't get these, the frost likely will, but I am crossing my fingers that an Indian Summer may mean more zucchini for our household, because what we had certainly wasn't enough!

*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](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

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# Seven sisters and 37 feet of hair

## The strange saga of the Sutherland Sisters

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There's no delicate way to say this, so here goes. Your great-great-grandparents had a weird thing about hair.

The Victorians were obsessed with lovely locks. People have always admired a nice head of hair. But Victorians were bonkers for beautiful tresses.

They snipped strands of dead loved ones' hair for keepsakes. They put their locks inside lockets and photo cases for par-amours and they made hair jewelry.

Seriously, it was a thing. They wove it into bracelets, brooches, watch fobs, and more.

Decades before the musical "Hair" took Broadway by storm, a musical group swept the country at the height of hair's heyday and, in turn, peddled a concoction that made a fortune. This is the story of seven sisters and their combined 37 feet of hair.

Life wasn't easy on the Sutherland family's turkey farm in Niagara County, New York, Fletcher Sutherland was like Pa Kettle, a lazy ne'er-do-well content to let everyone else do his work for him.

Daughters Sarah, Victoria, Isabella, Grace, Naomi, Dora, and Mary herded the birds barefoot and in dingy dresses. Smooth-talking Papa Sutherland preferred preaching and politicking and basically anything (apart from manual labor) that let him flap his jaw.

His daughters were so ashamed of their appearance they hid when company called, especially after their longsuffering mother died in 1867.



chance to make a quick buck, booked them at churches.

Soon, the act became the talk of Upstate New York.

Musically, it was nothing special. The kids weren't bad; they weren't great, either. But people weren't coming to hear their songs. Folks flocked to see their incredible hair.

Fletcher Sutherland knew a good thing when he saw it. He billed the sisters as "The Seven Wonders." (Brother Charlie was given the boot; there was no interest in an adolescent boy with average hair.)

By December 1880 they reached Broadway where audiences gazed admiringly at the girls' combined total of 37 feet of hair.

The act began with the sisters sporting braids atop their heads. The highlight came when they turned their backs and unpinned it, unleashing a tidal wave of hair.

Caught in glowing gaslight, crowds gasped in amazement at the wondrous sight.

Victoria fascinated showgoers the most with her seven feet of hair. Mary was the slacker with a mere three feet.

In 1884 they hit the big time: A sideshow

with Barnum and Bailey's Circus, "The greatest show on Earth." P.T. Barnum promoted them as, "The seven most pleasing wonders of the world."

The sisters were different from their colleagues. They weren't viewed as "circus people" shunned by polite society.

They conducted themselves as dignified proper ladies. Though his girls were now bona fide celebrities, it still wasn't enough to satisfy their father's voracious greed.

So Fletcher Sutherland partnered with promoter Harry Bailey, distant cousin of the Bailey in Barnum and Bailey.

They resurrected Ma Bailey's hair ointment, changing the formula so it wasn't so disgusting smelling. Soon "The Seven Sutherland Sisters Hair Grower" was being sold.

They got a chemist to write, "I hereby certify that I found it free from all injurious substances ...and I cheerfully endorse it." In the days before the FDA, that was good enough for gullible consumers.

By 1884 the company had raked in \$90,00 in sales (about \$2.7 million today).

Sutherland was a wealthy man when he died in 1885. The sisters gradually got involved in the company and proved themselves shrewd businesswomen.

They expanded the product line to include brushes and other hair-related products, all marketed to upper-class women who could afford their extravagant prices. By 1890, their Hair Grower (also sold as "Hair Fertilizer") had sales of \$3 million (around \$97.6 million in 2022).

The sisters married, started families, and became eccentrics. They lived together in a gaudy 14-room mansion built on the family farm.

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Blue Grosbeak

Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a blue grosbeak in Hadley.

The blue grosbeak is one of just a few birds with blue feathers. The male is dark blue with two reddish-brown wing bars. It has black feathers around the base of its large silvery bill.

The female is plain brown overall, with dark wings and tail. She has two buff brown wing bars and a large gray conical shaped bill. Immatures resemble the adult female. The young males in the spring of the next year start to show blue patches. Immature plumage is kept for one year.

Blue grosbeaks forage on the ground, hopping about in search of insects. They also glean foliage, eat spiders, seeds and wild fruits.

The female lays two to five pale blue eggs in a nest of rootlets, grasses, twigs, snakeskins, cotton and bark strips lined with grass. The nest is usually placed in

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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 week of July 26 through Aug. 1. 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 372 calls police responded to, there were eight incidents, three accidents, three arrests/summons, and 23 citations.*

#### ARRESTS/SUMMONS

##### Saturday, July 29

5:57 p.m. – A 53-year-old Belchertown woman was charged with leaving the scene of property damage due to an accident.

An officer responded to an accident on George Hannum Road. The officer spoke with a witness who said a person struck their vehicle while leaving a parking space. The person reported the vehicle's information and the officer responded to the location matching the provided information. There was a vehicle there with fresh damage. The officer spoke with a resident who said a relative had the vehicle. The officer attempted to contact the person multiple

times and went back in person as well. After receiving more information on the matter, the associated person was charged accordingly.

#### ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

##### Wednesday, July 26

2:56 a.m. – An officer responded to a residence for a person who threatened to harm themselves. The Belchertown K-9 officer unit, Massachusetts State Police, and the Monson K-9 unit also responded. The person was located and transported to the hospital.

5:51 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Cold Spring Road and East Street. The operator of an electric bike failed to yield to traffic on East Street while turning left. The bike struck the front of a motor vehicle. The operator was thrown to the grass area off the roadway. The person got up, hit the wheel of the bike in place and took off toward the town of Ware. The person had a black electric bike, a red Fox-brand helmet with a full-face mask. Officers from Belchertown and Ware were unable to locate the rider of the bike.

##### Friday, July 28

10:09 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle parked at a State Street business was about to back up and leave the parking lot. Without see-

ing the second vehicle, the operator struck it. The operator of the second vehicle said they thought the operator of the first was going to stop. There was damage to the rear bumper of the first motor vehicle.

1:39 p.m. – Officers and Belchertown Fire and paramedics responded to a report of an explosion where one person was injured. The person was bleeding from their face and was transported from the scene. There was another person inside the building who was not injured. The person said they were working on the washer and dryer in the home and heard an explosion. People were evacuated from the building. The Massachusetts State Fire Marshall's office responded to the scene and is investigating the matter.

3:27 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

10:11 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person concerning their missing phone. The person was at their workplace in Rhode Island, put their iPhone down, and walked away for a short period of time. When they came back, the phone was gone. For a while, the person was unable to track their phone. Eventually, the person tracked the phone to a residence in Belchertown. The person narrowed it down and the officers responded to the residence. The person said they were at the beach and thought the phone was missing. They took the phone

home to call the owner to try to return it. The officer contacted the owner and they said they would come to pick up the phone at the station.

##### Sunday, July 30

12 p.m. – Officer Brougham and K-9 Theia went to the Summer Eats program at the schools to answer questions and hand out K-9 baseball cards.

##### Monday, July 31

7:12 a.m. – An officer on the midnight to 8 a.m. shift was dispatched to North Main Street for a report of a knife found in a parking lot. The employee didn't know who the owner was and wanted the matter reported. The knife was taken into custody.

3:41 p.m. – A resident called reporting they lost the registration plate on their camper and got a bill for pay-by-plate. They were told to contact their insurance company. They were advised to report the camper as stolen. It was entered into the system by dispatch.

5:40 p.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud. They said there was a claim made in their name and applied by Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. The resident said they never filed a claim. They were told to contact the credit bureau and social security.

## Police department offers property checks for residents

BELCHERTOWN – With many residents heading out for vacations this month, the police department is reminding residents that it can conduct periodic "property checks."

"This process is fairly easy and simple," the Belchertown Police Department released in a statement on social media.

Residents who are interested in this opportunity are asked to download and fill out a request form, which can be acquired online or by contacting the police department, and then deliver the form in-person back to the department.

"Furthermore, you can find other convenient forms and information while visiting the Belchertown Police Department Website," police said.

The website is: [belchertown.org/police/index.php](http://belchertown.org/police/index.php)

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allowed in the town's by-laws and pose reasonable conditions as deemed appropriate. The ideal applicant may be a dog trainer, a veterinarian, a non-pet owner from the community, a medical professional specializing in emergency medicine, an animal enthusiast or caregiver, a pet owner, and/or interested residents. Deadline: Friday, August 25

#### Cultural Council: One vacancy

The Cultural Council promotes an "appreciation of the arts and culture by participating in the development and administration of funds for local cultural activities, awarding grants each year to support cultural activities in town, using the funding the town receives from the Massachusetts Cultural Council." Additionally, the council sponsors two flagship events: Food Truck Fridays and Winter Light Night. The Belchertown Cultural Council generally meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month via zoom. They are especially interested in recruiting a member who is "experienced with website design and social media platforms."

Deadline: Friday, August 25

#### Communications Committee: Two full-member seats

The purpose of this committee is to develop a communication plan for the town of Belchertown to "improve information flow from the town to the public," according to reports. Experience with marketing, communications, and/or social media is highly preferred, the town released.

Deadline: August 25

#### Veterans' Services Advisory Board (VSAB): Anticipated At-Large vacancy

The VSAB works closely with the town's Veterans' Agent on issues pertaining to veterans, including Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, war memorials, veterans' graves, or any other related areas of concern. Deadline: Friday, August 25

#### Belchertown Family Center Committee: One active, voting member position

This committee is charged with oversight of the Belchertown Family Center and its support programming for families, and is actively working to "create a breadth of resources for our community." Deadline: Friday, August 25

#### Scholarship Committee: Home-schooling representative seat

Deadline: Friday, August 25

#### Belchertown State School Buildings and Grounds Committee: Two additional full-member seats

The committee will advise the town and the Select Board on funding opportunities for maintaining and developing the remaining State School buildings, as well as advising on historical and cultural development opportunities. Expertise with real estate/architecture, grant writing, or historical experience to strengthen the skill set of the committee is preferred, the town released. Deadline: Friday, August 25

#### Belchertown Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force: New vacancies

The town is accepting letters of inter-

est to fill vacancies on the newly-developed Belchertown Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force. The focus of the Task Force is to "develop a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement for the Select Board to review and to consider adopting, to seek out opportunities to acknowledge and/or celebrate the diversity within our own community and to welcome the whole community to join in, and to offer suggestions on how the town addresses specific or potential acts of violence, including hate speech, should such acts arise in our community, region, or state."

Efforts are being made, the town released, to include "voices from the community or communities that are directly affected." Partnership opportunities with surrounding towns to strengthen regional or state efforts might also be explored. This is a seven member committee to include a representative from law enforcement, a representative from Town Hall, and five community members representing diversity in one or more of the following areas: racial and ethnic backgrounds; social positions with respect to gender identity and sexual orientation; social positions with respect to disability; and age groups and prior vocational experiences. All are encouraged to apply.

Those with interest in getting involved on a town board or committee are asked to return the form linked on the town's website, [belchertown.org](http://belchertown.org), by emailing [selectboard@belchertown.org](mailto:selectboard@belchertown.org), or by sending a letter or interest to:

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**REGION**



Julie Beck, the juror for the fifth annual NEFAE.

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## Workshop13 hosts fifth annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition

REGION - Workshop13 is inviting artists from the region to participate in its fifth annual juried Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition.

Works of traditional realism are welcomed in the following categories, according to a press release: oil painting, watercolor, sculpture, drawing/ graphics, acrylic (includes casein and egg tempera, pastel, and mixed media). Awards will be granted in multiple categories, with "Best in Show" receiving \$1,000.

The deadline for entry is Wednesday, August 23, by midnight.

This annual exhibition of traditional realism is held in the Grand Hall gallery of Workshop13, a nonprofit cultural arts and learning center located at 13 Church Street in Ware. The exhibition will be on display from September 23

to October 8 and can be visited on Fridays from 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m.

The show will open with a reception from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, with awards announced at 3 p.m.

The juror for the fifth annual NEFAE is Julie Beck, the Assistant Director of the Academy of Realist Art, Boston, as well as an instructor. Beck is currently working out of her personal studio at ARA Boston where she is developing "a body of work that explores the concepts of nostalgia, relationships, and identity," a press statement reads. She has a wide range of painting subjects, including still life paintings and animal/figurative works. Her work can be found in private collections throughout the US and internationally.

**AMHERST**

## 'Flower Power' available through end of month at ArtWorks gallery

AMHERST - The window installation for "Flower Power," a local art exhibit exploring floral imagery, is the creation of an Amherst resident.

Anne Krauss, of Amherst, is a New Jersey State Council on the Arts and Ford Foundation award recipient, and her work has been exhibited in galleries and museums in the United States and Japan, according to a press release.

Her commercial artwork includes design for film, theatre, television, and private industry, and her fiber and mixed media artwork has been featured in magazines, design books, and on public television. She currently manages her art studio in addition to a counseling practice, which specializes in work with artists, writers, and musicians.

The window installation serves as part of the ArtWorks Gallery celebration of "the beauty of nature" this summer with an exhibition of artworks exploring floral imagery in a wide range of styles and media, from photorealistic oil paintings to playfully abstract sculptures and everything in between. Featuring more than 60 works of art by more than 40 artists from throughout the northeastern U.S., "Flower Power" is on display at the ArtWorks Gallery—located at 69 Main Street in Ware—through August 27. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. For those who cannot attend the show in person, a virtual gallery is available for viewing at workshop13.org.

Local artist Deborah Rubin served as the juror for Flower



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Best Composition, oil painting "Lilly Bloom" by Sanchitha Vishwanath

Power. She has been "pushing the boundaries of photo-realism and hyper-realism since the mid 1970s" with an eye on nature and, more recently, architecture. Hampden artist Brian McQuillan was awarded Best in Show for his welded metal sculpture "Fantasy Garden," which he describes as

"a shiny shout of metal blooms." Sanchitha Vishwanath won Best Composition for the oil painting "Lilly Bloom," Candace Imming won Best Use of Materials for the digitally manipulated photograph "Magnolias," and Christina Gusek won Most Whimsical for the drawing "Future Flower."

## Drive-by, drop-off donations at Clapp Memorial Library

BELCHERTOWN - The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library are conducting their final Drive-by, Drop-off Donation Day of the year from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 12, in the

municipal parking lot by the back entrance to the library.

"Volunteers will unload boxed books directly from your car for you," the Friends released, adding that they are accepting children's

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# Ice cream, cats, and crafts this weekend at regional event

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
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REGION – One area animal organization is hosting an ice cream cat event this weekend.

Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow (HTAT) is inviting animal lovers from across the region to its “Feline Family Fun Day” at Westview Farms Creamery in Monson on Saturday, August 12.

“This fundraiser comes at a time when shelters across the state and the nation are filling up and there is an increasing demand for HTAT’s community level programming,” HTAT shared in a press statement.

The day promises “fun for the whole family,” including ice cream, food, activities for kids, raffles, music, vendors, crafters, and “don’t forget the goats,” the group shared.

“Plus, it’s your chance to buy an exclusive HTAT shirt,” the organization added.

“Since our founding, HTAT has worked to help community members care for their pets,” said HTAT’s Executive Director Rachael Max. “Over the past few years, we’ve greatly expanded our community assistance programs, and the overwhelming interest they’ve generated has shown just how essential these services have become.” Feline Family Fun Day will take place from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, at the Westview Farms Creamery, 109 East Hill Road, Monson. Admission is free. Dogs are welcome. For more information, visit [heretodaysanctuary.org](http://heretodaysanctuary.org).

“Last year, Feline Family Fun Day was so successful that we decided to do it again. This year, we have more vendors (60+), bigger raffle items, and, if possible, cuter kittens to visit. I am excited to see all the animal lovers come together, have a great day, and at the same time help



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more pets and their families,” Max added.

HTAT, a volunteer-driven group focused on creating and supporting the bond between animals and community members, was founded by mother-daughter team Barbara Horn and Max in 2012.

“It is deeply important to us that every resident’s stay at HTAT is comfortable and healthy, making for well-adjusted, happy animals,” HTAT released. “Shortly after opening, we realized there were more homeless cats than we could handle by adoption alone. Our ultimate goal is to keep pets and people together. We have programs to help special needs cats flourish and get adopted, as well as community assistance programs to help pet owners keep their pets, such as our Pet Food Pantry, low-cost spay-neuter program, and Safety Net Foster Program for owned cats.”

In 2023, HTAT helped more than 1,500 animals and their families, according to reports.

# New date announced for local Dragon Boat Festival

SPRINGFIELD – The Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club has announced a rescheduled date of Saturday, October 14, for the Dragon Boat Festival, which was postponed from July 29 due to unsafe river conditions resulting from recent flooding of the Connecticut River.

The event will feature Dragon Boat races, food trucks, and Asian-themed entertainment from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at North Riverfront Park, 121 West Street, Springfield. Admission to the festival is free for spectators.

Twenty-four teams from throughout New England are registered to participate in this year’s Dragon Boat races. Community teams include Behavioral Health Network, CRRC-MA (the rail car manufacturer), as well as the defending champions, Springfield Pharmacy First Responders. With the new date set, registration will be reopened at [www.pvriverfront.org](http://www.pvriverfront.org) for additional teams to sign up to race on October 14.

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

“We are happy to have found an alternative date for the Dragon Boat Festival,

which has become a staple of our offerings on the Riverfront,” said Ben Quick, executive director of PVRC. “With the additional time, we are opening registration for teams and a fall dragon boat experience on the Connecticut with colleagues and friends can be spectacular. We look forward to welcoming Dragon Boaters and fans of this fun and exciting event.”

Hundreds of paddlers from New England participate in the festival races. A dragon boat festival team is comprised of up to 20 paddlers who race against other teams in 200-meter races on the Connecticut River. Each race lasts about one minute, and each team races at least three times on the day of the festival. Dragon Boating originated in China 2,000 years ago and today is one of the world’s fastest growing team water sports. The festival makes it easy for anyone to participate and spectate, according to a press release.

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

The Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club has both adult and youth programming throughout the fall and winter months. For more information, visit [www.pvriverfront.org](http://www.pvriverfront.org).

## BACKYARD from page 7

a shrub, vine tangle or tree.

These grosbeaks often twitch and rapidly spread their tails when agitated. During migration, they can be found with buntings.

## Poolside visitor

I received an email from a Wilbraham Hampden Times reader. She had a red-tailed hawk land on the side of her swimming pool in July. She said it stayed about five minutes and she was able to get some photos of the hawk.

## Update on osprey nest and more

I received an email about an osprey nest in Warren on South Street near a pond. He said the nest is visible from the road. There are also three great blue heron nests on the far shore of the pond, but they are not as noticeable.

He said on a recent visit, “The osprey chicks looked to be close to fledgling, their flight feathers looker fully formed and the two young osprey in the nest each exercised its wings.” He said there were still three great blue herons in two different nest.

He said a pond on New Reed Street near

the osprey nest often has bald eagles show up and great egrets have been seen there in August.

## Massachusetts Audubon Society sightings

In Berkshire County a short-billed dowitcher was seen in Sheffield and single merlins in Pittsfield and Lenox. Franklin County had three sandhill cranes in Ashfield and five semipalmated plovers in Whately.

In addition to the blue grosbeak in Hadley Hampshire County had 18 greater yellowlegs and two sanderlings in the East Meadows in Northampton and three red crossbills at Quabbin Park in Belchertown.

Worcester County had a Bonaparte’s gull and an acadian flycatcher at the Quabbin Reservoir in New Salem, four sandhill cranes in Hardwick, two black vultures in Fitchburg, two cliff swallows in Ashburnham and a sora at Bolton Flats Wildlife Management Area in Bolton.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing [mybackyard88@aol.com](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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Despite their facade of Victorian respectability, behind closed doors, they would have been “The Real Housewives of Cambria, New York.” There was alcoholism, complicated extramarital affairs, and even whispers about witchcraft—enough fodder for a tabloid.

Naomi died suddenly in 1893 before turning 40, dramatically shaking the surviving sisters.

They toured on and off with Barnum until 1907. But the 20th century’s arrival saw Americans’ fascination with hair rapidly fading.

Sales of their products plunged as extravagant living caught up with them.

Desperate for cash, the last three sisters went to Hollywood in 1919 on a trip so disastrous that not only did a movie deal fall through but Dora was killed in a car crash. Things only got worse from there.

The mansion was sold in 1931 (burning in 1938); the hair business went belly-up in 1936; Mary died in an insane asylum in 1939; and when Grace, the final sister, passed away in 1946 at age 92 she was dirt poor.

In the end, the Sutherland Sisters wound up right back where they had started.

*Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and diehard history buff J. Mark Powell.*

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### CLUES ACROSS

- A way to pick up
- Presents
- Type of guitar
- Actor Idris
- A citizen of Iran
- Creative
- Harness
- Weight unit
- You better call him
- Utterly devoted
- Male cat
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Risk-taker
- A team’s best pitcher
- Cool!
- Women’s movement
- Georgia rockers
- Step-shaped recess
- The princess could detect its presence
- Type of truck
- Butterhead lettuces
- Angry people see it
- Lines where two

fabrics are sewn together

- Soviet city
- Carpet
- Traveled all over
- Thin, straight bar
- Body art (slang)
- Congressman (abbr.)
- No seats available
- Breaks apart
- Arabic name
- Ballplayer’s tool
- Type of sword
- Baseball team
- Upper bract of grass floret
- Italian Seaport
- Ancient Syrian city
- Shoelace tube
- The Miami mascot is one
- South American nation
- Popular video game “Max \_\_\_”
- Body part

### CLUES DOWN

- German courtesy title
- Ancient Greek City
- Ancient Hebrew calendar month
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- Delivered a speech
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- Take a seat
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- Member of a Semitic people
- Part of a ticket
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- Challenges
- Popular BBQ food
- Subway dweller
- By way of
- Shady garden alcove
- Egyptian city
- Partner to “flowed”
- Widens
- Old Eurasian wheat
- Act incorrectly
- European pipeline
- Al Bundy’s wife
- Ocean
- Root eaten as a vegetable
- Sound units
- Style of music
- A way to drench
- Hot beverage
- A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- Rumanian city
- Urge to action
- Vaccine developer
- Canadian law enforcers
- Wings
- “Perry Mason” actor Raymond
- Small fry
- Clapton, musician
- Take a chance
- Bland food
- Consumed

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**Orioles edged out of PVSSL playoffs**

WESTFIELD – After a penalty kick win over Enfield, Belchertown boys soccer was ousted from the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League playoffs with a 1-0 loss against West Springfield in the semifinals for A Division last Thursday evening. Belchertown now shifts to preparing for the fall season, which gets underway in a couple of weeks.

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## West showcased in girls soccer

BOSTON – In last month's Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a girls soccer team showcased. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 6-9:

The West started out with a drubbing of the Northeast team 9-1.

In a dominant display of attacking prowess, West's forwards Hannah Murphy (Monson, Monson HS), Gianna Sakowski (Springfield, Minnechaug Regional HS), and Lauren Marjanski (South Hadley, South Hadley HS) each notched two goals, alongside contributions from midfielder Danica Dorozynski (Chicopee, Chicopee Comprehensive HS) and defender Makenna Kennedy (West Springfield, West Springfield HS), securing an emphatic 9-1 victory. Northeast's midfielder Siena Hesbach (Maynard, Maynard HS) scored the consolation goal, with an assist from midfielder Phoebe Whitcomb (Newburyport, Newburyport HS).

The West would lose one game in the showcase and would play for the bronze medal, defeating Central Mass. 3-2.

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Jack Sullivan gets a perfect header.



Ian McDonald dribbles up the field.



Trevor Weiss takes a shot on goal.

## PeoplesBank wrap up another title in TriCounty League

BY TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—Just like they've done during the past decade, PeoplesBank didn't have very much trouble capturing the 2023 Tri-County League championship title.

After posting an 8-0 victory over the second-seeded Chicopee Falls Tigers in game one at Legion Field in Palmer, top-seeded PeoplesBank swept the best of three series following a 15-1 win at Szot Park in Chicopee, last Thursday night.

"All of the players get along very well with each other on and off the field," said PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry. "The target on our backs gets bigger and bigger each year because everyone wants to beat us. Winning the championship title never gets old and the next one is always better than the last one."

PeoplesBank has now won 18 Tri-County League championship titles, including the past ten, since 1995.

Ferry was the starting leftfield-



Johnny Gegetskas slides safely home.



Sam Allen slings a throw to first.

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er and he's been the PeoplesBank manager since 2019. He dedicated the 2023 season to Tom Bouvier, who's from Ware. Bouvier retired a year ago.

"I would like to dedicate this season to Tom Bouvier," Ferry said. "Tom was our captain and our leadoff hitter."

Holyoke's Danny Gaines, who made just two regular season starts, was the winning pitcher in game two. The lefty didn't allow any runs on six base hits in 5 2/3 innings.

"I can't believe this is our tenth championship title in a row and I'm looking forward to

playing for this team again next year," said Gaines, who issued two walks and didn't record any strikeouts. "We were able to take an early lead in tonight's game, which is always a very important thing. My teammates also made the plays behind me. We do have the best defense in the league."

Ferry and Gaines, along with second baseman Dave Clark, catcher Pete Hogan, and pitcher Andy Gaines, are the only PeoplesBank players who have been members of the last ten championship teams.

"We do have a great group of baseball players and we own this league now," Ferry said. "We just fill in the holes every year."

While the PeoplesBank players were celebrating another championship title outside of the first base dugout, the mood was a little bit different on the other side of the field following the game.

"I'm glad that we made it to the finals, but we just didn't play very well in the past two games," said Tigers player/manager Sean Bourgoise. "I'll be moving to New Jersey soon, so this was my final Tri-County League baseball game. I'm hope this team can win the championship title next year."

Bourgoise, who started in left field, would like Mike Truff to replace him as the Tigers manager next year.

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# Granite Series headed for Maine

WALPOLE, N.H. – Granite State Pro Stock Series officials announced today that Coastal Auto Parts will sponsor the upcoming Coastal Auto Parts 100 at Speedway 95 on Saturday, August 19. In what will be the second stop of the season for the series to the Maine oval, drivers will be chasing the championship as the season begins to wind down.

The Speedway 95 event will be one of the final three on the schedule for the season, with only events at Star Speedway and Lancaster Motorplex to follow to crown the 2023 champion.

Coastal Auto Parts, in business for many years, has built a great business by focusing on superior customer service, through deep inventory, quality people and building meaningful relationships with their customers. They are a family business, deeply rooted in the Ellsworth, Maine, community. From a single store in 1981, Coastal Auto Parts has 29 stores today and more than 270 employees. They have truly transitioned to the next generation.

The event at Speedway 95 on August 19 will also include the



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There will be another race at Speedway 95 in Maine this weekend

R&R Street Stock Series and the Cage Runners. A full schedule for the day will be available soon.

“We support racing in the state of Maine for many reasons,” Michael Boles of Coastal Auto Parts said. “These people are customers for us, both on the track and in the stands. They work really hard to be able to do what they love and we want to help provide them a place to play. We are

always excited to go to the track. Hopefully this event will continue to help grow racing in the Bangor area and the state of Maine.”

“Partnering with Coastal Auto Parts for this event is great for our series,” Mike Parks, President of the Granite State Pro Stock Series, said. “We’re happy to have them working with us for what will be another great event. Speedway 95 produces some

fantastic Pro Stock racing and we’re excited to get back there for another race later this month.”

For more information on Coastal Auto Parts, visit [capna.com](http://capna.com). For more information on the Granite State Pro Stock Series, visit [gpsss.net](http://gpsss.net) and follow the series on social media for the latest news and updates.

## Thunderbirds caravan event moved

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds today announced that the first installment of the T-Birds Community Caravan presented by Dunkin’ has been postponed to Saturday, Aug. 12 due to potential inclement weather this weekend. The T-Birds Community Caravan will still make a total of three stops in the Springfield area throughout the summer months:

**Saturday, Aug. 12** - Szoat Park (Chicopee), 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 19** - Amelia Ice Arena (Westfield), 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament

Public skating from 10:50 to 11:50 a.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 9** - Forest Park & Cyr Arena (Springfield), 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Each event will feature an appearance from Thunderbirds mascot Boomer and team staff, as well as a wide variety of activities and vendors, including a Dunkin’ Taste Truck, street hockey activities, and various food options.

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PeoplesBank scored an unearned run in the second inning.

Centerfielder Seth Allen (2-for-4) blasted a leadoff double down the left field line against righthander Ryan Magni. The next batter struck out before shortstop Sam Allen drew a walk. Then Hogan bounced into a fielder’s choice play. Seth Allen advanced to third on the play before scoring the game’s first run on a throwing error by the shortstop.

An RBI line-drive single to center by designated hitter Johnny Gegetskas gave PeoplesBank a 2-0 advantage with one-out in the third inning. Then Seth Allen blasted a triple to left field against Magni scoring two more runs.

Bourgeoisie thinks Magni is one of the top pitchers in the TCL, but he hasn’t had very much success against PeoplesBank.

“We’ve beaten Magni in a number of big games over the years,” Ferry said. “At least six of our nine batters have faced him at least 30 times. We know what he throws.”

The Tigers had just one base hit during the first three innings before they loaded the bases in the fourth.

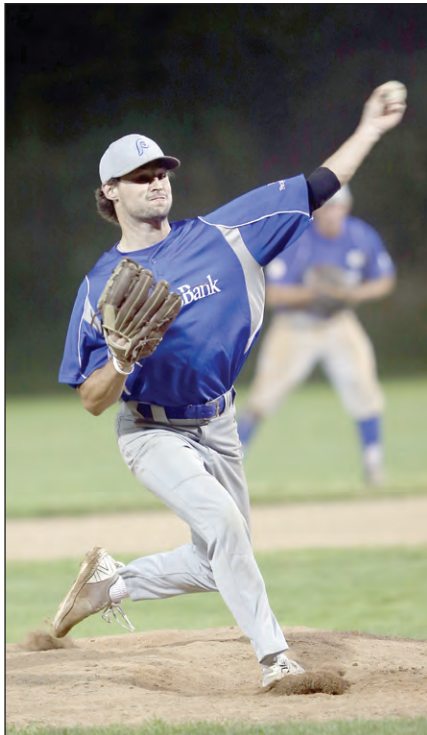
With one-out, Right fielder Tom Burzynski hit a flyball just out of the reach of PeoplesBank right fielder Breon Parker Jr., who attempted to make a diving catch. Catcher Nick Kreuzer followed with a single and shortstop Shane Denault walked. Gaines retired the next two batters on a pop-up and flyout ending the threat.

Magni kept PeoplesBank off the scoreboard for the next two innings before allowing four runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Hogan, who had a leadoff single, scored on Ferry’s triple to right field. Ferry also scored on a throwing error. Their other two runs crossed the plate on a double by Clark (3-for-5) and a single by first baseman Kyle Platner, who led the way offensively with four hits and a walk.

PeoplesBank scored seven more runs in their final at-bats against a couple of relief pitchers.

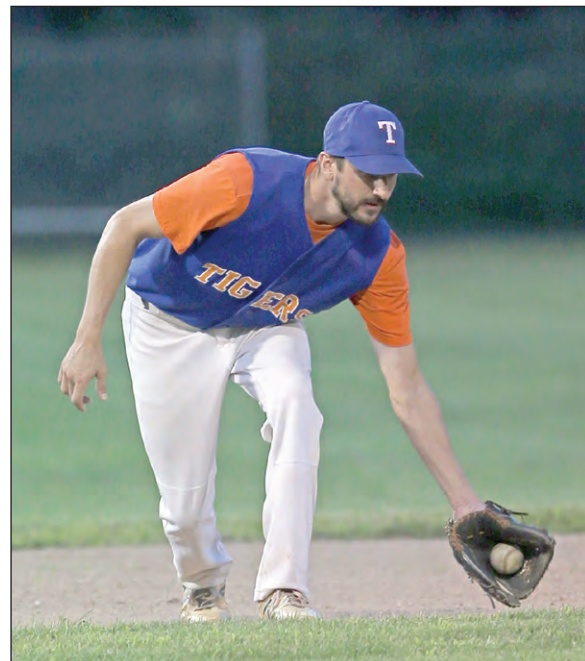
The Tigers finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh inning against Gegetskas, who replaced Gaines on the



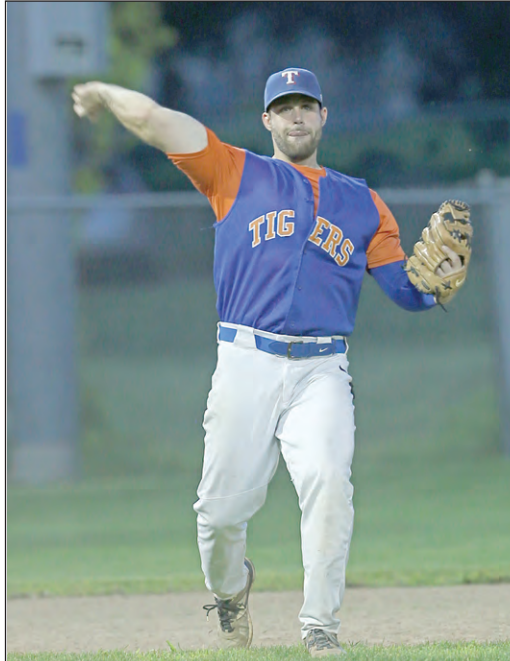
Aiden Consedine, of Holyoke, delivers a pitch.



Jason Byers pitches for the Tigers.



Ryan Magni fields a grounder.



Nick Koziol throws to first for the Tigers.

mound. Burzynski reached first base on a fielder’s choice play which scored pinch hitter Josh DeSouza, who singled leading off the frame.

Had there been a game three of the series, righthander Zach Handzel, who graduated from Palmer High School, would’ve

been the starting pitcher for PeoplesBank.

“It just feels awesome to win another championship title,” said Handzel, who has been wearing a PeoplesBank uniform for the past six years. “Danny threw a gem tonight and Jimmy Flahive pitched very well in game one. We do have

a very strong pitching staff. I’m hoping that we can win another title next year.”

Before taking a team picture at home plate, Ferry received the championship trophy from first year Tri-County League President Michael Kennedy, who’s a former PeoplesBank player.

## Follow Turley Sports on Instagram

Turley Publications sports department has recently joined Instagram. You can find our account by searching “turleysports.” We will regularly feature samples of photos that you will see in our publications on a weekly basis. Please follow and share with your friends and loved ones. We will be featuring photos from all 11 of our sports sections, but as always, you can see all the photos that appear by subscribing to your local paper or picking up a copy in your community.

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In the bronze medal game, Central and West battled fiercely in a close match. Central’s forward Bianca Facchetti (Londmeadow, Minnechaug Regional HS) opened the scoring with an assist from forward Kalli White (Granby, Granby HS), holding the lead at halftime. However, West fought back in the second half, as forward Gianna Sakowski (Springfield, Minnechaug Regional HS) netted a goal off a corner kick. Central responded with a goal of their own from forward Sydney Reed (West Springfield, West Springfield HS), assisted by midfielder Sabina Mackechnie (East Longmeadow, East Longmeadow HS). With tensions high, West was awarded a penalty kick, which Marjanski converted confidently. In the final moments of the match, West midfielder Allison Fleury (South Hadley, South Hadley HS) sealed the victory with an assist from Marjanski, leading West to a thrilling comeback win.

**SPORTS**

# Twins grab final playoff spot with win, A's take first

WILBRAHAM – Last week, the Twins of the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League edged out the Angels for the final playoff spot thanks to two consecutive wins to finish off the regular season.

The Twins would defeat the Angels last Sunday 6-4 in a very close contest, but then moved in win-or-go-home makeup game against the Tigers last Wednesday night at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

The Tigers were already in the playoffs, but the Twins needed a win to finish a game ahead of the Angels. A loss would have tied the Twins with the Angels, and the Angels would have made the playoffs through the tiebreaker.

The Tigers, which showed a much-improved offense this season, did jump out to a six-run lead early in the game, but not wanting to use too much pitching with a playoff game looming, the Twins were able to come back and tie the score 7-7 in the

fifth inning. In the sixth, the wheels would come undone for the Tigers, as the Twins simply started mashing the ball, batting around nearly twice as they plated the 15 runs needed for the game to end via the mercy-rule for a 22-7 Twins win.

The Athletics would defeat the Tigers last Sunday, July 30, and then followed that with a 23-12 win over the Cubs to finish the regular season 10-5 and win the top see in the playoffs.

Both the A's and Cubs had also made the playoffs and the game was simply for the opportunity to finish in first place and gain the top seed.

The playoffs began Sunday, Aug. 6 with the Twins and Cubs facing off while the Tigers and A's met in the other semifinal. Results from those games were not available as of press time. The championship game is set for this Sunday, Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

**EDUCATION**

# Local students receive Bachelor's degrees from University of Massachusetts Amherst

REGION – Approximately 5,500 students received a Bachelor's degree in more than 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's undergraduate commencement in May.

Below is a list of local students who earned a degree:

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## NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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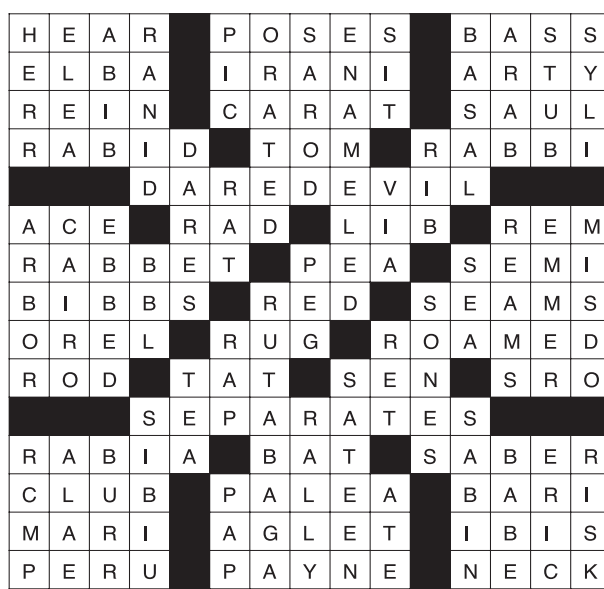
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**CAMPUS NOTES**

**St. Lawrence University students named to dean's list**

REGION - St. Lawrence University announced more than 670 students to its dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester.

Sam Hunt of Belchertown is a member of the Class of 2026 and is majoring in psychology. Hunt attended Belchertown High School.

Grace Lane of Amherst is a member of the Class of 2024 and is majoring in English. Lane attended Williston Northampton School.

Arianna Roeder-Fabos of Amherst is a member of the Class of 2026 and is majoring in environmental studies. Roeder-Fabos attended Amherst Regional High School.

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**Resident makes dean's list at Wentworth Institute of Technology**

AMHERST – Two residents have made the dean's list at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Spring 2023 semester.

Daniel Espin and Thomas Maino are both residents of Amherst.

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**Major duties include:** Preparing sandwiches, soup, and desserts and bag meals for individual clients. Serve congregate meals to the dining room on a daily basis. Plan for the soup and sandwich menu for the next day's meal. Must be able to read and follow recipes for consistency and quality of food. Wash and clean dishes and follow food safety standards after each task. Assists other staff in general cleaning and sanitizing of all kitchen equipment, surfaces, utensils, and other areas.

**Minimum Qualifications:** High school education; up to one year of experience in the food service industry; or any equivalent combination of education and experience.

This is a grade 2 position, 30 hours per week, starting pay at \$16.85/hour, benefitted position. If you would like to join our team, please complete an application online at [www.belchertown.org/human\\_resources](http://www.belchertown.org/human_resources) or email [jobs@belchertown.org](mailto:jobs@belchertown.org) for more information. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

The Town of Belchertown is an EEO employer, we encourage women, minorities and veterans to apply.

# Send Us Your Autumn Event Information

Turley Publications will print your Autumn event FREE OF CHARGE in our Autumn Fest Supplement which will be published September 13, 2023.

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Deadline for Calendar submissions is August 16.

MAIL YOUR LISTING INFORMATION TO:  
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## Community Autumn Events

Event Should Be Non-Profit & Open to the Public

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Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

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