

## Belchertown Police Department hosts *National* NIGHT OUT

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BELCHERTOWN – Every year, police departments from all over the country host National Nights Out, which are designed to encourage partnerships between the police officers and the members of the community they serve.

NNO's are meant to be a time of community bonding and partnership, and this was certainly accomplished at Belchertown's Night Out last week.

Hundreds of people came to listen to the music from local band The Willies, and enjoy free snacks, hot dogs from the Police department, and candy from the various booths from local businesses.

Food trucks Rustic Fusion and Batch Ice Cream were there, as well as Clay Mates, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Belchertown's Cultural Council and Council on Aging, the Youth Football and Cheer teams, and many more.

Dunkin Donuts came with a table for coffee and donuts, and you could get your face painted, get a balloon animal, and walk across the Monkey Bridge, built entirely by Boy Scout Troop 507.

But the stars of the show were most definitely the K-9's of Hampshire County Sheriff's Office and their handlers, Sergeant Marcy Brougham and Officer Adam Brougham.



Boy Scout Troop 507 with their hand-built rope course bridge.

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Ace, a black German Shepherd, and Journey, a 6 month old Malinois puppy in training, showed their skills in demos for the community to enjoy.

"Doing things like this- these

public demos- is what pulled me into what I'm doing now," Adam Brougham said, explaining his passion and love for doing community events.

"Every time I do a pub-

lic demo or an interaction with the public, I try to give more up-close experience," Adam explained.

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## Selectboard discuss TM goals

BY MELINA BOURDEAU  
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – The Town Manager's goals moving into the new fiscal year were discussed at a recent Selectboard meeting. The board paid particular attention to communication, financial management and personnel matters.

Selectboard member Ed Boscher said that, for the first year on the job, Williams did well in tackling different subjects, and "expectations are going up."

Williams included a communications plan.

The board removed an LED sign by the fire department from the plan. Boscher said the department was looking for a grant, but the station wouldn't be a good location.

"You're coming up the hill, there's a crosswalk right at the top of the road, and I don't like the idea of people taking their eyes off the road in that section of town," he said.

Another communication goal included a better hybrid meeting experience for people in town as well as a quarterly newsletter.

Boscher proposed a quarterly newsletter on the website, including different departments in town and the school district.

Williams said the discussion has been occurring.

"One of my staff members has experience with newsletters. It's

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## BOH makes event permitting change

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Correspondent

GRANBY – The Board of Health discussed event permitting at its last meeting regarding safety inspections and protocols.

The Board of Health Chair, Richard, began the conversation by saying that the board has a protocol for temporary food events. They require permits.

He said situations have occurred where people cater events, bring in sandy cans or take other measures and ask for the permit to be approved.

"They have some events occurring out in the middle of a field, and they have all these things occurring – would that require every one of these events to end up having an inspection?" he

said. "There are a whole bunch of things that have to be covered for safe operation."

Board of Health member Lee Lalonde said he believed every event needed to be viewed as unique.

"Therefore, every event needs to have its own permit each and every time," he said.

Health Inspector Lynn Diniz said she agreed.

Bombardier said people will need to fill out a form, including information such as whether there are sandy cans, how many people will be there, who will empty them, and when they will be on site.

The group agreed that events needed 30 days' notice to get the permit for \$100.

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## Lions Club hosts first ever car show

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BELCHERTOWN – The Lion's Club has always worked to host fun events for the community, in order to donate to charities and other places to help those in need.

This year, for the first time, the Lion's Club has taken on a car show, and they were blown away by the results as the common filled with cars to capacity.

From meatball subs to community service, the Lions Club has had a lot to offer in the past for the community to be able to come together.

"The Lion's Spring Fundraiser used to be a golf tournament, so we decided to



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The winner of Best in Show, Tony Martin with his 1968 Mustang GTO.

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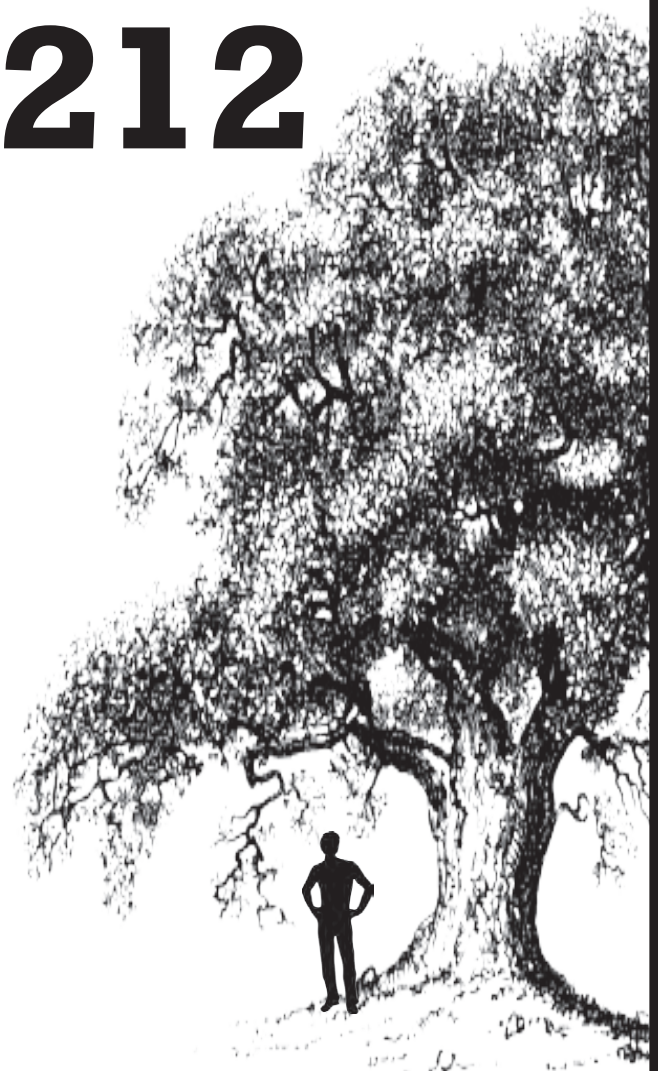
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**BELCHERTOWN**

# Middle schoolers show off their musical talents

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BELCHERTOWN – Music is something that has united people of all ages for centuries. From classical music to movie scores to pop and rock, and all the genres in between, music is something everyone has in common.

*My love for music has always been there.*

LILY VOISINE

Many people come together to enjoy concerts, and last week, the community got together to listen to the talents of a young band, Ultraviolet, which is composed of talented teens entering eighth grade.

The members of this band, Lily Voisine, Wesley Hill, and John and Jake DeMento, met during their music classes in fifth grade, and after learning instruments from their band director, Jason Mosall, the rest is history.

“They were really enthusiastic and practiced on their own,” Mosall said of his students. “They really inspire me because they came in wanting to play music I grew up with.”

Playing music from artists like Linkin Park, Avril Lavigne, Paramore, and many more popular rock bands from four different decades.

“I was really lucky that they came to me,” Mosall said. “They’re all great musicians, but they’re all really great kids.”

The kids in the band have always loved music, and their parents supported them in their desires and goals to start the band.

“I’m prod of him for doing it. He’s kind of a quiet kid, so to see him to this is awesome,” Caroline Hill, Wesley’s mom, said.

Ken and Donna Voisine also shared their pride in their daughter. “I’m proud of her commitment. She’s practicing the songs and taking voice lessons. She’s very dedicated and a team player. The boys



The members who make up Ultraviolet: Wesley, John, Jake, and Lily.

are like her brothers,” Ken said.

“I’m proud of their hard work. It’s pretty unique to have a rock band of thirteen-year-olds,” Amanda Ryan, John and Jake’s mom, said.

“I’m very proud of the time they put in on their own practicing. It’s a testament to their hard work,” Ryan said, proud of her boys alongside their dad, Mike DeMento.

The four of them work together smoothly, performing songs, practicing together and on their own, and take inspiration and encouragement from their friends and family, who always have their back.

The band has gone to play at several events, including at their

The band with their biggest supporters and hype people, their parents and band teacher.



school, and during town events. “We’re fortunate to be here in Belchertown, where music is strongly encouraged and celebrated”, Mosall said.

“My love for music has always been there,” Lily said. “I decided it was going to be how I made a difference in this world- through music and what I create.”

John and Jake grew up with their dad having his own band, constantly surrounded by music, and Mike DeMento also worked on the sound for their performance.

“I was born into it,” John said about making music. “I love the guitar.”

“Watching Guns N Roses and a lot of bands from the 80’s inspired me,” Jake said.

“My dad was in a band, and I’d always go to his practices,” Wesley said. “Then in fifth grade I went to Mr. Mosall’s class and haven’t stopped playing since.”

Ultraviolet is a band for everyone, playing classics and more, composed of four young people dedicated to their talents and craft, and ready to learn more as their band develops and grows.

Be sure to stop by the last Food Truck Friday of the summer, on August 16, to hear these talented musicians play for you.

## Boy Scout can and bottle drive this weekend

BELCHERTOWN — Belchertown Boy Scout Troop 507 is holding a can and bottle drive on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pride Gas Station

at the intersection of Rt. 21 and Rt 202, 165 State St. Gather up all of those unwanted returnable bottles and cans from summer gatherings and help support the Scouts. Bring

them to the Pride station where the Scouts will be collecting them to raise money to help make their scouting experience more meaningful.

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# New EV charging stations to be installed

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BELCHERTOWN – The Select Board met with the Energy and Sustainability Committee to hear about a plan for the construction of electric vehicle stations to be installed at the Town Hall and Library.

The July 15 meeting was held as a joint meeting between the Energy and Sustainability Committee and the Selectboard.

From the Selectboard, Chair Edward Boscher, Vice Chair Lesa Lessard Pearson, Clerk Jennifer D. Turner, and members Nicole Miner and Whitney Jorns-Kuhnlenz.

Since December of 2022, the committee has been given a “green light” to begin researching and looking at efforts to install these charging stations.

The project follows Transportation Goal 6 from the Climate Resiliency and

Sustainable Growth Plan for a transition to electric vehicles.

“We looked at Belchertown Public Schools, the police station... and then the town commons. We had the most receptiveness at the town hall and library,” Chair of the Energy and Sustainability Committee, Jacob Robinson, said.

The final decision was to install two dual-headed charging stations in order to support four vehicles and ensure that the equipment is dependable and durable.

The committee submitted and created surveys in order to get a feel of what sites the community would like to see the stations at.

The PowerPoint presentation showed that the prices since 2022 have gone up, and the price includes the base price, charger, support software license, and installer costs for a total of \$45,498, with a maximum grant reimbursement of \$50,000.

By July 2024, the committee presented that the selection for which electric vehicle supply equipment selection was put on hold because of changes in Energy Star Compliance by MASS EVIP and National Grid in 2023.

The amount needed is an up-front immediate payment from the town and would go into servicing the installation and upkeep of these charging stations.

The presentation proposed \$480 a year from National Grid for the project per year for four years, encouraging the use of the charging stations.

The stations, when not being used to charge a vehicle, will only use thirteen watts of power, which is efficient for the town’s energy usage, and does not cost the town much at all.

The board discussed the benefits of having these station in place in the town, including the benefit of having electric

vehicles stop in the town before moving onto other, bigger cities where the next charging stations are.

There is an app available to electric vehicle owners, and it contains the areas where they can find charging stations when on the move.

Having a station in Belchertown at the center of town will encourage people to explore the town while the vehicle charges.

The board looked at the costs in order to maintain these charging stations and found that they are actually fairly affordable, when considering also the amount of money it will bring in for the town monthly, estimated at \$3,000.

The board agreed that the grant of \$50,000 is needed and will have Steve Williams and the committee compose a letter in order to propose a grant for the costs of the charging stations.

## What’s new at the 2024 Belchertown Fair Exhibit Hall

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Fair Exhibit Hall team has added new opportunities for entries in the annual exhibit hall. To expand on this year’s theme of “Barn in the USA”, everyone is invited to join the barn quilt contest. Bring a photo of a wooden barn or shed quilt to the Exhibit Hall during check-in hours or submit it via email to belchertownfair@gmail.com. Visitors to the hall during the weekend will cast their votes for their favorite. The chosen design will be announced on Sunday at 2 p.m. and its owner will receive a \$25 Atkins gift

card. Also new this year in both Youth and Adult categories are “Swifty” friendship bracelets and Paint-by-number art. Donna Butler, a long-time volunteer and the vision behind the Exhibit Hall decorations every year will be honored with a new rosette, the Department 113 “Donna Butler Award” for best gift basket. The full Exhibit Hall booklet can be found online at [www.btownfair.com/exhibit-hall](http://www.btownfair.com/exhibit-hall). Entry forms can be submitted by mail until Sept. 9, and by email until Sept.14.



## Last day for Giant Tag Sale donations is Aug. 18

BELCHERTOWN – The St. Francis Giant Tag Sale Committee is overwhelmed through the generosity of numerous donors. The accepted items have been awesome and will provide the tag sale shoppers with a wide variety of choices.

As the team collection efforts draw to a closure, all donors are reminded that the final day for donating items will be Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024 from noon to 5 p.m.; the Parish Center doors will close at 5 p.m. sharp. Never leave items at the Jabish Street church location and do not leave any bags, boxes or items outside the Park Street Parish Center door after this date and time. All donated items must be approved by a St. Francis’ collection team volunteer in the presence of the donor.

The Tag Sale team is aware that the date of Aug. 18, 2024 will be a busy one as Belchertown will be wrapping up the first town wide tag sale. The St. Francis Giant Tag Sale committee cannot accommodate

donors and donations after 5 p.m., however.

The St. Francis Giant Tag Sale Committee will begin to set up the “sales floor” on the Town Common around Aug. 22, 2024. The public will see a dumpster in the town parking lot; this dumpster is to be used only by the St. Francis Tag Sale team and is not placed there for public use. Numerous vendors have arranged to collect unsold items after the 2 pm closure on Aug. 24, 2024. The team has made vigorous efforts to seriously reduce the amount of refuse that is generated and has scheduled recycling activities.

The St. Francis Giant Tag Sale will open at 8 a.m. sharp on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024 and close at 2 p.m. All seventeen departments will be organized and well stocked for each shopper’s delight. The team requests that pets, unless service animals, please watch from outside the secure taped areas and do not walk through the sales floor area.

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**BCTV Weekly Schedule**

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**Thursday, Aug. 15**

- 8 a.m. Conservation Comm. - 12 Aug
- 10 a.m. Planning Board - 13 Aug
- 12 p.m. Board of Health - 14 Aug
- 7 p.m. Conservation Comm. - 12 Aug
- 9 p.m. Planning Board - 13 Aug

**Friday, Aug. 16**

- 8 a.m. Communications Comm. - 8 Aug
- 7 p.m. Board of Health - 14 Aug
- 9 p.m. Communications Comm. - 8 Aug

**Saturday, Aug. 17**

- 8 a.m. Concert on the Common - 8 Aug
- 9:30 a.m. Concert on the Common - 1 Aug
- 11 a.m. Concert on the Common - 25 Jul
- 7 p.m. Clapp - Belchertown's Connection to China
- 9 p.m. Concert on the Common - 8 Aug

**Sunday, Aug. 18**

- 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. Concert on the Common - 15 Aug
- 10 p.m. Clapp - Belchertown's Connection to China

**Monday, Aug. 19**

- Select Board - Channel 191

**Tuesday, Aug 20**

- Community Preservation Comm. - Channel 191

**Wednesday, Aug 21**

- 6 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals - Channel 191

**CAMPUS NOTES**

**Local students named to Dean's list at Washington University in St. Louis**

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester at Washington University in St. Louis.

**Amherst**

**Julie Cho** is enrolled in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts. To qualify for the Dean's List in the Sam Fox School, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

**Abby Schulkind** is enrolled in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts. To qualify for the Dean's List in the Sam Fox School, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

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**Saint Joseph's University Dean's list**

**Amber Drummond** of Belchertown, received Dean's List Recognition for the Spring 2024 semester at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA. She was a freshman in Spring 2024 and her major is Elementary and Special Education.

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**Benjamin Anderson named to the University of Delaware Dean's List**

**Benjamin Anderson** from Belchertown, has been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester.

To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

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just an email blast," he said. "We also started a Town Manager's blog, which will be monthly."

Selectboard member Jen Turner asked if it was in video form, and Williams said it's in writing for the time being.

Other additions included updating the social media policy and hiring a Belchertown Community Television Manager.

As far as personnel, Williams laid out goals to review job descriptions and develop a code of conduct for municipal employees. Another proposal was to compare compensation and benefits.

Boscher said the town was "not in the right climate to take on that part of the process."

Selectboard Vice Chair Lesa Lessard Pearson said she agreed with Boscher.

The board supported an orga-

nizational/structural review of the Finance, Senior Center and Recreation Departments.

It also included performance reviews for positions such as the fire and police chiefs and the town manager. Department heads were also receiving performance reviews.

Williams said some of the goals and objectives are already in process.

Lessard Pearson said the board has goals for Williams, but she wanted to see the goals "flow to the department heads."

Boscher said he would like to see more "reliance on HR for decisions you'll be making in the years to come."

He also added he would like Williams to be able to take paid time off from the position for at least two weeks.

The board also included that department heads should enroll in three professional training modules in the upcoming year.

There were also goals related to the budget process.

Williams write he hopes to implement more recommendations from the Department of Labor Services recommendations, but Boscher said the budget process should be continued to be improved by involving the schools earlier.

The DLS report also recommended a quarterly financial statement review.

Selectboard member Jen Turner said the board gets monthly reports, but she would like to see something different.

"I'd like to see some high-level analysis of where we are in the budget," she said.

Boscher added that he would like to see what financial processes can be automated.

The board also touched on future planning, recreation and economic development.

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He also proposed increasing the price of a temporary permit for an event from \$100 to \$200.

"And if it's less than 30 days, the permit goes up to \$400, which makes it worthwhile, so Lynn ends up getting double pay," said Bombardier.

Lelonde agreed that would be enough time.

"These things are planned. They're advertising. They're selling whatever they're selling to get people there," he said.

Both members agreed that noncompliance would mean no permit would be issued.

The board approved the septic system design for 25 Cold Hill Drive was approved, subject to the following conditions:

- Fixing the elevation error on one of the trenches
- Providing the PE stamp drawing for the wall
- Verifying the neighboring wells are beyond 100 feet

from the septic system

They also approved the permit for 48 Fairy Hill Road to replace the septic tank and distribution boxes, with Bombardier abstaining since it was his own property.

The board also approved extending Winehouse's food establishment license to Sept. 1, aligning the retail and food permits.

The permit for Knick Knack's Bakery to sell baked goods at the Winehouse was approved, with the scope limited to baked goods only at the Winehouse.

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**OPINION**



**Will my wife get a spousal benefit from me?**

**Dear Rusty:**  
I will be turning 70 (yikes) this coming November. I will begin taking my Social Security benefit at that time. My age 70 SS benefit will be approximately \$4,500 per month. My spouse (who is currently 74) began receiving her SS benefits about 10 years ago before her Full Retirement Age. She receives approximately \$1,900 per month.  
My question is, based on my expected SS monthly benefit of approximately \$4,500, would my spouse be eligible for an increase in her monthly SS benefit? I've read some articles about this topic, but none of them seem to be on point so I thought I'd reach out to you.  
*Signed: Seeking Answers*

**Dear Seeking:**  
Congratulations on choosing a claiming strategy, which will maximize your Social Security. Waiting until age 70 to claim guarantees you will get the most you can personally receive for the rest of your life, along with annual Cost of Living Adjustments. But the spouse benefits available to your wife when you claim are not based on your age 70 amount. Rather, spouse benefits are calculated using Full Retirement Age amounts. Here's what that means:

If your age 70 benefit will be about \$4,500 then your FRA amount was likely around \$3,450. If your wife claimed at, say, 64, then her FRA entitlement would probably have been around \$2,200. Your wife will only get a spousal boost if 50% of your FRA amount (not your age 70 amount) is more than her own FRA entitlement. From what you've shared, 50% of your FRA amount would be about \$1,750, which is less than your wife's FRA entitlement and her current age 64 amount, which means that she would not be eligible for a spousal boost to her own amount from you.

Spouse benefits can be tricky, because they're based on FRA entitlements, regardless of the age at which benefits are actually claimed. That is not so, however, for surviving spouse benefits. If you were to predecease your wife, her benefit would be your entire \$4,500 amount, instead of her own smaller current amount. Surviving spouse benefits are based on the amount each of you are currently receiving, not on your amounts at your full retirement age.

I hope this answers your question, but we're always here if you need any further assistance.

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**A question that will encourage blooms for a non-blooming peony**

A reader wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady regarding Peony culture: "I hope you can offer some suggestions for me. I have a couple peonies that my mother-in-law gave me. I just kind of put them in the back of our property. They are sad in that they do have foliage but no flowers. I want to transplant. My question is, where do I plant them and at what time of the year?"

You are in luck! Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area.

This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes. Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day.

Without knowing the exact size of your plants or if you will be able to lift and move the whole clump, it's hard to advise on the exact size of the hole. Just make sure there is ample room around the plant so that the roots will be able to extend out easily.

If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and

aged compost or manure.  
Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that, bring up your pH by adding lime.

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers, and I know you are looking forward to flowers!

For that reason, choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients. After the third season fertilize after blooming, as well as in the fall.

An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will also help to promote good flowers.

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished.

Middle weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively.

Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis.

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Sharp-shinned hawk

My daughter, Paula and family along with their dog JoJo experi-

enced an unusual bird sighting.  
Last week my daughter, Paula and family were running on the rail trail from the covered bridge to the Gilbertville mill. She said, "A hawk dropped a dead pigeon into the woods about ten feet away from us. JoJo thought it was a food delivery for him. I couldn't tell what kind of hawk it was, but it didn't seem big enough for a red-tailed."  
It was rusty/brown color on wings and back and barred feathers on underside. They didn't see it come back for the poor pigeon.

Since it was smaller than a red-tailed hawk, I think it might be a sharp-shinned hawk. The sharp-shinned hawk is 11 inches long and has rounded wings with a long narrow tail. It has heaving streaking on the breast and belly. It has reddish brown barring. The adult is blue gray above. The immature is dark brown above, lighter brown below and keeps that plumage for one year.  
Sharp-shinned hawks feed by catching small birds in midair and

carrying them off to eat. They also may hunt around bird feeders. A plump pigeon would be quite heavy for this smaller hawk and probably that is why it dropped it.

The female lays three to eight whitish eggs with dark marks in a platform nest of sticks lined with bark, placed in a tree. They inhabit mixed deciduous and coniferous woods in summer and winters in woods and near bird feeders.

They make a rapid series of high "kek kek kek kek" notes given during alarm. The largest number of sharp-shinned hawks are seen on spring and fall migrations as it flies alone the coasts or mountain ridges.

**Hummingbirds**

I saw at least two ruby throated hummingbirds feeding on the flowers on my hostas and on the tall phlox in my yard. I knew it was two different birds because I saw them at the same time and the flowers are located about 15 feet away from each other. Usually, hummingbird moths come for nectar at the tall

phlox, but I have not seen one yet.

**Wild turkeys**

Wild turkeys are a common site and I often see them when driving. Usually, there are several turkeys and sometimes I see poults with the adults.

**Foxes**

Tuesday night I saw two foxes and in different towns. The first fox was smaller than the second one. I saw its eyes reflect in my headlights near Deacon Allen Drive on Barre Road. The second fox was a bit larger and I saw it on Depot Road in Barre near the Oakham line. Both looked healthy and had good coats of fur.

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## Ware Grange Fair set for August 23-24

WARE – The Ware Grange Fair will be held on August 23-24 at the Grange Hall on Rte. 9 in Ware (297 Belchertown Rd). This year's Fair will feature two new events - a fun dog show and a "plushie party and parade" family event. The fair will also feature exhibits, games, raffles, a bake sale, live music, a barbecue dinner with a new menu, and an auction. Exhibits may be entered on Thursday, Aug. 22 from 5-7 p.m. or Friday, Aug. 23 from 9-11 a.m.

The grange is holding a Barbecue Dinner at the Fair on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.. This year's dinner features a new menu, which includes pulled pork, chicken, brisket, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, drink, and dessert for \$25. Eat outside under the tent or take out is available. Reservations are required. Please call 413-284-1135 or email [waregrange@comcast.net](mailto:waregrange@comcast.net) to make your reservations for the barbecue.

For more information or details on exhibiting, visit [waregrange.org](http://waregrange.org) or call 413-284-1135.

## GRANBY

### 9-11 Memorial monument dedication Sept. 7

GRANBY – The Granby Firefighters Association, in co-operation with the Granby Fire Department, cordially invite you to attend the dedication of our recently completed 9-11 memorial monument, featuring an authenticated artifact from that horrific day 23 years ago.

The ceremony will be held on Saturday Sept. 7, 2024 at the

Granby Public Safety Complex located at 259 East State Street, Granby MA, at 11 a.m. Rain or Shine.

Please RSVP on or before Aug. 30, 2024 to committee member George Randall III, at his email [George.Randall3@comcast.net](mailto:George.Randall3@comcast.net). Additionally, any question or your desire to speak may be directed to him as well.

### Back-to-School supply drive ends Aug. 16

GRANBY— School supply drives help ensure that all kids have the same opportunities to start the school year right. Please check out the list of needed items and consider donating to the Granby School Supply Back to School Drive

Please drop donations off at the Granby Public Library during open hours. Aug. 1 through Aug. 16. All donations to be given to the Granby To Go Program prior to the start of school.

**East Meadow School:**  
New backpacks, crayons, glue

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This drive has been organized and run by Granby senior, Austin Smith. Thank you in advance for helping the Granby Students.



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### Jazz concert to be held Sept. 9

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For more information about the Jazz Bones contact David Neill 413-686-5027 or [tbn8@aol.com](mailto:tbn8@aol.com)

### Local business grants available

The South Hadley & Granby Chamber of Commerce has created a capacity building grant program for businesses in our municipalities. Under our grant program, funded by the Commonwealth of MA's Workforce/Economic Development Initiative, the SHG Chamber will award eligible South Hadley and Granby businesses up to \$5,000 each. Grants

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Website Design or Redesign, Marketing, Social Media, IT Infrastructure Enhancements, Professional Development, Resource Skill Development, Business Coaching, and Strategic Planning.

Applications now being accepted online: [www.shgchamber.com](http://www.shgchamber.com).

### GARDEN from page 6

Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground.

Haul them off to the trash, don't compost. If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry.

Any stems that show signs

of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well. Disinfect clippers in between cuts.

I hope that this additional information will help you to achieve the long-awaited flowers that you are hoping for! It may take a year or two for transplanted peonies to get adjusted and do their thing, but once set they will bloom happily for decades!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of*

*Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 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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# Lions Club host 1st Annual Car Show



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A beautiful green fire engine, equipped with old firefighting gear and hoses.



A beautiful green Mercury Cyclone.



Sherri and Roger Piekarski and their 1977 Pontiac Transient, straight from the movie Smokey and the Bandits.



An adorable look-alike.



Roy and Evelyn Beals and their 1970 Pontiac GTO, The Judge, from their first date.



An orange 2012 Challenger RT Classic, complete with matching Crush soda cans.



Ken Snow showing off his olive green 1984 Jeep Scrambler, one of only a few made.



A beautiful Dodge with silvery blue flames, ready to make some heads turn.



Cindy Chiasson and her beautiful, red-striped silver 2011 Camaro.





All the cars lined up on the common, ready to be viewed.

**CAR SHOW** from page 1

take this over this year," Michael Mathras, a member of the Lions Club, said. "And it really took off."

The event had 225 cars in total, parked in rows and columns, filling up every remaining square inch of the common where the Farmer's Market was not.

"Trying to get all those 225 cars onto the common was the best part," Mathras said. "It was so awesome to just see all these people coming in, and then just keep coming."

The charity of choice for the Lion's Club for this event was Breakthrough T1D, an organization that helps those who have Type 1 Diabetes.

All proceeds, from the money raised per car, to the many signs

around the common purchased by local businesses, to the sales from food, will go to charity.

"This was a fantastic turnout. The judges had a really tough job when it came to deciding which cars should win," Mathras said.

The event was fantastic, and close to a thousand people came through to see the cars, grab a snack or two, and take a walk through the Farmer's Market while there.

The event was a testimony to how the community can come together and be able to make a true difference.

"I just really want to thank all the people who were involved in making today great," Mathras said. "Thank you to the people who came with their cars, the businesses who sponsored us, and the people who came."



A line of beautiful engines inside beautiful cars.

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Carl Conlan and his beautiful blue 1973 Plymouth Barracuda.



A beautiful car commemorating our brave veterans and troops fighting for our freedom.



A beautiful green Ford AA dump truck from the early 1900's.



One of the Top 20 winners, Heidi and Larry Muniec stand proudly with their 1957 Corvette.



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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 17 through July 30. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the calls police responded to, there were 19 incidents, four accidents, three arrests/summons and 23 citations.*

**ARRESTS/SUMMONS**

**Tuesday, July 23**

7:21 a.m. – A 31-year-old Three Rivers male was charged with littering. An officer responded to Railroad Street where several trash bags were dumped on the side of the street. A DPW employee showed the officer the bags. Photos of the bags were taken. There was also a video in the area showing the vehicle parked in the area, opening and closing the door multiple times and driving away on July 20. The DPW employee contacted the officer and said several times in the bags included the names of the person and their registration. The officer contacted Palmer Police and the person was charged accordingly.

**Friday, July 26**

10:31 p.m. – An 18-year-old Belchertown male was charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, unsafe operation of a motor vehicle and speeding. An officer responded to Barret Street for a report of a crash with a tree. Multiple injuries were reported. When the officer responded to the scene five occupants were standing outside of the vehicle. The vehicle was going west, went off the road and collided with a tree. There was one operator in the cab of the vehicle and the remaining of the passengers were in bed of truck. The

operator lost control of the vehicle, then veered into the tree. The operator and passengers were they were in the cab, and the others were in the bed of the truck. There was damage there the bed of the truck met the cab. Two of the occupants had significant injuries and were transported from the scene.

**Sunday, July 28**

12 p.m. – A 19-year-old Belchertown man was charged with an unregistered motor vehicle and attaching plates. A caller reported a silver sedan going north on Main Street went over a curb and came to an abrupt stop. The vehicle was parked at the same location. The officer noticed the doors were unlocked and its windows were down. The officer saw the plate was not for the right vehicle. The officer saw two people walking on the street toward the vehicle. One of them said they ran out of gas for the vehicle and were going to get more. The driver was charged accordingly.

**Tuesday, July 30**

10:47 a.m. – A summons was issued to a 59-year-old Amherst woman for assault and battery. An officer responded to a residence for a call from the fire department. They were doing an inspection and reported a possible assault between the landlord and the tenant. A person was asked if they wanted to press charges and they didn't.

**INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS**

**Wednesday, July 17**

5:49 a.m. – An officer responded to Metacomet and Bay Road for a report of an abandoned vehicle. The front passenger-side tire of the vehicle was damaged. The officer spoke with the driver who reported they drove over a large branch. Their tire popped, and after attempting to change it, they had the vehicle towed.

10:55 a.m. – An officer responded to State Street for a report of an accident in the parking lot adjacent to another car. The

person opened their door and struck the vehicle next to them, then left the scene. A witness provided the officer with the vehicle's plate number. The officer spoke with the suspected person. They didn't believe there was any damage. They contacted their insurance company, and there is a report on file.

6:32 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a stuck vehicle. The driver drove through standing water in the roadway, causing the vehicle to stall and not start again. The water was a foot high due to a drain blockage. The DPW unblocked it as soon as they were notified. The operator went to arrange for a tow.

**Thursday, July 18**

7:58 a.m. – The resident went to register a dirt bike they purchased online. They were told the dirt bike was stolen. They contacted the Connecticut Department of Transportation about the stolen dirt bike. They reported the matter to Belchertown, and officers were contacted by the Connecticut Department. The person who sold the bike was likely the person who sold the bike back in November of 2022. It was first registered in January 2023 and at that point, it had not yet been reported stolen. Arrangements were made to give it back to its rightful owner in Connecticut.

10:36 a.m. – An officer responded to a North Main Street residence to meet with a Hampshire County Sheriff's officer who was conducting an eviction. In the process, the officer found a high-capacity magazine for a gun. It was turned over to the officer, and it was placed into property.

6:32 p.m. – A resident reported receiving harassing text messages. They were being harassed by a former acquaintance. The caller only wanted a report on file.

**Friday, July 19**

10:12 a.m. – An officer did a report regarding a past sexual abuse allegation.

7:50 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle was traveling east on State Street around the police department when the operator said they were distracted by the basketball court. The vehicle went off the roadway and struck a speeding sign. The vehicle came back onto the roadway, where it stopped. It was towed from the scene, and no injuries were reported.

**Saturday, July 20**

4:43 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of an erratic operator on Ware Road. The vehicle was going slow, swerving and had no lights on. The vehicle went into the driveway of a residence. When the officer arrived, the vehicle was perpendicular in the driveway, the front end of the vehicle pressed against a small tree. The owner was in the driver's seat and was on the phone. It took a long time to roll down their window. The operator said they were speaking with a relative. A relative came up the driveway and said there was no reason why they were supposed to be there. The driver was confused, and an immediate threat was placed on the person's license. The vehicle wasn't towed.

**Sunday, July 21**

12 p.m. – A resident wanted to speak with an officer about neighborhood issues when someone knocked on the door in the early hours of the morning. It was a neighbor knocking on the door and running off. The person wanted it on file. The officer went to speak with the other party, and they didn't answer.

**Monday, July 22**

5:24 p.m. – An officer waiting at a traffic light at Main and Maple saw an expired inspection sticker. The officer ran the license plate, which was attached to a different vehicle that was also expired and nonrenewable. The vehicle was towed.

**Tuesday, July 23**

1:34 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Main Street. A vehicle was stopped in traffic, as the light turned green, it was struck in the rear by another vehicle. The operator of the second vehicle said they thought the first vehicle was going to go forward. No injuries were reported and no tow was needed.

2:11 p.m. – An officer responded to

assist a juvenile who was having a mental health crisis.

**Wednesday, July 24**

7:21 a.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

10:04 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of an accident on Mill Valley Road. Two vehicles were traveling on Mill Valley Road when one in front stopped for a large tractor mowing grass on the side of the road. The first vehicle was struck the second. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

**Thursday, July 25**

3:43 p.m. – An officer took a report of a vandalized vehicle that was parked at a local business. The scratch was from the passenger's side to the front door to the rear tire.

**Friday, July 26**

8:34 a.m. – An officer responded to Federal Street for a report of a vehicle that was struck by a cone by a construction crew. The vehicle had a scuff mark on the front. The operator came up on a construction company on Route 9 that was placing cones, and the operator tried to pass, but the cone was thrown at the vehicle. The construction crew member said it was an accident.

12:15 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person about alleged harassment via Instagram. They were told how to apply for a harassment prevention order.

**Saturday, July 27**

4:35 p.m. – An officer got a call from a resident who was flying a drone, lost control of it crashed into the communication tower at the back of the police department building. The person wasn't sure where within the tower the drone came to rest. An officer checked the area and couldn't see the drone. A call was placed to FCC regarding the crash. The drone owner was told they are liable for any damage to the property. A technician was going to come check on the tower and retrieve the drone.

**Sunday, July 28**

8:27 a.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. A scammer tried to open credit cards using a resident's information. The person got a letter for an application for credit to buy a vehicle. Neither attempt was successful. The person wanted the matter documented.

10:47 a.m. – An officer took a report from a Federal Street resident whose fence was kicked in. They wanted it documented. Photos were taken of the fence, which had a bush in front of it. There are no suspects at this time.

9:59 p.m. – An officer took a call from a resident about their child who took an Uber out of state against their wishes. The officer contacted the local agency in Connecticut, located the person, and contacted their parent. Arrangements were made to have the child picked up. A 51A was filed.

**Monday, July 29**

2:25 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Boardman Road. A vehicle was traveling on Boardman Road when an unknown animal ran into the street. The vehicle ran off the roadway. No tows were needed and no injuries were reported.


5:14 p.m. – A person came to the station to report a person contacted a retail building on George Hannum Road and caused damage. There is no information as far as the suspect vehicle.

**Tuesday, July 30**

6:47 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle was traveling on Federal Street when another vehicle in front of it turned. The first vehicle didn't have time to stop and struck the second vehicle. There was heavy front-end damage to the second vehicle and rear damage to the first. One person was transported to the hospital. One vehicle was towed from the scene.

4:54 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. The residents' Social Security numbers were used twice without their authorization, and their accounts were frozen. The matter was documented.

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## Here for Beer comes up short in finals

BY TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Six of the ten women teams in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League qualified for the playoffs.

The Lusitano Women and Here for Beer finished the regular season with 6-4-2 records and a coin flip was held to determine their playoff seeds. The two squads wound up facing each other in the championship match.

The fifth-seeded Lusitano Women took home the championship trophy for the first time since 2019 with a 3-0 shutout victory over the sixth-seeded Here for Beer at historic Lusitano Stadium, last Friday night.

“We’ve always made the playoffs, but it feels really good to win the championship game for the first time in five years,” said Lusitano Women player/coach Taylor Jordan. “We’re an experienced team this year, and everyone showed up ready to play in tonight’s match.”

Jordan shared the coaching duties with Stephanie Goncalves.

The Lusitano Ladies, who play their home matches at Lusitano Stadium, advanced into the finals after defeating the fourth-seeded Western Mass. Extremes, 1-0, in the quarterfinals, and the second-seeded Heat, 3-1, in the semifinals.

“We won our first two playoff matches on the road. We just wanted to end the season by playing another game on our home field,” Jordan said. “It’s always very special to play a match here.”

Back in 2019, the Lusitano Women celebrated a 3-0 victory over the Xtremes in the championship match. The previous year, they lost by the same score to Here for Beer in the finals.

Following the last Friday’s championship match,

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Macie Bolton, of Belchertown, crosses the field with the ball.



Here for Beer were the Women’s Division runners-up.

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Hannah Duggan, of Palmer, goes for a header.



Lindsey Marjanski, of South Hadley, makes her way up the field.



Mackenzie Shean of Agawam dribbles up the field.

## Belchertown girls win youth title



Gia Grazioso shoots in traffic.



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Hannah Boyko goes for the free throw.



Riogahn Auffrey makes her way down the court.



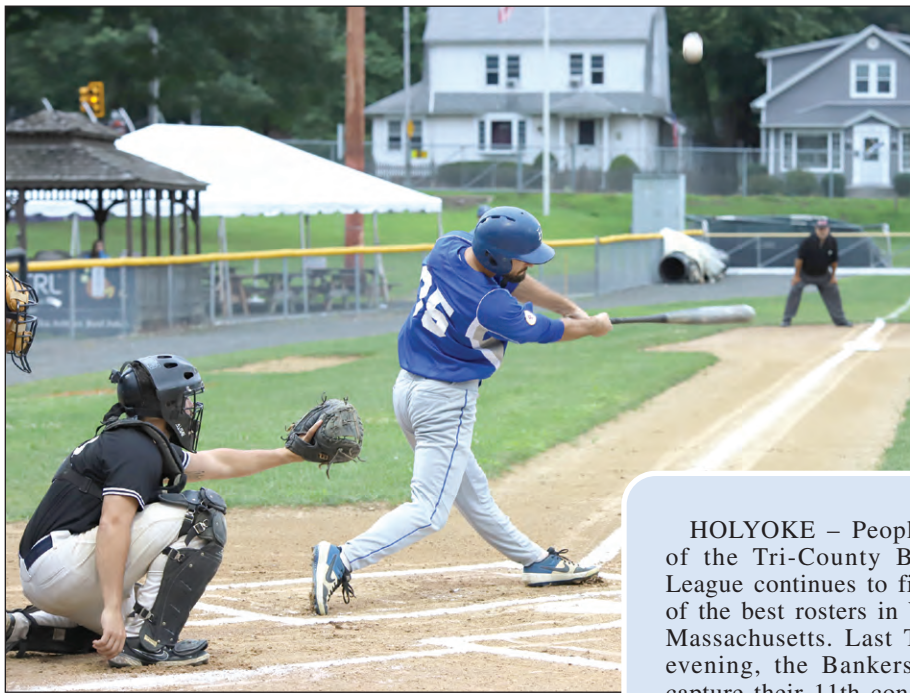
Ryan Litz takes a shot on the hoop.

**BELCHERTOWN** – The Belchertown girls summer basketball team captured a title in the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League. Belchertown had its championship game on Sunday morning to conclude league play.



SPORTS

# Bankers take 11th consecutive playoff title



Seth Allen looks to get things going for PeoplesBank.



Dave Clark connects on a home run to left in the first inning.



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Joe Ferry fields a base hit to left.



Jimmy Flahive delivers a pitch home.

HOLYOKE – PeoplesBank of the Tri-County Baseball League continues to field one of the best rosters in Western Massachusetts. Last Tuesday evening, the Bankers would capture their 11th consecutive championship with a two-game sweep of Hilltown Tents, ending with an 8-3 win last Tuesday night. The Bankers had an unusual playoff path, having to wait nearly two weeks after the end of the regular season to compete in the playoffs. The quarterfinal series went through several postponements following the end of the regular season. When the Bankers finally came to play, they rounded off four wins in five days to take the semifinals and finals. The Bankers defeated St. Joe's, their longtime rivals, in the semifinals.

# Conte leads way in Owls golf tourney

WESTFIELD – Sunny skies met the 33 registered foursomes for the 18th annual Owl Club Tournament at Crestview Country Club in Agawam, Mass. on Monday.

The tournament is a key fundraiser for Westfield State athletics with alumni, sponsors, families and university coaches and staff all participating to net more than \$21,000 to support Owls' athletics. Westfield Bank again served as the lead sponsor of the event.

Westfield State president Linda Thompson welcomed the players at dinner and thanked them for the support of the University and Owls athletics. She mentioned her increased focus on the success of the Owls athletic teams and their role in university life, and reminded players that the University will be celebrating its 185th anniversary this fall with a gala event as part of the homecoming weekend on Oct. 18.

Westfield State director of athletics Richard Lenfest, Jr. formally introduced Westfield State's new head football coach Lou Conte, Jr., as the guest of honor at the tournament's post-round dinner, sponsored by Westfield Gas and Electric and Whip City Fiber.

"Coach K and Coach Marino I held in high regard as a young man," said Conte in his remarks about the Owls previous two head coaches, both in attendance at the

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# Actions picks up at Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, CT — What started out as a gloomy day in the quiet corner of Connecticut turned sunny for the teams, fans and supporters of the 5/8-mile Thompson Speedway. Track championship action started with the AZ Roofing SK Light Modified division under the command of John O'Sullivan and Rob Schultz. O'Sullivan quickly took charge on the bottom groove with Schultz sliding back on the outside. Launching into a four-car race saw Meg Fuller, Tyler Chapman and Nick Hovey join O'Sullivan under a blanket at the front.

Fuller stole the lead before a hard-charging Chapman took over on lap five as Nick Hovey stalked from behind. The extra-distance feature saw the three leaders run nose-to-tail before a mid-race caution for the spinning Rob Schultz set up a dash between Chapman and Hovey. The two leaders turned sour in turn two, spinning off the treacherous turn and leaving Fuller the lead for the restart with eleven laps remaining. In just five laps, Hovey and Chapman returned to the front as Hovey tried his best to claim the win but Tyler Chapman took down his fifth win in a row at Thompson with John O'Sullivan taking third.

The Mini Stocks were next on the field with Rick LaFlesh and Steve Michalski in command under the green flag. LaFlesh led the early goings before Kevin Moore powered through on the bottom to lead lap 4 with defending champ Jarred Roy patient-

ly making his way to the front. After battling LaFlesh for second place lap after lap, Roy finally made his way into the runner-up spot with five laps remaining and set his sights on Moore. Side-by-side under the white flag, both former champions gave it all they had but it would be Kevin Moore at the line to snap Jarred Roy's four-race wins streak with Ryan Pomposelli joining the podium in third.

Moving on to the Street Stocks, rookie Austin Flanagan and Icebreaker winner Al Stone III brought the fan-favorite division to the initial green with trouble early for Ryan Waterman and Scott Souza as they dragged across the length of the backstretch wall. After rookie Flanagan led lap one, Stone powered back to the lead with Scott Sundeen, Corey Fanning and 'Leadfoot' Larry Barnett following him on the bottom. Fanning used a strong run through turns one and two to launch under Stone and lead lap seven.

The Thompson Late Models jumped on the highbanks for their 25-lap feature with Ryan Morgan and Derek Gluchacki leading the charge into turn one. Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP) finalist Gluchacki led the early circuits with Jake 'The Jet' Johnson trying to track him down as Connor Souza made a physical battle in his fight to third-place. Three wide with former champions Morgan and Nick Johnson, Souza battled hard to join the

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Julia Farnham, who's a third year member of the Lusitano Women, received the M.V.P. award.

"I didn't score any of the goals or had an assist, but I did help my teammates set up the goals," said Farnham, who's a midfielder. "It feels great to win a championship game for the first time in the three years that I've been playing for this soccer team."

Farnham lives in Amherst, and played soccer at Vassar College, which is in Poughkeepsie, New York. She led her college soccer team in minutes last fall as a senior.

Here for Beer, who plays their home matches at South Hadley High School, advanced into the finals after posting a pair of road victories. They beat the third-seeded Monson Mustangs, 4-3, in the quarterfinals, and upset the top-seeded Westside Sports Shop, 2-0, in the semis. Westside Sports Shop had won the last three women's championship titles.

"We began the season well before suffering a couple of injuries," said Here for Beer player/coach Cassie Ashwell. "I never thought that we would make it to the finals this year, but we knocked out the top-seeded team in the semifinals. It was a fun season."

Ashwell, who was selected as the M.V.P. of the 2018 championship match, shares the coaching duties with Gina Lord.

Ashwell is normally a midfielder, but she was the starting goalkeeper in this year's finals.

"Our starting goalie, Sue Jenney, suffered an ACL injury during the regular season. Our back-up goalie, Kelly Callahan, suffered a season ending injury in our semifinal match on Wednesday," Ashwell said. "I've



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Emily Landry, of Agawam, heads past midfield.

never been a goalie before the other night. I was our starting goalie in tonight's game and it's the first time I've played a full game at that position. You just need to have a different mindset being a goalie than a field player. I just needed to step up for my team."

The Lusitano Ladies took a 1-0 lead following a free kick goal during the eighth minute.

Ada Siepman, who plays soccer at Mount Holyoke College, fired a high shot that Ashwell couldn't save. The ball landed in the right corner of the net.

"I tried my best to make the save on their first goal," Ashwell said. "I just hesitated a little bit and the ball got past me."

Two minutes later, Lauren Cantin delivered a pass from the

left side to Trystin Burger, who finished off the play by scoring the Lusitano Women's second goal.

Burger also played soccer at Granby High School and AIC.

The final 30 minutes of the opening half was evenly played.

Here for Beer best scoring chance came on a shot attempt during the 18th minute of the first half from Lauren Majanski, who graduated from South Hadley High School.

The Lusitano Women built a 3-0 lead following a goal by Jordan Chatman with about twenty minutes remaining in regulation.

The Lusitano Ladies will be looking to defend their PVSSL women's championship title a year from now.



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top-three. The physicality continued to the lap 10 caution with Souza sent to the rear for contact that sent Morgan around in turn two. One final late race caution for rookie Kyle Gero's dust-up in turn three set up a final chase to the checkers with Derek Gluchacki becoming the first repeat Late Model winner at the Big-T with Jake Johnson and Matt Lowinski-Loh rounding out the podium.

The Tripoint Showdown 50-lap main event for the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds rounded out the evening's program under the lead of Danny Cates and Josh Carey. Cates led from the start as Jon Puleo motored into second with Kieth Rocco looking to come from the back of the pack. Puleo and Cates would swap lanes over and over again with crossovers galore as Rocco watched from two car lengths back in the catbird seat. The first caution would slow the field as Derek Ramstrom smacked the turn one wall with Puleo getting the restart jump on Cates. Cates and Josh Carey would suffer the same fate on lap 27, slamming into the turn one wall. Jon Puleo would take off on the restart and lead down to the wire with Keith Rocco and Isaiah Newcomb rounding out the podium three.



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# Gulls win NECBL title

NEWPORT, RI – The final game of the 2024 season was one for the history books, as the Newport Gulls capped off their 2024 campaign with a bang in extra innings for an 8-7 victory following the continuation of game two on a sunny Saturday evening at Cardines Field.

In the bottom of the second, the Gulls struck first as Tyler Hare (Wofford) crushed a solo home run to right center to put the Gulls up 1-0 early. However, the Mainers responded immediately in the top of the third. The Mainers tied the game on an error and then Jackson Tucker (St. John's) hit an RBI double to put the Mainers up 2-1.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Gulls put up a crooked number to take the lead 6-2.

Dixon Williams (Eastern Carolina) crushed a two-run home run to the thrill of his teammates. After that, Matt Ossenfort (NC State) crushed his own three-run home run to add a cushion for the Gulls.

Meanwhile on the mound, Gulls starter Kade Shatwell (Oklahoma City) brought the energy for the team. Shatwell pitched 6.1 strong innings, allowing just three earned runs with eight strikeouts, pumping up his teammates. However, after Shatwell came out, the Mainers marched back. In the top of the seventh, Devan Bade (Binghamton) hit a two-run single to cut the deficit to 6-4, then in the top of the eighth, Caleb Shpur (UConn) came through for the Mainers, tying the game with a two-run home run to even the score. Later in

that same inning, the Mainers took the lead 7-6 on a single by CJ Willis (Quinnipiac), turning the tide once again in favor of Sanford.

Down to their final three outs, the Gulls sent Hare to the plate with one out and Hare delivered, crushing his second home run of the night into the right field netting to tie the score at seven apiece and force extra innings.

In the tenth, Drew Delucia (Franklin Pierce) did his job for the Gulls, keeping the Mainers off the board and giving the team a chance to walk it off. In the bottom half of the inning, the Gulls did just that. Williams came through with the game-winning RBI single, walking it off 8-7 to clinch the Fay Vincent Sr. Cup for the Gulls.

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tournament. "I knew what I wanted to do, I wanted to coach football .... They were kings to me, and to be able to follow in the footsteps of the path that they laid out, both individually and together, and I am so appreciative, and so lucky to be here. I'm so excited for the season and there are many great things here that makes it feel like the right move for us."

Conte, an Agawam native, noted that he and his wife and children were excited to be able to set down roots in Western Mass again after stints coaching at Lenoir-Rhyne and the Citadel in South Carolina.

Players played in the scramble format at Crestview, former home of the LPGA's Friendly's classic and a qualifying site for the PGA's Travelers Championship. Players received lunch, sponsored by College Hype Sportswear and Screenprinting, and competed in variety of contests on the course, including long drive,

pot of gold, a putting contest, shot for a \$5,000 hole in one prize, and contested closest-to-the-pin on multiple holes. Carts were sponsored by the Follett Campus Bookstore.

The Owls 2023 MASCAC Champion women's soccer team helped out as volunteers on the course, running several of the contests and staffing the players' Oasis on the course, which was sponsored by Pepsi and Commercial Distributing. Part of the proceeds from the event will help support women's soccer's season-opening trip to the Nashville, Tenn. area for a multi-day tournament.

Conte's big day continued as his foursome won the tournament's open division with a remarkable score of 17-under par.

"I hope his playbook is as good as his scorecard," joked tournament director Dave Caspole, the Owls associate director of athletics, in announcing the winners.

A foursome headed by Conte's father, Lou Sr., topped

the senior division with a 16-under score.

Westfield State athletic trainers Cheryl Lee Sccecina and Katie Sylvain were part of the winning coed foursome with a score of nine-under.

Other honors went to baseball alumnus Jack Mosko '78 who won the putting contest, hockey alumnus Chad Lesage '78 who topped the long drive, and Deb Murphy p'17 who topped the women's long drive. Closest to the pin honors went to Tom Mathis, Jake Hough, and former Owls men's basketball guard Austin Joseph '18. Retired Owls cross country coach and Owls Hall of Famer Bill Devine '73 won the pot of gold drawing after hitting the green in regulation on the 11th hole.

The tournament is annually contested the first Monday in August, as the Owls ramp up for their teams to arrive for fall preseason. Conte's football team will be the first ones back on campus beginning Aug. 13.

# West wins Bronze in Bay State Games

WALTHAM – The Western Mass. representative in the Bay State Games for boys soccer captured the bronze last month. Here is a look at a couple of their matchups during the games.

West played a strong game offensively against Metro, winning 4-1, scoring four goals. Imran Daher (Roxbury, Boston Latin Academy) was the only Metro player that was able to get a goal against West. Daniel Martin (Easthampton, Hampshire Reg HS) had a good game. Martin made two goals and assisted another. Martin assisted Thomas Wadas (Ludlow, Ludlow HS). Alex Hensch (Longmeadow, Longmeadow HS) assisted Owen Miller (South Hampton, Hampshire Reg HS) on West's third goal of the game.

West would lose to Northeast 3-1. Northeast only allowed one goal this game. It was made in the first half by Jack Walsh (East Longmeadow, East Longmeadow HS). Northeast didn't trail for long, they responded to Walsh with three goals of their own. These goals were scored by Alexander Faiella (Littleton, Littleton HS), Andre Groberio (Wenham, Hamilton-Wenham Reg HS), Jayden Dullea (Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury HS).

West would defeat Coastal 2-1. Coastal was able to hold West off until the second half of the game. During the first half, Landen Freitas (Fall River, B.M.C. Durfee HS) of Coastal scored a goal which Michael Gallagher (Longmeadow, Wilbraham & Monson Academy) of West responded to with one of his own. West's second goal was scored by Ayden St. Martin (South Hampton, Hampshire Reg HS).



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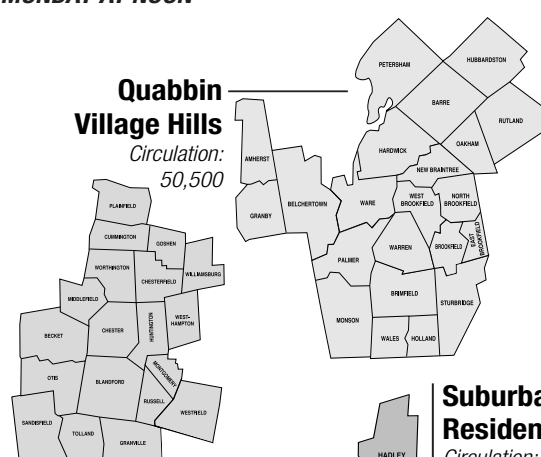
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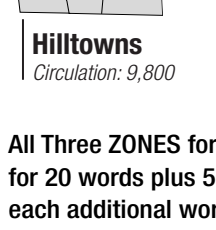
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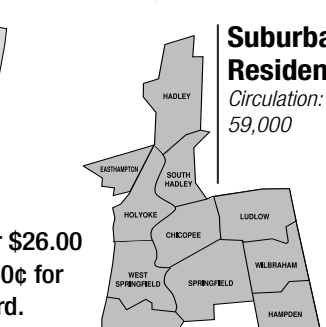
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Public Hearing Special Permit Legal Notice Belchertown Planning Board

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Sections 9 and 11, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing to discuss a special permit application for an accessory apartment by Justin Larivee for 14 Pine St., Map 272, Lot 81, Belchertown, MA.

A public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Belchertown Town Hall, 2 Jabish St., Belchertown, MA

Date: Aug. 27, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Remote access information:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

https://meet.goto.com/173538941

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States:

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Access Code: 173-538-941

The application is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk and Planning Board office, 2 Jabish Street.

Daniel Beaudette, Chair Planning Board

08/08, 08/15/2024

### IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT

1201 Third Avenue  
Conway, SC, 29526

### NOTICE AND ORDER OF PUBLIC SALE OF VEHICLE

Parts Warehouse  
1206 Hwy 501 Business  
Conway, SC 29526  
PLAINTIFF(S)

Vs

Michael Johnson  
30 North St.  
Belchertown, MA 01007  
DEFENDANT

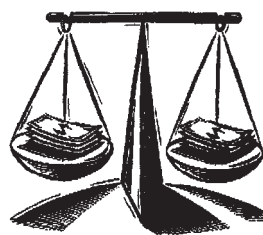
By the authority vested in me by Section 29-15-10 of the SC code of Laws, 1976, as amended, I will sell at Public Auction the below listed vehicle.

2007 Toyota Corolla  
VIN: JTDBR32E07011209

Sale Will Take Place:

Parts Warehouse  
1206 Hwy 501 Business  
Conway, SC  
September 9, 2024  
at 10 a.m.

08/01, 08/08, 08/15/2024



### The Sentinel OBITUARY POLICY

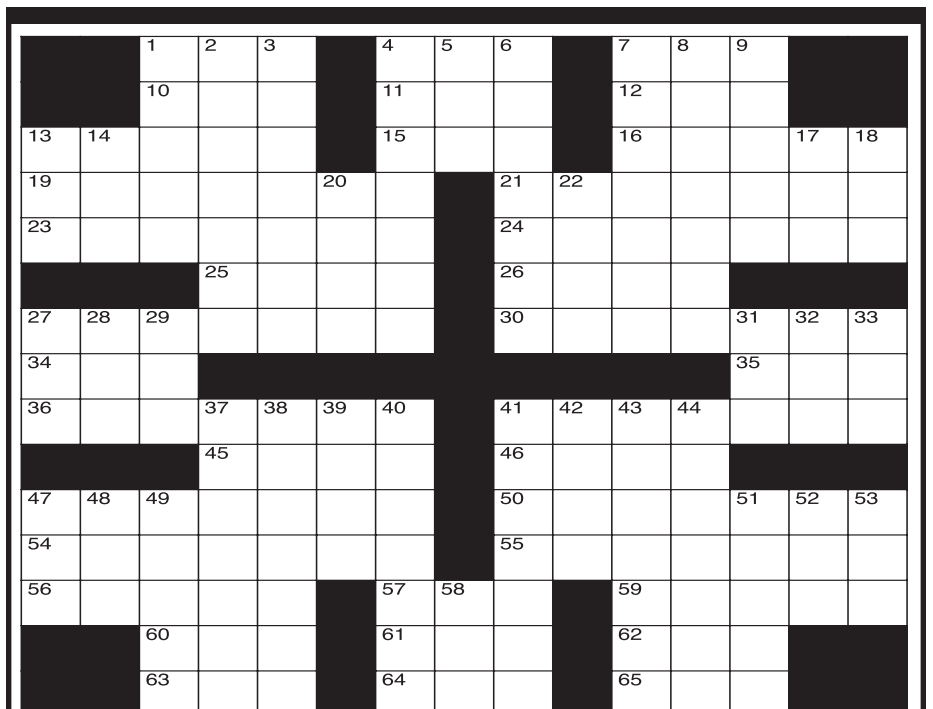
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### CLUES ACROSS

- Major American automaker (abbr.)
- Pressure measurement
- Two-year-old sheep
- Indigenous person from Laos or Thailand
- Up in the air (abbr.)
- Actress de Armas
- Not moving
- Cool!
- Bog arum genus
- Perceptible by touch
- Type of test
- Monetary units
- Collection of various things
- Sum of five and one
- Type of sword
- Hates
- Immobile
- Pie \_\_ mode
- Moved quickly
- Passenger's place on a motorbike
- A way through
- Former US Secretary of Education Duncan
- Leader
- Flowing
- Greetings
- Remedy
- Soft lightweight fabric
- Building material
- Sea bream
- A way to cause to be swollen
- One and only
- People get one in summer
- Wreath
- Thus far
- They \_\_
- Sea eagle

### CLUES DOWN

- Policemen (French)
- Toy dog
- Inflamed colon disease
- Can't move
- Helps little firms
- Lists of names, subjects, etc.
- Takes down
- Makes possible
- Wife of Julius Constantius
- Engine additive
- Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- Written account
- Consumed
- Something the first shall be
- No (slang)
- Gov't lawyers
- Peyton's little brother
- Small amount
- Investment
- vehicle
- Fall behind
- Midway between northeast and east
- Head pain
- Popular sport in England and India
- King Charles's sister
- Boat race
- About fish
- Maid-servant
- Able to be marketed
- Tinier
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Paddle
- Oneness
- Bitter chemical
- Not around
- Very fast airplane
- Swiss river

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# National NIGHT OUT



Local band, The Willies, playing some classic rock for the community to enjoy.



Officer Adam Brougham with K-9 in training, Journey, the six-month old Malinois.



Sargeant Marcy Brougham with K-9 Ace after spending time doing some demos.

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He ran through several demonstrations with Journey, who is in training to sniff out explosives, allowing the people who come to see him get to know him and his dog as well as learn what they do together in the field.

"Journey's success is based in how I'm training him," Adam said. "He's going to do big things, and being able to be the one to train him is exciting to take part in."

Journey's demo for the crowd involved a row of boxes, and he had to sniff out and signal with a sit which one contained the det cords that are used in explosives.

"Doing this is very rewarding. You get to really engage with the community at these events and show them what it is officers and their K-9's do for the community," Sargeant Marcy Brougham said.

Adam Brougham has done more than twenty-five demos a year, since he began working with dogs as a handler in 2008.

He also works with K-9 Apache and K-9 Theia, who are trained to sniff out and locate narcotics and other drugs.

The National Night Out also featured Officer Jessie Liptak and her police horse, Outlaw, from UMASS PD, as well as a boat and other vehicles from the state police.

The Belchertown Fire Department was also there with one of their engines, as well as the Wilbraham Regional Emergency Communications Center, the Belchertown K-9 Unit, and Belchertown's Comfort Dog Oliver.

The night was a great success, and filled with fun and community engagement that made the community even more united than before, and we look forward to next year's.

The National Night Out event began in the summer of 1984 in Philadelphia by Matt Peskin and had thousands of people in attendance.



Cheerleaders for the Eagles, Quinn and Autumn show off their team pride and colors.



Maybe check this one again.



One of the state police's boats for patrolling the waterways of Massachusetts.



Officer Jessie Liptak of the UMASS PD with Outlaw, the best police horse out there.

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## Tri-Lakes Chicken BBQ

Come join us on **August 18, 2024**, the Tri-Lakes Association will hold their Annual Chicken BBQ at the **Belchertown VFW at 41 Pelham Rd., from 1PM-4PM.**

There will be Live Music, Outdoor Activities for Kids, K-9 Dog Show, Face Painting, Raffles and more. Tickets are \$25 which includes: 1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Salad and Dessert. *Meals are available to go.* You can contact us at **413-433-6491** or buy your tickets at the door.

Find us on Facebook: Friends of the Tri-Lakes