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## Reparations long overdue for Quabbin Reservoir

Legislators pitch five bills to the state

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The Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources convened at the Massachusetts State House last month to consider the testimonies in regard to 34 bills related to waterways, wetlands, water resources and oceans in Massachusetts.

Justice for the towns around the Quabbin Reservoir was high on the agenda with five bills, more than four legislators, and several citizens all testifying in support of some kind of compensation to the communities in western Massachusetts who have lost rather than gained by sharing one of their greatest natural resources – water – with the commonwealth. Collectively, the tone of the legislators was one of moral outrage for the annexation of land, the human cost of flooding a vast and populated plain to build the

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STATE REP. AARON SAUNDERS

Quabbin Reservoir, and the continued one-way gain for eastern Massachusetts.

In a swift three-minute pitch, the time allotted to all the speakers, state Rep. Aaron Saunders addressed the uncomfortable issue of regional equity, and recommended a closer examination of how the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority has



Legislators discussed a bill that would see that the municipal government be charged 5 cents in excise per 1,000 gallons of the water, which could create an estimated \$3.5 million for the communities in the Quabbin Reservoir watershed.

been operating for decades since the towns of Enfield, Prescott, Greenwich and Dana were first disincorporated and then com-

pletely submerged to make this enormous, life-sustaining Quabbin Reservoir.

The bills aim to offer some

kind of consideration to the communities that continue to steward the Quabbin watershed. At present, a section of the bill prohibits any consideration of the water.

Said Saunders, “The communities that steward this land, that owned this incredibly valuable resource receive absolutely nothing for the water that has fundamentally built Boston and the surrounding area.”

Although the resounding word of the meeting was equity, the actual proposal was quite modest. The bill would see that the municipal government be charged 5 cents in excise per 1,000 gallons of the water.

“This would create an estimated \$3.5 million for the communities, living in the Quabbin watershed area,” said Saunders, who described how desperately in need they are of support. He elaborated on how such funding might be used for non-profits to provide transit services that do not currently exist.

The bill would also set term limits on the MWRA advisory

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## MacDuffie hosted 5k Run/Walk



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MacDuffie School students Alexa Wiesel (Granby), Gabby Benoit (Belchertown), Brianna Zhang (New Jersey), Liam Davis (Maine), Romare Wilson (New York), Hengzhi Cai (California), Harry Zhou (China), Cecilia Yang (Mongolia) and Maria Zhou (China).

## Food policy council wants to hear all voices

BY PAULA OUIMETTE  
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WARE – Members of the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council discussed ways they could make sure that each voice is heard when it comes to decision making.

“This Council is extremely new,” Council Coordinator Caitlin Geaghan said, and members are still organizing and planning.

She said the hope is that once they have finished the planning process and determined the needs of the region, the Council can expand beyond the 12 towns it currently covers.

Geaghan said there are a few options available to the Council when it comes to making decisions, including single person decides, group decides by consensus and group decides by voting.

Single person decides would allow for one member of the group to have decision-making

responsibilities, either with or without input from the rest of the members.

With group decides by consensus, decisions would either be hard, where all would agree; or soft, where most would agree, but those that don’t wouldn’t be upset by the decision.

Group decides by voting would have members use either a ballot, hand or voice vote.

Members could decide on a minimum vote, a simple majority or a two-thirds vote or plurality.

Council members agreed that most decisions should be made by the group, possibly leaving minor, day-to-day decisions up to Geaghan and Project Coordinator for Community Health, Emily Coderre.

Linda Fuchs, an organic farmer from Brimfield, said having a single person decides method would negate people’s time spent being in a group.

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CONNIE TURNS 90

BELCHERTOWN — Resident Constance Broughear recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Connie, who has been volunteering her time as an exercise instructor for the town’s Council on Aging Healthy Bones & Balance class twice a week for many years, was surprised by her class with a birthday cake. Many in the class say that even at 90, she’s still hard to keep up with. Asked if she had any exciting birthday plans, Connie said she was looking forward to a wonderful gathering of friends and family.



Town seeks candidates for board vacancies

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Selectboard is looking for citizens interested in sharing their expertise by serving on a Town Board/Committee.

The town is trying to fill the following vacancies:

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

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

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

Residents who have the time to serve on one of these boards and are interested in getting involved in the town’s activities are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to: Select Board, The Finnerty House, One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007 or by email to [selectmen@belchertown.org](mailto:selectmen@belchertown.org). The deadline to apply is noon on June 2.

Springfield Symphony Chorus to perform a benefit at St. Peter’s Church

HOLYOKE — The Springfield Symphony Chorus will perform a benefit concert titled “Sing, Praise, Light,” at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 34 Jarvis Avenue.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

In addition to chorus recitals, the Springfield Symphony Chorus collaborates and performs with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra each concert season. During the 2022-23 concert season, the Chorus performed during the Holiday Pops concert at Symphony Hall.

Tickets for the May 20 concert are \$10, cash only, and are available at the door. Doors open at 3:15 p.m. The Chorus will perform eclectic choral works based on themes of “Sing, Praise, Light.”

The Springfield Symphony Chorus is an unpaid professional group of singers from throughout the greater Connecticut River Valley. Auditions for new chorus members typically take place in September and January. Those interested in becoming part of the Springfield Symphony Chorus should contact Chorus president Claire Folini at [sschoruspresident@gmail.com](mailto:sschoruspresident@gmail.com).

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“The advantage of this group is the diversity of organizations present,” she said.

Gail Gramarossa of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance suggested using consensus when they can, even if informally.

“In a lot of ways, I see a food policy council driven by collecting thinking and very participatory,” she said.

Kirsten Krieger, public health nurse of the Quabbin Health District said she thinks it would be beneficial if there was a core membership determining options for decisions and then taking them to a vote.

She said different people have different perspectives and this could pose a challenge with voting.

“You may get so many ideas that it’s difficult to get them to a vote. A core group could bring the options to a general body,” Krieger said.

Michelle Holmgren, Public and Community Relations at Baystate Wing Hospital, said day to day decisions handled by the leadership

team would be good, and the team could bring these decisions back to the members.

Krieger said Council members should also think about intentionally growing the group to represent more diversity

The first hybrid training opportunity of the QVFPC will be held on Wednesday, May 31 from 4-5:15 p.m. at E2E, 79 Main St., with Zoom access available.

About QVFPC

The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partnership with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield.

The Council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

For more information, people may email Geaghan at [cgeaghan@townofware.com](mailto:cgeaghan@townofware.com) or Coderre at [ecoderre@townofware.com](mailto:ecoderre@townofware.com).

Baystate Health’s Mobile Blood Donation Team is coming on June 7

PALMER - The Baystate Health Blood Donation team will host a blood drive at Baystate Wing Hospital Wednesday, June 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additionally, blood drives will be held every other month on Wednesdays throughout the year at Baystate Wing including on Aug. 2, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6.

Blood donations take approximately one hour to complete, including the interview, donation, and refreshments. To donate blood, volunteers must be at least 17 years old; weigh at least 110 pounds have a photo ID; be in good health (no

colds, or sore throat); and have not donated blood within the past eight weeks.

Blood drives will be held at Baystate Wing Hospital, 40 Wright St., in Snow Conference Room C. In appreciation, all eligible donors will receive a \$10 gift card of their choice. For more information or to book an appointment to donate blood please call the Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600. Donners please note the hospital location you would like to make your donation at when you make your appointment.

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■ COMMUNITY

# Annual Lions golf tourney held at Mill Valley

BELCHERTOWN — The Lions Club would like to thank everyone for another successful Memorial Golf Tournament that was held on May 6 at Mill Valley Golf Links.

Through the support of the participants and sponsors, the Belchertown Lions Club was able to raise money that will be used to support the needs of many throughout the community, the club said in a news release.

First place went to the team of Adam Wheeler, Tim Rollet, Ryan Cook, and Dave Wheeler. Second place went to the team of Kris Lynd, Ryan Driscoll, Kasey Nagle and George Lamontagne. This year's event also featured a hole-in-one by Dennis Pelchet, who aced hole five.

The Lions Club would like to thank the following sponsors "who without their continued support this would not be possible,": the release states: Lloyd Butler Trucking, JP Maggi Paint and Wallpaper, Minute Man Pest Control, Westover Auto Salvage, Kamins Realty, Swift River Heating, Don's Auto, Tilton Automotive, Wagner Wood, Auth Fuels, Valley Welding, Ken Kozlik Construction and Remodeling, Hulmes Transportation, Hulmes and Sons Excavation, Suburban Propane, Parker Portables, NAPA, Dakota Richards-Laplante ERA, Do-All Construction, Station 5 Salon, National Van Builders, Pleasant St. Auto, Quabbin Well and Pump, R&R Sporting, Bell and Hudson Insurance, Quality Fleet Services, DF Plumbing, Ed Drew Electrical, Derrick Garriepy CPA, Bearded Arms, Austin and Sons, Tim Nale-Jackson and Nale Team, Kim Allen Realty, Villa Rose Restaurant, Tables at the Farm, Law office of Rich Maynard, VFW, Interstate Battery, Austins Hen House, Tall Tree Landscaping LLC, Reece Auto Body, McCarthy's Pub, Complete Septic, Hodgen Landscaping, Anderson Builders,



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The winning team in the recent Belchertown Lions Club Memorial Golf Tournament was (from left) First place went to the team of Adam Wheeler, Tim Rollet, Ryan Cook and Dave Wheeler.

Jitterbugs, Conkey and Sons logging, Clark and Sons, Hannah Devine's and Mill Valley Golf Links.

The Belchertown Lions Club will be out in the community throughout the coming months for those who want to support the club's efforts. The club will be at Aaron's Race on the common June 17, Relay for Life at Belchertown High School on June

23, and will be selling meatball grinders the third Saturday of May, June, July and August.

Follow the Belchertown Lions Club on Facebook or at belchertownlionsclub.com. For more information about becoming a club member, inquire at one of these events or message the club on Facebook.

# Parade and other events planned for Memorial Day

BELCHERTOWN — Town Veterans Agent Charly Oliva recently announced the events for the observance of, beginning with services at 11 a.m. in Quabbin Park Cemetery on Sunday, May 28.

The service is organized by the Belchertown Veterans Council in conjunction with the Friends of the Quabbin and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Events for Monday are:

A salute to the veterans interred at Belchertown's South cemetery 8:30-8:45 a.m. in South Cemetery. Everyone is invited.

The Belchertown Memorial Day Parade will step off at 10 a.m. from Town Hall and conclude at the Town Common, followed by a ceremony. Participants are asked to gather at the Belchertown Town Hall parking lot by 9:30 a.m. The parade Organizations and individuals that would like to march in the parade, including Gold Star parents, should contact Oliva at coliva@belchertown.org or 323-0409 before Friday, May 26.

With the exception of severe weather, the events will be held rain or shine.

# HCC announces Phi Theta Kappa Inductees for spring

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College is proud to announce that 78 HCC students have been accepted for membership into the Alpha Xi Omega chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society for spring 2023.

HCC Spring 2023 Phi Theta Kappa inductees:

- Amherst:** Kevin Komoyingo
- Belchertown:** Hailey Lamica, Dmitri Weise
- Granby:** Jan Ashley Masse
- Hadley:** Grace Koehler
- South Hadley:** Emma Boryczka, Alice Ladley, Cat Longpre, Sthela Sibley-Welch

HCC's spring 2023 inductees will be recognized in a virtual ceremony on Thursday, May 18.

# Relay for Life of Quaboag Valley: 'Make cancer extinct'

BELCHERTOWN —Registration is underway for the annual Relay for Life of Quaboag Valley June 23-24 at the Belchertown High School track and athletic field.

This year's theme is "Let's Make Cancer Extinct" and things will kick off with a welcome to survivors who will be invited to make a lap around the track with a caregiver. Survivors are treated to a special dinner and some fun treats.

There will be fun activities throughout as well as a luminaria ceremony and

reflection time. Some team members will continue to walk the track through the night, but it certainly isn't a requirement to participate. Everyone takes part in the way that they are able. Come for a few hours, get some sleep at home and come back in the morning or catch sleep in a tent site.

The final team meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 5, at Hope United Methodist Church, 31 Main Street in Belchertown. Teams are encouraged to attend that evening to find out all the information that is needed about the event.

In the meantime, get your team registered at relayforlife.org/quaboagvalleyma and do a little fundraising. Check out the event Facebook page and feel free to send a message with any questions.

Relay for Life is a signature event of the American Cancer Society. All funds raised go to ACS to support cancer patients and cancer research. Relay for Life events are a great way to raise awareness and support survivors and their families within the local community.

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Brooklynn Moore (East Longmeadow), Sophie Griffin (SouthHadley), Clara LaChance (Belchertown) sign in the runners for this year's Run for Hope fundraiser.

**Students organized 'Run for Hope' at MacDuffie**

GRANBY — The MacDuffie School recently hosted the 12th annual 5k run/walk, also known as the Run for Hope, on its 250-acre campus.

This year's charity run was in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. It was a beautiful spring day for a race and a celebratory barbecue lunch. Students, parents, faculty and staff dusted off their running shoes and had a great day of fun, community involvement – and hope.

The event was organized by a group of tireless and passionate students: Sophie Griffin (South Hadley), Clara LaChance (Belchertown), Alexa Wiesel (Granby), Davin



International students Maren Oral (Turkey), Valentine Torres Mendes (Brazil), Eleanor O (Wilbraham) and Giorgia Torretta (Italy) carry U.S. flags on the annual 5k run/walk course.

Francis (Brooklyn), Gabby Benoit (Belchertown), Vossk (China), Brooklyn Moore (East Longmeadow), Giuseppe Pilia (Italy), Leo Li (China).

**Public forum will focus on town's Housing Master Plan**

BELCHERTOWN — Residents are invited to provide input at a public hearing scheduled for June 1 to help the town, in collaboration with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, develop a draft Housing Master Plan.

Following the adoption last year of a Housing Production Plan, the Housing Master Plan "will help further develop the town's housing goals and strategies including needs anal-

ysis, identification of housing gaps, potential future opportunity sites and key housing trends and issues," a news release states.

The Housing Master Plan will be incorporated in the future as a portion of the updated town Master Plan, which will demonstrate how housing goals will be connected to other key planning elements such as economic development, open space, and sustainability.

The forum will be held at 7 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room inside Town Hall. All members of the public are welcome to attend to learn about housing issues in Belchertown and participate in interactive activities to help shape the final draft of the plan.

For more information, email Karen Martin, senior planner, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, at [kmartin@pvpc.org](mailto:kmartin@pvpc.org).

**Purse & Power Tool Bingo coming June 2**

SPRINGFIELD -Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts will hold a Purse & Power Tool Bingo fundraiser on Friday, June 2, from 6–9 p.m. at the Enfield Knights of Columbus on 371 Washington Road. Event participants will enjoy 10 rounds of bingo, each with the opportunity to win a designer handbag or a power tool. Registration fees will support JAWM programs and events for youth throughout Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties.

«In addition to our popular annual events, we are always looking for unique and engaging ways to fundraise, and this event promises to be tremendous fun,» said Jennifer A. Connolly, JAWM president. «It's also a great way to increase the community's awareness about Junior Achievement and how our programs help inspire and prepare young people to succeed in our global economy. We are grateful to 2 Moms on a Mission for organizing this special night.»

Guests are welcome to bring food and non-alcoholic beverages to enjoy, and there will be a cash bar. Registration is \$40 per person, which includes 10 bingo cards and a dauber. Raffle tickets and extra cards will also be available for purchase.

Admission must be purchased in advance through [paypal.me/2MomsOnAMission](https://www.paypal.com/2MomsOnAMission) or via Venmo @TwoMomsOnAMission. Please include the date of the event when purchasing tickets.

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### GUEST OPINION

# Planning for safe celebrations for your teen

BY ABAIGEAL DUDA

It's prom and graduation celebration season, which for teens can be both exciting and worrisome. For parents, this may also be true, but for different reasons.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration suggests that car crashes are a leading cause of death for teens and that one out of three crashes involve alcohol or other substances. In rural areas like ours, when these tragedies occur, they are felt by the entire community. How can we support our young people so that they create positive memories of these milestones?

There are some practical steps that you can take as a parent, or caregiver:

The most important and effective is also typically the most overlooked: Have an honest conversation. How do you feel about underage drinking and other substance use? If you aren't aware of the negative effects on the development of young brains, it's worth understanding that there can be long-term consequences.

One Choice (saying no to all substances) has a good overview at [tinyurl.com/5jzsyhtd](http://tinyurl.com/5jzsyhtd). Studies show that encouraging young people to make choices that support their health, wellbeing and long-term success rather than trying to scare them with horror stories to avoid — is the most effective approach.

People tend to overestimate how many other people use substances like alcohol and other drugs. In the Quaboag Hills region, the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance conducts surveys in our school districts, and it is true of all schools and grade levels that most students are making choices not to use substances.

If you aren't sure how to start a conversation with a child or teen, get examples from "Talk. They Hear You" at [samhsa.gov](http://samhsa.gov). Another way to have a conversation about driving expectations is to Take "The Pledge," an agreement between caregivers and teens available at the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance website at [qhsua.org](http://qhsua.org).

Know who is driving your teen. The night of prom or graduation, will another teen be driving? A parent? An older sibling? A hired vehicle and driver? In our area, we do not have the same transportation options that are available in more urban areas. If a teen suddenly realizes that his/her/their ride has been drinking, calling for a cab or rideshare is very unlikely to be a viable option.

No matter who is supposed to drive, make sure that your child knows that you are available to take a call if there is any question about transportation safety or any other questionable situation that may arise. You might agree upon a text or emoji to send to you to let you know that you are needed so that he/she/they don't have to have an awkward conversation that might be overheard about unsafe behavior.

If you are hosting a graduation party at your home for your teen, make it a "dry" party. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the Massachusetts' underage drinking laws known as the Social Host Law. If underage drinking does happen on your property, you could face criminal or civil liability charges. Make a list of fun activities with your teen and his/her/their friends that they would enjoy doing together to create positive memories that will last a long, healthy lifetime.

Healthy celebrations are celebrations worth remembering.

*Abaigeal Duda is STOP Act Grant project director at the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance. For more information, or if you or a loved one needs help for substance abuse, call the statewide helpline at 1-800-327-5050 (TTY: 1-800-439-2370); the phone line is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also go to [hub.helplinema.org/findhelp](http://hub.helplinema.org/findhelp).*



## Should octogenarians tell Social Security they married?

**Dear Rusty:** We were married two years ago at age 78 and 81. Do we need to do anything with Social Security? *Signed: Blissfully Happy*

**Dear Blissfully Happy:** Congratulations on your fairly recent marriage and, yes, there are some things you should do. Specifically, you should contact Social Security to inform them of your marriage, see whether any additional benefits are available and to make any changes needed to your contact information. Here are some things to consider:

If a name change has occurred for one of you, that person should contact Social Security to report the change. A copy of your marriage certificate and other ID will be required, and a new Social Security card will be issued.

If a change of address has also occurred for one or both of you, that must be reported. It's important that Social Security has the correct mailing address, email and contact phone number for every beneficiary.

If there are any other changes to the contact information on file with the Social Security Administration for either of you (e.g., your banking information), the affected person should inform Social Security of the changes needed.

Social Security will evaluate whether any benefit increase is available as a result of your marriage, which may be the case if one of you is entitled to a "spousal boost," an additional amount from the other now that you're married. A spousal boost may be available if one has a monthly Social Security payment which is more than twice the other's benefit. Social Security can answer that question for you when you call.

You can call either your local Social Security office (find the number by visiting [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator)) or call the national number at 1-800-772-1213 and tell them you need to inform them of your marriage and update your contact information. If you have or if you create an online "my Social Security" account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount), you can initiate changes to your contact information online, but you will need to call Social Security directly via phone to record your marriage and see if any changes to monthly benefits are available. All of this can likely be done without requiring a visit to your local SS office.

It is very important that Social Security be made aware of your new marital status and to ensure that they have the correct contact information for both of you. Even if the contact information is unchanged for one of you, the other should contact Social Security as described above to update their contact information and to determine if any changes to monthly benefits are appropriate as a result of your marriage. Doing so now will avoid future issues and will make sure you are both getting the correct monthly Social Security payments as a married couple. And if one of you is entitled to a higher spousal amount, you should ask for the increase to be applied retroactively (SS will pay up to six months retroactively). I suggest you call Social Security as soon as possible to inform them of your marriage and make any necessary changes to your contact information.

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## in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

### Flowering problems you may encounter this spring

**M**y mom called up last night, disappointed that there is only one bud in her entire clump of Bearded Iris.

I am always one to turn a question into a column, so why don't we get to the bottom of my

mother's sparse irises and also delve into why some flowers haven't given us the wow factor this spring.

If once upon a time your irises bloomed strong and now there is barely a blossom to be seen, chances are they are overcrowded. It's time to divide them and replenish their soil.

In our climate, this should be accomplished every three or four years.

Surprisingly, and unlike most other perennials, division of irises should take place in July or August. This will give them ample time to take hold in their new location prior to the ground freezing.

If you have no blooms, feel free to get the job done now!

At first glance the act of dividing irises may appear to be difficult. An overgrown iris patch does look like a maze of thick roots, but take

heart, the rhizomes are shallow rooted and come out of the ground with relative ease.

Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried apart by hand.

The healthiest "fans" of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about 2 inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site altogether, keep in mind that irises need at least six hours of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They despise "wet feet," so plant where drainage is good.

If your soil is lean, compost can be added to richen it up. While you're at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well; irises prefer a soil near neutral.

Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang down.

Please see **GARDEN**, page 13

## SENIORS

# COA summer concert series set to return

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

Here's a look at upcoming some upcoming programs, including the annual summer concert series which resumes in June:

Get ready for a summer of great music. All shows are free to attend, but please register in advance by calling Stephanie at 323-0420 ext. 501, so that you can be notified of any weather-related changes or cancellations. Registration is for the concert ONLY. To attend the regularly scheduled daily lunch indoors, immediately following the performance, call Kim at 323-0420 ext. 508 to sign up.

Bring a chair, and any additional comfort items such as a hat, blanket, umbrella, etc. Here's the schedule:

### **Sarah the Fiddler, 10-11 a.m. Friday, June 23**

The moment her bow touches the strings, Sarah's passion for music is evident. Combining her influences of classical, bluegrass, and Celtic music to create a unique style and sound, her performance will have you tapping your toes, clapping along and dancing in your chair. Register by June 20.

### **A Ray of Elvis, 10-11 a.m. Friday, July 21**

Ray Guillemette Jr. has amazed and inspired people with his "A Ray of Elvis" show for over 20 years. He is a 10 time international Elvis Tribute Artist, and has performed throughout the United States, Canada, and Japan. Register by July 18.

### **Memory Lane, 10-11 a.m. Friday, July 28**

Mike and Danny will sing oldies that will bring you back to the good old days. Sing along, or just listen and remember favorites from Roy Orbison, The Everly Brothers, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and so many more. Register by July 25.

### **The Willies, 10-11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25**

The Willies are a classic rock band, playing songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Sit back and relax, or sing along to songs that you've loved for years! Register by Aug. 22.

The Canasta Group is looking for new players

Join the group at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the craft room.

### **Foot care and skin care**

RN Piper Sagan, a Certified Foot Care Specialist, provides services on June 12 and the second Monday of every month. Piper will assess overall foot health, clip/file nails, file calluses, and recommend shoe wear and cushioning as needed. She will finish with a massage using healing essential oils to promote foot health. \$50 per visit.

Diane Neill, a licensed esthetician, offers facials and waxing services on June 21, and the third Wednesday of every month. Clients can choose between a Signature Facial, a Microdermabrasion Facial, LED Light Therapy, or waxing services. Prices vary by service.

### **Quabbinaires**

Join your peers for one of five planned walks in June. Walks begin at 9 a.m., average about 90 minutes and range from flat pavement to moderate trail hikes. The next one is June 6, followed by walks on June 13, 20 and 27. To join the group, email Stephanie at SFraleigh@Belchertown.org or call 323-0420, ext. 501.

### **Meet the author**

At 10 a.m. on Monday, June 26, the center welcomes Elena Palladino, author of "Lost Towns of the Swift River Valley." She recounts the stories of communities lost in the building of the Quabbin Reservoir. No need to preregister.

### **The Nurse is in**

Stop in to have your blood pressure and glucose checked 10-11 a.m. June 12 and June 26.

### **ONGOING**

#### **Rainbow Coffee Hour**

Join Elaine, the LGBTQIA+ community and allies at the Senior Center at 10 a.m.

the second Wednesday of every month.

All are welcome at 10 a.m. on June 14 for a very special anniversary and Pride Month celebration.

### **Grief/Loss Support**

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

### **Healthy Bones & Balance**

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

Tai Chi is offered via Zoom at 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, and 10 a.m. Sundays. Call Stephanie for a Zoom link. This program will be back in-person and outdoors this spring when the weather warms up.

### **Aging Nutrition Program**

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

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

### **Home Delivered Meals**

Meals are delivered between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to those clients who are eligible. Supper and weekend meals are also available. Eligibility is based on individual circumstances, and can be available on a short or long term basis. To inquire about eligibility, contact Laura at 323-0420, ext. 507

### **Congregate Meals**

In-person dining is offered at 11:30 a.m. Monday to Friday. Reservations must be

made 24 hours in advance by calling Kim at 323-0420, ext. 508. June lunch menus:

June 1: BBQ Chicken  
June 2: Fish w/Crumb Topping  
June 5: Ziti w/Italian Sausage  
June 6: Cheese Ravioli  
June 7: California Chicken  
June 8: Kielbasa & Sauerkraut  
June 9: Grilled Chicken Salad  
June 12: Chicken Pot Pie  
June 13: Shepherd's Pie  
June 14: Tuna Chef Plate  
June 15: Penne w/meat Sauce  
June 16: Baked Potato Bar  
June 19: Closed-Juneteenth  
June 20: Hot Dog  
June 21: Chicken Cordon Bleu  
June 22: Tuna/Potato/3 Bean Salad  
June 23: Spanish Rice & Beef  
June 26: Potato Pollock  
June 27: Chicken Parmesan  
June 28: Taco Salad  
June 29: Macaroni & Cheese  
June 30: Turkey Divan

### **Want to help?**

The Belchertown Senior Citizens Center Association is looking for helpers to plan and carry out the Holiday Bazaar being planned for November. If interested, a meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on June 6 in the Crafts Room.

### **Movie days in June**

#### **Wednesday, June 14:**

#### **"The Whale" (2022 R)**

A reclusive English teacher, living alone in the wake of tragedy, attempts to reconnect with his teenage daughter for a chance at redemption. Starring Brendan Fraser and Sadie Sink.

#### **Wednesday, June 28:**

#### **"Maybe I Do" (2023 PG-13)**

Michelle and Allen are in a relationship, and decide to invite their parents to finally meet about the marriage. Turns out, the parents know each other and their antics turn the night into comedic chaos. Starring Diane Keaton, Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon, Emma Roberts and William H. Macy.



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**Belchertown Police**

*Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of May 3 through May 9. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 361 calls police responded to, there were 24 incidents, three accidents, five arrests/summons and 30 citations.*

**ARRESTS/SUMMONS**  
**Saturday, May 6**

10:53 p.m. – An operator was issued a summons for unlicensed operation.

**Sunday, May 7**

1:58 p.m. – A 22-year-old Belchertown woman was issued a summons for assault with a dangerous weapon. An officer responded to a North Main Street residence for a report of a disturbance. The officer could hear screaming upon their arrival. One person spoke to an officer and said they felt threatened by the other person who had a knife. It was determined that the second person had a pocketknife with them. A 51A was filed as well since there was a child present for the incident.

**Tuesday, May 9**

12:23 p.m. – A 19-year-old Belchertown woman charged with illegal dumping. An officer responded to Bardwell Street for a report of illegal dumping. The officer spoke with the reporting party who found nine bags of trash on their property. There were shipping labels on some of the trash. Photos were taken and the officer was able to contact the person. The officer asked them why they discarded the trash on their way to transfer station and it must have fallen out along the way. They were charged with illegal dumping.

9:37 p.m. – A 23-year-old Springfield man was issued a summons for speeding and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. An officer was on patrol when they observed a vehicle going 65 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. The officer pulled the vehicle over and spoke with the operator whose license was expired. The passenger of the vehicle was determined to have a valid

license and drove the vehicle from the scene. A citation was issued to the operator.

**ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS**

7:05 a.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

5:17 p.m. – An officer responded to a North Main Street residence for a report of a disturbance involving an unwanted guest. The officer spoke with both people. The incident involved a child and a 51A was filed.

12:27 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

5:17 p.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

6:04 p.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

**Thursday, May 4**

10:46 a.m. – An officer spoke to a family about child custody issues.

11:53 a.m. – A person found a debit card and turned it into the station. The office was unable to find information about the person whose name was on the card and the item was placed into property.

2:16 p.m. – An officer responded to State Street and Barton Avenue for an accident. A vehicle traveling south on State Street stopped for the vehicle in front of it. The operator of a second vehicle behind the first was unable to stop in time and struck the first from behind. Both vehicles were towed, and no injuries were reported.

**Friday, May 5**

9:22 a.m. – An officer responded to a residence regarding child custody issues.

**Saturday, May 6**

5:22 a.m. – An officer responded to Daniel Shay's Highway for an accident. A vehicle was traveling east when a deer entered the roadway, and the vehicle was unable to stop in time. There was damage to the left front side of the vehicle. The deer was deceased, and the vehicle was able to be driven from the scene.

7:09 p.m. – An officer spoke to person about allegations of child abuse.

**Sunday, May 7**

10:02 a.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

1:12 p.m. – An officer took a report from a resident about ongoing neighbor dispute at a Bay Road residence.

3:01 p.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

**Monday, May 8**

7:10 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Sargent Street. A vehicle traveling west on Sargent Street rear ended the vehicle in front of it. The vehicle in front was attempting to turn right and spun around, stopped facing east. Massachusetts Department of Transportation was contacted to help clean debris. No injuries were reported, and one vehicle was towed.

8:25 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

11:44 p.m. – An officer on patrol received an alert from Amherst Police for a possible intoxicated driver heading toward a Daniel Shay's Highway residence. The officer found the vehicle traveling at Allen Road and Daniel Shay's Highway, then pulled the vehicle over. The operator said they didn't have a license. They said they were trying to get the registered owner of the vehicle home. One of the people in the vehicle sustained some injuries that the officers thought was suspicious. Belchertown Fire and paramedics responded on scene. The vehicle was towed from the scene and a citation was issued for unlicensed operation.

**Tuesday, May 9**

8:26 a.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

10:45 a.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

3:10 p.m. – An officer responded to a State Street location for a report of a past assault. The officers contacted the reporting party who said they were victim of assault and the suspect was towards State Street. The reporting party said they were assaulted by a male party. Another person had a video of the incident. Belchertown Fire and paramedics were contacted to treat the reporting party.

5:03 p.m. – An officer served a 209A restraining order to a resident.

5:08 – An officer responded to State Street for report of suspicious activity. The officer spoke with the reporting party who said they were mowing the lawn when they noticed two windows were tampered with and there were handprints. There are no suspects at this time.

7:58 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

**Granby Police**

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 153 calls for the week of May 5 through May 11. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.*

**Friday, May 5**

5:18 p.m. – A resident came to the station and reported that someone opened an unemployment claim in their name. An incident report was completed.

5:42 p.m. – A motorist reported that their car was stuck by a vehicle being pursued by a State Police cruiser. The operator of the other vehicle fled the scene and continued into South Hadley. The other driver was identified by the State Police and an accident report was completed by Granby PD.

**Saturday, May 6**

6:08 p.m. – A motorist reported a vehicle struck a tree on Carver Street. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries and responding officers completed an accident report.

**Sunday, May 7**

10:36 a.m. – A business owner reported that a brick was thrown through a window of their building. An officer responded and completed an incident report. The matter is under investigation.

**Tuesday, May 9**

6:32 p.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident. There were no injuries and the responding officer completed an accident report.

**Wednesday, May 10**

1:58 p.m. – Motorists reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. One of the operators was transported to Holyoke Medical Center with minor injuries. Responding officers completed an accident report.



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# The Wild Epicurean

## Hostas

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At this time of year you may notice that one of the elegant ornamental plants that surrounds your house, your neighbor's, or the edge of a forest is returning, and breaking through the rich soil.

I am referring to the hosta, also known as "plantain lily," which shares the same plant family as asparagus – the Asparagaceae. The leaves of this plant are ovate-shaped, covered with longitudinal ribbing, and grow in full but low-lying clusters, looking like a big green tuft from which eventually emerge long spikes or pedicels with an inflorescence of pale lavender to dark purple tubular flowers.

Had I not spent a decade in Japan, where the young leaves of this plant are widely eaten, and also sold in grocery stores countrywide, I might never have gathered and consumed those around my own home and urged my neighbors to do the same.

But the hosta (*H. montana*), called "giboushi" or "urui" in Japanese, has been cultivated in Japan since the early modern period (called Edo in Japanese), although many people continue to forage the young leaf stalks for themselves in the wild.

In Japan, hosta shoots are often eaten with scallops or prawns, but just as often the rolled-up leaf that emerges in early spring is lightly boiled or steamed and then sprinkled with soy sauce and a drizzle of sesame oil.

While that is my preferred way, they also do well in stir-fry as their flavor is somewhat like a mild form of bok choy. Steamed hosta dressed with a little olive oil and salt are another tasty option.

Although the shoots, leaves, and flowers are all edible, the best part is the tender young shoots while still furled. If they are gathered at this stage, leav-

ing about an inch of the plant above the ground, they grow back very quickly. You will not have destroyed the growth and flowering of the plant for the season.

In the springtime, I have cut and recut them and collected two rounds before leaving the plants alone to complete their natural flowering cycle. The closest hosta to the one used in Japan is the *H. sieboldiana*. Try them out – hosta tempura, hosta risotto, hosta as surrogate broccoli.

Native to Japan, China, and Korea, hostas have also found a home in America. Welcome them. They are an excellent dietary source of minerals: calcium, iron, phosphorus, magnesium, zinc. Just one caveat: as with any plant, avoid consuming those that have been treated with insecticide or that grow close to the road if there is any significant traffic there.



Hosta shoots ready for harvesting.



Notice the ribbed leaves of the hosta leaves.

## Students launch campaign for 'Indigenous Peoples' Day'

AMHERST — Fifth grade students at Fort River Elementary School recently announced a campaign to make Indigenous Peoples' Day a state holiday.

According to a news release, students are supporting a pair of bills in the Legislature, H.2989 and S.1976 which, if passed, would change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day in Massachusetts.

"Our class cares about this issue and we hope that the leaders in the state legislature support our campaign," said fifth grader Aaron Cheng.

Cheng's classmate, Elo Schwabe added, "I think it is a great idea to change the holiday and am glad our representatives in Amherst are in support. This way people would be more aware of the indigenous people who came before them."

State Rep. Mindy Domb and Sen. Joanne Comerford, are already in favor of the plan.

Comerford is the lead sponsor of the Senate bill.

"I am proud to join with Fort River Elementary students to advocate for Indigenous People's Day to be made a state holiday," Comerford (D-Northampton said).

"Fort River students have a powerful legacy of activism and are powerful forces for positive change. Indigenous Peoples Day would honor and celebrate the Indigenous peoples, past, pres-

ent, and future. I'm proud to file this bill and to partner with Fort River students. I work for these students and will continue to prioritize the Indigenous Peoples Day legislation."

At least a dozen states have made Indigenous Peoples Day a state holiday. In June, the students are planning to meet with Comerford and Domb, who is a co-sponsor of the Indigenous Peoples' Day proposal in the house, to discuss how to move the bill through the legislative process.

In addition, the fifth grade students have gotten involved in a local effort to help return Lampson Brook Farm in Belchertown to the Nipmuc people.

"Although returning Lampson Brook would not fully repay the Nipmuc for years of wrongdoing," said fifth grade student Iona Hazlip, "by doing this, we could mend the relationship between the Nipmuc and the community a little."

According to the news release, the students said they hope that making these changes "could be a way for more indigenous people to feel respected and honored" while encouraging awareness of the contributions of indigenous people in the state.

"Indigenous people have been living on these lands for thousands of years and we think people should learn about their history," fifth grader Emi Cruz said.

## Ware town wide tag sale is June 17

WARE – Getting ready for spring? Time to clean out the garage and have a tag sale!

You can do it and help raise funds to support the restoration of the Ware Center Meeting House at the same time by calling Marty at 413-512-9258.

To get your address on the map, write a check for \$15, payable to the Ware Center Meeting House and send it by

June 14 it to P.O. Box 1401 in Ware, MA 01082.

They will make a map with all the addresses on it, advertise, and tack up critical signs on the day of the event. You will just need to set up and get ready for the customers.

The tag sale will be held on Saturday, June 17 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Shown is friend group Lauren Chaples, Jacquelyn Aldrich, Anthony Peck and Nathan Patrick.

# Dancing the night away



Hunter Skowrya and Catalina Mudgett wear matching teal attire for the event.



Victoria Stephens and Stephanie Kozlik are shown posing under the gazebo archway.



Elissa Puffer-Cochran and friend Emma Caron smile as they sit together at prom.



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Miranda Pratt and Nathan Bigda pose in red formalwear for the night's event.

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# Dancing the night away



Students Tyshawn Aponte and Sky Frazier are shown under an archway in matching formal attire.



Morgan Austin and Jake Luukko are shown smiling and in color coordinated attire.



Rachelle Brown is shown wearing a yellow gown with a train alongside date Cody Jameson, who is



wearing a gray tux with yellow accents. Jemalex Moskowitz and friend Giana pose for photos before prom.

## Pathfinder seniors enjoy star-studded prom

Students at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School celebrated their senior prom in true Hollywood fashion at Zukas Hilltop Barn in Spencer, Friday, May 12.

While the event's theme was "Starry Night," many students brought sparkle with them - some wearing floor length sequined gowns with others opted for classic silk

attire. The event was hosted outside under an elegant banquet tent, draped with string lights to give the evening the "starry night" effect.



Tables are reserved for the prom guests and their parties.



A student is shown wearing a floor length, navy blue, sequined gown while smiling inside the gazebo.



(TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DALLAS GAGNON) Friends Sean Moon, Alec Thompson and Cody Ostiguy are shown gathered together before prom.

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## EDUCATION

# Belchertown High School names top achievers for Q3

The following Belchertown High School students were named to the Honor Roll for the third quarter:

### Grade 12 – High Honors

Joseph Baltazar, Ty Bogdanovich, Lindsey Chrabaszcz, Ashton Clark, Sierra Crisostomo, Cameron Dean, John DiNapoli, Amber Drummond, Brody Dugger, Peter Elias, Richard Groux, Janelle Gummesson, Brianna Hauschild, Daniel Holden, Chloe Jenks, Andrew Knapp, Isabella LaFlamme, Filip Lasiuk, Alannah Lavoie, Callan Martin, Caitlin Masse, Sheyenne McCullough, Tyler McDonald, Abigail Menard, Grace Menard, Demosthenis Nikitas, Olivia O’Connell, Abigail Olden, Samantha Pacunas, Aayush Patel, Kayla Pogoda, AJ Terry, Nathan White, Marie Willems, Emma Withers and Michelle Zaluga.

### Grade 12 – Honors

Trevor Adamson, Nicholas Adzima, Zackary Aktiv, Brianna Albert, Grace Bachand, Chelsea Bachmann-Delgado, Molly Bail, Macie Bolton, Olivia Condon, Lauren Cooper, Ashley Cunningham, James Delaney, Ajahlia Dumas, Logan Edreich, Eileen Fraga, Ellianna Gazda, Brianna Gladu, Cole Grissom, Safaiya Hassan, Bridget Hegarty, Heather Herrick, William Hill, Alexander Hoag, Oliver

Howe, Alexis Jarnagan, Madeline Jaszek, Matthew MacKenzie, Joseph Mankowsky, Elias Marques, Stefania Mayo, Aidan Messier, Lauren Morris, Jacob Murch, Aida Name, Allison Pefaur, Brady Perkins, Emma Piedade, Hannah Quesenberry, Forrest Sherson, Hailey Smith, Kamryn Tellier and Nathan Wheeler.

### Grade 11 – High Honors

Sophia Aparviz, Tadan Baker, Caleb Brechner, Madison DaCosta, Avi Duseau, Luke Giguere, Derek Gould, Rainer Kristensen, Olivia Lafayette, Brielle Murray, Kaitlyn Park, Zoë Patten, Priscilla Pootoolal, Emily Roy, Victoria Sullivan, Megan Watts, Maggie Williams and Lucas Wojnas.

### Grade 11 – Honors

Zoe Bate, Natalie Bianco, Rubi Breton, Brooke Burrows, Emalee Chaisson, Matthew Colwell, Olivia Corbin, Laura Cote, Jackson Couchon, Andrew Daponde, Christopher Daskam, Kevin Davila Molina, Madison DeJesus, Nathan Fernandes, Ellie Gelinas, Georgia Greenough, Joshua Grillo, Connor Hoag, Joseph LaFlamme, Bethany Lavoie, Madysen LePage, Chloe Macaluso, Mattingly Marques, Braeden Meighan, Dax Morin, Diyath Navaratne, Sarah O’Connor, Anna O’Rourke, Maxine Okyere Baffour, Skyler Park, Caleb

Perron, Joe-Ann Richard, Ava Ronkese, Chelsie Rosado-Cuoco, Keira Ryan, Christina Santiago, Jillian Scott, Ava Shea, Camden Skaggs, Nico St. George, Caiden St. Laurent, Brooke Stelmokas, Veronica Thayer, Cameron Ting and Trevor Weiss.

### Grade 10 - High Honors

David Akodu, Alexia Albu, Jack Bergeron, Meera Berryhill, Tyler Black, Liam Chien, Levi Daigle, Jillian DeBarge, Veronica Dymkowski, Raelyn Ermold, Aliza Hayward, Lucia Hellyar, Nicholas Ibekilo, Chloe LaRoche, Benjamin Les, Ian McDonald, Zachary Mullen, Gianna Picardi, Nicholas Rettura, Varvara Sas, Liam Spraggon, Jack Sullivan and Joseph Yoon.

### Grade 10 – Honors

Kamilah Acosta-Morales, Alexandra Barabolkin, McKenna Cardwell, Fallon Clancy, Adam Cooper, Mia Corish, Alaina Cote, Kaia Couture, Julianne Cozine, Lilah Dean, Zachary Dragon, Kaley Fletcher, Brian Fuller, Caleb Gloster, Trenton Harper, Kamden Houle, Jada Kelley, Zachery Kessler, Dylan Laramée, Nicholas LaRock, Noah Les, Sienna Ljungberg, Madelyn Lorion, Jack Mandeville, Andrew Martin, Rocco Meausky, Joshua Misiaszek, Allison Morris, Chloe Moss, Colin Mullen, Ty O’Donnell, Kanyinsola Okuwobi, Dylan Pope, Hannah Racine, Alexis Romaniak,

Margaret Ryczek, Addison Sullivan, Maya Tellier, Mikayla Valley, Brycen Vann, George Wheeler, Pierre Willems and Valerie Williams.

### Grade 9 – High Honors

Abigail Almeida, Edith Audette, Mackenzie Burch, Sofia Cofone, Chloe DaCosta, Lydia Edds, Lila Goodrich, Ryan Gould, Cooper Hampson, Julia Howes, Kaacey Jacques, Brooklyn Keeler, Nikki Kofides, Clara Lambert, Alex Longridge, Miles McNamara, Brandon O’Connor, Destiny Ranzie, Camryn Scoon, Sam Smolinski and Kiera Struzziero.

### Grade 9 – Honors

Emma Almeida, Bryannah Auger, Rachel Baltazar, Jaden Bean, Lucas Bermudez, Mackenzy Bowers, Chase Connor, Mya Couse, Josalyn Currier, Oliver Eyer-Pelletier, Jenna Fletcher, John Fulmer, Jake Gormely, Mason Gualberto, Camryn Kaczowka, Alexa Karabetsos, Ethan Lamore, McKenzie LePage, Alexandra Malejko, Molly Mazzaferro, Michael Murray, Mya Philpott, Aleksandra Randall, Ava Rodrigues, Gia Ronkese, Sofia Santos, Mika Sellers, Ryan Shea, Liam Sherwood, Bebe Noorya Sultani, Marya Sultani, Ryan Volz-Benoit and Paityn Zina.

## Granby Jr Sr High announces third quarter honor roll

Granby Jr. Sr. High School recently announced the list students who achieved Honor Roll status for the third quarter of the 2022-'23 school year:

### Seventh Grade Maximum Honors

Lauren Barlow, Gianna Capone, Noah Chambers, Ralph El Aouji, Vitaly Gavel, Gabriel Helbok, Abigail LaDuke, Anthony Misiaszek, Emma Murphy, Kaelynn Slapski, Richard Sweet and Isabella Tetreault.

### Seventh Grade High Honors

Sophia Labonte, Sophia Press and Kaileena Smith.

### Seventh Grade Honors

Logan Carmody, Makayla Dennis, Emily Durham, Abigail Esquivel, Adrien Harrington, Chase Hauschild, Wyatt Kennedy, Liam McKinnon, Colin Sicard, Gavin Summy, Jacob Weglarz and Carli Zobka.

### Eighth Grade Maximum Honors

Meredith Bartosz, Madison Boyington, Sydney Chateaufneuf, Parker Dufresne, Tessa Healey, Madelyn LaPointe, Brenna Moreno, Lauren Piercey, Lydia Pike, Audrey Pleisch, Jaidyn Roberge, Ania Scott, Eleanor Szlosek and Kirra Trudell.

### Eighth Grade High Honors

Lyla Bergeron, Daniel Brown, Logan Campbell, Kyrsten Gaj, Maeve Lawler, Joseph Sevarino and Kalli White.

### Eighth Grade Honors

Brennan Anderson, Maylee Champigny, James Duga, Morgan Justin, Rowen Silva, Thomas Slater, Nathan Walsh and McKenna Zumbuski.

### Ninth Grade Maximum Honors

Kaitlyn Curran, Braeden Gallagher, Daniel Hackett, Maxwell Kennedy, Braydon LaDuke and Mylin Laliberte.

### Ninth Grade High Honors

Emma Beaulieu, Danielys Carrion Huertas, Benjamin French, Gracie Levreault, Allison Maslak, Julia Ricardi and Stephen Szlosek.

### Ninth Grade Honors

Richard Beaulieu, Lea Charest, Quinn

Fuller, Brodie Funk, Jake Gagnon, Julian Hernandez, Jared Lapite, Ava-Elizabeth Loughman, Faith Ramos, Anthony Santiago, Daniel Santiago, Addison Scott and Isabella Woods.

### 10th Grade Maximum Honors

Cassandra Flaherty, Cole Fuller, Gavin Kennedy, Alexis Lapite, Cheyenne Laramée, Cameron LeBlanc, Ava McFarland, Olah Roller, Austin Smith and Stewart Szlosek.

### 10th Grade High Honors

Jena Abbott, Aiden Beach, Nathan Benson, Mabel Carillon, Sawyer Clarke, Margaret Crawford, Gavin Moreno, Ava Saunders and Autumn Sicard.

### 10th Grade Honors

John Crawford, Brianna Houghton, Justin Merced, Chenoa Mestre, Tristan Moe, Addison Prignano and Maxwell Seymour.

### 11th Grade Maximum

Zachary Auclair, Jessica Holubowich, Cindy Kusumo, Sara Lessard and Corey Rondeau.

### 11th Grade High Honors

Chloe Castro, Ciara Charest, Andrew Feldman, Rhea Gagnon, Peyton Justin, Neil Lindberg and Noel Summerlin.

### 11th Grade Honors

Nicolas Grandmont, Abigail Landry, Margaret O’Connor, Grace Roy, David Silchuk and Phillip Silchuk.

### 12th Grade Maximum

Michael Arabik, Markus Baran, Eva Bartosz, Rebecca Gavel, Emma Hall, Victoria Quinlan, Katherine Vallee and Robert Walsh.

### 12th Grade High Honors

Patrick French, Madysen Gaj, Alexander Galusha, Haven Guerard, Robert L’Abbee and Brady Pete.

### 12th Grade Honors

Joshua Chateaufneuf, Jack Hartling, Olivia Hauschild, Abigail Huebner, Max Lempke, Paul Lucchesi IV, Hao Pham, Samuel Weatherbee and Carter White.

## Golden Bear College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Summer Camp

**SPRINGFIELD** -The Western New England University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is excited to announce the Golden Bear Summer Camp for High School students interested in exploring careers in pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, neuroscience, or occupational therapy.

A five-day day camp for high school juniors and seniors will take place from June 26 to June 30, from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and will offer hands-on learning experiences, lab sessions, and demonstrations for participants.

A two-day camp for high school freshman and sophomores will be held concurrently on June 29 and 30, from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Both camps are held on the WNE campus and are free-of-charge for all participants.

“We are delighted to offer this unique summer camp experience for high school students who are interested in pursuing careers in pharmacy and occupational therapy,” said Dr. John Pezzuto, dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. “Our goal is to provide hands-on learning experiences that will give students a better understanding of these fields and the skills and knowledge needed to be successful.

Many student participants have benefitted from the camp in the past. It is wonderful that we can now re-institute the in-person hands-on experience.”

The Golden Bear COPHS Summer Camp is designed for students who demonstrate strong academic skills and it will cover a wide range of topics including an introduction to pharmacy and occupational therapy, compounding lab, simulation man, mock pharmacy, ambulatory care, DNA extraction, sterile products, mock patient care experiences, mental health, Q&A with current students, and undergraduate admissions.

During the camp, participants will have the opportunity to work with current students and faculty members, learn about different career paths and receive tips on how to prepare for a career in these fields.

Students can apply online at [wne.edu/pharmacamp](http://wne.edu/pharmacamp). Enrollment is limited and based on first come first served. For more information, contact the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Western New England University located at 1215 Wilbraham Rd. Contact by email: [health-professions@wne.edu](mailto:health-professions@wne.edu) or call 413-796-2528.

### GARDEN from page 6

The top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not buried. This goes for bark mulch as well; keep it clear or blooms may be sacrificed.

If your irises hardly flower but aren’t overcrowded and are planted where they receive enough sun, assess your planting depth and adjust if necessary.

Many gardeners remarked that their Forsythia didn’t usher in spring last month as usual. Very few blossoms but lots of green foliage.

Presently, my Japanese Rose (Kerria japonica), usually a showstopper, looks just about the same and I hear so do some types of Azaleas.

Why? I am guessing that the buds were killed by the one really cold, minus 17 night. Sometimes, if we have a few inches of snow when temperatures dip, you will see blossoms on the forsythia down low, where the snow insulated the buds on those low branches.

Lots of folks are sad when a tulip patch that bloomed prolifically the year before, doesn’t do so well the year after. Why is

that?

Tulips are bred more for their flowers and less for longevity in the garden. Some species are more apt to return than others, namely Darwin Hybrids, Emperor, and the more diminutive wildflower tulips, Greigii and Kaufmanniana among other, less known species.

Planting at the proper depth (for tulips usually 3 times the height of the bulb) in a sunny location with good drainage will get you off to a good start, and then we leave it up to Mother Nature to ensure adequate moisture in late winter/early spring, followed by a dry summer.

Fingers crossed for repeat blooming in year two and beyond. Hoping early flower woes will give way to a summer’s worth of flowers.

*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.*

**OBITUARIES**

**Death Notices**

**Aniolowski, John P.**  
Died May 8, 2023  
Funeral May 16, 2023

**Duke, Quentin K.**  
Died May 7, 2023  
Visitation May 12, 2023

**Lemire, Arthur R.**  
Died May 13, 2023

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**John P. Aniolowski, 65**

John P. Aniolowski, 65, passed away unexpectedly on May 8, 2023.

John was the son of the late Edward and Elizabeth (Glog) Aniolowski and worked for many years at Charles C. Lewis Co. in Springfield and most recently at C&S Wholesale Grocers in Westfield from where he retired.

He was an avid fisherman enjoying both the ocean and freshwater. John was always happy when cruising in his 1967 Mustang and was a great cook especially when preparing an entire turkey dinner.

John was the beloved husband of Tami (Sadowski) Aniolowski and a loving father to Garrett and John Aniolowski, and Brandon Cislak. He also leaves his grandson Kai; his brother Ed and wife Diane; sister Rose LeDuc; and also leaves many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends. John was predeceased by his brother-in-law Yvon and his nephew Eddie.

Funeral services for John were held on Tuesday, May 16th. Ludlow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to the American Heart Association ([heart.org](http://heart.org)) or the American Cancer Society ([cancer.org](http://cancer.org)).



**Arthur R. Lemire, 74**



Arthur R. Lemire, 74, of Belchertown, passed away May 13, 2023, at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, with loving family by his side.

He was born on July 15, 1948, in Holyoke, to Wilfred Lemire and Rose (Rodrigues) Lemire Vignato. Arthur was raised in Belchertown and has lived in Belchertown since 1953.

He served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam Era and graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and the Ludlow Elks and Sebastian, Florida Elks. He was also a member of the Granby Preservation Society, Belchertown Historical Society and Tunnel to Towers.

Art worked most of his life in home construction and was a member of the Home Builders Association of Massachusetts. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Diane (Gaj) Lemire of 52 years, sisters, Roseann Antaya (Ray) of



Ludlow, Pauline Fillion (Ed) of Ludlow, brothers, Wil (Jane) of GA, Joe (Dolly) of Granby.

He also leaves sister-in-laws Gail Holt (Fred) of Belchertown, Phyllis Horoszewski of Chicopee, Richard Gaj (Cyndy) of Granby, Peter Gaj (Robyn) of Granby, David Gaj of W. Springfield. He will be missed by numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Art loved old cars, SSR'S car shows, golfing and the beach. Art was a great husband, son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, mentor and friend. Always willing to help others in need, even strangers.

So take time to help others and give your loved ones hugs and kisses. In his memory, donations may be made to Shriners Hospital, in Springfield. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.

**Quentin K. Duke, 45**



Quentin K. Duke passed away unexpectedly after complications from surgery on May 7, 2023, at the age of 45.

He was born in Elk Grove, Illinois on April 10, 1978, the son of Frederick and Rhonda (Pemberton) Duke. Quentin grew up in Cape Coral, Florida and graduated from Cape Coral High School.

He continued his education and received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Quentin honorably served his country in the 25th Infantry Division, 1-14 Golden Dragons.

He served two tours of duty in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom One and Two. He was Airborne and Air Assault qualified and was an experienced and decorated combat infantryman.

Quentin and his high school sweetheart, Kristin Davis, have been married for 20 years and have lived in Belchertown with their two children, Logan and Madison Duke, for the past 8 years.

Quentin loved college football and was a huge Florida Gators fan – a passion he shared deeply with Logan. He coached Little League Baseball and Eagles Football in Belchertown for several years.

He most recently worked for Pacific Packaging in Chicopee, but spent more than a decade as an engineering technician for the Florida Department of Transportation in Gainesville, Florida. His memory will forever remain with his wife and children, whom he adored.

Quentin also leaves his father-in-law, Michael Davis of Belchertown, sisters, Angie Pepitone and Sarenia Valez and brother-in-law, Shawn Davis, and many nieces and nephews, all of Florida. He also leaves behind many close and cherished friends in Belchertown and Florida, and many combat brothers across the country whom he remained close to following his service.

Visitation was held Friday, May 12. A private burial with military honors will be held for the family at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. Please consider donations in his memory to the Wounded Warriors' Project. Please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).

Beers and Story Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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board and provide representation for western Massachusetts in the decisions concerning the watershed.

"The average Boston household goes through 41 gallons of water a day," said Saunders. The actual impact to ratepayers would be equal to 6 cents per month.

State Sen. Anne Gobi added another dimension to the Quabbin story. She cautioned that although there were four towns totally erased to make the reservoir in order to "help quench Boston's thirst," she said that the creation of the Quabbin tends to overshadow other aspects of the region's history such as the Ware River.

Tapping into her earlier life as a history teacher, Gobi relished in the details. She recounted how in 1926 the Ware River Act did not submerge or disincorporate towns, but rather several towns lost huge amounts of land to watershed protection.

"Rutland lost north and west Rutland," said Gobi. "And Oakham lost its main business area which was in the vanquished village of Coldbrook Springs."

All of those towns had post offices, mills, hotels, and businesses. Farmers also lost their land and with lives totally disrupted had to move elsewhere.

In 1995 local people formed an advisory committee to talk about what mattered to them. They started to meet two years later. But some groups quit while others assumed active roles.

Gobi's proposed bill aims to remove groups that no longer exist and add three more active players such as a snowmobile association, a local equestrian group, and the New England Mountain Bike Association.

The most impassioned call for reparations in the form of fair compensation to the long-suffering communities came from state Sen. Joanne Comerford who encapsulated in an unbelievable three minutes the history of the Quabbin Reservoir.

She explained how in 1893 the Massachusetts Department of Health was concerned for the sustainability of its port and major city, and sought sources of water for Boston. First they considered Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire, Sebago Lake in Maine, and the Merrimack and Nashua rivers, but ultimately decided to take water from the Ware River and create a massive reservoir in what was then known as the

Swift River Valley, largely underwater now.

The rest is history and today eastern Massachusetts uses 200 million gallons a day from the Quabbin, and some three million people in the commonwealth drink this pristine water filtered through a watershed of over 100,000 acres.

Comerford explained that the MWRA is now looking to expand its water supply to a dozen communities north of Boston, 10 to the south, and 15 more in MetroWest.

The problem is that the people who do not have access to the water are often those who live closest to it. She cited the children, faculty and staff at the Swift River Elementary School in Salem who drink bottled water because their well is poisoned with poly-flourinated substances while Quabbin's water flows eastward.

What Comerford and Saunders together are filing "is a modest, really modest pivot toward a necessary new day." That new day would consist of four key provisions.

The bill establishes a fee of 5 cents for every 1,000 gallons drawn from the Quabbin. The monies would be placed in a Quabbin community development trust fund that would generate an approximate \$3.5 million fee annually to be distributed to municipalities and nonprofits in the Quabbin watershed. Secondly, the bill rights a long-standing wrong concerning Payments in Lieu of Taxes known as PILOT payments.

Currently the Watershed PILOT Program reimburses municipalities for property tax revenue lost due to non-taxable state ownership of watershed lands.

What it leaves out is the erasure of the four towns required to create the Quabbin.

Their former land was annexed to surrounding towns: Belchertown, Hardwick, New Salem, Petersham, Pelham and Ware. These municipalities receive the PILOT payments for state-owned annexed lands within their borders.

However, for the Quabbin Reservoir land itself that was flooded and is now underwater, there is no payment. The new bill would remove this exception and require payments for land also underneath the waters of the Quabbin.

Third the bill requires representation of Quabbin-area residents on the MWRA, such that three of the 13 board members would consider western Massachusetts home. The bill would also require the MWRA to explore all expansion options.

Opportunities to serve communities that steward the water need to be fully explored. It calls for similar evaluations of expansion into communities in Westfield River, Chicopee River, Connecticut River, and Millers River valley basins.

State Rep. Mindy Domb offered a climate-awareness perspective when she testified in support of the Quabbin bills. "I know from my work on this committee, that the [water] need is probably going to increase – drought, rivers drying up, towns needing water. The towns may say, 'Oh let's just go to the MWRA; western Massachusetts can't do that.'"

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## Orioles in need of wins



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Adrien Wise rears back to shoot.



Madysen LePage looks to find an open shooting lane.

**BELCHERTOWN** – With the last week of the season forthcoming, the 5-7 Belchertown girls lacrosse team needs a few wins to guarantee a spot in the state tournament. Belchertown is below the Top 32 in the power rankings, meaning it needs a .500 record to get at least a play-in game. The Orioles picked up their fifth win of the season 22-12 against South Hadley last Friday afternoon on the road. They also beat Chicopee Comprehensive 14-5 last Monday.



Lauren Cooper heads up the field.



Giana weaves through traffic.



Ellie Szlosek catches an out in center field.



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Cassie Flaherty slings a throw to first.

## Final week determines fate for Rams softball

**GRANBY** – Following a split of games last week, Granby softball looks to make tournament with an 8-8 record and two games remaining. One opponent will be league leader South Hadley while the other is Belchertown, a team they beat in a slugfest recently. Last week, Granby defeated Smith Vocational 16-9 while losing to Holyoke 18-6. Granby currently ranks below the Top 32 in the power rankings.



Grace Roy stretches for the catch at first.



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Jenna Kalwa sends a pass

## Mutiny offense shines in opener

BY TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

**LUDLOW**—The United Women's Soccer National semi-final and final matches were held at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow last July. This year's U.W.S. championship weekend is scheduled to take place 3,000 miles west in Los Angeles, California.

The New England Mutiny players didn't get to compete for the championship trophy on their home turf last summer. They're hoping to make the six-hour plane ride to the west coast in July.

The Mutiny didn't have very much trouble dispatching Worcester Fuel FC, 7-1, in the season opening match before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium, last Saturday night.

"All of the players worked

very hard, and we got the result that we wanted," said Hope Santaniello, who graduated from Agawam High School in 2021. "Our hope for the future is to win the championship title this year. We really want to bring home the trophy for Joe (Ferrara)."

Ferrara, who's the Mutiny General Manager, has put together a roster full of talented soccer players. Santaniello is one of 13 players from Western Massachusetts.

Other players from the region include Julia Robak (Chicopee), Brianna Romaniak (Belchertown), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Alexis Legowski (South Hadley), Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown), Brooke Samborski (Chicopee), Calleigh Foley (Ludlow), and Sophia Syocurka (Ludlow).

Foley and Syocurka will be

juniors on the Ludlow girls varsity soccer team in the fall. The duo normally play for the academy team, but they were called up to the U.W.S. team for the season opener.

Laura Gouvin of Monson is also listed on the Mutiny roster. She did not play against Worcester.

Before the start of the regular season, Ferrara named Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra as the Mutiny head coach.

"Everyone is a little bit nervous before the first game of regular season, but we got off to a great start tonight," said Coimbra, who's a former member of the Western Mass. Pioneers. "I've coached at the youth level, but it's very special to win my first game at this level. I think it's going to



Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, goes after the bouncing ball.

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SPORTS

# Pioneers prevail in preseason match

BY TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—With only a handful of returning players, it'll probably take a couple of matches for the Western Mass. Pioneers players to jell.

The Pioneers kicked off the 2023 campaign with a 5-1 victory in a friendly match against KO Elites FC before a large gathering at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, last Friday night.

"We had a lot of turnover from last year's team, so we're in the rebuilding process this year," said Federico Molinari, who's beginning his 12th season as the Pioneers head coach. "We do have some youngsters players and a couple of returning players. It's probably going to take us some time to jell."

A year ago, the Pioneers finished in second place in the Northeast Division table with an 11-3 regular season record. They lost to the Seacoast United Phantoms, 1-0, in extra time at home in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

It marked the second year in a row that the Pioneers (11-3) faced Seacoast United, who finished at the top of the Northeast Division table, in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Pioneers were scheduled to play their first regular season match at the Boston Bolts on Tuesday night before hosting the Pathfinder FC in the home opener at 7pm on Saturday night.

The first meeting of the regular season with league rival Seacoast United will take place away from the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium on May 25. The second meeting between the two squads is slated to take place in Ludlow on June 23.

The Pioneers other home matches this season will be against Black Rock FC (June 3), Boston Bolts (June 7), Albany Rush (June 30), Vermont Green FC (July 7), and AC Connecticut (July 15). All of their home matches are scheduled to start at 7pm.

One of the returning players is Khalid Rose, who has been a member of the Pioneers squad since 2018.

"I have the most service time on this year's team," said Rose before signing some autographs following the match. "I always come back here every year for the fans. I just love playing this beautiful game."

Rose, who played college soccer at Central Connecticut State University, assisted on the Pioneers first two goals in last Friday's friendly match. Newcomer Alec Hughes scored both goals during the first ten minutes of the first half. Hughes came out of the match with a minor injury during the 25th minute.

"Alec is a new player this year," Molinari said. "Hopefully, he'll be able to play in our first game on Tuesday night."

Hughes, who's a forward from Glastonbury Conn, is also a member of the UMass men's soccer team. He fin-

ished his junior season last fall with a total of 10 goals, including a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory at George Washington. He also had two assists and led the A-10 conference with a total of 22 points.

Following the 2022 college season, Hughes was selected to the United Soccer Coaches All-Region Second-Team squad.

Hughes is one of the players looking to replace Braudilio Rodrigues, who led the Pioneers with ten goals last summer. Rodrigues recently signed with the Tacoma Defiance, which compete in the MLS Next Pro league. The Defiance is the reserve team for the Seattle Sounders FC.

The other returning players listed on the Western Mass. Pioneers roster are Chaney Nash-Gibney, Jared Smith, Ignacio Albo, Lucio Berron, Tomas Duben, Nicholas Oberrauch, and Connor Hicks, who graduated from Monson High School six years ago.

Hicks, who graduated from AIC, didn't play in the friendly match because of an injury.

Oberrauch is the Pioneers captain and he assisted on the third goal, which was scored by Duben during the 21st minute.

"It's an honor for me to be the team captain again this year," Oberrauch said. "I really enjoy being the team leader."

Thomas Quiterio, who's wrapping up his junior year, and Thomas Wadas, who's finishing his sophomore year at Ludlow High School, saw some playing time during the second half. They'll be practicing with the Pioneers and be playing games for the USL Academy team.

"The academy team prepares the players to play for the USL team," Molinari said. "A couple of them had an opportunity to play in tonight's game, but they just need to continue working hard."

Wadas had the chance to play in a couple of regular season matches for the Pioneers a year ago.

"I normally play for the USL Academy team and it's a big jump playing for the men's team. The game is much quicker at this level," Wadas said. "It's also a lot of fun playing with one of my high school teammates."

Quiterio, who's also a member of the Ludlow boys' volleyball team, played for the Pioneers for the first time in last Friday's match.

"I was a little bit nervous at first, but I did feel comfortable after a few minutes," Quiterio said. "I grew up watching the Pioneers play and it's a dream come true to have an opportunity to play for them. It just feels amazing."

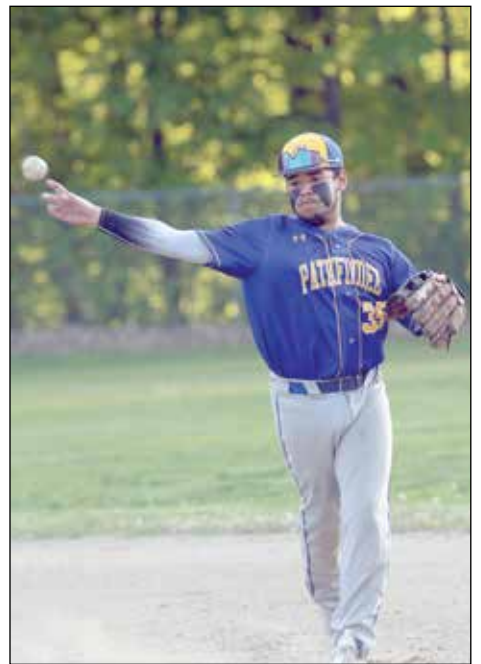
The Pioneers scored two more goals during the second half, including a penalty kick by Simba Pelltier.

The Pioneers assistant coaches are Dennis Gomes, Jay Willis, and John Voight.

The Pioneers faithful supporters are hoping to have a lot more enjoyable evenings at Lusitano Stadium during the next couple of months.



Jesse Cygan pitches for the Pioneers.



Tage Valliere throws to first for an out.

## Pioneers likely to make tournament

PALMER – With an 11-3 record entering the week, Pathfinder baseball is looking making tournament in Division 5 this season. The Pioneers are currently ranked No. 23 and have a few games this week to close out the regular season. The Pioneers could also qualify for the Western Mass. tournament as well, which gets underway next week.



Brayden Mega tries to avoid a tag.



Trevor Millet fields a throw to third.

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RIGHT: Edward Szoszyk makes the catch in left.



## Run for Rice's 5K Road Race set for June 3

WILBRAHAM – The 11th annual "Run for Rice's 5K Road Race" will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m. This popular, family-friendly 5K road race begins at Christ the King – Epiphany Church, 758 Main Street, Wilbraham, and winds through a flat, fast course in surrounding neighborhoods, ending at Rice Fruit Farm across the street from the start. Pre-registration fee for runners and walkers is \$20, while day-of-race registration is \$25. Ages 18 and under registration is \$15 including day-of registration. The first 150 registered runners by May 20 will receive our famous race t-shirt fea-

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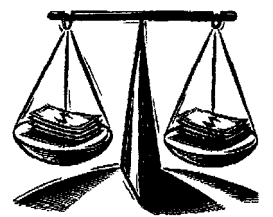
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**SPORTS**

# Blewett scores the wins in modified event at Stafford

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT – Stafford Speedway hosted the 51st Annual NAPA Spring Sizzler on Saturday, May 13 with feature events for the SK Modified, Late Model, and SK Light divisions along with two 15-lap last chance qualifiers for drivers to earn starting positions in the NAPA Spring Sizzler 100-lap main event. Jimmy Blewett scored the checkered flag in the 40-lap SK Modified feature his second career win at Stafford and first since the 2005 NAPA Fall Final. Tom Fearn was the winner of the 30-lap Late Model feature and the SK Light feature saw a photo finish with Brian Sullivan making a last lap pass on Tyler Chapman and winning the race by inches or .005 seconds. Matt Swanson won the 15-lap Last Chance Qualifier for the NAPA Spring Sizzler.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Jimmy Blewett led the field to the green and he began to set the early pace with Michael Christopher, Jr. going around Cory DiMatteo to take second behind Blewett. Chris Jones was fourth in line in the early going with Keith Rocco quickly moving from seventh at the start up to fifth. Christopher made a move



Jimmy Blewett wins the SK Modified event at Stafford Speedway last weekend.

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to the inside of Blewett on lap-6 but wasn't able to make the pass. Christopher then came under attack from DiMatteo on lap-7 but he was able to hold off that

challenge.

With 10 laps complete, the order was Blewett in the lead followed by Christopher, DiMatteo, Stephen Kopicik, and Rocco.

Anthony Bello was sixth followed by Jon Puleo, Noah Korner, Mikey Flynn, and Todd Owen. Bello was black flagged on lap-15 and he had to report to pit road for dumping fluid. David Arute was shown the black flag on lap-20 for fluid also while Blewett and Christopher were still the tow lead cars with DiMatteo, Rocco, and Kopicik giving chase. Marcello Rufrano was the car on the move in the first half of the race, taking 11th on lap-22 after starting shotgun on the field in 28th. The caution flew with 24 laps complete for a spin by Rich Gautreau that collected Rufrano, who pulled off the track and behind the wall, ending his great run.

Blewett took the lead back under green with Christopher in second. Kopicik and DiMatteo were wheel to wheel for third place with Rocco and Korner right behind them. Kopicik took third on lap-26 with Rocco taking fourth and Korner fifth as DiMatteo slid back to sixth. Christopher's car dropped off the pace on lap-29 and he pulled on to pit road just as the caution flew for spins in turn 4 by Dylan Kopec and Tom Bolles.

Blewett took the lead back under green with Rocco moving up to second, but before a lap could be completed the caution came out for Rich Gautreau, who hit the wall in turn 4.

Blewett took the elad back under green with Rocco in second. DiMatteo and Kopicik ran wheel to wheel for a lap before DiMatteo got clear into third place. Korner took fourth with Kopicik sliding back to fifth while up front, Rocco was applying heavy pressure to Blewett for the lead.

Korner's car dropped off the pace on lap-37 and he limped back to pit road after running in fourth place. This promoted Kopicik to fourth and Mikey Flynn to fifth as Blewett was still in command over Rocco and DiMatteo. Blewett slowly stretched out his advantage over Rocco in the closing laps and he picked up his second career SK Modified win at Stafford, his first since the 2005 NAPA Fall Final. Rocco came home second with DiMatteo, Kopicik, and Flynn rounding out the top-5.

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be a very exciting season."

Coimbra took over the coaching duties from Brian Linnehan, who was hired as an assistant women's soccer coach at Bryant University.

Coimbra is aided by assistant coaches Jill Kochanek, Ciro Viviano, and Federico Molinari, who's also the head coach of the Western Mass. Pioneers.

Santaniello, who's a forward, scored a pair of goals during the first half, which gave her team a 2-0 halftime lead.

During the 24th minute, Santaniello lined a shot over the head of Worcester Fuel goalie Lilliana Mantoni into the back of the net.

About 15 minutes later, Cat Berry sent a forward pass into the box and Santaniello finished off the play by shooting the ball into the left corner.

"I'm very happy for Hope," Coimbra said. "I think she's a great soccer player, and she has a very bright future. She shoots the ball mainly with her right foot, but she scored one of her goals in tonight's match with her left foot."

After playing soccer for two seasons at the University of Rhode Island, Santaniello has decided to enter the NCAA transfer portal. The portal allows Division 1 athletes the opportunity to transfer to another school without having to sit out a year.

"I decided to leave U.R.I. for personal reasons," Santaniello said. "I just want to keep growing as a soccer player. In order for me to do that, I felt like the best thing was transfer to another school. I just want to find the right school, which will help me get to the next level."

Berry, who's from Hingham, will be a senior on the University of South Carolina women's soccer team in September. She'll be heading back to Columbia, South Carolina in the middle of June to train with her college soccer team.

"Cat is a great soccer player and she's going to have a successful career in the future," Coimbra said. "We're very lucky to have her on our team. We enjoyed watching her play in tonight's match."

Ferrara is hoping that Berry will be able to return to Ludlow if the Mutiny do make

the playoffs.

"The atmosphere at the stadium is always great," Berry said. "I just love playing soccer with this group of girls. It was a great way to start our season."

Berry, who's the fifth all-time leading goal scorer at the University of South Carolina with 24 career goals, took over the spotlight at the second half. She finished last Saturday's match with a total of four goals. A couple of her goals came on amazing shots that not very many goalies would be able to stop.

"We definitely could've scored a few more goals in the first half," Berry added. "We just wanted to come out at the start of the second half and put the game away. I took advantage of my opportunities. Hearing the roar of the crowd here at Lusitano is very special."

Berry, who has two more years of eligibility remaining at South Carolina, will most likely be drafted by a N.W.S.L. team after she graduates.

"Playing at that level is something that I've dreamed about my whole life," Berry said. "It would be awesome to play for a professional soccer team in the future."

Chandler Pedolzyk also scored a second half goal for the Mutiny. Jenna Kalwa, who's the women's soccer coach at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Connecticut, was credited with the assist.

Down at the other end of the field, Kopec, who was the Mutiny starting goalie, only had to make three saves. She was replaced in goal by Robak with ten minutes remaining in regulation.

The members of the Mutiny defensive unit are Sofia Weber, Laci Lewis, Megan Cunningham, and Kinsman.

"This is just an awesome environment to play a soccer match," said Cunningham, who's the Mutiny captain. "We also have a lot of returning players this year, which is a great thing."

The Mutiny will be playing a couple of road matches before returning home to face the Albany Rush on June 10. Their other two home matches during the regular season will be against Sporting CT (June 24) and CT Rush (July 8).

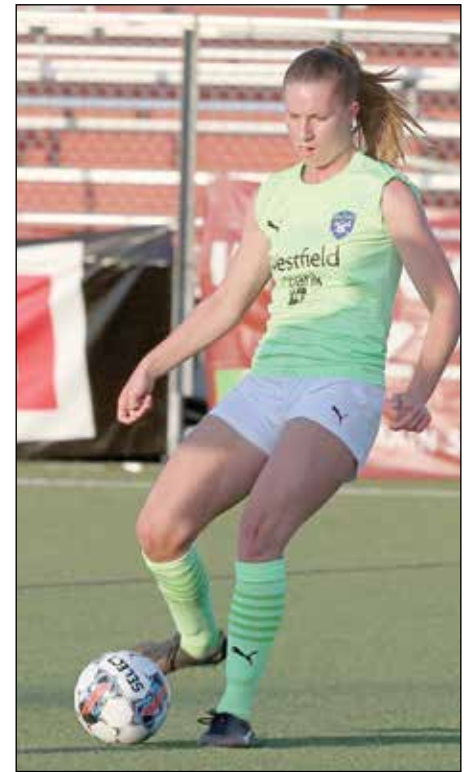


Laci Lewis breaks away from a defender.

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Agawam's Hope Santaniello controls the ball.



Avery Klingensmith of Belchertown gets set to pass.

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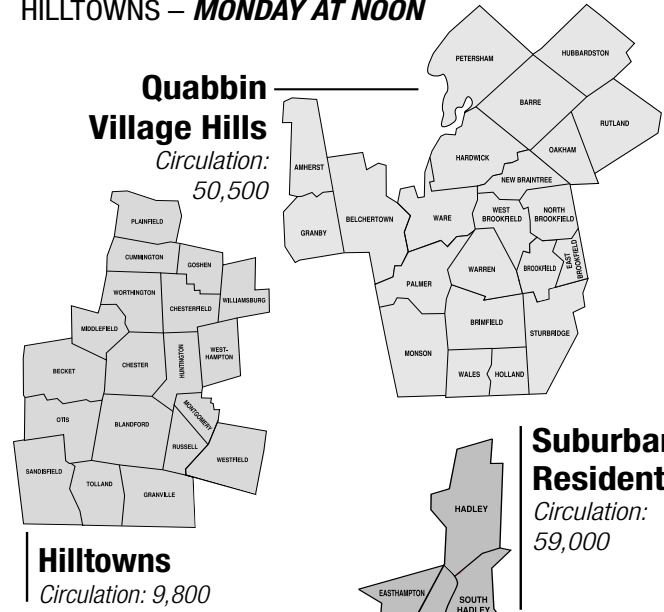
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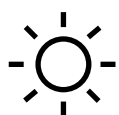
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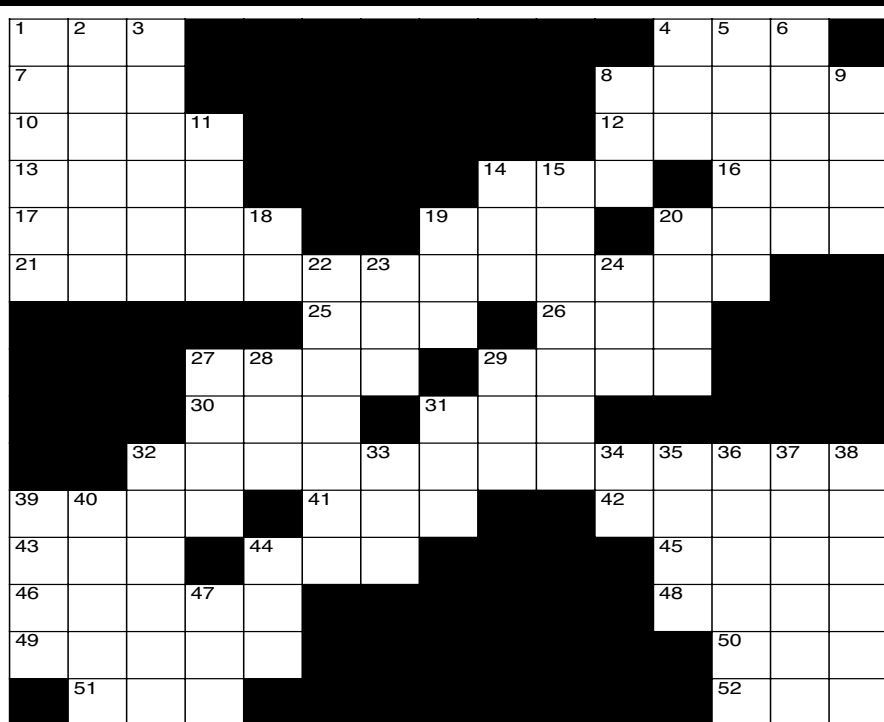
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4. Chinese philosophical principle
7. Branch
8. Jewish spiritual leader
10. Slang for requests
12. “So Human Animal” author
13. Rocker Billy
14. British Air Aces
16. Type of tree
17. “Tough Little Boys” singer Gary
19. State attorneys
20. Goddess of fertility
21. Localities
25. Beloved singer Charles
26. Clue
27. Ridge of jagged rock below sea surface
29. Helsinki neighborhood
30. Farm resident
31. Ocean
32. Where ballplayers work
39. Unable to hear
41. Cool!
42. Cape Verde capital
43. One point north of due east
44. Kilo yard (abbr.)
45. Middle Eastern nation
46. It yields Manila hemp
48. People operate it (abbr.)
49. Regenerate
50. Not healthy
51. Chinese sword
52. Mild expression of surprise

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Unit of angle
2. Headgear to control a horse
3. Clots
4. Follows sigma
5. A woman who is the superior of a group of nuns
6. Greek units of weight
8. Radio direction finder (abbr.)
9. Systems, doctrines, theories
11. Stony waste matter
14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
15. Hostile to others
18. U.S. State
19. Not wet
20. Something one thinks up
22. Where beer is made
23. Clumsy person
24. Belonging to us
27. Canadian flyers
28. Greek goddess of the dawn
29. Snakelike fish
31. Unhappy
32. Fruit
33. Not good
34. Zero degrees Celsius
35. Goo Goo Dolls’ hit
36. Crawls into the head (folklore)
37. Legally responsible
38. Move in a playful way
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40. Partner to flowed
44. Native American tribe
47. Head honcho



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