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Boscher elected as chair in Selectboard reorg

BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – Following the annual town election, the Selectboard reorganized and Selectboard Chair Ed Boscher was appointed to the position in a three to two vote.

Selectboard members Jen Turner, Lesa Lessard Pearson and Ed Boscher were in favor and members Peg Louraine and Ron Aponte were opposed.

During the discussion of the next chair, Selectboard members discussed the tradition of electing the former vice chair as the chair of the board. In the last iteration of the board, former member Jim Barry served as chair and Aponte as vice chair.

Louraine nominated Aponte to be the next chair of the board, which was seconded by Aponte.

Turner nominated Boscher to be the next chair of the board.

"When Jim assumed the chairmanship, (Boscher) would have been in line to be the vice chair last year but he got kicked off the rotation somehow," she said. "That's where my heart is right now, I think Ed would make a good chair."

"Mr. Barry got kicked off the

rotation several months previously," Louraine said.

Boscher said he believed Barry wasn't kicked off the rotation, but that it was delayed for several months.

Selectboard member Lesa Lessard Pearson said she was unaware Boscher was bypassed.

"They would both be excellent chairs, but I believe Ed should have his turn," said Lessard Pearson.

Boscher said that in the past there were many people who were passed over during reorganizations of the board, replying to Louraine.

Following his appointment to chair, Boscher nominated Louraine as vice chair, which she declined. She stated that she has only been on the board for six months and wouldn't be able to take it.

Aponte was then nominated as vice chair to the board by Turners, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Louraine was reelected as clerk to the board for a second time.

The board members opted to avoid reorganization of the

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Al Brighenti, Rich Walker, Mark Nute and George Cook.

CLOUDY with a chance of MEATBALLS at Belchertown Common

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BELCHERTOWN – The irresistible smell of meatball grinders and fresh rain painted the heart of

Belchertown red, attracting many who passed by.

Not even rain clouds could discourage members of the community from stopping by the Belchertown Common on Saturday afternoon. The Lions

Club's signature meatball grinders were too hard to resist, not only were they delicious, they also supported a good cause.

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Come sail away

From 'Acorn to Arabella,' wooden ship gets ready to sail

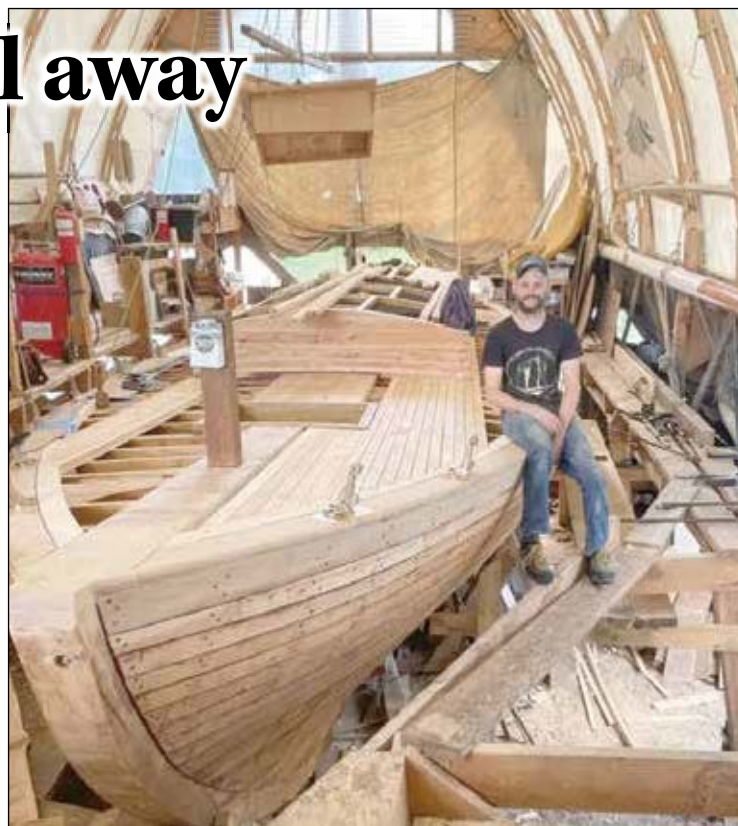
BY DALLAS GAGNON
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GRANBY – After nearly six years of construction, a 38-foot wooden sailboat sets its sails to make its aquatic debut Saturday, June 17 at 10 a.m. from Mattapoissett's Shipyard Park.

Steve Denette, a fifth generation Granby farm native, crafted the boat, Arabella, "from stump to ship" - using wood harvested from the trees planted on his property by his great-grandfather.

"I've always found boats fascinating...I understood how to build a house, but a boat is curved," said Denette.

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Shown is Steve Denette sitting on the boat's deck.

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Area fire departments train in empty hospital

BY PAULA OUIMETTE
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WARE – Thirty firefighters from Ware, Hardwick, Belchertown and West Brookfield attended a training at the former Baystate Mary Lane Hospital building Sunday morning and afternoon.

Using the third and fourth floors of the hospital, firefighters worked in crews to sweep rooms in search of potential victims. The fourth floor was obscured by thick smoke, supplied by smoke machines.

Ware Fire Chief Jim Martinez said this training happened thanks to the efforts of Lieutenant Jason McNeaney and the town of Ware. The town gave the fire departments permission to use the hospital, along with Baystate Health.

Air Support from Westover Fire Department brought its air compressor trailer to fill the firefighter's air bottles.

Using a rope as their guide, crews assembled up the stairwell to the third floor, following the commands of Martinez, who managed ground operations from the parking lot.

Crew captains gave directions from the floor, offering guidance to firefighters as they navigated the large building on their hands and knees.

Belchertown Captain Jeff Haughey said this the first large-scale training the departments have done together.

Haughey, who has been with the Belchertown Fire Department since 2004 and also teaches at the Fire Academy,

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COMMUNITY

Voters pick newcomer Lessard-Pearson on Selectboard

Gutekenst, Magee win seats on School Com

BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – Voters opted to seat largely newcomers and write ins at the annual election last week. There was almost an 11% percent turnout at the polls this year, according to the official results from Town Clerk Terry Camerlin.

With a three-year term on the Selectboard, Lesa Lessard Pearson won with 799 votes to W. Daniel Fitzpatrick's 336 votes.

Pearson took the seat formerly held by

Jim Barry.

On the School Committee, incumbent Heidi Gutekenst retained her seat and Lamikok Magee was elected for the first time. Gutekenst received 861 votes, Magee received 754 and Matthew Jackson received 535.

Magee now occupies the seat formerly held by Mike Knapp.

Gutekenst and Magee said they were honored to be elected to their respective positions.

"I appreciate the faith they have in me and want to continue the work we have been doing," Gutekenst said. "(These include) implementing our diversity goals and knowing we need to pay special attention to the antisemitism we've

seen recently at Jabish, working with the (Massachusetts School Building Authority) to improve the middle school experience in Belchertown and partnering with other boards in town to run a sustainable budget."

Magee was sworn into her position last Tuesday and said, "Later that day met the superintendent and other members of the committee when I attended my first meeting. I look forward to using my experience as an educator and working with my peers to serve Belchertown schools."

Ken Elstein was reelected to another three-year term on the Board of Health and David Gottsegen was elected to the board as well. Each received 874 and 854 votes respectively.

Bjorn Markeson was elected to the

Planning Board with a five-year term, receiving 294 votes as a write in candidate.

Benjamin Farrell will be the new town moderator, a position with a three-year term. Farrell received 321 votes as a write in candidate.

Loring Caney Jr. was elected to the Board of Assessors with a three-year term. Caney received 191 votes as a write in candidate.

There are a total of 11,757 registered voters in the town, of which 1,272 cast their ballots in the local election. There are 2,742 registered Democrats, 1,381 registered Republicans, 40 registered Libertarians, 7,489 unenrolled voters and 105 other registered voters, according to the results.



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SEASON-ENDING WIN

BELCHERTOWN — The Ultimate Frisbee season came to an end for the MacDuffie School with a 15-1 home win over Deerfield. The MacDuffie seniors shown here are Ryan Priestly (Belchertown), Logan Nacewicz (Indian Orchard), Zachary Mavliouganis (Belchertown), Gabe Shumway (Granby), Clara LaChance (Belchertown), Sydney Bagwell (Amherst) and Anna Belardoni (Italy). As is tradition, the school celebrated its senior class and, after the win, the team members thanked their opponents and ran off together to ring the school's Victory Bell.

Community Church pantry offers free food

BELCHERTOWN — Christ Community Church on Federal Street has a provision pantry "for any in our community who would like to make use of it," a news release states.

"Our church family has been serving Belchertown, through our pantry, for over three decades and we are hoping to see this ministry grow to serve more people in our town," the release states.

Non-perishables are available to any resident who wants to schedule a pick-up or stop by 9-10 a.m. the first Saturday of each month. The pantry is inside the church's Dwight Chapel, 885 Federal Street.

"We would love to meet you and help in any way we can, whether your need is for a one time pick-up, every month or on occasion, we are here and happy to help," the release states. For more information or to be added to the church's distribution list, send an email to office@gracefortheway.org or call 413-253-0292.



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Cold Spring Country Club to host Second Chance benefit golf tourney

BELCHERTOWN — Second Chance Animal Services' 11th annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Cold Spring Country Club on Monday, July 24.

The event offers golfers a great golf outing on a world-class course and will benefit programs assisting the underserved at Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals in Springfield, Worcester, Southbridge and North Brookfield.

Second Chance Chief Development Officer Lindsay Doray is encouraging golfers to sign up early.

"It's going to be a great day of golf to help pets," Doray said.

"Offering affordable veterinary care to help keep pets in their homes is more important than ever. Our Community Veterinary Hospitals provide a lifeline for pets in our community. By offering subsidized rates to qualified pet owners, we are helping keep pets out of shelters and with the people they love. The need is great and we're counting on golfers to come out and lend their support."

Golfers will be treated to a box lunch and banquet dinner, a bucket of balls for the range and a commemorative gift. Course and team challenges will include prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, closest to the line, a yellow ball contest and more. The hole-in-one contest offers a chance to win a spa from Teddy Bear Pools.

There will also be raffles and a small silent auction which will begin online a

week before the tournament.

Second Chance is inviting local businesses to partner with them in the fight to end pet homelessness through access to veterinary care. The nonprofit is welcoming sponsors for the Second Chance Golf Tournament and is accepting donations for the tournament silent auction and raffle. Registration and information on sponsorships and item donations can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/.

Individuals and foursomes are welcome. Second Chance encourages golfers to purchase tickets early. Check in will be 9 a.m. and the tournament will commence with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

About Second Chance

Second Chance Animal Services is a nonprofit animal welfare organization founded in 1999. Second Chance began as an animal shelter and grew to help more pets in need. Subsidized rates are provided to underserved communities to ensure access to care for all pets in need. Last year Second Chance helped over 44,000 pets live better lives through full-service veterinary care, spay/neuter services, adoption services, community and educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry.

For more information, visit Second Chance's website at secondchanceanimals.org or on social media: facebook.com/secondchanceanimals; on Instagram: @secondchanceas and on Twitter: @secondchanceas.



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Sen. Jo Comerford is shown receiving the Caring Bear Award from the Providers Council.

Comerford receives 'Caring Bear' award for service

BOSTON — State Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton) was honored recently at the State House by the Providers Council, the state's largest association of community-based health and human services organizations, with its prestigious Caring Bear Award.

The award is one of the group's highest annual honors in recognition of those who are dedicated to human service workers and the people they serve, according to a news release.

Comerford spoke at a rally about the important work of human services workers and how the legislature can and must do better to support this vital sector, the release states.

"Thank you to the Providers Council, The Caring Force, and to all of you here today for the vital work you do to provide dignified and necessary care for one-in-ten Massachusetts residents — our neighbors who need and deserve your care and for

whom you are a lifeline," Comerford said.

"You and your members, many of whom are my constituents, have taught me a great deal since I arrived in the Senate. All of your dogged advocacy is matched only by your compassion and dedication. I am truly humbled to receive this honor. We must eliminate pay human service worker pay disparities. And we must bolster the recruitment and retention of human services workers by eliminating the burden of student debt for higher education. We can and must do more for you — who do so much for so many."

The Caring Force serves as the grassroots advocacy branch of the Providers Council with more than 31,000 members statewide. It works to secure better and equitable pay, tuition burden relief, and respect for the human services workers it represents.

Find out more about The Caring Force and its work at providers.org.

Windjammer Circus Band performs free concert

BELCHERTOWN — The Windjammer Circus Band presents a free concert of traditional circus music at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 12, on the Town Green on Main Street.

The Windjammer Circus Band guides you through an imaginary circus experience through music and narration. The

Band has two trumpets, a French horn, trombone, tuba, clarinet and drums.

The concert is funded by the Belchertown Cultural Council.

Admission is free and open to the public. The concert area is handicapped accessible. For more information, call 413-535-7220.

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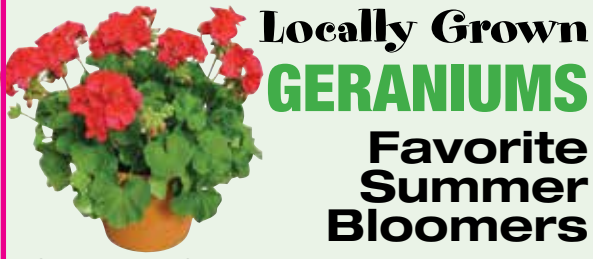
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COMMUNITY

Get ready to 'Stomp' June 5

BELCHERTOWN — Enjoy New Orleans style Hot Jazz at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5, when Dixieland Stomp performs at the Town Green.

In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Jabish Brook Pavilion on Old Springfield Road.

Dixieland Stomp delivers a high-energy, foot-stomping performance that is just plain fun for everyone from 8 to 80. Traditional songs they play include "Little Brown Jug," "Basin Street Blues," "Panama," and "Just a Closer Walk with Thee."

The program is supported in part by a grant from the Belchertown Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. For more information, contact George Baker at gbigbake@msn.com or 413-668-8382.



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Dixieland Stomp delivers a high-energy, foot-stomping performance at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 5.

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committee liaisons for the time being, citing the change from town administrator to town manager form of government.

Turner said she believed when the board discussed the change that there was a conversation about changing the structure of the liaisons.

"We talked about liaisons for operations departments, so are we changing the structure?" she asked.

Louraine said she informed the boards they could request a liaison, which is what the board agreed upon.

"If they want one they should have one," Louraine said.

Aponte said for the next year, they would do away with the operational liaisons, such as those for fire or police, and keep the committee positions.

Lessard Pearson asked how the board determined the liaisons.

Boscher said the board would indicate their preferences for different boards and committees.

"In the next week, I will call and see where your interests lie and see if there would be a match," he said.

Board approves Pride Month flag raising, proclamation

In her first meeting as Lessard Pearson proposed a second year of pride month in Belchertown, includ-

ing a flag ceremony and signing a proclamation recognizing June as Pride Month.

There may be a program in the works, but Lessard Pearson said there wasn't a finalized plan yet.

She added that local officials including Aaron Saunders expressed interest in being part of the event.

"All I'm going to say is that it's Pride Month, and we want to fly the flag," she said.

The board unanimously approved the motion to recognize June as Pride Month.

Last year was the first time the town flew the pride flag.

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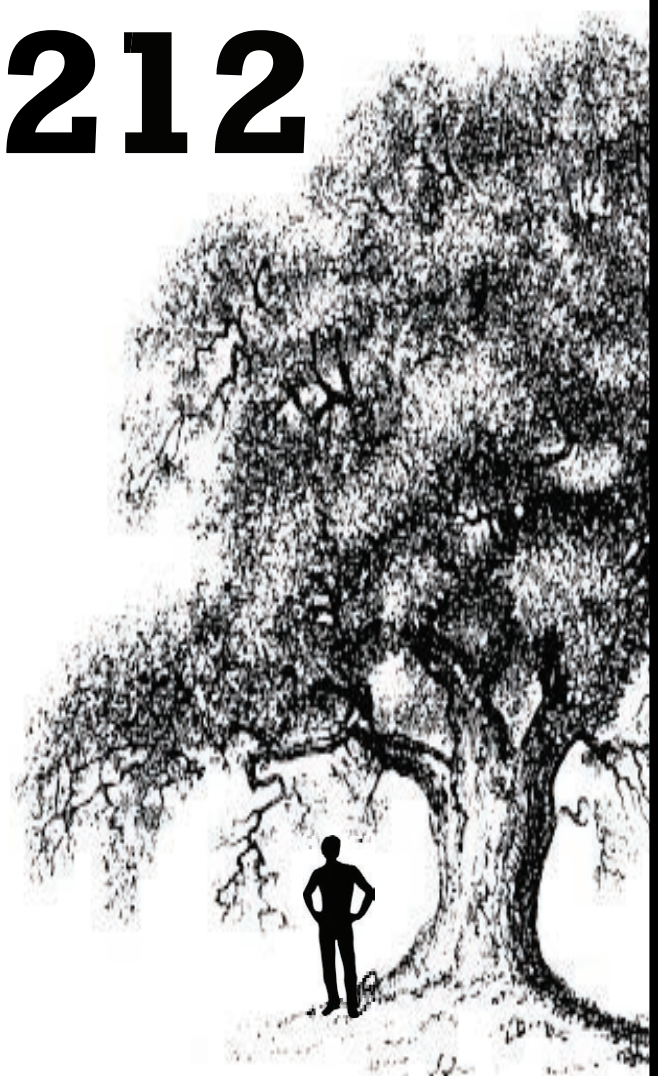
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OPINION



Comments on CONGRESS

By Lee Hamilton

The dialogue of democracy needs tending

There are so many things I worry about these days. Are we going to default on our debts? Can we adapt to the accumulating impact of climate change? How are we going to handle the dangers posed by China and Russia?

But bigger than all of those is this: Can we as a nation confront those challenges by arriving, together, at reasonable solutions? Or to put it another way, do we even know any more how to carry on a public dialogue about the issues we face and how to resolve them?

Because I worry – a lot – that we’re losing our ability to engage in the reasoned dialogue that democracy demands of us. The evidence surrounds us: the hot-tempered dogmatism that’s rampant on social media, the take-no-prisoners rhetoric of cable commentators, the shallow political debate carried on by everyone from pundits trying to gin up an audience to politicians who should know better, the widespread impatience with others’ viewpoints, the shrill and even offensive language that permeates public debate – you know the problem as well as I do.

And it is a problem.

If Americans lose faith that our democracy is up to the task of addressing our challenges because we’re incapable of holding a discussion that isn’t distorted by spin, misleading studies, grassroots manipulation, untrustworthy media and political leaders who wouldn’t publicly recognize a fact if it smacked them in the forehead, then the travails of the last few years will seem like a cakewalk.

So, I have some suggestions. Because in the end, if we want the quality of public dialogue to improve, then it’s up to us to improve it – and then let our political leaders know that we expect more than political posturing that produces inadequate solutions to difficult problems.

Living in a democracy takes work, and that applies to all of us, from voters who cast their ballot every few years to neighbors who roll up their sleeves and try to improve their communities to elected officials whose job it is to decide the course of their town or state or country.

Here are basic principles we need to keep in mind:

Don’t fear differences or dissent. They’re inevitable, and they are vital to looking at challenges from all sides.

Advocacy and even conflict have their place in a democracy, but in the end, we resolve differences and break gridlock through discussion and deliberation.

Which means that the goal is not to highlight or inflame our political differences, but to resolve and reconcile them. The highest good should be to search for compromise, where everyone is at least a partial winner.

Remember that political differences may be stark, but that doesn’t mean they’re irreconcilable.

Focus on facts. They’re the starting point for level headed debate and effective policy. As citizens, it’s our job to find trustworthy sources of information, question our own biases, and discern when we’re being misled; as politicians, to strive always to seek the truth about the facts.

View one another as neighbors, fellow community members or colleagues who all want the same thing: what’s best for our country and for where we live. Find common ground and build trust from there.

It is always worth the time to understand others’ viewpoints – and to talk. You may not just find common ground, but ways to improve your own ideas. And when you do search for commonalities, talk about common concerns first and differences second.

Focus on the common good.

Do not speculate on rivals’ motivations or demonize them. Focus on their ideas – and see them as just as human as you are.

Sometimes drama can be effective, but always maintain civility and convey respect for people who think differently from you.

Finally, always keep in mind that you may be wrong. The world is complicated and solutions to its challenges are never perfect or straightforward.

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LETTER

Return Lampson Brook Farm

Lampson Brook Farm in Belchertown is part of the ancestral land of the Nipmuc. Most of this land was taken by white settlers, including what is now called Lampson Brook Farm.

As many letter-writers have written in the Sentinel over the past couple months, there is an effort to return Lampson Brook Farm to the Nipmuc. A petition was made to return the land to the people. So far, the petition has 3,820 signatures and we, along with our fifth-grade classmates, hope for that number to keep growing.

Although returning Lampson Brook would not fully repay the Nipmuc for years of wrongdoing, we could mend the relationship between the Nipmuc and the com-

munity a little. Secondly, if the Nipmuc were to be given their land back it would not go to waste.

The people who think that the land will be used for more buildings are wrong. The Nipmuc would care for the land like they did long before Europeans took it. Also, the Nipmuc practice good stewardship and they have a lot of experience in caring and respecting the land.

They, of all people, can be trusted to take care of Lampson Brook Farm.

Elo Schwabe and Iona Hazlip

Fifth-grade students

Fort River Elementary School



Dazed for dahlias

Do you ever get sidetracked?

Well, last night I went into my mudroom to assess my dahlia collection in preparation for planting. Besides housing baskets and buckets of dahlia tubers, the mudroom contains a wood box, lots of coats and shoes, and when the temperatures dip into into the negative realm, it may house a chicken or two.

Our big, upright freezer is also in the mudroom. Why were the floorboards in front of the door wet?

Upon inspection, the freezer wasn’t at temperature and the contents had partially thawed. Just what I needed on a Saturday night.

After the mess was cleaned up and what could be salvaged was, I rewarded myself with some alone-time with my dahlias.

I chuckle when I think that the last time I wrote about dahlias I had four varieties. I’m at 10 in two short years - oops, make that 11 after the tuber I purchased at the plant sale yesterday.

It’s hard not to become a collector when they come in so very many flower types and sizes, from a mere couple of inches to the size of a dinner plate.

Read on for a refresher course on dahlia growing, and if you become inspired to purchase a tuber or two, rest easy with the cost; you’ll be giving the offspring away before you know it!

Plant dahlias in full sun, in fertile soil amended sparingly with compost and organic fertilizers. Most tubers are planted about 3 inches deep and 1-3 feet away from one another, depending on plant size. Providing enough air circulation between

plants will help keep diseases at bay.

Most gardeners install a stake at planting time and attach the dahlia to it as it grows, beginning when it is a foot tall. Subsequent ties are made every 18 inches or so depending on variety. Without the use of stakes, large flowers will likely topple in the wind and rain, sometimes taking a good portion of the plant with it.

Pinching dahlias is another good practice. When the plant has three sets of leaves gently remove its growth tip.

This will encourage more branching and inevitably more flowers. Once blooming starts it is important to cut away spent blooms on a regular basis; tubers will grow stronger because of it.

Dahlias thrive on sufficient moisture, especially since they are shallow rooted. Furnish them with one inch per week during active growth.

As the growing season draws to a close, hold back on water and any supplemental fertilization you have been providing. This will give the tubers a chance to harden off before they are removed from the ground.

Dig up dahlia tubers either just prior to or soon after frost hits. Leave a small portion of stem attached to the tubers - it is a great place to adhere a label.

Take it from me - it is easy to forget a name over the winter months!

Soil should be eased off the tubers with a spray of water before placing in storage. Choose a location to overwinter your tubers that maintain 40-50 degrees temps and 90% humidity.

These conditions will keep them dormant and healthy until it is time to replant. Many people have good luck using a cold basement or root cellar; small quantities of tubers can be stored in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator.

Placing tubers in damp peat moss, saw dust, shredded leaves, or even ventilated plastic bags will help to prevent shriveling. Be sure to check on your tubers every couple of weeks throughout the offseason.

Should you see shriveling, mist them with clean water and re-dampen the medium in which they were placed. If you see

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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 10 through May 16. 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 389 calls police responded to, there were 10 incidents, four accidents, three arrests/summons and 45 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS
Thursday, May 11

1:43 a.m. – A 35-year-old Ware man was issued a summons on an uninsured motor vehicle and operating with a suspended registration. An officer traveling south on Federal Street saw a vehicle in front of them and ran the license plate. The check came back with the registered suspended. The officer pulled the vehicle over and the registered owner was in the passenger's seat. They said the driver had a valid license. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the owner was advised of the summons.

Friday, May 12

8:51 p.m. – A 32-year-old Palmer man was issued a summons for unregistered operation of a motor vehicle and an uninsured motor vehicle. An officer followed a vehicle and ran a check on the plate. They found the registration was expired for insurance. The officer stopped the vehicle and advised the operator of the summons. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Sunday May 14

9:34 p.m. – Ryan O'Keefe, 21, of 576 Franklin Street, Belchertown was arrested on charges of failure to drive in the right lane, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and operating under the influence of alcohol.

South Hadley Police advised a vehicle entering Belchertown was operating erratically and driving on the wrong side of the road. There were also calls for a wellbe-

ing check on the operator. Officers later saw skid marks about 100 yards in length around where the vehicle was last seen. The vehicle was found off the roadway in a ditch. The operator was identified and so was the passenger. The operator said there was an animal in the roadway and in an attempt not to strike it, they swerved and lost control. A field sobriety test was administered, and the operator was placed under arrest.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS
Wednesday, May 10

3:58 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud from a resident who received a call from their bank about a debit card. The person contacted their bank and closed the account, but wanted the matter documented.

4:58 p.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Bay Road. A vehicle traveling east on Bay Road slowed for a vehicle turning left in front of it. The operator said they were able to complete stop but noticed the vehicle behind them was not slowing. The second vehicle struck the first vehicle. The operator of the second vehicle said they didn't realize that another vehicle was attempting to turn left. One vehicle was towed from the scene. There were no injuries reported.

9:43 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Amherst Road. A vehicle traveling west on Amherst Road lost control, struck a guardrail and rolled over. The operator said they reached the maximum speed on the spare tire they were driving on and lost control of the vehicle, causing the crash. The Belchertown Fire Department responded to the scene, but the operator declined transport to the hospital. National Grid was contacted to repair a pole involved in the accident and Massachusetts Department of Transportation was contacted to close the road during the clean up.

Thursday, May 11

11:25 a.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

11:31 a.m. – An officer responded to a storage facility for a report of a found firearm. The person found the firearm in the container, which did not belong to them. It was unknown who placed the firearm in

the unit. The officer took possession of the firearm.

Friday, May 12

5:40 a.m. – An officer got a call reporting a business was broken into overnight, and the ATM was stolen. The officer responded to the business. Glass was broken out of the building when the employee arrived to open the store. An interior search was conducted, and other items were stolen as well. The detective was contacted to take over the scene. The matter is under investigation.

10:14 a.m. – Officers responded to Magnolia Lane for a report of a person with an altered mental status. Belchertown Fire and paramedics responded as well and transported the person to the hospital. Their vehicle was towed from the scene.

11:40 a.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

4:05 p.m. – Officer responded to Daniel Shays Highway for an accident. A vehicle traveling north through the intersection on Daniel Shays Highway struck another vehicle proceeding through a stop sign. The operator of the first vehicle said they did not see the second vehicle at the sign. There was damage to both vehicles, and one was towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

8:54 p.m. – A resident came to the station to drop off a Massachusetts trailer plate found at Jabish Brook Middle School. The item was placed into property.

Saturday, May 13

10:12 a.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

11:42 a.m. – A person came to the station to speak to an officer about allegations of a coworker harassing and assaulting them.

1:51 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. The caller said they attempted to use their debit card and found there purchases on their card that they did not make. The caller was told to contact their bank. They reported that there were multiple copies of their card that had been made.

8:15 p.m. – Monitoring of Main Street saw vehicle and conducted random license plate query revoked for insurance and expired inspection stickers. Notified the

operator after pulling them over. They were given a transport and the tow company was called.

Monday, May 15

8:40 a.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

Tuesday, May 16

9:22 a.m. – An officer responded to the Eastern Hampshire County District Court for a report of a person in a mental health crisis. Belchertown fire and paramedics were contacted, and the person was transported to the hospital.

9:42 a.m. – An officer took a call from a person who reported they were a victim of a Facebook scam. They purchased items through marketplace, and they were told the items would ship after a transfer of money. They transferred the funds and never heard back from the seller. They went to their bank and needed a report on file.

3:53 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

7:50 p.m. – A person came to the station with a cell phone they found on South Street near the library. The phone was placed into property.

Granby Police

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 158 calls for the week of May 12 through May 18. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, May 12

3:14 p.m. – Officers investigated an identity theft report.

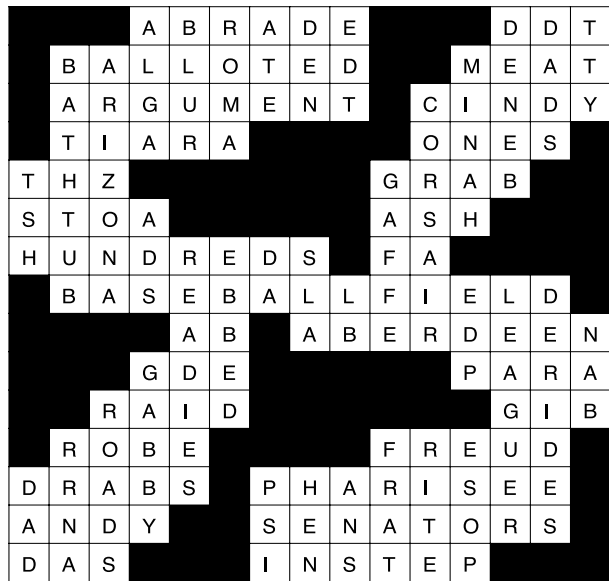
Sunday, May 14

1:43 p.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles on East Street. No injuries were reported.

Monday, May 15

11:58 a.m. – Officers investigated a report of theft from a residence. The inci-

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EDUCATION

Jabish Brook Middle School honor roll

The following Jabish Brook Middle School students earned Honor Roll status for the latest quarter:

Seventh-grade High Honors

Myra Ablicki, Camilla Adamczyk, Thomas Chien, Jacob Desroches, Peyton Dias, Brennan Griffin, Lucas Haluch, Matthew Harrington, Sakura Hartsfield, Salem Hubbard, Rebecca Keeler, Aubrey Klingensmith, Ryan Lacroix,

Samantha Letzeisen, Braedan Longe, Sokoldara Mao, Quinn McNamara, Grace Perron, Kina Roy, Olivia Skora, Gabriella Slovack, Ava Swiatlowski, Angela Vanderpuije, Margaret Wheeler and Madeline Williams.

Eighth-grade High Honors

Maya Bodon, Cooper Chianciola, Avery Cooper, Paige Dias, Addison-Rose DiBona, Grace Duchon, Dory Keefe, Charlotte MacKenzie, Aubrey McCain, Sophia Mitus, Ifeanyichukwu Nebedum, Tahlia Nesbitt, Silas Patel, Piper Patten, Lia Pikul, Racquel Pogoda, Alexa Radner, Julia Rainaud, Ella Ricker, Troy Robinson, Elise Roggie, Miles Schneider, Ryan Toner, Lelia VanBuren, Emily Waller, Piper Young and Gianna Zenon.

Seventh-grade Honors

Ameyo Ampiah-Bonney, Harper Bean, Zachary Besaw, Bridget Breton, Kaidin Brodeur, Jason Carlson, Haylee

Catyb, Arda Cayan, Ethan Davis, Derek DeLorenzo, Jameson Derouin, Jonas Fasser, Owen Glenn, Cooper Honstetter, Serena Jones, Brianna Kaczowka, Casey Lafayette, Tessa Lang, Nolan Laramée, Joy Lian, Leopold Liu, Liam Longacre, Claudia Macaluso, Cassidy MacLean, Nick McArdle, Joselyn McMahon, Emerson Moyer-Wilkes, Ajuluchukwu Nebedum, Lelind Nunez, Addison Piedade, Brody Pope, Alexa Raymer, Niah Roberts, Kylie Rose, Adryan Roy, Aiden Roy, Kayla Roy, Lucas Roy, Alexander Ryczek, Amara Servant, William Verrochi, Owen Wallace, Avery Willemain, Micah Willems and John Yoon.

Eighth-grade Honors

Jonathan Alves, Naveen Berryhill, Tyler Boisjolie, Benjamin Causeway, Kaiya Cavanaugh, Claire Corbin, Gavin Couchon, Kale Couture, Mason DeStefano, Drake Dragon, Maria Fahmy, Charles Fisher, Emmett Howard, Andre Jarry, Natalie Jordan, Eleni Kofides, Alexander Land-Kazlauskas, Brice Letendre, Morghan Litz, Luke Longacre, Yamil Lorenzo-Garcia, Carsten Matthews, Joshua O'Connor, Jenna Palmer, Makayla Patrick, Jocelyn Patten, Madelynn Perry, Mason Pobiegló, Beau Rae, Leo Renzette, Xavier Safford, Klara Shaink, Benjamin Smolinski, Brodie St. Laurent, Andrew Stewart, Christiana Sullivan, Amorifer Tiangbe, Henry Walter, Kyle Wetherell and Mya Wojtczak.



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NURSING STUDENTS GRADUATE

Six Belchertown High School Class of 2019 graduates all received their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees from the Elms College School of Nursing on May 20. They are (from left) Jennifer Girard, Emily Gay, Connor LaFlamme, Emily Krasinkiewicz, Alexander Szarkowski and Hayleigh Gagne.

CAMPUS NOTES

Southern New Hampshire University

Thomas Sojka of Belchertown has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2023 Dean's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

The following local students were named to the Winter 2023 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University: Haley DeBettencourt of Belchertown; Ryan Tatro of Belchertown; and John Blomquist of Amherst.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring and summer.

Hamilton College

Anna Richardson of Granby was named the recipient of The H. Samuel Slater Prize in Romance Languages at Hamilton College's annual Class & Charter Day, held on May 9. Established in 1950, the event combines the traditional Class Day celebrating the end of classes with a commemoration of the granting of the College's charter on May 26, 1812.

The H. Samuel Slater Prize in Romance Languages is awarded to a student who, at the end of the sophomore year, has excelled in the study of a romance language. Richardson, a sophomore majoring in government and Hispanic studies, is a graduate of Williston Northampton School.

The ceremony features an address by a historian, trustee, graduate, or faculty member whose topic is related to Hamilton's history and traditions. Academic and scholarly achievement prizes are awarded to students and faculty.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Megan Jacques of Granby, a member of the class of 2024 majoring in Robotics Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Visitor Management Strategies: Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden.

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology that addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university's 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people's lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

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Forum to focus on town housing 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 of the 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 analysis, 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.

GRANBY

Special Town Meeting, ATM part II next week

GRANBY — A Special Town Meeting and the second half of the Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 5 at the East Meadow School gymnasium.

All residents participating must be registered voters.

Eligible voters will receive a card when checking in and can check in at any station. The doors will open for check in at 6:15 p.m. Park in between the two schools near the softball fields.

View the warrant for this meeting at the following public buildings: Town Hall Annex, at 215 B West State St, Select Board’s office at the COA Building at 10 West State St, Granby Post Office, Public Library, Public Safety Complex, Florence Bank, and Polish National Credit Union.

It can also be viewed on the town website at granby-ma.gov.

Eligible voters who are not registered and want to participate can register by

Friday, May 26, during regular office hours in the Town Clerk’s office or pick up mail-in voter registration forms at the Granby Post Office or the Public Library, or register online with a valid Massachusetts driver’s license or Mass ID by going to the town website.

Mail in forms must be postmarked by May 26 to be eligible to participate in this Special Town Meeting.

Anyone who is unsure of their voter status or has other questions can call Kathy Kelly-Regan at 467-7178.

Tables available for church tag sale

GRANBY — The First Presbyterian Church at 160 W. State Street will be hosting its first Tag Sale since the pandemic began in 2020 on May 27.

This new and expanded version will be under the direction of the Event Committee led by Joan Hodgkins and will contain many new features. There is space available for anyone to use to show their wares.

There will be something there for everyone, so bring a spouse or significant other and check out this event. To reserve a table or for more information, call Hodgkins at 413-467-3447 or 413-626-6772.

Beware of road work, detours

GRANBY — Road reconstruction projects on Taylor Street between Truby Street and Carver Street began last week and some drivers may have to adjust their usual routes.

Through traffic may be detoured at times or reduced to a single lane.

“Seek alternate routes if possible,” the town advised in a news release.

“The roads will remain open to residents on the streets but short term inconvenience/delays due to construction operations are possible,” the release states

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Captain Jeff Haughey leads a crew of Belchertown firefighters through the training.



Crew members from Belchertown get ready to enter the building.



Firefighters use a rope to find their way through the building.

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said having access to a building of this size provides firefighters with a level of training hard to find anywhere else.

“This is an awesome opportunity to get in here,” he said.

As crew members cleared each room, Haughey explained how the firefighters use the rope to be able to find their way back. In a smoke-filled room, there would be little to no visibility, and it would be easy to get disoriented.

He said a member of the crew acts as an anchor and stays in the hall with the bag of rope, while two firefighters check rooms, making sure to check under beds and in closets and bathrooms.

Once the firefighter’s air supply reaches the halfway point, they know its time to retrace their route and exit the building.

“It’s a very time consuming and exhaustive search,” Haughey said.



(TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE)
Firefighters search for potential victims during a training held at the former Bay-state Mary Lane Hospital.

After the training, firefighters talked about challenges they faced, and things they could have done differently.



Firefighters take direction from the captain.

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In 2013 he pitched the idea to a couple of friends; however, they were not all “on board.”

Still intrigued, Denette set out in pursuit of learning how to build a boat from scratch.

“If I want to know how to do something, I read a lot about it,” said Denette.

He began watching videos, reading books and studying the project until he believed he knew enough to build it.

After pouring over various designs, Denette decided to pick a designer then a boat design, as this “drastically narrowed” the playing field.

The selected design is a “Colin Archer-inspired, double-ended ketch designed by William Atkin,” with a Marconi sail and is expected to displace about 25,000 pounds.

She is over 37 feet on deck with a 32-foot waterline and will house up to five people overnight.

Denette said he chose William Atkin’s “Ingrid” design as Atkin’s reputation served his designs as “solid, safe vessels that are detailed with the home builder in mind.”

Denette said building the boat has been “an evolving process,” adding “there are a lot of really little things you learn to make it [building] more efficient.”

While it has been a “similar level of difficulty to harder,” from what he initially expected of the project, one thing he “underestimated [was] the tool size you need to process rough, cut lumber.”

Using rough cut lumber requires you to cut, stack, dry and then flatten them.

“They weigh hundreds and hundreds of pounds,” said Denette.

With the help of a college friend, Denette started video-logging “Acorn to Arabella: Journey of A Wooden Boat,” at the beginning of the project in 2016.

Since then, the YouTube channel has received a “Silver YouTube Creator Award,” which channels are eligible for after reaching 100,000 subscribers.

At the start of the project, the completion was expected to take six to 10 years, however, Arabella is now expected to set sail in

three weeks - just under seven years after the project’s start.

A Patreon account was also established to allow those following the boat’s journey to receive exclusive updates and content about Arabella’s journey by paying for a subscription, which allowed Denette and several crew members to work on the vessel full-time.

Denette said another aspect he underestimated was the “amount of people who benefit from following the videos.”

“During COVID health care providers said our videos were one of their only senses of normality,” said Denette.

Denette said he “never thought that would transpire,” and gave a “major thanks to anybody who has given... it adds up.”

For the first year or so, Denette said he and his partner will sail relatively close to New England with a friend or experienced



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Shown are Steve Denette, Satchel Douglas, Scott Stratton, Adin Baird, George Hennehan and Tim O'Connor.



(COURTESY PHOTO)
AT LEFT: Arabella is primed and painted.

sailor to “captain” the boat.

Having no formal sailing experience himself, Denette said he will spend the first year learning to sail.

“We’ll sail the east coast,” said Denette. He added the crew will most likely stay around the Carolina’s and potentially look forward to sailing towards Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

Arabella’s first stop after it sets sail will be the Wooden Boat Show hosted in Mystic Seaport.

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Colin Murdock slings a throw to first.

Rams make Western Mass, hope for states

GRANBY – There could be a path to the state tournament for Granby baseball. The Rams head into the final week of the season with a 7-11 record. The Rams are currently ranked at No. 34 and a couple of wins could put the Rams in the top 32 and gain them a playoff game. Granby has made the Western Mass. tournament, and was scheduled to face Mt. Everett on the road earlier this week. Depending on the result, Granby would play one more game this week.



Carter White slides back to first.



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Pitcher Patrick French delivers to the plate.

Orioles finish up regular season with win



Rylan Querios circles the goal, looking to make a pass.



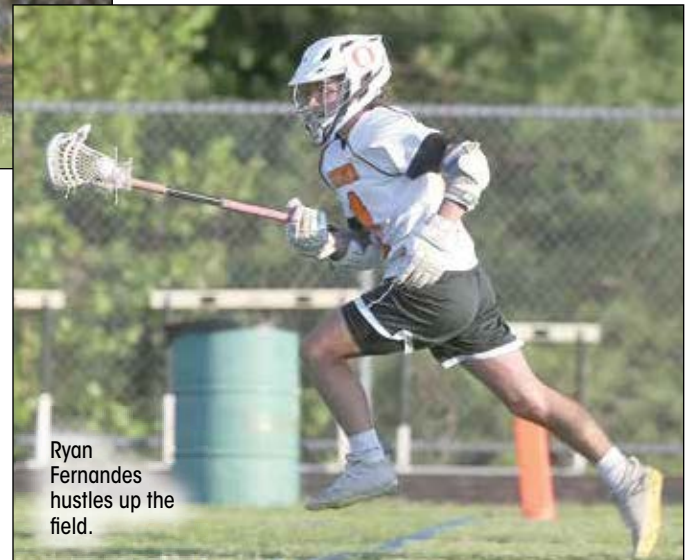
Caleb Reardon sprints up the field for Belchertown



Goalie Dax Morin avoids contact.



Elias Marques winds up to shoot.



Ryan Fernandes hustles up the field.

BELCHERTOWN – Last Wednesday evening, the Orioles took care of visiting Chicopee Comprehensive 8-2. In the win, Chris Daskam and Landon Andre had two goals each. Belchertown was seeded No. 38 heading into the last week of the season. At 5-9, it is not clear if an additional win could put the Orioles in the top 32 to qualify for the state tournament.

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Pacunas hits milestone for Orioles

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN — The Belchertown girls lacrosse team lost to Granby in a Central/ West Division 2 quarterfinal match in 2021. They didn't qualify for the postseason tournament a year ago.

The Lady Orioles, especially the five seniors, are hoping to clinch a berth in both the Western Mass. Class B and the Division 4 state tournaments this spring.

At the end of last week, the Lady Orioles (6-8) were sitting in fourth place in the Western Mass. Class B power rankings. They were also ranked 34th in the Division 4 state power rankings.

The top 32 teams in each of the four Divisions automatically qualify for the state tournament. The other teams with a .500 or better record will also qualify for the state tournament.

Belchertown was scheduled to wrap-up the regular season with a home match against South Hadley on Monday afternoon.



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Pacunas and teammates Madysen LePage, Hailey Smith, McKenzie LePage, Grace Filippelli, and Kyla Giroux celebrate her milestone.

Then they'll either be playing a match in the Western Mass. tournament or against a non-playoff opponent.

The Orioles five seniors are Adrienne Wise, Samantha Pacunas, Michelle Zaluga, Lauren Cooper,

and Grace Filippelli.

"I really wish that I had the opportunity to coach the five seniors for more than just one season," said first-year Belchertown head coach Jarrod Lemke. "They're very talented

lacrosse players."

Pacunas scored her 100th career goal during the first half of the Lady Orioles 22-12 victory at South Hadley on May 12.

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Pioneers open regular campaign with win

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— Alec Hughes scored ten goals for the UMass men's soccer team as a junior. The forward has netted almost half that many goals in the Western Mass. Pioneers first two regular season matches.

Hughes scored a pair of goals in the season opening shutout victory at the Boston Bolts on May 16. He added two more goals to his stat sheet in the home opener, as the Pioneers celebrated a 3-0 win over Pathfinder FC on a miserable, rainy night at Lusitano Stadium last Saturday.

"I had never played a match at this stadium before last week's friendly, so scoring two goals in the home opener is very special for me," said Hughes, who's from Glastonbury, Connecticut. "Despite the rain, we still had a very good crowd here tonight. I can't wait to see the atmosphere at this stadium on a nice night. I just want to do anything that I can to help me team win."

Ben Brewster, who's the associate head coach of the UMass men's soccer team, recommended Hughes to Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. Brewster, who's a former Pioneers player, also coaches the club's USL Academy boys' team.

"I was very impressed with Alec when I watched him play for UMass last year," Molinari said. "He's a key player for us, but we need everyone to contribute in order to have a successful team."

Hughes, who played for Hartford City a year ago, thinks playing for the Pioneers will help him prepare for his senior season at UMass.

"We have several players from several different countries on this team," Hughes added. "It's also a little bit higher level than the Hartford team that I played for last summer."

The Pioneers, who are looking to qualify for the USL League Two playoffs for the fourth time since 2019, had several scoring chances during the first 45 minutes, but the contest was still scoreless at halftime.

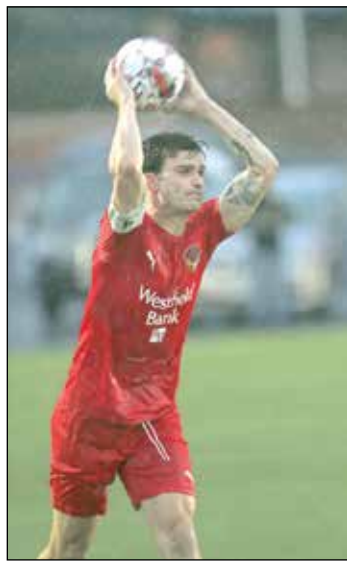
"It was a little bit frustrating



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Goalie Gianluca Cerosimo kicks the ball away.



Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro sends a quick touch away.



Nicholas Obberauch gets the throw-in.



Alec Hughest runs up for free kick.

not scoring any goals during the first half," said Hughes, one of the first-year players listed on the Pioneers roster. "We had some good scoring opportunities, but we finally scored in the second half."

A little more than ten minutes into the opening half, Western Mass. midfielder Khalid Rose sent a pass into the box from the right side. A shot attempt from Tomas Duben, who's also a forward, was deflected away by Pathfinder FC goalkeeper Eirik Elvestad, who

made the diving save.

Hughes also had a couple of headers during the first twenty minutes, but they either sailed wide or were saved by Elvestad, who finished the match with a total of five saves.

Pathfinder FC, who played their first match of the season, are from the Poughkeepsie, New York area.

Down at the other end of the field, first-year Western Mass. starting goalie Gianluca Cerosimo didn't see very much action on the rainy and windy

night.

Cerosimo, who was a grad student on the L.I.U men's soccer team last fall, made a kick save late in the first half. It wound up being his only save of the match.

Cerosimo received plenty of support from his defense, which was led by Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro, Gabriel Pacheco, Jared Smith, and Nicholas Obberauch, who's the Pioneers captain.

Connor Hicks, who helped the Monson boys' varsity soccer team win two state titles and three

Western Mass. titles during his memorable high school career, is another Pioneers defender. After sitting out the season opening match with an injury, Hicks entered last Saturday's contest during the second half.

Another Monson resident listed on the Pioneers roster is Jonathan Murphy, who'll be a junior on the Boston College men's soccer team in the fall. Frankie D'Agostino, who's also a former Pioneers player, is the Eagles associate head coach.

Ten minutes into the second half, a shot attempt from Pioneers forward Augustine Boadi deflected off the far post.

Another shot by Hughes was saved by Elvestad.

The home team finally gave their faithful supporters something to cheer about during the 67th minute. Rose was tripped up in the box by a Pathfinder defender resulting in a penalty kick.

Hughes stepped up to the line and blasted a shot into the back of the net giving his team a 1-0 lead.

"I just booted the ball as hard as I could down the middle into the back of the net. It's always a good feeling whenever you score a goal and your teammates are happy for you," Hughes said. "I also made a P.K. at UMass last year at Central Connecticut."

The Pioneers took a 2-0 lead six minutes later.

After receiving a pass from Rose, Boadi fired a low shot that skipped on the wet turf into the right corner of the net.

Rose, who's one of the Pioneers elder statesmen, was also credited with the assist on the second goal scored by Hughes during the 77th minute.

"The rain made it very difficult to see, so it was nice to score those three goals in the second half," Rose said. "We didn't have very many fans here tonight, but you could still hear them on the field. It's always an amazing feeling whenever we win a match at this stadium."

The Pioneers are scheduled to play a couple of road matches before returning to the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium to face Black Rock FC at 7 p.m. on June 3.

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"I was really looking forward to scoring my 100th career goal the whole season," said Pacunas following her team's 18-7 home loss to Mount Greylock, last Tuesday night. "Madaysen LePage normally feeds the ball to me on most of my goals. She ran up the field and passed me the ball. Then I shot it into the net for my 100th goal. It was a very special game. I also had a lot of people there cheering for me."

Because the 2020 lacrosse season was canceled due to the pandemic, Pacunas accomplished her milestone in only three seasons.

"We didn't have a season when I was a freshman because of COVID. I really didn't score

very many goals as a sophomore," she added. "I did score a bunch of goals last year, so I knew the milestone would be reachable coming into this season. I probably would've done it last year if we had a season when I was a freshman."

Entering her senior season, Pacunas was 54 goals away from reaching the elite milestone.

Belchertown's annual senior night celebration was held three nights later against Chicopee Comp, which was a 17-4 victory.

"Winning our senior night game was also very special," said Pacunas, who hasn't made her college decision yet. "We won that game by a lot, which should help us a little bit in the power rank-

ings. We're really hoping to make the postseason tournament this year."

When Pacunas was a sophomore, she looked up to Erin Lucas as a role model. Lucas, who recently wrapped up her sophomore season as a member of the Clark University women's lacrosse team, was the last Belchertown girl's lacrosse player to score 100 goals.

"Erin was one of the players on the lacrosse team that I looked up to when I was younger," Pacunas said. "She helped me become a better lacrosse player."

Lemke is the Lady Orioles third coach the seniors have played for.

"It has been very difficult changing coaches every year,"

Pacunas added. "Our Athletic Director (Jen Gouvin) coached our playoff game when I was a sophomore. Coach Lemke has really helped us a lot this season. He's probably been my favorite coach



Samantha Pacunas heads up the field during action at South Hadley May 12.

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in high school."

Zaluga, who had the most draw controls in Western Mass. as a junior, will be continuing her lacrosse career at Lasell University in Newtown next year.

"I think it's awesome that one of my players will be playing college lacrosse," Lemke said. "I'm looking forward to watching her play next year. She's a great team leader and she has helped me out a lot."

Pacunas and Zaluga are two of

the Lady Orioles captains along with juniors Paige Magner and LePage.

Wise scored three second half goals in the home loss against the Mounties (14-2, 11-0), who captured the Valley League title for the second consecutive year.

Cooper is one of the key players on defense for the Lady Orioles

Fillippelli will be attending Marist College in the fall, but she isn't planning to play college lacrosse.

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Bonsignore gets the checkered flag at Riverhead

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – A classic short-track battle between two of the veterans of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour ended with Justin Bonsignore’s 10th career Riverhead Raceway win on Sunday afternoon in the Buzz Chew 200. Bonsignore started from the top spot after scoring his 25th career pole in qualifying and ran second for much of the race, but was able to roll the outside lane by Ron Silk on a late restart to get back to Victory Lane.

Silk led much of the race – but a caution late stacked the field up and gave Bonsignore another shot. The two battled side-by-side, beating and banging during a short-track battle in New York. Off turn four, Bonsignore was sideways on the outside lane, but a caution flew for a multiple-car accident and Bonsignore was out front, holding the advantage for the final restart of the 200-lap race.

Bonsignore drove off turn four to the checkered flag. The victory places Bonsignore just one short of the Whelen Modified Tour wins record at Riverhead – 11 – held by Mike Ewanitsko.

Bonsignore will have a chance to tie when the series returns to Riverhead on June 24.

The win was also Bonsignore’s 36th career – giving him sole possession of fourth place on the all-time wins list on the Whelen Modified Tour. He now sits just seven wins short of Ted Christopher for the top-three.

“Ron and I have been beating the heck out of each other all year,” Bonsignore said. “The caution towards the end was good for us. You just have to keep yourself in these races and it fell our way today. It’s unbelievable to get number 10 at Riverhead. I can’t thank everyone on this team enough. It’s a cool way to get to Victory Lane. All of these are special. Tying Mike has been a goal of ours for a long time and to get this close to the record is special. These races never get any easier to win.”

In just six days, Justin Bonsignore will return to the track with the next race on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule – the Granite State Derby at Lee USA Speedway – on Saturday, May 27. For more



Justin Bonsignore scored a modified win at Riverhead Raceway last weekend.

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information and tickets for the race, visit JDVProductions.com. For more information on Justin

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his Athlete page on Facebook for the latest news and updates.

Hall of Fame Classic teams announced

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the field of teams for the Basketball Hall of Fame Classic at the MassMutual Center on Saturday, Dec. 16. Florida Atlantic, whose 2022-23 season culminated in a Final Four berth, will join UMass, West Virginia, and St. Bonaventure in an exciting doubleheader.

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“We are thrilled to welcome these four teams to Springfield in

December for what is sure to be an exciting doubleheader,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “Since the City of Springfield is the birthplace of basketball, we look forward to providing a unique experience to the teams and their fans which will include a visit to the Hall of Fame.”

The Basketball Hall of Fame Classic is one event in the Hall of Fame’s series of collegiate events, which continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. The

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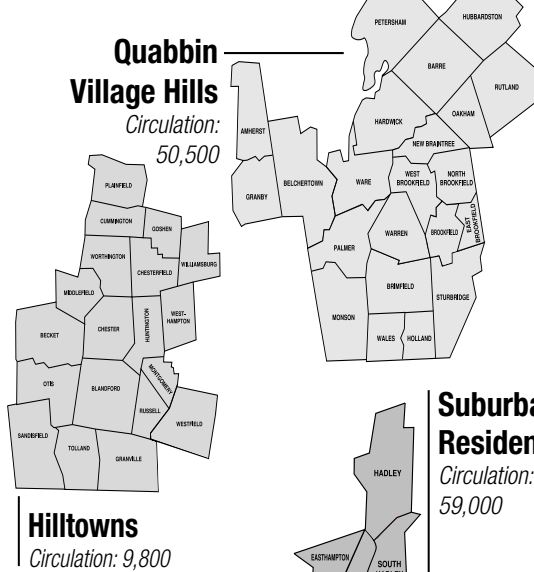
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Cynthia Maire Gates
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Cynthia Maire Gates of Belchertown, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Cynthia Marie Gates
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampshire Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/05/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which

you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Linda S Fidnick**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 08, 2023
Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate

05/25/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Division
Docket No. HS11P0433EA
Estate of:**

**Mark Allen Lamoureux
Also Known As:
Mark Lamoureux
Date of Death:
May 13, 2011**

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lee Lamoureux of Belchertown, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Lee Lamoureux of Belchertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restrict-

ing the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
05/25/2023

**OFFICE OF
Notice of
Planning Board Hearing
Legal Notice
Relative to a
Definitive Subdivision Plan**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81-W, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing as follows:

**Place: 2 Jabish Street,
Belchertown, MA**

**Date: June 13, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM**

This application is to consider a declaration of default and rescission of a Definitive Subdivision Plan by owner/applicant Landform, LLC, PO Box 698, 456 Southampton

Road, Westfield, Mass. 01085. The plan is entitled "Pepper Ridge Estates", Belchertown, Mass.", Dated December 28, 2004; the surveyor/engineers Coler and Colantonio, Inc., 55 Bobala Road, Holyoke, Mass. 01040.

The plan is available for inspection during regular business hours at the

Town Clerk and Planning Board office, 2 Jabish St., Belchertown, Mass. 01007

**Daniel Beaudette
Chair,
Belchertown Planning Board
05/25, 06/01/2023**

**SALE OF
MOTOR VEHICLE**

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of **June 9, 2023** the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

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**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTION**

**S N O W ' S S E L F
STORAGE LLC**, will sell the contents of the following sheds online at www.aarbids.com. The online sale will end on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Joshua Brennan – OCC2-4
Snow's Self-Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids, or to cancel the auction at any time for any reason.
05/25, 06/01/2023

MEATBALLS from page 1

On top of that these grinders were served hot and fresh thanks to the Christ Community Church, which was kind enough to share their kitchen with the Lions Club. All proceeds are donated directly to our veterans who bravely served this nation.

These meatball grinders were seriously good, they were available starting at 11a.m, and by noon they had already sold a quarter of their supply. John Scalia, a member of the Lions Club said, "We prepare for days like this a week in advance, we start food prep at 6:30 a.m because we serve about 160 grinders on a Saturday and almost always sell out."

The Lions Club will be serving food at the same location every third Saturday of May, June, July and August. A meatball grinder, bag of chips and a canned beverage will only cost you \$10, which is a great deal for a great cause.

The Lions Club has a number of other events on the horizon. On June 7, the Lions Club will return to the Belchertown Common for a Teen Suicide Prevention event organized by the Boy Scouts. They'll also be participating in Relay For Life, serving chicken tenders, fries and possibly more.

George Cook, chairman of the Meatball Grinders Committee said, "Unfortunately, many charities swallow up most of the



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A sign Promoting the fundraising meatball subs.

money they receive from donations, but here at the Lions Club we always ensure that 100 percent of the proceeds go exactly where they're supposed to – in this case to the veterans."

Given his incredibly fitting last name, he joked, "I've been a Cook my whole life and I always will be!"

POLICE LOG from page 7

dent is still under investigation.

12:47 p.m. – Officers investigated a report of property damage. A resident reported their mailbox was struck.

7:59 p.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident. The operator drove off the roadway. Injuries were reported.

11:33 p.m. – A citation was issued for an unregistered motor vehicle.

Tuesday, May 16

11:29 a.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident involving two vehi-

cles. No injuries were reported.

Wednesday, May 17

3:02 a.m. – Officers assist fire with investigation for fire at UNION MART.

Thursday, May 18

2:26 p.m. – Carlos Siqueira, 41, of 18 Tawny Thrush Rd, Naugatuck, CT was arrested on a warrant.

8:20 p.m. – Officers investigated a report of identity theft.

8:50 p.m. – Officers investigated a report of identity theft.

DAHLIAS from page 6

mold, bring down the temperature and humidity level.

Some dahlias like to get a jump-start on the season by prestarting dahlias indoors.

We have done this occasionally at Old Sturbridge Village and I am always amazed at just how fast the plants grow, and how quickly they outgrow their pots and become leggy. If you attempt it, four weeks prior to the last spring frost would be soon enough.

It's my hope that you will venture into the land of dahlia growing and love it as much as I do!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

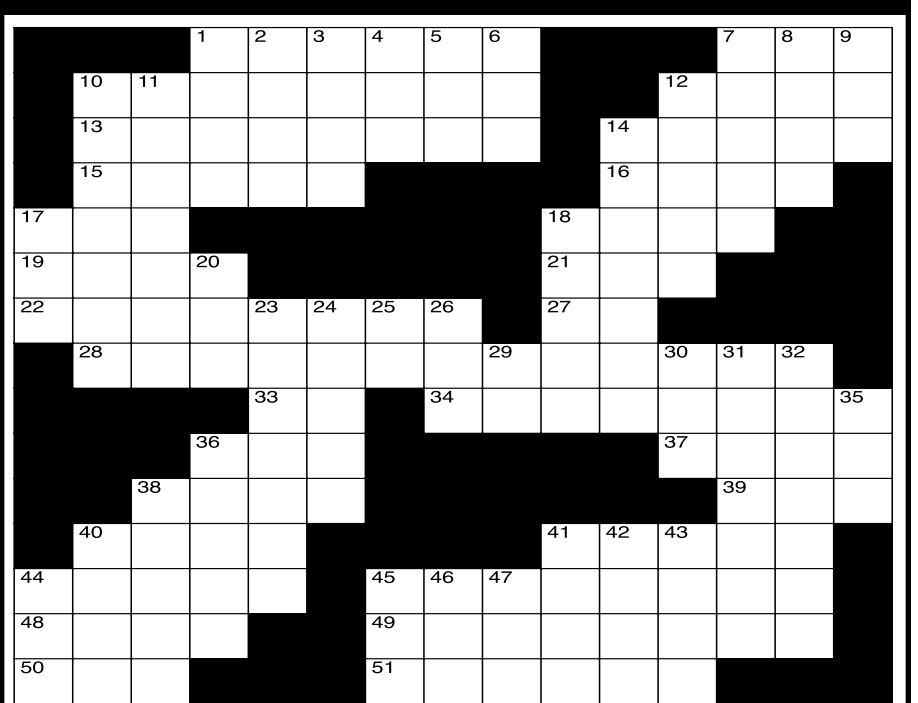
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Wear away by friction
 - 7. Insecticide
 - 10. Elicited a secret vote
 - 12. Beef
 - 13. Disagreement
 - 14. ___ Crawford, supermodel
 - 15. Jeweled headdress
 - 16. Digits
 - 17. Trillion hertz
 - 18. Snap up
 - 19. Classical portico
 - 21. Residue after burning
 - 22. Large integers
 - 27. Free agent
 - 28. Where ballplayers work
 - 33. Blood type
 - 34. Scottish city
 - 36. Google certification (abbr.)
 - 37. Serbian monetary unit
 - 38. Make a sudden surprise attack on
 - 39. Wood or metal bolt
 - 40. Relaxing attire
 - 41. Famed neurologist
 - 44. Dullish brown fabrics
 - 45. Member of ancient Jewish sect
 - 48. Griffith, Rooney
 - 49. Lawmakers
 - 50. Government lawyers
 - 51. The arch of the foot
 - 4. Consumed
 - 5. The habitat of wild animals
 - 6. Sun up in New York
 - 7. Cygnus star
 - 8. Male parents
 - 9. Talk to you (abbr.)
 - 10. A place to clean oneself
 - 11. Southwestern US state
 - 12. South Korean idol singer
 - 14. Pirate
 - 17. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
 - 18. Mistake
 - 20. Promotions
 - 23. Prepares
 - 24. Partner to flowed
 - 25. State lawyer
 - 26. Patti Hearst's captors
 - 29. Pound
 - 30. Electronic data processing
 - 31. Sports player
 - 32. Treats with contempt
 - 35. Apprehend
 - 36. Excessively talkative
 - 38. Highways
 - 40. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
 - 41. College organization for males
 - 42. Any customary observance or practice
 - 43. Employee stock ownership plan
 - 44. Male parent
 - 45. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 46. Female bird
 - 47. Autonomic nervous system
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Nonflowering aquatic plant
 - 2. Britpop rockers
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