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**COMMUNITY**

## First Congregational Church holds Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

Money raised will support retreat to Cape Cod

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CHICOPEE – The First Congregational Church of Chicopee held a Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser on July 29 to raise funds for its youth and family program, helping to cover the expenses for an upcoming retreat to Cape Cod.

It cost \$12 to purchase a meal, which included ziti, meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, pudding and a choice of a beverage. On the fourth Saturday of each month, the church on Chicopee Street puts on a fundraiser meal for its youth and family program.

“This particular fundraiser is for our youth and family ministries that we do,” Gail Boudreau said. “They’re having a retreat on Labor Day Weekend at the Cape, and we’re helping to support that and send some of the people who couldn’t afford to go on their own so they can be together with other people and enjoy that as a group.”

The church also holds a dinner fundraiser on the second Saturday of each month to benefit its general fund and mission programs such as its



The First Congregational Church held its monthly dinner fundraiser for its youth and family program on July 29.

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food pantry and free meals.

While the meal fundraisers continued through the pandemic, they mostly took place in a grab-and-go fashion. Paul Parks is pleased to see that the church community can dine in again.

“The great thing is getting together with the church family and cooking up a meal and spending time together. That’s huge,” Parks said. “We did do it through COVID, but we just started doing dining in here so that the community can come, and we can break

bread together.”

Boudreau noted that the church helps support numerous families. She discussed the food pantry and free meals program.

“Our church is all about ministry and helping out. We have the food pantry that people have got to know (is) here,” she said. “Every Sunday night we give out free groceries through the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Then, we also provide a free meal twice a month for that.”

Boudreau said that the

church is a small one, but the people who turn out for fundraisers such as last Saturday’s always have a good time. She also said the church’s fundraisers and programs are open to the community at large; not just those affiliated with the church.

“All our fundraisers are open. We try to put out what we can in the media to have people come out. We definitely have a lot of things that go on through the year that are free,” she said.

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## Teens design colorful scarves at event

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CHICOPEE – Teens visited the library from 2-3 p.m. on Aug. 1 to participate in a “Scrunch-Paint a Silk Scarf”

workshop.

The workshop, led by Gariné Arakelian of Kulina Folk Art, took place in the Bazan Community Room.

During the workshop, Arakelian shared how library books influenced her art and

teaching art to others when she taught herself how to make cold-process soap.

Arakelian checked out books and learned how to make the soap, which involves lye, in about six months.

“If you want to teach yourself something, a public library is the best place to start,” Arakelian said.

Arakelian later began teaching soap-making and can-

dle-making workshops, with new additions including hand, foot and face scrubs and body balms.

For this workshop, participants dipped a silk scarf in water and laid it out on wax paper to create folds. Beginning in the center of the scarf, they would dip dynaflow paint, adding the primary colors of red, blue and yellow to create

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Participants dip paint into their silk scarves to create unique designs during the “Scrunch-Paint a Silk Scarf” event at Chicopee Public Library. The workshop was part of the library’s summer program offerings for teens.



A close-up of a silk scarf made with dynaflow paint on display during the “Scrunch-Paint a Silk Scarf” event at Chicopee Public Library.

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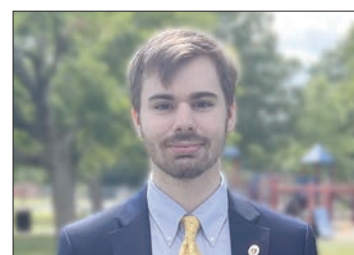
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# City Council approves purchase of six new cruisers

Outfitted vehicles will cost a total of \$337,078

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CHICOPEE – On Aug. 1, City Council unanimously approved a mayor’s appropriation of \$337,078 to purchase six new police cruisers.

“Every year we buy six cruisers. They get run pretty much 24/7, and we want to make sure our police officers have the tools they need to patrol our streets and keep them safe,” Mayor John Vieau said.

Lt. Eric Laflamme took to the podium to explain that in years past, the department didn’t request new cruisers on a regular basis. As a result, the quality of the fleet diminished, and the department “had to play catch up for a few years.”

Laflamme thanked Vieau and the council for its generosity in recent years, approving each request for new cruisers. He said it allows the officers to have what they need to protect the residents of the city.

“This is for six marked police cruisers,” Laflamme said. “We were fortunate enough to reserve some cruisers at the end of last year so we’re looking to get 2022



The police department will receive six new cruisers.

TURLEY PHOTO BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

model years brand new instead of the 2023s. The price: I was told they go up \$9,000 for the 2023 per cruiser so we’re able to save \$9,000 for each of these cruisers in this budget.”

The savings wasn’t lost upon Ward 3 Councilor Delmarina López, who thanked the department for doing its due diligence. She also explained to residents why it is necessary for the department to receive new vehicles each year.

“They take a beating,” she said. “It seems like we get these requests from the police pretty often, but when you think about it, even if there’s 100,000 (miles) on the odometer, it’s really like 300,000

miles because they’re on 24/7 even if they’re stopped, so these engines take a beating, and it’s important for us to ensure the safety of the officers and everyone on the road.”

López said the investment is an easy way to keep both Chicopee’s residents and police officers safe so she believes it is worthwhile.

Ward 7 Councilor Bill Courchesne, a law enforcement professional with the Hampden County Sheriff’s Office, offered further perspective.

“One of (CPD’s current) vehicles is a 2008 so obviously we’ve gotten our money’s worth out of that, and another vehicle

the frame had rusted out. Luckily, it didn’t cause an accident; it was found out during a routine maintenance inspection. But kudos to the garage for taking care of these vehicles and getting those kinds of years out of them... They are much older than they look,” he said.

Speaking to the delivery time, Laflamme said the department just received a batch of cruisers it ordered last July. He implied it is a lengthy process to get them built, shipped out and registered to the city.

He also said the city doesn’t receive much money back for its outgoing cruisers.

“Around the time we go to trade them in, we evaluate them for their mileage, for their maintenance cost, how much they’re out of service. We don’t get much for them. A couple thousand dollars per car,” he said.

Noting the price of each new cruiser, coming out to approximately \$56,000, López reminded residents that the total cost includes all the fixings necessary for law enforcement. She said the city isn’t ordering Mercedes Benzes.

“For a vehicle, base price, with just a few added items, it’s \$37,181. Then, the equipment that’s necessary ends up being \$18,998 so it’s not they’re choosing top of the line models... It’s not this very fancy vehicle,” she said.

## Firefighters promoted, sworn in

CHICOPEE – On July 31, the Chicopee Fire Department celebrated several promotions and welcomed nine recruits during a ceremony in City Hall.

William Boutin was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and Thomas Canady was promoted to the rank of Captain.

Jorge Bracetty, John Jebb, Joshua Provost and Adam Anischik were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Hunter Davis, Joseph Martinez, Devin Cave, James Gay, Michal Wos, Patrick McQueen, Kevin Waller, Brady Williams and Brendan Fournier were sworn in as the city’s newest recruits.



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# City Council votes down non-binding ballot question

Also, update on opting out of mail-in voting

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CHICOPEE – City Council held a lengthy discussion on Aug. 1 about a non-binding question for the Nov. 7 election ballot.

The question, if approved, would employ a code enforcement officer to enforce quality of life, public safety and all other city ordinances.

The item was defeated during a Finance Committee meeting vote on July 31.

The City Council voting ‘yes’ would accept the unfavorable report.

Ward 3 Councilor Delmarina López said the question being non-binding is important, meaning the council “wants residents to be heard.”

“I think it is important for the residents to be heard, and if they want this,

this is exactly the kind of opportunity to allow the residents to tell us what they want,” López said.

López said, “It doesn’t cost us anything to get a pulse of the community.”

“Why would we not want to know in a more efficient way what the majority of the residents want? I think that elections are a good time because we get the pulse of a larger portion of our community than you would through a ward meeting or through people’s public input,” López said.

Ward 7 Councilor William Courchesne Courchesne had submitted the order on behalf of the Problems Property Committee and has worked on this for years, adding “every department head agreed on wanting the position.”

“Ultimately, it’s gone to the ballot because it’s the last thing I could potentially do for all the people that keep encouraging me to fight the good fight, and I just don’t know why you’re all afraid to let the people speak,” Courchesne said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello shared that residents who come to her

office hours have expressed interest in wanting a code enforcement officer.

“I think that we should have a city-wide poll in regard to this, so that we get the pulse of what’s going on, and again kudos to President (Frank) Laflamme for bringing this to the public’s attention because code enforcement has been a problem for some people and this is one way the council can address it,” Costello said.

Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz believes the city should have a code enforcement officer, citing an order he presented earlier about overgrowth issues on Dobek Avenue.

“If we had a code enforcement officer that was, you know, going around and finding ordinance violations, stuff like that would be addressed a lot sooner and some of the departments wouldn’t have to be burdened by it,” Dobosz said.

Vice President/Councilor-at-Large Robert Zygarowski said approval of the ballot question would go to Mayor John Vieau if they move forward, with the possibility of being vetoed.

“He’s the one that hires it, it’s a management thing. It’s not something we should be doing,” Zygarowski said. “But I have no problem with it being on a ballot, but he might just veto it anyways. That’s going to go nowhere.”

Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits explained Vieau agreed to hire a part-time code enforcement officer, adding he also looks for standards for questions to put on the ballot.

“If there really is that much interest in putting this on the ballot, then the second way of putting ballot questions on is for people to start a petition to put it on the ballot,” Krampits said. “For me, it just doesn’t rise to what I would consider the standard of what I would support to have it put on the ballot.”

The defeated motion was accepted 7-5, followed by a brief three-minute recess.

Finally, an update on mail-in voting: a vote to accept the Finance Committee defeating the opt-out of mail-in voting was accepted 12-0, preserving mail-in voting for the upcoming elections.

# Finance Committee votes to keep mail-in voting

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CHICOPEE – The Finance Committee met on July 31 to discuss the city’s option of opting out of mail-in voting ahead of the 2023 primary and general elections.

During public input, Jessica Avery spoke in favor of mail-in voting, explaining “it is our obligation as the second-largest city in Western Mass to set an example for democracy” and “to set an example for where our financial values are as a city.”

“When we are putting a dollar amount to democracy, we are saying that people’s voices are worth more than others, and as the City of Chicopee, which has continuously opened its doors for others and has been a voice, we need to maintain that voice for all of our residents,” Avery said.

While addressing costs, Avery cited COVID funds, rainy day funds and additional taxes coming into the city and how “it is critical that we reinvest those into our democracy and into our people.”

“We need to be putting those dollars into the people and not a bank account,” Avery said.

President / Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme explained the meeting was to show taxpayers the costs and the process of what’s being done to consider the options available, not silence voters.

“It’s trying to be transparent. Everyone wants transparency. This is somewhat transparent to get it out and let the people know what’s going on, and that’s why we did this,” Laflamme said.

Barbara Galindo of the Registrar of Voters discussed early in-person and absentee voting, explaining the Registrar of Voters’ board members voted on July 18 to opt out of early in-person voting.

Absentee ballots have always been a practice in the past for voting by mail, she added, stressing the right to vote was not being denied.

“We’ve always accepted everyone as long as they’re a registered voter and for that ward and precinct that they’re requesting,” Galindo said.

City Clerk Keith Rattell explained mail-in voting and early in-person voting “was made mandatory for presidential and state elections, not for municipal elections.”

“What the state did do in that law is they made a provision for local municipalities to opt out of it if you had a problem with funding it or didn’t want to pay for it. That was their way of not paying for it, but giving you the opportunity to opt-out,” Rattell said.

Rattell also stressed votes are not being suppressed.

“So, all we’re doing is bringing forth the facts and figures and letting you know as a board you have the opportunity if you so wanted to, to exercise what the state put in there as a provision to opt-out. Nobody’s recommending that you opt out,” Rattell said.

As Laflamme, Vice President/Councilor-at-Large Robert Zygarowski and Ward 8 Councilor Gary Labrie asked clarification questions, other councilors shared their thoughts.

Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits stressed the importance of consistency, saying “When you start changing things, that can be a problem.”

“I’m personally in favor of keeping the balloting going forward. I think the price that we pay for is really not that expensive,” Krampits said.

Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz agreed with Krampits, thanking Rattell for bringing the issue forward.

“I think we should be consistent with all elections. I think when we become inconsistent, it messes up voters and I think that’s wrong. I think it hurts democracy in the city,” Dobosz said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello also agreed.

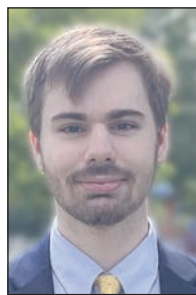
“We got to make it easier and convenient for people to vote because that increases the numbers and it preserves democracy,” Costello said. “I’m personally disappointed that the (early) in-person is no longer with us for municipal elections.”

The motion was defeated 4-0.

## Tim Wagner announces candidacy for Council At-Large

CHICOPEE – Today, July 31, I am announcing my candidacy for one of the four At-Large seats on the Chicopee City Council. When I started on this journey of public service two years ago, when I took out papers for the School Committee, I never planned nor imagined that I would ever be running for the Council. Life has a way of changing things, of sorting things out. I asked myself who I wanted to be as a public servant. I saw a need for young, passionate, and experienced leadership in the city where I have been raised and educated for the past twenty years.

As a former student representative on the School Committee, member of the Historical and Charter Review Commissions and former intern to then State Rep. Jake Oliveira, and now as the Ward 1 School Committeeman, I have seen firsthand how government can and should work for the people. These experiences have given me a broad range of areas of concern to residents, such as municipal



Tim Wagner

budgeting and finance, union contracts, and even planning and development.

With this in mind, I have pulled papers and have been certified for the ballot for this November’s municipal election. If the voters would have me, I intend to be a representative who ensures the voices of all people are heard and that everyone has equal access and insight into how Chicopee runs.

I intend to be a representative who works collaboratively with all of my colleagues in city government to improve the lives of the taxpayers through investments in local infrastructure, education, and continued delivery of superb public services. I intend to be a representative the voters feel they can trust to act in their best interest.

I will work hard for Chicopee and always make myself available for you, and together, we will make Chicopee a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

For more info, visit [www.wagnerforchicopee.com](http://www.wagnerforchicopee.com).

## Ken O’Neil Dawn to Dusk Golf Marathon to occur Aug. 7

CHICOPEE – On Monday, Aug. 7, the Ken O’Neill Dawn to Dusk Golf Marathon to benefit the Jimmy Fund will take place at the Chicopee Country Club. Mike O’Neill will be playing 108 holes (6, 18-hole rounds) of golf this year in memory of family & friends who we have lost to cancer.

Please join us at 6 p.m. at The Boathouse in South Hadley for the 109th Hole Reception. Tickets are a \$35 donation. There will be food, an opportunity drawing, silent auction and light entertainment. Be prepared to enjoy a great evening and bid on some items to support the fundraising efforts to help cancer research.

This year’s event is in memory of Alan Silva.



Alvin Silva

In memory of past honorees: Ken O’Neill, Ann Marie Liswell, Andy Yee, Robert “Bob” Ledoux, Johnny Yee, Theresa P. Burke, John “Chippy” Kupiec, Claire Condren, Dick Condren, Thomas A. Burke Jr., Dr. Paul Gobeille, Bill Ochoa, Cecile Carroll, Gladys O’Neill, Don Madsen, Takvor S. Melikian, Jack O’Neill

If you’re a family member or a friend of past honorees, please join us and gather at the Boat House Restaurant for a wonderful evening to help our fundraising efforts. To help cancer research and the fight against cancer!

Donations and Sponsorships are still being accepted and tickets can be purchased online at Eventbrite.

For more information, please call Mike O’Neill at 413-478-6409.

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## The daylily, both friend and foe



I have never been a daylily aficionado, but as of late, they are growing on me. Why I write is because on Cape Cod they are everywhere. The last few days I have seen them paired with shrubs, other perennials and even as a backdrop to carefully placed annuals.

Read on as I resurrect a column from the archives with new and updated factoids.

We've all seen the clumps of orange daylilies (*Hemerocallis fulva*) blooming along roadsides each summer. These remnants of long ago have oftentimes outlived the people who planted them and the farmhouse in which they were planted around.

Arriving from Asia in the late 1800s, the common daylily is now considered invasive because it crowds out native plants. While experts advise not planting daylilies that are known to run amok, there are many cultivars that rightly deserve a place in the landscape.

Two varieties of daylilies presently occupy space in my landscape, one that is a family heirloom, and another that was purchased on a whim.

The lemon lily (*Hemerocallis lilioasphodelus*) was a family heirloom, although I am not sure where it originated. I think it was my grand babci that first gave it to my mother back in the 1950s.

It has been almost entirely choked out of

the banking of my childhood home by lily of the valley, but I am lucky enough to have saved a piece and it is thriving in my perennial garden. It is delicate as far as daylilies go, perfectly lemon yellow and subtly scented.

The lemon lily has a short bloom time, a week or less in early June, but it makes a perfect bed fellow to deep purple bearded iris.

Today, thousands of cultivars of daylilies are available, many of which bloom for longer periods of time than the old-fashioned types. They are offered in shades of all colors except blue and pure white.

Miniatures look great in rock gardens, while more beefy types work well to stabilize bankings. The majority blend nicely with annuals, perennials, and shrubbery, as mentioned.

Daylilies belong to the genus *Hemerocallis* - *hemero* being Greek for "beautiful," and *callis* Greek for "day." Individual flowers do open and perish in 24 hours or less.

Luckily though, there are usually several flowers per scape (stem), and when one goes by another is waiting to take its place. A desirable variety will bloom for at least two weeks, or will repeat blooming later in the season.

When shopping for daylilies at the nursery simply count the number of buds per scape of the potted plant. The number of buds (or the number of scars if blooming is nearly finished) coincides with the number of days that particular variety is expected to bloom.

Unfortunately, my lemon lily had a mere four.

If you choose carefully and plan accordingly by including early, mid, and late season bloomers in your mix, it is possible to achieve continuous bloom over a three month period in a mixed border of daylilies.

Many people are opting to plant a single variety for a season's worth of flowers. Different than varieties that rebloom, everbloomers offer a nonstop performance from the beginning of their bloom period until frost.

It is said that Dr. Darrel Apps, a geneticist and master breeder evaluated some 11,000 seedlings to end up with a mere few that flower continuously.

Breeding continues, so look for the newest introductions each year. My whim purchase from a few years back is a rebloomer called "Purple D'oro." I bought it because it was blooming in the nursery alongside Gayfeather, orange Helenium, and Purple Coneflower.

They are a power quartet in my summer border for sure, and the rebloom factor surely stretches out the show.

Locate daylilies where they will receive at least six hours of sun a day. Average soil, as long as it drains well, will grow strong plants.

Vigor determines whether clumps need to be separated and divided every few years, or if they can grow uninterrupted for many seasons. Division is best accomplished in early spring or immediately after bloom.

If you take the later approach, just be sure the plant has at least one month of growing time before frost hits. This way it will have an opportunity to root well, anchoring itself before winter freezing and thawing can heave it from the ground.

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## When should my wife claim her Social Security benefits?



Dear Rusty:

My wife turns 65 in November of 2023. She was born on 11/21/1958. I am a year younger with an 8/1/1959 birthdate. I know my wife is not at full retirement age, but the difference in her Social Social payment is not much and collecting three years of the lower amount far exceeds her waiting until age 68. My question is: because half of my SS is more than her SS, if she retires this year, will she still get 50% of my SS when I retire?

Signed: Planning Our Future

Dear Planning:

Spouse benefits are one of Social Security's trickiest areas, so you're wise to get answers before either of you claim benefits. The short answer is, "No" - if your wife claims her own benefit this year, she will not get 50% of your benefit when you later claim. Here's how it works:

Born in November 1958, your wife's Full Retirement Age is 66 years plus 8 months, which she will attain in July 2025. Born in August 1959, your FRA is 66 years plus 10 months, which you will reach in June 2026.

Your wife will get a "spousal boost" to her personal SS benefit if her FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement but, if she claims before reaching her FRA, her monthly payment when you claim will be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, taking her own benefit early affects her total payment

amount as your spouse. If, instead, your wife waits until her own FRA to claim her SS retirement benefit, her payment when you later claim will be increased to equal 50% of your FRA entitlement.

I assume your reference to your wife "waiting until age 68" refers to her age when you claim at your FRA, but there is no reason for your wife to wait past her own FRA to claim benefits because her spousal benefit will not be more if she waits longer. So, the question is whether your wife should claim this year and get a reduced payment when you later claim or, instead, wait until her FRA to claim her own benefit and get her maximum benefit later. And that depends on 1) whether your wife is working, and 2) what her life expectancy is:

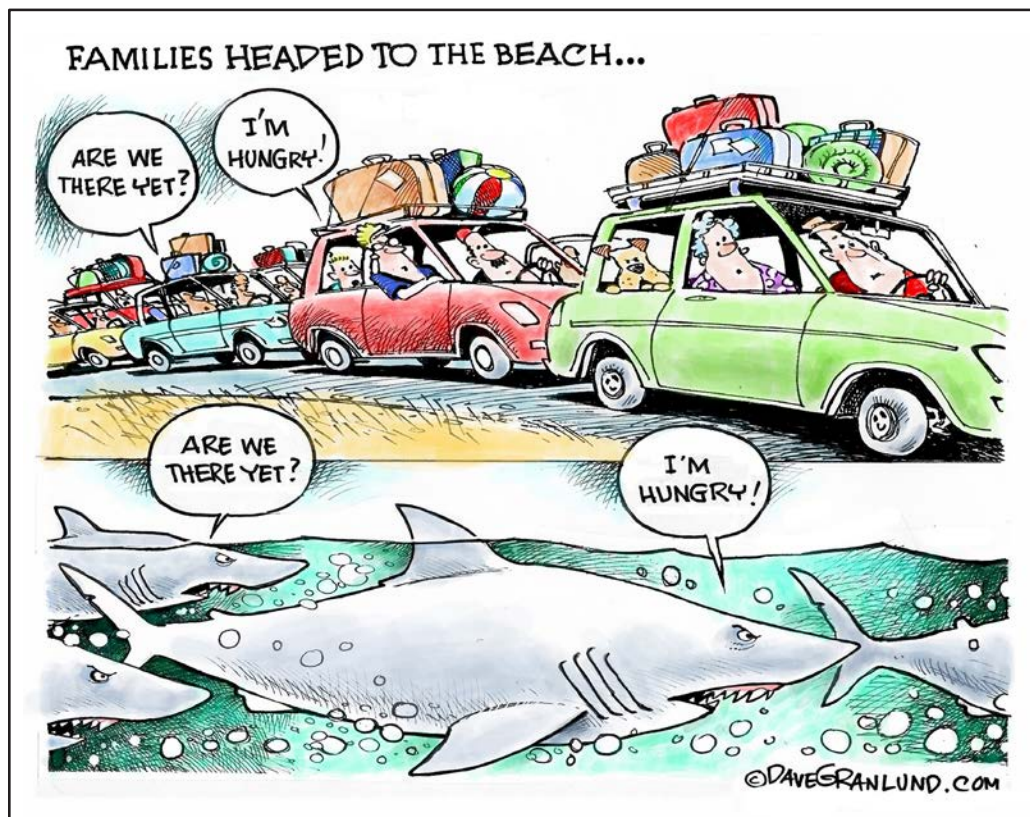
1. If your wife is working and claims early SS benefits, she will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much she can earn before some benefits are taken away. The earnings limit for 2023 is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 she is over the limit. The earnings limit lasts until she reaches her full retirement age.
2. If your wife's life expectancy is long (average for a woman your wife's current age

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# IN THE CITY

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a unique design.

Arakelian explained how “kids don’t have to have talent or experience in any of this” to participate and “it’s a very easy workshop.”

She said that participants have to learn how to let go of control while making the scarves.

“Nothing about this workshop has anything to do with control, and you won’t know what it looks like until the next day once it’s dry and you can open it up and see what it looks like,” Arakelian said.

Arakelian loves holding her workshops at libraries.

“It’s really rewarding to see the finished projects. We can learn from each other. I learn from them. They learn from me,” Arakelian said. “It’s just rewarding to meet people, see what their ideas are, compare ideas, learn from them as well as teach them new ideas and new projects.”

Brent Tenerowicz, the library’s youth services associate, explained the library held a family soap-making program years earlier and he wanted to find a program to tie to this year’s summer reading program.

“With the theme of summer reading being ‘Find Your Voice,’ which we like to interpret as finding what you’re passionate about, expressing yourself through art, through activism, I really wanted to try and find different workshops that gave the teens in the community a chance to do something like that,” Tenerowicz said.

Tenerowicz found the workshop in his search, saying it was “really unique” not just to the teens, but also to the library as they never held a workshop like this before.

“So being able to give them not only something that is a really awesome art program but also something that is a very unique art program was really part of the goal,” Tenerowicz said.

Tenerowicz was happy the teens en-



Gariné Arakelian of Kulina Folk Art demonstrates how to dip paint into her silk scarf to participants during the “Scrunch-Paint a Silk Scarf” event at Chicopee Public Library.

joyed the workshop.

“I was very excited to see that we had a full crowd for this craft, and it definitely seemed like everybody who was here was very into it,” Tenerowicz said.

Tenerowicz added there are still summer programs left to check out including summer concerts, a Dungeons & Dragons event on Aug. 8, Library Mini-Golf on Aug. 10 and Ice Cream with the Mayor on Aug. 16.

Tenerowicz had this message for the community: thank you.

“We’ve just been thrilled across the board with community participation and all the positive feedback that we’ve been getting for everything that we’ve been doing, so all I can say is thank you to the community for everything that they have done this summer for us, and we definitely look forward to continuing to be able to do these types of programs,” Tenerowicz said.

To learn more, visit [duckiesoaps.com](http://duckiesoaps.com).



Gariné Arakelian of Kulina Folk Art holds up a silk scarf as she provides step by step instructions to participants during the “Scrunch-Paint a Silk Scarf” event at Chicopee Public Library.

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is about 87), then maximizing her monthly benefit by waiting until her FRA to claim is likely her smartest choice.

If your wife’s FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, waiting until her FRA to claim will result in getting her full personal amount first and then later her maximum entitlement (including her spousal boost). If she claims now, her later payment (which includes her spousal boost) will be less than half of your FRA amount. If your wife’s life expectancy is at least average, waiting until her FRA to claim will likely yield the highest cumulative lifetime benefits.

But if your wife isn’t working full time, by claiming now (vs. at her FRA) she would get her reduced personal benefit for an extra two years. If you divide the amount your wife would collect over those two years by the difference be-

tween her current benefit amount and her maximum spousal amount (half of your FRA entitlement), you will see how long it would take for your wife to recover those two years of benefits. And if her life expectancy is less than that length of time, then claiming earlier is likely the right move.

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Parks complimented those who put the meals together on July 29. He said the \$12 plate is “a good value and a really good deal.”

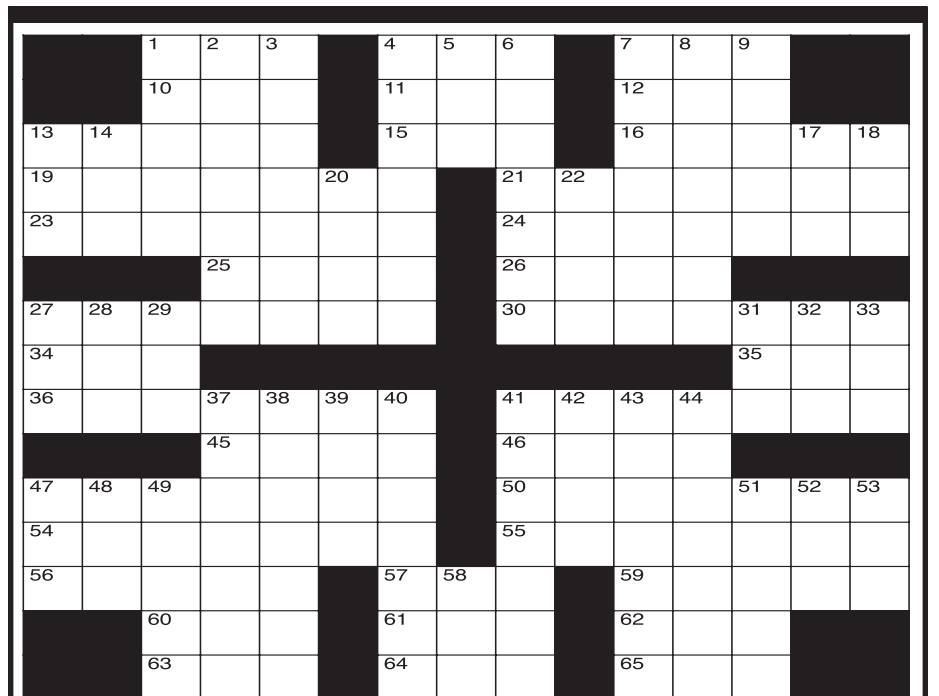
Boudreau was also thrilled with how the meals turned out. She said everyone receives a large portion, and if anyone couldn’t afford the price, the church was happy to donate a meal.

“The food is delicious; it really is. I don’t think you can beat a church dinner no matter where you go. It must be the love we put in the food, right? That helps out,” she said.

Boudreau noted that a lot of people in the Willimansett neighborhood live on limited incomes. She said the church tries to include the neighborhood as much as possible and encourages residents to participate in upcoming fundraiser meals.

“Give us a try. We’re not the kind of church that is here to indoctrinate anyone. We’re not here to push anything on you. We are just here because we love people and we’re trying to help the people in the community,” she said.

To learn more about the church and its upcoming events, one can search “First Congregational Church of Chicopee, Ma.” on Facebook.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Indicates tire pressure
4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007’s creator
11. Adult male
12. Scandinavian god of battle
13. Cloths spread on a coffin
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. It’s good to take them
21. Noble-governed territory
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Card game resembling rummy
25. Affected by injury
26. Member of a Semitic people
27. Left
30. Woman’s cloak
34. S. American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Offense
41. Dish soap brand
45. Ottoman military commanders
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Makes unhappy
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Promote
56. A beloved carb
57. Tag the base runner to get him out
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Vehicle
62. Georgia rockers
63. Scientific instrument (abbr.)
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

### CLUES DOWN

1. Plant of the nettle family
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Patella
7. Ageless
8. Lists of course requirements
9. Pokes at
13. TV network
14. They \_\_\_
17. Cooking hardware
18. U.S. Army title
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river (alt. spelling)
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Woeful
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Tasks which should be done
39. An informal body of friends
40. Intrinsic nature
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. Where ships unload cargo
44. Singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Southwest Scotland town
49. Most worthless parts
51. Viscous
52. Put to work
53. Old world, new
58. Swiss river

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# BBB Tip: Back to school shopping for tech supplies

Technology has become a permanent fixture of the education experience. After the crash course in educational technology that was the 2020 school year, teachers and students are increasingly confident in using technology for learning. Though its role in the classroom will continue to evolve, a precedent has been set - technology is now a critical component of education.

Market research firm Deloitte details how educational shifts influence consumer shopping habits, "Digital learning tools are replacing traditional school supplies, driving tech sales up 37% YoY." As families begin to invest in reliable technology, BBB® advises shoppers to beware of scammers who could spoil their hopes for academic success.

Data shows that consumers are planning to make more technology purchases and use digital technology to make those purchases. Deloitte research indicates that nearly half of consumers want to shop online for technology purchases. Consumers say quality and price are the top two factors driving their purchase decisions.

However, shortages of essential supplies like computer chips may limit the options available to shoppers. These trends put consumers in a risky position - needing products but can't find them from trustworthy sellers. In times like these, scams are increasingly likely.

Scammers may target shoppers with phony deals, enticing ads, and attractive but fake websites. Savvy online shopping



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is necessary to ensure you don't fall prey to a scam.

BBB offers these tips for buying tech products ahead of the new school year:

- Shop with familiar retailers. Laptops, tablets, or other tech accessories can be a significant investment. Shop with businesses you know and trust to ensure you get a quality product and good customer service.
- Don't buy from impostors. Fraudsters may use the name, logo, and other characteristics of brands they trust. Closely examine the website to verify they are who

they are.

• Approach low prices with caution. Low prices and short-term sales could signal you've encountered a scam. If the

price seems too good to be true, it probably is.

• Some companies rarely offer sales. Do more research if a company that rarely discounts products offers a huge sale. The products may be used or refurbished, or it could be a fake website.

• Know what you're shopping for. Set a budget, identify what capabilities will benefit your student, and compare your options. Then, shop around for a reliable seller. Researching the best product for your needs will help you avoid scams and buyer's remorse.

• Ensure you know who the seller is. Some big box retailers allow third-party sellers to list items on their sites, and those items can be hard to distinguish from the rest. Read all the fine print to ensure you're comfortable with the seller.

• Finish your shopping early. Supply shortages are possible, especially as many consumers begin shopping for the same products. Do your shopping now to avoid paying higher prices or falling victim to a scam.

## Chicopee Comp – Class of 1983, 40th Year Class Reunion Sept. 23

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1983's 40th reunion will occur on Saturday, Sept. 23 under the Pavilion at the Moose Lodge 1849, 244 Fuller Road, Chicopee.

All you can eat BBQ Menu. 4-10 p.m. Cost is \$26 / person. Check Face-

book page for full announcement: "Chicopee Comprehensive-Class of 1983" or contact Christine (Pouliot) Amo at 413-530-6113. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, Aug. 14. Next Committee Meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 15. Organizers are hoping that many classmates can attend.

## Chicopee Comp team participates in 2023 MSAA Summer Institute



From July 26-28, the Chicopee Comprehensive High School admin team participated in the 2023 Massachusetts School Administrators' Association's Summer Institute in Plymouth with the goal of reenergizing and refocusing for the upcoming year. Expect a few new and exciting initiatives coming for the 2023-2024 school year.

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## Pacers head for PVSSL playoffs

CHICOPEE – With a win over Agawam late last week, Chicopee boys soccer made the playoffs in the B Division of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League. Chicopee will be facing off with Ludlow in quarterfinals held earlier this week.



Tiago Destapado winds up for a long kick.



Deven Macy gets a head on the ball.

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Dan Lonczak catches up to the loose ball.



Griffen Wisley takes a shot.



Jason Brown sends a free kick away.

## Teams clinch playoff spots as season nears close

WILBRAHAM – Sunday's action in the Valley Wheel Over-28 baseball league got a lot clearer as three teams cemented their spots in the playoffs while the fourth team will be determined by a match-up this week.

The Twins-Angels game held at Bruce Park in Suffield provided the stage for a preview to the playoffs.

The two teams have met in the last two playoff finals. It will not happen this year. Thanks to a complete game from Todd Bergstrom, as well as a two-run single in the ninth inning he also provided, the Twins prevailed over the Angels 6-4.

The game was close throughout, with the Angels and Twins trading leads a few times. Down 4-3 in the eighth, Trevor Portlock, of Wilbraham, drove home a run with a single to make the game 4-4. The Angels, unfortunately, could not

bring home the go-head runs, which were at second and third with one out. Bergstrom was able to close the game in the ninth.

With the win, the Angels fell to 8-7 and their regular season is finished. The Twins are 8-6, and had a makeup game scheduled with the Tigers on Wednesday at Spec Pond under the lights. A win gets the Twins to 9-6 and the final playoff spot. But a loss would make the Twins 8-7 like the Angels, and put the Angels in the playoffs. The Angels hold a 2-1 advantage in their tiebreaker over the Twins this year, winning the first two matchups the teams had.

Elsewhere in the league, the Cubs cemented their playoff spot, winning their ninth game of the season with a 14-12 win over the Orioles. The Orioles would finish 1-14 and

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## Blue Sox win the West, playoffs begin

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox are the 2023 NECBL West Division Champions. In their final game of the regular season, the Blue Sox defeated the Keene Swamp Bats 8-7, to finish 23-18-2 on the season.

In a game that saw 23 hits and four different position players on the mound, the Blue Sox scored runs in four different innings.

Brendan Yagesh started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching two innings while allowing four runs with three strikeouts.

Keene got on the board first in the top of the second inning, following three RBI singles and a wild pitch to put the Swamp Bats up 4-0 early.

Valley rallied back to quickly take the lead back in the bottom of the second inning, battling around their entire lineup. Conor Kiely hit an RBI single to score EJ Kreutzmann in his first at-bat of the season. Zach Ketterman hit an RBI single to score Michael Zarrillo.

Will Gale walked with the

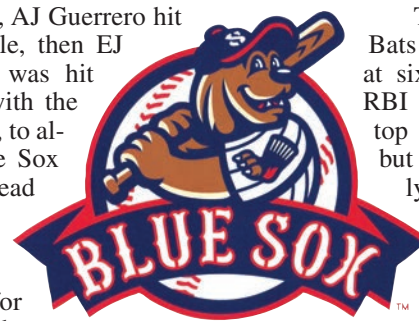
bases loaded, AJ Guerrero hit an RBI single, then EJ Kreutzmann was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, to allow the Blue Sox to take the lead 5-4.

Kurt Thomas took over for Yagesh in the top of the third, pitching two innings while allowing one run.

Keene tied the game at five after Bryan Padillia was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Valley took the lead back in the bottom of the fourth after Michael Zarrillo walked with the bases loaded to put the team ahead 6-5.

Third Baseman Zach Ketterman made his first appearance on the mound this season, taking over for Thomas in the top of the fifth inning. The right-hander pitched two innings with three strikeouts, allowing one run.



The Swamp Bats tied the game at six following an RBI single in the top of the fifth, but Valley quickly took the lead back in the bottom of the inning after Guerrero hit an RBI

ground-out.

Center Fielder Will Gale also made his first appearance on the mound this season, taking over for Ketterman in the top of the seventh inning. The speedy outfielder pitched one inning, allowing one run and striking out one batter.

The Swamp Bats tied the game at seven in the top of the seventh inning after an RBI single.

CJ Willis, a position player who has made four different appearances on the mound this season, once again saw himself

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# Bankers cash in for finals

WILBRAHAM – Last Friday night, PeoplesBank Tri-County baseball took down DiFranco in the opener of a best-of-three series 17-0 in five innings.

The Bankers are the No. 1 seed in the Tri-County League playoffs.

They would punch their ticket to the finals the following day when DiFranco forfeited the second game of the series, giving the Bankers the finals berth.

The finals were scheduled to begin earlier this week.



Joe Ferry slides into third base safely.

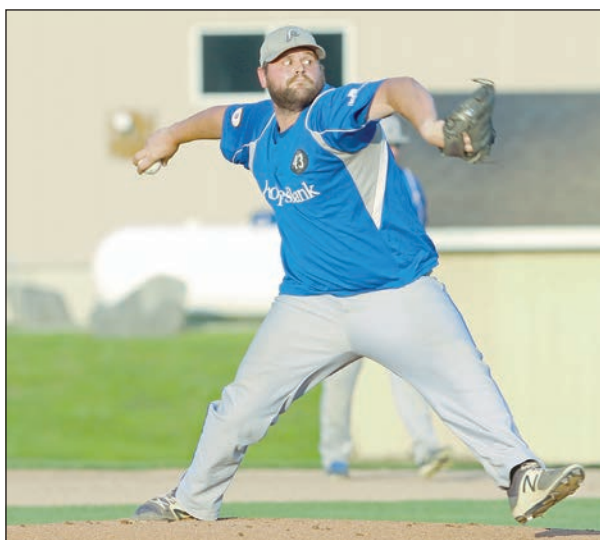


Braeden Lamirande gets an out at first for DiFranco.

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Agawam's Cam Rivest delivers a pitch for DiFranco Realty.



Zach Handzel, of Palmer, pitches for PeoplesBank.



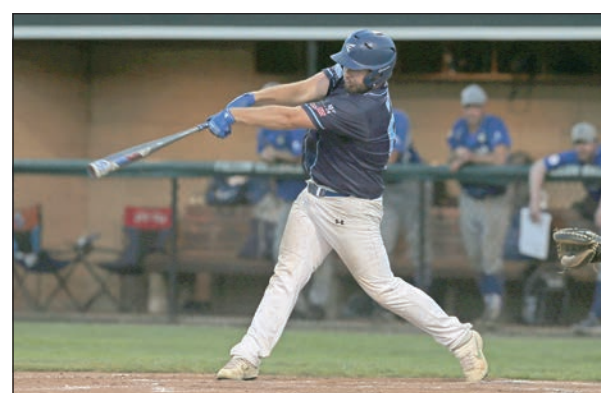
Cam McDonald throws to first.



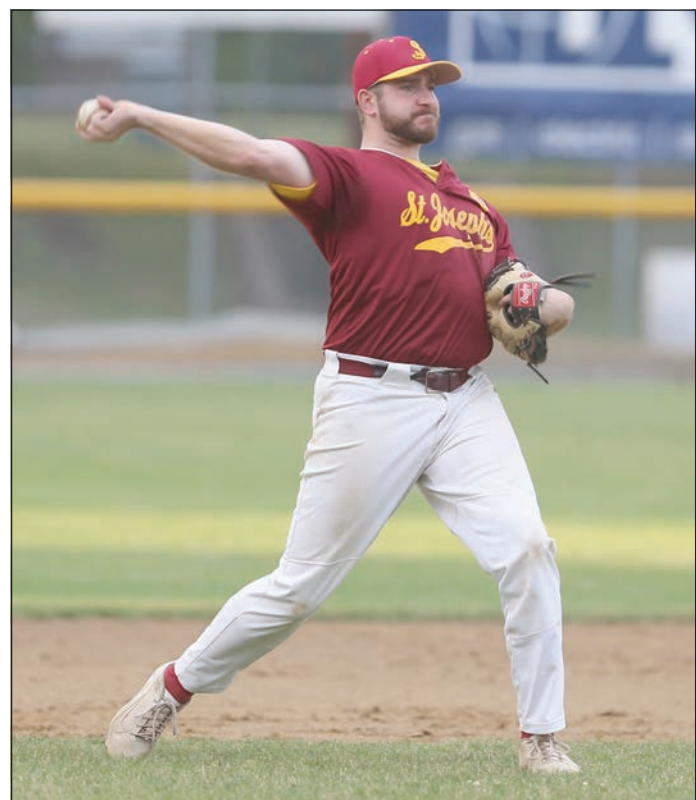
Dave Clark fields a grounder for PeoplesBank.



Ryan Hemenway, of Wilbraham sizes up a pitch.



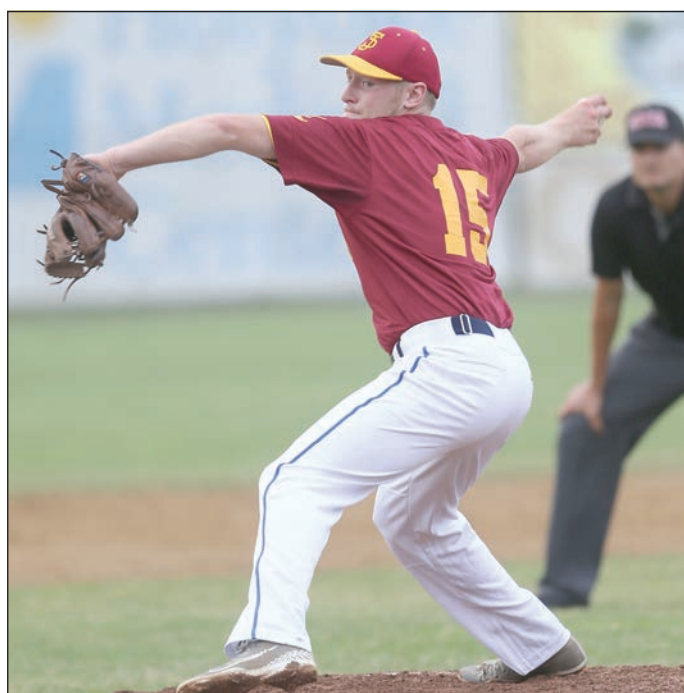
Nicholas Wilken, of Ludlow, swings and connects.



Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's during the 2023 season.

# St. Joe's season ends in playoff loss

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent



Sam Schriber delivers a pitch for the Saints.

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EAST LONGMEADOW – Two days after losing to fifth-seeded DiFranco Realty at home in game one of the Tri-County League playoffs, fourth-seeded St. Joseph's made the trek to the East Longmeadow High School baseball field looking to even the best of three series.

Game two was a very close affair until the fifth inning.

With the score tied, 2-2, entering the bottom of the fifth inning, DiFranco Realty put together a rally. They wound up sweeping the opening round series with a 5-2 victory, last Wednesday night.

"Anytime that you're the higher seeded team and you don't win a game in a playoff series, it's very unfortunate," said St. Joe's manager Paul Marcinek. "We did have some good pitching in these two games, but we just didn't execute at the plate. We just left a lot of

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# Belanger, Grenier get first career wins in Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. — Joel Belanger and Carlos Grenier each scored his first career Monadnock Speedway victory Saturday at the historic high-banked oval.

Belanger won the nightcap 30-lapper in the NHSTRA Modifieds, while Nate Wenzel topped the first open-wheel go-round. Grenier earned his victory lap by holding Colton Martin at bay to win the 50-lap Pure Stock main event. In the NHSTRA Late Models, it was Hillary Renaud scoring her first win of the summer and, in so doing, becoming the fifth different LM victor this year.

Steve Miller Jr. won for the first time this year in the Six Shooters, and Adrian Smith continued to outrun everyone as he dominated en route to his third 2023 Young Guns victory.

Wenzel's win in the first Modified feature came gift-wrapped in the form of a Brian Chapin/Tyler Leary last-lap tangle that saw Wenzel avoid the mess immediately before him as he darted off

to victory.

Chapin had taken control on lap three and was probably already making plans for where the night's trophy would later be displayed when he and Leary, up to second on lap 25, jingled in turn two as the checkers awaited them less than a lap away. Wenzel steered clear and blasted to his second win of the summer.

In the nightcap, Belanger held off all challengers to wire the event for his first career victory on the high banks. Geoff Rollins got up for second on lap 15 but, on this night, was no match for the speedy Belanger. Rollins was the night's overall Modified winner, putting together a pair of deuce runs. Aaron Fellows and Scott Zilinski each had a third for their hard night's work.

A field of 21 potent chargers went to war in the night's Pure Stock 50-lapper. Carlos Grenier, starting up front, had seen victory slip away from him in his last outing on the high banks and wasn't about to let it happen again.

He led Dominick Stafford on laps one and two, with two-time winner Colton Martin then taking over on a restart and riding in Grenier's shadow the rest of the way.

While the lap-two jingle didn't affect the race's outcome, it strongly impacted the mid-season points chase. Multi-time track champ and points titan Chris Davis, along with Zach Phillips and Andrea St. Amour were the big victims in this one, with Davis' early demise dropping him to 20th on the night.

Grenier and Martin fought hard the rest of the way, with Zach Zilinski in close tow until 2022 Claremont champ Chris Chambers claimed third on lap 42. Grenier, third his last time out, prevailed to take a happy victory lap.

Hillary Renaud used her Saturday victory in the NHSTRA Late Models to leapfrog two spots in the points parade into second. She led all the way, with Haydon Grenier — up to second on lap two — strong in his runner-up perfor-

mance. Points leader and reigning track champ Tim Wenzel used a final-turn blast to snatch third from JD Stockwell.

Steve Miller Jr. took the lead from Jacob Scott on lap three of the Six Shooter feature and never looked back. Scott then had his hands full for much of the race holding off Miller's father, Steve Sr., for second, as Scott, Miller Sr., and Andrew Scott took the checkers nose-to-tail.

Adrian Smith took the lead from Madison Cousino on lap eight of the Young Guns feature and then blasted off to his third win of the summer. Cousino, impressive all night, held strong the rest of the way to earn her first career podium finish in second, while Markus O'Neil came home third.

After a week off, Monadnock Speedway will return to action on Saturday, August 5, when the high-banked speedplant will host another full night of oval track racing featuring 50 Lap Mini Stock Challenge.

## T-Birds caravan event moved

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds today announced that the first installment of the T-Birds Community Caravan presented by Dunkin' has been postponed to Saturday, Aug. 12 due to potential inclement weather this weekend.

The T-Birds Community Caravan will still make a total of three stops in the Springfield area throughout the summer months:

- Saturday, Aug. 12 - Szot Park (Chicopee), 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 19 - Amelia Ice Arena (Westfield), 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament
- Public skating from 10:50 to 11:50 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 9 - Forest Park & Cyr Arena (Springfield), 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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

## West showcased in Bay State Games

BOSTON — In last month's Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a volleyball team. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 8 and 9:

The Central girls team opened up the Girls side of the showcase with strong play from Katy O'Connell (Northborough, Algonquin Reg. HS) and Lily Davidson (Rutland, Wachusett Reg. HS), leading them to a 25-13 first game win. The second game saw more of the same, as the Nault twins Victoria, and Sabrina (Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury HS) also helped power Central to a dominant game



one performance, winning the second set 25-12.

### Coastal 2, West 0

This match featured an impressive start for the West squad, as they held the lead numerous times thanks to Sasha Fyfe (Dalton, Waconah Reg. HS) and Gabrielle Adams (Greenfield, Frontier Reg. HS). Unfortunately, they were unable to hold the lead, as Coastal stormed back to grab a 25:16 win in the first set, and rolled through the second game as well. Although closer in the end, the Coastal team found success thanks to consistent play from Haley Jenkins (Dart-

mouth, Dartmouth HS) and Hannah Storm (Swansea, Joseph Case HS).

### West 2, Southeast 0

During this match, Southeast used a 6-point run, along with multiple diving plays to help propel them to a quick 25-15 first-game win. In the second game, West used great efforts from Chloe Schott (Longmeadow, Longmeadow HS) and Gabriella Manes (Feeding Hills, Agawam HS), however it wasn't enough as Zoe Smallman (Weston, Weston HS) and Caroline Gray (Whitman, Whitman-Hanson Reg. HS) continued their good performances on the day, winning the second game 25-21.

The west would play in a challenge game on Sunday, July 9, but did not play in either of the medal games.

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out of playoff contention.

The Cubs meet the Athletics on Thursday night with the top seeds on the line.

The Athletics defeated the Tigers on Sunday evening at Spec Pond 9-7. Both teams have already made the playoffs this year, but will look for momentum in their

respective games later this week.

The two makeup games were necessitated from rainouts last Thursday night that wiped out all the action about two hours before the games were scheduled.

The playoffs are currently scheduled for this Sunday at Spec Pond with the 2 and 3 seeds playing at 2:30 p.m. and the 1 and 4 seeds playing at 6 p.m.

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on the mound after relieving Gale in the top of the eighth inning. Willis pitched two scoreless innings to earn himself his second win of the season.

The Blue Sox took the lead in the bottom of the eighth after 2023 All-Star EJ Kreutzmann hit an RBI single to

score Collier Cranford.

Willis pitched a clean ninth inning to secure the victory and division title for the Blue Sox.

With the NECBL Playoffs beginning Monday night, the Blue Sox remained at home to host their division rival Bristol Blues in the first game of a best-of-three-game series.

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guys on base."

Marcinek shared the coaching duties with Jon Ferry.

DiFranco Realty celebrated a 6-1 victory in game one. Game two was postponed for a day due to rain.

St. Joe's, who finished the regular season with an 8-10 record, left a total of six runners on base in game two. Five of them were stranded in scoring position.

DiFranco, who went 6-12 during the regular season, took a 1-0 lead against St. Joe's righthander Brandon Magni in the bottom of the first inning.

Centerfielder Cam Rivest, who's

from Agawam, lined a leadoff single into leftfield. Rivest moved to third base following a perfect sacrifice bunt by first baseman Andrew Bunker.

After the next batter hit a ground ball back to Magni, an RBI single by designated hitter Carlos Pena gave the home team an early 1-0 lead.

St. Joe's did tie the score in their next at-bats.

With one-out in the top of the second inning, second baseman Jon Nickerson hit a flyball double to right field. Nickerson, who went 2-for-3 in game two, scored the tying run when left fielder Eric Corley (3-for-3) singled to center.

The duo of Nickerson and Corley

combined for five of St. Joe's seven base hits in game two.

Nickerson, who also hit a bloop single to right field with one-out in the top of the fourth, scored the go-ahead run when catcher Adam Zebian hit a ground ball to the shortstop.

St. Joe's didn't keep the 2-1 lead for very long.

With one-out in the bottom of the fourth, DiFranco Realty second baseman Josh Wood, who walked, scored the tying run when right fielder Cade Raymond blasted a double down the right field line.

The home team retook the lead in the fifth inning.

Pena knocked home the first run of

the frame with a double. Third baseman Nick Wilken followed with a single. After the next batter flied out, shortstop Ty Emert drew a walk which loaded the bases.

Wood drove home two more runs with another double giving DiFranco a 5-2 lead.

After DiFranco Realty righthander Nate Morse retired eight batters in a row, Corley hit a ground ball single into left field leading the top of the seventh inning. Shortstop Greg Vouros also singled with one-out. Morse retired the next two batters on a pop-up and a strikeout, as DiFranco Realty advanced into the semifinals.

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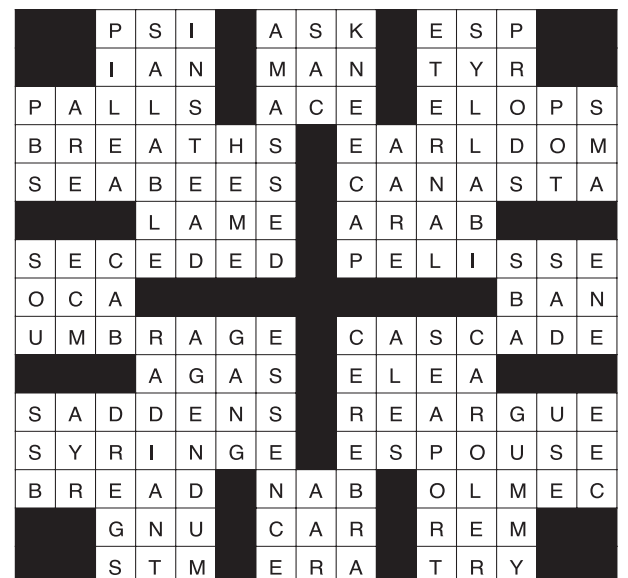
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Constructed in 1921, the Starzyk Building is a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit of its original owner, Paul Peter Starzyk. An immigrant from Poland, he first arrived in Chicopee in the early 1890s. He began his American journey working in the mills of the Dwight Manufacturing Company, known for its documentation of child labor conditions by social reformer Lewis Wickes Hine.

However, he soon pursued his own business endeavors, setting up a successful men's clothing store. His enterprise flourished, enabling him to erect the



Starzyk Building.

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original Starzyk Building, followed by an additional wing a year later.

Despite minor alterations to the storefront windows over the years, the building's exterior has remained largely unchanged, preserving its historical character. Today, the Starzyk Building continues to be a vital part of downtown Chicopee, serving as a commercial hub with retail and office spaces. The building is owned and operated by LaQuinta

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The city is honored to announce that the mayor, along with some city councilors, will be attending the anniversary celebration. The event will be hosted by The Szlachetka Family and refreshments will be served on the second-floor suite 200 at the Law Offices of Szlachetka Dubai, PC after the Ribbon Cutting at 10 a.m.

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