

Church hosting summer event

GRANBY – Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Granby will be having their Summerfest on Sunday, Aug. 23 from 12 to 4 p.m. Chicken dinner is \$15 and includes a half bbq chicken, baked potato and corn on the cob, as well as dessert and bottled water. Hamburgers and hot dogs will also be available. Raffles prizes including \$500, \$250, \$100. Raffle baskets, bake sale, kids games, prizes, lottery trees and more. Fun for the whole family.



TURLEY PHOTO BY BEN HERNANDEZ
The night was filled with striking performances from local musicians.

CONCERT from page 1
Panther Theme,” “Moon River” from “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” and the “Baby Elephant Walk” from the adventure film “Hatari!”
Bauer reclaimed his position for a sweeping exploration of John William’s compositions, who has created movie scores for eight decades. The band also played lesser known yet still recognizable film music from the famous composer, an effort which the director confessed he enjoyed exploring. The three-piece medley included “The Planet Krypton” from “Superman”, “Flight to Neverland” from “Hook” and “Somewhere in My Memory” from “Homeworld.”
Band President Melissa Hurst’s demand for more cowbell couldn’t be denied. Bauer introduced the musical assortment with reference to the infamous Saturday Night Live skit. He stated the “more cowbell” phrase took on new life in the public conscious, as it asked for “an extra quality that will make

something or someone better.” During the assortment, Hurst commanded the stage with spirited dancing and working the crowd as she kept rhythm on the unusual instrument.
Bauer’s self-described favorite piece of the night was a musical review of composer Leonard Bernstein. In the musical segment labeled “West Side Story,” the director recalled the life and times of the later composer; who he described as far more from Massachusetts than ever was New York.
“He was born in Lawrence,” Bauer said in his brief biography. “He went to Harvard. He went to the first year there in the Tanglewood Institute...he was there for 50 summers until 1990, when he actually passed away.”
Children collected donations for the Belchertown Community Band from the audience prior to the closing pieces from the orchestra. The named Bucket Brigade

was introduced by the assistant director, who expressed gratitude for the “wonderful group of little people” helping to raise funds for production costs.
Final songs were musical covers of pieces created by Richard Rodgers for the 1950’s TV series “Victory At Sea,” which included an oboe solo from Christine Morei. “America the Beautiful” followed, with a rendition of “Stars and Stripes Forever” by John Philip Sousa closing the night’s proceedings.
The summer Concerts at the Common series will continue every Thursday night, through Aug. 13. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. The concerts are free of charge, though donations will be collected during performances. Unless otherwise stated on the band’s Facebook page, concerts take place at the Belchertown Town Common.

MOVIE NIGHT from page 5
Building Protective Factors Through Community
Prevention works best when communities invest in the conditions that help people thrive. Positive relationships, supportive adults, meaningful activities, healthy coping skills, and a strong sense of belonging can all serve as protective factors, particularly for young people.
The evening’s themes include:
Resilience: Learning that setbacks do not have to define our future.
Connection: Understanding the importance of supportive family, friends, mentors, and community members.
Healthy coping: Finding constructive ways to manage challenges and adversity.
Belonging: Creating spaces where people feel welcomed, included, and supported.
Positive recreation: Providing substance-free opportunities for families and young people to enjoy time together.
Compassion and reducing stigma: Recognizing that everyone experiences challenges and that asking for help is a strength.
“BOAT believes prevention is something we do with our community, not simply for our community,” said Alene Motta, DFC Community Engagement Coordinator. “By bringing people together, creating opportunities for connection, and making prevention part of everyday community life, we can help build a stronger and healthier Belchertown.”

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Belchertown Education Foundation 2025 Financial Records
The financial records of 2025, Form 990, for Belchertown Education Foundation, Inc. are available for public inspection by contacting Belchertown Education Foundation, Attn. Stephen Bourgeois, P.O. Box 435, Belchertown, MA 01007, Or, you may contact Stephen at info@BelchertownEducationFoundation.org for an appointment.
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