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Westfield News Group purchased by Reminders Publishing

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY

Correspondent

WESTFIELD — Patrick Berry, owner of the Westfield News Group, has sold The Westfield News and its associated publications to Reminders Publishing, a subsidiary of The Republican, which publishes three weekly newspapers and two monthly magazines, Go Local and Prime.

The sale unites two of the longest-serving newspaper companies in Western Massachusetts. Both The Republican and The Westfield News date to 1824. The Republican was founded as a weekly in Springfield by Samuel Bowles and first published on Sept. 8, 1824 before becoming a daily newspaper 20 years later.

Berry, a Westfield native, bought the Westfield News Group in 2011, returning it to local ownership

for the first time in more than 40 years.

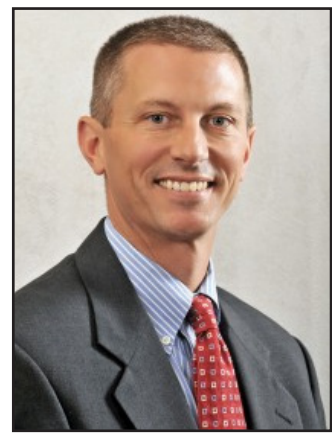
“As many of you may know, it is very difficult for a stand-alone community news media to survive in the constantly changing news consumption environment. The joining of The Westfield News and Reminders Publishing ensures that Westfield, Southwick and the nearby hilltowns, along with Longmeadow and Enfield, will continue to receive the checks and balances of local journalism,” said Berry.

“Many media companies have created partnerships to control costs in order to continue the mission of providing quality journalism readers have come to expect,” Berry said. “The Westfield News Group is no exception. In 2011, we started printing our newspapers at The Republican in Springfield. The sale to Reminders Publishing allows for addi-

tional synergies and reductions of operational costs enabling a sustainable local news media model.”

Reminders Publishing will continue six-day-a-week publication of The Westfield News and weekly publication of The Pennysaver, The Longmeadow News and the Enfield Press. The news, advertising, circulation management and business staff will continue to operate out of the School Street location in Westfield.

“Our staff at Reminders Publishing is passionate about local news, in all our communities and our neighborhoods. We look forward to joining the talented team at the Westfield News Group who feel the same way,” said Francis Smith, general manager of Reminders Publishing and a Westfield resident.



PATRICK BERRY

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Allegedly drunken motorist armed

By CARLE E. HARTDEGEN

Correspondent

WESTFIELD — A city man is facing both firearms and motor vehicle charges after the apparently highly intoxicated man was found in his pickup truck stopped on the ramp leading to the State Police barracks on the Mass Pike in Westfield.

State Trooper Ryan Stanley, in a court document, details how the man, Brian S. Peloquin, 33, of 69 Court St., Apt. D4, came to the attention of State Police.

Stanley reports that an east bound motorist on the turnpike called the Westfield State Police

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Southwick continues checking off stormwater requirements

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY

Correspondent

SOUTHWICK — The town is making progress toward meeting the Environmental Protection Agency’s stormwater management requirements.

Tracy Adamski, Tighe & Bond vice president, advised the Southwick Select Board this week to keep moving forward, even on the small tasks.

“I think you started off really strong,” she said, “but I’d say you should do simple things like making sure all your documents are in place.”

When asked about doing the required sampling, Adamski said that would take resources.

Department of Public Works Director Randy Brown agreed and said the work done so far has been more general.

“We need our own resources to focus on what we need to do here,” he said.

Adamski said while the EPA

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Steve and Brenda Jones welcomed visitors this week to the new home of the Warrior’s Art Room at 360 Elm St., Westfield. (Lori Szeplak photo)



Mike Demo, a personal development coach for veterans, sketches at the Warrior’s Art Room, now at 360 Elm St., Westfield. (Lori Szeplak photo)

Warrior’s Art Room relocates, expands hours

By LORI SZEPELAK

Correspondent

WESTFIELD — Russell residents Steve and Brenda Jones are on a mission — to provide a healing environment through art in its many forms — for veterans, active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces, and their immediate families.

During a “soft opening” on the morning of July 8, the cou-

ple opened the doors to the new home of the Warrior’s Art Room — now located at 360 Elm St.

As you enter the stately brick building with an American flag greeting visitors, a quick right into the Warrior’s Art Room leaves one in awe of the artwork created by soldiers that dots the walls of the 14’ x 14’ studio — complete with seven individual work stations as well

as a table with six easels for persons who prefer working as a group.

Steve Jones founded the Warrior’s Art Room in June of 2016 and said he is thankful for the volunteers and businesses that have made a difference in the nonprofit’s growth. Jones served in the United States

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Morganelli takes out papers to run for three different offices

By AMY PORTER

Correspondent

WESTFIELD — One of the two remaining undecided City Councilors has taken out papers to run for office; but which office he will run for is still not clear.

On Wednesday, At-large Councilor Nicholas J. Morganelli, Jr. signed out papers for mayor, at-large councilor and Ward 1 councilor. The other undecided councilor, Matthew Emmershy, has not yet taken the step.

“No decision should be taken lightly or quickly. I’m taking more time to think about it,” Morganelli said on Thursday. “Basically, I’m deciding which position would better serve the City of Westfield for the fiscal well-being of Westfield,” he said.

Morganelli said he’s had a lot of people tell him that he should run for mayor. “I can’t ignore it. I have to at least discern it and consider it,” he said, adding that there is still three and a half months to run for mayor.



Nicholas J. Morganelli, Jr. At-large Councilor

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District 2 Champs

Westfield’s Julia Bonfitto (5) scores a run. See story and photos in today’s Sports Section. (Photo by Kellie Adam)

Noble ICU necessary for local health service says DPH

By PETER CURRIER

Correspondent

WESTFIELD — The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) notified Baystate Noble Hospital of its determination that the intensive care unit (ICU) and pediatric care unit (PCU) are necessary for healthcare access to the hospital’s coverage area.

The DPH sent the notice to Baystate Noble on July 2. Because the DPH ruled this way, Noble will now need to submit a plan that ensures adequate access to emergency and pediatric healthcare for the affected area.

“The hospital is required to submit a plan for assuring access to DPH within 15 days of the finding, by July 17. As of July 11, DPH has yet to receive the plan from the hospital,” said Marybeth McCabe of the DPH Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality.

The DPH ruling does not prevent Baystate Noble from closing the two units. The DPH will send the hospital written comments within 10 days of receiving the plan if more information is required. Baystate Noble must then submit a response within 10 days of receiving the comments.

“The essential service closure process provides a mechanism for DPH to review a proposed closure or reduction in services and to ensure that measures have been put in place to minimize the impact on the community and address concerns that have been brought to DPH’s attention,” said McCabe, “However, DPH cannot legally require a hospital to keep a service open.”

Baystate Noble Hospital submitted a 90-day notice of intent to discontinue the two units in question on May 30 of this year. On

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Stanley Park Sunday Night Concert Series 'Off the Record'

On July 14 Stanley Park welcomes "Off The Record". They are known throughout Western Massachusetts. "Off The Record" plays hits from the 60's and 70's featuring classic rock & roll. They are a high energy group who get their audiences up and off of their seats and dancing. This performance begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Beveridge Pavilion and it is free of charge. Chairs will be provided and a food service will be available. For further information on the Westfield Bank Sunday Night Concert Series please go to www.stanleypark.org or call the park office at 413-568-9312.

Stanley Park presents Carillon Concerts throughout the Summer Season

The Carillon concert for July, will be presented on Sunday, July 14 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Stanley Park's Organist/Carillonneur will offer a variety of music from the Carillon Tower. Find a park bench, sit and enjoy the music as it drifts through the Park. For further information on the Carillon Concert program, go to www.stanleypark.org or call the Stanley Park office at 413-568-9312.

Berkshire Mountain Boys Sing Songs of Yesteryear

HUNTINGTON — The Berkshire Mountain Boys keep the old songs alive with their repertoire of bluegrass, gospel, folk ballads, and country music of yesteryear on Sunday, July 14 at 2 pm at the Historic North Hall in Huntington. The Berkshire Mountain Boys began with Phil Pothier on autoharp and vocals and Charlie Mihlek on guitar and vocals, who have been performing together for over 50 years locally and across the country. They grew to a quartet by adding Dan Damkauskas on banjo and Don Lownds on mandolin, as they entertain the crowd with vintage favorites of bluegrass, gospel, folk ballads, and country music.

A meet-the-artists reception with refreshments will be held at intermission in the hall's art gallery. The gallery will be exhibiting the nature and landscape photography of Richard Chapman. Admission is \$10 at the door, student/youth admission is free. Performance is at Historic North Hall, 40 Searle Road (off Route 66) in Huntington. The hall is wheelchair-accessible and air-conditioned. More information can be found at www.northhallhuntington.org or call 413-667-5543.

This season's events are made possible with support from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and the arts councils of Chester, Cummington, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Russell, Southampton, Westhampton and Worthington as well as support from Westfield News Group and the Daily Hampshire Gazette.

5K Farm Run Event

This year's 5K Farm Run is committed to support our nation's wounded warriors through Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) and the nonprofit's free programs and services. Many wounded veterans face significant challenges when they return to civilian life, and through the generous support of donors and corporate partners, WWP is able to provide support during their recovery, wherever they are in that process.

Through this 5K Farm Run, events with a star, and supporters, are ensuring the mental health care wounded veterans rely on remains available to them free of charge, for a lifetime. Through mental health care programs like the WWP Warrior Care Network™, wounded veterans can get treatment for the invisible wounds of war like post-traumatic stress disorder. Warrior Care Network is a first-of-its-kind partnership that connects thousands of warriors with free, world-class mental health care. "It's not about us, it's about them" is our motto. To learn more, please visit: <https://goo.gl/v7Z5h7>.

Scenic Benefit 5K Run on the Farmlands of Westfield River Brewing Co. to support the Wounded Warrior Project. Fun begins on July 20 at 5 pm; race at 6 pm. Free for spectators. Free parking. Food vendors, vendor shopping, beer garden and free beer for all runners. There will be a DJ and live music. Family atmosphere. Leashed dogs welcome. Text Amy Starr at 413-563-4040 to register, or go directly to <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Southwick/WestfieldRiverBrewingFarmRun>.

YMCA of Greater Westfield to Offer MIGHTY Pediatric Weight Management Program

The YMCA of Greater Westfield, in collaboration with Baystate Health, is offering the MIGHTY (Moving, Improving, and Gaining Health Together at the YMCA) program, beginning July 16.

MIGHTY, funded by a grant from Kohl's Cares, is an evidence-based, multi-component pediatric weight management program for children with a body mass index above the 95th percentile. This free program meets twice per month, over a six-month period. During each two-hour session, children and their families engage with exercise specialists, nutritionists and behavioral health workers in classroom instruction and group exercise sessions. The upcoming session is for children between the ages of 10-13. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 4-6 pm beginning July 16.

To be eligible for the MIGHTY Program, participants must be at or above the 95th percentile for body mass index (BMI), provide a medical clearance form signed by their health care provider and attend a registration session at the YMCA of Greater Westfield. Registration is open. Space is limited. To register, contact YMCA of Greater Westfield, Cindy Agan, Health & Wellness Director, 413-568-8631, cagan@westfieldymca.org.

22 STORM
NEWS TEAM

LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 Mostly Clear. 64-65	 Sunny. 85-89	 Sunny. 83-85

Today, A slight chance of showers between 2pm and 3pm. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Tonight, Mostly clear, with a low around 64. Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 89. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 85. Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. Monday: Sunny, with a high near 86. Northwest wind 5 to 7 mph.

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5:26 AM SUNRISE	8:28 PM SUNSET	15 hours 1 Minutes LENGTH OF DAY
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ODDS & ENDS

Fearless dog chases bear from neighbor's yard

WEST MILFORD, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey man is promising to give his neighbor's dog a steak for chasing a black bear from his backyard.

Mark Stinziano tells WABC-TV his home security camera captured what happened Tuesday night when the bruin decided to snack on the bird feeder behind his West Milford home.

The video shows the bear pulling down the bird feeder when the neighbor's dog, Riley, races into the yard. Riley slammed into the startled bear, which scrambled to escape.

Riley's owner, Alan Tlusty, says his dog always chases the bear whenever he sees him in the yard.

Stinziano says Riley also checks on his children when they are in the pool.

LOCAL LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT'S NUMBERS
MASSACHUSETTS
Lucky For Life
 05-19-23-26-42, Lucky Ball: 13
MassCash
 07-10-19-30-31
Mega Millions
 Estimated jackpot: \$121 million
Numbers Evening 9-5-6-1
Numbers Midday 8-9-3-2
Powerball
 Estimated jackpot: \$194 million



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Cash 5
 07-08-14-27-29
Lucky For Life
 05-19-23-26-42, Lucky Ball: 13
Lucky Links Day
 02-06-14-15-16-17-19-20
Lucky Links Night
 02-03-04-06-07-08-09-13
Play3 Day 5-1-7
Play3 Night 5-0-2
Play4 Day 1-9-1-4
Play4 Night 5-2-5-0

TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS FRIDAY, JULY 12, THE 193RD DAY OF 2019. THERE ARE 172 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

On July 12, 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced his choice of U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

ON THIS DATE:

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1817, author, poet and naturalist Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Massachusetts.

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Army Medal of Honor.

In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February 1913.)

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was flown by helicopter from the White House to a secret mountaintop location as part of a drill involving a mock nuclear attack on Washington.

In 1960, the Etch A Sketch Magic Screen drawing toy, invented by French electrician Andre Cassagnes, was first produced by the Ohio Art Co.

In 1962, The Rolling Stones played their first-ever gig at The Marquee in London.

In 1967, rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey, over the police beating of a black taxi driver; 26 people were killed in the five days of violence that followed.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1994, President Bill Clinton, visiting Germany, went to the eastern sector of Berlin, the first U.S. president to do so since Harry Truman.

In 2003, the USS Ronald Reagan, the first carrier named for a living president, was commissioned in Norfolk, Va.

In 2005, Prince Albert II of Monaco acceded to the throne of a 700-year-old dynasty.

Ten years ago: Rebels in Nigeria set fire to an oil depot and loading tankers in Lagos, killing five people in the group's first attack outside the Delta region. Eun Hee Ji of South Korea made a 20-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole, finishing off an even-par 71 to win the U.S. Women's Open.

FIVE YEARS AGO:

Afghanistan's two rival candidates reached a breakthrough agreement brokered by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to allow a complete audit of their contested presidential election. (Former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani emerged the winner over former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah.)

ONE YEAR AGO:

After an emergency gathering of NATO leaders held to address his criticisms, President Donald Trump said the U.S. commitment to the alliance "remains very strong," despite reports that he had threatened to pull out in a dispute over defense spending. Trump then flew to Great

Britain for his first visit as president. Syria's government raised its flag over the southern city of Daraa, the cradle of the 2011 uprising against President Bashar Assad, after rebels in the city surrendered. "Game of Thrones" led the way with 22 Emmy nominations; Netflix programs captured 112 nominations, taking away HBO's front-runner title.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Movie director Monte Hellman is 90. Actor-comedian Bill Cosby is 82. Singer-musician Christine McVie is 76. Actress Denise Nicholas is 75. Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 74. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 71. Singer Walter Egan is 71. Writer-producer Brian Grazer is 68. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 68. Country singer Julie Miller is 63. Gospel singer Sandi Patty is 63. Actress Mel Harris is 63. Actor Buddy Foster is 62. Rock guitarist Dan Murphy (Soul Asylum) is 57. Actress Judi Evans is 55. Rock singer Robin Wilson (Gin Blossoms) is 54. Actress Natalie Desselle Reid is 52. Actress Lisa Nicole Carson is 50. Olympic gold medal figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi is 48. Country singer Shannon Lawson is 46. Rapper Magoo is 46. CBS newsman Jeff Glor is 44. Actress Anna Friel is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tracie Spencer is 43. Actress Alison Wright is 43. Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., is 43. Actor Steve Howey is 42. Actor Topher Grace is 41. Actress Michelle Rodriguez is 41. Actress Kristen Connolly is 39. Country singer-musician Kimberly Perry (The Band Perry) is 36. Actor Matt Cook (TV: "Man With a Plan") is 35. Actress Natalie Martinez is 35. Actor Bernard David Jones is 34. Actress Ta'Rhonda Jones is 31. Golfer Inbee Park is 31. Actress Melissa O'Neil is 31. Actress Rachel Brosnahan is 29. Actor Erik Per Sullivan is 28. Olympic gold medal gymnast Jordyn Wieber is 24. Nobel Peace laureate Malala Yousafzai is 22.

“Art Unlimited” Class at the Westfield Senior Center

Are you an older adult who has always wanted to experiment with art? Consider joining Westfield Senior Center’s weekly “Art Unlimited” class. The name is a reflection of the broad scope of creative artistic techniques that the older adult students learn. In addition to paint, they experiment with charcoal, pastels, and other mediums. Instructor Elaine Lees encourages each student to explore the unlimited possibilities that art provides. The class is offered on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$4 per class on a pay-as-you-go basis. The class is partially funded by a grant from Sarah Gillett Services for the Elderly, Inc. Because no previous art experience is necessary, this is a wonderful opportunity to try something new! The Westfield Senior Center is located at 45 Noble Street. No pre-registration is required.

Morganelli

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“That’s a good amount of time,” he said. He did acknowledge that if he chooses the mayoral race, it would force a primary election for that office in September. “That’s another thing for me to consider. Do I want the city to spend the money on a primary?” Morganelli said.

Currently, state Sen. Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Westfield Police Capt. Michael A. McCabe have been certified as candidates for mayor.

Primary, or preliminary elections are held only if the number of candidates for an office exceeds twice the number of candidates to be elected. If three candidates file for mayor, the preliminary election would reduce the number to two. No other race at present has twice the number of candidates to be elected.

When asked why he is considering a run for Ward 1, Morganelli, who lives on Prospect Street, said that Ward 1 residents are disappointed with their current representation.

“Ward 1 residents have told me they are disappointed with Councilor (Mary Ann) Babinski’s handling of the water issue, and her lack of fiscal responsibility to reduce the fiscal year 2020 budget and the \$4 million increase,” Morganelli said about Babinski’s votes on budget cuts by the City Council.

“I disagree. In my opinion, I don’t think I was fiscally irresponsible. If he wants to understand why I voted the way I did, I would be happy to talk to him about it,” Babinski said in response. She also said many Ward 1 residents backed her votes on the water bond last year.

Also taking out papers on Wednesday for At-large Councilor was veteran and former Westfield News reporter Dan Moriarty of Valley View Drive, bringing the total number of candidates taking out nomination papers to 10. There are seven at-large seats to be elected.

The deadline for taking out nomination papers from the City Clerk’s office is Friday, Aug. 2 at 5 p.m. The deadline for returning papers to the Board of Registrars is Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 5 p.m.

Noble ICU

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June 19, the DPH hosted a public hearing at Westfield Middle School on the proposed closures. The hearing was used to allow all relevant and interested parties to share their thoughts on the matter. The meeting was attended by residents, city officials, and representatives of Baystate Noble Hospital.

During the hearing, Baystate Noble Hospital President Ron Bryant detailed the hospital’s plan and reasoning for closing the two units. Bryant said that the beds would be designated as medical surgical beds after the closure. He said that those in the Noble coverage area who need the ICU or PCU would instead be transferred to Baystate Medical Center (BMC) in Springfield.

“For the past several years, the most critically ill patients at Baystate Noble have been transferred to Baystate Medical Center, another affiliate of Baystate Health,” said Bryant, “Baystate Medical Center is the system’s tertiary care hospital where there is a team of physicians who specialize in the care of critically ill patients, and where there is a full range of physician specialists to care for those patients.”

Bryant cited a typically low patient count in the Noble ICU with the average occupancy being just one patient per day. He made the argument that any potential Noble ICU patients would receive better care at BMC. Bryant added that the PCU has not seen a patient in years, due to changes in the manner in which pediatric care is delivered.

At the hearing, City Council President Ralph J. Figy said that he is opposed to the idea of closing the ICU at Noble. He conceded that the PCU may be unnecessary due to the lack of patients.

“Baystate Noble does not just serve the city of Westfield. It is the surrounding communities that are a half-hour out of Westfield that I am concerned about as well,” said Figy.

Figy’s sentiment was shared by several others at the hearing, including Registered Nurse and Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA) member Donna Kelly-Williams, who said that the extra time to drive between Westfield and Springfield will be too long for patients in dire need of medical attention.

The distance between Noble Hospital and BMC is approximately 24 minutes with minimal traffic. The hill towns that are within the

Noble coverage area are even further.

Donna Stern, RN at Baystate Franklin’s mental health unit who was also present at the forum to discuss the proposed Fowler Mental Health Unit closure at Noble, urged people to call their legislators and voice their support of the Essential Services Bill. The bill would require more public oversight when a hospital chooses to close a unit that has been deemed an essential service.

Following the July 2 ruling by the DPH, BMC President Nancy Shendell-Falik made this statement:

“In accordance with Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) process, we will be providing Baystate Health’s plan for access to care and commitment to meet patient needs relating to the transition of ICU and pediatric services at Baystate Noble and Baystate Wing Hospitals.

Baystate’s recent decision to transition ICU beds to medical/surgical beds at both Baystate Noble and Baystate Wing Hospitals was the result of a long and thoughtful process on how to best coordinate care across our health system enabling us to deliver the highest level of safety, quality and patient experience. The vast majority of patients assigned to the ICU in these two community hospitals are actually not higher acuity patients and can be well cared for in their local medical/surgical units. Patients requiring ICU level care are transferred to Baystate Medical Center, the region’s only tertiary care academic medical center, where a highly-trained team, including critical care specialists, oversees care for the most critically-ill patients. Additionally, pediatric patients requiring inpatient care are transferred to Baystate Children’s Hospital or to another facility with specialized pediatric services, based on the preference of the family and the child’s condition. The pediatric beds at Baystate Noble Hospital have not been used in many years, and we are seeking to update the license to reflect that.

Any change in service is carefully planned with the utmost consideration for providing access to the highest quality of care. We will continue to work with DPH in connection with our plans and commitment to meet the public health needs of the people in the communities we serve,” said Shendell-Falik.

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MONDAY, JULY 15

GRANVILLE:

Selectboard Meeting at 7:30 pm
 Planning Board Meeting at 7:30 pm

BLANDFORD:

COA Board Meeting at 3:30 pm
 Police Department Meeting at 6 pm
 Selectboard Meeting at 7 pm
 Zoning Board Meeting at 7 pm

TOLLAND:

Board of Selectmen at 5 pm
 Planning Board at 7 pm

CHESTER:

Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6 pm

TUESDAY, JULY 16

WESTFIELD:

Planning Board at 7 pm

LOST & FOUND

LOST: Pictures in a baggie, either on School Street in Westfield or at the Health Center in Huntington. **If found, please call 413-364-5732.**

Stormwater

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has numerous towns that are lagging behind, she wouldn’t want Southwick to stand out for non-compliance of something such as not turning in a report.

“The EPA has a pretty substantial list of what they’re looking for,” she said. “You don’t want to become the poster of what not to do.”

Select Board Chairman Russell Fox said they want to meet all the requirements.

“Our intent is to comply fully,” he said.

Adamski presented a slideshow of what Southwick needs to do, which included a section on stormwater management in new developments as well as redevelopment.

She said doing simple cleaning of catch basins and staying on top of road maintenance would go a long way to managing stormwater runoff.

Adamski noted that since Southwick stopped using sand on the roads and is reducing its salt use, stormwater is cleaner. She also noted that because Southwick falls within the Connecticut River watershed area, it has to do extra outreach and eventually have a plan in place for nitrogen removal.

Fox asked Adamski what the state’s role was in stormwater management as the owner of College Highway maintenance.

She said the state is subject to the same requirements as the town.

Brown said the DPW will continue to tackle the requirements. A summer intern is working on mapping and Brown plans to hire a coordinator to work on stormwater management.



Southwick DPW Director Randy Brown.

Westfield News Group

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“We expect The Pennysaver can grow to become a larger, free weekly newspaper which can serve as a vehicle for local pre-print advertisers,” Smith added.

George Arwady, publisher of The Republican, said, “We congratulate Patrick for his commitment to continue to provide residents of Westfield, Southwick and surrounding communities with quality local news coverage. We’re also committed to keeping local news alive and well under Reminders Publishing management.”

“The resources Reminders Publishing and The Republican bring to this partnership are significantly more than I could ever provide as an independent owner, and I foresee the next iteration of The Westfield News to improve upon the changes I implemented during my ownership,” Berry said.

Added Berry, “My heart and soul were devoted to The Westfield News Group for the last eight years and it has been an honor and privilege to be one of those daring people who have owned and managed a Westfield news source over the last 195 years. What makes this transition easier for me is knowing that the new owners are committed to maintaining and expanding the local content of The Westfield News, while increasing its circulation and bringing operational synergies that will help sustain its service to Westfield for years to come. I wish them the very best.”

Westfield Farmers’ Market

The Westfield Farmers’ Market is held, rain or shine, from 12:00 - 6:00 pm on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court Street, Westfield, every Thursday until **October 10**. 30+ vendors, SNAP match of \$5; HIP, WIC, and FMNP vouchers are accepted by some vendors. Live music, special events, free parking, ADA accessible restrooms, cooling room, playground. For more information visit the Market web site: westfieldfarmersmarket.net or contact the Westfield Farmers’ Market at 413 562-5461 x 101, or email farmersmarketwest-field@gmail.com.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor: Border Problems Why?

Trump doesn't have the political temperament to deal effectively with the kind of politics that inevitably emerge when the country struggles to move from an established era to a new and often frightening new day. As to why Trump keeps clinging to the wall, Republican strategist Alex Conant said the wall was a "political promise" Trump's famous for. "It's harder to run for re-election when you haven't delivered on your biggest promises." Trump's action is the culmination of a months-long battle in the U.S. government over the aid program, which grew substantially under the Obama administration and was intended to address the root causes of migration and violence, a lack of jobs and poverty.

Trump said: "Mass, uncontrolled immigration is especially unfair to the many wonderful, law-abiding immigrants already living here who followed the rules and waited their turn. Some have been waiting for many years. Some have been waiting for a long time. They've done everything perfectly. And they're going to come in. At some point, they're going to come in. In many cases, very soon. We need them to come in because we have companies coming into our country; they need workers. But they have to come in on a merit basis, and they will come in on a merit basis."

Trump's stopping funds have changed prospects for 3 countries: Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. Lack of economic opportunities, insecurity, and gang violence in Central America's Northern Triangle are forcing migrants to leave at record numbers, with growing apprehensions at the US-Mexico border renewing attention towards US engagement with the region. Just last month, the current administration moved to cut almost \$500 million in foreign aid to Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

The claim baffled development officials and Salvadorans, who saw the country's cooperation with the United States on security, civil society and economic development as a success story, inasmuch as it achieved the Trump administration's goal of slowing the flow of migrants heading north to the United States. "The decision to cut funding contradicts the results of what we have accomplished together," Raúl López, El Salvador's vice minister of justice, commented official from Salvador. "The fact is that migration from El Salvador is declining, thanks to our work."

The United States has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in recent years on programs aimed at bringing stability to one of the world's most dangerous countries. Money has been spent to train police officers, fund after-school programs and improve local governance. U.S. officials argued repeatedly that those programs were successful, and they offered the crime and migration statistics that they said proved their claim.

But when Trump needs workers who do turn to? The New Times reported in December, "that several undocumented immigrants were employed at, Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, NJ. The organization also reportedly hired undocumented immigrants to work in hotel and resort properties in Philadelphia, Westchester County, NY, and Jupiter, Florida."

The Opportunity Agenda wrote; "It is clear that transformative change is still possible and a collective future based on the shared values of diversity and inclusion is still very much within reach. However, central to our success will be understanding how to effectively reach persuadable audiences, and help them distinguish between legitimate policy concerns and the fearmongering that has come to characterize the Trump era. This requires a nuanced understanding of how Americans are currently thinking and talking about immigration, diversity, and demographic change."

The Trump administration has been making changes both small and drastic to U.S. immigration policies. While Trump's cruel policies at the border and his ramping up of deportations and ICE raids have garnered the most attention and outrage, his other efforts to transform legal immigration have been no less radical. Attacks on immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and others serve an aggressive white nationalist agenda. Trump is targeting everyone: naturalized, legal, native-born, and undocumented alike. And none of us are safe while any of us are under threat. Tell Congress that we are a better nation when we accept with open arms those fleeing violence and poverty.

This is no way to make America great.

Norman Halls

COMMENT

Trump applauds far-right social media provocateurs

By **KEVIN FREKING** and **MARCY GORDON**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump used a White House conference Thursday to applaud far-right social media provocateurs even as he conceded that some of them are extreme in their views.

Trump, who has weaponized social media to eviscerate opponents and promote himself, led a "social media summit" of like-minded critics of Big Tech, excluding representatives from the very platforms he exploits.

The president used the event to air grievances over his treatment by Big Tech, but also to praise some of the most caustic voices on the right, who help energize Trump's political base.

"Some of you guys are out there," he told them. "I mean it's genius, but it's bad."

Trump singled out for praise James O'Keefe, the right-wing activist whose Project Veritas organization once tried to plant a false story in The Washington Post. In May 2010, O'Keefe and three others pleaded guilty in federal court to a misdemeanor in a scheme in which they posed as telephone repairmen in Sen. Mary Landrieu's New Orleans district office.

"He's not controversial, he's truthful," Trump insisted of O'Keefe.

Playing to the friendly crowd in the East Room, Trump was at ease, joking about everything from his spelling in tweets (blaming his thumbs, not his brain, for any mistakes) to his hair (saying the rainy weather at his July 4 outdoor speech at least proved his hair was real.)

"With amazing creativity and determination, you are bypassing the corrupt establishment, and it is corrupt," Trump said. "And you're bypassing the very, very corrupt media."

In lengthy remarks, he said: "You're challenging the media gatekeepers and corporate censors to bring the truth to the American people. ... You communicate directly with our citizens without going through the fake news filter."

Earlier Thursday, Trump sent a stream of Twitter messages lashing out at social media companies and the press, familiar targets that resonate with his conservative base.

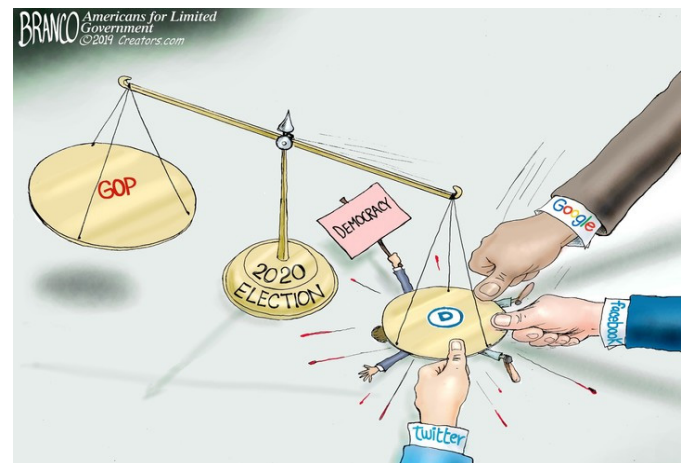
The meeting represented an escalation of Trump's battle with companies like Facebook, Google and even his preferred communications outlet, Twitter, where he has an estimated 61 million followers. The president has claimed, without evidence, that the companies are "against me" and even suggested U.S. regulators should sue them on grounds of anti-conservative bias.

He announced Thursday that he is directing his administration to explore "all regulatory and legislative solutions to protect free speech and the free-speech rights of all Americans."

And Trump said he is inviting executives from major social media platforms to join him at the White House over the next month or so.

The firms already are under closer scrutiny than ever by regulators and in Congress following a stream of scandals, including Facebook's lapses opening the personal data of millions of users to Trump's 2016 campaign. A bipartisan push for new data privacy legislation has emerged in Congress. Regulators at the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission are pursuing antitrust investigations of Facebook, Google, Apple and Amazon.

Trump unleashed a volley of Twitter messages Thursday lead-



ing up to the conference. The targets were familiar — "certain companies," the press and his Democratic rivals. The president predicted, without foundation, the demise of the press and the social media platforms if he loses to a Democrat in 2020.

After the conference, Trump published a series of tweets slamming Bitcoin and other types of digital currency — including Facebook's recently announced Libra.

Among the other conservative organizations participating in the White House meeting were Turning Point USA, a non-profit; PragerU, short for Prager University, which puts out short videos with a conservative perspective on politics and economics; the Media Research Center; and the Heritage Foundation, a Washington think tank.

Accusations commonly leveled by conservatives against the social media platforms include anti-religious bias, a tilt against abortion foes and censorship of conservative political views.

Trump has made it a priority to reach out to voters who oppose abortion. The anti-abortion groups Live Action and Susan B. Anthony List say Twitter has blocked their advertising. Twitter policy prohibits paid ads with content "that is inflammatory or provocative and is likely to evoke a strong negative reaction."

Lila Rose, president of Live Action, said at the event that her group has been banned from advertising on Twitter while Planned Parenthood is allowed to do so. Pinterest also suspended the group from its platform, she said.

"This double standard and bias is a growing problem in big tech," Rose said.

While some Silicon Valley company executives may lean liberal, they have asserted that their products are without political bias.

Representatives for Facebook, Google and Twitter have declined to comment specifically on the White House meeting. The Internet Association, the industry's major trade group representing Facebook, Google and dozens of other companies, said online platforms "are the best tool for promoting voices from all political perspectives in history."

"Internet companies are not biased against any political ideology, and conservative voices in particular have used social media to great effect," the group's president Michael Beckerman said in a statement Thursday.

Facebook has banned extremist figures such as Alex Jones of Infowars and Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam. Twitter has banned hate speech on the basis of someone's race, gender and other categories. Twitter broadened its policy this week to include banning language that dehumanizes others based on religion, and the company said it may also ban similar language aimed at other groups, such as those defined by gender, race and sexual orientation.

"I've never seen evidence of tech firm bias against conservatives," said Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., who has been sharply critical of the big companies because of their market dominance and effect on competition. He leads a House Judiciary subcommittee that has opened a bipartisan probe into the tech giants' market conduct.

"If someone wants to show me some empirical data, instead of some alt-right member's paranoid claims, I'd appreciate it," Cicilline said in a statement Wednesday.

Trump drops bid to have a citizenship question on the census

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just a week after insisting that he was "absolutely moving forward," President Donald Trump abandoned his effort to insert a citizenship question into next year's census.

He directed federal agencies to try to compile the information using existing databases instead.

"It is essential that we have a clear breakdown of the number of citizens and non-citizens that make up the U.S. populations," Trump declared in a Rose Garden announcement, insisting that he was "not backing down."

But the decision was clearly a reversal, after the Supreme Court blocked his effort by disputing his administration's rationale for demanding that census respondents declare whether or not they were citizens. Trump had said last week that he was "very seriously" considering an executive order to try to force the question. But the government has already begun the lengthy and expensive process of printing the census questionnaire without it, and such a move would surely have drawn an immediate legal challenge.

Instead, Trump said Thursday that he would be signing an executive order directing every federal department and agency to provide the Commerce

Department with all records pertaining to the number of citizens and noncitizens in the country.

Late Thursday, Justice Department lawyers sent a copy of the executive order to the judge presiding over a challenge to the citizenship question in Manhattan federal court, saying they will confer with lawyers for the plaintiffs to see how to proceed in the case.

Trump's order said the Supreme Court "has now made it impossible, as a practical matter, to include a citizenship question on the 2020 decennial census questionnaire."

"After examining every possible alternative, the Attorney General and the Secretary of Commerce have informed me that the logistics and timing for carrying out the census, combined with delays from continuing litigation, leave no practical mechanism for including the question on the 2020 decennial census," Trump said.

Trump's efforts to add the question on the decennial census had drawn fury and backlash from critics who complained that it would discourage participation, not only by people living in the country illegally but also by citizens who fear that participating would expose noncitizen family members to repercussions.

Dale Ho, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Voting Rights Project, and the lawyer who argued the Supreme Court case, celebrated Thursday's announcement by the presi-

dent, saying: "Trump's attempt to weaponize the census ends not with a bang but a whimper."

Trump said his order would apply to every agency, including the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration. The Census Bureau already has access to Social Security, food stamp and federal prison records, all of which contain citizenship information.

Trump, citing Census Bureau projections, predicted that using previously available records, the administration could determine the citizenship of 90 percent of the population "or more."

"Ultimately this will allow us to have a more complete count of citizens than through asking the single question alone," he contended.

But it is still unclear what Trump intends to do with the citizenship information. Federal law prohibits the use of census information to identify individuals, though that restriction has been breached in the past. The executive order's text states that "generating accurate data concerning the total number of citizens, non-citizens, and illegal aliens in the country has nothing to do with enforcing immigration laws against particular individuals," and that information would be used "solely to produce statistics" and would not be used to "bring immigration enforcement actions against

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Local Legislators Hold Office Hours at the Westfield Senior Center

WESTFIELD — Representative John Velis and/or his Legislative Aide, Emily Swanson holds office hours at the Westfield Senior Center every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. City Council President Ralph Figy is generally at the Senior Center on the third Thursday of the month from 11 a.m. to noon. Please take advantage of these opportunities to meet with your local Westfield legislators and ask questions, voice your opinion, or just put a face with a name. The Westfield Senior Center is located at 45 Noble Street.

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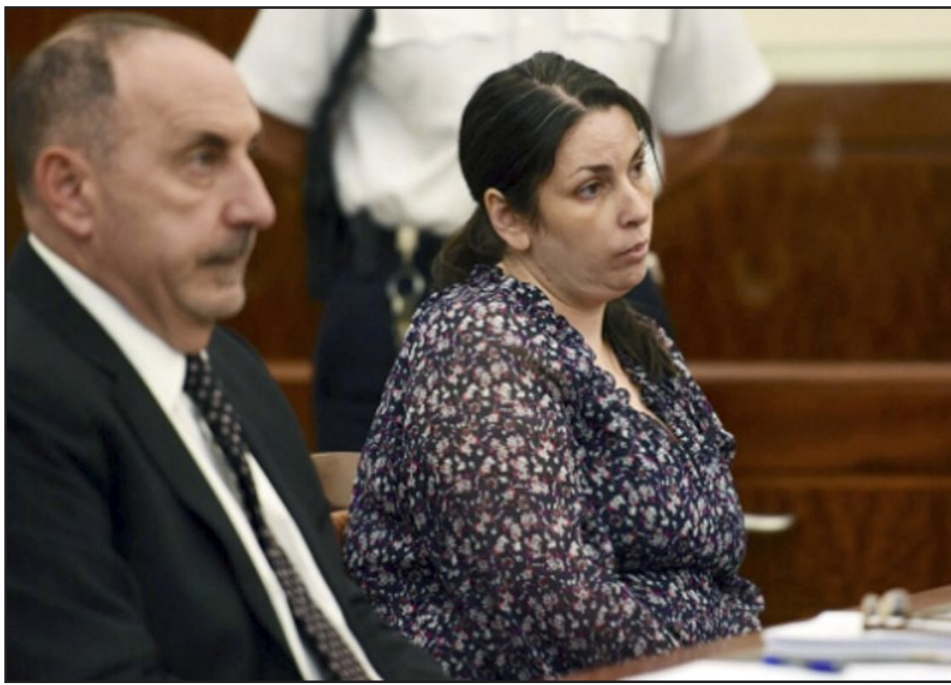
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Noelle Johnson

WESTFIELD — Noelle Johnson (Lamontagne) 49, passed away on June 30, 2019. She was born in Holyoke on December 14, 1969. Noelle attended Westfield public schools. She loved life to the fullest, and had a beautiful smile, even if she had a bad day. She enjoyed singing Karaoke, dancing and spending time with her children, whom she loved very deeply. She is survived by her daughters Cheyenne, Heather, Amber and her son Jefferey, her mother Delia, her brother Keith, her niece Ashley and her PCA worker, Carol Rodriguez who took care of her for 9 years. She also leaves her uncle John Costigan, John Costigan, Jr. his wife Melissa, Roger Costigan and his wife Sherrie, and her step-father Jim Macvoy who loved her very much. She will be sadly missed and loved forever.



A memorial for Noelle will take place on Saturday, July 13th at 2pm at 126 Union St. (Powdermill Village) Bldg 11, Apt 4., Westfield. Friends are welcome.



Erika L. Murray, who lived in a squalid home where authorities found the remains of three babies was sentenced Thursday, July 11, 2019 to six to eight years behind bars for child assault and battery and animal cruelty convictions, in Worcester, Mass. (Ashley Green/Worcester Telegram & Gazette via AP, Pool)

Woman cleared in baby death gets 6-8 years for other charges

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts woman who lived in a squalid home where authorities found the remains of three babies was sentenced Thursday to six to eight years behind bars for child assault and battery and animal cruelty convictions.

Erika Murray will get credit for nearly five years she has already served since her arrest in 2014, when the remains were discovered inside her home's closets in Blackstone, about 50 miles southwest of Boston along the Rhode Island border. Four living children were also removed from the home.

Murray was cleared last month of second-degree murder, but found guilty of harming two of her living children. A cat and a dog were also found in the house filled with rodents, dirty diapers and trash. Judge Janet Kenton-Walker said prosecutors did not prove that Murray caused the death of the one baby she was charged with killing.

Murray was initially charged in two of the babies' deaths, but the judge dropped

one of the murder counts during the trial because she said prosecutors couldn't prove that baby was born alive.

The judge said her sentence had to take into account multiple factors, including Murray's mental illness and the fact that she was not convicted of any charges related to the babies' deaths.

"I cannot punish her, as some might want me to, for the fact that the remains of three babies were found in the closets," Kenton-Walker said.

Experts who testified for the defense said Murray had personality disorders, which her lawyer argued made it impossible for her to understand the severity of the conditions of the home.

"I would agree that punishment is deserved if the evidence established willfulness, if the evidence had established that she had intended to cause harm to these children and was aware of what she was doing and did it on purpose. But there is no evidence of that," defense attorney Keith Halpern said Thursday.

Motorist

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barracks at 2:38 a.m. on July 6 to report that a Chevrolet Silverado which had been stopped in the breakdown lane "suddenly sped up swerving hard into the right travel lane and almost struck the guardrail several times" causing the motorist to be so concerned that "he stopped his vehicle to gain distance between himself and the blue Chevrolet Silverado."

The vehicle next came to official attention at 2:38 a.m. when the operator of a Massachusetts DOT work truck saw it parked in the westbound breakdown lane at mile marker 45.8 with its headlights out and blinkers on, Stanley reports. However, when the DOT worker approached to assist what appeared to be the operator of a disabled vehicle, the pickup truck started to drive in the travel lane with the headlights still turned off.

The DOT driver reported to troopers that the vehicle's lights eventually were illuminated but it "began to swerve in and out of the right travel and the left passing lane ... and almost struck the guardrail in the center median several times" before it "came to a complete stop and turned off its headlights in the left travel lane at approximately mile marker 41.2 West bound."

The vehicle only stayed in the left travel lane for a few seconds, the worker reports, before the operator drove it onto the grass at the center median and then "pulled into the the Mass State Police Westfield barracks driveway."

It was there that Stanley approached the pickup truck and reports he detected "a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage" coming from the truck. He reports that Pelouin had difficulty producing his operator's license (which the trooper could clearly see in his wallet) and handed him first a credit card and then his License to Carry Firearms before he produced the license.

In response to a question, Pelouin told Ryan he was coming from "The Bar." When he was asked how much he had to drink there he replied "not too much" but, after he exited the vehicle and was seen to be unsteady on his feet, he was asked again and then "Pelouin replied 'too much' and chuckled to himself."

Once out of the pickup, Pelouin was standing with his hands in his pockets. He was asked to remove them whereupon Stanley "grabbed his pockets finding a fully loaded Smith and Wesson M&P 308 pistol with a round in the chamber" in a pocket of his sweat shorts.

Pelouin told Stanley that he knew he was not supposed to carry a loaded firearm while under the influence of liquor and apologized before saying there were no more weapons on his person or in his pickup.

A supervisory trooper assisting Stanley made an inventory of the vehicle's contents and found "two loaded pistols in a non-secured case, a black Smith and Wesson M&P handgun 45 Cal Ser#HXK7063 and a black Smith and Wesson M&P handgun 9mm Ser#HNH9778" as well as cartridges and magazines for the pistols.

Pelouin later told troopers that he had the guns in his vehicle "because he had been planning on going to the Westfield shooting range, but it was closed."

The guns were seized along with Pelouin's License to Carry Firearms and his driver's license.

Pelouin agreed to perform a series of standardized field sobriety tests but was unable to successfully complete any of the three tests administered.

Stanley reports Pelouin also agreed to a breath test which recorded a 0.22 per cent blood alcohol content.

Massachusetts law presumes a 0.08 blood alcohol content to be prima facie evidence of intoxication.

Pelouin was arrested and appeared in Westfield District Court on July 8 before Judge William O'Grady charged with leaving a firearm in a vehicle, improper storage of a firearm, carrying a firearm while licensed but intoxicated, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and a marked lanes violation.

He was released on his personal recognizance pending an Aug. 16 pre-trial hearing.

POLICE LOGS

WESTFIELD

Major crime and incident report Friday, July 5, 2019

10:56 a.m.: assist citizen, Fowler Street, an officer was detailed to assist a citizen with potato contraband found, the responding officer reports he took custody of two plastic bags contains a white powder and brought them to the station;

11:16 a.m.: found property, Charles Street, a caller reports a bicycle was left on his property, the responding officer reports the bike was transported to the state for safe keeping;

11:20 a.m.: larceny, Jeffrey Lane, a community policing officer reports he spoke with a resident who said that a person who had taken money for services did not do what he had promised to do, the victim does not wish to pursue criminal charges;

11:42 a.m.: larceny, Second Avenue, a community policing officer reports he spoke with a resident who said that a person who had taken money for services did not do what he had promised to do, the victim does not wish to pursue criminal charges;

2:32 p.m.: identity fraud, Prospect Street, a resident came to the station to report that she was notified that a purchase she did not make was ready for delivery, the responding officer reports that the victim said that she found that an account she was unaware of had been opened fraudulently in her name;

5:24 p.m.: animal complaint, North Road, a caller reports that his neighbor's dogs entered his yard and killed his chickens and pigeons, the responding officer reports the caller does not wish to pursue the matter but wanted it documented;

7:23 p.m.: disturbance, McKinley Terrace, a caller reports two women are fighting outside, the responding officer reports one of the women was found to be the subject of a warrant issued in 2019 by the Westfield district court, **Erin K. Rivera**, 42, of 19 McKinley Terrace, was arrested on the warrant;

9:31 p.m.: fireworks complaint, Hundred Acres Road at South Meadow Road, a caller reports fireworks in the area, the responding officer reports the source of the fireworks could not be identified.

COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court

Friday, July 5, 2019

Angel S. Rosario, 36, of 144 Putnam Circle, Springfield, was found to be responsible for a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. He was found to be not responsible for a charge of speeding in excess of the posted limit.

Brian L. Becker Jr., 40, of 21 East Bartlett St., #5, Westfield, was released on his personal recognizance pending a July 8 hearing after he was arraigned on charges of possession of a Class B drug and possession of ammunition without a Firearms Identification card brought by Westfield police. See story in the Monday, July 8, edition of *The Westfield News*.

Dawud Lubieddin, 44, of 125 Main St., Apt. B4, Westfield, was held in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail pending a July 8 hearing after he was arraigned on three charges of improper storage of a firearm, two charges of possession of a firearm without a Firearms Identification card (FID) and possession of a large capacity firearm and single charges of possession of a Class B drug with intent to distribute, possession of ammunition without a FID, receiving a firearm with a defaced identification number and receiving stolen property valued less than \$1,200 brought by Westfield police. See story in the Monday, July 8, edition of *The Westfield News*.

Westfield Senior Center's "Heaven's Angels" Project

WESTFIELD — Michelle Moniz coordinates a group at the Westfield Senior Center who sew "angel" gowns for newborns who never make it home from the hospital. The white angel gowns are made from wedding gowns and offer comfort to strangers coping with the death of a child from miscarriage, stillbirth, or through neonatal loss. The baby gown is used to present the infants to their families as they say a final farewell before burial or cremation. The "Heaven's Angels" group meets on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Westfield Senior Center, 45 Noble Street. Participants should feel free to bring a portable sewing machine, sewing scissors, and pins. Those who don't sew can participate by dismantling wedding gowns as well as tracing and cutting patterns. Please call the Westfield Senior Center Program Director, Mary Lou Niedzielski at 562-6435, to sign up or get additional information about the program.

Citizenship Question

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particular individuals." Still, it requests extensive and detailed information, including national-level files of all lawful permanent residents, Customs and Border arrival and departure data, and Social Security Administration master beneficiary records.

It also instructs the Commerce Secretary to consider beginning the process of including the question on the 2030 census count.

Civil rights group, meanwhile said the president's efforts had already sown fear and discord in vulnerable communities, making the task of an accurate count even harder.

"The damage has already been done," said Lizette Escobedo of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund.

The Census Bureau had stressed repeatedly that it could produce better citizenship data without adding the question and had recommended combining information from the annual American Community Survey with records held by other federal agencies that already include citizenship records.

But Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, who oversees the Census Bureau, ultimately rejected that approach and ordered the citizenship question be added to the census.

The American Community Survey, which polls 3.5 million U.S. households every year, already includes questions about respondents' citizenship.

"It's a retreat back to what he should have done from the beginning," said Kenneth Prewitt, a former Census Bureau director.

Trump's administration had faced numerous roadblocks to adding the question, beginning with the ruling by the Supreme Court temporarily barring its inclusion on the grounds that the government's justification was insufficient. But Trump insisted his administration was pushing forward, publicly contradicting government lawyers and his commerce secretary, who had previously conceded the case was closed, as well as the Census Bureau, which had started the process of printing the 2020 questionnaire without the controversial query after the Supreme Court decision.

As he has many times before, Trump exploded the situation with a tweet, calling reports that the fight was over "FAKE!"

"We are absolutely moving forward, as we must, because of the importance of the answer to this question," he wrote.

A week of speculation about the administration's plans and renewed court battles ensued as Trump

threw out ideas, including suggesting last week that officials might be able to add an addendum to the questionnaire with the question after it was printed. And he toyed with the idea of halting the constitutionally mandated survey entirely while the court battle played out.

Attorney General William Barr, however, said that the government had no interest in delaying the count and that, while he was confident the census question would have eventually survived legal review, the process would have taken too long to work its way through the courts.

Trump had offered multiple explanations for why he believed the question was necessary to include in the once-a-decade population count that determines the allocation of seats in the House of Representatives for the next 10 years and the distribution of some \$675 billion in federal spending.

"You need it for Congress, for districting. You need it for appropriations. Where are the funds going? How many people are there? Are they citizens? Are they not citizens? You need it for many reasons," he told reporters last week, despite the fact that congressional districts are based on total population, regardless of residents' national origin or immigration status.

Westfield State University set to offer Addiction Counselor Education program

WESTFIELD — The College of Graduate and Continuing Education at Westfield State University is accepting applications for the 2019-20 Addiction Counselor Education (ACE) program. Classes will be held on weekends and evenings **starting in September and ending in May 2020.**

The goal of this non-credit certificate program, offered at the University since 1991, is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and techniques necessary for the successful treatment of individuals and families afflicted by alcoholism and/or other drug addictions. This program has been highly instrumental in the professional development of individuals in the western Massachusetts area whom are either working in or interested in the growing healthcare field of addiction services.

To help with this mission, Westfield State University has expanded its ACE program to be offered in a new location in Pittsfield. The program aims to train potential counselors in the Berkshires area with the goal of filling critical positions in treatment facilities that are currently understaffed and unable to fill open positions. Classes for the Berkshires program will begin in March 2020 and conclude in November.

Applications for both programs are available online at www.westfield.ma.edu/ace. For more information or to have an application mailed to you, contact Brandon Fredette at bfredette@westfield.ma.edu or 413-572-8033.

HOMEDESIGN



This photo provided by Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet shows one of the company's Artisan gas-fired pizza oven at a home in Napa, Calif. Along with a good gas-fired grill, many homeowners are adding a pizza oven to their outdoor cooking area. Pizza ovens can also be used to sear a thick piece of meat or bake items beyond pizza, says La Cuisine Appliances' design director and president Josu Gaubeka. (Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet via AP)

ASK A DESIGNER

Outdoor kitchens keep evolving

By **MELISSA RAYWORTH**
Associated Press

Since the basic backyard barbecue began evolving into the outdoor kitchen, the trend has only grown. Some of today's outdoor cooking areas can seem almost like full kitchens, with more appliances and food prep space. Even walls, ceilings and TVs.

"It's not just where you prepare the food. It's where people gather," says HGTV's Vern Yip. "Just as the kitchens inside of our homes are kind of the center of energy at a party or gathering, the outdoor kitchen really has become that as well."

This trend "used to be limited to the upper end of the market," Yip says. But today "even the middle portion of the market is embracing it."

Josu Gaubeka, founder and design director at La Cuisine Appliances, based in Miami, agrees: At all price ranges, he sees homeowners doing more outdoor cooking throughout the year.

One goal is better health — you're not frying with oil if you're outside grilling, or even using an outdoor oven, Gaubeka notes.

We've asked Yip, Gaubeka and New York-based designer Brett Beldock for advice on what's trending in outdoor kitchens, and how you can create one

even on a relatively modest budget.

PREP SPACE WITH SINK AND STORAGE

Many homeowners begin by installing "a small island made of concrete or synthetic material," says Gaubeka. These are usually built around a grill and offer counter space for food prep, plus the option of adding other conveniences.

Among the most popular: a small outdoor sink that's hooked up to the outdoor water system by hose, and a small refrigerator. Having these basics outside cuts down on trips into the house during cooking and entertaining.

Prices vary widely: "You can buy all those elements for \$1,200 if you'd like," Gaubeka says. Or you could spend \$1,200 or more on the grill alone.

For those considering a larger investment, Yip points out that a built-in outdoor kitchen adds monetary value to a home.

COOKING BEYOND THE GRILL

Another trend Gaubeka sees at a range of costs: adding a brick pizza oven or

gas-fired pizza oven that can be used for much more than pizzas.

"You can bake outside or you can actually sear a thick piece of meat," he says. While indoor ovens generally reach 550 degrees Fahrenheit, outdoor pizza ovens can reach 700 or 800.

Beldock says a fire pit can also be a fun place to cook "anything from s'mores to hamburgers."

WALLS AND CEILING

To make a backyard cooking area feel even more like a kitchen, Yip recommends covering it with something more permanent than a canopy.

"A permanent roof structure is a much better way to go because it allows you to use that room during more times of the year," he says. "It also helps protect your investment."

Beldock suggests adding a tile backsplash along the exterior wall when installing a built-in cooking area. Use materials that can withstand the weather. Choose tiles that have either a fire-glazed or a cement finish, she says.

Beldock has also done outdoor wallpaper that's printed on "the film that you put on cars or buses," she says; it's weather-resistant and great for the wall behind an outdoor sink.



This photo provided by Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet features the company's hybrid fire gas grill, refrigerated drawers and 24" double cooktop cabinet in an outdoor space at a home in Chicago, Ill., available from La Cuisine Appliances. As the popularity of outdoor kitchens grows, homeowners are adding outdoor ovens or heating drawer and refrigerators around their grills to prepare entire meals outside without accessing their indoor kitchen. (Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet via AP)

GROWING YOUR GROCERIES

Many people already grow some herbs on an indoor windowsill. An outdoor kitchen is a great place to expand on that, says Beldock.

Add planters or pots for basics like parsley, fennel, basil and tomatoes, she says. Plant some thyme to use in recipes and enjoy the beauty of purple flowers that sprout on top.

GOING FURTHER?

Wall-mounted televisions are also popular for outdoor entertaining areas, though they must be outdoor-rated and protected from the elements. Many people also install ice makers, and on the luxury end, Beldock sees some clients adding dishwashers and even trash compactors.

"Everyone loves the idea of being able to hang out outside," Yip says. "We've really moved toward a grilling, outdoor entertaining, casual culture."

US long-term mortgage rates little changed, 30-year at 3.75%

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. long-term mortgage rates were mostly unchanged this week amid signals from the Federal Reserve that it is preparing to cut interest rates soon.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday that the average rate on the benchmark 30-year mortgage stood at 3.75%, the same as the previous week. A year ago the rate stood at 4.53%.

The average rate for 15-year, fixed-rate home loans ticked up this week to 3.22% from 3.18%. It was 4.02% one year ago.

Low interest rates and stabilizing home prices appear to be nudging some home buyers. The National Association of Realtors says that more Americans

signed contracts to purchase homes in May compared with the prior month.

Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week to compile its mortgage rate figures.

The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates.

The average fee on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages slipped this week to 0.5 point from 0.6 point.

The average fee for the 15-year mortgage was unchanged at 0.5 point.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages rose to 3.46% from 3.45% last week. The fee held steady at 0.4 point



In this June 13, 2019, photo a house on the market has a "new price" sign fixed on the realtor's sign in northeast Jackson, Miss. On Thursday, July 11, Freddie Mac reports on this week's average U.S. mortgage rates. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

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204 Line Street, Agawam	Anna C Critz	Kevin M Mckay	\$217,500
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21 Rails End Road U:21, Swick	Kevin Campion & Judy Campion	Derek H Egerton & Carrie A Egerton	\$342,900
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Westfield Senior Center Offers 'Real Estate Reality'

WESTFIELD — Are you an older adult who is thinking of buying or selling a house, downsizing, and want to know your options? It's never too soon to begin exploring and gathering information for the future. Experienced Realtor and Friends of the Westfield Senior Center Board member Lesley Lambert is at the Senior Center on the second Wednesday of every month from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on the "Deck" of the Great Room to get you started in the process or answer any real estate questions that you might have. No advance sign-ups are necessary.

Stanley Park Tours

WESTFIELD — We invite you to take a walking tour of Stanley Park's beautiful grounds. Your personal guide will show you the many exciting areas this picturesque park has to offer. You will learn some historical facts of the Park. Your journey will take you through the many gardens, including the Rose Garden and the Wildflower Garden. Unlock the secret of the Enchanted Oak, and study the reliefs of Carillon doors. Travel through the Colonial-era Village while enjoying the scenic route around the ponds. Take a moment to stroll through the Veteran's Memorial before crossing over to the Tea House in the Asian Garden. We hope you enjoy your tour!

Walking shoes are recommended for these tours. Tours are given: June through August. Tours begin at 9:00am and end at approximately 10:30 am. All tours will meet in front of the Carillon Tower. Tour Dates: **July 20 and August 10**. To make a Tour Reservation, please contact the Stanley Park's Development Office at (413) 568-9312 ext. 108 or 112.

Scramble for Animals

WESTFIELD — Join the Westfield Homeless Cat Project for a fun filled day on the links at the Scramble for Animals Golf Tournament on Sunday, **August 4**. The tournament will be held at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills, MA. Registration fee is \$100.00 per player, which includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes! Not a golfer? You can donate a raffle prize, sponsor a hole for a \$50.00 donation or join us for a wonderful dinner for only \$25.00! Try your luck with one of our many raffle prizes! Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with a Shotgun Start at 12:30 p.m. For more information please contact Marie at (413) 564-0589 or marieboccasile@gmail.com. Registration and sponsorship deadline is July 30, 2019, and all proceeds benefit WHCP. We hope to see you there!

Westfield Farmers' Market

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Farmers' Market is held, rain or shine, from 12:00 - 6:00 pm on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court Street, Westfield, every Thursday until **October 10**. 30 + vendors, SNAP match of \$5; HIP, WIC, and FMNP vouchers are accepted by some vendors. Live music, special events, free parking, ADA accessible restrooms, cooling room, playground. For more information visit the Market web site: westfieldfarmersmarket.net or contact the Westfield Farmers' Market at 413 562-5461 x 101, or email farmersmarketwestfield@gmail.com.

Southwick History Museum Open for the Summer

SOUTHWICK — The Southwick Historical Society's Museum, located at 86-88 College Highway, is open and free to the public on the following Sunday afternoons from 2-4 pm, **July 14 & 28, Aug 11 & 25, September 8 & 22, and October 13 & 27**. (Other times by appointment—bring your family & friends.) Call 413-569-2012 or visit www.southwickhistoricalsociety.org.

Free GED/HiSET Prep Program

WESTFIELD — Do you still need your high school equivalency (GED/HiSET) credential? Westfield Community Education Program offers free GED/HiSET preparation classes. Additionally, we offer Basic & Intermediate Computer Classes for the general public. New: Google Docs class. If you are interested, or you know someone that needs their high school equivalency credential, or would like to sign up for our computer classes, please call 413-336-3100. Fall 2019 session info/registration night is **August 26** at 5:30 pm at The Westfield Athenaeum. Classes will begin in September. Don't delay what you can do today.

Volunteer Companions Sought

WESTFIELD — If you want to impact an older adult's life in a positive way, consider volunteering with the Westfield Council On Aging Companion Program. Companions assist homebound elders in Westfield with grocery shopping, errands, transportation to medical appointments, and/or friendly visiting. The goal of the Westfield Council On Aging Volunteer Companion Program is to help older adults maintain their independence and sense of well-being. It takes only two hours per week and volunteers are reimbursed for their gas mileage. There is no charge to seniors for the service which is funded by the Westfield Community Development Block Grant, Sarah Gillett Services for the Elderly, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, and private donations. For more information, contact Joyce Peregrin at the Senior Center at 562-6435.

'Be Aware, Be Prepared!' Packets Available

WESTFIELD — The thought of preparing for disasters or emergencies can be overwhelming. Planning is key! The Medical Reserve Corps of Hampden County has prepared a family records packet to assist in the planning process. The document is extensive but simple to complete. "Be Aware, Be Prepared!" packets are available at the Westfield Senior Center, 45 Noble Street. Once completed, the document should be kept in a clear watertight plastic bag, ready to be taken with you in the event of a disaster if you need to evacuate your home. It is the hope of the Medical Reserve Corps that you will never have to use the "Be Aware, Be Prepared!" document. But hope is not a plan!

Calling All Crafters

AGAWAM — It may be the beginning of summer, but Agawam Congregational Church is already accepting vendor applications and preparing for the church's ever-so-popular Holly Wreath Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, November 16. A 4'x8' table space with a non-refundable charge is only \$25 and only 45 crafter applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. The rental fee and application must be submitted by Tuesday, **October 15** with an indication of first or lower level floor position request.

Information and applications may be obtained by calling the church office at 413-786-7111 or office@agawamcong.com or by contacting Holly Wreath Bazaar Chairwoman Cindy Sanford at 413-348-5112 or via e-mail cindyagawam@comcast.net. The November 16 bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is located at 745 Main Street and has ample parking and is handicap accessible.



This June 26, 2015 photo shows plums nearing maturity growing in an orchard near Langley, Wash. Flesh firmness and color are good clues to determine when they're ripe enough to be picked. (Dean Fosdick via AP)

When is fruit ready to pick? Nature offers different clues

By DEAN FOSDICK
Associated Press

It takes just a twist of the wrist to determine when pears are ready to come off the tree.

For plums and peaches, flesh firmness is a good way to verify maturity.

Blackberries? Check the color.

Nature offers a wide range of clues about when the time is ripe for harvesting fruit and minimizing losses.

"Tasting may be all that is needed and is the simplest method for determining ripeness," said Leonard Perry, horticulture professor emeritus at the University of Vermont. "Birds eating your fruit, too, is a good sign they are ripe for the picking. Look under an apple tree. If a few have fallen to the ground already, most are likely ripe."

Peaches can be picked when they separate easily from the branches. For best flavors, let peaches and apricots mature fully on the tree.

Raspberries and blackberries are prime when the fruit is no longer green and the berries separate easily from the plant.

Mature apples should be firm but yielding. "When you take a bite of an apple, it should be sweet and crisp without any trace of starchiness," said Teryl Roper, a pomology pro-

fessor at Utah State University. "Skin color helps to determine maturity but it is not always reliable. Seed color is not a reliable indicator of fruit maturity."

Some other guidelines for harvesting fruit:

— **Be gentle when picking** and storing fruit to avoid bruising, which hastens deterioration and mold. "This is particularly important for very soft raspberries, which should only be stored in shallow containers," Perry said.

— **Ripe fruit** should have a noticeable aroma.

— **Pick early in the day**, especially berries. They won't spoil as readily as those picked in full sun and hotter temperatures.

— **Fruit to be dried should first ripen fully.** Fruit to be cooked or preserved can be picked when slightly green. Cooking or blending can salvage bruised, damaged or over-ripe fruit.

And then there's storage, the other vital half of the fresh fruit equation.

"Once a crop is harvested, it is almost impossible to improve its quality," Kansas State University Cooperative Extension Service horticulturists say in a fact sheet. "Losses of horticultural crops due to improper storage and handling can range from 10 to 40 percent."

The key to successful fruit storage is quick cooling, Roper said: "Pick them and get them cool as quickly as possible."

In general, fruit should not be washed right after harvest, since that can allow disease-carrying organisms to spread from one fruit to another. But fruit should be washed just before it's prepared and eaten, Roper said. "Washing is about removing human pathogens," he said.

Different fruit crops have different storage tolerances. Soft fruits will last only a couple of weeks, while apples and pears can be stored for months.

But be cautious with pears, which will mature on the tree but not ripen, Roper said.

"If pears are left on the tree too long, they turn brown inside," he said. "Pears need to be harvested, stored for two to four weeks at about 40 degrees Fahrenheit, then given two to three days of room temperature before they are ready for the best eating experience."

ONLINE:

For more about harvesting and storing fruit, see this fact sheet from University of Vermont Extension: <http://pss.uvm.edu/ppp/articles/fallfruit.html>

HOME TECHNOLOGY

Human workers can listen to Google Assistant recordings

BY RACHEL LERMAN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google contractors regularly listen to and review some recordings of what people say to artificial-intelligence system Google Assistant, via their phone or through smart speakers such as the Google Home.

The company acknowledged that humans can access those recordings after some of its Dutch language audio snippets were leaked. Google product manager David Monsees acknowledged the leak in a blog post Thursday, and said the company is investigating the breach.

"We are conducting a full review of our safeguards in this space to prevent misconduct like this from happening again," he wrote.



In this June 14, 2018, photo, an Amazon Echo, center, and a Google Home, right, are displayed in New York. Google contractors are listening to some recordings of people talking to Assistant, either on their phone or through smart speakers such as the Google Home. The company says some of its Dutch language recordings were leaked and that it is investigating. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, File)

More than 1,000 recordings were obtained by Belgian broadcaster VRT NWS, which noted in a story that some contained sensitive personal conversations — as well as information that identified the person speaking. Google says no user account information is associated with the recordings, and reviewers are instructed not to transcribe background conversations.

But VRT reporters could hear spoken home addresses in some of the recordings, and were able to track down the speakers. Some of these conversations were not directed at Assistant and happened either as background noise or as a mistaken recording when Assistant thought it was being spoken to, but wasn't.

Google says contractors listen to recordings to better understand language patterns and accents. Its user terms confirm recordings may be used by the company, stating Assistant "records your voice and audio on Google services to improve speech recognition."

Monsees wrote that Google works with contractors around the world to analyze the recordings.

"These language experts review and transcribe a small set of queries to help us better understand those languages," he wrote.

Google's terms don't explicitly say that people review the recordings, but do state that data could be analyzed as the company updates services or create new features.

The company acknowledged earlier this year that its reviewers listen to anonymous recordings in response to a Bloomberg report revealing that Amazon's Alexa also uses contractors to listen to recordings. Amazon confirmed the report.

Google's recording feature can be turned off, but doing so means Assistant loses some of its personalized touch. People who turn off the recording feature lose the ability for the Assistant to recognize individual voices and learn your voice pattern.

Assistant recording is actually turned off by default — but the technology prompts users to turn on recording and other tools in order to get personalized features.

Google Assistant is available on more than 1 billion devices, including smartphones and smart speakers. It's made quite a dent in the smart speaker market — still the primary place where people use voice technology — but still trails behind Amazon.



David Kinstle pours batter on hot grills.



Don Podolski loads his pancakes with maple syrup.



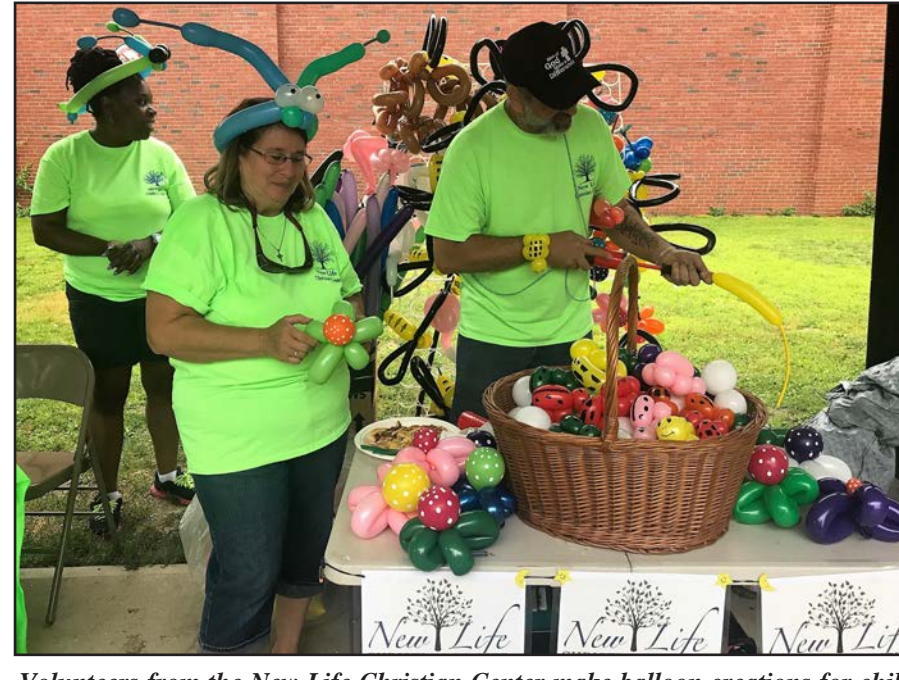
Mark Perez has expertly flipped pancakes at the annual breakfast for the past 32 years.

Pancake Breakfast

The Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Pancake Breakfast July 11 at Westfield Middle School. The morning started with downpours but cleared up as patrons enjoyed pancakes and sausage. (Photos by Hope E. Tremblay)



Ken Stomski and Jay Pagliuca broadcast live on WSKB at the breakfast.



Volunteers from the New Life Christian Center make balloon creations for children at the breakfast.

Warrior's Art

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Marine Corps from 2001-2009 which included one tour in Iraq.

"We rented one room inside Westfield Alliance Church on Russell Road and met one day a week," said Jones of the early days. "In our new space that was once a whip factory, we will be open four days a week."

Hours for the art room are now Mondays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 3 - 8 p.m.

Jones noted that on alternating Fridays, he conducts workshops for incarcerated veterans at the Hampden County Correctional Center in Ludlow and the Middlesex House of Correction and Jail in Billerica.

Since mid-June, the couple and several volunteers have been cleaning the space, designing the studio, hanging artwork, and setting up the individual and group art work areas.

"We are thankful to Tanya Grater who found the space and helped us prepare the studio," said Brenda Jones, adding Grater is a retired 20-year Air Force veteran who lives in Westfield. "We also want to thank Ora Stevens of Russell who not only helped us with the studio set up but also conducts workshops on sewing and stitching."

The couple said that the art room is so much more than painting.

"Art also encompasses music, dance, drama, writing, poetry and journaling," said Steve Jones. "Most people who come to the Warrior's Art Room are not artists. We want to show people that whatever art they create has a message and it is important."

Mike Demo of Watertown, Conn., a personal development coach for veterans, was the first person to stop by on an opening day to lend his support to a friend he had served alongside in the Marines. Demo served from 2000 to 2008 and had done tours of duty in Iraq and in Afghanistan. Demo has been participating in Warrior's Art Room workshops for close to two years.

"I now have a multi-purpose area in my



ShyAnne Jones, daughter of Steve and Brenda Jones of the Warrior's Art Room, works on a charcoal drawing. (Lori Szepeleak photo)

house where I draw," said Demo, noting his favorite mediums include working with oils and colored pencils. "During workshops at the Warrior's Art Room, Steve and I would commiserate because we had been in the exact same situations and needed to find a way to process what we had been through."

Demo explained that drawing takes him out of his comfort zone.

"I have learned to take what I am feeling inside and virtually get it out on paper," said Demo, adding the work then becomes real and it is "set out into the universe."

Steve Jones concurred.

"After changing my career tract from studying psychology to art therapy, I realized that painting allowed me to share feelings and emotions that I held inside and then to interpret them on a canvas."

Jones said if he could process emotions through art, he was hopeful he could share his knowledge with other warriors.

"Ultimately, we want to open satellite studios," said Jones, adding, "We are hopeful we will grow the Warrior's Art Room to serve military families nationwide."

Along the way, companies including Chartpak have been instrumental in donating tables and chairs, oils, acrylics, pastels and color pencils to ensure art supplies are always available when a person walks into the studio.

"Chartpak has wrapped their arms around us and has been so supportive," said Brenda Jones. "We are so thankful for their support."

In addition to Chartpak, the couple also thanked ArtWorks Westfield for their continuing support, as well as Christine Soderquist of Montgomery, who provides ongoing instruction on watercolor painting.

Artists of all mediums are encouraged to contact the couple at (413) 627-8170 or visit warriorsartroom.org if they would like to volunteer their time to conduct a workshop.

"If you are passionate about an art form and would like to share that expertise, please call us," said Steve Jones.

ShyAnne Jones, 19, the couple's daughter who graduated from Westfield High School in 2018, is studying studio art at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., and is in the Army ROTC program at Furman University.

"I have been a student liaison for the Warrior's Art Room," said ShyAnne Jones, adding she has helped her parents work with children from military families during workshops. Also, she has lent her artistic talents to the Warrior's Art Room social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram.

Jones added that after she serves 20 years as a military officer, she will create a Warrior's Art Room where she establishes roots.

"I'm very proud of my father and want to help him because he is helping the community," said Jones.

In her own right, her veteran-inspired draw-



The Warrior's Art Room is now located at 360 Elm St., Westfield. (Lori Szepeleak photo)

ings will be on sale from Aug. 17 to Sept. 20 at Mama Cakes on Elm Street. Also, Jones will be a featured artist during the Aug. 17 ArtWalk in downtown Westfield from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For Steve and Brenda Jones, the new studio location is part of the evolution of the non-profit that will soar to greater heights in the coming years.

"Our goal is to have a gallery that not only will provide a separate space for individuals and their families to create art, but also to provide a space that will allow the public to see and purchase artwork," said Steve Jones.

The name of the future gallery has already been determined - the Staff Sgt. James Wheeler Memorial Art Gallery - in honor of a good friend who passed much too early.

"We know the memorial art gallery will happen," said Steve Jones.

Southwick's 250th Celebration Committee Announces Major Lineup of Proposed Events and Participation Opportunities for Year-Long Birthday Celebration

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of Southwick's incorporation in November 1770, an extensive lineup of community events is proposed. Southwick recently participated in the Westfield's 350th Birthday Parade, and is inviting Westfield and neighboring communities to Southwick's Grand Parade in October 2020.

Southwick is seeking sponsors for the events being planned:

- December 1, 2019 Light Up Southwick
- December 7, 2019 Tree Lighting and Craft Fair (sponsored by Southwick Civic Fund)
- December 31, 2019 First Night Southwick
- February 15, 2020 Winter Carnival
- March 14, 2020 Pub Crawl

- May 2, 2020 Step Into Spring
 - July 4, 2020 Boat Parade (sponsored by Citizens Restoring Congamond)
 - August 2020 Encampment (TBA)
 - September 26, 2020 Autumn Pumpkin Festival
 - October 9 - 12, 2020 Southwick Regional School Reunion
- Weekend of events
- October 10, 2020 Grand Parade
 - November 7, 2020 Taste of Southwick Gala
- Businesses and individuals are needed to help sponsor or donate to these events. Please contact southwick250@southwickma.net for a complete listing of sponsorship opportunities. All contributions are handled through the Southwick Civic

Fund, Southwick 250th Committee's partner organization. Donations may be made by: Credit card or PayPal at <https://www.southwickcivicfund.org/> Donate button in upper left side of home page. Under (Optional) Use this donation for, please select Southwick 250th Celebration. Make your convenient contribution by following additional instructions for entering your information on this secure site; or check made payable to Southwick Civic Fund with Southwick 250 in memo line, and mail to Southwick Civic Fund, 258 Feeding Hills Rd, Southwick, MA 01077. The Southwick 250th Committee greatly appreciates financial contributions to help fund a memorable year-long birthday celebration for all to enjoy.

SPORTS



Ethan Connors (24) makes contact with the ball. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)



Josh Drumm (33) tries to outrun the throw to first. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)



Westfield pitcher Tyrus Traska (2) gives it his all at Thursday's Division 2 final against Agawam. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)



Nick Gauger (11) tries to get the out at home plate. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)

Agawam shuts out Westfield

By CHRIS PUTZ
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – The Agawam Little League Baseball Majors All-Stars were shooting on all cylinders, signaling the end for Westfield's run in the district tournament.

Agawam pitcher Gavin Sloser tossed a five-hit shutout, striking out nine batters over 5 2/3 innings in a 2-0 win over Westfield in the 12U District 2 championship Thursday night at Ralph E. Sanville Memorial Field on Cross Street.

Adam Ross delivered the game-winning hit in the fourth, scoring two unearned runs.

Runs were hard to come by for both teams as Westfield pitcher Tyrus Traska was equally effective, allowing just three hits. He recorded seven Ks.

Both teams managed to get a runner on base in the first inning – Traska was hit by a one-out pitch and Agawam lead-off batter Parker Bean doubled and advanced to third on a wild pitch – but the opposing pitchers both proceeded to get out of the inning rather easily.

In the second inning, again only one batter reached base for each team. Westfield's Nick Gauger singled, but Sloser retired the next three batters. Agawam's Terrence Chung drew a one-out walk from Traska, but Traska responded by striking out the next two batters to end that threat.

Westfield put a bit more pressure on Agawam in the third when Traska singled and Josh Wagner doubled to center field, both with two outs. Sloser recovered though to strike out the next batter.

In the bottom of the third inning,

Westfield came up with one of the game's biggest defensive plays when the Whip City's All-Stars recorded a double play with a fly ball catch by the left fielder who subsequently doubled off the runner at third base, who umpires ruled had left the bag early.

Gauger reached base with a walk to begin the top of the fourth, but Sloser came back with three straight outs.

Westfield unraveled a bit in the fourth inning. Two errors led to a two-run single from Adam Ross that found an open piece of right field grass. Both runs were unearned.

Ethan Connors singled for Westfield in the top of the fifth, but he was left stranded. It was his team's final hit of the game.

Sloser struck out two consecutive Westfield batters in the sixth before reaching the league's pitch limit (85). Jonah Higby earned a save by striking out the final batter to end the game.

7-9-Year-Old All-Stars

Westfield 21, Longmeadow 11

Westfield rallied from a 9-0, first-inning deficit, striking back in dramatic fashion.

Jameson Cotto went 2-for-2 with 3 walks, 2 RBIs, 2 RBIs, 4 runs), Nick Madsen went 3-for-3 with 2 walks, 3 RBIs, 3 runs), and Dominic Matyseck had a big hit, knocking in two runs for Westfield.

Westfield's Carsen Michelucci (4 Ks, 0 runs allowed) and Coen Marchacos (4 Ks, 2 runs allowed) came in and pitched two strong innings apiece.

Westfield finishes off round robin

play Saturday against Agawam at Ralph E. Sanville Field at 12:30 p.m.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL 15-Year-Old All-Stars

Pittsfield 16, Westfield 4

Westfield dropped the Western Mass state tournament opener at Bullens Field. The Whip City's All-Star team of Babe Ruth players returns to action in the best-of-3 series Friday night on the road against Pittsfield at Clapp Park at 5:30 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL Westfield Post 124 4, Monson Post 241 3

Devin Baker gave up 10 hits, allowed base runners in six of seven innings, and yet was in complete control in Westfield's win over Monson.

When Monson cut into Westfield's 3-0 lead with a pair of first-inning runs and had runners at first and second with no outs, Baker took over. He fielded a slow roller in front of the mound and got the force at second. Catcher Jack Blake threw out a runner at third base before Baker busted James Berthiaume inside for a harmless pop to first. Inning over.

With a man on second in the second, Baker struck out the leadoff hitter to end the inning.

In the third, Monson made it 4-3 and had the tying run on second, but Baker struck out Berthiaume on four pitches.

Monson put runners at second and third in the sixth and seventh innings, but both times Baker forced harmless fly balls to close out each inning. He finished with six strikeouts and no walks,



Josh Davis (5) at the plate for the All-Stars. (Photo by Marc St.Onge)

throwing 99 pitches for the complete-game win.

The win was important in Westfield's playoff chase.

Westfield entered the game as the ninth team by percentage points, one place out of the top eight and a berth in the playoffs. The top eight teams have changed every day this week and likely will continue to change as teams finish out their schedules Friday and Saturday.

Westfield plays at home against East Springfield on Friday (7 p.m. at Bullens) and twice vs. Longmeadow on Saturday (1 p.m. at Jachym and 5:45 p.m. at Longmeadow High School).

Spencer Cloutier beat out a ground ball into the shortstop hole to start the game for Westfield. Steve McKenna followed with a line drive to left. Blake hit a two-strike double to right-center, scoring both Cloutier and McKenna. Blake stole third on a ball in the dirt and scored when Logan Krol beat a dropped third strike throw to first.

Westfield made it 4-2 in the second when Mike Durkee led off with a double and took third on McKenna's sacrifice fly to right. Blake reached on the first of his two intentional walks and, when the throw to second got past the bag, Durkee scored from third.

In both the fourth and sixth innings, Westfield had chances to break the game open. With bases loaded in the fourth, a third-to-home-to-first double play ended the inning. In the sixth with two outs, an easy ground ball put an end to the rally.

– JOHN BLAKE

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Westfield's Jimmy Cloutier (12) steals second. (Photo by Kellie Adam)



Pitcher Joey Calderella (24) and catcher Jared Noel (10) team up to get the Pittsfield batter out. (Photo by Kellie Adam)



Ryan Lapoint (7) looks for the perfect pitch from Pittsfield. (Photo by Kellie Adam)



Third baseman Noah Gardner (23) gets set as the pitch is thrown. (Photo by Kellie Adam)



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6:30 p.m.

Tues., July 30

North Shore @ Westfield Starfires,
6:30 p.m.

Wed., July 31

North Shore @ Westfield Starfires,
6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 1

Worcester @ Westfield Starfires,
6:30 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 2

Westfield Starfires @ Brockton

Sat., Aug. 3

Westfield Starfires @ Worcester

Sun., Aug. 4

Westfield Starfires @ Pittsfield

SHELL'S TEKOA TUESDAY GOLF LEAGUE 2019

TUESDAY GOLF LEAGUE

Results from July 9, 2019

- 1st Place Jack Poci & Bill Wallinovich 121.5 Points
- 2nd Place Bob Czarnecki & Ray West 118.0 Points
- 3rd Place Dick Williams & Ron Sena 116.0 Points
- 4th Place Bill Lawry & Dave Gile 103.5 Points
- 5th Place Harry Pease & Tom Hall 102.5 Points
- 6th Place Gene Theroux & Jack Kennedy 101.0 Points
- 7th Place Fred Rogers & Bob Berniche 96.0 Points
- 8th Place Jim French & Dave Liberty 94.5 Points
- 9th Place Pat McGinn & Dave Lees 93.5 Points
- 10th Place Rich Chistolini & Eric Wilder 92.5 Points
- 11th Place Angelo Masciadrelli & Frank Kamlowski 91.5 Points
- 11th Place Harry Thompson & Mark Thompson 91.5 Points
- 12th Place Jack Campaniello & Phil Lewis 90.5 Points
- 13th Place Bob Dudas & Skip Couture 88.5 Points
- 14th Place Errol Nichols & John Kidrick 83.0 Points
- 15th Place Jack Blascak & Bob McCarthy 82.0 Points
- 16th Place Mike Ripa & Ron Bonyeau 81.5 Points
- 16th Place Stu Browning & Jeff Guglielmo 81.5 Points
- 17th Place Jim Johnson & Jim Besaw 79.0 Points
- 18th Place Jim Liptak & John Lucas 70.0 Points

Low Gross Jack Poci @ 41

Low Net Bob Dudas @ 29

Closest to pin on 11th Ron Sena

Closest to pin on 16th Jack Poci

ED NORMAND GOLF LEAGUE AT EMCC

STANDINGS WEEK 13 OF 23 7/4/19

DIVISION 1

- 125.5 Bob Bihler – Larry Cournoyer
- 124.5 Tim Laramie – Dan Laramie
- 123.5 Joe Boutin – Henry Smith
- 117.5 Bob Lewko – Richard Hebert
- 115.5 Tom Massimino – Tim Huber
- 115 Roy Barton – Bill Reinhagen
- 113 Dave Dover – Bill Chaffee
- 110.5 Tom Denton – Jim Johnson
- 108 Jim Strycharz – Richard Roy
- 104.5 Dave Dubois – Alan Velazquez
- 103.5 Dan Burns – Mike Manijak
- 101 Marty Tyler – Stan Jackson

DIVISION 2

- 126 Cam Lewis – Bill Grise III
- 125 Bruce Kellogg – Richard Kellogg
- 121.5 Mike Mahan – Joe Hebda
- 119.5 Paul Carrier – Gary McQuillan
- 117 Jay O'Sullivan – Rick Burke
- 116 Bob Collier – Don Clarke
- 116 Carlos Santos – Bill Grise II

- 115 Gary Gladu – Fran Dwyer
- 110.5 Ed Bielonko – Branden Bielonko

- 110 Shawn Bradley – Ben Jones
- 100 Mike Douville – Jody Wehr
- 90.5 Mike Rash – Bob Rash

DIVISION 3

- 132.5 Randy Anderson – Bob Genereux
- 129 Jack Beaudry – John Bagge
- 128 Mark Chase – John Palivoda
- 117.5 Ryan Maloney – Chuck O'Brien
- 117 Dan Harris – Jim Haas
- 114.5 Bill Williams – Pat Bresnahan
- 114 Jason George – Dan Van Kruiningan
- 113 Art Williamson – Al Nubile
- 111 Glenn Grabowski – Jeff Berger
- 109.5 Mark Grenier – John LaRose
- 107 Mike Soverow – Mike Mulligan
- 103 Rick Brown – Jim Cartwright

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Country Antrim Northern Ireland

July 18-21, 2019

YOUR GOLFER:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

MAIL OR DROP OFF YOUR ENTRY TO:
Putz's Ultimate Sports Challenge
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 Westfield, MA 01085

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SHAKER FARMS COUNTRY CLUB • HOLE IN ONE

DIRK KIDWELL, of West Springfield

12th Hole, 142 yards, 8-iron

Witnesses: Trevor Wilder, Brian Powell, Ric Serrenho

TEKOA MONDAY NIGHT GOLF LEAGUE

STANDING WEEK OF JULY 9

WEEK 7-9

- Team 3 18 1/2 Jim Kenny-Bob Thompson
- Team 8 18 Jeff Haluch-Tim Dion
- Team 5 17 1/2 Mike Parent-Joe Vaschak
- Team 7 17 1/2 John McCormack-Jeff Martin
- Team 4 16 Jeremy Beltrandi-Dave Prouty
- Team 2 15 Mickey Donnachie- Kirk Tewksbury
- Team 6 15 Tristan Kiendzior-Dominic Costanzie
- Team 1 14 1/2 Darren Galczynski-Jim Tinker
- Team 10 12 Adam Dasilva- Cole Morrison
- Team 9 11 1/2 Chip Ashwell-Jim Sullivan
- Team 11 10 1/2 Steve Mascadrelli-Mike Moran Jr
- Team 12 10 Scott Ramsdell-Josh Adams
- Team 14 9 Par
- Team 13 4 Tom Denton-Randy Christensen

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- Team 6 Tristan Kiendzior Dominic Costanzi
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- Team 11 Steve Mascadrelli Mike Moran Jr
- Team 12 Scott Ramsdell Josh Adams
- Team 13 Tom Denton Randy Christensen
- Team 14 PAR Par

East Mountain Country Club Friday's Couples League dinner

WESTFIELD — Final evening for the 2019 Friday Couples League is September 27. Steak dinner and awards ceremony will follow golf. The final evening we will play a scramble format for each team with dinner to follow at approximately 7:00pm. Visit website - www.eastmountaincc.com

Starfires, Softball

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FUTURES COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

Westfield Starfires 13, Bristol Blues 7

Danny Crossen and Andrew Ciacciarelli each went 2-for-5 for Westfield. Ciacciarelli also doubled, walked and drove in three runs. Starfires' Elijah Dale finished with a hit, walk, run and three RBIs.

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

10-YEAR-OLD ALL-STARS

Westfield 19, Agawam 2

Westfield captured the district championship in convincing fashion.

Julia Bonfitto led off the game with a single, and stole her way around the bases for a 1-0 lead that Westfield never relinquished. Westfield broke the game open with seven runs in the second inning, tacked on two in the third and capped off the scoring with nine more in the fourth.

Bonfitto went 5-for-5 with two doubles, a triple, four runs and five RBIs. Sydney LaPanne (two runs, two RBIs) and Isabella Potenza (2 walks, 2 RBIs) each had two hits, Ava Rastallis and Gianna Capua both came off the bench to combine for three hits and four runs, Kaleigh Little had a loud triple and knocked in two runs, and Emma Nelson had a hit, three walks, and scored two runs for Westfield.

Westfield's Heidi Boisseau, Riley Davidson, Katie Bouchard and Jayliani Santiago each scored a run.

Julia Bonfitto continued to pitch well for Westfield as she allowed two runs over four innings while giving up two hits and three walks. She struck out seven, and was supported by some fine defensive plays in the field.

Bonfitto totaled 39 strikeouts in 16 innings against Agawam this postseason.

Westfield advanced to the state semifinal in Lynn beginning July 20.



LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL 10U DISTRICT 2 CHAMPIONS: WESTFIELD ALL-STARS



Jayliane Santiago (88) is down and ready. (Photo by Kellie Adam)



Pitcher Julia Bonfitto (5) throws at the strike zone. (Photo by Kellie Adam)



Emma Nelson (10) steals second. (Photo by Kellie Adam)

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL - JUNIOR LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Fri., July 12

Westfield Post 124 @ Belchertown,
Belchertown HS, 5:45 p.m.

Sun., July 14

Westfield Post 124 @ Longmeadow,
Longmeadow HS, 2 p.m.

Tues., July 16

East Longmeadow @ Westfield Post 124,
Jachym Field, 5:45 p.m.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL ALL STARS

Fri., July 12

15-YEAR-OLDS
WMASS STATE
TOURNAMENT
(Best-of-3 series)
Westfield (0-1) at
Pittsfield (1-0), Clapp
Field, 5:30 p.m.

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL ALL-STARS

Sat., July 20

10-YEAR-OLDS STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLE HEADER
(at Lynn)
Westfield vs. TBD, Time TBA

Sun., July 21

10-YEAR-OLDS STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP
(at Lynn, if necessary)
Teams/Time TBD

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL - SENIOR LEAGUE

Sun., July 13

Westfield Post 124 vs. Longmeadow,
Jachym Field, 1 p.m.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL ALL-STARS

Sat., July 13

10-YEAR-OLDS SECTIONALS
9-YEAR-OLDS
Westfield vs. Agawam, Ralph E. Sanville
Memorial Field (Cross Street), 12:30 p.m.

Sun., July 14

10-YEAR-OLDS SECTIONALS
TBD
9-YEAR-OLDS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams/Site/Time TBD

Mon., July 15

10-YEAR-OLDS SECTIONALS
TBD

Tues., July 16

10-YEAR-OLDS SECTIONALS
TBD

Wed., July 17

12-YEAR-OLDS SECTIONALS
(Double Elimination)

Teams/Site/Time TBD

Thurs., July 18

12-YEAR-OLDS SECTIONALS
(Double Elimination)
Teams/Site/Time TBD

Fri., July 19

12-YEAR-OLDS SECTIONALS
(Double Elimination)
Teams/Site/Time TBD

Sat., July 20

12-YEAR-OLDS SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams/Site/Time TBD
10-YEAR-OLDS STATE SEMIFINALS
(at Salem)
Teams/Time TBD

Sun., July 21

10-YEAR-OLDS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
(at Salem)
Teams/Time TBD

Thurs., July 25

12-YEAR-OLDS STATE TOURNAMENT
(at Middleboro)
Pool Play

Fri., July 26

12-YEAR-OLDS STATE TOURNAMENT
(at Middleboro)
Pool Play

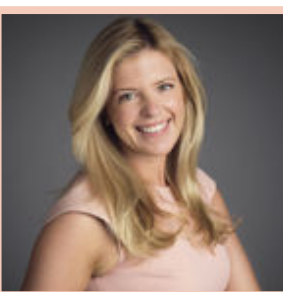
Sat., July 27

12-YEAR-OLDS STATE TOURNAMENT
(at Middleboro)
Pool Play

Sun., July 28

12-YEAR-OLDS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
(at Middleboro)
Teams/Time TBD





Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Should We Go the Distance?

Dear Annie: I will be moving soon -- several states away -- and I'm torn about the state of my relationship. I've been with my significant other for five years. That's not something I can easily let go of. But we have been growing apart for some time now, and we've discussed that we both feel we'll break up eventually.

Our communication is second to none. He's game to make the move with me, but I worry that it wouldn't be good for him -- or for me -- in the long run, considering we agree we don't want to stay together all that much longer. Of course, he could move with me and find self-growth opportunities in our new place of residence. That part can happen independent of me, and our current relationship, should it come to an end.

But I feel guilty letting him make that jump when it may be wiser in the long run for us to go our separate ways. This we've talked about, too. Like I said, awesome communication. Any wisdom on how we should handle this? -- Torn Traveler

Dear Torn Traveler: Breaking up with a partner is never easy, especially one you have been with for five years and have awesome communication with. If you both have agreed that you don't plan to stay together much longer, then why do you want him to move with you? Of course, it's a free country, and if he wants to follow you, that's his choice. But you would be wise not to encourage or discourage him either way.

If you think he wants to follow you because he wants a longer-term relationship, and you want to end it, then you must have a clear and direct conversation with him about the fact that your future plans do not include his involvement in your life. That would be honest and "awesome" communication.

Dear Annie: This is about your objection to those times when the bride and groom push wedding cake into each other's faces. It seems to me that the writer who objects to this, and your reply in support of him, are rather selfish. The bride and groom have been through weeks of planning, a long ceremony, the proper dinner, toasts, photos and wedding lines, all to make a presentation to the state, their families, their friends and the church, that they are committed.

After weeks of stress to please others, it is fine for the bride and groom to relax and let their hair down. A consensual face painting with cake is the couple being themselves, having fun, and showing the crowd a playful side. This playful side is a better demonstration of love than a stodgy ceremony. No damage done.

The writer seems more concerned about appearances than substance, which misses the whole point of a committed loving relationship; for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, in happy and in sad, in hard work and in play. Let's not omit the play! -- Playful

Dear Playful: I'm printing your letter because I appreciate your reminder about the importance of substance, rather than appearances, in relationships.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

IT CAME FROM BENEATH THE FEET

Dear Heloise: My husband has a problem with his shoes: They SMELL TERRIBLE. How can I get his shoes to smell better? -- C.H. in Arizona

This is a common problem in the summer. First, if the inside soles can be removed, take them out. Dampen the bottom inside of the shoes using a hand sanitizer or disinfecting spray, then let the shoes dry overnight. This should help. -- Heloise



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CLEVER CARD HINT

Dear Heloise: After receiving greeting cards, I tear off the page where the sentiment is written and use the other page for a grocery list. It is sturdy, and I reuse it rather than discard it. -- Rose-Marie T., Ontario, Calif.

NAILED IT!

Dear Heloise: I secure small nails to my hammer with a rubber band so they are convenient when I need to hang a picture. No more searching for nails! -- Letty R. in San Antonio

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

	9			1				
2				9				7
1				6 2				3
	3			1				2
	7		2 4 5					9
	2			3				5
7			6 2					8
3				8				2
				3				7

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution

6	5	4	1	8	2	7	3	9
2	9	3	4	7	5	6	8	1
8	7	1	3	9	6	4	5	2
9	1	2	8	6	7	3	4	5
3	4	8	5	1	9	2	7	6
7	6	5	2	3	4	9	1	8
1	3	6	7	2	8	5	9	4
5	2	7	9	4	1	8	6	3
4	8	9	6	5	3	1	2	7

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TV Sports Listings

Friday, July 12

AUTO RACING

4:55 a.m.
ESPN2 — Formula One: The British Grand Prix, practice session 1, England

8:55 a.m.
ESPNU — Formula One: The British Grand Prix, practice session 2, England

11:30 a.m.
NBCSN — NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series: practice, Sparta, Ky.

1:30 p.m.
NBCSN — NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series: final practice, Sparta, Ky.

4 p.m.
NBCSN — NASCAR Xfinity Series: qualifying, Sparta, Ky.

6 p.m.
NBCSN — NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series: qualifying, Sparta, Ky.

7:30 p.m.
NBCSN — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Alcoso 300, Sparta, Ky.

5:55 a.m. (Saturday)
ESPN2 — Formula One: The British Grand Prix, practice session 3, England

BOXING

10 p.m.
SHO — ShoBox: The New Generation, Tacoma, Wash.

CYCLING

8 a.m.
NBCSN — Tour de France: Stage 7, 143 miles, Belfort to Chalons-sur-Saône, France

6:30 a.m. (Saturday)
NBCSN — Tour de France: Stage 8, 124 miles, Mâcon to Saint-Étienne, France

GOLF

5:30 a.m.
GOLF — European Tour Golf: The Scottish Open, second round, Scotland

9:30 a.m.
GOLF — European Tour Golf: The Scottish Open, second round, Scotland

1:30 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour Champions Golf: Senior Players Championship, second round, Akron, Ohio

4 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour Golf: The John Deere Classic, second round, Silvis, Ill.

7:30 p.m.
GOLF — LPGA Tour Golf: The Marathon Classic, second round, Sylvania, Ohio

10 p.m.
NBCSN — The American Century Championship: first round, Edge-

wood Tahoe South, Nev. (taped)

HORSE RACING

1 p.m.
FS2 — Saratoga Live: From Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

9 p.m.
PARAMOUNT — Bellator 224: Budd vs. Rubin, Thackerville, Okla.

MLB BASEBALL

2 p.m.
MLB — Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs

6 p.m.
MLB — Washington at Philadelphia OR Toronto at NY Yankees (7 p.m.)

10 p.m.
MLB — Atlanta at San Diego OR Chicago White Sox at Oakland

NBA BASKETBALL

4 p.m.
ESPNU — Summer League: Teams TBD, Las Vegas, Nev.

4:30 p.m.
NBA — Summer League: Teams TBD, Las Vegas, Nev.

6 p.m.
ESPNU — Summer League: Teams TBD, Las Vegas, Nev.

6:30 p.m.
NBA — Summer League: Teams TBD, Las Vegas, Nev.

8 p.m.
ESPNU — Summer League: Teams TBD, Las Vegas, Nev.

8:30 p.m.
NBA — Summer League: Teams TBD, Las Vegas, Nev.

10 p.m.
ESPNU — Summer League: Teams TBD, Las Vegas, Nev.

10:30 p.m.
NBA — Summer League: Teams TBD, Las Vegas, Nev.

POKER

9 p.m.
ESPN — World Series of Poker: Day 7 action from the 50th No-Limit Hold'em Main Event, Las Vegas, Nev.

11 p.m.
ESPN2 — World Series of Poker: Day 7 action from the 50th No-Limit Hold'em Main Event, Las Vegas, Nev.

SOCCER (MEN'S)

7 p.m.
ESPN — MLS: New England at D.C. United

TENNIS

8 a.m.
ESPN — Wimbledon: N. Djokovic vs. R. Bautista Agut and R. Federer vs. R. Nadal, Gentlemen's Semifinals, London

WNBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m.
ESPN2 — Phoenix at Connecticut

10 p.m.
CBSSN — Dallas at Seattle

On The Tube

‘GOT,’ ‘Veep’ make grabs for Emmy glory

By LYNN ELBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When a long-running, much-admired television series ends, Emmy voters can bring the show and its stars back for a final bow — or give them the bum's rush.

"Game of Thrones," "Veep" and "The Big Bang Theory," three major series that wrapped last season, will find out with Tuesday's nominations if they get another shot at Emmy gold or have been overshadowed by shiny new rivals such as "Pose" and "Fleabag."

HBO's gore-and-dragons fantasy saga and its Washington satire "Veep" look well-positioned to garner top series and cast nominations, even though some fans and critics dinged (OK, savaged) "Game of Thrones" for an uneven season.

The 71st Emmy Awards show airs Sept. 22 on Fox.

It promises to be "the last hurrah of the Emmy giants," Tom O'Neil, author of "The Emmys" and editor of the Gold Derby awards handicapping website, said of the premium cable series. "In all likelihood, they'll get their farewell hug, because we know that the Emmys are a lot like TV reruns: they repeat," he said.

Also worth noting: how TV academy voters follow up on last year's banner number of nominations for people of color that notably yielded few awards, and none for drama and comedy series acting awards.

In Tuesday's horse race, HBO is looking to rebound as the most-nominated outlet, bragging rights it lost after a 17-year record was snapped last year by relative upstart Netflix (with 112 bids to HBO's 108). The streaming service that's making a multibillion-dollar investment in programming has something to prove as well. So far it has fallen short of competitors Hulu and Amazon's top series trophies for, respectively, "The Handmaid's Tale" and "The Amazing Mrs. Maisel."

"Game of Thrones" and "Veep" are fierce competitors, with each winning the last three times they were in contention. "Game of Thrones" is poised to reap nods for stars including Peter Dinklage, the only cast member to win an Emmy (make that three), and Emilia Clarke. After several supporting actress nods for her portrayal of ill-fated Daenerys Targaryen, Clarke is seeking best-actress honors.

There is competition afoot for "Game of Thrones" in the drama series category from "Pose," set in 1980s New York and the ball culture world, and "Killing Eve" with Sandra Oh. Last year, Oh became the first person of Asian ancestry to snare an Emmy nod for best drama series actress.

The comedy races look especially tight.

"Veep" sat out 2018 because of a production delay while star Julia Louis-Dreyfus was treated for breast cancer. "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" took streaming's first best comedy trophy and its star, Rachel Brosnahan, won best comedy acting honors.

Brosnahan and Louis-Dreyfus are likely contenders this year. The latter has collected six trophies for her "Veep" role as ex-President Selina Meyer and, with her Emmys for "Seinfeld" and "New Adventures of Old Christine," is tied with Cloris Leachman at eight for the most-winning performer ever.

Those seeking to invade her turf include Phoebe Waller-Bridge for "Fleabag" and Natasha Lyonne for "Russian Doll," while "Veep" itself could be challenged by their shows and Golden Globe-winning "Barry," starring Bill Hader.

CBS' "The Big Bang Theory," which ended its 12-season run in May, has gradually receded from Emmy attention, last earning a best comedy series bid in 2014. That was also the last year that star and Emmy favorite Jim Parsons captured a trophy for best comedy actor, his fourth for the show.

There's a "decent chance" that Parsons could be nominated once more, O'Neil said.

If "The Big Bang Theory" doesn't make the comedy series cut, ABC's "black-ish" could again be the sole network entry in a field of buzzier cable and streaming nominees. Among dramas, "This Is Us" could be the lone broadcast entry, as it was last year.

Some major past winners aren't in contention this year because of eligibility window requirements, among them "Atlanta," "Big Little Lies," "The Crown," "Westworld" and "The Handmaid's Tale" (although it was able to submit in a handful of down-ticket categories).

Besides bestowing fond farewells, voters could advance — or retreat — in recognizing the industry's increasing diversity. Last year, more than a third of the 101 acting nominations went to ethnic minorities, according to an analysis by The Associated Press, up from a quarter of the field in 2017.

But whites alone won 2018's top drama and comedy series acting awards, with only miniseries cast members Regina King ("Seven Seconds") and "The Assassination of Gianni Versace" star Darren Criss, who is of Filipino descent, capturing lead actor trophies. African Americans swept the four series guest actor and actress categories, but an acclaimed season of Donald Glover's "Atlanta" was shut out of major wins.

There are plenty of prospects to be found again. On the comedy side, that includes Anthony Anderson and Tracee Ellis Ross for "black-ish"; Issa Rae for "Insecure"; Don Cheadle and Regina Hall for "Black Monday"; Constance Wu and Randall Park for "Fresh Off the Boat"; and Ramy Youssef for "Ramy."

The potential drama nominees of color, besides Oh, include Billy Porter and Mj Rodriguez for "Pose"; Jharrel Jerome for "When They See Us"; previous winners Viola Davis for "How to Get Away with Murder" (ending after next season) and Sterling K. Brown for "This Is Us"; Mahershala Ali for "True Detective"; and Stephan James for "Homecoming."

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YOUR HOROSCOPE
By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 12, 2019:
This year, you experience your life more fully than you have in many years. Others are drawn to you and let you know it. If single, you will meet someone out of the blue, perhaps while walking into the cleaners, for example. If attached, the two of you can be found having old-fashioned dates. Spend as much time as possible together. **SAGITTARIUS** often roots for you to take risks.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding quiz

You are the dealer, both sides vulnerable, and open One Diamond. Partner responds One Heart. What would you now bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠A83 ♥6 ♦KQJ875 ♣A74
- ♠A9 ♥KQ52 ♦AQ163 ♣K7
- ♠A874 ♥— ♦AK8632 ♣AJ5
- ♠7 ♥Q17 ♠AKQ95 ♣AK83

1. **Two diamonds.** The choice is between bidding two and three diamonds, and neither one is fully accurate. Two diamonds is an underbid; three diamonds is an overbid. If partner's response had been one spade or two clubs, either of which would elevate the value of your hand, a three-diamond rebid would be in order. But with the one-heart response, your hand depreciates in value, and game possibilities are remote unless partner can voluntarily continue over two diamonds.

If partner does bid again, some constructive move should then be made to show you are at the top of your previous rebid.

2. **Four hearts.** This is the type of hand with which some players might bid only three hearts, thinking it is a forcing bid. But the fact is that three hearts is only a strong invitation to continue bidding. If responder has only six or seven points, he is not required to bid over four hearts.

With 19 high-card points, two doubletons and an excellent trump fit, you should not run the risk of playing at less than game. Also, you may reach a slam as a result of bidding four hearts that might be missed if you were to rebid only three hearts.

3. **One spade.** Here again we are influenced by partner's unsatisfactory initial response. Had partner bid one spade, two clubs or supported diamonds, the value of your hand would have improved significantly, but after a one-heart response, you have nothing to get excited about.

One spade — rather than rebidding your diamonds — is chosen for two reasons: It is an open-ended bid that can show up to 18 points, and it also caters to the possibility that partner may have four spades. Rebidding diamonds would deny possession of four spades, and you could miss a game (or slam) in spades by failing to mention them at this point.

4. **Three clubs.** Not only must a game be reached, but slam possibilities must be explored, and the investigation is initiated by a jump-shift in clubs (forcing to game).

You intend to support hearts on the next round to complete the picture of your high-card values and distribution. Once partner hears you support hearts, he will be able to evaluate his honor cards more accurately and decide how high to go. In deciding his next move, he should regard any honor cards in spades (other than the ace) as practically worthless.

Tomorrow: Choosing between alternatives.
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SCARY GARY Mark Buford

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your energy seems to change mid-day. You could be focused on one item or problem but then suddenly let the issue go. You might be viewing life from a different perspective that allows you to move forward. Tonight: Follow the music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You easily could feel that a partner is standing up to you, demanding to have certain issues go a particular way. Let it go. You'll see a sudden reversal that you did not anticipate. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Get a head start on work today. You will want to clear your desk quickly. You might not have the self-discipline you yearn for, but you will accomplish what you want. A loved one pushes you in a key direction. Tonight: Be willing to spend more time with a special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your creativity defines your plans and the earlier part of the day. Do not hesitate to ask for more of what you want and desire. If another party says no, let it go. Ultimately, the situation will unfold as you might wish. Tonight: Fun and games.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be feeling footloose and fancy free by midday. Your ability to push beyond your normal levels marks your actions. A potential sweetie or an admirer might show up out of the blue. You might sense a tie but could be unsure of its direction. Tonight: Be as naughty as you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to a family member about a matter that impacts your domestic life. You might not have thought it through as completely as those around you. Let them make the call. Tonight: Happily, close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You will speak your mind, and others will respond accordingly. You might feel confused about what could happen if you relax and become more authentic. At this moment, you might not be as centered as you could be. Let go of concerns. Tonight: Speak your mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might not have tallied up the costs of proceeding as you would like. Nevertheless, you head in that direction. Do not wonder so much about what-ifs. Instead, go off and be present in the moment. Do your best to keep to your budget. Tonight: TGIF.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be full of energy, especially when in the company of a loved one. You have what it takes to hit bingo. You cannot stop yourself once you get going. Tonight: Chat over munchies and bubbly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ How you see an important person in your life could change a situation substantially. Share more of what is happening while asking for feedback. You note a change in how you feel when you slow down and reflect. Tonight: Only where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Emphasize what is happening when in a meeting and/or trying to determine more of what you desire. You discover you have a group of supporters who are there for you. Do not sell yourself short. Tonight: Off to a new adventure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Get closer to a special friend or loved one. Be willing to spend quality time together and talk openly about what might be bothering you. A key person eyes your leadership at work. Clearly, you are "getting into" others. Tonight: A must show.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE (continued)

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ACROSS

- Hosp. section
- Biblical pronoun
- Rolling stone's lack
- Homer's cry
- Michele's movie pal
- Flightless birds
- French brandy
- Shrek, for one
- Not on the road
- Witnessed
- Scale note
- "Yeah, right!"
- Track horse
- Part of TNT
- "Kidding!"
- Villain in "Wonder Woman"
- Pint-sized
- Hefty horn
- PC screen type

35 Upper limit

36 President Monroe

37 "The Gift of the Magi" author

39 Fib

40 PC key

41 Drink

45 Duellist Aaron

48 Have debts

50 During

51 Wild revelry

52 Roofing goo

53 Thanks-giving veggies

54 Caustic cleaners

55 Metal source

16 Rx amounts

20 Sashimi fish

23 "E pluribus"

24 Judicial garb

4 Quake

5 Crude home

6 Brit. record label

7 Ugly building

8 Cat calls?

9 Texter's "Wow!"

10 California's Big

11 Away from NNW

23 "E pluribus"

24 Judicial garb

25 LAX guesses

26 — Alto

27 Foot part

28 Give up

29 Cowboy moniker

32 "Totally awesome!"

33 Cardio-boxing routine

35 —

36 Carter and Choo

38 Dweebs

39 Feudal superior

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43 Endure

44 Literary Jane

45 Inlet

46 Ms. Thurman

47 Brink

49 Sardonic

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THESE COOKIES THAT YOU GUYS BAKED ARE TOO HARD AND CRUMBLY. SORRY, I'M BEING BRITTLY HONEST.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals T

ANDY CAPP Mahoney, Goldsmith and Garnett

ZACK HILL John Deering and John Newcombe

BORN TODAY
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Westfield Rotary Food Fest 2019

WESTFIELD — The annual Food Fest sponsored by the Rotary Club of Westfield will return to Elm Street for a fifth year on Friday and Saturday, **August 23 and 24**, bringing music, food and entertainment downtown. The event will begin on Friday at 5 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. On Saturday it will start at noon and close at 9 p.m.

The Food Fest will feature non-stop entertainment with local bands performing on two stages. New activities this year include a climbing wall provided by the Boy Scout Council of Western Massachusetts and there will be games at the south end of Elm Street after 3 p.m. on Saturday, including "corn-hole". The classic car show will return this year from noon until 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Food for the fest will be provided by returning vendors including Janik's Pierogis, Alo Saigon, Skyline Trading Company, Puks Grill, Moe's Donuts, Bottega Cucina Tia Food, Angelo's Fried Dough, Tatter Tots, Moolicious Ice Cream, Pandolfi Kettle Corn, The Boys and Girls Club of Westfield, The Boy Scouts, The Westfield Kiwanis Club, Little George's and the North Elm Butcher Block. Other vendors will offer a variety of non-food items.

The Rotary Club will offer beer and malt beverages from two beverage wagons. This year, the club will stage a complimentary wine tasting on both nights, 6 - 9 p.m., adjacent to the south stage.

The 2018 Food Fest brought about 10,000 participants to the city's downtown for the free event and organizers hope to exceed that number this year. The event would not be possible without the support of the city's administration and the club's organizers would like to recognize and thank the workers from the several city departments whose unsung efforts contribute greatly to the success of the Food Fest.

Please visit: <http://www.westfieldrotary.org> for more information about the Food Fest and the Rotary Club of Westfield. For questions, please contact westfieldrotary7890@gmail.com or visit our website, westfieldrotary.org. Stay tuned to updated information by liking us on Facebook.

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