

# GRAPEVINE

Claire W. Teague Senior Center

917 South Main Street \* Great Barrington \* MA, 01230 \* 413.528.1881



Open Monday through Friday \* (except holidays) \* 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Dining Room: 528-4118 Transportation: 528-4773

May 7th

## Mother's Day Tea and Luncheon

11:00-12:00



Bring your favorite tea cup to complete the table setting. There will be appetizers and tea samples prior to serving lunch. We would like to have a teapot on each table, if you have a teapot that we can use for this event, bring it in!! We will also be raffling off chocolates from Chocolate Springs in Lenox as well as a one hour landscape consult from Jo Ann Kelly and enjoying Ron Baker's music.

May 21st is a busy day of events at the Claire Teague Senior Center

10:15-11:30 Old Tools Demonstration by Charlie Dutell of Hancock Shaker Village. Charlie will be explaining the use of old tools in the lobby.

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Sandy and Sandy will be performing their music from 11:00-12:00 followed by a

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Bluebird House Workshop

Thursday May 21st 12:00-3:00

Join Woodworker Jim Soules and make a bluebird house. The cost is \$10.00 per person

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**Power of Attorney, Proxy, Durable Power of Attorney, Guardianship.** What does it all mean. You have an opportunity to have a hour with Gregory Wolff ESQ of Pittsfield. The Mass Bar has booklets available for review about many legal topics. I recommend you pick one up prior to the meeting so you will have as many question asked as needed. Mark Your Calendar

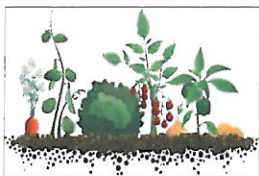
**May 14th 12:00**



TAP DANCE—FREE for one month! Learn basic tap steps and an easy routine. Tap shoes available to borrow or buy, or come in hard soled shoes. Classes for beginners and

those with rusty experience: Fridays at 1:30 to 2:30. After the free month, the fee will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors. Carolyn Calandro, Instructor.

Garden Plots will be available at the end of May—we are now taking reservations so first come, first serve! You must be the caretaker of your individual plot.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Barbara Chamberlin's son, Glen Chamberlin for being voted " Best First Grade Teacher of Berkshire County"!!



Relay or life this year is June 19th. All cancer survivors are welcome to walk at 6:00pm at Monument Mountain High School. Dorothy Heath has a team called Alton's Walkers. If you are interested in donating please see Polly or Dorothy.

\*\* To view the Grapevine online/in color go to: [www.townofgb.org](http://www.townofgb.org)

## NEWS

### A Note From SBETC.....

The town of Sheffield has decided they will no longer be using Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation (SBETC) for transportation for their seniors and disabled of any age. SBETC has been servicing Sheffield since the organization was formed 30 years ago. We have enjoyed transporting the seniors and disabled from Sheffield. They will be missed! SBETC

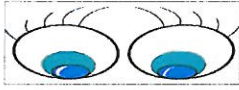
The Registry of Motor Vehicles advised motorists of a new law taking effect on April 7 requiring the use of headlights and taillights on motor vehicles during inclement weather and when windshield wipers are in use. The law is intended to increase safety and visibility of vehicles on the Commonwealth's roadway.

The changes to Mass General Law Chapter 85, Section 15, signed into law in January, require that front and rear motor vehicle lights be activated in all of the following conditions:

- \*When windshield wipers are on
- \*When low light or weather conditions prevent other vehicles or persons from being seen at 500 feet
- \*From ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise

The penalty for a violation of c.85, Section 15 is contained in MGL c.85, Section 17. It is \$5.





## The Pacific Coast Trail

Pat Labagh's daughter is walking the Pacific Coast Trail. We will be following her progress on the map located next to the computer room door. She started in March and hopefully will finish in October. Her trail name is "Beerdra" and yes, she likes beer. She celebrated her 50th birthday on the trail

We are looking forward to a presentation of her trip in the fall!!

### Pacific Coast Trail facts:

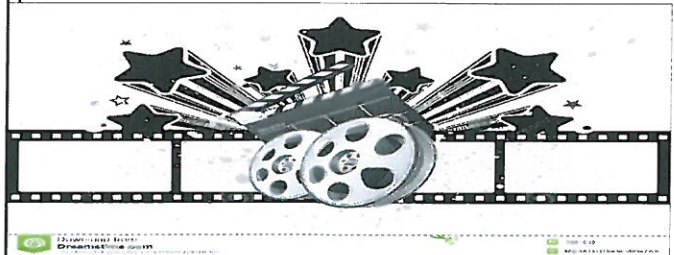
The Pacific Crest Trail is 2,663 mi (4,286 km) long<sup>[1]</sup> and ranges in elevation from just above sea level at the Oregon–Washington border to 13,153 feet (4,009 m)<sup>[5]</sup> at Forester Pass in the Sierra Nevada. The route passes through 25 national forests and 7 national parks.<sup>[7]</sup> Its midpoint is near Chester California (near Mt Lassen), where the Sierra and Cascade mountain ranges meet.<sup>[8]</sup>



Starting in June through the summer ***Bingo and Burgers/Spaghetti***. The senior center will be offering Bingo and Burgers the first Wednesday of the months of June, July, August and September from 2:00-5:00. Bingo is from 2:00-4:00 Burgers and chips 4:00-5:00. Burger, hot dog, chips and soda \$2.00 per person.

We need volunteers to call Bingo for this event.

**June 3rd Burgers-July1- Spaghetti - August 5 Burgers**



### MOVIE MONDAY @ 12:15 pm

**May 4th,** "A Good Year" with Russell

Crowe and Robert Finney (2006 British romantic comedy-drama film, set in London and Provence. Beautiful scenery.)

**June 1st,** "The Imitation Game" 2014 Alan Turing, British mathematician cracks Nazi codes in World War II. Based on a true story. Benedict Cumberbatch (BBC's Sherlock Holmes), Keira Knightley

**July 6th,** "Tea with Mussolini" 1999 Judy Dench, Maggie Smith, Lilly Tomlin

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>Norton Fletcher</i>	<i>5/23</i>
<i>Delores Stein</i>	<i>5/1</i>
<i>Polly Mann</i>	<i>5/2</i>
<i>Susan Diller</i>	<i>5/2</i>
<i>Janet Brattesini</i>	<i>5/4</i>
<i>Joy Pratt</i>	<i>5/6</i>
<i>Harry Billings</i>	<i>5/11</i>
<i>Peggy Sullivan</i>	<i>5/16</i>
<i>Wes Orlowski</i>	<i>5/17</i>
<i>Winifred Staunton</i>	<i>5/18</i>
<i>Ernie Brush</i>	<i>5/22</i>
<i>Eileen Gaarn</i>	<i>5/23</i>
<i>Elinior Reilley</i>	<i>5/26</i>
<i>Jane Traver</i>	<i>5/26</i>
<i>Theresa Macchi</i>	<i>5/27</i>
<i>Ray Phillips</i>	<i>5/31</i>

I am finally going to Arizona to visit my father Jim Mann for a few days, June 5th through 8th. It has been over 18 months that I have seen him so I am excited . He says hi to everyone. I will bring back lots of pictures of his town of Sierra Vista Arizona near Tucson. I appreciate all of you who volunteer to make it possible for me make this trip. ~ Polly

# Thank You!

To~ Great Barrington Rehab for bingo calling and ice cream!

To ~ Barbara and Virginia for their great breakfast!

To ~ **Maria Tucker from mmhs girls softball-players** for the dozens of cookies!

To~ Eunice Agar for the artistic picture hanging.

To~ Michell eGilligan for the lovely hooked rugs

To ~ The Hill and Dale Spinners for demonstrating their craft

To~ Sandra Sokul for her handmade birthday cards

To~ Lori Amato for her free dreamcatcher class

To~

## Volunteer Needs:

We need volunteers to weed the Bocce Court.

Volunteers needed to plant flowers

My plan is to have a pumpkin Patch and Senior Center plot, do we have volunteers to weed and water when needed.

Please let Polly know if you can help



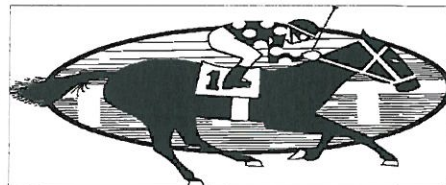
## COMING TRIP ATTRACTIONS...

**Comments re: April 16th trip—This Trip has been cancelled due to lack of sign up**  
**Emerson Colonial Theatre Boston, Tuesday, May 19th “In the Mood”** *Chattanooga Choo Choo, Tuxedo Junction* and *Moonlight Serenade* performed by a 13-piece big band and a half dozen singer dancers! Roundtrip transportation, Free time for lunch and shopping, \$99. Departs Claire Teague Senior Center at 8:30 am.

**McHayden Theatre on Wednesday, May 27th “Baker’s Wife” Matinee at 2:00 PM.** “A tasty mix of life’s necessities: a baker for a breadless village, tempestuous versus tender love, happenings that make life different and new—all sweetly served with a beautiful score”. \$32.00

**Headed to the Races in August 12th!! SARATOGA RACE TRACK ~** Package includes: roundtrip transportation & general admission to the park \$57.00 per person. Lunch on own at the track.

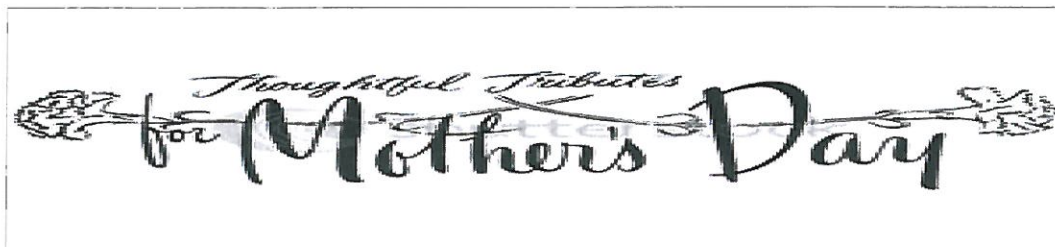
**In September ~ A 3-day trip to Amish Country in PA. Joseph & Pennsylvania Dutch “The amazing Production Show Joseph” 3 Day Tour—** story of forgiveness a timeless truth, in-  
 September 16th-18th, 2015. Joseph’s and integrity has made this Bible story inspiring generations of men and wom- en to walk uprightly in  
 the midst of great temptation. Sight and Sound’s depiction of this classic story will magnify the many qualities that make this story appeal to all ages. Pick up the flyer at Claire Teague to discover all that it is included in this great trip!



**\*\* FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS ON ALL OF THE ABOVE TRIPS, PLEASE CONTACT GRACE ZBELL AT 528-0230.**

***FROM BRUCE MAXWELL***

A day without LAUGHTER is a day wasted! Charlie Chaplin



Best friends forever— my Mom and me.

Picking flowers and climbing trees,

A shoulder to cry on, secrets to share,

Warm hearts and hands that really care.

(author unknown)

Your arms were always open when I needed a hug.

Your heart understood when I need a friend.

Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson.

Your strength and love guided me and gave me wings to soar.

Sara Malin

To my Mother, who was the best,

Who built our home, our cozy nest.

On Mother's Day, I want you to know,

My love for you will always grow

Abby Wolner

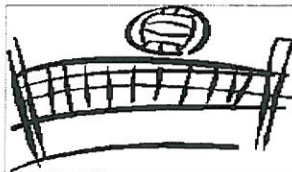


**THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WILL BE ONGOING AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTAKE...**

Bocce



Chair volleyball



Wii



cribbage



**~MONTHLY EVENTS~**

**Monthly Movie ~ Monday, May 4th 12:00-2:00 "A Good Year"**

**Grief Support Group** will meet **Monday, May 4th 5:30-7:00. Open To All.**

**AVADA Hearing** will be on site **Tuesday May 5th by appointment.**

**Lunch Bunch ~** second Monday of every month. **Monday, May 11th**—lunch spot is KOI in Great Barrington.

**Quilting Guild** will meet on **Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 PM.**

**Brown Bag** will be distributed on **Wednesday, May 13th** **NOTE: Due to storage space and refrigeration, bags not picked up cannot be guaranteed to be held. No early birds PLEASE.** **Brown Bag** is distributed every second Wednesday of the month .

This month's **TRIAD** meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 13th at 2:00 PM.**

**Blood Pressure Clinic with VNA , Thursday May 23rd from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.**

**Barbara's and Virginia's Breakfast is Back!** The **third Tuesday** of each month. **Join us Tuesday, May 18th at 8:30.** See **sign-up** flyer in dining room.

**Veterans - FREE Lunch - May 14th and 28th at 11:30 AM.**

**Women's Cancer Support Group** will meet **Thursday, May 14th and May 28th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.**

**Foot Nurse: Friday, May 8th and Monday, May 11th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM by appointment.** Cost \$35.00.

**Caregivers' Support Group** will meet on **Wednesday, May 20th from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.**

**Friends of Claire Teague meeting Wednesday, May 27th at 12:15 PM.**

This month's **Council On Aging Board Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, May 27th at 1:15 PM.**



**WORD OF THE MONTH:** Futuristic

Make as many words as you can, using only the letters in this word. Using only your brain and not the computer (!), write down the words, sign your name, tear off this page and give it to Polly. We will announce the winner at lunch **Tuesday, May 26th.**