

# Belchertown, Granby & Amherst SENTINEL

YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER SINCE 1915

PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
PALMER, MA  
PERMIT NO. 22

ECR-WSS  
LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

THURSDAY,  
JULY 30, 2020

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

Volume 105 • Number 17

www.sentinelturley.com



**COMMUNITY**  
Former state school  
awarded funding...p. 2



**SENIORS**  
Keeping the  
meals coming...p. 8



**PALMER**  
Danger  
returns...p. 9



**SPORTS**  
High school baseball actions  
continues...p. 11

**EDUCATION**

## A first glance at fall

BSD releases draft reopening plan

**MELINA BOURDEAU**  
Staff Writer

BELCHERTOWN – With a homework assignment of their own, the Belchertown School District Reopening Task Force put together a 70-page working document on the three potential plans for the fall.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education required each district in Massachusetts was assigned to plan for three opening possibilities – an in-person learning with new safety requirements; a hybrid of in-person and remote learning; and remote learning.

The document compiled by the Belchertown Reopening Task Force includes safety measures in each model, travel restrictions and seating models, meals, dismissal procedures and many other aspects of day-to-day schooling.

**In-person learning with new safety requirements**

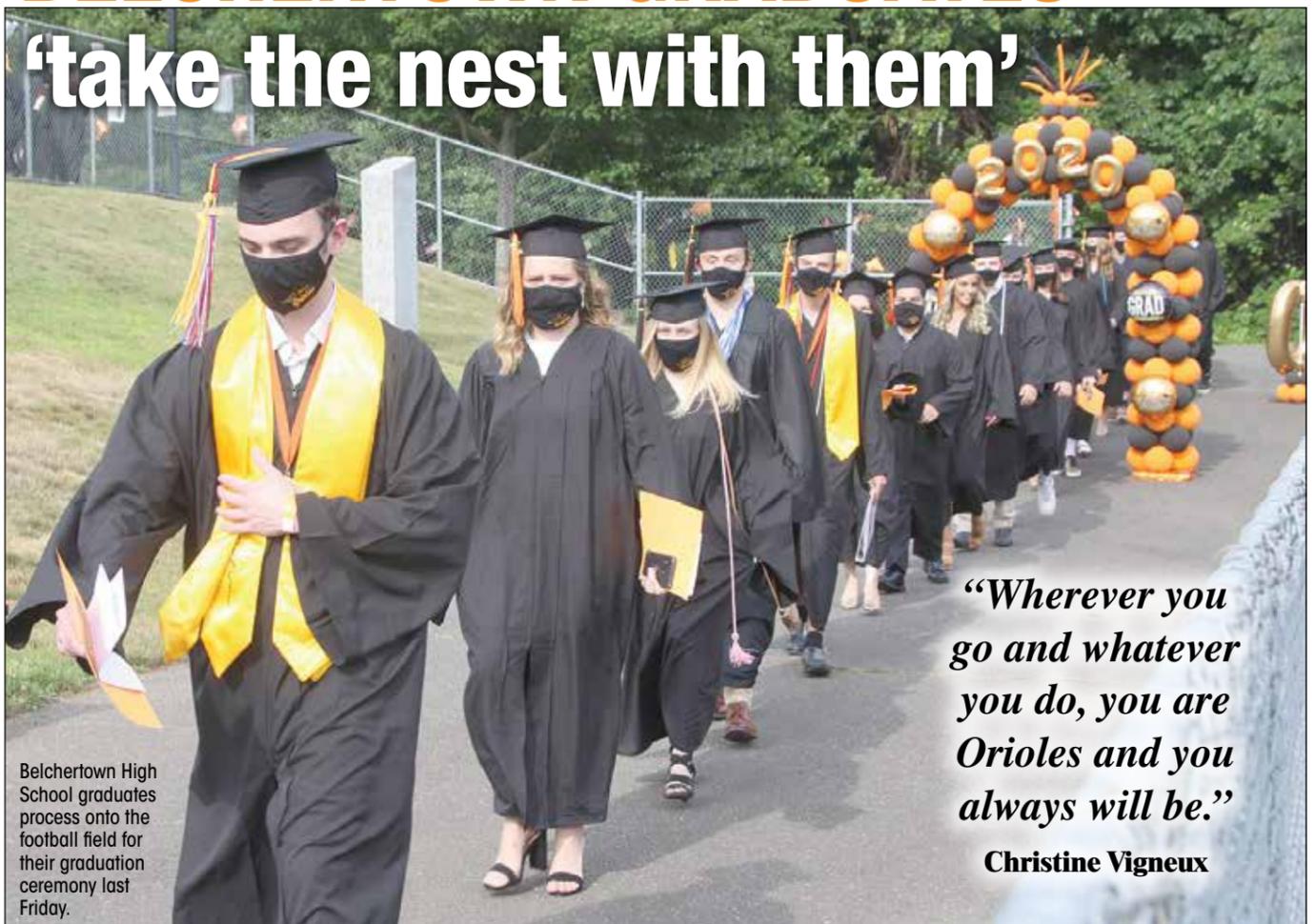
In the in-person model, schools have been advised to “consider using their libraries, cafeterias, auditoriums and other appropriate available spaces to set up additional classrooms to accommodate more students, reduce class size and/or enable additional distancing,” according to the reopening draft.

The Belchertown classrooms were designed with the three-

See RE-OPENING, page 5 •

## BELCHERTOWN GRADUATES *told to*

### ‘take the nest with them’



Belchertown High School graduates process onto the football field for their graduation ceremony last Friday.

*“Wherever you go and whatever you do, you are Orioles and you always will be.”*

**Christine Vigneux**



Christine Vigneux, Belchertown High School principal, told graduates to remember all of those who have down them love – from their families to teachers, administrators and staff at the schools.

## In-person graduation brings class of 2020 together

**MELINA BOURDEAU**  
Staff Writer

BELCHERTOWN – For the first time since March, graduates from the class of 2020 sat next to their peers for one last time – graduation.

In an hour-long ceremony outside on the football field at Belchertown High School, the group of about 170 graduates were able to close out an unprecedented final year of school.

Students gave speeches about overcoming obstacles and moving forward.

Salutatorian Nate Courchesne said the bond the group formed together brought them together to celebrate.

“There were any days where we were mentally and emotionally tested, whether it be by a pop quiz, or yet another English essay,” he said. “In addition,

See GRADUATES, page 16 •

**GRANBY**

## Mower subject of debate at Annual Town Meeting

**DALTON ZBIERSKI**  
Staff Writer

GRANBY – An old tradition took on new form on July 25, as Granby’s 2020 Annual Town Meeting occurred outside in front of Granby Junior/Senior High

School. The 82-minute affair was largely uneventful with the exception of a conversation regarding a lawnmower.

Article 13 called for the town to allot \$115,000 towards the purchase of an air conditioned mower for the Public Buildings

Department. The Finance Committee recommended that the item be postponed indefinitely.

“We’d like to put this off until there is time for a more thorough discussion and study of the issue. The current mower that we have was authorized eight years ago for

\$54,000. The new mower that is requested is \$115,000,” said John Libera, a member of the Finance Committee.

Libera noted that inflation only accounts for approximately 12 percent; the equivalent cost of the 2012 purchase is \$60,664.

He questioned why a significantly more expensive mower was necessary.

“First of all, it’s a 16-foot mower instead of 14-foot mower, which is bigger than most golf

See ATM, page 7 •



Call Surner and ask for our PINK truck to make your next delivery.

Surner Heating has partnered with the Susan G. Koman Foundation to support all those whom have been touched by Breast Cancer.

**SURNER**  
HEATING CO., INC.

60 Shumway Street  
Amherst, MA 01002

413.253.5999

CONTACT SURNER HEATING TODAY! VISIT OUR WEBSITE SURNERHEAT.COM



**PHONE**

413.283.8393  
 Fax: 413.289.1977  
 Subscriptions: 413.283.8393

**EMAIL**

*Advertising Sales*  
 Maureen McGarrett Hall  
 mmcgarrett@turley.com

*Editor*

Melina Bourdeau  
 sentinel@turley.com

*Subscriptions*

\$31 per year pre-paid  
 (\$36 out of state)

**WEB**

www.sentinel.turley.com

@ The Sentinel

The Sentinel is published by  
 Turley Publications, Inc. • www.turley.com

**COMMUNITY**

**\$265,000 in site-readiness funding awarded for Old Belchertown State School property**

**STAFF REPORT**

BELCHERTOWN – Senator Eric Lesser, Representative Thomas Petrolati, and Representative Susannah Whipps welcomed news from the Baker-Polito Administration that the Carriage Grove District in Belchertown was one of 12 projects chosen to receive a Site Readiness Program award.

Senator Lesser has been a long-time champion in promoting Site Readiness Funds in his role as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development. The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation will use the \$265,000 in Site Readiness funds to partially match the U.S. Economic Development Agency’s \$550,000 grant for infrastructure improvements in Carriage Grove’s industrial district, supporting the construction of new roadway, sidewalks, utilities, and stormwater improvements.

“This project represents another giant step forward for Belchertown as the State continues working with local officials to redevelop the old Belchertown State School site,” said Senator Lesser. “The advancement of this project will create jobs, generate revenue for the town, help with Coronavirus recovery, and ultimately find a purpose for 25 acres of land that can be put to good use.”

“The scale and potential for the Belchertown State School prop-



ARCHIVE PHOTO

A site-readiness grant was recently awarded for improvements to Carriage Drive’s infrastructure.

erty makes this Carriage Grove project an exciting development in Western Massachusetts,” said Representative Petrolati. “It is an important milestone for Belchertown as we invest in our communities and begin economic recovery from this pandemic.”

“The development of Belchertown State School property has been a priority for our delegation for several years,” said

Representative Whipps. “I’m proud to have worked with Senator Lesser and Representative Petrolati to bring attention and much needed infrastructure to this particular site.”

Administered by MassDevelopment, the Site Readiness Program aims to boost Massachusetts’ supply of large, well-located, project-ready sites; accelerate private-sector invest-

ment in industrial and commercial projects; and support the conversion of abandoned sites and obsolete facilities into clean, actively used, tax-generating properties. MassDevelopment anticipates announcing funding for the fifth round of the Site Readiness Program in September 2020.

**NOTICE**

**ERRORS:** Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

**Dickinson Farms & Greenhouse**

Family Owned & Operated

**OUR OWN CORN & TOMATOES!**

Our Own Beets, Leeks, Carrots, Radishes, Leaf Lettuce, Dill, Pickles, Scallions, Squashes, Green Beans, Yellow Beans, Peaches & Blueberries



Coffee, Gourmet Oils, Health Shots, Fresh Polish Foods, French Meat Pies & Turkey Pies, Jams, Jellies & Spices

**Pick Your Own Blueberries!**

7am-5pm Daily- weather & crops permitting  
 Call first for up-to-date information 413-467-3794  
 New Ludlow Road • Cash Only!

Route 202, 309 East State St., Granby

Open: **413-467-3794**  
 8am-7pm [www.dickinsonsfarm.com](http://www.dickinsonsfarm.com)

Most Major Credit Cards Accepted • Sorry No Checks • Gift Certificates Available

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT LABORER**

The Town of Belchertown is accepting applications for a Laborer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This position involves repairing and maintaining the facility’s machinery, responsible for preventative and corrective maintenance of all plant equipment, maintains and cleans sewer lines, and other duties as directed or as situations dictate.

A job description for this position and an employment application are available in the Selectmen’s Office at The Finnerty House, One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007 or by calling the Selectmen’s Office (413-323-0403) during regular business hours. The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

**THURSDAY AUG 6**

**food truck To-Go**

3-7 PM • SOCIALLY DISTANCED TAKE-OUT • STREAMING ENTERTAINMENT

**NOW FEATURING**  
 FOOD BY **RUSTIC FUSION & EASY DRIVE-UP ORDERING**

LOCATED AT **BELCHERTOWN COMMON PARKING LOT**  
 LIVE STREAMING ENTERTAINMENT CAN BE VIEWED ON **BCC’S FACEBOOK PAGE**

[www.BelchertownCulturalCouncil.com](http://www.BelchertownCulturalCouncil.com) @BelchertownCulturalCouncil

**Hey! How about a new door for reentry?**

We are getting ready and prepared to follow all state protocol to protect you and your family. Stay tuned for our opening date!

**BELCHERTOWN DAY SCHOOL**

**Our new address will be 90 Front Street • 323-8108**

COMMUNITY

# An Evening of Hope and Luminarias

Relay for Life of Quaboag Valley to host mostly virtual event Aug. 8

STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – Relay for Life of Quaboag Valley will be holding an Evening of Hope and Luminarias on Saturday, August 8.

Relay for Life is a signature event of the American Cancer Society. Each year relay events are held across the country to raise funds for cancer research and to provide support to cancer patients and their families.

In addition to raising money, the events are a way for communities to come together to celebrate with survivors, to remember those who have lost their lives to the disease and to commit themselves to fighting back.

Just like COVID-19 has created financial strain for many families and businesses, it has also caused the cancellation or modification of many relay events. Many of the smaller fundraisers that teams hold



COURTESY PHOTO

The Quaboag Valley Relay for Life will be a mostly virtual event this year on Aug. 8. People are invited to purchase luminarias at [www.RelayForLife.org/QuaboagValleyMA](http://www.RelayForLife.org/QuaboagValleyMA).

throughout the spring have had to be cancelled as well. The ACS estimates that if the current trend continues, fundraising for 2020 will be down fifty percent from previous years. This threatens lifesaving research and disrupts the patient support that they provide, according to the society.

The leadership team for the Quaboag Valley event has been working hard to plan a modified Relay event that will keep

everyone safe.

On August 8 the group will be holding a mostly virtual event that relay teams and the public will be able to view and participate in on the group's Facebook page.

Members of the Event Leadership Team will be at the Belchertown High School track that evening from 6 to 8 p.m. where they will be live streaming some of the traditional relay events such as the opening

ceremony and survivor lap. Throughout the evening there will be live online programming with videos and photos from relay teams and survivors. That evening will also kick off an online auction that is still in the planning stages.

At 8:30 that evening, relay teams and the public are invited to come to the high school parking lot for a drive-through luminaria ceremony. Luminaria are decorated, illuminated bags that are made in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone who has passed away after a battle with cancer. Attendees will park in the lot and remain in their vehicles for the ceremony and then be able to "drive-through" to view the luminaria.

The evening will end with a closing ceremony streamed on Facebook.

Be sure to follow "Quaboag Valley Relay for Life" on Facebook to catch it all!

Individuals may make a donation or dedicate a luminaria through the website, [www.RelayForLife.org/QuaboagValleyMA](http://www.RelayForLife.org/QuaboagValleyMA). Luminaria may also be purchased through any Relay for Life team member. Please help give hope the advantage over cancer by donating now.

## Belchertown COVID-19 count update numbers increasing

STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – With state numbers, increased testing and other contributing factors, determining how many COVID-19 cases there are can be confusing.

As of July 24, Quabbin Health District Director Judy Metcalf reported a total of 124 total positives cases of COVID-19.

She explained there are slight variations in the data at the town level and the state level.

"(It's) due to address changes or even missing lab reports," Metcalf wrote in an

email on Monday. "The state reporting system MAVEN was overwhelmed in April, so even simple things like updating an address or tracking down a lab report that was filed under the wrong zip code was impossible. Most of the glitches on the state level have been corrected as well as expanding computer capacity."

The total cases to date on July 10 was 115, with two new cases and 111 tests performed in that given week.

Then, a week later, on July 17, there were 121 total cases to date, six of which were new, and 260 tests performed in that

weekly period.

Then as of July 24, there were three new cases, and 251 tests performed in that weekly period.

The total number of deaths due to COVID-19 has maintained at eight.

Metcalf explained the data set further. "That huge jump in testing data on July 14 was because of a state data dump of

negative tests that week. Some dated back for weeks," Metcalf explained. "I expect his Fridays result to show an increase again."

The Quabbin Health District numbers can be found here: <http://www.belchertown.org/> Right on the front page under "Welcome to Belchertown."

### WHY CHOOSE JIM POTTER?

**Jim Will Help Buy or Sell Your Home!**



**JIM POTTER**

413-221-5230

[jimpotter@jonesrealtors.com](mailto:jimpotter@jonesrealtors.com)  
[jimpotterrealestate.com](http://jimpotterrealestate.com)

45 North Main St.  
Belchertown, MA 01007  
413-323-7295

**Top Selling Multi Million Dollar Sales Agent for 12 Years**

- 28 Sold Transactions for 2016
- 28 Sold Transactions for 2017
- 32 Sold Transactions for 2018
- Buying or Selling, you won't be disappointed with my service.
- You'll Get Personal Attention from ME from Start To Finish
- **NO TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED**

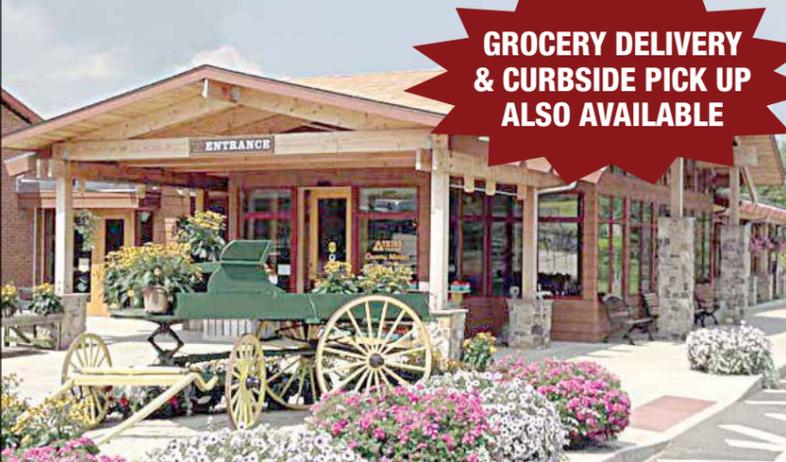
A Portion Of Every Real Estate Transaction I have will be Donated to Support Youth Sports in the Belchertown Recreation Department





## Summertime is Ice Cream Time!

Delicious Soft Serve & Local Hard Scoop Ice Cream, Milk Shakes, Sundaes & more



**GROCERY DELIVERY & CURBSIDE PICK UP ALSO AVAILABLE**

## The Original Country Market!

*Enjoy a unique shopping experience where old-time customer service is an every day treat!*

Apples • Famous Cider Donuts • Bakery • Fresh Local Produce  
Butcher Shop • Fresh Seafood • Delicatessen • Gourmet Foods  
Homemade Fudge • Gifts & Flowers • Local Maple & Honey  
and so much more!

Corner of Rte. 116 & Bay Road  
1150 West Street, South Amherst  
[www.atkinsfarms.com](http://www.atkinsfarms.com)

## HELP WANTED

**La Trattoria Pizza is hiring for two year round positions must be 18 years and up**

**Position 1** - Experienced person to work the fryalator & grill in a busy, fast paced environment, 4pm-9pm, 4-5 times per week

**Position 2** - Professional person to work the phones & waitress in the mornings, 11am-3pm, 4-5 times per week

We are willing to consider less experience applicants but must be willing to work year round and eager to work

**Please call 413-323-0706 for more information**



## THE BEST FRESH LOCALLY GROWN!

**They're Ready!**  
**Local Field Grown  
TOMATOES**  
*Red, Ripe, Delicious*



**Locally Grown  
Butter & Sugar  
SWEET CORN**  
*Fresh Every Day*

**Locally Grown  
FANCY FRESH  
BLUEBERRIES**



### NOW AVAILABLE

**Locally Grown  
from Nearby Farms**  
Yellow & Green Beans,  
Yellow & Zucchini Squash,  
Long Green Cucumbers,  
Pickling Cukes, Cabbage,  
Eggplant, Peppers



From **Randall's Kitchen**

**BLUEBERRY SOUR CREAM PIE**  
**Summer Salads ~ Potato, Pasta,**  
*Cucumber, Fresh Fruit,*  
*Veggie Slaws and More*  
**GOURMET SANDWICHES,**  
**ENTREES TO GO**



**Sunny Sunflower  
Bouquets ... \$9.99** Bunch  
*All Summer Long*



**Perennial of the Week**  
**"Black Eyed Susan"**

*Rudbeckia Goldsturm*  
2 Gal Pots **\$9.99**  
*Daisy Like Golden Yellow*  
*Flowers with Black Centers*  
*Sun Loving, Easy Care*



**The Best Homemade  
ICE CREAM**

From **Elsie's Creamery**  
*Hand Packed Pints & Half Gallons*  
*Available in the Main Store*  
**Elsie's Creamery Window Service Is**  
**Closed Due To Social Distancing**



**ALWAYS FRESH AT**



631 CENTER ST. Route 21 Mass Tpke Exit 7  
LUDLOW • 589-7071 • [www.randallsfarm.net](http://www.randallsfarm.net)  
**OPEN EVERY DAY 7AM - 8PM**

Find us on [facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

## Behavioral Health Network to open Family Resource Center in Ware

Providing support to families and connecting them to resources

### STAFF REPORT

WARE— Behavioral Health Network (BHN) has announced the opening on August 1 of a new Family Resource Center (FRC) at its Ware location. The BHN Family Resource Center provides free support and access to community resources for families and their children ages 0-18. Located in each of the 14 Massachusetts counties, the statewide network of FRC's are funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Children and Families.

The BHN Family Resource Center provides families and children in Hampden and Hampshire Counties with a variety of supports and services. "We offer everything from playgroups

and fun family events to connecting families with services and opportunities - no one is turned away and everything is free of charge. Our goal is to emotionally support families, strengthen their bonds and help them engage with the community," explained Program Director Linda Blouin-Roy.

The FRC offers an array of services through its experienced staff: School Liaisons help families work with school systems to ensure their children are receiving the support and resources they need; Family Support Workers help connect families with community resources; and clinicians and Family Partners work with families to develop a support plan that best meets their needs. Children and families that need additional supports or are at risk of court involvement can be assessed by FRC clinicians to develop a Family Support Plan.

"This program is an exciting addition to our service offering," said BHN President and CEO Steve Winn. "The Family Resource Center is a great

example of how BHN is collaborating with community partners to provide a support network for families. In these pandemic times when families are experiencing more isolation and stress, resources like this become even more essential."

The BHN Family Resource Center is located at 78-80 Main Street in Ware. It is currently open by appointment only due to COVID-19. Telephone support and virtual offerings such as story time and caregiver support groups are available. For more information, contact the BHN Family Resource Center at 413-277-6601 or [bhnrc@bhninc.org](mailto:bhnrc@bhninc.org).

BHN has been providing behavioral health services to children and families in Western Massachusetts since 1938. The agency provides community-based services that include innovative, integrated whole-health models as well as traditional clinical and outpatient and therapeutic services, day treatment, addiction services, crisis intervention and residential supports.

## Interlibrary loans start up at Clapp Memorial Library

### STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – Curbside service is in full swing at the Clapp Memorial Library.

Interlibrary Loans have officially started back up again and patrons can explore the CWMARS catalog searches.

Patrons can call the library, reserve items online through the library catalog, or send an email to [clapprequests@cwmar.org](mailto:clapprequests@cwmar.org). When items are ready, patrons will receive a phone call to set up an appointment time. Statewide delivery of materials is beginning on a staggered schedule.

Library staff are happy to choose a selection of items based on general interests, or specific themes or genres.

Requested items will be checked out, bundled or bagged and set on the front porch for a contact-less pickup.

Patrons are limited to 10 items per individual or 20 per family. Five requests at a time can be accepted over the phone.

The book drop is now open 24/7 to accept returned items.

All returns are quarantined before being checked in and returned to the shelves.

Patrons should note that returned items will still show up as checked out to a library account until the current quarantine period of 72 hours has expired.

No fines will accrue during this time.

The library accepts phone calls and books pickup appointments until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

For more information, please call the library at 413-323-0417, visit the website at [www.clapplibrary.org](http://www.clapplibrary.org), or email [clapprequests@cwmar.org](mailto:clapprequests@cwmar.org).

## MBA elects officers, directors

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Bankers Association recently elected new officers and members to its Board of Directors, including Patrick J. Murray, president and CEO of Bristol County Savings Bank in Taunton, as board chair effective July 1.

Among those elected to the board is Steven E. Lowell, president and CEO of Monson Savings Bank, who will serve on the Board of Directors.

The Massachusetts Bankers Association represents 130 commercial, savings, cooperative, and federal savings banks and savings and loan associations with approximately \$380 billion in local assets, 72,000 employees across Massachusetts and New England, and more than 2,000 banking locations. For more information, visit [www.massbankers.org](http://www.massbankers.org).



Looking for a  
primary care provider?

**URGENT  
CARE  
in Amherst  
NOW OPEN**

**Look right here.**

The right primary care provider – someone who listens and truly cares about your overall health – means everything. We're proud to advance your health with our convenient **Belchertown Internal Medicine** office. Whether you're an existing patient or brand new, we now offer "virtual" appointments from the comfort of your home. To keep you safe during in-person appointments, we're following a "Screen. Clean. Protect." protocol as part of our **Safe Care Commitment**.

**Belchertown Internal Medicine is accepting new patients. Call us today at 413-323-7700 to schedule your appointment.**



MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL  
HOSPITAL AFFILIATE

413-323-7700 | [cooleydickinson.org](http://cooleydickinson.org)

ADVANCING YOUR HEALTH

**RE-OPENING** • from page 1

feet minimum distance allowed, according to the reopening plan. In order to accommodate this, large furniture will be removed to maximize space.

Seating will be assigned. "Hallways will be redesigned to be one-way on each side to avoid crowding," the plan states. "At the elementary school level, students will be restricted to their grade level class to the greatest extent possible, including specials (art, physical education, music, library). At the middle school level, students will remain with their cohort throughout the day to the extent feasible."

The plan also states the school will not be screening students and staff at the point of entry into the school, but there will be "isolated space available for students displaying COVID-19 symptoms."

In the case a student becomes ill, "the student will immediately report to the nurse's isolation room, and the student will immediately be provided with a mask to help protect others and prevent the spread of the potential virus. The nurse must complete the Suspected COVID-19 Case Form and call the local health authority."

This will also trigger deep cleaning and disinfection protocol. "Deep cleaning is triggered when an active employee or student is identified as positive for COVID 19 based on testing," the report states. "All areas visited by the ill person will be closed off. Outside doors and windows will be opened and ventilating fans will be used to increase air circulation in the area."

For transitions between classes, the plan separates two procedures – one for grades preschool through sixth grade and the other seven through 12.

In the first group, "students transition between classrooms will be limited - students will spend a majority of their day in homerooms. Specials (art, music, library, and physical education) will take place in the students' homeroom. For classes that have multiple teachers, teachers will move between the classes and students will remain in the homeroom class."

In the second group, "students' transition between classes will be regulated. Students and staff will follow 'one way' placards in hallways/stairways during passing times while maintaining physical distancing while in hallways."

As far as restroom use, the "occupancy will be limited... available based on student population and student needs."

The estimated costs for the in-person learning plan are \$48,000 for student furniture, \$192,500 for technology, \$115,000 for staff, \$33,800 for professional development, \$22,521 has been spent to date for PPE and it would cost \$100,000 for 12 weeks.

These funds are proposed to come from a Coronavirus Relief fund, the CARES ACTS and a technology grant, with the exception of staff and the funds spent to date.

**Hybrid learning**

Based on a survey by the Belchertown school community, "parents/guardians and staff prefer each student attending school two days every week, either Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday, and learns from home on the other three days. Wednesdays would be remote learning for all students."

In this model, there would be two cohorts – A and B – separated by last names. Cohort A would be students with a last name A through La and B would be names Le through Z.

"In the hybrid model, Cohort A will attend in-person on Monday and Tuesday and participate in Independent Learning Wednesday, Thursday and Friday," the report explains. "Cohort B will attend in-person on Thursday and Friday and participate in Independent Learning Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday."

Wednesday would be used for teacher office hours and planning as well as a deep clean of facilities.

Classrooms would be designed with a six-foot distance in mind, according to the report.

The reopening plan also has examples of a week in the hybrid model for each cohort including self-directed learning days, extra help sessions and check-ins with the cohort working from home.

The estimated costs of the

hybrid model are \$192,500 for technology, \$110,000 for staff, \$33,800 for professional development and \$100,000 for PPE for six months.

The funding sources are identical to those listed in the in-person plan.

**Remote learning plan**

The reopening plan states, "even if in person learning takes place, parents/caregivers have the option to choose a district's remote learning program for their child's instruction if they prefer – with the understanding that the remote learning program may not provide as robust offerings as, or replace the full benefits of, learning in person."

This plan would provide students transitioning between school buildings with "additional communication from educators/administrators about these supports closer to the beginning of the school year. These activities may include: virtual tours, small group meets with teachers, online social gatherings, presentations from staff or other pre-recorded information sessions."

The Google Suite would be used for online learning and would try to maintain regular school hours of 7:30 to 2:30 for grades seven to 12 and 8:30 to 3:30 for grades pre-school to six.

Parents and students have listed guidelines and expectations for the remote model.

Students in grades two and above as well as teachers and staff will be required to wear a mask or face covering in both the in-person and the hybrid models.

There will be "mask breaks" which are "when students can be six feet apart and ideally outside or at least with the windows open."

All meals will be eaten in classrooms as well as the cafeteria, in both the hybrid model and the in-person model.

On Tuesday, July 28 the Belchertown School Committee held a meeting to discuss the plan. The story on that discussion will be in next week's Sentinel.

The document can be found online at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dkDzsen6Td-Bvox67Ds8DrdIpTQFqsBB-7PqKHuBy2Kao/edit>.

**BCTV schedule, shows**

**Thursday, July 30**

- 8 a.m. – Selectboard July 27
- 10 a.m. – Conservation Comm. July 27
- 12 p.m. – BHS Graduation Ceremony 2020
- 7 p.m. – Selectboard July 27
- 9 p.m. – Conservation Comm. July 27
- 11 p.m. – BHS Graduation Ceremony 2020

**Friday July 31**

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. – Planning Board July 28
- 11 a.m. – School Board July 28
- 7 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 8 p.m. – Planning Board July 28
- 10 p.m. – School Board July 28

**Saturday, Aug. 1**

- 8 a.m. – Curious Giraffe - Greatness Part 1
- 8:30 a.m. – Curious Giraffe - Greatness Part 2
- 4 p.m. – Curious Giraffe - Greatness Part 1
- 4:30 p.m. – Curious Giraffe - Greatness Part 2
- 7 p.m. – School Committee – July 28

**Sunday, Aug. 2**

- 4:30 p.m. – St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. – Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. – Hope United Methodist Church
- 8:30 p.m. – BHS Graduation Ceremony 2020

**Monday, Aug. 3**

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. – BHS Graduation Ceremony 2020
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 6:30 p.m. – Selectboard - Channel 191
- 7 p.m. – Board of Health - Channel 192

**Tuesday, Aug. 4**

- 8 a.m. – Curious Giraffe - Spring Dance
- 8:30 a.m. – Curious Giraffe - Papa is on the Moon
- 9 p.m. – Your Right to Know - Ranked Choice Voting
- 4 p.m. – Curious Giraffe - Spring Dance
- 4:30 p.m. – Curious Giraffe - Papa is on the Moon
- 7 p.m. – Your Right to Know - Ranked Choice Voting

**Wednesday, Aug. 5**

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. – Blue Ribbon Cooks - Comfort Food
- 10 a.m. – Blue Ribbon Cooks - Soup 'n Bread
- 7 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 8 p.m. – Blue Ribbon Cooks - Comfort Food
- 9 p.m. – Blue Ribbon Cooks - Soup 'n Bread

The BCTV Studio is located at 68 State St., Belchertown. BCTV channels are 191, 192 and 193. The BCTV schedule is available at [www.belchertown.org](http://www.belchertown.org). On the main title page select "residents," click on Belchertown Community Television. Selected BCTV shows are also available on Vimeo. Go to [www.belchertown.org](http://www.belchertown.org), go to quick links and click on "watch meetings and events online." The schedule is subject to change.

The BCTV weather information system is broadcast on TV channel 193 and displays the current weather conditions at the BCTV station as well as, the current regional radar. This service operates 24 hours a day with audio provided by the National Weather Service from Albany New York, with forecasts, storm and emergency warnings for the Pioneer Valley.



**Kimberly Allen Team**  
11 North Main Street, Belchertown  
413-213-1500





**413-221-4885**

# Kimberly Allen Team

The REALTORS with the  
**FREE Moving Truck, Odor Removal  
Machine & Carpet Cleaner**

SALE PENDING



22 Crestview Drive, \$525,000

SOLD



531 Bardwell Street, \$259,900

**THE MARKET IS HOT, CALL US TODAY!**

SALE PENDING



52 Old Bay Road, \$995,000

SOLD



50 Hickory Hill, \$385,00

SOLD



85 Canal, \$346,000

**Over 100 Properties SOLD Yearly\***

\* Source: MLSPIN & FLEXMLS 1/1/2019-12/1/2019

**LAND**

1.44 acres on Old Sawmill Rd. 100k  
2.19 acres on Ware Road 100k  
3.5 Acres on Michael Sears 60k  
Jensen Road, 125k

**LOOKING TO TAKE THE REAL ESTATE COURSE?**  
Call Patrick Nolan

**We Have CASH BUYERS Wanting Your AS-IS/ ANY CONDITION HOME. Call Kimberly For details.**

# www.KimberlyAllenTeam.com

**OPINION**



## Cleome, a welcome volunteer

Recently, I was weeding an area of my yard that had been a fern garden. I never had such a distaste for ferns until I tried to eradicate them, mat-like roots and all. I vowed henceforth that every new sprout would be removed immediately and within a month of my initial labor, I found myself back in the same garden, yanking up all the baby ferns, crabgrass, purslane and the like. To my surprise, however, there was a friend among the foes! A cleome, sometimes known as spider flower, had seeded itself. Had the seed lay dormant for years only to be exposed



to the light now that the ferns were gone? One is never certain how volunteers make their way to the landscape.

Cleome was one of the flowers that my mother and I planted in the annual border along the foundation of our house; for that reason it holds a special place in my heart. As a child, I was drawn to the seed pods of this peculiar plant; if you waited until they were “just right” and gave them a squeeze, the seeds would fly everywhere. What fun! This attribute gives the plant tremendous “staying power” in the garden. In other words, it pops up everywhere the following season (and maybe seasons later?). This can be a very good thing if you enjoy having the cleome around as much as I do.

Spider flower goes by the scientific name *Cleome hasslerana*. Older cultivars such as ‘Helen Campbell’ and the ‘Queen’ series top off at an airy four or five feet tall, while the newer ‘Sparkler’ hybrids are a bit shorter and bushier. Besides white, spider flower comes in pink, cherry and lavender. It was given such a unique name because of the flower’s long, slender stamens that remind one of spider legs protruding from the plant. The stamens hold the eventual seed pods a distance away giving them even more “popping power.”

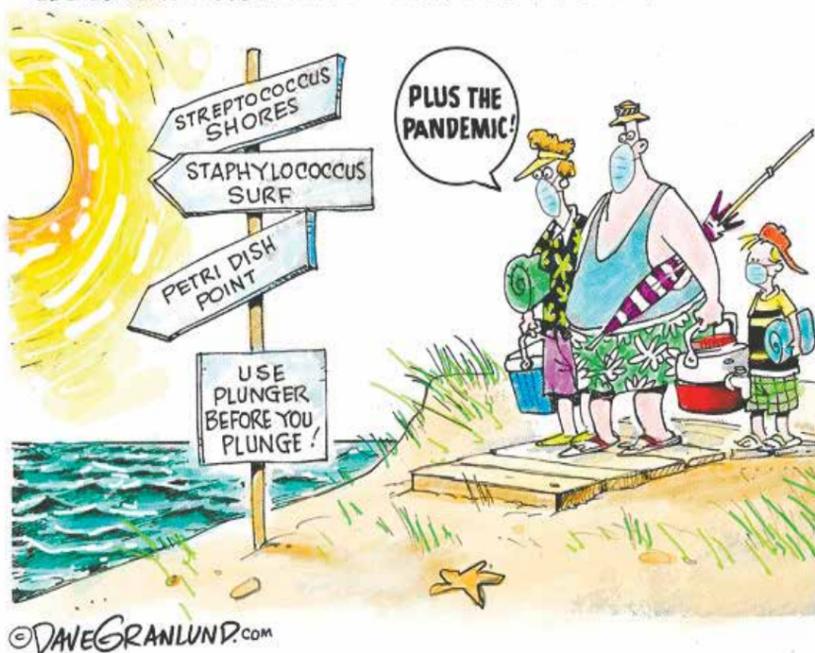
Because cleomes are flower producing power-houses, they sometimes become exhausted by midsummer; their lower leaves yellow and flowers start to fade. I always thought that if they were dead-headed like other, more common annuals were, maybe they would last longer into the season. So, as an experiment I clipped the seed-pods close to the plant as soon as they began to form. Unfortunately the overall form of the plant was altered, not for the better, and with little reward for my work. Then I began to search out what exactly cleomes need in order to thrive with the idea if perhaps I met those requirements I’d have better luck.

I had always known that cleomes prefer full sun and well-drained soil. What I didn’t know was that they also like fertile soil and space away from one another. In other words, three per 18” container will not work and regular doses of liquid feed are a must.

In the north, the cleome’s habit of self-sowing doesn’t become annoying, but in warmer areas it can become weedy. Clipping the seed-pods as mentioned above would “nip this problem in the bud.” Seedlings that develop from volunteers will likely be a blend color-wise of the plants you grew last year because they are cross-pollinated by insects. Only time will tell what color my cleome flower will be. I can’t wait to see it and have it drop all of its wonderful seeds just in time for next year’s garden.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.*

## Heat wave hikes beach bacteria threat...



## In My Backyard

ELLENOR DOWNER

*Note: There is no bird drawing this week.*

An Oakham resident said she saw a black and white warbler for the first time. She also saw a yellow warbler. She has cedar waxwings that come for the berries on mulberry trees planted by a previous owner.

The black and white warbler is about 5 ¼ inches long. It creeps down tree trunks like a nuthatch in search of insects under the bark. The first time I saw a black and white warbler it was climbing down an oak tree in my yard. The warbler’s long bill enables it to grab insects under the bark. The male has black and white striped crown as well as upper and lower parts. The female is similar, but she has a gray ear patch, white throat and grayish streaking on the underparts.

It is one of the earliest migrants in spring, showing up often before the trees have leafed out. It inhabits deciduous and mixed woodlands especially damp woodlands. Its song is a high pitched “wee-see wee-see wee-see” and its calls are a soft “tseet” and a sharp “pit.”

The female lays four to five creamy eggs, circled with brown marks in a grassy cup nest with leaves and moss. It is placed on the ground near the base of a tree or under fallen branches.

### Birds at the lake

I spent the first full week of July at the family camp on Lake Winnisquam in Meredith, N.H. I saw and heard loons every

day, but I did not see any chicks. A loon pair nests every year on a floating platform located in a roped off section of a cove on the west shore of the lake. I also saw one or two cormorants and a few seagulls.

One day while rowing on the lake I saw a bald eagle swoop down, grab a fish from the water and fly to one of the tall pine trees near the shore. It landed in a tree where I could not see it. A previous summer, I watched one grab a fish and land in a pine tree where I could watch it. When finished, it flew to a rocky area where it could wash its beak and talons in the water. I also saw a great blue heron flying near the water. It landed on the opposite shore.

### Pileated woodpeckers

Last week, while feeding my chickens, I heard a woodpecker hammering loudly. I spotted a pileated woodpecker at the bottom of a dead hemlock. Wood chips flew as it made a hole. I got an extra treat as a second pileated woodpecker flew out of the woods and landed on the tree. It also started making a hole. I keep hoping to see one or both woodpeckers again, but so far I have not.

### Ruby throated hummingbirds

I enjoy watching the hummingbirds at my two nectar feeders. I am cleaning the feeders and adding new boiled sugar and water (one to four ratio of sugar and water) every other day.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing [mybackyard88@aol.com](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com).

## SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

# Questions about working while collecting benefits

RUSSELL GLOOR  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rusty:** In 2019 I was out of work for an extended period. I was eligible to begin receiving retirement benefits (at age 63) and started to do so in August. My part-time job was limited so it did not conflict with my Social Security amount, but in October through the end of 2019 I went back to my old industry at four times the pay rate. My understanding is that I will need to pay Social Security back about \$1.40 for every benefit dollar they have paid me while I worked at the higher wage. When and how is that paid? Signed: *Part Time Again*

**Dear Part Time Again:** If you started your Social Security benefits in August of last year at age 63, for the remainder of 2019 you were subject to the “first year rule” which means you had a monthly earnings limit of \$1,470 after your benefit started. If you exceeded that monthly limit starting in October of 2019 and for the rest of the year, you won’t be entitled to benefits for the months of October, November and December. Social Security will consider that an overpayment, and they will want you to repay all those benefits to them. However, if it would be to your advantage to do so, you can request that Social Security use the annual earnings limit for

See **BENEFITS**, page 7 •

## Turley Publications Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor should be 350 words or less in length. No unsigned or anonymous opinions will be published. We require letter writers to include his or her town of residence and home telephone number. We must authenticate authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous or contain unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, defamation of character and offensive language. All unknown or alleged facts and quotations offered by the author need to cite credible, unbiased sources. Send letters to: Sentinel Editor Melina Bourdeau, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 or via email to [sentinel@turley.com](mailto:sentinel@turley.com). The deadline for submissions is Friday at 5 p.m.

## SENTINEL

The *Sentinel* is published every Thursday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977.

**PATRICK H. TURLEY**  
CEO

**KEITH TURLEY**  
President

**EDITOR**  
Melina Bourdeau  
[sentinel@turley.com](mailto:sentinel@turley.com)

**ADVERTISING SALES**  
Maureen McGarrett Hall  
[mmcgarrett@turley.com](mailto:mmcgarrett@turley.com)

**SPORTS EDITOR**  
Greg Scibelli  
[sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com)

**SOCIAL MEDIA**  
  
@The Sentinel

**WEB**  
[www.sentinel.turley.com](http://www.sentinel.turley.com)

**Turley Publications, Inc.**  
[www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

**ATM** • from page 1

course mowers. It has an enclosed cab and is air conditioned. If you design a mower from a blank sheet, you're probably going to get a Mercedes, and this is what we are getting here for \$115,000," said Libera.

The Finance Committee made it clear that it was not attempting to "kill" the purchase of a new mower, which is needed at Dufresne Park, Brown Ellison Park and the high school athletic fields. Libera summarized the committee's sentiment, stating that "this is clearly not the mower that is needed."

Libera urged the Public Buildings Department to go back and study "what an appropriate mower would be for the uses that we have."

Jeremy Carriere, Facilities Supervisor, took to the microphone to justify the request.

"This is the best time for us to purchase this mower. There's no better time as we've already indepthly studied what we need and require to do the job properly at each of our facilities," said Carriere. "We are not getting the Cadillac of all of the mowers."

The cost of the mower is \$144,439, but state discounts enable the department to purchase it for \$115,000. Carriere explained that the town's large properties require equipment to be easily mobile.

"With all those large properties, we want to make sure that we can maintain them. The current mower is 14 feet. We're going two feet wider because the grand we are looking for doesn't come in 14 feet," he

said.

The department's current mower is an eight-year-old Jacobsen, whose air condition and cab are non-functional. The lack of air conditioning can become dangerous during the dog days of summer.

"We are looking for something that somebody can mow for a continuous eight-hour shift and not be fatigued," said Carriere. "Fatigue will cause a person to have lack of judgment and vision issues so we're looking for something that can safely mow and not hit into things, which would cause more damage and more costs to the town."

The department researched the market for used vehicles with MTE and turf products before deciding that a new mower would be most cost efficient. Carriere noted that prices on most mowers have not increased in the past two years, making now the ideal time to strike.

Highway Superintendent Dave Desrosiers supported the request. He stated that the Finance Committee's "lack of understanding of the current regulations" clouded their perception of the item.

"The new regulations put in place a year ago put us on notice that we have to protect our employees from hazards such as silica dust, which is sand," said Desrosiers. "There's almost no vehicle that comes through now-a-days without air conditioning. It's not a luxury; it's a necessity to protect against lawsuits."

Libera reaffirmed the Finance Committee's stance. He repeated the reasoning behind its decision to urge voters to postpone the item.



Voters were able to vote from their vehicles during the July 25 Annual Town Meeting, which was broadcast on the radio.

"This is a lot of money for this time. Any of you who own businesses know that it's pretty easy to put together a group of people to construct exactly what it is you want and justify it," said Libera, emphasizing the need for a team of investigators independent of the town. "We believe that is certainly what happened; we believe that they did a lot of work looking at this, but the bottom line is that \$115,000 just eight years after we spent \$54,000 does not seem appropriate for now."

Ultimately, voters failed to heed the Finance Committee's recommendation.

The vast majority of those in attendance were in favor of purchasing the new mower, which will soon call Granby home.



TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTOS BY DALTON ZBIERSKI  
Town officials sat at the front of the audience during the July 25 Annual Town Meeting, which was held outside under a massive tent.

**BENEFITS** • from page 6

2019, instead of the monthly limit. For example, if using the 2019 annual earnings limit (\$17,640) would result in a smaller impact to your benefits, Social Security may accommodate your request to use the annual limit. Depending upon your total earnings in 2019, you may want to consider asking that the annual earnings limit be used, instead of the monthly limit, when determining your 2019 impact for exceeding the earnings limit.

Starting in 2020 you'll be subject to an annual limit of \$18,240 (limit changes yearly). If you exceed the annual limit, SS will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you've again stopped working at the higher amount, and now only working part-time and won't earn more than \$18,240 for this year, you'll not be subject to the annual limit. But exceeding the 2019 monthly limit last year will still affect you.

You will receive a form from Social Security asking you to specify your 2019 income month by month for the months you were receiving benefits. Since you

exceeded the monthly limit from October through December, they'll be asking you to repay all of the benefits you received for those months. They will give you the option of either repaying them in full in a lump sum, or they will recover what you owe by withholding your monthly benefits until the overpayment is satisfied. That will mean you'll go some months without benefits, the number of months dependent upon your monthly benefit amount and how much you owe them. Remember, you have the option to request the annual limit if it will benefit you.

Though you'll lose benefits for some number of months now, when you reach your full retirement age (66 years and 4 months) they will automatically give you time credit for the number of months they withheld benefits and move your SS claim date forward. That will increase your monthly benefit amount slightly, and you'll get that slightly higher benefit for the rest of your life.

One final point: In the year you reach your full retirement age the annual earnings limit will go up by about 2.5 times and the penalty for exceeding it

will be less (\$1 for every \$3 over the limit). And when you reach your full retirement age the earnings limit goes away entirely.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association, NSSA and the AMAC

Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website ([amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory](http://amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory)) or email us at [ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org](mailto:ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org).

Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor.

**Little Friends Child Care Center**  
58 Daniel Shays Hwy. (Rt. 202 No.) Belchertown  
Caring for Children 1 year up to 9 years  
Full day, before and after school programs  
and a morning preschool program offered  
Lic. # 809640 **413-323-8447** [www.LittleFriends39.com](http://www.LittleFriends39.com)

**HERBAL DOG Dog Biscuits**  
**413-467-1321**  
FREE SAMPLE MAILED OR DELIVERED FOR THE FIRST TEN CALLERS!  
Call about safe delivery

**McCarthy's Pub** is now delivering!  
Delivery Hours: Thurs. 4-8pm • Fri. & Sat. 4-9pm  
**CURBSIDE PICK UP**  
Call in your order, pull up, call us & we deliver to your car  
**DRAFTS & SIGNATURE DRINKS AVAILABLE**  
for both curbside pick up & delivery  
**INDOOR & OUTDOOR DINING NOW AVAILABLE**  
5 East Walnut St., Belchertown  
**413-323-6420**

**We Are Essential & So Is Your Child**  
Plan that deserving graduation party today.  
We are here to help you get back to the new normal.

Tents, Bounce Houses, Family Fun & Entertainment!  
Who says the party has to be over?  
**CALL US TODAY!**

**TJ'S True Value RENTAL**  
South Hadley  
Hadley  
413-584-4184

Visit us at [hampshirecountyrentals.com](http://hampshirecountyrentals.com)  
Rte. 202, 577 Granby Road, South Hadley, MA • 413-533-5503  
Rte. 9, 301 Russell St., Hadley, MA • 413-584-4184

# BCC sees new leadership team

**MELINA BOURDEAU**  
Staff Writer

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Cultural Council has two new co-chairs at the helm after April Jasak-Bangs stepped down earlier this month.

Melissa Mann and Audrey Anderson were unanimously elected by the council.

In her resignation letter Jasak-Bangs said thanked the team she was a part of for 15 months.

“Thanks to an amazing team of women, I have learned so much about leadership, patience and persistence that I will carry with me into the rest of my professional and volunteer career,” she wrote. “Thank you to the Selectboard and all the town departments for collaborating with us to great some fantastic cultural programming for our community.”

Since the group’s July meeting, both Jasak-Bangs and Sarah Maroney have resigned from the Belchertown Cultural Council, but plan to help the group as volunteers in the future.

The sense of teamwork and comradery were two reasons Mann and Anderson said they stepped up to serve as co-chairs.

Mann said she got involved in the group after attending a food truck event and became a volunteer. She said the community and the council “makes it easy to put the work in.”

“The community itself is very receptive to the programming we have. We get positive feedback,” she said. “My hopes and dreams as a new co-chair are the opportunities to bring what drive the community through arts and culture.”

Similarly, Anderson joined after winter light night because she wanted to help.

“That’s the thing that people often take for granted,” Anderson said. “The effort it takes to have these events happen is more than you think when you first attend one. It’s a lot of work and it takes a strong team.”

BCC is always looking for more people



Audrey Anderson

Melissa Mann

to help bring their knowledge and skills to the table, Anderson said.

“I know the town is small and there can often be a volunteer overlap, but we can always use more help to keep putting on these events or create new ones,” she said.

Both women said the group work together to complete projects, playing off of each person’s skills.

“Everyone pulls equal weight,” Mann said. “So, I don’t feel much pressure in this position. We’ve worked it out to play off of people’s strengths.”

Both women touched on the fact that COVID-19 changed many of their events, which typically draw crowds.

“We want to do something different while keeping people safe,” Anderson said.

Recently, the BCC worked with the Recreation Department to help put on a drive-in movie night, which was successful and sold out within a day.

“We want to do programs in a safe way and maybe that means engaging with art in a different way,” Anderson said.

Looking ahead, Mann said she is most looking forward to the modified food truck in the beginning of August.

The group is also planning on sending out a survey to the community to gather input for future programming.

“We’re working on a postcard mission and brainstorm what kind of focusses we are going to have,” Mann said. “We would love more feedback about the things people find valuable.”

# Register for the 32nd annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

BOSTON — Registration is now open for the 2020 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way presented by Hyundai. This year, the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk will have a different look as it transforms into a virtual event in an effort to ensure the safety of everyone in the community. Participants will be encouraged to “Walk Your Way” from wherever they are most comfortable—whether that be from their neighborhood, favorite trail, or from a treadmill in their own home on Sunday, Oct. 4th.

While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon course, it will continue to unite the community to raise funds to support

all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

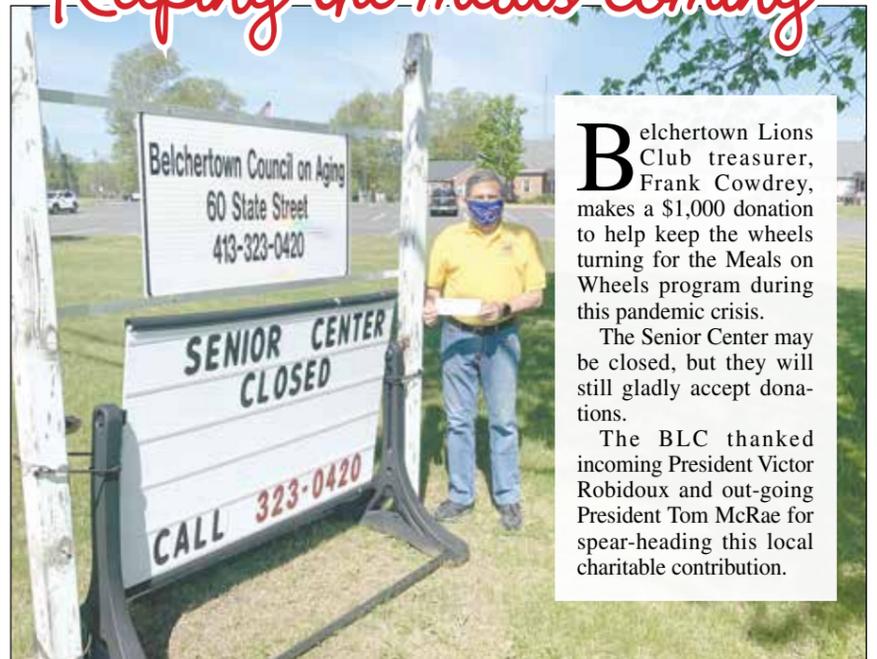
This year’s event will have a lower fundraising requirement (\$100 for adults and \$25 for those 12-years-old and younger) and everyone will pay just a \$5 registration fee. Each walker who registers will receive a bib, and medal and the first 5,000 walkers to register will receive a commemorative Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Cancer care and research does not rest and with some events being postponed and cancelled, we need the support of dedicated

See JIMMY FUND, page 13 •

## SENIORS

# Keeping the meals coming



Belchertown Lions Club treasurer, Frank Cowdrey, makes a \$1,000 donation to help keep the wheels turning for the Meals on Wheels program during this pandemic crisis.

The Senior Center may be closed, but they will still gladly accept donations.

The BLC thanked incoming President Victor Robidoux and out-going President Tom McRae for spear-heading this local charitable contribution.

# Regional Planning Commission receives \$195,000 grant from Tufts

## Health Plan Foundation for Age-Friendly Pioneer Valley Initiative

### STAFF REPORT

REGION – Pioneer Valley Planning Commission was awarded a three-year grant for \$195,000 from Tufts Health Plan Foundation.

The funds will be used to convene a Pioneer Valley Age Friendly Collaborative that will engage member communities in planning for an aging population, including in the town of Belchertown. This is one of 13 new community investments totaling \$1.7 million that reflect the Foundation’s support of collaborative community efforts and systems change to advance healthy aging.

“We have an opportunity to think differently about how our systems are addressing community needs,” said Nora Moreno Cargie, president of Tufts Health Plan Foundation and vice president for corporate citizenship at Tufts Health Plan. “We are living in unprecedented times. We need to learn from this experience and think about how we can change the conditions that hold problems in place.”

This project, led by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), formalizes an existing effort around age-friendly plan-

ning in the region. PVPC will partner with municipal planning departments, councils on aging, health care and service providers, community organizations, universities and residents to create municipal Age Friendly action plans that reflect priorities of the region’s current and future older adults.

“We are excited to expand planning for healthy aging to municipalities throughout the PVPC region,” commented Becky Basch, Senior Planner with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. “And by bringing together all of the cities and towns that are planning for an aging population, we will create a valuable space for sharing ideas and best practices at the local and regional levels.”

Established in 2008, Tufts Health Plan Foundation supports the health and wellness of the diverse communities we serve. The Foundation has given more than \$40 million to Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island nonprofits that promote healthy living with an emphasis on older adults. The Foundation began funding in New Hampshire in 2016 and in Connecticut in 2019. The Tufts Health Plan Foundation funds programs that move communities toward implementing age-friendly policies and practices that are relevant, focus on older adults and include them in community solutions. Visit [www.tuftshealthplanfoundation.org](http://www.tuftshealthplanfoundation.org) or follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

## The Library Loft

Schoolhouse Commons Historical Center • 1085 Park Street, Palmer

We are celebrating our  
20th year at the Schoolhouse Commons.

Thanks to our wonderful “friends,” volunteers and patrons.

**HOURS:**  
Tues. 10am - 4pm • Wed. 10am - 4pm  
Thurs. 10am - 4pm • Fri. 10am-4pm

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Book donations will be accepted at the Palmer Public Library or the Library Loft during open hours. Please, no magazines or Reader’s Digest Condensed Books. We accept books only in good, clean condition.

For more information call 283-3330 ext. 100

Proceeds To Benefit the Palmer Public Library

### Kubota Rentals

**STIHL**

## PARK SAW SHOP

**LOGGING • ARBORIST • SAFETY**  
1292 PARK ST. 1-800-232-6132  
PALMER, MA 01069 (413) 544-9027

Mon-Fri 6:30am-4pm • Sat 7am-Noon  
**Shipping Can Be Arranged**  
RENTALS AVAILABLE

A FULL SERVICE COMPANY

Owner  
**Mike McKenzie**  
MA. Lic. #15648A  
Fully Insured  
OSHA 10  
Certified

Residential  
Commercial  
Industrial

**Office: 413-213-0770**  
**Email: btownelectric413@gmail.com**

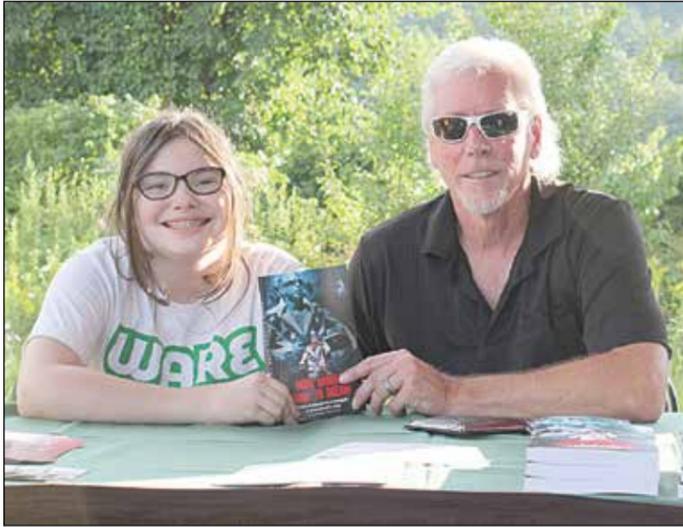
## DO YOU OWN A TORO?

**TORO** Need Service, Parts, or Accessories?

Count on it.  
See Us, Your Toro Master Service Dealer

**BOYDEN & PERRON, INC.**  
41 So. Whitney St., Amherst

**413-253-7358**  
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-5:30  
Wed. til 7pm; Sat. 8-4  
[www.boydenandperron.com](http://www.boydenandperron.com)



Stuntman Doug Danger poses with 12-year-old fan and family member Kaylyn Hall during an appearance at the Steaming Tender Restaurant in Palmer on July 24.



PHOTOS BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

Dozens of fans came out to the Steaming Tender Restaurant last Friday to interact with successful stuntman and Palmer product Doug Danger.

# Danger returns

## Doug "Danger" Senecal stops at Steaming Tender

BY DALTON ZBIERSKI  
Staff Writer

PALMER – Doug "Danger" Senecal, the pride of Palmer and one of the great stuntmen of his generation, made his homecoming on July 24 during a book signing at the Steaming Tender Restaurant. The 58-year-old daredevil has performed all over the world but relished the opportunity to return to his humble beginnings.

"We're kicking off the book signing tour, and where else can you do it but your hometown," said Senecal, promoting his book "Doug Danger, Dare to Dream: From Tragedy to Triumph."

Senecal is a world record holding motorcycle jumper who first entered the Guinness Book of World Records in 1991. Over the course of his career, he's jumped over school buses, tractor-trailer trucks and jumbo jet from wingtip to wingtip.

His trials and tribulations have been well-publicized. As a stuntman, Senecal has broken approximately 50 bones; one incident landed him in a coma for more than a month.

Last Friday, he reminisced on his incredible journey, crediting the people of Palmer for their longstanding belief in him.

"The greatest people come from somewhere. All I can say is that the people in the town of Palmer inspired me to chase my dreams," said Senecal. "I had a great past, and this town was the absolute greatest to grow up in. We had great people, great teachers, great police officers; this is

just such a beautiful place."

Senecal fondly recalled riding through sand pits and wooded trails. Palmer was home to his first stunts – including one he performed inside of Palmer High School during his sophomore year is still remembered more than 40 years later.

On the last day of school, Senecal said he rode his motorbike through the halls of the high school. That said, the act that led to his dismissal and eventual enrollment at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School almost never occurred.

"We had talked about doing it for a while, and it started circulating around the school. I started thinking 'This is way too big; I'm going to get in trouble,'" said Senecal. "I was going to back off, and then two guys from the football team who played the offensive line came up to me and said, 'What time you are going?' I told them I thought about it and wasn't going to do it. They said, 'Oh, we got money on you; you're going. What time?' They held the doors open for me, and the rest is history."

Senecal launched his stunt career in 1979, jumping over 10 cars in Palmer. From there, he never looked back.

Senecal earned his first world record in 1985 after completing a jump over 14 school buses. In 1991, he entered the Guinness Book of World Records by jumping 251 feet over 42 cars.

Spread between his many successes, however, are numerous failures; several of which nearly cost Senecal his life.

While Senecal had experienced numerous bone-breaking crashes, during one of which he caught on fire, Senecal is sure that he cheated death on a summer afternoon in 1992.

During a July practice jump at Hudson Speedway in New Hampshire, Senecal slammed head-first into a three-foot concrete retaining wall, suffering brain damage, prolonged amnesia and 17 broken bones. When it was widely assumed that Senecal's career was over, the stuntman instead made his greatest leap.

"When I missed that jump at Hudson Speedway and hit that cement wall, I was very slow after because I had brain damage; people treated me very differently," he said. "I didn't like being treated that way. My brother sent me video of the crash and other jumps I had, and I was like, 'That's who I was? I want to be that guy again. If I did before, I had to be able to do it again.'"

Senecal returned to the ramp to become more committed than ever to land an extreme jump. He built back his confidence and skill before successfully leaping over 18 tractor-trailer trucks in Las Vegas in 1999.

Several years later, Senecal returned to the scene of his 1992 New Hampshire incident to conquer the same jump that had nearly doomed him. He described what propelled him to one of his greatest accomplishments.

"After that crash, when I came to, I had no memory of anything in my past, but I wanted to come back and redo the jump," said Senecal. "The night that I booked it, I was laying there in bed. I saw the whole jump; it came to me. I saw that the ramps weren't quite set right. When I landed, I went straight up into the wall. Just before I hit the wall, I woke right up; sweat pouring off me and everything else. But I learned what I did wrong.



Doug Danger, a legendary stuntman, loves dogs as much as adrenaline.

I went back and redid it. It was like, 'You beat me last time, but I got you this time.'"

Senecal recaptured his past glory in the early 2000's, completing a variety of jumps on tours that took him to countries across the globe.

In 2012, he conquered a new opponent, defeating stage four cancer. Senecal returned to jumping soon after and explained the philosophy that has enabled him to overcome adversity time and time again.

"You have to look at every failure as a learning experience. Learn from it and don't ever do it again. As long as you do that and

keep your chin up and keep going forward, you're going to get where you want to be," he said.

Today, Danger lives in Florida and continues to perform, jumping vehicles that range from motorbikes to monster trucks. "Doug Danger, Dare to Dream: From Tragedy to Triumph," is a newly-released biographical work written by Senecal's cousin, Steven Hall.

The publication is available on numerous platforms, including Amazon.

Dalton Zbierski is a Staff Writer and can be reached at [dzbierski@turley.com](mailto:dzbierski@turley.com).

**Welcome to**

**HOLYOKE PEDIATRICS**  
A Boston Children's Preferred Primary Care Practice

**Dr. Aimee Velasco!**

**Holyoke Pediatrics offers two convenient locations: Holyoke & South Hadley**  
**We are accepting NEW patients!**

**Call us to join our practice and book your yearly physical!**  
**413-536-2393 [www.holyokepediatrics.com](http://www.holyokepediatrics.com)**

**Market swings making you uneasy? Let's talk.**

**Tom McRae**  
Financial Advisor

100 University Dr  
First Floor Suite 3  
Amherst, MA 01002  
413-549-1979

**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING  
[edwardjones.com](http://edwardjones.com)

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

# MEMA offers hurricane season preparedness tips

REGION – MEMA is working closely with the Department of Public Health and the newly established Pandemic Disaster Mass Care Working Group to develop guidance for evacuations and mass care during COVID-19. This guidance will be provided to municipalities to inform their planning and preparedness for hurricane season and will be used to adjust the Commonwealth's mass care and evacuation plans to help keep individuals both safe and healthy during a disaster.

Working in partnership with the Emergency Support Function Team and with local partners some of the steps MEMA is taking to prepare for the 2020 hurricane season during COVID-19 include re-evaluating capacities of state-initiated regional shelter sites; preparing for the need for additional evacuation transportation vehicles; adding screening, sanitization, disinfection, and general public health protocols to existing mass care plans; and planning for and preparing to provide sheltering in non-congregate settings such as hotels.

Massachusetts has defined hurricane evacuation zones, designated as Zone A, Zone B and Zone C, for areas of the state at risk for storm surge flooding associated with tropical storms or hurricanes. If evacuations are necessary because of a tropical storm or hurricane, local or state officials will notify people living, working, or vacationing in evacuation zones to leave the area for their safety. Even areas not directly along a coastline may be at risk for storm surge flooding during a tropical storm or hurricane. Find out if you live, work, or vacation in a hurricane evacuation zone by visiting the 'Know Your Zone' interactive map located on MEMA's website at [www.mass.gov/knowyourzone](http://www.mass.gov/knowyourzone).

Residents should develop a plan with the members of their household to prepare for what to do, how to find each other, and how

to communicate in a tropical storm or hurricane. An emergency plan should include: meeting locations, emergency contact information, evacuation plans, shelter-in-place plans and considerations for family members with access and functional needs, and pets.

For more information, people should see: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>.

Build an emergency kit containing items that will sustain you and your family in the event you are isolated for three to five days without power or unable to go to a store. Emergency kits are particularly important during hurricane season, due to potential extended power outages, flooding, and impassable debris-covered roads. While it is important to customize your kit to meet the unique needs of you and your family, every emergency kit should include bottled water, food, a flashlight, a radio and extra batteries, a first aid kit, sanitation items, and clothing. Depending on your family's needs, emergency kits should also include medications, extra eyeglasses, medical equipment and supplies, children's items such as diapers and formula, food and supplies for pets and service animals, and other items you or your family members might need during a disaster. For a complete emergency kit checklist, visit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>.

Receiving advance warnings and timely emergency alerts and information from public officials is critical to staying safe during a tropical storm or hurricane. Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts. Learn more about different types of alerting and information tools including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, Social Media and Traditional Media, 2-1-1 Hotline, Local Notification Systems: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts>.

**POLICE LOGS**

## Belchertown Police

*Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of July 15 through July 21. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 278 calls police responded to, there were 15 incidents, 1 accident, 2 arrest/summons and 13 citations.*

**ARRESTS/SUMMONS**

**Sunday, July 19**

2:27 a.m. – A 16-year-old Belchertown juvenile was charged with possessing liquor under 21. An officer was on patrol in the area of Police Department and the schools when they could hear voices coming from the playground area. The officer estimated there were six to eight people in the group. The officer pulled into the lot checked to check the high school and saw two people running along the tennis courts, toward Stadler Street. Another officer responded to the area and observed two juveniles walking from that direction, one of which was holding bottle of alcohol. The juvenile's parents were notified and advised about the charge of a minor in possession of liquor.

6:28 p.m. – An 81-year-old Belchertown man was issued summons to court for assault and battery on a family member.

**ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS**

**Thursday, July 16**

12:43 p.m. – An officer was on patrol when they were flagged down by a person concerned for their friend and requested a well-being check. The officer went to the residence to check on the friend.

1:17 p.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

**Friday, July 17**

6:05 p.m. – An officer responded to Allen Road for a report of a box truck that had bottomed out while exiting a driveway. The truck was stuck after the bumper bar caused rear tires to lose traction. The truck couldn't get back in the driveway due to loss of traction. There was minor damage to the pavement surface caused by the rear bumper. The truck was removed.

**Sunday, July 19**

2:44 a.m. – Officers reported to an accident on Cold Spring Road. It was reported a vehicle was travelling east when the right wheel departed from the vehicle while the driver was turning. The vehicle then pulled to the right, swiped a tree and collided with a second tree head on. The airbags deployed. The car continued, slid around the tree while the driver corrected the vehicle which came to a rest facing westbound. No injuries were reported. It is unknown why wheel came off the car.

9:45 a.m. – Officers took a report dam-

age to the cannon on the Town Common. The reporting party told the officers the stone wall the canon rested on was damaged. Officers found stones were the ground and some were missing. No other damage was found.

**Monday, July 20**

10:52 p.m. – Officers received a call from Sturbridge Police Department regarding an incident in their town that occurred last year after checking records the person. Turns out it wasn't the right person.

**Tuesday, July 21**

1:56 a.m. – Officers took a call from Amherst Police Department regarding a youth who was possibly harming themselves. Officers responded to the residence and checked with all involved parties and a 51A was filed.

2:33 a.m. – Officers to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

9:48 a.m. – Officers took a report of unemployment fraud.

10:07 a.m. – Officers took a report of unemployment fraud.

2:06 p.m. – Officers took a report of unemployment fraud.

3:01 p.m. – Officer took a report of fraud charges on a resident's checking account.

4 p.m. – Dispatch took a report from Granby Police Department of illegal dumping by Bay Road and weren't sure of exact location. An officer was flagged by the reporting party who identified location was in Belchertown. The reporting party told the officer they observed a vehicle dump a number of tires on the side of the road before leaving and heading back towards Granby. The officer located the tires and sent a message for Belchertown DPW to remove the tires.

## Granby Police

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 125 calls for the week of July 17 through July 23. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. All information is provided by the Granby Police Department.*

**ARRESTS/SUMMONS**

There were no arrests or summons this week.

**ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS**

**Friday, July 17**

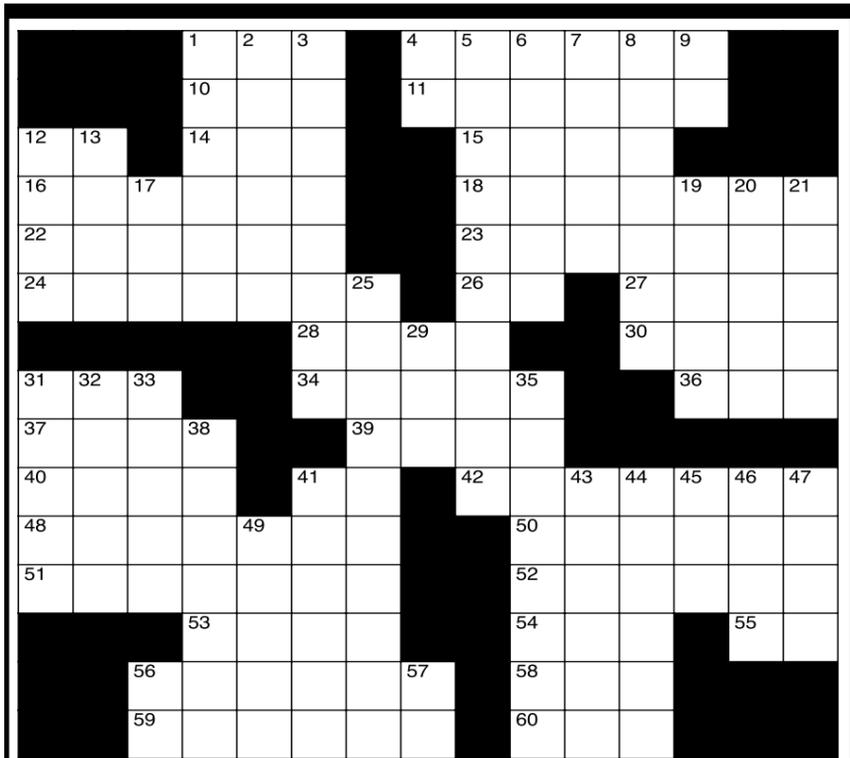
3:03 p.m. – Officers investigated a report of identity theft. The incident is still under investigation.

**Saturday, July 18**

11:11 a.m. – Officers investigated a two-car accident on Amherst Street.

**Thursday July 23**

6:47 p.m. – Officers investigated a two-car accident at Parish Hill Road and Center Street. Minor injuries were reported.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Central processing unit
- 4. Military action
- 10. How electricity gets to train carriages (abbr.)
- 11. Unsafe
- 12. Of (French)
- 14. Autonomic nervous system
- 15. Type of bean
- 16. Accuse formally of a crime
- 18. Promote
- 22. Type of lava
- 23. Meat from a deer
- 24. Herbaceous plants
- 26. Potato state
- 27. Helsinki neighborhood
- 28. Sports officials
- 30. Shout wildly

- 31. Reptile genus
- 34. Frocks
- 36. Born of
- 37. N. Scandinavian indigenous people
- 39. Poultry cage
- 40. Aquatic insect genus
- 41. Of I
- 42. Ad \_\_\_: tirelessly repetitive
- 48. Item
- 50. Produce
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Bond in a third party's control
- 53. Legendary character \_\_\_ Finn
- 54. Space station
- 55. Note at the end of a letter
- 56. In a way, contradicted

- 58. Midway between northeast and east
  - 59. Bears important traffic
  - 60. Brooklyn hoopster
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Presides
  - 2. Artist's tool
  - 3. On a higher floor
  - 4. Commercial
  - 5. Something to watch
  - 6. Chased
  - 7. Commercial producers
  - 8. Keyboard instrument
  - 9. Blue grass state
  - 12. Phonograph recording
  - 13. Unusual
  - 17. Popular average
  - 19. A native or

- inhabitant of Asia
- 20. N. Sweden river
- 21. Related on the mother's side
- 25. Mediator
- 29. Partner of to
- 31. Arm bones
- 32. Korean seafood dish
- 33. Tap of the foot
- 35. Astronauts
- 38. Carolina footballer
- 41. Indiana city
- 43. Of or relating to bears
- 44. Not widely known
- 45. Body part
- 46. At the peak
- 47. High-pitched cries of a cat
- 49. A way to intimidate
- 56. Prosecutor
- 57. Atomic #66

# State warns of unemployment scam

BOSTON – Criminal enterprises in possession of stolen personal information from earlier commercial data breaches have been attempting to file large amounts of illegitimate unemployment claims through the Massachusetts unemployment system, the Department of Unemployment Assistance announced. This is part of a national unemployment fraud scheme.

In order to ensure the integrity of the unemployment system, DUA continues to implement additional identity verification measures that may temporarily delay the payment timeframe for some unemployment claims in Massachusetts, the office said in a press release. DUA has partnered with the Massachusetts State Police, the Department of Corrections and the National Guard on this identity verification effort

"Protecting the integrity of the unemployment system and ensuring benefits are only going to valid claimants is the top priority of the Department of Unemployment Assistance," said Labor

and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta. "It is unfortunate that because of this criminal activity, people who really need our support may face delays in receiving the benefits they need. We will continue to work with our state and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as our dedicated constituent service personnel, to ensure that those with valid unemployment claims receive financial assistance during these difficult times."

The Department of Unemployment Assistance has hired Ernst & Young to conduct a forensic accounting investigation into the fraud scheme, and additional updates related to this criminal activity will be posted as soon as they are available.

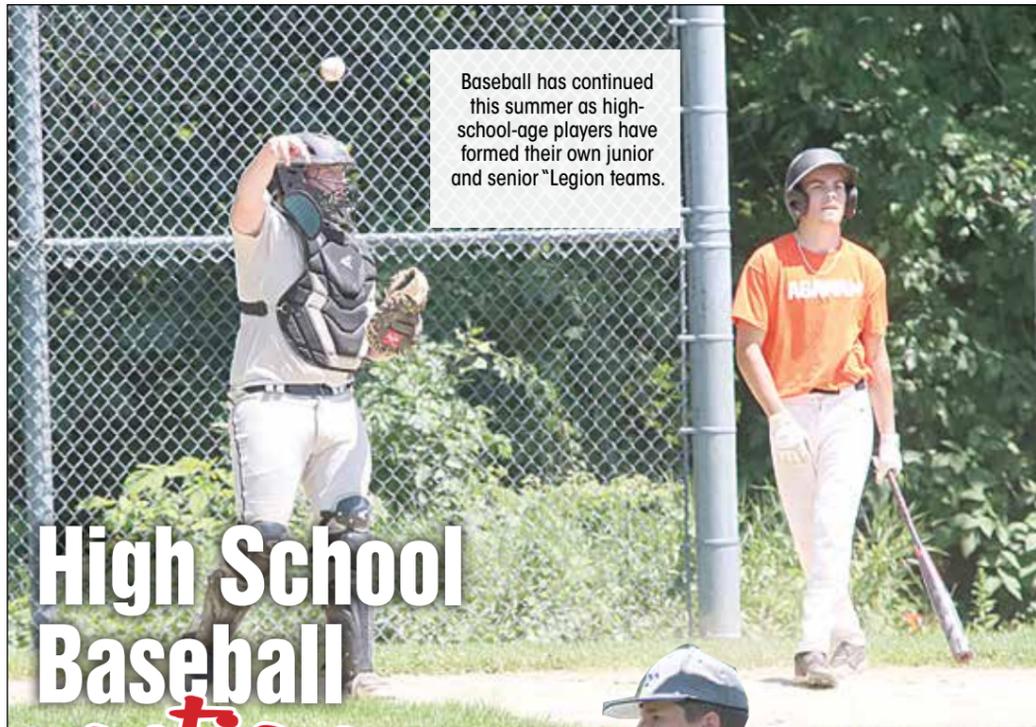
Individuals who believe a false unemployment claim has been filed in their name are urged to utilize the Department of Unemployment Assistance fraud contact form at [mass.gov/unemployment-fraud](http://mass.gov/unemployment-fraud) or to call the DUA customer service department at 877-626-6800.

# SPORTS

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

SEND US YOUR SPORTS SUBMISSIONS

www.sports.turley.com



Baseball has continued this summer as high-school-age players have formed their own junior and senior Legion teams.

## High School Baseball *action* continues

PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Umpires continue to work from behind the mound calling balls and strikes.



An Agawam player makes a backhand play at shortstop.



A Monson-Palmer player makes a throw back to the infield.



Baseball was played in Monson, Greenfield, and other locations on a bright Sunday afternoon.

## Fall high school sports delayed

GREGORY A. SCIBELLI  
gscibelli@turley.com

REGION – In what is a very ominous sign for the future of high school sports in the 2020-2021 school year, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has postponed the beginning of fall sports to the middle of September.

Last Tuesday, a virtual meeting of the MIAA Board of Directors took place, with a unanimous vote in favor of moving the state date of fall sports to Sept. 14. This means actual contests may not be played until the end of September. This could result in almost only a half season of action in fall sports, and some sports could still be cancelled altogether.

The state and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is planning to issue additional guidance in the coming month which could change how the MIAA approaches fall sports.

Currently, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is in Phase 3 of its re-opening plan, but Phase 3 is to remain stalled until either an impactful treatment or a vaccine for COVID-19 is developed and available for the public at large, allow-

See DELAY, page 13 •

## Fellows picks up another win at Monadnock Speedway

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Modified ace Ben Byrne earned his second victory lap of the summer Saturday, July 25, topping the 40-lap main event on the high banks of Monadnock Speedway.

Aaron Fellows stayed undefeated this season, winning a thriller in the Late Model Sportsmen, while the Curtis twins, Chase and Jaret, finished one-two in the Street Stocks to increase their standings atop the points parade.

Gordon Farnum topped the Mini Stocks for the third time this summer, and Pure Stock kingpin Chris Davis put a string of recent misfortunes behind him, romping to victory Friday. Short track legend Randy Cabral won the 30-lap NEMA Midget feature, with Avery Stohr victorious in the NEMA Lites.

Defending Sportsman Modified champion Todd Patnode and Keith Carzello led the 18-car NHSTRA field to the green, with Patnode



Aaron Fellows was a winner in the late-model sportsman race.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Ben Byrne was a winner again in the sportsman modified race.

– fresh off nightmare outings in each of the previous two weeks – set on reversing his fortunes.

To that end, the Swanzey hot shoe set a torrid pace for the first 13 go-rounds. Brian Chapin took

the lead on lap 14 and, the next time around, Patnode pitted under green, moving Byrne up to second, with points leader and previous week's winner Brian Robie in close tow.

Byrne was relentless over the next 18 circuits, finally taking the lead from the top lane on lap 32, with Chapin then bobbling on a restart to move Robie up to second, from where he would add to

his points lead, earning valuable breathing room ahead of Trevor Bleau, who finished 15th on the night.

See SPEEDWAY, page 12 •

**SPORTS**

# Matt Hirschman takes win at Star Speedway

EPPING, N.H. — Matt Hirschman wasn't about to be denied. The Pennsylvania native, who is no stranger to Victory Lane on the Tri Track Open Modified Series circuit, returned to glory on Saturday night at Star Speedway in the ninth annual SBM race.

But the ride to victory wasn't one that came without difficulty, especially at the end. Hirschman dominated the beginning, taking the lead on lap 25 and leading through lap 83, before a controlled caution slowed the race. While some elected to stay out, Hirschman worked to pit road for a fresh Hoosier tire, the charge started back to the front from ninth position. He would eventually pass Matt Swanson for the top spot on a restart at lap 112 and never look back.

It was the fifth win in the prestigious event for Hirschman, who is one of just two drivers to compete in all previous SBM races. The race was 121 laps, in honor of track owner and operator Bobby Webber's son Tim Webber, who turned

21-years-old the week of the race.

The purse for the event was over \$40,000, a figure that didn't change post-COVID pandemic. Due to COVID-19, and guidance from the state of New Hampshire, Star Speedway ran at 50% capacity for the event in the grandstands, and sold out. Tri Track and Star officials made sure that all social distancing and safe health practices were in place.

"I've always enjoyed coming here, winning the first time I have ever came here, and having all of this success I've had in this SBM race after that," Hirschman said. "Going back to the original races, it was, and has been, a big deal for us."

Swanson, who started 27th after earning a provisional into the race, played a different strategy than Hirschman did, and it almost paid off. Swanson elected not to pit as part of the controlled caution period on lap 83, and took over the lead when most others went down pit road. Swanson led the

See STAR, page 13 •

**SPEEDWAY • from page 11**

A week earlier, Aaron Fellows kept his undefeated season intact by passing Cole Littlewood with only two laps to go en route to Late Model Sportsman victory lane. Friday, he again passed Littlewood late in the game, this time on turn three of the final lap to add more luster to his unblemished record.

Littlewood, third a week earlier, held on for second Friday, with Robert Hagar coming home third. Willie Kuhn and Justin Littlewood completed the top five.

Hillary Renaud, gunning for two in a row in the sizzling Streets, led the first 14 circuits of her 25-lapper but then blinked, quickly finding herself back in fourth as the flying Curtis twins, Chase and Jaret, stormed past, bringing Tommy O'Sullivan with them.

It was Chase Curtis first under the checkers, with his points-leading sibling Jaret

riding in his shadow. Renaud's fourth-place run moved her up to fifth in points. Friday's victory was Chase Curtis' second of the summer, with both his father Chris and brother Jaret also having topped Street Stock features.

It took Gordon Farnum eight laps to come from row three to the point in the Mini Stock feature but, once there, he checked out on the field to score his third win of the summer. Kevin Clayton, strong all night, came home second, just ahead of Mark Panaroni.

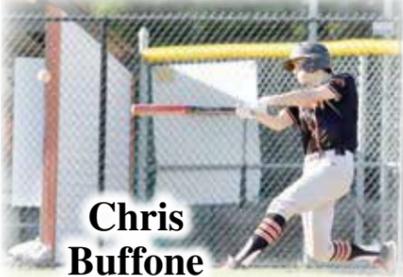
Pure Stock powerhouse Chris Davis shook the late-race bugaboos that had plagued him in recent weeks Friday, taking control on lap two and then checking out. While Davis made it look easy, a tight battle raged behind him, with Mike Douglas emerging strong to cop the runner-up honors, just in front of Claremont regular Dylan Adams, who made his high-banks debut successful in third.



## Athlete of the Week

**B**uffone was to be a senior member of the Belchertown High School baseball, which had its 2020 cancelled by the pandemic.

*To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.*



**Chris Buffone**  
Belchertown

SPONSORED BY

JOIN NOW! ONLY

\$10. PER MONTH

40 Turkey Hill Road  
**BELCHERTOWN**  
(413) 323-1003

CHICOPEE • EAST GRANBY • HADLEY • PITTSFIELD  
NORTH ADAMS • SPRINGFIELD • W. SPRINGFIELD



In the night's Iron Mike Memorial NEMA Midget main event, open-wheel legend Randy Cabral did what he's done at least once over the last 20 years. Cabral blasted to victory in the caution-free 30-lapper, taking the checkers ahead of Todd Bertrand and early-race leader Paul Scally. Avery Stohr topped the Lites 30-lapper.

Next Saturday, August 1, the Granite State Pro Stock Series will return to the Winchester high banks, where they'll battle in a 100-lap main event. For more information, please visit [www.monadnockspeedway.com](http://www.monadnockspeedway.com).

**MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY  
JULY 25 TOP TENS:**

**SPORTSMAN MODIFIED:** Ben Byrne, Brian Robie, Brian Chapin, Keith Carzello, Russ Hersey, Solomon Brow, Cory Plummer, Cameron Houle, Andy Major, Jerry Gomarlo.

**PURE STOCK:** Chris Davis, Mike Douglas, Dylan Adams, Brandon Lavoie, Nick Houle, Doug Nelson, Cory Lofland, J.D. Stockwell, Reagan Buffum, Jimmy Zellman.

**MINI STOCK:** Gordon Farnum, Kevin Clayton, Mark Panaroni, Nathan Wenzel, Bill Chaffee, Kevin McKnight, Jake Puchalski, Jared Roy, Jeff Asselin.

**STREET STOCK:** Chase Curtis, Jaret Curtis, Tommy O'Sullivan, Hillary Renaud, Mike Hopkins, Chris Buffone, Mike Radzuik, Kyle Gero, Paul Barnard, Tim Wenzel.

**LATE MODEL SPORTSMAN:** Aaron Fellows, Cole Littlewood, Robert Hagar, Willie Kuhn, Justin Littlewood, Ron Laperche, James Beck, Nancy Muni Ruot, Billy McCarthy, Camdyn Curtis.

**NEMA MIDGETS (Top 3):** Randy Cabral, Todd Bertrand, Paul Scally.

**NEMA LITES (Top 3):** Avery Stohr, Ryan Locke, P.J. Stergios.



# Your Local **BUSINESS CONNECTION**

**TILTON AUTOMOTIVE**  
GENERAL REPAIRS  
3 AMHERST RD. (RT.9)  
BELCHERTOWN  
323-5051

**Little Friends**  
Child Care Center  
58 Daniel Shays Hwy. (Rt. 202 No.) Belchertown  
Caring for Children 12mos. - 9 years  
Full day, before and after school programs  
morning preschool program  
413-323-8447  
Lic. # 809640

Complete A/C Service  
Glass Installations  
Used Cars • Windshields  
Expert Body & Fender  
Repair • Painting

**REECE  
AUTO BODY**

323-6664  
FREE ESTIMATES  
Old Springfield Road  
Belchertown  
Visa-Mastercard Accepted

**STADLER ACE HARDWARE, INC.**  
*Has All Your Summer Needs!*

Lawn & Garden, Great Lines of Paint & All the Necessities  
Weber Grills Assembled & Delivered  
The Best Flashlights on the Streets "Nebo Brand"  
Window & Screen Fixes & Glazed • UPS Mailing & Packaging

3 STADLER STREET, BELCHERTOWN, MA  
OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 to 6 • SATURDAY 8 to 4, SUNDAY 10am to 4pm

**ACE** **323-4521** WE ARE A UPS DROP & MAILING CENTER

\$25

Purchase Any Automotive NAPA Battery and Receive \$25 Via Mail-In Rebate!

Mail-in Rebate!  
EXCLUSIVE TO NAPA Stores and NAPA AutoCare Centers.  
Limit (2) per customer. Offer good only July 1-August 31, 2020.  
See store for details.

**Belchertown Auto Parts** **NAPA AUTO PARTS**  
116 FEDERAL STREET (RT.9) BELCHERTOWN, MA  
(413) 323-7661 OR 323-9296

SEPTIC PUMPING

- pumping
- new installation
- repairs
- Title 5 inspection

*Complete*  
**Septic Service LLC**  
Jason Lafleur • David Kibbe  
**413-323-4327**

**SWIFT RIVER**  
HEATING & OIL COMPANY

**Sheet Metal Fabrication**  
Is Our Specialty

- Automatic Fuel Delivery
- 24 hr. Burner Service
- Replacement of Furnaces & Boilers
- New Construction & Renovations
- New Customer Discounts

**413-323-4123**  
221 N. Liberty • Belchertown

**GET HITCHED**  
AT AMHERST WELDING  
TRAILER HITCHES  
SALES & REPAIRS

Welding • Fabrication • Hydraulic  
Hoses & Hydraulic Repairs • Snow Plow • Sanders

DID YOUR MAILBOX POST  
GET CRUNCHED THIS WINTER?  
Stop in and see our exclusive  
"Steel" retractable mailbox posts!

**Amherst Welding, Inc.**  
(413) 253-4867  
330 Harkness Road, Amherst, MA

**ROBERTS ROOFS**  
SPECIALIZING IN

Slate • Copper • Architectural Shingles • Gutters  
Historical Restoration • Flat Roofing • Snow Removal

Tel. 413-283-4395 • Cell 413-237-9434  
[www.RobertsRoofsInc.com](http://www.RobertsRoofsInc.com) Trusted Name Since 1982

**Pelham**  
**Auto Service**  
Rt. 9 Belchertown/Amherst Line  
**253-9302**

Foreign Car Specialists  
Since 1972

Proud publishers of  
13 community newspapers

**Turley**  
Publications, Inc.

Call Maureen McGarrett  
at 413-283-8393  
or email:  
[mmcgarrett@turley.com](mailto:mmcgarrett@turley.com)  
to advertise your  
business here!

## SPORTS

## Pinehurst Resort to host 2020 High School Golf National Invitational

BOSTON – Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina will host both the Boys and Girls 2020 High School Golf National Invitational, August 3-5. Participants will come from more than 40 states—more than 110 girls and 250 boys—to compete in a three-round, 54-hole, stroke-play format.

The High School Golf National Invitational showcases golf at the highest level, bringing together the strongest and most diverse field in high school golf from large, small, public and private high school programs across the United States. It was first played in 2019, with 300 boys and girls representing 43 states. Competitors include State Championship winning boys and girls players; the nation's best high school golf teams; and top individuals from each state. With the loss of the spring 2020 high school golf season, this event is even more important to showcase the most talented high school golfers from across America.

The Boys and Girls National Invitational will be played on Pinehurst's No. 6, No. 8 and No. 9 courses, and include team and individual competitions. Pinehurst Resort is steeped in tradition and has hosted some of golf's greatest events, including the PGA Championship, Ryder Cup, U.S. Open, Women's U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur.

"It's really incredible to bring the 2020 High School Golf National Invitational to Pinehurst Resort, where the players can

experience one of the best golf facilities in the world," said NHSGA Manager Chris Noble. "This event is the pinnacle of high school golf and valuable to college coaches seeking hidden talent they may not see on the junior golf circuit otherwise, especially during an unprecedented year like this."

Last year, the Girls Invitational went down to the wire, with a two-hole playoff for the top high school teams, after South Carolina and California totaled two-day team scores of 584. The four-on-four aggregate team playoff was won with a birdie on the final hole by tournament medalist Kamille Dimayuga (Buena Park, Calif.), who shot consecutive rounds of 71, to finish with a 2-under par, 142 total.

Virginia won the 2019 Boys Division team title with a two-day score of 581 (291-290). Second place went to Arkansas (592), followed by Pennsylvania (598) in third. Aidan Thomas from Bernalillo, N.M., fired a career-best round 65 on day one of the tournament; and followed with a 70 on day two, to win the individual medalist title with a 9-under par, 135 total.

The High School Golf National Invitational is conducted by the National High School Golf Association (NHSGA), a division of Nextgengolf, which was acquired by the PGA of America in 2019. The Invitational is supported by several partners, including the PGA of America, AJGA, Srixon, Gatorade and Junior Golf Hub.

## Racing to resume in Thompson

THOMPSON, Conn. – Econn Motorsports and Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park announced this week an agreement that will enable oval track racing to continue on the famed 5/8th mile at Thompson, CT.

Plans currently call for Econn Motorsports to also host an open practice on Wednesday, August 5. Racing is set to resume with the Bud 150 on Wednesday August 19 and the Sunoco World Series on October 9-11. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is expected to headline both race dates. The parties are exploring the possibility of additional race meets during 2020.

Econn Motorsports is a newly formed

race promotion and consulting firm headed by Terry Eames, former General Manager of Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. "The COVID-19 pandemic put oval track racing at Thompson in 2020 at risk. We are proud to announce that the Hoenig family and Econn have found a way for oval track racing to continue during the track's 80th year and beyond", Eames said.

Specific details of next week's practice will be available over the next several days at EconnMotorsports.com. Tickets will only be available online and in advance in keeping with the policies set forth by the State of Connecticut designed to limit the spread of COVID-19.

15, with the second stop of the season at Monadnock Speedway.

## RESULTS: Tri Track Open Modified Series; Star Speedway; July 25:

1. Matt Hirschman
2. Matt Swanson
3. Andy Jankowiak
4. Ronnie Williams
5. Eric Goodale
6. Ryan Preece
7. Anthony Nocella
8. Austin Kochenash
9. Cam McDermott
10. Ron Silk
11. Calvin Carroll
12. Kurt Vigeant
13. Kirk Alexander
14. Craig Lutz
15. Bryan Narducci
16. Devin O'Connell
17. Andy Shaw
18. Les Rose Jr.
19. Dylan Izzo
20. Tommy Barrett
21. Dave Sapienza
22. Richard Savary
23. Ryan Doucette
24. Les Hinckley
25. Carl Medeiros Jr.
26. Dana DiMatteo
27. Josh Cantara

## STAR • from page 11

race from lap 83-112, before Hirschman took control when Swanson spun his tires on the restart.

Swanson would finish second, while Andy Jankowiak, who played a similar strategy and stayed out, finished third. Jankowiak was involved in a wreck on lap 25 with veteran Dave Sapienza, but was able to rebound.

Ronnie Williams started third and finished fourth, and Eric Goodale made his return to the Tri Track Series and rounded out the top five. NASCAR Cup Series regular Ryan Preece was sixth in his return to Modified racing, while Anthony Nocella, Austin Kochenash, Cam McDermott and Ron Silk finished the top-10.

Earlier in the day, Ron Silk, Matt Hirschman, Andy Shaw and Andy Jankowiak won heat races, while Anthony Nocella and Calvin Carroll earned consi wins. Both heat and consi winners collected \$300 courtesy of the Pepsi Challenge.

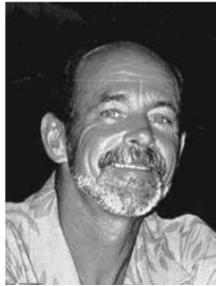
Swanson, who passed 25 Modifieds en route to the front, earned a \$500 hard charger bonus courtesy of Green Construction. Since pole sitter Austin Kochenash didn't win the race, courtesy of Superior Refinishing, the next race on the circuit will pay a \$600 bonus if the pole sitter wins the race.

The Tri Track Open Modified Series returns to the track on Saturday, August

## OBITUARY

## Donald Wicks Clarke Jr.

BELCHERTOWN – Donald Wicks Clarke, Jr., 66, of Belchertown passed away July 22, 2020 surrounded by his loving family.



He was born on January 28, 1954 in Queens, New York to Donald and Jeanne (Lotz) Clarke.

Don was a home builder and remodeler and owner of Don Clarke Construction.

He enjoyed cooking, fishing, boating and spending time in Tampa Bay with his family. Donald was preceded in death by his father, Donald Clarke, Sr. and his brother,

John. He will be forever missed by his beloved wife, Suzanne (Barnish) Clarke, their son, Sawyer, his sons, Trevor and Justin, his daughter-in-law, Miranda, and his grandchildren, Leo and Olivia. He is survived by his siblings, Nancy and Johnny Castellano, Elizabeth Ingrisano and her son Jared, and Jeanne Torres and her daughter Ashley. He also leaves behind his in-laws; Jerry and Sandy Barnish; Brenda and Al Wishart and their son Brandon; Rachel and Ken Backlund and their son Jacob; Renee and Chris Roeder and their children, Malia and Caeden; Robin Parncutt and her children, Cassie, Cody, Shannon and Quinnton; and Jerry and Leslie Barnish and their children, Alan, Ashley, Amanda and Allissa.

A service will be held at the family's discretion. For more information or to sign the online guest book, please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com)

## JIMMY FUND • from page 8

walkers now more than ever. Please register today and our staff can help you get your virtual fundraising going.

Details for Sunday, October 4th, are still being finalized, and participants can anticipate inspiring virtual programming throughout the day and in the days, weeks, and months leading up to Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way.

Whether participating for themselves, family, neighbors, or friends, each walker shares a common purpose: to support breakthroughs that benefit cancer patients around the world.

Anyone interested in additional information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk:

## DELAY • from page 11

ing life to seemingly return to normal.

In Phase 3, Gov. Charlie Baker and his administration have labeled soccer, football, and basketball as sports that are "high-risk" and involve too much close contact. Effectively, while practices can occur, all contests of those three sports are banned currently. The guidance specifically bans the sports at the recreational and "amateur" level, but does not specifically ban them at the high school level.

Part of the rationale in delaying the start of fall sports is for the DESE to wrap its head around the actual opening of school, and to determine whether or not learning will take place online, in-school, or hybrid of the two. Once that is determined, the MIAA will have to figure out how athletic practices and contests will work in a situation like that, including determining eligibility for students "attending school" and dealing with transportation.

The MIAA has a COVID-19 Task Force that is working with the state gov-

ernment and collecting guidance and information regularly. It was the task force that made the Sept. 14 recommendation to the MIAA BOD.

The season was originally supposed to start on Aug. 21.

Other concepts that have been explored was the possibility of playing baseball and softball in fall season and moving soccer and football to spring. The idea was turned down in the early stages out of risk that a baseball or softball player could "lose two seasons."

The board also unanimously passed a recommendation to suspend the end-of-game handshakes until further notice to reduce contact between teams.

Currently, only high school-age baseball and some softball tournaments are being played in Massachusetts with sanitization and social distancing being adhered to.

Among sports that could be played in the fall currently are volleyball, cross country, field hockey, and golf. It is not yet known if high school students will be allowed to play football or soccer this fall.

## Death Notice

**Clarke, Donald Wicks**  
Died: July 22, 2020  
Service to be held at  
Family's Discretion

The Sentinel  
OBITUARY  
POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$120, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

**Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: [obits@turley.com](mailto:obits@turley.com).

*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*



**RANDALL'S FARM & GREENHOUSE**

*Sympathy Floral Arrangements*

**CUSTOM & TRADITIONAL DESIGNS**

Randalls Farm & Greenhouse  
631 Center Street, Ludlow  
589-7071 ~ [www.randallsfarm.net](http://www.randallsfarm.net)



**haluchsmemorials.com**

**Cemetery Memorials + Markers**  
**Granite Benches**  
**Religious Statuary + Outdoor Display**

**RAY HALUCH INC.**  
1014 Center St | Ludlow, MA | 583-6508

# Classifieds

13 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS | SERVING 50 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Call us toll free 800.824.6548

**FOR SALE**  
**ANTIQUE AND PERIOD CHAIRS**  
 - Restored with new woven seats - Many styles and weaves available. Call (413)289-6670

**DISH TV - \$59.99** For 190 Channels + \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-877-925-7371

**LIFE VESTS** 2 Cabela's Auto CO2 Life Vests. One still in the bag. \$300 value for \$100 or Best Offer (413) 324-1035

**ESTATE SALE**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST, 9AM-3PM** 19 Eden St, Ludlow Household Items, Vintage Collectables, Furniture, Clothing, Costume Jewelry, Golf Equipment, Holiday Decorations. Cash, Masks and Social Distancing a Must.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**A PLACE FOR MOM.** The nation's largest senior living referral service. Contact our trusted, local experts today! Our service is FREE/no obligation. CALL 1-855-799-4127

**DEALING WITH WATER DAMAGE** requires immediate action. Local professionals that respond immediately. Nationwide and 24/7. No Mold Calls. 1-800-506-3367

**DO YOU HAVE** chronic knee or back pain? If you have insurance, you may qualify for the perfect brace at little to no cost. Get yours today! Call 1-800-217-0504

**INVENTORS- FREE INFORMATION PACKAGE** Have your product idea developed affordably by the Research & Development pros and presented to manufacturers. Call 855-380-5976 for a free idea starter guide. Submit your idea for a free consultation.

**FOR SALE**  
**LIFE ALERT. 24/7.** One press of a button sends help FAST! Medical, Fire, Burglar. Even if you can't reach a phone! FREE brochure. CALL 800-457-1917

**MOBILEHELP, AMERICA'S PREMIER MOBILE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM.** Whether you're Home or Away. For Safety and Peace of Mind. No Long Term Contracts! Free Brochure! Call Today! 1-844-892-1017

**OXYGEN-ANYTIME. ANYWHERE.** No tanks to refill. No deliveries. Only 2.8 pounds! FAA approved! FREE info kit. Call 1-855-917-4693

**PROMOTE YOUR PRODUCT,** service or business to 1.7 million households throughout New England. Reach 4 million potential readers quickly and inexpensively with great results. Use the Buy New England Classified Ad Network by calling (413)283-8393, classifieds@turley.com. Do they work? You are reading one of our ads now! Visit our website to see where your ads run communitypapersne.com

**STAY IN YOUR HOME** longer with an American Standard Walk-In Bath-tub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty on the tub and installation! Call us at 1-866-945-3783.

**STOP STRUGGLING ON THE STAIRS.** Give your life a lift with an ACORN STAIRLIFT! Call now for \$250. OFF your stairlift purchase and FREE DVD & brochure! 1-844-325-8610

**TAG SALE**

**YARD SALE** 164 Upper Church St., Ware, MA. Aug 1st, 8am-2pm. Quality furniture; cookware; gardening supplies; books; etc.

**WANTED**  
**OLD CARPENTER TOOLS** wanted. Planes, chisels, axes, etc. Also hunting, fishing gear. Old advertising, cast iron cookware. Call Ken (413)433-2195.

**SERVICES**  
**A B Hauling and Removal Service**

**2\*\*\*\*\*A & B HOUSEHOLD REMOVAL SERVICE\*\*\*\*\***  
 Cellars, attics, garages cleaned, yard debris. Barns, sheds, demolished. Swimming pools removed. Cheaper than dumpster fees and we do all the work. Lowest rates. Fully insured. (413)283-6512, cell (413)222-8868.



**2\*\*\*\*A CALL WE HAUL WE TAKE IT ALL WE LOAD IT ALL**  
 Lowest Rates, accumulations, junk, estates, attics, garages, appliances, basements, demo services. 10% disc. with this ad of services. Dumpster Rentals available for rent. All Major CC's CALL NOW (413)531-1936 acallwehaul@gmail.com

**ABSOLUTE CHIMNEY HIC** #161245 & CSSL #101365 Insured. Sweeping chimneys year round. Thank you. (413)967-8002

**BILODEAU AND SON ROOFING.** Established 1976. New re-roofs and repairs. Gutter cleanings and repairs. Licensed/ insured. Call (413)967-6679

**SERVICES**  
**CHAIR SEAT WEAVING** & refinishing - cane, fiber rush & splint - Classroom instructor, 20+ years experience. Call Walt at (413)289-6670 for estimate.

**PAINT AND PAPER** Over 25 years experience. References. Lic #086220. Please call Kevin 978-355-6864.



**WE RENOVATE, SELL & PURCHASE** (any condition) horse drawn vehicles such as sleighs, carriages, surreys, wagons, dr's buggies, driveable or lawn ornaments. Some furniture and other restoration services available. Reasonable prices. Quality workmanship. Call (413)213-0373 for estimate and information. DEMERS & SONS BELCHERTOWN, MA

**CHILD SERVICES**

**\*NEW STATE LAW.** Anyone advertising caring of children must list a license number to do so if they offer this service in their own home.

**ELECTRICIAN**

**CHAMPAGNE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS** Service changes/upgrades, generators, phone/data wiring, smoke detectors. Insured. Credit cards accepted. License #22882A (413) 210-9140

**DEPENDABLE ELECTRICIAN, FRIENDLY** service, installs deicing cables. Free estimates. Fully insured. Scott Winters electrician Lic. #13514-B Call (413)244-7096.

**SERVICES**  
**EXCAVATING**

**ELIOT STARBARD EXCAVATION** 35 yrs of happy customers. 508-882-0140

**HOME IMPROVEMENT**

**CERAMIC TILE INSTALLATION** Kitchen, bath, foyers. References. Lic #086220. Please call Kevin (978)355-6864.

**HOME IMPROVEMENTS. REMODELING** Kitchens, baths. Ceramic tile, windows, painting, wallpapering, textured ceilings, siding, decks. Insurance work. Fully insured. Free estimates. (413)246-2783 Ron.

**WATER DAMAGE CALL JAY (413)436-5782 FOR REPAIRS**  
**COMPLETE DRYWALL SERVICE. FINISHING, PAINTING, CEILING (SMOOTH OR TEXTURED). 40+ YEARS EXPERIENCE. FULLY INSURED.**

**INSTRUCTION**

**DON'T BE A STARVING ARTIST** - learn how to teach painting with this special method to people of all ages and abilities and have your own business with a stable income. Fill the need for more art in healthcare facilities. Check it out at: www.artis4every1.com or call (508)882-3848



**SERVICES**  
**LANDSCAPING**

**A+ ROZELL'S LANDSCAPING & BOBCAT SERVICE**  
 Excavator Services  
 Overgrown property?  
 Extreme Brush Cutting!  
 Shrub, Stump, Tree Removal  
 Lawn/Arborvite Installed  
 Loam, Stone, Mulch, Sand  
 Storm Clean-up  
 Maintenance  
 Small Demolition/ Junk Removal/  
 Clean-outs  
 Insured  
**413-636-5957**

**\*\*ALL SEASON\*\*** Specializing in shrub trimming, pruning, design, deliveries, loader, backhoe, insured. Professional. Please call Bob (413)537-5789 (413)538-7954.

**CHAMPAGNE LANDSCAPING**  
 Weekly, bi-weekly mowing, Spring, Fall Clean-ups, trimming, mulch, stone beds, excavating. Total yard maintenance. Call Dan (413)682-4943

**DAVE'S LAWN AND GARDEN, LLC.** Landscape design & maintenance  
 Patios & walkways  
 Stump grinding  
 Senior Citizen/ Veteran's Discount  
 Certified/ Insured  
 Call Dave (413)478-4212 for your free estimate.

**ENVY YARD MAINTENANCE**  
 Lawn mowing, Spring/ Fall clean-up, mulch, shrub trimming, general yard maintenance, etc. When quality and service matter call Nick 413-386-5014

**LAWN & GARDEN**

**\*COMPOSTED LOAM\* 3/8** screened, \$28/yd. deliv., 10 yd min.; No additives, fillers or by-products. Local deliv. to Oakham and surrounding towns only. Eliot Starbard 508-882-0140.

**MASONRY**

**STOP WET BASEMENTS**  
**ABC MASONRY & BASEMENT WATERPROOFING**  
 All brick, block, stone, concrete. Hatchway doors, basement windows, chimneys rebuilt & repaired, foundations repaired, basement waterproofing systems, sump pumps. BBB+ rating. Free estimates. Lic #14790. Call (413)569-1611, (413)374-5377

**PAINTING**

**KEEP IT PAINTING-** Klems excellent exterior painting. Interiors too. Specializing in all aspects of quality painting and staining. 25 years experience. Free consultation. Steve (413)477-8217

**PLUMBING**

**LINC'S PLUMBING LIC. #J27222**  
 "New Season"  
 "New Projects"  
 Call LINC'S  
 For Your Connection  
**(413)668-5299**

**ROOFING**

**FREE ROOF INSPECTIONS.** All types of roofing, shingle, flat and slate. Call Local Builders (413)626-5296. Complete roofing systems and repairs. Fully licensed and insured. MA CS #102453. Senior Discount. 24 hour service. Veteran Discount.

**TREE WORK**

**AAA - TROM'S TREE SERVICE**  
**Let me save you money.** Tree removal, hazard tree removal, cordwood, stump grinding. We're fully insured and **workmen's comp.** for your protection. Free estimates. Mon-Sun Call Jason (413)283-6374

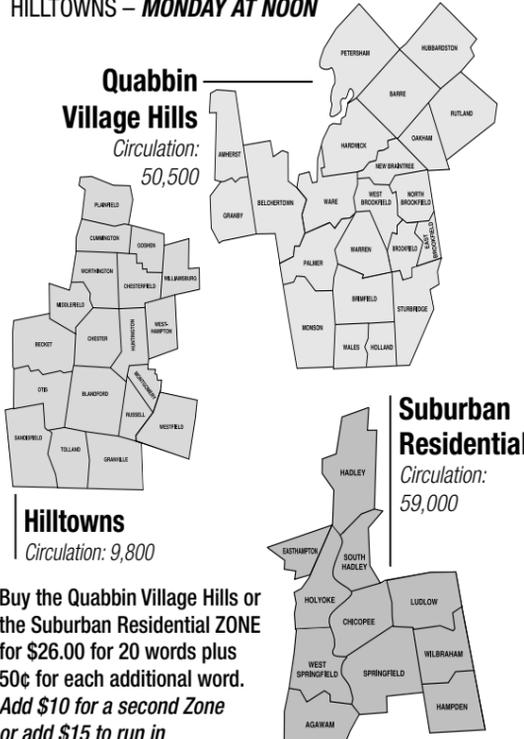
**FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS MONEY MAKER**

MAIL TO: Classifieds, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069  
 or call toll free: 800-824-6548

DEADLINES:

QUABBIN & SUBURBAN - FRIDAY AT NOON  
 HILLTOWNS - MONDAY AT NOON

CATEGORY:			
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40



Buy the Quabbin Village Hills or the Suburban Residential ZONE for \$26.00 for 20 words plus 50¢ for each additional word. Add \$10 for a second Zone or add \$15 to run in ALL THREE ZONES.

First ZONE base price \_\_\_\_\_ Includes additional words

Add a second ZONE **\$10.00**

Add a third ZONE **\$5.00**

Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

x Number of Weeks \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Run my ad in the following ZONE(s):  
 Quabbin  
 Suburban  
 Hilltowns

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Weeks: \_\_\_\_\_ X per week rate = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card:  MasterCard  VISA  Discover  Cash  Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OUR CLASSIFIEDS REACH 50 COMMUNITIES EVERY WEEK!**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Public Hearing  
Legal Notice  
Belchertown**

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 11 the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday August 19, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**

Per Governor Baker Executive Order March 12, 2020 This hearing will be held remotely on the application from Robert L. Stephens seeking Special Permit §145-69; §145-17 Non-Conforming Use C Extension or addition and §145-68 Variance; 145 Attachment 2 side yard setback 8' feet from the required 20' feet at 466 Federal Street map 103 Parcel 16 Zoning District LR

A copy of the application may be inspected on the Zoning Board of Appeals Website at Belchertown.org

Any Person interested and wishing to be heard can access the meeting on August 19, 2020 @ 6:30 PM or in writing, mailed to ZBA P.O. Box 670 Belchertown, MA 01007-0670 Aug 19, 2020 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (EDT)

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

https://www.gotomeet.me/MaryGrenier/zoning-board-of-appeals

You can also dial in using

your phone.

United States: +1 (872) 240-3212

Access Code: 928-707-685  
New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/928707685

Mark Hebert, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
7/30, 8/06/2020

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampshire Probate and  
Family Court  
15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413) 586-8500  
Docket No. HS19P0559EA  
Estate of:  
Linda P. Barron  
Date of Death: 05/30/2018  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
ORDER OF COMPLETE  
SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by: **Joseph Flynn** of West Springfield MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of heirs at law, First and Final Account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/19/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: July 21, 2020  
**Michael J. Carey**  
Register of Probate  
07/30/2020

**Belchertown  
Conservation Commission  
LEGAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40 (Wetlands Protection Act) and the Belchertown Wetland Bylaw, the Belchertown Conservation Commission

will hold a public hearing on **Monday, August 10, 2020, at 7:00 PM at Lawrence Memorial Town Hall.** The purpose of this meeting is to review a **Request for Determination of Applicability for construction of a single family home located at Lot 165 Bay Rd; Map , Lot 12.** Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

**Applicant:  
M & G Land Development LLC  
413-237-2258  
Mjackson181@yahoo.com  
07/30/2020**

**SALE OF MOTOR  
VEHICLE**

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of August 14, 2020 the following motor vehicles will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

Vehicle: 1998 Honda Accord  
Vin#: 1HGCG1659WA020267  
Color: Tan  
LKO: Stephanie N Pinkney  
Address:  
121 N. Main St. Apt L8  
Belchertown, MA 01007  
Relentless Towing  
Belchertown, MA  
413-530-3804  
7/30, 8/6, 8/13/2020

**NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC AUCTION**

**SNOW'S SELF STORAGE LLC**, will sell at Public Auction at 746 Bay Road, Belchertown, MA, all the personal property stored in its facility by:

Charles Chalmers – RB2  
Nathaniel Adams – P34  
At **10:00 a.m., Sunday, August 16, 2020**, at the premises of **SNOW'S SELF STORAGE LLC, 746 Bay Road, Belchertown, MA**, by Warren Schreiber, Auctioneer, as Agent for Snow's Self Storage, LLC.

**Snow's Self-Storage reserves the following rights: to bid at the public auction, to refuse any and all bids, or to cancel the auction at any time for any reason.**

7/23, 7/30/2020



**PUBLIC NOTICES  
ARE NOW ONLINE**

- 1 Email all notices to notices@turley.com
- 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts' public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

Public notice deadlines are Mondays at noon, Fridays noon for Monday holidays.

visit [www.publicnotices.turley.com](http://www.publicnotices.turley.com)

# Classifieds

13 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS | SERVING 50 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | [www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Call us toll free 800.824.6548

**SERVICES**

**AAA1 H & H TREE SERVICE**  
Fully insured. 15 yrs experience climbing. Skid steer work, land clearing. Call Dave. **413-668-6560** day/night.

**DL & G TREE SERVICE**- Everything from tree pruning, tree removal, stump grinding, storm damage, lot clearing and brush chipping. Honest and Dependable. Fully insured. Now offering a Senior Citizen and Veteran discount. Call today for free estimate **(413)478-4212**

**STUMP GRINDING**

**DL & G STUMP GRINDING** Grinding stumps of all sizes, insured & certified. Senior discounts. Call Dave **413-478-4212**

**AUTO**

**CARS/TRUCKS WANTED!!!** All Makes/ Models 2000-2019! Any Condition, Running or Not. Top \$\$\$ Paid! Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call Now: **1-888-513-1505.**

**AUTO PARTS**

**1971 SUPER BEETLE VW CONVERTIBLE PARTS** One hood, two doors, five boxes of other parts. Steering Wheel for 64' Chevy (413) 283-8046

**CLASSIFIED DEADLINES**

**QUABBIN & SUBURBAN  
FRIDAY AT NOON  
HILLTOWNS  
MONDAY AT NOON**

**PETS**

**RETIRED RACING  
GREYHOUNDS AVAILABLE  
FOR ADOPTION**  
**SPAYED/NEUTERED, WORMED,  
SHOTS, HEARTWORM TESTED,  
TEETH CLEANED**

**MAKE A FAST FRIEND!**

**GREYHOUND OPTIONS INC.  
CALL MARY AT 413-566-3129  
OR CLAIRE AT 413-967-9088  
OR GO TO  
WWW.GREYHOUNDOPTIONS.  
ORG**

**HORSES**

**HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS** offered year round at our state of the art facility. beginner to advanced. Ages 4 years to adult. Boarding, sales and Leasing also available. Convenient location at Orion Farm in South Hadley **(413)532-9753** [www.orionfarm.net](http://www.orionfarm.net)

**HELP WANTED**

**PART-TIME WAITSTAFF NEEDED** for weddings and functions. Sophomore/Junior High School Students welcome to apply. Harding Allen Estate **978-355-4920.**

**PT CUSTODIAN TOWN OF OAKHAM** The town of Oakham is currently seeking to fill a PT 10 hr/wk custodial position. Applications are available on the town website and can be emailed to ashley.sturges@oakham-ma.gov.

**SECRETARY WANTED** for a few hours a week, Monson area. Please call author **917-373-2143.**

**REAL ESTATE**

**FOR SALE OR RENT** East Otis, MA 2, year round cottages on 1/2 acre lot, on private Drive and 40ft dock on the lake. Great for swimming, boating, fishing, etc. Call Paul (860)621-6332. Or text Debby (860)302-0920

**LAND FOR SALE**

**25'X110' ROW LOT** W/ 40' waterfront on Holland Lake. Unbuildable. Possible dock and swimming. \$13,000 or BO **508-868-6157**

**FOR RENT**



**EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY**

**ALL REAL ESTATE** advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.



Find your dream home or list your property here!

**REAL ESTATE**

**HILLSIDE VILLAGE APARTMENTS**

**APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR ONE, TWO AND THREE BEDROOM APARTMENTS**

- Heat and hot water included
  - Ample Closets
  - Fully Appliance
  - Community Room
  - Laundry Facilities
  - Cats Welcome
  - Extra Storage
  - 24 Hour Maintenance
- For Information call **(413)967-7755 EHO**

17 Convent Hill  
Ware, MA



**SECTION 8 WELCOME** Ware 2 bedroom apts. new kitchen, bath, paint, flooring, appliances, etc. Available ASAP **(413)531-2433**

**WARE 2 BEDROOM** 1st Floor W/D hook up. Off street parking, storage space, rubbish removal. F/L/S No pets. \$800.00 per/month (413) 244-9874

**WARREN MODERN** Studio, \$675, with new kitchen, carpet and appliances. Free hot water. Beautiful rural setting with a mountain view. Located on 67. Please call **(413)436-5301**

**REAL ESTATE**

**STORAGE**

**SECURE STORAGE HAS** opened a brand new facility in Ware behind the Ware Post Office. Call for all your storage needs and our low rates. **413-531-3722**

**VACATION RENTALS**

**WARM WEATHER IS** Year Round In Aruba. The water is safe, and the dining is fantastic. Walk out to the beach. 3-Bedroom weeks available. Sleeps 8. Email: carolaction@aol.com for more information.

**Buying? Selling?**

Our Classifieds Get Results!



**REAL ESTATE**

**FOR RENT**



All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status (number of children and or pregnancy), national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, or any intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertising in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain about discrimination call The Department of Housing and Urban Development "HUD" toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. For the N.E. area, call HUD at 617-565-5308. The toll free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



**\$12.50 Each**

**Digital Photos**

TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC.

Purchase a photo that recently ran in one of our publications. Go to [newspapers.turley.com/photo-request](http://newspapers.turley.com/photo-request)



Class Salutatorian Nat Courchesne gave his speech about moving forward together from their graduation "to continue our journey to achieve our goals."

In his address, Valedictorian Ryland Charron talked about the influence of books on his life and encouraged his classmates to be lifelong learners.

Class President Derek Guntor spoke to the class of 2020 about their unity throughout their years going to school together.

**GRADUATES** • from page 1

COVID-19 hasn't done us any favors, robbing us of prom, spring sports, senior trip and a traditional graduation. All of it, gone, and there's nothing we can do about it... We can't let these past few months destroy a past few years' worth of work."

He added it was best for the group to "pick themselves up and continue (their) journey to achieve (their) goals."

Similarly, Class President Derek Guntor said the classes' senior year was "pretty unconventional."

While Guntor said he felt the sting after receiving the

email telling students they wouldn't return to Belchertown High School for the rest of the year, he said the group was reliable and "thrived at everything (they've) ever done in this school and it's all because of (them)."

He said despite the fact the graduation ceremony was a closure of one part of their lives, they would not be separating anytime soon.

"The bonds we've all created through the last decade will be there forever," Guntor said. "Some of us will be at each other's weddings. Some of us will be godparents, aunts or uncles to each other's children. But most of us will always look back and smile when you think of this class."

In his speech, Class Valedictorian Ryland Charron, spoke about the effects books have had on his life and urged his classmates to continue reading.

"I read a lot throughout elementary and middle school. I used to read a new novel every week," he said. "In my English class junior year, we did a unit on The Stranger by Albert Camus. The story itself isn't super exciting, but the philosophies embedded in the book are very thought provoking."

He explained the book's philosophy on absurdism – the idea that the universe has no meaning and the best way to live is to fully enjoy every individual moment – which he finds helped to make sense of the chaotic world.

He advised his classmates to read book throughout their lives because unlike many aspects of life, people get to pick what books they want to read.

"This ability to choose is powerful, because by selecting what we read, we can choose who we are, and who we will become," he said.

Following the speeches, the class was presented to Superintendent Brian Cameron and each student's name was read.

Rather than receiving their diploma at graduation, students and families received the diploma last week during a two-day event. At the ceremony, each student stood and moved their tassel from the right to the left side of their caps.

In her address to the graduates and their families, Principal Christine Vigneux told students to reflect on their experiences not only in the last year, but throughout their time in the Belchertown Public Schools.

She told them to think of "all the special and unique time you have shared and the thing you have truly loved about this BHS community." She listed classes, sports, assemblies and virtual meets.

Remarking on the last few months of their high school careers with a story from Atlas Obscura about a school-teacher, Hildreth Heiney, and her fiancé Sgt. Kleber Hadley.

The two wrote each other letters about wearing masks during a pandemic.

"Yes, I wore one, and so did everybody else," Vigneux said, reading a letter from Heiney. "(She) wrote this letter on Nov. 21, 1918. Graduation exercises often bring me back to my roots in education, my start as a history teacher. Here we are, here you are, more than a century after this letter was written by a woman separated from someone she loved, grappling with a pandemic and trying to make the best of a 'new normal' which included mask-wearing."

She said there were three lessons one could take from the letters – the fact that people will see the other side of the pandemic, the bonds people share with loved ones are stronger than ever and lastly that the 'nest' is a feeling, not a place.

"Wherever you go and whatever you do, you are Orioles and you always will be," Vigneux said. "As you fly away, you bring the nest with you. You don't have to say goodbye because in all the most important ways, we will be with us and you will be with each other. Everywhere. Always."

## A CURB APPEAL

We're in your neighborhood

- Landscape Design Services
- Property Management
- Sheds • Decks • Painting

# 413-813-9655

### Summer Home Project Specials

**1/2x6" Primed FJ Cedar Clapboards**  
CVG, mixed lengths @ \$.89/LF

**24x24" Porcelain Patio Pavers**  
Looks like real Bluestone, Limestone & Travertine.  
\$20 each, 6 colors to choose from

**1x4 Mahogany decking @ \$1.59/LF**

**Western Red Cedar Split Rail fence**  
Genuine Split, not sawn!  
Rails = \$19.50 ea  
2 hole posts = \$21.50 ea

**T.S. MANN Lumber Co., Inc.**  
*Conveniently Located on Route 32 in Athol*  
**978-249-2206**  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT ALL THE

# Turley Publications

[www.newspapers.turley.com](http://www.newspapers.turley.com)

## BUY DIRECT

USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS CENTER CUT PORK LOIN..... **\$1.69** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH PORK SHOULDER PICNIC..... **79¢** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH COUNTRY STYLE PORK RIBS. **\$1.44** lb

**SLICED IN OUR DELI**

USDA INSP. CHICKEN BREAST..... **\$2.99**

**GREAT ON THE GRILL!**

USDA INSP. STORE MADE ITALIAN MARINATED BONELESS CHICKEN BREAST ..... **\$2.29** lb

USDA INSP. STORE MADE TERIYAKI MARINATED BEEF SKIRT STEAKS ..... **\$7.99** lb

USDA INSP. STORE MADE KABOBS WITH VEGGIES BEEF..... **\$6.99** PORK..... **\$4.99**

## AND SAVE

USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF STRIPLOIN **\$5.95** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF EYE ROUND **\$2.96** lb

USDA INSP. GROUND FRESH DAILY 80% LEAN GROUND BEEF 7 LB. BAG **\$3.09** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS & SKINLESS CHICKEN BREAST ..... **\$1.19** lb

USDA INSP. FROZEN VARIETY PAK CUT UP CHICKENS ..... **69¢** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH CHICKEN WINGS WHOLE ..... **\$2.09** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH HILLDALE MEDIUM EGGS ..... **79¢** doz

**90 Meat Outlet**

**NEW EXTENDED HOURS:**  
Mon. - Wed. 8-4  
Thurs. 8-6 • Fri. 8-6 • Sat. 8-3

90 Avocado St., Springfield

We reserve the right to limit quantities.

SALE DATES: 7/30/20 - 8/5/20

BUY DIRECT FOR SAVINGS • SELECTION • SERVICE

**90meat.com • 413-737-1288**

	C	P	U		A	T	T	A	C	K					
	H	E	P		D	E	A	D	L	Y					
D	U		A	N	S		L	I	M	A					
I	N	D	I	C	T		E	L	E	V	A	T	E		
S	C	O	R	I	A		V	E	N	I	S	O	N		
C	O	W	S	L	I	P		I	D		E	I	R	A	
						R	E	F	S		R	A	N	T	
U	T	A			S	A	R	I	S		N	E	E		
L	A	P	P		C	O	O	P							
N	E	P	A		M	E		N	A	U	S	E	A	M	
A	G	E	N	D	U	M		C	R	E	A	T	E		
S	U	L	T	A	N	A		E	S	C	R	O	W		
						H	U	C	K		M	I	R	P	S
						D	E	N	I	E	D		E	N	E
						A	R	T	E	R	Y		N	E	T