

Grad student shares pollinator info

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BELCHERTOWN – Learning about pollinators when you have a garden or farm is probably one of the most important parts of maintaining these wonderlands of nature.

Pollinators keep plants alive, delivering pollen and aiding in keeping our flowers ready to produce the delicious fruits and vegetables we know and love.

The New England Small Farms Institute, located here in town, invited a speaker to share with gardeners and farmers alike about the importance of pollinators and ensuring they are well taken care of.

Jules Davis, a Xerces Ambassador from the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation and share their findings during their post-doctoral research of pollinators and their effects on farms and gardens.

The Xerces Society was named for the now extinct Xerces Blue Butterfly, and specializes in spready awareness, education, advocacy, and research on invertebrates and their roles.



Jules Davis sharing what they know about bees and bee diversity.

“Pollinators are really important for our different plant species. Their contribution to our nutrition and

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A frozen honey comb with different levels of a life span represented.

Magic of mushrooms explored at library talk

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BELCHERTOWN – Figuring out what kinds of mushrooms are out there can be a daunting task, as many look similar, and toxic ones can mimic perfectly edible ones.

For any aspiring mushroom forager, its essential to learn how to identify which ones are safe to eat, so you can make sure that you are only eating the safe ones.

Jonathan Krantz, a former park ranger, came to the Clapp Memorial Library last weekend to share a presentation on the Magic of Mushrooms, detailing what kinds of mushrooms there are, as well as the best spots to forage for them.

“Mushrooms are mysterious and beautiful, and there’s never an end to what you’ll discover,” said Krantz. “I started getting interested in walking in the woods, and then the interest in mushrooms came about, and that’s how the combination started.”

When you think of mushrooms, most people have come to mind the kind you

find at the at the supermarket, but it is actually the same kind of mushroom, only at different levels of growth.

“The important part is that the part you see is just the tip of the iceberg,” said Krantz. “The true body of the mushroom is the mycelium, the true body of the fungus that does the living, the eating, and the growing.”

The mycelium of the mushroom, which looks like the roots of a plant, are the living, moving part of the fungi that burrows into natural materials, and releases enzymes to break down that material, and then absorbs it, essentially becoming completely absorbed into what it is eating.

“When we think of a mushroom, especially one from a store, we think of mostly the gills,” said Krantz, noting one of them most prominent features on the underside of some mushroom caps.

This is called the “fertile surface” that produces spores, the fungal equivalent of a seed, that then spreads

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Pathfinder Tech proposes budget

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PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder Technical Vocational School presented its budget for fiscal year 2026 at an annual dinner.

“One of the things of high importance that we shared with the towns was that we’re seeing a five year trend of increased enrollment.”

– Supt. Eric Duda

On March 12, stakeholders from all nine towns serviced by Pathfinder were invited to attend the school’s annual budget presentation dinner. The towns were represented by School Board members, town Finance Committees, Town Administrators and Town Managers, and the budget was presented by Superintendent Eric Duda.

Duda opened the ceremony with highlights from the past year, including competitive grants and improvements to the school, such as the new gym floor, which was funded by the town of Palmer.

“We reviewed the competitive grants we’ve received,” Duda said, “one for \$1.25 million for the

complete renovation of our horticulture and electrical programs, which was the largest we ever received.”

In addition to this grant, Duda highlighted a grant for \$100,000 that helped the school upgrade its HVAC program. The school also qualified for two competitive grants, including \$280,000 for the past year, and a grant of \$420,000 that was designated

for fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

Duda said that these grants have been used toward building up Career Technical Initiatives, the school’s Adult Continuing Education program.

“Those two grants are paying for training opportunities for the unemployed and underemployed and paying for staffing and for the Director of Programing,” Duda said, and mentioned that the program will be starting programs in groundskeeping and carpentry, after previously running courses on electrical and plumbing.

“On top of that, there’s a

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A table of friends enjoying some coffee and time to chat.

Senior center hosts Roger Tincknell for an Irish performance

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BELCHERTOWN – To celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and all things Irish, the senior center hosted a special lunch where they could enjoy corned beef and cabbage while listening to classic Irish music.

The Belchertown Cultural Council sponsored the event, which was sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, allowing for a fun event of delicious food.

Also in attendance were members of Country Bank, who also sponsored the event, and there was a raf-



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Katy Martin and Jess Langlois welcoming people to the luncheon.

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Senior center combats food insecurity

BELCHERTOWN – Community members are feeling the pinch in their budgets from inflation and increasing food costs. What does one do when there isn’t enough money to cover expenses? Some go hungry, others cut back, or find other ways to make ends meet. Rather than going hungry, many older adults in Belchertown are discovering and accessing the available food programs through the Town’s Senior Center.

Within the Center itself, there are two food programs offered to community members age 60 and over, the community dining program and the home delivered meals program. The meal for both programs is prepared daily Monday - Friday, on site at the Senior Center. The community dining program offers attendees the opportunity to eat in the dining room with others which improves socialization and connection.

This meal is served at 11:30 a.m. for those who signed up by the previous day to endure enough food is prepared, and they may contribute a suggested donation of \$3 per meal which

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Get To Know Your Town Employee: Kathy Kelly-Regan

GRANBY – As part of a new addition to the papers, we are looking to add in features of our town employees to recognize and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

These town employees are what help keep our communities running, providing resources, help, information, fun events, organization, and more for us to enjoy.

Here is an interview with Granby's Town Clerk, Kathy Kelly-Regan.

What is your favorite thing about the town?
“The people.”

What do you do in your position?

“What do I do? A lot! Most don't realize the responsibility the Town Clerks have, we're the Administrator of Elections, Public Records Officer, Record Keeper, record minutes for town meetings and elections, vital statistics, that's the recording of births, deaths and marriages, file marriage Intentions, and notary public, (I'm a JP as well). After the Town Meetings the clerk must file an appropriation statement to the Assessors, Treasurer and Town Accountant on the monies voted on at the town meeting. There are forms that may need to be filled out on articles for approval for zoning or general by-law changes that are filed to the AG office, and then everyday duties such as dog licenses, business licenses, gasoline registration, among other duties as they arise.”

Describe an average day at the office.

“Well, from question 2, I think you know there's always something to do! And there's always the public that may need help, whether it's phone calls, emails or in-person, it's busy.”

Tell me a bit about you. Are you a resident? What's your education?

“I'm a Granbanian, lived here my whole life, went to the Granby schools, continued to HCC got



Kathy Kelly-Regan, Town Clerk

my Associates, attended Westfield State and went into banking, did that for 20 years, I was an Assistant Bank Manager before I became Town Clerk. I've been town clerk for 29 years I was elected in 1996 and will be retiring this May, I have decided to not seek re-election and to spend more time with my Family.”

What other departments or committees/boards do you work closely with?

“Although the clerk's office has its own daily challenges, the clerk's office has dealings with just about every board or committee when it comes to doing Open Meeting postings, or some boards require things to be date stamped and then filed such as ZBA or Planning Board Decisions.”

What is the most fulfilling part of your job?

“When I'm able to help and accomplish my duties, it's gratifying to help those in the community and to run the office professionally.”

What inspired you to take on the position?

“My husband Tony Regan, and my Father-In-Law,

Anthony “Pops” Regan, they both encouraged me to take papers out and run. My Father-In-Law served our community as a Burial Commissioner for many years, and on the Veteran's Memorial War Committee.”

Where is your office located? What are your office hours?

“When I first started the offices were at Kellogg Hall, but the building got too compromised and was not suitable for the workplace. The town handed this building over to the Granby Preservation Society and they have been working very hard to restore the building. The Town Clerk's office, Town Collector's, Assessors and Board of Health departments have been working out of the Old Phone Company Building for the past 14 years. This building is located at 215 B West State St. other departments are in the COA Building at 10 B West State St.”

“All Public town office hours are Monday-Thursday 9-3 and Fridays, 9-12, however, I've made appointments when needed. My hours are not the same as the public hours and I'm usually work-

ing until 4 or 5 daily. I've always tried to accommodate the public; I've even come in on weekends or a holiday to help with a marriage intention or issue a certificate.”

“It's what I do, I'm a Public Servant and I'm here to help the community.”

What is the history of your department? What makes it unique from others?

“History has it the Town Clerk is a huge part of every town or city; this goes back to when records started being written down. Granby's town Clerk records go back to the 1750's, mentioning things like Daniel Shay's Rebellion and those serving in the Revolutionary War., Civil War, so many things are recorded. They're permanent records and part of the town's history. So, in that respect, this office is unique from the others.”

What do you want the community to know about your position?

“It's a very important position, there's responsibility, and yet the clerk needs to be the go-to for the community. It's a position that one should hold with pride and integrity, the clerk should know what confidentiality means, and if you can hold to those beliefs then you will have the trust of the community.”

“That is what a Public Servant is all about, and I was very proud to serve our community over these last 29 years. I will always remember and appreciate my supporters, my peers and the many years I served the town.”

CORRECTION

In the March 20 edition of the Sentinel, there was a error regarding stating B.O.A.T., and as “Belchertown Overcoming Diversity Together. The correct acronym is “Belchertown Overcoming Adversity Together”.

We regret the error

You're BACK in the garden, YOUR back in the garden

BELCHERTOWN— You're back in the garden, or will be soon, and perhaps concerned about taking good care of your body as you work there. Muscles not used much during the winter months will be called upon to lift and carry and dig and rake.

The McPherson Sensory Garden Committee will offer a workshop to help you use your muscles safely and effectively. The workshop, on March 29 will feature Leora Barry, OT, explaining and demonstrating ways to work which will be kind to your body, using muscles safely to avoid overuse or damage.

Ms. Barry will explain how to work safely and will include demonstrations with specific tools and their best use to protect

the gardener's body from strain. Members of the audience will be encouraged to try some exercises during the Workshop, if they wish, and a Q&A session will conclude the session. Participants may want to formulate their own questions or concerns in advance of the Workshop.

YOU'RE Back in the Garden, or, Your BACK in the Garden, will be presented at 10 a.m. on March 29, in the Auditorium at Town Hall. The program will last about 90 minutes and is free and available to all. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Please call 413-283-9912 to leave a message for Pat that you plan to attend, but advance notification will not be required. Please do attend if you can.

Pack 507 bottle and can drive

BELCHERTOWN— The Cub Scouts Pack 507 is having a bottle and can drive on April 5.

Bring your returnable cans, bottles and if available the box flats to hold them.

The items will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pride Station on 165 State St., Belchertown. Email questions to belchertowncubscouts507@gmail.com.

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Belchertown Twirlers win state titles

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown Twirlers competed at the Miss Majorette of Massachusetts Competition on January 26 in Whitman, Mass. Twirlers performed a 1 baton routine, strut routine and model with an interview in the State Miss Majorette Competition. The scores of all 3 routines are combined and the winners announced at the end of the competition. Proudly winning the title Pre-Teen Miss Majorette of Massachusetts is Delaney Ochs. Emelia Maldanis was awarded second place and is the Pre-Teen Miss Majorette of Massachusetts Royalty. Delaney and Emelia qualified to compete in the Miss Majorette of America Pageant at the Nationals Championships held at Notre Dame University in July.

Evelyn Maldanis was awarded 3rd place in the Beginner Juvenile Division and Mya Weise was awarded 4th place in the Novice Junior division.

The Belchertown Twirlers also competed in the Massachusetts State Championships on March 15 in Holyoke. In the team division the Belchertown Twirlers Advanced Youth Dance Twirl Team was awarded the Esther Lesieur Memorial Award. Members competing are Everly LaVallee, Quinn LaVallee, Emelia Maldanis, Evelyn Maldanis, Delaney Ochs and Mya Weise. The team was also awarded Advanced Pre-Teen Dance Twirl and Twirl Team and Beginner Youth Small Dance Twirl and Twirl Team banners

Our twirlers also competed in State individual competition. Delaney Ochs is the Advanced Pre-Teen Massachusetts State Solo, Strut and Rhythmic Twirl Champion. Emelia Maldanis



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Evelyn Maldanis, Delaney Ochs, Mya Weise, Emelia Maldanis, Quinn LaVallee and front Everly LaVallee.

is the Advanced Pre-Teen Massachusetts State 2 Baton Champion. Emelia also is the Intermediate Pre-Teen Strut Winner and placed runner-up in the Advanced Pre-Teen Solo and Rhythmic Twirl division. Delaney and Emelia have both qualified to compete in the National Championships in One Baton and Rhythmic Twirl.

Quinn LaVallee is the Intermediate Pre-Teen Massachusetts State Solo Winner and the Beginner Pre-Teen Massachusetts State Strut Winner. Mya Weise is the Beginner Junior Massachusetts State Solo Winner. Evelyn Maldanis placed 3rd in the Beginner Juvenile Solo division and Everly LaVallee placed 5th in the Beginner Juvenile Solo division

The Belchertown Twirlers are always welcoming new



Members of winning Esther Lesieur Memorial Team Award left to right: Quinn LaVallee, Emelia Maldanis, Delaney Ochs and Mya Weise.

twirlers into our program and you can sign up through the Belchertown Recreation Department. The proud

coaches of these twirlers are Kristi Ochs and Brittani Ladd.

2025 Lenten and Easter Schedule at Hope Methodist

BELCHERTOWN— Hope United Methodist Church is located at 31 Main St., Belchertown, for more information go to hopebelchertown.org.

Last Supper. We will be with him in the Garden of Prayer. And we will be with him in the dark night of betrayal.

Good Friday

April 18 1 to 3 p.m.

Sanctuary open for prayer and reflection followed by steeple bell tolling at 3 p.m.

Tenebrae Service

7 p.m.

The service of Tenebrae meaning darkness or shadows has readers trace the passion story through reading of scriptures. As candles are extinguished and lights dimmed, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 20 6 a.m.

Quabbin Reservoir – Tower Parking Lot; Ecumenical Service

Easter Sunday Worship

April 20 10 a.m.

Resurrection Celebration

Worship during Lent

Sundays 10 a.m.

March 9-April 6, 2025

Play "The People vs. Judas Iscariot" Culminating with a verdict by the congregation

Lenten Study

Tuesdays 10 a.m.

March 11 - April 8

"The Gospel of John" by Amy-Jill Levine. Study books are available from Pastor Michelle

Palm Sunday

April 13 10 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion, Distribution of Palm Branches

Holy Thursday

April 17 7 p.m.

During the service we will be with Christ at the

Easter Egg Hunt on April 12

BELCHERTOWN— Happy Spring! HOP over to Christ Community Church, located at 1255 Federal St., Belchertown, on April 12 for there annual Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza.

This is a FREE event for the community. Registration begins at 10 a.m.

There will be several egg hunts based on age group (**egg hunt is for ages 3-10, but kids of all ages are welcome to join in on any of the other activities!**).

In addition to the egg hunt, there will also be face painting, temporary tattoos,

craft projects, interactive activity tables and more.

Complimentary Easter egg bags will be provided at registration (while supplies last).

The event will be held rain or shine, in the event of poor weather, all activities will be held indoors.

The egg hunt is intended to for kids ages 3-10, but all ages are invited to participate in the other activities.

To find out more check out the website at www.gracefortheway.org or call the church office at 413-253-0292.



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April 3 is Belchertown Education Foundation Giving Day

BELCHERTOWN — On Thursday, April 3 the Belchertown Education Foundation will host one of its biggest fundraisers of the year-BEF Giving Day. On this day of community giving, everyone is invited to make a tax-deductible donation in any amount, to support innovative projects in Belchertown Schools. Donations can be made at BelchertownEducationFoundation.org.

The Belchertown Education Foundation provides annual Student Success Grants that enrich the education of Belchertown students. From constructing a Foucault pendulum at Jabish

Brook Middle School to illustrate motion and gravity, to building outdoor classrooms and calming spaces, the Foundation has provided more than \$100,000 in grants since 2018. All the funding has come from individuals and local business.

“None of what we do would be possible without our generous community donors. The cumulative impact of individual donations amounts to significant projects that set Belchertown apart,” says Jennifer Faulkner, a founding Board member. She adds, “Being able to award grants for such thoughtful and enriching projects provides a boost to the entire community. Please

join us by making a donation. Check our Facebook page for progress updates throughout the day.”

You can make a tax-deductible donation in any amount to support future grants through the website at BelchertownEducationFoundation.org or send a check to PO Box 435, Belchertown MA 01007. We hope you can help make this year’s Giving Day the best one yet. There’s no need to wait, you can get a head start and do it now and it will be counted toward the Giving Day total.

The Belchertown Education Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit 501(C)(3).

Spring book sale begins April 7

BELCHERTOWN — “The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library, Belchertown, Spring Book Sale will be held from April 7 to April 12.

While open only to Friends group members from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, April 7, memberships are available at door, it is open to the general public daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. the rest of the week, with a 25% discount to seniors on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 with 50% off on most items.

The sale has limited handicap accessibility and safety regulations permit only 30 shoppers at any time.

Being offered are thousands of items that include print & audio books, DVDs, CDs, records and puzzles. Holding the line on prices again this year, most hardcover books will be \$2, softcover books \$1, with some very nice newer books and older special interest books slightly higher. For more information, please visit <http://www.friendsofclappmemoriallibrary.org>.

The Friends are accepting donations of all these items until April 2. Donations may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours.”

BARC Craft Fair April 5

BELCHERTOWN—9th Annual BARC Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 5 at Jabish Brook Middle School.

It will be a packed house with some of your favorite local artisans. There will be 10th Anniversary BARC tees for sale along with other BARC swag, the famous catnip fish toys and dog tails! Roosters Roaming Cantina will be on site starting at 11 a.m. for lunch. Come on out and help celebrate BARC, Inc. turning 10!

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Jonathan Krantz showing different kinds of mushrooms.

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out and lets more fungi grow through various methods.

“All mushrooms are safe to handle, even the most poisonous. They have to be handled in order to cause damage,” said Krantz.

Fungi have adapted to spread their spores in different ways, whether coming out as dung after an animal eats it, or through the wind, or in other ways.

Fungi make their habitats and substrates in different places, growing on or in dung pies, meadows, in a fairy ring, on decaying matter like wood, on dead or dying mushrooms, in forest soil, and on moss.

Fungi are often characterized based on how they live: parasitic fungi live off of other living things; some fungi live on things decaying which in turn helps in creating rich soil for the cycle of photosynthesis; and some have a symbiotic relationship with other plants.

While fungi are not plants and are their own kind of organism, they are truly unique and are often grouped in different species according to the specific characteristics they have.

Amanitas have a sort of flaky tissue covering on their caps, and are generally toxic, and include a deadly mushroom known as the Destroying Angel. Boletes are soft, and come in a variety of textures and colors, including



Examples of different dried mushrooms Krantz brought in to share.

the Old Man of the Woods and Frost’s Bolete.

Russulas, or “Brittle Gills,” are uniform and perfectly round, but tend to fall apart when handled. The Lactarius or “Milk Mushrooms” excrete a liquid when sliced, and can be many different colors, change colors, or are clear and can even stain.

There are many different kinds of fungi out there that can be used to dye clothing like Cortinarius mushrooms, and for medicinal purposes like Turkey Tails.

Scientists have found fungi preserved all through the centuries, and found them used in different ways, some, like the tinder polypore, being used to carry embers.

Any potential mushroom forager needs some tools to hunt for mushrooms, and they include a basket, paper lunch bags, a knife and/or weed puller, notebook and pen to keep notes, and a camera for

photos because colors will fade.

You can also make spore prints by setting the mushroom cap onto an index card fertile-side down, and putting a glass cup over it to trap the moisture in. Then after sitting overnight leave a print of the spores.

You can learn more about what Jonathan Krantz does on his website at www.krantz.com/mushroom-walks-and-talks.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Indigenous land stewardship can safeguard food webs

By Elly Vaughan

Submitted Guest Column

An exciting new bill has been introduced proposing to return Belchertown's Lampson Brook Farm to the Nipmucs, in collaboration with current farmers leasing land through the New England Small Farms Institute. This historic legislation would provide long-term leases for those farmers, who will have the opportunity to work alongside the Nipmuc people on their mutual goals of feeding our local community and nurturing the land for generations to come.

Amid rising operating costs, climate change impacts, and recent loss of critical federal funding, it's no secret that small, locally-facing farmers are struggling more than ever. Such unprecedented challenges call us to come together around our shared concerns. Our right-to-farm community is full of people with differing values, backgrounds, and mindsets. Despite those differences, one thing we can all agree on is that we need good food raised in our own communities, and we need to keep our farmland and forests safe and healthy.

The Nipmuc have demonstrated their commitment and aptitude for soil restoration/maintenance, non-chemical approaches to growing produce, edible forest cultivation, and native species restoration, all of which are USDA-defined "climate smart" agricultural practices. They draw from a wealth of ancestral knowledge reaching back through time immemorial, and their approach comes with a generous dose of respect for all beings in our community, both human and non-human. Their deep understanding of how to cultivate food and medicine in balance with natural systems will help to safeguard the land and feed our community handsomely - and they are eager to share their knowledge.

The farmers at NESFI have been mainstays of our community for decades. They are our friends, neighbors, and respected land stewards. NESFI's commitment to providing land access to beginning farmers is of critical importance to our town and beyond. The produce they bring to our tables through the tireless work and sacrifice that marks the life of a farmer, has filled our bellies and fed the soul of Belchertown year after year.

These groups share a passion for stewarding the land and for feeding their families and neighbors from our own precious soils. Can you imagine how the combined efforts of two such groups could supercharge our local food web? The work ethic, know-how, and commitment of our beloved NESFI farmers, combined with new revelations from Nipmuc's ancestral knowledge accumulated over millennia, would be transformative. Our lands would be stewarded again by the original conservators, in collaboration with the local farmers we know and love. The Nipmuc will invite in community members for learning opportunities, youth programs, and land access to revitalize our relationship with the farmland and forests on Lampson Brook Farm. All such programs echo the existing uses of the land and seek to build on what our community already enjoys at this historic site.

In a time when our country feels so divided and so many of us feel uncertain about the future of the environment at large, this project would be a beacon of hope, teamwork, and togetherness around shared goals of food security, environmental conservation, and strong community ties.

Let our town stand as an inspiration to others to bridge what seems to divide us. Stand in support of this incredible legislation, and let's get started on a new era of food sovereignty right here in Belchertown!



LETTERS

Helping Belchertown students

To the Editor:

I am writing as a founding member of the Belchertown Education Foundation. The Foundation came together 10 years ago at a time similar to today when our schools were facing significant financial challenges. A group of parents and community members wanted to ensure funding would be available to enrich the education of students in our schools. We established an independent, not-for-profit organization and began fundraising efforts which have resulted in more than \$100,000 in grants awarded solely to Belchertown

Schools over seven years.

While the Foundation does not address the larger financial issues, it has served to fund 41 grants positively impacting thousands of students over the years, in every school, and delivered innovative projects spanning academic, athletic and musical pursuits.

There's no better time than now to get involved. The Foundation is at a pivotal point of redesigning fundraising and building our governing Board. There are several openings that need to be filled to ensure a strong future for the Foundation. You can make a difference

by lending your expertise for just a few hours a month as a Board or Committee member. Help preserve this important community resource.

Parents, retired teachers, business leaders and professionals with ties to Belchertown, and any member of the community, are invited to join an upcoming meeting or speak with a Board member to learn more. Send a note of interest to info@Belchertown-EducationFoundation.org.

With Gratitude,

Jenn Faulkner
Belchertown

Should history be savored

To the Editor:

I agree with letter-writer F. Knowlton Utley that history is important, but I disagree with the conclusion that changing a name destroys history. Our town's history includes the change from Cold Spring to Belchertown, honoring a distant politician, land owner, and slaver who probably never set foot here. Although he trad-

ed in human lives, Jonathan Belcher could be "generous": he gave a Native American slave as a gift to Princess Sophia of Hanover, mother of King George I of England-generous to the princess, a valuable political and business contact, not generous to the victim moved as chattel to another continent. Is this activity we should continue to honor?

Confronting our nation's

and town's heritage of slavery and changing the name of our town back to Cold Spring would not erase history (book banning attempts that). Rather, such an engagement with our living history would do far more to move our town forward than treating history as dead and finished.

David Spector
Belchertown

What's in a name?

To the editor,

I am a fairly new, enthusiastic resident of Belchertown/Btown/Cold Springs. It's amusing and intriguing to be part of discussions for a healthy strategic name change. May I opine a couple ideas that may or may not go

any further than this?

It seems Belchertown is a self-deprecatory town to honor a not so honorable colonialist. People seem to keep it, with ambivalence, as to attract new folks left and keep us undiscovered.

I think we can do better in either direction gumption and

humor, less ambivalence. My idea is to Cold Springs, back to historical roots and homage to nature.

Otherwise let's go for gusto, fartopia or flatulenceville. After all, what's in a name?

Michael Hoffman
Btown/Cold Springs

FOOD INSECURITY

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is voluntary and confidential. The same meal is delivered by home delivered meals drivers to qualifying Belchertown residents age 60 and over. These residents may also contribute to the program through voluntary confidential donations. There is no required fee for individuals age 60 or over for either program.

The Belchertown Senior Center also partners with local organizations to help offset food insecurity. Through its partnerships with the Food Bank of Western MA and Amherst Survival Center, residents who apply for and are accepted to each program can pick up groceries at the Belchertown Senior Center.

The Food Bank of Western MA offers an income based "Brown Bag" food program. Once accepted, participants of the Brown Bag program may pick up a bag of shelf stable food items with the occasional fresh produce or other

perishable items included as available. The Brown Bag pick-up is offered on the Second Friday of every month at the Senior Center. The hours are listed in the Center's newsletter and applications can be found online on the Food Bank of Western MA's website or through the Senior Center.

The Amherst Survival Center offers the Older Adult Mobile Food Pantry program. This program brings groceries, both shelf stable and perishable to the Belchertown Senior Center monthly on the Third Wednesday for participants of the program to pick up. Participant preferences are used to fill the orders and modifications can be made as necessary. Those interested in signing up for this program can contact the Amherst Survival Center directly for an application or call Stephanie at the Belchertown Senior Center for help.

The Senior Center's Executive Director Jessica Langlois says "Although the

Mobile Food Pantry is labor intense for staff, it's truly a labor of love to be sure our community members have what they need. This program was created in 2018 and was run all through COVID and is still relied upon by many. The Brown Bag program is a great way for those most in need to receive essential shelf stable food items like peanut butter, tuna and pasta to help them stretch their fixed incomes.

The community dining meals provided here in the Center and the meals delivered to home bound individuals are not only delicious, but follow dietary guidelines and restrictions provided to the Center by a registered dietician at Access Care Partners (formerly WestMass ElderCare), our Area Agency on Aging. We are very grateful to be a part of the solution for those struggling to make ends meet. If anyone has any questions about these programs or others provided at the Center, we always here and happy to answer them!"

BUDGET

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list of a dozen offerings from puppy training to art classes," Duda said, describing these short courses as "low-cost, local interest types of classes."

"One of the things of high importance that we shared with the towns was that we're seeing a five year trend of increased enrollment," Duda said, and provided graphs showing a 14% increase in in-district students.

The overall budget that Pathfinder proposed will represent a 3.92% increase to the overall budget, though only 2.23% will be municipally funded, after factoring in state aid and other local revenue sources. The proposed budget for 2026 amounts to \$17,302,239.

Duda enumerated a number of costs that schools and municipal districts alike have been facing, including contract increases, rising health insurance costs, and the cost of busing. He said that the proposed budget does not reflect level service funding, and anticipates that some staffing cuts may have to be made to meet the budget.

"There are challenges in many of the nine towns this year that the towns are facing, either with other school districts they belong to or with other budgetary concerns," said Duda. "We're dealing with the same challenges."

To find out more about Pathfinder Technical Community College, visit PathfinderTech.org.

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fle for money to support the Belchertown Council of Aging's Nutrition Programming.

Roger Tincknell brought his guitar and voice and shared with those at the luncheon some classic jigs and sing-alongs from well-known favorites to those known by Irish households.

"My favorite thing about music is sharing it with others, and that's why I like performing more than teachers," said Tincknell. "I like the fact that it motivates people and has a bit of a healing quality to it, and I find that when working with older adults it can be rather therapeutic for them and me."

Tincknell has been performing for 45 years, and has been a full-time performer for about thirty, beginning his journey through music performing in bands through his teenage years, and then becoming a music teacher.

Tincknell began with library programs and performing for families, but gradually found what was most fulfilling was performing in adult programs as he moved away on his journey towards performing more and moving away from teaching.

"It feels like I'm playing for peers again like I did when I was younger," said Tincknell. "I play a lot of instruments, but I think the singing with other people is the most valuable part of it."

After many requests from those who listened to his performances for Irish music performances, From Ireland to America was born.

Tincknell began applying for grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to perform at senior centers after discovering the wide range of holidays they do programs for, and a desire for a St. Patrick's Day concert.

"I really like Celtic music in general, and I did research into what Irish songs there were, and Irish American sing-alongs that a lot of people would know," said Tincknell.



What is your favorite Irish song?

TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS



Roger Tincknell singing his heart out to some classic Irish tunes.



Theresa Beynor and Chris Luciano with Country Bank helping to serve at the luncheon.

He began to research many different classic Irish songs, choosing a variety to include in his performances, with some more fun sing-a-longs, and others historical ballads.

"I've fallen in love with Irish music, and I take requests, and every year they bring me new songs and I go and learn them," said Tincknell. "I have learned a lot of relatively obscure Irish and Irish American songs that only the people growing up in Irish households would know."

Tincknell held eighteen different performances for St. Patrick's Day through the month of March and is looking forward to many more

years of performing and doing what he loves.

"I love the stories- the songs all tell stories. Some of it is historical, and there is a lot of rich material," said Tincknell. "All of them tell stories, and they are authentic folk songs that are deep and rich, even the corny sing-a-longs."

You can find a calendar about his upcoming programs and information about his fourteen established programs on his website, www.rogerincknell.com.

RIGHT: Stephanie Fraleigh ready to pass out some raffle tickets with her shamrock headband.



Some pinned specimens of bees, hornets, and flies that mimic bees.

TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

POLLINATOR

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overall wellbeing globally is very important, and they make major effects on our crops," said Davis.

Pollinators include insects like bees and butterflies, but also birds and mammals when pollen get stuck to feathers and fur.

Davis focused primarily on bees, and shared that there are more than 3,600 species of wild bees in the United States, and about 390 different species in Massachusetts alone.

"All of these diversities really matter when thinking about their conservation," said Davis.

There are different kinds of bees, and they work and live differently, from the solitary where the queen does all the work, to the social bees that live in a hive communally and all work is split between all bees in the colony.

Some bee species are specialists, which means they only collect pollen or nectar from one plant species, while many others are generalists and take from any plant.

"The chemical makeup of pollen and nectar are different and can affect different species of bees differently," said Davis. "Bee life history traits affect pollination, and bees decreasing in number is sadly becoming more and more common."

With wild bees decreasing in number, it is important for gardeners and farmers to know how to make sure their lands are providing food and habitats to encourage bees into the area.

"It's important to assess your land and make sure that, during whatever time or season you are planting in, there's always something blooming for the bees to utilize," said Davis.

While it can be overwhelming to consider, the Xerces Society provides resources to help you figure out the best times to plant different flowering species, and how to ensure bloom all season long.

Some ideas include providing cover crops which help to benefit the soil, perennial blooming plants that will come back season after season and creating permanent pollinator habitats.

"We have evidence that increasing floral abundance increases the amount of bees," said Davis. "The work is not just installing the pollinator garden; it's the long-term maintenance to keep it healthy enough to help the bees. The goal is to maintain plant diversity."

Making sure that your gardens and farms have homes for pollinators will not only benefit the different species but also ensure that your plants are well taken care of, just as nature is designed to take care of itself.

**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Belchertown School Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., to present the FY26 School Department Budget. The public is invited to attend the presentation, which will be held in the Chestnut Hill Community School Auditorium. Members of the Public can access the meeting via live stream. Link will be located at www.belchertownps.org under the School Committee link at the top of the page beside the Agenda for this meeting.

**Your Back in the Garden
When You're Back in the Garden**

My aching back!

This workshop will focus on how to use your body safely and effectively while working in your garden. Leora Barry, an Occupational Therapist, will demonstrate how to use garden tools to protect the gardener's body from strain.

**Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 10 a.m.
in the Auditorium at the Belchertown Town Hall**

Preregistration is not required but helpful. **Please call Pat at 413-283-9912** with any questions or to let us know that you will be participating.

This is a free event sponsored by the McPherson Garden Committee through a generous grant from the Belchertown Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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GRANBY

Clerk reminders for the town of Granby

GRANBY — LAST CHANCE NOMINATION PAPERS: Any person interested in seeking elected office in Granby must take out nomination papers from the town clerk no later than Thursday, March 27th to be placed on the Monday, May 19th ballot.

Please check out our website at www.granby-ma.gov for all the positions that will be on this year's Annual Town Election ballot.

Vote-By-Mail Applications:

If you wish to be able to Vote -By-Mail for the May 19, 2025, Town Election you MUST request a "Vote-By-Mail" application.

You can go to the Town Website and download the form, or pick the forms up at the Granby Post Office, COA Building, Granby Public Library, or stop in the Town Clerk's office and file the application in person.

You may return the application by email to townclerk@granby-ma.gov or by mail to Town Clerk, 215 B West State St., or stop in person.

Avoid a Fine and license Dogs on Time! March and April are the months to license (bylaws of the Town of Granby CH XIV). The

cost is \$6 for spayed or neutered, senior dogs over 10 years, and puppies under 12 months, all others the cost is \$15. To avoid a \$25 late charge fee dogs should be licensed by May 1.

If you wish you may get a license by mail. Please include a copy of the rabies vaccination or call the clerk's office for verification, a self-addressed envelope with Two stamps, a check made payable to the Town of Granby, and mail to Town Clerk, 215 B West State Street Granby, MA

To Note: All residents who licensed their dogs through the Town Census should have received their dog tags. If you did not receive your dog tag, call the clerk's office.

Confirmation Notices on the 2025 Annual Town Census:

Confirmation notices will be mailed out at the end of March to all those voters who did not answer their Town Census as required by MA General Laws Ch 51, Sec 4. Therefore, all voters who receive this postcard are now designated as "Inactive" on the Granby Voting List.

To "Activate" your Voting Status please mail back this postcard, and if you did not receive an Annual Town

Census or would like to check on your voting status, please call the town clerk's office for verification.

Participate: A Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at the East Meadow School in the gymnasium at 7 p.m.

Town Meeting Instructions Tuesday, April 8

All residents participating must be registered voters.

Eligible voters will receive a card when checking in, you may check in at any station. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m. for check-in.

Please park between the two schools near the softball fields.

You may view the warrant for this meeting at the following public buildings: Town Hall Annex, at 215 B West State St, Select Board's office at the COA Building at 10 West State St, Granby Post Office, Public Library, Public Safety Complex, Florence Bank, and Polish National Credit Union, and the Town Website.

Voter Registration: Last Day to Register for the Special Town Meeting

If you are Not a registered voter and wish to participate in this STM the last day to

register to vote for this STM is Saturday, March 29, 2025.

You may register anytime during regular office hours in the Town Clerks office, you may also pick up mail in voter registration forms at the Granby Post Office or the Public Library, or register on-line with a valid MA Driver's License or Mass ID by going to our town website www.granby-ma.gov under Town Clerk Department -voter registration.

The mail in forms must be post marked by the 29th of March to be eligible to participate in this Special Town Meeting.

South Hadley & Granby Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: South Hadley Department of Public Works, 10 Industrial Dr.

Pre-Registration Required Begins On April 1, 2025

Granby residents: Please call the Board of Health at 413-467-7174 or email at boh@granby-ma.gov

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Kathy Kelly-Regan at the Granby Town Hall, 467-7178.

Granby supt. finalists

GRANBY—The Granby Public Schools has selected two finalists in the search for the next Superintendent of Granby. The two finalists are Dr. Joanne Menard and Mary Jane Rickson.

Dr. Joanne Menard

Joanne Menard, of Holden, is currently the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction at Holliston Public Schools where she collaborates with district curriculum coordinators and leaders on the development and management of UbD curriculum alignment and mapping documentation and re-establishing district wide curriculum reviews in which all levels are represented. Dr. Menard has been with Holliston Public Schools since 2021. Other responsibilities she has maintained include being the liaison to the School Committee's Policy and Budget Committees, a district English Language Learner Coordinator, and running the district's professional development council.

Dr. Menard has been in education for 17 years and 10 of them are in leadership. She received her Masters in Education from Anna Maria College and her CAGS in Educational Leadership from Fitchburg State University. Her doc-

torate in Educational Leadership was from the University of Hartford.

Mary Jane Rickson

Mary Jane Rickson, of West Warren, is currently the Interim Superintendent of Granby Public Schools.

In the past year she has worked diligently to align financial resources with district goals to optimize student outcomes and ensure high-quality instruction and a supportive learning environment. Previously she was the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment at Hampshire Regional School District, Director of Career and Technical Education at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical and Interim Superintendent of Schools at Maynard Public Schools.

Ms. Rickson has been in the education field for 35 years, 18 of those years being in leadership. She received her Bachelors from Western New England University and her Masters in Educational Leadership from American International College.

The next step in the process involves site visits by representatives of the search committee the week of March 31 and public interviews to be held the week of April 7.

Granby Democrats to elect State Convention Delegates

GRANBY—Democrats in Granby will convene in-person on Saturday, April 5 to elect 4 delegates and 4 alternates to represent our town at the 2025 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. The caucus, which is hosted by the Granby Democratic Town Committee, will take place at the Granby Free Public Library, 297 E State St., Granby, MA.

The library is handicapped accessible. Caucus sign-in opens at 10:30 a.m. and the

caucus will start at 10:45 a.m.

Registered and pre-registered Democrats in Granby who are 16 years old by April 5, 2025 may vote and be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus.

Qualified Democrats who are unable to attend the caucus in person may apply in advance to be nominated for delegate and alternate slots in the event there are not sufficient nominations among those present at the caucus. To apply, email:[susan.knight-](mailto:susan.knightly@gmail.com)

ly@gmail.com.

Opportunities are available for youth (ages 16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color, and members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates to apply to the State Democratic Committee to be add-on delegates.

The 2025 Democratic State Convention will be held in-person on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, at the MassMutual Center in Springfield. This year, delegates will gather to

discuss and decide our Party's Platform.

Convention and delegate information is available at: <https://massdems.org/massdems-convention/>.

For more information or to get involved with the Granby Mass Democratic Town Committee, visit our Facebook page or call Susie Knightly, Chair at 347-558-5244. Massachusetts voters may register to vote or check registration online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com.

Calling all fiber artists

Yarn sale set for March 29

GRANBY—The Friends of the Granby Public Library and the Library Knitting Group are sponsoring a Yarn Sale on Saturday March 29, 2025 at 11 a.m. Stop by and find amazing discounts on quality yarn as well as tools,

notions, bags, pattern books and more.

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Granby Library, who support Library Programming. For more information please call the library at 413-467-3320.

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Sun shines bright on 48th Road Race

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – For the first time in several years, it was gorgeous weather for the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Road Race last Saturday afternoon the city streets.

More than 6,000 people participated in this year’s event, with nearly 5,000 participants finishing the 10K, or 6.2-mile course.

This year, it was Samuel Whittaker of Salem, CT, who finished the race in 31:24. Alex Corbett, who placed second in last year’s race, came in 23 seconds later at 31:47.

The top female finisher was Angelia Rafter at 34:13 and she placed 12th overall. Rafter is from Glastonbury, CT.

Among local finishers, Matt Provost of Monson was 19th overall at 35:09. Ryan

Davis of South Hadley was a close 20th at 35:10. Lindsay Smith of South Hadley finished 22nd at 35:12.

While the race course, commonly known as a “hilly” course throughout downtown Holyoke ending with a turn off Beech St. and up the hill on Hampden St. toward the finish line remained largely the same, there was one noticeable change in this year’s event.

Presidential Timing took over the official timing duties after 4RUN3 went out of business last year. Those looking for more results from the events can go to www.presidentialtiming.com to look at more specific results from the race. Like previous timers, you can look up people by name and bib number to get more specific results.

The road race once again kicked off an excellent weekend celebrating the St.



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The participants are off in the 48th running of the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Road Race.

Patrick’s Day holiday and also helped to prepare several participants in this year’s event for future races in the

coming months, including the Boston Marathon, which will take place on Monday, April 21.

With the weather being much warmer, there were less participants in costumes, though plenty of harriers

were wearing the green tutus that are often a part of each

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Daniel Grip, of Belchertown, finishes the race at 35:56.



Ian Albert, completes the course at 39:33.



Benjamin Chartier heads toward the finish line, coming in at 42:29.



Adam Stetson, of Granby, comes in at 44:52.



Alex Corbett takes second in the race for the second year in a row.

Spring preseason underway



The girls lacrosse team practices last Wednesday at Belchertown High School.



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Emma Almeida gets ready in goal.



The coaching staff delivers instruction at practice.



Avery Cooper heads up the field during drills.

BELCHERTOWN – The spring season is underway in high school sports with many teams set to open up the season later this week. More teams will get going early next week, weather permitting as well as if baseball and softball fields are ready for play.

Suburban League starts new award in honor of late coach

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE— The Pioneer Valley Girls Suburban Basketball League was always very special to Eileen Monaghan.

Growing up in Chicopee, Monaghan played for a Suburban League basketball team. She then coached her daughter’s Suburban League teams. In recent years, Monaghan was one of the referees in the league.

Monaghan most likely would’ve been back on the basketball court refereeing Suburban League games this winter, but she was tragically killed last April.

Suburban League Commissioner Joe Ciejka, who’s from Ware, couldn’t recall another person who played, coached and was a referee in the Suburban League during the past 40 years.

“I believe Eileen is the first person to play, coach, and has been a referee

in the Suburban league,” Ciejka said. “Eileen brought an incredible spirit to the Suburban League and the kindness of hearts. Even though her heart has been silenced, we’re not going to let her spirit ever die.”

The inaugural Eileen Monaghan Sportsmanship Award was given to the Gateway 5/6th grade basketball team prior to the start of the 5/6th grade Division 2 championship game between Easthampton and Hampshire, which took place at Chicopee Comp on March 9.

“I think the sportsmanship award is very special because it shows how many lives that my mom touched,” said Kathleen Brooks, who is Eileen’s youngest daughter. “She just loved girls sports, especially basketball. She probably would’ve been very proud of this award.”

Brooks, who presented the sportsmanship award to Gateway, graduated from

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Belchertown Senior Center announces upcoming activities

Friday April 18 at 10:30 a.m. for lunch with Blue Skies and Ol' Blue Eyes!

Doors will open at 10:15 a.m. for a performance by Patrick Tobin with his Frank Sinatra Tribute, followed by homemade vegetable lasagna for lunch starting at 11:30 a.m.

Call Stephanie 323-0420 ext 501 starting April 1 at 9 a.m. to make a reservation for this \$5 meal! Please leave a voicemail including your name and the name of one guest.

Thank you to the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association (BSCCA) for sponsoring this event!

Future Planning Presentation

Join Kate Davignon, Funeral Director and Pre-Need Specialist from Beers & Story Funeral Homes, on Monday, April 14 at 2 p.m. to discuss estate and financial planning, preplanning and funding funeral services, and social security benefits such as Medicare and MassHealth. This program is free to attend! Please call Stephanie to sign up 323-0420 ext 501

Celebrate National Oatmeal Cookie Day

Join us for lunch on Wednesday April 30 and get a fresh-baked oatmeal cookie for dessert!

Call Kim 323-0420 ext 508 by 2 p.m. on April 29 to sign up.

Fall Risk Prevention

Wednesday, April 30 at 10 a.m.

Falls are a leading cause of injury and death in the home. Join Allison Mackenzie, RN, Staff Developer from

Pioneer Valley Health & Rehabilitation to learn valuable tips to help keep you and your home safe. Call Stephanie 323-0420 ext 501 to sign up.

Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month to all of our valued Volunteers!

We "DONUT" know what we'd do without you!

Our big event will take place later this year, but we'd love to do a little something extra! If you are a current volunteer, please stop by on Thursday, April 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. for coffee and donuts, so we can say THANK YOU for all you do.

Savvy Caregiver

Free Class for Caregivers of Individuals with Dementia Wednesdays, April 9 to May 14 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For most family caregivers, caregiving is a new role, and one for which training is needed-just as you would receive training for any new job. This program helps caregivers better understand the changes their loved ones are experiencing, and how to best provide care for them throughout the progression of Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

This class will be taught by Monica Crespo, BS, BA, Caregiver specialist with Access Care Partners, and Carol Constant, CDP. Call Stephanie 323-0420 ext 501

BEWARE OF SCAMS

Members of the FBI will be providing a presentation about Fraud trends targeting Seniors. Wednesday, April 16 at the Senior Center at 1 p.m. Keep your personal information safe, and protect

yourself from victimization.

Come out to McCarthy's Pub all day

Thursday, April 10 for an enjoyable meal, and the Pub will donate 10% of all food sales to the BSCCA's new van account! There will also be raffles! Corned beef and cabbage is the special of the day, plus all their regular tasty menu items. Hope to see you there!

Second Best is looking for volunteers!

Duties would include receiving and sorting donations, stocking shelves, and assisting customers as needed.

If interested, visit the store during normal hours, and speak to Liz, the store coordinator

Stop by the Senior Center for a cup of coffee, use our computers to check email or surf the internet, build a puzzle, play some pool, or visit with friends!

Ukelele Group: Every Monday at 12:30 p.m. bring your own ukelele, and play for fun!

Rainbow Coffee Hour: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Veterans Social Hour: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Book Club: 3rd Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

Wii Bowling: Every Friday at 10 a.m.

Silver Sisterhood 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 10 a.m. starting April 16.

Wholefood Plant Based Group 3rd Thursday of every month at 10 a.m.

Declutter Group 1st Friday of every month at 10 a.m.

Zendoodle Every Thursday at 10 a.m.

Hand Foot & Elbow Mondays at 12 p.m.

Cribbage Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Mah-Jongg Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Canasta Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Pitch Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Bingo Tuesday and Thursday 12 p.m.

All groups welcoming new participants.

Sit 'n Stitch

Interested in knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, or other types of "stitching" crafts? Join this group on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m.

Choose to make items for yourself, or donate them to be sold at our annual bazaar!

Meet with Senator Oliveira's representative on the 1st Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

Meet with Representative Aaron Saunders on the 3rd Monday of every month at 9 a.m.

Grief Loss Support Group 1st Wednesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. sponsored by Beers & Story Funeral Homes

NEW this month!

Cornhole available outside on the patio every Friday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (weather dependent)

Exercise Classes

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Suggested Donation \$5.00

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Meridian Tapping NEW TIME

Wednesdays at 2 p.m. This is a FREE, 1 hour, drop-in class instructed by Dr. Marianne Reiff

Monday, April 28 from 10 to 11 a.m. visit the Senior Center for TWO important health services! NO advanced sign-up required!

Hearing Aid Clinic

Meet with Christine Kelley, Au.D. of Florence Hearing Health Care! Have your hearing aids checked and cleaned, and get all your hearing questions answered!

Nurse "Office Hours"

Kirsten Krieger, RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse, visits our Senior Center on the 4th Monday of every month! Stop in to have your blood pressure or glucose checked.

Art in the Afternoon

This month, join us every Thursday from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. for an introduction to Watercolor 4-week course!

This is a great introductory course for beginner artists, or those that have been away for a while. Classes will introduce supplies and demonstrate techniques, and participants will use newly learned skills to create beautiful watercolor paintings!

This course will be taught by award-winning artist Nancy Birmingham. Nancy has a BFA in Painting and

Printmaking from Mount Allison University, is a board member for the Quabbin Art Association, and is a member of the Marblehead Art Association.

There is a \$5 charge per class, paid directly to the instructor, and all supplies are included (unless you'd prefer to bring your own).

Space is limited, so call Stephanie 323-0420 ext 501 to sign up!

Did you know that the Senior Center has state-of-the-art fitness equipment?!

Our exercise room is open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., no appointment necessary!

Make sure to sign in, and fill out a yearly exercise liability waiver!

Wednesday Movies at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9 Here 2024 PG-13

A generational story about families, and the special place they inhabit, sharing love, loss, laughter, and life. Starring Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Paul Bettany, Kelly Reilly

Wednesday, April 23rd September 5, 2024 R

Oscar Nominated movie, based on true story of the Munich Olympic hostage crisis in 1972, involving Israeli athletes as seen through the eyes of the ABC Sports crew covering the event. Starring Peter Sarsgaard, John Magaro, Ben Chaplin

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Chicopee Comp in 2019 where she played soccer, basketball, and lacrosse.

Her older sister, Ashley Rouleau, played two sports at Comp.

The Gateway Suburban League basketball team didn't win any games this season, but the players celebrated small victories and kept a positive attitude on the court.

"Being selected as the first sportsmanship award winner in the Suburban League is very special," said Gateway head coach Peter Sadler. "We didn't have a lot of experienced players this year, but we kept improving throughout the season. We came close to winning a couple of games. We just focused on doing one thing to get better in each game. The girls never gave up and kept a positive attitude."

The members of the Gateway girls' basketball team are Victoria Barnes, Riley Chornyar, Liv Dulude, Lila Castro, Senavieve Rosseau, Fiona Hollowell, Faith Chretlen, Eveyln Sadler, Abigail Sadler, Emma Johnson, and Alyvia Kaynowski.

The Suburban League referees voted for the Sportsmanship Award.

Unlike her daughters, Monaghan graduated from Chicopee High School. She played soccer and basketball for the Lady Pacers. She was inducted into the Chicopee Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013. Monaghan also played soccer and basketball at Western New England College. She was inducted into the WNEC Hall of Fame in 2006.

"My mom was always very humble, but she always told us that she loved playing sports," Brooks said. "She

didn't score 1,000 career point in high school, but she did at WNEC. She always worked very hard and that's what she wanted everyone else to do."

Monaghan graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in management. She was the Chief-of-Staff for Chicopee State Representative Joseph Wagner for twenty-one years. She was also the Executive Assistant to Sheriff Nick Cocchi at the Hampden County Sheriff's Department.

Monaghan was also a summer league soccer coach. Her older brother, John, coached the girls' summer league soccer team at that same time. The two siblings battled against each other several times.

"It was a lot of fun coaching against my sister's summer league soccer team," John Monaghan said. "Having the Suburban

League name their sportsmanship award in her honor really means a lot to the family. She put a lot of time and effort into sports. She just wanted to help the kids get better."

A high school girls varsity basketball team will also be receiving the Eileen Monaghan Sportsmanship Award on March 20.

"We had high school Sportsmanship Award for about six or seven years, but then it stopped due to the COVID-19 Pandemic," Ciejka said. "We're going to be bringing the high school sportsmanship award back in Eileen's name at our referee's banquet on March 20."

The Gateway players didn't get to play in the Suburban League finals this year, but it was still a very special day for them.

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year's race.

The city also had excellent cooperation from the Holyoke Police Department, Holyoke Fire Department, the Massachusetts State Police, and Cataldo Ambulance, which provided public safety services for the event this year.

The race was kicked with a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner sung by Kate Caligaris and JFK Award winner and celebrity Bridget Moynahan shot the opening gun.

This year, there were four waves of runners followed by the fifth wave, which included walkers on the course.

Among the participants, there were nearly 400 par-



Lee Belisle comes through the finish line at 39:42.

ticipants in the race who were under 18-years-old.



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Belchertown Police Log

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of March 5 through March 12. 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.

**ARRESTS/SUMMONS
Friday, March 14**

2:50 p.m. – A 24-year-old Belchertown resident was issued a summons on charges of uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and leaving the scene of property damage/accident. An officer responded to a North Main Street business for a report of a hit and run. Witnesses got the

plate number of the suspected vehicle. The officer spoke with the reporting person who said their vehicle was struck by another car when then left the scene. They sent the officer photos of the person's license plate. The officer found that the person's plate was revoked because of insurance. The officer tried to locate involved vehicle and went to driver's address. The registered owner confirmed the information about their vehicle. They were issued a citation.

**ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS
Thursday, March 13**

10:18 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident at a George Hannum Road business. A vehicle parked in a parking space was struck by another vehicle attempting to enter the space. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

12:34 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Bay Path Road. A vehicle attempting to make a U-turn from Bay Path Road to Bay

Road failed to stop for another vehicle and pulled into the road. The second vehicle took evasive action. Both vehicles collided. No injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

1:59 p.m. – An officer responded to a bank for a report a person tried to commit fraud. They came into the bank with a stolen check and driver's license. They left the area shortly after they were unable to cash the check. The license plate of the vehicle was obtained as was video evidence. The matter is open and under investigation.

4:08 p.m. – An officer took a report of a fraudulent activity. A person found their paychecks were being routed to a different account than their own. They contacted their employer to change the information back. They were also told to contact their banks to monitor their accounts.

Friday, March 14

1:23 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Cold Spring Road. A vehicle

struck a deer that ran into the roadway. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

2:30 p.m. – An officer responded to a North Washington Street residence for a report of a stolen mailbox. The resident wanted a report filed.

3:27 p.m. – An officer responded to two vehicle crash at intersection of Federal Street and Allen Road. Both vehicles were towed from the scene and two people were transported to the hospital.

Saturday, March 15

6:38 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Jackson Road and George Hannum Road. A vehicle going south on George Hannum Road passed of the lines into the northbound lane, striking a guardrail before stopping. The vehicle was towed from the scene. The operator was issued a citation for a marked lanes violation.

Monday, March 17

9:41 a.m. – An officer documenting emails from a resident.

10:54 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident. A person was backing out a space in a parking lot when it struck the vehicle behind it. Minor damage was reported. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene. Photos were taken and the matter was documented.

2:59 p.m. – A person came to station to report damage to vehicle struck while they were at work the previous Wednesday. The person's employer found video of the incident and when the person went to speak to the suspect, they found out the person didn't work for the business anymore. The person wanted assistance with the matter.

9:14 p.m. – An officer spoke with a resident who requested information to be documented.

Tuesday, March 18

12:54 p.m. – Area of Franklin near Shea Avenue where

a tractor trailer unit struck multiple spans of guard rail. When the officer arrived on scene. The officer observed a truck with fork truck on a flatbed pulled over in south bound lane as well as 120 feet of damages guard rail. The officer spoke with the driver who put down spill containment on the road because of how much diesel was spilt. Belchertown Fire was requested to assist with hazards and the Massachusetts State Police truck team was contacted along with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The spill response van was contacted, and the truck was removed. The Belchertown Department of Public Works was contacted as well for sand and traffic barrels. The driver of the tractor trailer said a vehicle appeared to swerve in their lane of travel which caused them to use evasive action, causing the crash.

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32	Base Price \$46.50	Base Price \$49.00	Base Price \$49.50
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34	Base Price \$50.50	Base Price \$53.00	Base Price \$53.50
35	Base Price \$52.50	Base Price \$55.00	Base Price \$55.50
36	Base Price \$54.50	Base Price \$57.00	Base Price \$57.50
37	Base Price \$56.50	Base Price \$59.00	Base Price \$59.50
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PUBLIC NOTICES

ALDEN CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING

Alden Credit Union will hold its annual meeting on Monday, March 31, 2025 at Food 101 Bar & Bistro, 19 College Street, South Hadley, MA from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further details or to RSVP please contact, Jennifer Faustino at 413-536-0475 ext. 107 03/20, 03/27/2025

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF SELECT BOARD TO LAY OUT A TOWN WAY AND PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 82, Sections 21 through 23, the Select Board of the Town of Belchertown intend to lay out as a town way, a certain street in Belchertown, MA identified as "Hickory Hills Subdivision" All prepared for The Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, a "Street Acceptance Plan", Magnolia Lane, Sycamore Circle, Dogwood Drive and Hickory Hill, pages 1-4, dated October 19, 2022, by the Berkshire Design Group, Land Surveying. This plan is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Lawrence Memorial Hall, Belchertown, Massachusetts.

You are invited to attend a public hearing to be held by the Select Board in the Select Boards Meeting Room, First Floor of the Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:38pm. The Select Board will determine the boundaries and measurements of the ways, file the same in the office of the Town Clerk and submit the resulting layouts for acceptance at the next Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025.

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Whitney Jorns Kuhnlenz, Member

03/20, 03/27/2025

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that LocalStorage Granby will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (pursuant to the Massachusetts Lien Law. General Laws Part I, Administration of the Government. Title XV Regulation of Trade Chapter 105A. Self-Service Storage Facility. The sale will take place at the

website <http://www.StorageTreasures.com>. The sale will be conducted on <http://www.StorageTreasures.com>, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (AU005857) on behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on <http://www.StorageTreasures.com>. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as general household items unless otherwise noted.

LocalStorage Granby, 138 W State St, Granby, MA 01033 will list storage units on the website <http://www.StorageTreasures.com> until sold or disposed of on **April 10, 2025, 10:00AM**.

#018 Conley, Deborah L: grill, tables, lamp #066 Vincent, Maurice: couch, bike, clothes #076 Gulsha, Heather: washing machine, microwave, clothes #124 Del Rio, Cesar: car parts, car doors, wheel hubs #728 Baldwin, Jessilee: rocking chari, power wheel, shop vac #731 Surrell, Ronald: tires, hand truck, boxes #735 Hamel, Melissa: hutch, books, toys
03/27, 04/03/2025

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of April 4, 2025 the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS25P0144EA

Estate of:
Steven L Russell
Date of Death: 01/28/2025
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael Russell of Chicopee, MA**.

Michael Russell of Chicopee, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
03/27/2025

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In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 82, Sections 21 through 23, the Select Board of the Town of Belchertown intend to lay out as a town way, a certain street in Belchertown, MA identified as "Woods Edge Road" Prepared for The Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, a "Street Acceptance Plan" & "As-Built" Conditions plan, entitled "Willow Lane and a Portion of Jasons Way", dated December 22, 2023 by Sherman and Frydryk, Land Surveying and Engineering, a Division of Hancock Survey Associates, Inc. This plan is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Lawrence Memorial Hall, Belchertown, Massachusetts.

You are invited to attend a public hearing to be held by the Select Board in the Select Boards Meeting Room on the first floor of Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:33pm. The Select Board will determine the boundaries and measurements of the ways, file the same in the office of the Town Clerk and submit the resulting layouts for acceptance at the next Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025.

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OBITUARIES

Gregg A. Madsen, 59

Gregg A. Madsen, 59, of Cranston, passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston after a courageous battle with a long illness. He was the devoted husband of Lisa M. (Petrone) Madsen, with



However, his greatest passion was softball—where he made an indelible mark as a player, captain, coach, and sponsor. Known as "Mad Dog" within the Rhode Island softball community, he was honored with induction into the Rhode Island Softball Hall of Fame, a reflection of his dedication to the sport and the friendships he built along the way.

Born in Providence, Gregg was the beloved son of Meredith Haas of Belchertown, MA. He met Lisa, the love of his life, when they were competitors in the same industry—his boundless enthusiasm and infectious charm made him impossible to resist. Their love story was one of friendship, laughter, and deep admiration.

Gregg was a proud father to Callie Madsen and Nicholas Madsen, who were his greatest joys. He is also survived by his dear siblings, Marjorie Madsen of Park City, UT, Timothy Madsen of Womelsdorf, PA, and Rachel Madsen of Ithaca, NY, as well as cherished nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, all of whom he loved dearly.

A graduate of Belchertown High School (MA), Gregg was a gifted three-sport athlete and was active in the Hope United Methodist Church youth fellowship at a regional and state level. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to own and operate several businesses, a testament to his drive and determination.

Beyond the softball field, Gregg loved to travel, play cards, and immerse himself in country music. A loyal Patriots and Red Sox fan, he never missed an opportunity to cheer on his teams. Above all, he took immense pride in his family, always radiating a spirit of joy and generosity that touched everyone around him.

Gregg's zest for life, unwavering kindness, and unforgettable presence will be deeply missed but forever remembered by those fortunate enough to have known him.

Visiting hours were held on Monday, March 24 in the Nardolillo Funeral Home & Crematory, 1278 Park Ave., Cranston, RI.

His Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, March 25 in the Funeral Home. Burial was in Quiddnessett Memorial Cemetery, North Kingstown, RI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dana-Faber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. Visit NardolilloFH.com for online condolences.

Thomas T. Soja



Thomas T. Soja, 82, of Belchertown passed away unexpectedly on March 4, 2025 surrounded by his loved ones.



He was a proud veteran serving in the Air Force. He worked for Savage Arms in Westfield for 36 years before retiring, but sitting home wasn't for him so he then worked for Van Pool and Six Flags. He

enjoyed fishing and watching any sport on TV. Tom leaves behind his loving wife, Jennie of 52 years, son John and wife, Abby, daughter, Sandy and husband Robb, his brother Matt and wife, Sharon and brother, Michael. He also leaves three granddaughters, Kaley, Amanda and Cheyanne along with

DEATH NOTICES

Gregg A. Madsen, 59
Died March 18, 2025
Services March 25, 2025
Nardolillo Funeral Home & Crematory

Thomas T. Soja
Died March 4, 2025
Services March 12, 2025
Beers & Story Funeral Home

The Sentinel OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

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

sister-in-law, Stella Swiader of Poland and many nieces and nephews also in Poland. Visitation was held Wednesday, March 12 at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home with a Funeral Mass at St. Francis Church. Burial was at the MA Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A few garden plots still available at the Community Garden

BELCHERTOWN—Individual, fully prepared, 300 square foot garden plots are still available to all Belchertown and surrounding area residents at Lampson Brook Farm, located at 275 Jackson Street, Belchertown. Residents can obtain a plot for \$30 (non-residents \$35) for the season, Mid-May

through October. Those receiving SNAP benefits are welcome to garden at half price. The garden fee includes compost, the use of shared tools in a well-organized tool shed, convenient access to water, a restroom, and parking. The companionship and wisdom of your gardening neighbors are free! Members of

the Community Garden also contribute several hours of their time during the season to maintaining the common areas. A limited number of plots are available—so don't delay.

To receive a 2025 registration form, email BCGardenNews@gmail.com. Applications must be received by April 7.

Got plants and old bags?

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown Historical Association is holding its Opening Day activities at the Stone House Museum on Saturday, May 10. There will be free tours of the museum, our famous "Old Bag" sale, and our plant sale, featuring locally grown perennials. Every year we look forward to the support of our community in making this a successful fundraiser through your contributions of old bags and plants.

The plant sale committee welcomes donations of perennials dug from your gardens and generously donated to the plant sale.

Please check your gardens now for new plants that can be potted and have time to recover to look their best in time for the sale. We are looking for flowering plants, shade plants, vegetable plants, trees, shrubs, bulbs, fruit bearing plants and house plants. Plants can be brought to the Stone House

during the week before the sale and left near the schoolhouse. Please email sallyshattuck54@gmail.com if you have any questions.

TAG SALE: This year the trustees are trying out a new idea. The trustees are offering several 10' X 10' tent spaces to those of you who would like to hold a "mini" tag sale and sell treasures you collected over the years but are no longer using. Please contact Denise Smith at dsmith39@charter.net.

POLICE LOGS from page 11

1:44 p.m. — An officer spoke with a parent about juvenile related issues.

Wednesday, March 19

2:22 p.m. — An officer responded to State Street concerning a minor accident in a parking lot where a parked vehicle was struck.

3:10 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of a parent who wanted to talk about juvenile related issues.

4:55 p.m. — An officer dispatched to a residence where a juvenile called 911 saying they were home alone. The information forwarded to the SRO.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 136 calls for the week of March 14 through March 20.

Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, March 14

1:59 p.m. — A MA DOT Highway employee reported past damage to a street sign and a concrete barrier on the Northbound side of 202 by Dickinson Farm.

3:19 p.m. — Several 911 callers reported a three-car accident in front of the bank with multiple injuries reported. Granby Police and Granby Fire responded. Mutual ambulances from Belchertown and South Hadley responded. All parties were transported to the hospital with varying injuries. Massachusetts State Police truck team was requested and responded.

Sunday, March 16

9:52 a.m. — While on patrol an officer conducted a ran-

dom license plate query and discovered that the vehicles registration was revoked due to no insurance and did not have a valid inspection sticker. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a criminal citation.

Thursday, March 20

5:12 p.m. — A motorist reported a minor two-car accident. There were no injuries.

7:58 p.m. — While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling 60MPH in a posted 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.



Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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CAMPUS NOTES

Local students named to Hamilton College Fall 2024 Dean's List

CLINTON, NY—The following local residents were named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the fall 2024 semester:

Stuart May of Amherst, May, a sophomore, is a graduate of Livermore High School.

Anna Richardson of Granby, Richardson, a senior majoring in government and Hispanic studies, is a graduate of Williston Northampton School.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be a member of the Class of 2025, 2026, or 2027 and have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester and earned an average GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

Local Emerson College Students earn Dean's List for Fall 2024 Semester

BOSTON—The following students are named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester. To make the Dean's List, students must have a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Zachary Poulin of Amherst, Poulin is majoring in Journalism and is a member of the Class of 2025.

Sofia Holden of Amherst, Holden is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2028.

Local students named to dean's list at Washington University in St. Louis

ST LOUIS, Mo. — The following students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester at Washington University in St. Louis.

Julie Cho, from Amherst, is enrolled in the university's Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts. To qualify for the Dean's List in the Sam Fox School, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Stella Gordon from Amherst, is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences. To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Abby Schulkind, from Amherst is enrolled in the university's Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts. To qualify for the Dean's List in the Sam Fox School, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Local residents make Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

BOSTON—The following local students have made the dean's list at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Fall 2024 semester.

Makayla Espin of Amherst, Mass.
Robert Lasiuk of Belchertown, Mass.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi elects new members

The following people recently were elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Herath Herath of Amherst, University of Massachusetts

Jordan Amato of Amherst, University of Massachusetts

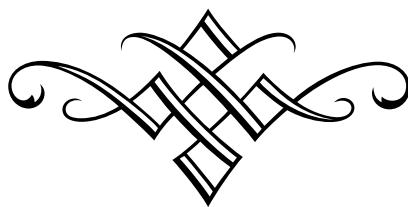
Supriya Sharma of Amherst, University of Massachusetts

Valentina Ravaioli of Amherst, University of Massachusetts

Zoe Warczak of Amherst, University of Massachusetts

William Leahy of Belchertown, University of Massachusetts

They are among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.



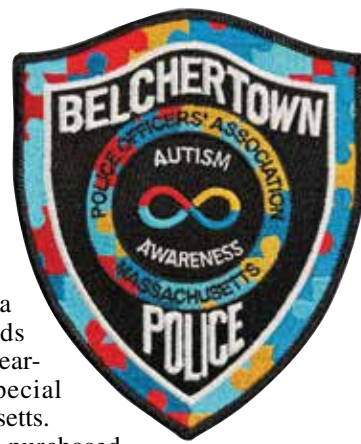
Support Special Olympics with the BPOA

BELCHER-TOWN – Belchertown Police Officers' Association is selling these patches to fundraise for the Special Olympics.

The patches will be sold for \$10 each and a portion of the proceeds will be used for the yearly donation to the Special Olympics of Massachusetts.

The patches can be purchased through our website, <https://belchertownpolice-association.myshopify.com/> and that link can also be found on our Belchertown Police Officers' Association Facebook page.

We offer shipping and local pick up at our station when a clerk is on duty.



Tag sale participants wanted

BELCHERTOWN—The Stone House Museum will be hosting its annual "Opening Day" festivities on Saturday, May 10th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum will be open for free tours and our famous "Old Bag Sale and Plant Sale" will be happening

on the museum grounds. You are welcome to participate by renting a 10'x10' space on the grounds to sell your treasures. Please contact Denise Smith at dsmith39@charter.net to reserve your space or if you have any questions.

SENIORS from page 10

Community Dining meals are served daily Monday-Friday at 11:30 a.m.

There is a voluntary, confidential, suggested meal donation of \$3 for Age 60+, and a required charge of \$6 for those under 60. Meals tickets can be purchased individually, or you can purchase a punch card for 20 meals. Call Kim 323-0420 ext 508 for more information, or to sign-up or cancel.

Menu:

- April 1: Cheese Ravioli
- April 2: Broccoli Quiche
- April 3: Sweet & Sour Pork
- April 4: Macaroni & Cheese
- April 7: California Chicken
- April 8: American Chop

- Suey
- April 9: Beef Chili w/ Beans
- April 10: Chicken Broccoli Cheese
- April 11: Lasagna
- April 14: Ziti w/Sausage
- April 15: Teriyaki Chicken
- April 16: Stuffed Peppers
- April 17: Chicken Parm
- April 18: Blue Skies Luchean w/Vegetable Lasagna
- Meals On Wheels: Breaded Pollock
- April 21: **CLOSED - Holiday - No Meals on Wheels**
- April 22: Garlic Chicken
- April 23: Shepherd's Pie
- April 24: Chicken Cordon Bleu
- April 25: Hot Dog
- April 28: Chicken Cacciatore
- April 29: Meatloaf
- April 30: Pork Roast

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