

## Library hosts Duckworld

A rescue sanctuary for feathered friends

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BELCHERTOWN – Ripley Farm in Montague came to the Clapp Memorial Library with some of the feathered friends from their Duckworld Duck Sanctuary.

The program featured information about the ducks, and introduction to each of them, and the story of how the Sanctuary came to be.

The kids got the chance to hold and pet the ducklings and watch them have a chance to swim in the little pool, as well as feed them some oats.

*“Every duck has a different story. If a duck comes to me, it stays with me for life. We’re hoping to expand and grow the empire. We always find room for more.”*

“Remember to wash your hands, as with any animal,” Doyle said, handing out hand sanitizer. “The ducks are here and ready to meet you.”

Janice Doyle, the owner and caregiver of the ducks in Duckworld, came with six ducks, eight ducklings, two chickens, Joey the Bunny, and Franklin the Turtle to teach kids about how to care for these loveable animals.

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TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS  
Riley Smith, Ricky Smith, Janice Doyle, and Amy Mahaney with their duck friends from Duck world.

## Select Board announces TA search

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GRANBY – The Select Board met last week to discuss many things, including the announcement of Town Administrator Chris Martin’s retirement and adog bite concern.

Chair Crystal Dufresne held the July 29 meeting with Clerk David A. Labonte, and member Glen N. Sexton. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Christopher Martin.

### Town Administrator reports decision to step down

Martin announced that he will be retiring from service as Town Administrator on Nov. 1, with his last day in office being Oct. 31.

“Thank you, I know you do a lot here, and people may not realize that,” Dufresne said. “Thank you so much for all the time you’ve given to Granby.”

Martin has worked for the town of Granby for 23 years, and in total, has worked in public service for forty years.

The board discussed with Martin the next steps, including the steps to take to move forward in defining the role of the Town Administrator, as well as receiving advice from Martin on what to consider.

### Dog bite incident

Carl Lindberg of 19 Cedar Drive came forward to the select-

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## Teens give puzzle pieces new life

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BELCHERTOWN – The Clapp Memorial Library has been hosting regular Teen Crafternoons, where teens can come together to spend some time creating something new.

Last week, they got the chance to make something special- jewelry made out of pieces from old puzzles.

The puzzles, which were returned to the library with missing

ones, have received a new life by being turned into necklaces, earrings, and bracelets.

“I thought this would be a cool way to revamp puzzle pieces, and it went without Summer Reading Theme of Read. Renew. Repeat,” Ruthie, the teen coordinator, said.

The teens that came to the event were able to use needle nose pliers, jump rings, and beads, and popped holes into the pieces with a pushpin on top of some cardboard.

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LEFT: Ava and Emily smiling with their beautiful earrings.

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RIGHT: Jenna Rose showing off her beautiful statement necklace.



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**BUSINESS**

# Belchertown Veterinary Hospital welcomes new vet

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BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Veterinary Hospital got the chance to welcome a new member to their team, Dr. Nancy Alpers.

"I decided what I really wanted to do was go to become a veterinarian," Alpers said.

Alpers got her DVM at Tufts in Connecticut, and a Master of Science and Animal Medicine. Starting in law school, she found her calling in the field of taking care of animals.

"I realized with law its really important... but I had always just really wanted to work with animals and their people," Alpers said.

Having just recently started at the Belchertown Veterinary Hospital, she brings her experience and expertise to the hospital through her work caring for dogs, cats, small pocket pets like hamsters and guinea pigs, and reptiles.

She is also certified in veterinary acupuncture and Chinese medicine, a unique practice. "A lot of people don't want to give medications, or want something with meds, so it is one more option you can add on or substitute," Alpers said.

For advice to those who wish to become a veterinarian, she recommended to start first with having some conversations with veterinarians and vet techs to get a feel of how things run in a veterinary office.

"Hang in there with some of the things you don't like, because it is worth it in the end," Alpers said, referring to the schooling and classes you'll need to take.

When it comes to subjects like math, for example, just because you aren't great at geometry, doesn't mean you won't find yourself skilled in algebra.

"Its like that in the veterinary world. If you aren't good at emergency surgeries, you may be good at general checkups, or maybe you are built to work with big animals," Alpers said.

"I think when you get more involved



(TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS)  
Dr. Nancy Alpers holding her rescue guinea pig, Baby Blue.



(TURLEY PHOTO SUBMITTED BY NANCY ALPERS)  
Dr. Alpers with the turkey she helped rescue and nurse back to health, Bobbie Sue.

with it, it makes it a lot easier," Alpers said. "Keep going out there. Shadow, research... you never know what you'll find you like."

Dr. Alpers has several pets at home, including two golden retrievers, three cats, chickens, and three guinea pigs, her home filled with furry friends and warmth.

"It's really important to me to continue to learn and continue to grow," Alpers said. All her life, she has moved to learn new things, from beginning in law, all the way to taking on classes to learn unique skills like acupuncture.

She has taken care of many animals in her seven years as a veterinarian and engaged with many different kinds from the smallest pocket pet to the biggest of

dogs.

However, her most memorable was a turkey by the name of Bobbie Sue, who had gotten in a fight and injured her feet, and then later got adopted.

"Everyone is super friendly here. They genuinely care about the clients and their

pets," Alpers said of her time at the hospital so far.

Alpers's dedication to her job and the love she has for the animals in her care is shown clearly, and if you ever have a beloved pet go to her, you'll be sure to be well cared for.

## CORRECTION:

In our July 18 story on the June 15 Dwight Day celebration, we reported that the living members of the Dwight Family have been a part of the community since 1634, but the correct year is 1732. We also stated people could explore the historic buildings, but they were once part of the history of Belchertown.

The day was organized by Stone House Museum archivist Cliff McCarthy, artist Elizabeth Pols, and Springfield Republican and New England Public Media contributor Michael Carolan, who all gave history talks.

The photos are credited to Mr. Michael Carolan and Ms. Melissa Gouffray.

We apologize for the errors.

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# Selectboard approved FY25 stormwater fee

BY MELINA BOURDEAU  
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—At its meeting on Monday, the Selectboard approved a 76-cent per billing unit increase to the stormwater enterprise fee, bringing the total cost per billing unit to \$6.62.

Belchertown Town Manager Steve Williams explained to the board that the fee began in FY21 at \$9.60, based on estimates for collections and expenditures.

“It was a brand-new program. We didn’t really have things refined perfectly. But we felt we were in pretty good shape with that amount,” he said. “We found out two things after two years – one is that routine maintenance equals reduced maintenance costs.”

He said that since the program was implemented, there have been fewer repairs, increased efficiency and better collections than anticipated.

The second finding is that there were better collections than anticipated, resulting in a surplus in the enterprise fund.

“Last year was a correction year. We got all the way down to now, we are almost breaking even. Now, it’s time to

get back into that comfort zone. It’s still lower than we started,” he said.

Department of Public Works Director Linda Leduc explained how the town spends the enterprise funds.

“There are some wages. We have a stormwater coordinator. We do street sweeping, cleaning catch basins, engineering funding, and purchasing equipment like catch basins and piping,” she said.

Selectboard Vice Chair Lesa Lessard Pearson asked if the program was through the federal government.

Leduc said the EPA and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection implement the MS4 permit, a five-year permit outlining the ways the town will reduce polluted stormwater—one of the top causes of water impairments in the state.

The town’s stormwater infrastructure includes 1,259 catch basins, 366 manholes, about 30.5 miles of drainpipes and 800 feet of culverts.

According to the town’s stormwater utility information webpage, this stormwater system discharges directly into local waterways.

# Swift River Sportsman’s Club to hold Chicken BBQ Aug. 24

BELCHERTOWN— The Swift River Sportsman’s Club, 350 Cold Spring Road, is hosting a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 24, from noon to 6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by The Time Trippers from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets are just \$20 each which

includes a meal consisting of 1/2 chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob and a roll. A cash bar will also be available.

For more information, including tickets, please contact Mike at 413-205-6778 or Ed at 508-981-7249.

# Lions Club’s car show and sub sale

BELCHERTOWN— A day of fun for the whole family on the Town Common as the Lions Club holds its very first car show showcasing dozens and dozens of vintage and present-day cars, trucks, and motorcycles, on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Over \$1200 of raffle prizes will be up for grabs along with a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds from entry fees, raffles, and food sales will go to Breakthrough T1D (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.)

Spectator admission is free, with parking available in the Town Common lot (south end), the public lot behind the Town Offices, and the Post Office front lot after noon. (Please do not park in the rear lot of the post office as delivery trucks will be in and out all day.)

Along with burgers, dogs, and fries, the Lions Club will conduct its month-

ly Meatball Grinder Sale right out of our food wagon next to the bandstand on the Common. For those not wishing to park and enjoy the car show, folks can drive up to the food wagon on Park St. and place their order from the convenience of their vehicle.

\$10 for a foot-long sub with sauce and mozzarella, a bag of chips, and a canned beverage—you will not be hungry after this lunch.

In case of “iffy” weather, please check the website at:<belchertownlionsclub.com> for a possible change in schedule to the following day.

The Belchertown Lions Club looks forward to serving patrons to support our efforts in advancing the work being done by Breakthrough T1D in its fight against Juvenile Diabetes.

# Tee Off for women, girls set for Sept.



BELCHERTOWN— Join in for the 30th Annual Zonta Golf Tournament and help create a brighter future for women and girls in the community.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, at Cold Spring Country Club, tee off will be at 8:30 a.m. for a day of fun, friendly competition, and making a difference.

Whether a seasoned golfer or just looking for a fun day out, everyone is welcome. For \$120, individuals will enjoy a round of golf, a delicious box lunch, and the chance to win amazing prizes.

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# Grant application process for opioid settlement funds now underway

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Opioid Settlement Funds Advisory Committee has established an application process for considering proposals for the use of the town's funding, to be authorized by the Belchertown Select Board. The Committee will accept and review grant proposals that benefit the community of Belchertown.

The main purpose of the Settlement Funds is to address and mitigate the harms and impacts of the opioid epidemic in the state brought about by opioid manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies. Belchertown has the chance to use its opioid settlement funds to prevent substance use disorders, save lives, support harm reduction, treatment and recovery, and mitigate the impact from drug misuse.

Grant proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis; proposals can be submitted anytime after Aug. 1. There

is no specific submission deadline, applications will be reviewed, and recommendations for approval brought to the Select Board. Funding will be dispensed also on a rolling basis.

Unspent funds will be added to the following fiscal year's budget. In the event that funds for a given year are exhausted, applicants may reapply in the next fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Any applicant, whether funded or not, is eligible to apply in the next year. Applicants may apply for more than one grant per year, as long as they are for separate programs. Once grant applications are reviewed, recommendations by the Advisory Committee will be presented to the Belchertown Select Board for its consideration and final approval.

Statewide guidelines require that the funds are to be used for the following: Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) treatment; Supporting people in treat-

ment or recovery, including family members; Providing connections to care for people who have or are at-risk of developing an OUD; Harm Reduction services, community education, and outreach; Addressing needs of criminal-justice-involved persons with assistance around treatment and/or recovery services and supports; Supporting pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome; Preventing misuse of opioids and implementing effective prevention education programs.

To request the grant-making guidelines, application forms, and instructions for applying, send an email to: opioidcommittee@belchertown.org.

For more information, email the committee chair, Gail L. Gramarossa at glgramarossa@charter.net.

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board regarding a case of a dog bite, providing a police report, and giving the story.

While on one of the trails at Dufresne Park, Lindberg's wife was jumped on by an unleashed dog, that with either tooth or nails, left a noticeable mark and scratch.

The dog, according to another community member she spoke to, is named Whiskey, and "has been a problem since he was a puppy".

"I am not anti-dog, I love animals, I am anti-irresponsible dog owners. That's the issue here," Lindberg said.

He expressed concerns regarding Chapter 14 and the canine control laws the town does have, and his concerns about the absence of leash laws.

"I think this is a big liability for the town," Lindberg said. "I want to affect change- positive change... but people in a park, children, smaller women... should not be afraid to walk in the park."

The board and Martin discussed with Lindberg how he could petition a change in verbiage to the bylaw, and how to then take this change request to a town meeting.

## Dinofest announced

Chair and organizer of Dinofest, Dennis Doucette, came to the board with a letter regarding the Little Village, and the use of the village for Dinofest on Sept. 14.

The Little Village, which is a model of the historical buildings of Granby, and the Historical Society requested to assemble it next to the courthouse across from the common during Dinofest.

The board moved to approve the



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request to transport the Little Village and use it for people to view and explore at Dinofest.

## New business and regular meeting business

The board discussed an opening on the Conservation Commission, where the member will be switching to a different role within the town leadership.

Approve and sign maintenance warrants, including moving to approve payments of bills and other important pieces.

The board also approved and made adjustments as needed to meeting minutes from past meetings and signed and approved requests for Common Victualler licenses.

The board also reviewed One-Day Liquor License requests, and

approved the type of alcohol to be served, and how much they can have on the premises.

The board met with OPM Contact members in order to discuss the West street Building Project, and the hiring process for the general manager of the process.

The board went over and signed Sewer Commitment 24-02, and the 2024-2025 Gravel Permit Applications from the various building projects around town.

The board also moved to approve a Beer and Wine License for Something Special Catering, and approved and signed the Sealer of Weights and Measures FY-25 Contract.

The board will continue to the next meeting in order to finish the last of the agenda meetings.

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**OPINION**



**Ask Rusty – Does Congress pay into Social Security?**

**Dear Rusty:**

I've been told that members of Congress do not have Social Security deducted from their pay. Additionally, their retirement dollars come from the Social Security Administration purse even if they only serve as a member of Congress for a short number of terms. Also, if this is true, are there other individuals that enjoy these advantages?

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

**Signed: Concerned Senior**

**Dear Concerned Senior:**

I'm afraid this is one of those "urban legend" kind of rumors that just seems to keep popping up, especially when the issues surrounding Social Security's financial problems come up. In addition to being untrue, it often is used to display the public's animosity toward elected officials and the feeling that Congress and other elected officials are above the fray, so to speak, and therefore not affected by the implications of Social Security's looming insolvency problem.

Here's the reality. Since Jan. 1, 1984, all members of Congress, the President and Vice President, Federal judges, and most political appointees, are covered under the Social Security program. The rumor that these elected officials do not pay Social Security tax most likely is attributable to the fact that from 1920 to 1983, they were participants in the Civil Service Retirement System, the federal retirement plan federal workers used even before the Social Security Act was passed. CSRS provided a pension for federal employees, so they were exempted from contributing to or collecting from the new Social Security program.

In 1987, then, the federal government officially changed over to the Federal Employee Retirement System and all employees hired from that point forward are now covered under FERS. There are multiple parts to FERS, and one of them is mandatory FICA contributions. So, all federal employees including members of Congress are subject to the 6.2% FICA tax, are eligible for Social Security retirement benefits and are governed by the multitude of rules and regulations associated with Social Security.

But other than standard SS benefits which they may normally be entitled, no Social Security funds are used to supplement Congressional retirement. In other words, the rumor that Congress didn't pay into Social Security was actually true prior to 1984, but today it is a misstatement of fact. And the federal employee retirement plans (both the prior CSRS plan and the current FERS plan) are totally independent of Social Security and do not negatively affect program solvency.

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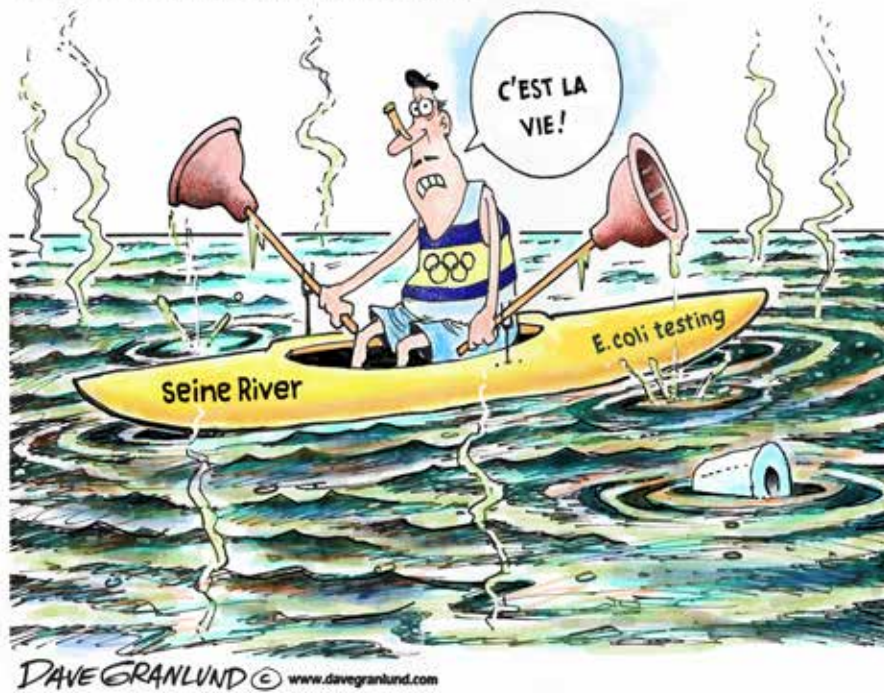
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**Maintenance tips for flowering annuals**

Recently, we've had a lot of heat and humidity, and a fair share of downpours, too.

There are many times that I don't feel like going out into the flower garden. But then, sometimes around 7 or 8 o'clock at night, after it has cooled down a bit, I'll get out there like a woman on a mission.

Read on for a reminder of important tasks you should consider tackling this month to keep your annuals blooming through to the first frost!

I deadhead. A lot. Deadheading is a fun term used to describe the removal of spent flowers.

A plant produces flowers for one purpose: to survive. You see, once a flower has been pollinated it will produce seed, seed that will grow future plants. If a plant has produced enough flowers that have gone to seed it will consider its job to be done, flower production will cease, and it will begin to decline.

By deadheading, we keep the plant in reproductive mode, in other words, in flower! When you remove dying blossoms, make sure to pinch off the entire flower, not just the petals, or it will do no good. Include the stem as well to keep the plant tidy.

Petunias, marigolds, zinnias and salvia, among others, are examples of plants that require regular deadheading to look their best throughout the growing season.

Some annuals start to get a leggy appearance about now. Others may have brown tips.

These plants require more drastic measures to bring back youthful good looks. Consider shearing them back.

Usually you can look within the plant and find healthy, green growth. Cut calendulas, pansies and snapdragon back to that point. Plants like alyssum or lobelia can often be sheared to within inches of the ground.

Don't worry; they won't look bad for long! You can jump start regrowth with a bit of liquid fertilizer.

I feed, feed, feed them, especially if lower leaves start to yellow. It means flowering plants are hungry for nitrogen.

If flowering has slowed, phosphorus may be in low supply. Annuals planted in soil-less mix of containers or "reused" soil in raised beds will especially need a boost.

You can use a balanced, water soluble, liquid feed every couple of weeks. If going natural is your cup of tea, make some!

Compost or manure tea has long been used to keep growth lush. Steep a burlap bag of either compost or aged manure in a large trash bucket filled with water and use as needed.

Smaller batches can be made right in a watering can. Likewise, there are numerous blends of seaweed and fish emulsions on the market that can be watered in or sprayed on the surface of the leaves as a foliar feed.

If Mother Nature decides to delay the deluges, don't forget to water your plants. I know this task is not nearly as much fun as it was when they were first installed, but don't stop now!

Sometimes plants show signs of a nutrient deficiency, especially a nitrogen deficiency simply because they haven't had a drink. When you water the garden, remember to do so longer but less often to encourage deep, penetrating roots.

Watering at the soil line either early in the day or after the sun has set are your best options.

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# Why your adult child needs a HIPAA form



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column

Research indicates that the brain doesn't fully mature until around age 25, but nonetheless: In Illinois (as in most states), 18 is the age at which a child is considered to be a legal adult. And it's when parents lose their right to that child's medical information.

That's why – if you want to be involved in your young adult's health care once they hit that magic age – you need their authorization under the Health Insurance Privacy and Accountability Act, better known as HIPAA.

HIPAA required the creation of national standards to protect sensitive patient health information from being disclosed without the patient's consent or knowledge. The law doesn't care if your young adult is on your insurance and you're responsible for the bills. It also doesn't care whether your child is an 18-year-old college freshman or a 45-year-

old out on their own.

Or maybe they were out on their own, but came back to the nest. Thanks to the pandemic and associated job losses, the share of adults ages 25 to 34 who lived with their parents reached historic highs in 2020, according to the U.S. Census: 22 percent of men and 13.4 percent of women.

The numbers aren't quite as high now, but they're still significant. In 2022, 19 percent of men and 12 percent of women in the 25-34 demographic cohabit with their parents. Young adults who are disabled or have mental or emotional disorders also tend to live with mom and dad.

Health issues arise unexpectedly – the young adult could be involved in a car accident, diagnosed with cancer or need an emergency appendectomy. You know my mantra: Be prepared with documentation so that health care can proceed according to your child's wishes.

Verbal authorization can take the place of a signed HIPAA release. Your child only has to tell health-care providers, "I authorize my parents to receive my medical information and be involved in my health-care decisions."

That works if the patient is awake and alert. But what if every parent's nightmare comes true? You get a phone call in the middle of the night that there's been an accident and your child is unconscious. Now what?

A spouse is considered by default to be authorized to receive medical information. If the partners are separated, though, does your child want their soon-to-be ex-spouse involved in their health care? If not, they need a HIPAA authorizing someone else. Your child may be single and not have anyone to designate.

If your child does end up in the hospital, the HIPAA authorization will come in handy. Because hospitals do not want to be fined for violating HIPAA, most will err on the

side of caution and refrain from disclosing any information to family members without the properly executed documentation. Without this exchange of information, families can be left out of the loop and doctors may miss important family medical history.

As a companion to the HIPAA authorization form, it is also important for the young adults to have a Health Care Power of Attorney so that someone will have the authority to make medical decisions on behalf of your child if they are incapacitated. Without this document, you may have to go to court in order to have someone appointed to make crucial medical decisions.

These aren't necessarily easy conversations to have with an adult child because no one – particularly a young adult who is healthy – wants to think about the possibility of illness or injury. And as parents we need to be careful that we're not acting like mother hens and intruding on their privacy.

It might be worthwhile to have a trusted family member or advisor suggest your child should consider executing a HIPAA authorization and health care power-of-attorney, designating you or another individual of their choosing to be an authorized recipient of medical information and make decisions on their behalf.

HIPAA authorization and health care power-of-attorney forms are available on the Illinois.gov website, or an attorney can help you execute them. The signed forms should be shared with your child's health-care providers and kept in an accessible place in case they're needed.

We buy insurance and hope we never have to use it. Encourage your child to prepare a HIPAA authorization and health care power of attorney, and then hope they're never needed.

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**COMMUNITY**

## Drive up book donation day

BELCHERTOWN— The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library are hosting a drive-up book donation day this Saturday, Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Clapp Memorial Library's parking lot. Book sales are the biggest fundraiser for the library and depend on patrons' donations. The staff would love to greet patrons at their car and unload books, CDs, DVDs, albums, games and puzzles. Can't make it this Saturday? No worries. The library will be holding a second drive-up donation day on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon. The library does continue to collect donations in the basement of the library any time during library hours, but patrons must haul them in themselves.

## Historical association seeks volunteers

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Historical Association is looking for volunteers to give tours of the museum. The Stone House Museum was built in 1827. The house portrays family life during the years 1840-1890. The furniture, textiles, ceramics and carriages all belonged to local residents. The museum committed is offering a workshop for anyone interested to training to become a docent (tour guide). The museum is a busy place and requires a lot of "people support." Contact the historical association if interested and a date for the workshop will be scheduled. Please consider helping in the effort to share the history and to protect the treasures for future generations.

Contact: sallyshattuck54@gmail.com.

## What's new at Belchertown fair exhibit hall

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Fair Exhibit Hall team has added new opportunities for entries in the annual exhibit hall. To expand on this year's theme of "Barn in the USA", everyone is invited to join the barn quilt contest. Bring a photo of a wooden barn or shed quilt to the Exhibit Hall during check-in hours or submit it via email to belcher-

townfair@gmail.com. Visitors to the hall during the weekend will cast their votes for their favorite. The chosen design will be announced on Sunday at 2 p.m. and its owner will receive a \$25 Atkins gift card. Also new this year in both Youth and Adult categories are "Swifty" friendship bracelets and Paint-by-number art. Donna Butler, a long-time volunteer and

the vision behind the Exhibit Hall decorations every year will be honored with a new rosette, the Department 113 "Donna Butler Award" for best gift basket. The full Exhibit Hall booklet can be found online at [www.btownfair.com/exhibit-hall](http://www.btownfair.com/exhibit-hall). Entry forms can be submitted by mail until Sept. 9, and by email until Sept. 14.

## Boy Scout can and bottle drive

BELCHERTOWN— Belchertown Boy Scout Troop 507 is holding a can and bottle drive on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pride Gas Station at the intersection of Rt. 21 and Rt 202, 165 State St. Gather up all of those unwanted returnable bottles and cans from summer gatherings and help support the Scouts. Bring them to the Pride station where the Scouts will be collecting them to raise money to help make their scouting experience more meaningful.



## State Sales Tax holiday approved

BOSTON— The Massachusetts Legislature approved Aug. 10 and Aug. 11 as a sales tax holiday weekend for Massachusetts. On those days, the Massachusetts sales tax of 6.25% will be suspended for most items that retail for less than \$2,500.

The holiday welcomes Massachusetts residents to visit retailers and small businesses around the state. A spike in consumer activity routinely boosts indirect tax revenues. According to the Department of Revenue, during the 2023

sales tax holiday, indirect tax revenues due to increased economic activity were approximately \$3.54 million.

"I am glad to see the sales tax holiday be approved in the legislature today, giving our residents a great chance to get outside and embrace their local businesses and community at a little bit of a discount," said Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). "This annual holiday gives a boost to our small business owners and consumers, and I am proud to support this measure annually."

## 5th annual Putt for Pets tournament held

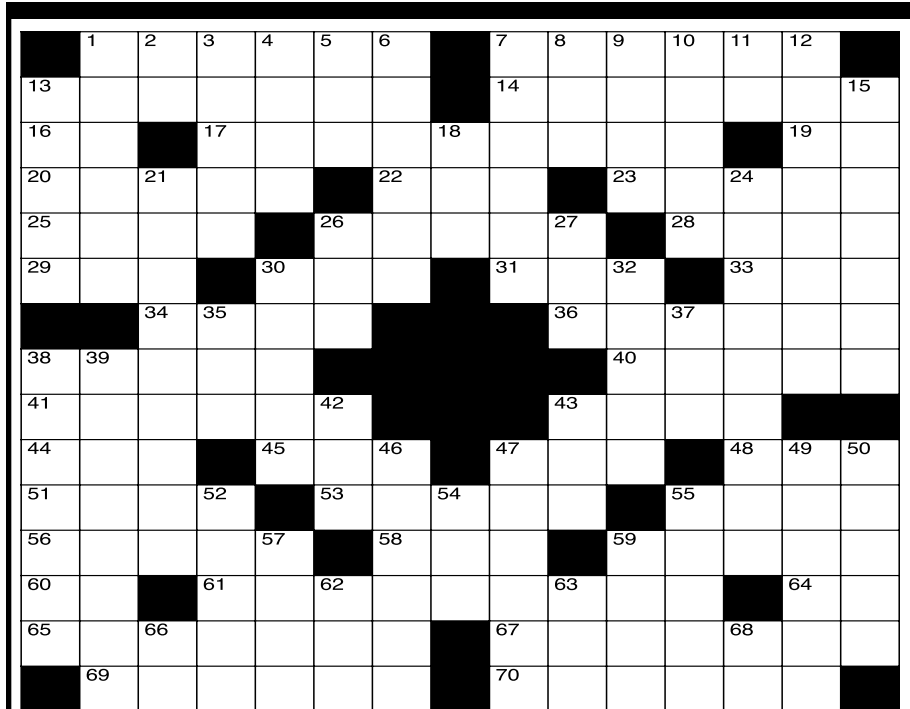
WESTFIELD—The 5th Annual Putt for Pets tournament was played at East Mountain Country Club on Saturday, July 20. Players from Connecticut, New York, Florida, California, and Alaska joined local golfers for the event, which was held in loving memory of Thomas W. Moran, a lifelong golfer and animal lover.

Moran was a graduate of Amherst Regional High School and the University of Massachusetts, but he lived in Belchertown for over 50 years before his

sudden death in July of 2017. Since that time, donations have been made in his memory to various animal shelters in the western part of the state.

The proceeds from the 5th Annual Putt for Pets Tournament have been evenly split between the Westfield Homeless Cat Project and the Belchertown Animal Control Shelter.

The Moran family thanks all those who participated in the invitational.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Spiritual leaders
- 7. A solution
- 13. Fortified wine
- 14. Edible mollusk
- 16. Blood group
- 17. A way to compare
- 19. Gov't lawyer
- 20. Actor Ciaran
- 22. Calendar month
- 23. Very willing
- 25. \_\_\_ ex Machina
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Type of berry
- 29. Distinctive practice
- 30. Popular pickup truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid material
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. German founder of psychology
- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic

- 44. A situation you can be in
- 45. Cigarette (slang)
- 47. Fiber optic network (abbr.)
- 48. Belgian composer Walter
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 55. Musical or vocal sound
- 56. Yankees' great Judge
- 58. Dickens character
- 59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- 60. South Dakota
- 61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 64. Atomic #79
- 65. Former Braves pitcher Julio
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl
- 70. Hospital unit

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Commercial
- 3. Arts and crafts supplies
- 4. Containers
- 5. Investment vehicle
- 6. A way to greet in a friendly way
- 7. Bulged downward
- 8. "A Day Without" singer
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
- 11. Negative
- 12. Caused to be loved
- 13. Prominent in Islamic eschatology
- 15. Sincere
- 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction
- 24. Bill Murray chased one
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Swedish krona
- 30. Start over
- 32. Wild white or yellow flower
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
- 38. Up-to-date
- 39. Campaigns
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. One who supports the Pope
- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. Central Japanese city
- 59. Garment
- 62. Draw from
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man
- 68. Top government lawyer

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EDUCATION

# CAMPUS Notes

## Hunter Klingensmith graduates from Bates College

Hunter Klingensmith of Belchertown, Mass. graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, with a major in Politics and a minor in History.

## Emmett Bird receives Summer Research Fellowship Grant

Emmett Bird, of Shutesbury, MA, is one of 36 SUNY Oneonta students involved in research and creative projects on and off campus through the university's Summer Research Fellowship Program. Fellowship grants assist undergraduate and graduate students with costs related to participating in summer research and creative activity in either an independent or group project.

## Residents named to Clark University's Spring 2024 Dean's List

The following local residents were named to Clark University's Spring 2024 Dean's List:

**Philly Edward Brainin**, of Amherst, Mass. 01002, was named to first honors.

**Courtneigail L. Rose**, of Amherst, Mass. 01002, was named to first honors.

**Jasper T. Scott**, of Amherst, Mass. 01002, was named to first honors.

**Jonah R. Scudere-Weiss**, of Belchertown, Mass. 01007, was named to first honors.

## Students named to dean's list at Washington University

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester at Washington University in St. Louis.

**Amherst**

**Julie Cho** is enrolled in the 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.

**Abby Schulkind** is enrolled in the 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.

## University of Hartford's President's List

The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that **Zach Stowe-Alekman** of Belchertown has been named to the President's List for the spring 2024 semester.

## Local student selected for research fellowship

DES MOINES, IA— The World Food Prize Foundation welcomed 14 exceptional college students last week to Washington, D.C., commemorating the culmination of the World Food Prize Foundation Wallace-Carver Fellowship in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Earlier this summer, the Foundation selected Alex Hutchinson, a senior at Messiah University for the distinguished Wallace-Carver Fellowship, offering him the opportunity to collaborate with world-renowned scientists and policymakers through a paid fellowship at Dry Bean Quality Genetics in East Lansing, Michigan.

"It's been both a pleasure and an honor to work with the World Food Prize Foundation as a Borlaug-Ruan intern at the International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology and now as a Wallace-Carver Fellow at the USDA's Sugar Beet and Bean Research Unit," said Hutchinson. "In my current research, I am excited to be working with pulses, a staple

food and food crop for populations around the world, as I explore the impact of processing technologies on pulse flour quality, nutrition, and safety."

While in D.C., the Fellows participated in the Washington Leadership Symposium and attended high-level briefings, tours, participated in leadership development activities and discussions with a diverse array of key government officials and thought leaders.

"The Wallace-Carver Fellowship provides the next generation of hunger fighters unique opportunities to grow as researchers, innovators and leaders in the field of agriculture," said Mashal Husain, chief operation officer, World Food Prize Foundation. "I am incredibly proud of these remarkable students and their efforts to carry on Norman Borlaug's legacy through harnessing meaningful change in the agriculture industry, further helping to sustainably nourish all."

In 2011, the USDA and the World Food Prize Foundation established

a partnership and developed the Wallace-Carver Fellowship, named after George Washington Carver and Henry A. Wallace, notable agriculture and policy leaders. The Wallace-Carver Fellowship seeks to educate, inspire and train the next generation of agricultural leaders.

"I became interested in the World Food Prize Foundation because of its dedication to increasing the quantity, quality, and availability of food for everyone as well as its commitment to empowering youth to fight against food insecurity," said Hutchinson.

Since the creation of the Fellowship, 289 students from 115 universities and colleges have participated in the program. Over 97 percent of fellows have pursued degrees in related disciplines, and 88 percent remain employed in critical fields relevant to science, agriculture and nutrition.

For more information about the World Food Prize Foundation Wallace-Carver Fellowship visit: <https://www.worldfoodprize.org/wcfellows>.

## Ware Grange upcoming workshops

WARE— The Ware Grange has upcoming workshops.

**Kids' Corner workshop**

The next Kids' Corner at Ware Grange will be Fun at the Fair, and will take place on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road. Kids' Corner workshops are led by local preschool teacher, Jen McNally. The Grange Fair is coming up soon. At this fun and educational workshop children can participate in a variety of activities to help them prepare entries for the Fair. Families will learn about the upcoming fair and how they can

participate. Visit us on Facebook or at [waregrange.org](http://waregrange.org) for more information.

**Gardening Workshop**

Ware Grange's next gardening workshop, Houseplants, will be held on Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall. The presenter will be Allison Rosendale. Learn about ways to grow healthy houseplants that will thrive throughout the year. There will also be a houseplant swap. Bring a plant to share and take home a new plant.

Visit us on Facebook or at [waregrange.org](http://waregrange.org) for more information.

## BBQ dinner set for Aug. 24

WARE—Ware Grange is holding a Barbecue Dinner at the Fair on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.. This year's dinner features a new menu, which includes pulled pork, chicken, brisket, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, drink, and dessert for \$25. Eat outside under the tent or take out is available. Reservations are required. Please call 413-284-1135 or email [waregrange@comcast.net](mailto:waregrange@comcast.net) to make your reservations for the barbecue.

## Tri-Lakes Chicken BBQ

Come join us on **August 18, 2024**, the Tri-Lakes Association will hold their Annual Chicken BBQ at the **Belchertown VFW at 41 Pelham Rd., from 1PM-4PM.**

There will be Live Music, Outdoor Activities for Kids, K-9 Dog Show, Face Painting, Raffles and more. Tickets are \$25 which includes: 1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Salad and Dessert. *Meals are available to go.*

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**DUCKS** from page 1

There is over fifty-two ducks at the sanctuary, and it is home to any and all ducks that are in need of a new home, as well as an infirmary for the ducks who are sick or injured.

Doyle included Skipper, Elliot, Clemson, Big Clara, Lucy, and Foxy; a duck named for being saved by a fox.

The ducklings got a chance to swim, with Uno, the singular black duckling, stealing the hearts of all who got to pet him.

“Every duck has a different story,” Doyle said. “If a duck comes to me, it stays with me for life. We’re hoping to expand and grow the empire. We always find room for more.”

For the past five years, Duckworld has only grown since it got its start during the pandemic. It all started with a little duck, named Clarence, and after he hatched, Doyle fell in love.

“That first duck I ever had just made me fall in love with them. Rescuing- it’s really rewarding,” Doyle said.

The event had over 150 people in attendance and spilled over even after the event ended. “The kids are so interactive and interested. This was really fun and was one of the best ones I ever did,” Doyle said about the program.

The program, part of the Read Renew Repeat Summer Reading Program at the library, taught children the importance of taking care of even the smallest of animals.

The library also had the joy to create six new library card accounts, and beyond, celebrating not only a wonderful Saturday morning petting ducks, but also experiencing the library to the fullest.



Janice Doyle (left) and Amy Mahaney (right) introducing the families to the ducks.

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The two chickens who came to the program, enjoying some corn cobs.



Six ducks in a group, getting ready to greet the kids and their families.



Ben holding his new friend, Franklin the turtle,



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Ava and her mom, Alicia, feeding a duckling some tasty oats.



# Library hosts *Duckworld*



TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS  
A little duckling enjoying a swim on this hot summer day.



Eden, Lucas, and Karolina getting the chance to say hello to and pet a duckling.



Amy Mahaney holding a duckling for friends Hailey and Gwyn to pet.



Little Lacey holding onto the cage to give one of the ducks a pet on the beak.



Doyle holding the ducks to introduce them all one by one to the kids.



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Ruthie illustrating how to pop holes into the puzzle pieces to create charms.



An assortment of glittery pieces, with two pairs of earrings, one with golden bee charms.



A double stacked set with beautiful red flower petals.

**PUZZLE** from page 1

Teens used different colored pieces to design themed and layered necklaces, and even placed small bee charms over the puzzles to add to the creativity.

“Being able to make something out of the puzzle pieces feels so rewarding,” Ruthie says. “The creativity here is awesome.”

Stay tuned for more Teen Crafternoons coming up, with needle-felting and more to come, where teens can take a moment to stop in their busy schedules, sit down, and create something beautiful and unique to themselves.

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This drive has been organized and run by Granby senior, Austin Smith. Thank you in advance for helping the Granby Students.



**REGION**

# Hospital receives stroke award from AHA

NORTHAMPTON— Cooley Dickinson Hospital has received a 2024 'Get With The Guidelines' quality achievement award from the American Heart Association, for excellence in treating stroke. The honor was given with "Gold Plus" distinction, the highest level of the award given by the organization.

The award recognizes Cooley Dickinson's commitment to the association's in-hospital program that ensures patient care is aligned with the latest research and evidence-based guidelines.

"This award is a true reflection of the dedication and effort of our team, who go above and beyond national guidelines to set their own high standards in stroke care," said Dr. Sundeep Shukla, associate chief medical officer at Cooley Dickinson.

Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death, and a leading cause of disability, in the United States. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts. When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood and oxygen it needs, and brain

cells die. Early stroke detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability, and accelerating recovery times.

"We are incredibly pleased to recognize Cooley Dickinson for its commitment to caring for patients with stroke," said Dr. Steven Messe, volunteer chairperson of the American Heart Association Stroke System of Care Advisory Group and professor of neurology and director of fellowships of neurology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. "Participation in 'Get With The Guidelines' is associated with improved patient outcomes, fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates, a win for health care systems, families, and communities."

Each year, program participants qualify for the awards recognition by demonstrating how their organization has committed to providing quality care for patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, 'Get With The Guidelines' participants also provide education to patients to help them manage their conditions at home.

## Local business grants available

The South Hadley & Granby Chamber of Commerce has created a capacity building grant program for businesses in our municipalities. Under our grant program, funded by the Commonwealth of MA's Workforce/Economic Development Initiative, the SHG Chamber will award eligible South Hadley and Granby businesses up to \$5,000 each. Grants may be used in the following areas:

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**BUSINESS**

## Bank promotes employees

EASTHAMPTON— bankESB recently promoted two of their employees to senior assistant branch manager.

Denise Clark, of Westfield, has nearly 13 years of banking experience. She joined bankESB in 2011 as a teller, and was most recently assistant branch manager of its 85 Broad St., Westfield office. She earned a bachelor's degree in art from Westfield State University, and currently volunteers for Westfield on Weekends and the Kiwanis Club of Westfield.

Robyn Michaud, of Indian Orchard, has six years of banking experience, and joined bankESB in 2018 as a teller. She was previously assistant branch manager of its 605 Granby Rd., South Hadley office. She earned a certificate in branch management from the Massachusetts Bankers Association. Michaud currently volunteers for Westfield on Weekends, and Veterans in the Park, and enjoys attending local chamber events.



## Jigsaw puzzle swap

AMHERST— Inspired by the conservation message of the Summer Reading Program theme of Read. Renew. Repeat., there will be a jigsaw puzzle swap in the Woodbury Room of the Jones Library at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Refresh the home jigsaw puzzle collection for free by participating in this puzzle swap. Through Friday, Aug. 9, bring jigsaw puzzles (500 pieces or more) to the Jones Library reference desk. For

each puzzle, patrons will receive a ticket to be used at the swap on Saturday, Aug. 10 for a "new-to-you" jigsaw puzzle. Puzzles must be dropped off in advance, and cannot be accepted the day of the swap.

Each puzzle must be clean (not musty or moldy), in its original box, and intact (no missing pieces).

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**OBITUARIES**

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Carole A. Cleveland**  
Died August 2, 2024  
Services August 9, 2024  
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**Jennie T. Greene**  
Died on July 31, 2024  
Services are private  
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**Alden B. Rutter**  
Died July 30, 2024  
Services August 8, 2024  
Beers & Story  
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**Carole A. Cleveland**

BELCHERTOWN—Carole A. Cleveland, born on Feb. 9, 1944, in Somerville, Massachusetts, and longtime resident of Belchertown, passed away on Aug. 2, 2024, at the age of 80. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Carole will be deeply missed by her family and community.



Carole's life was marked by her remarkable dedication to education and her passion for supporting children with special needs. She earned her Special Master's Degree for Childhood Education from the University of Massachusetts, where she was recognized on the Dean's List and became a member of the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honors Organization. Her career focused on developing individualized education programs for students with special needs throughout the state. Carole's expertise was so well-regarded that she was called upon by the Federal Government to review grants in Washington, D.C. for four years. Her contributions led to significant improvements in many communities benefiting from these grants.

Among her many achievements, Carole was known for her ambitious and generous nature. She had a studious personality, always seeking knowledge and understanding. Her interests included visiting the ocean and enjoying numerous seaports with her beloved husband, Howard. Carole was also a proud member of the Whale Society, an organization reflecting her love for marine life.

Carole is survived by her husband of 50 years, Howard Cleveland; her daughter, Liqueetta Smith; her sons, Larry Noyes, Timothy Noyes, and Robert Noyes; and her grandchildren, Whitney Smith, TJ Smith, Aaron Smith, Amber Lopez, and Jason Lopez. She leaves behind seven great-grandchildren who will carry her legacy forward, as well as her nephew, John (Linda) Dease, and her dear friend and extended family member, Pam Noffke.

A period of visitation will be held on Aug. 9, 2024, from 2-4 p.m. at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Carole's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com) to extend online condolences.

**Jennie T. Greene**

Jennie T. Greene, née Banas, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2024, in Longmeadow. Born on October 4, 1923, in Indian Orchard at her home, Jennie lived a full and industrious life, spanning over a century of dedication, love, and tenacity.

Jennie was the cherished daughter of the late John and Theresa (Janas) Banas. She was the loving wife of the late Hubert F. Greene, who predeceased her in 2013. Jennie was the beloved mother of two sons, Paul Greene and Richard (Barbara) Greene. She is also remembered by her predeceased sister and six brothers, who were part of her large and close-knit family.

Her life was marked by tireless work and commitment. Jennie worked on the family farm and contributed significantly to the family's school bus driving and construction business, H.F. Greene and Sons. She not only drove school buses but also handled the bookkeeping with meticulous care until her retirement at the age of 70.

Jennie actively participated in the Catholic Women's Club and previously involved in the PTA, and Union Grange #64. Known for her fortitude and capability, Jennie always "ran the show," displaying leadership and determination in every aspect of her life.

A private graveside service will be held in her honor. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Legacy Lifecare Hospice, 770 Converse St., Longmeadow, MA 01106, in memory of Jennie.

Jennie's legacy of hard work, leadership, and dedication will forever be remembered by her family and all those whose lives she touched. May she rest in eternal peace.

**Alden B. Rutter**

BELCHERTOWN—Alden B. "Sam" Rutter, 84, passed away July 30, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. Alden was born in Ware on July 23, 1940 to Robert F. and Marjorie (Delano) Rutter. He graduated from Warren High School, after which he joined the U.S. Navy. Alden was a very proud Navy veteran, serving on the USS Fred T. Berry from 1958-1961. After his military service, Alden went on to work for Peter Pan Bus Lines. He drove for 27 years and received an award for completing more than 1 million accident-free miles.



Alden was a fan of college hockey, Red Sox baseball, stock car racing, and mostly enjoyed spending time with his sons at many of these events.

He is predeceased by his parents Frank and Marjorie Rutter, his sister Judy (Rutter) Doering, and his brothers Robert and Cliff Rutter.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Joan (Bergeron) Rutter and their two sons, Kent and his wife Maria, and Brian and his wife Tracie. He also leaves his sister, Betsy and her husband Larry Tuttle, a sister-in-law, Jan (Walker) Rutter, 5 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

A period of visitation will be held on Aug. 8, 2024 from 4-6:30 p.m. with a service to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations in Alden's name can be made to a charity of your choice.

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BY PAULA FLEMING  
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BBB Eastern MA, ME, RI & VT - The Olympics are upon us, and many eyes are on Paris and the athletes representing their countries. Amidst all the distractions, BBB warns consumers and businesses to be alert for potential scams, some of which were reported to BBB Scam Tracker in previous Games, as well as laws surrounding fair use of logos, trademarks and copyrights.

Ads for merchandise, text alerts for watching events, and even job opportunities are all potential sources that scammers may use to prey upon unsuspecting consumers. Businesses also need to be aware of bad actors and copyright violators who may try to use the excitement to pitch ripped-off gear.

**Types of scams to expect**

**Phishing texts and emails:** You may get a text with a great offer for gear that sounds like it's from a legitimate seller, or a link to view a certain event. Spot the red flags of fake text messages and never click on a link without first determining who it is from. Visit the company site directly or go to the official Olympics website to learn the event schedule.

**Job scams:** Prior to the Olympics in 2022, college students saw emails for jobs sent to their school email, asking them to drive around with Olympics ads wrapped on their vehicles. BBB Scam Tracker received a report that said, "I got an email saying that NBC was looking for people to drive 100 miles or more weekly (basically any normal route you would take) with

the decal of the '2022 Winter Olympics' on their vehicles." Naturally, it was a scam. More on avoiding job scams.

**Counterfeit merchandise:** You will likely see merchandise ads during the Games with logos on them; resist the temptation to buy fake gear or collectors' items that could be knockoffs, and only purchase from official sellers. Check out BBB's advice for buying sports merchandise.

**Fake sports streaming links:** Similar to the way in which scammers post fake streaming links for other sports contests, like high school football, you may see links to stream the games in the comments on social media posts. Only use the official links, and do not fall for those fraudsters who are out to get your personal information.

**A word of caution for business owners**

In addition, businesses need to be aware of the copyright and trademark laws that surround the Olympics.

**Educate yourself.** Be aware of the ways in which the words «Olympics» and logos are protected trademarks. Educate yourself on the ways in which hashtags and social media posts can and can't be used, and avoid sales and promotions that misuse the protected logos and terms.

**Follow proper procedures.** The International Olympic Committee (IOC) outlines the Olympic Properties owned by the IOC and how they can and cannot be used. You must make a formal request in order to use them via this form to request the use of Olympic properties or the National Olympic Committee.

**Three-day cycling event covers  
104 miles of rail trail**

NORTHAMPTON – A three-day cycling adventure will cover 104-miles of Mass Central Rail Trail Sept. 20-22, starting in Northampton and ending in Boston.

This historic rail corridor is becoming the longest rail trail in New England. Currently, the corridor is 60% finished and its completion is a state priority, expected to bring in over \$200 million in new revenue to cities and towns it passes through.

Once completed, the MCRT will span 120 miles across the commonwealth.

"Ride N2B on the MCRT" will make

roughly 12 stops along the route with overnight stays in Ware and Hudson. Presentations by local advocates, community leaders and historians will be made at these stops to spread awareness about efforts to continue the MCRT.

The ride will have 12-15 riders for the whole route with other riders encouraged to join for parts of each day.

For information about the ride and joining a section, contact Della Penna at [craigdp413@gmail.com](mailto:craigdp413@gmail.com).

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## Post 239 upset in state playoffs

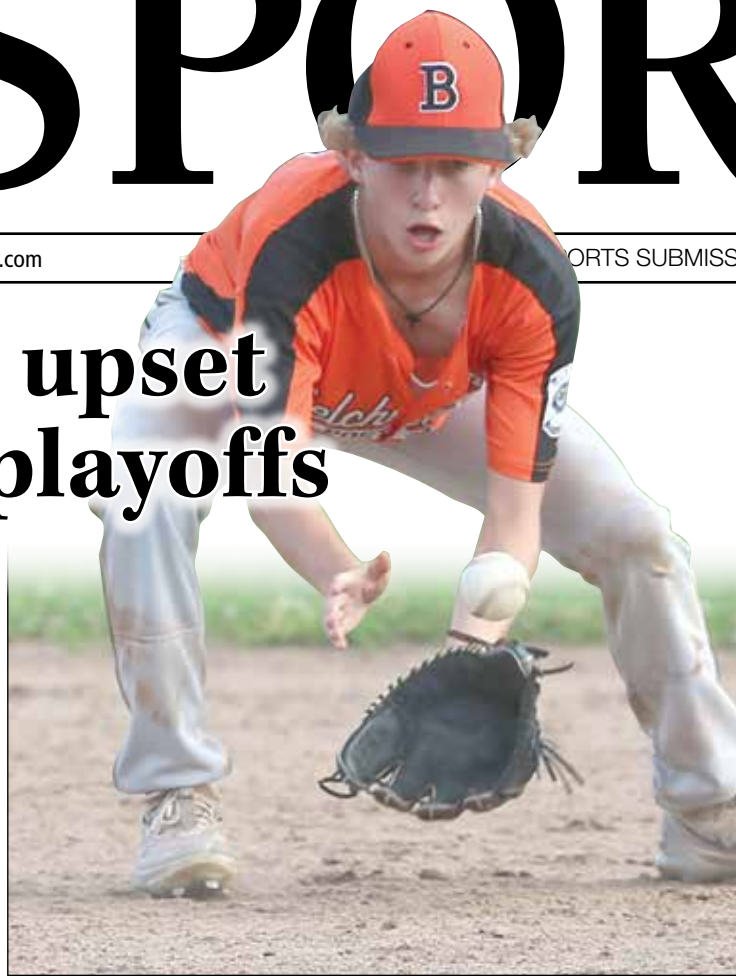
BY TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

WORCESTER—The members of the 2024 Belchertown Post 239 Legion baseball team will have a lot of wonderful memories to reminisce about when they get together in the coming years.

The Post 239 squad represented District 3 in the Senior Division state tournament for the second consecutive year. They also came very close to advancing to the Northeast Regionals for the first time.

Belchertown's outstanding season came to an end following a 9-8 walk-off loss to Hudson Post 100 in an elimination game held at Fitton Field located on the College of the Holy Cross campus in Worcester, last Wednesday afternoon.

"This was a special sea-



Ian McDonald picks up a ground ball during the Belchertown Post 239 season.



Cody West delivers a pitch.

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son and I'm going to remember it for a very long time," said Belchertown's manager Todd McDonald. "I'm very proud of these guys. They had a lot of fun playing baseball together this summer."

The Belchertown Legion players attend either Hopkins Academy, Amherst High School, or Belchertown High School. They also had a player who goes to Williston.

The players who live in

Belchertown listed on the Post 239 roster are Evan Ferguson, Derek Gould, Ryan Gould, Ian McDonald, Jake Waller, and Brady Perkins.

Derek Gould, who graduated

from Belchertown High School in June, and Perkins, who was a freshman on the Framingham State University baseball team

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Kassandra Liquori sends a pass away.



Samara Robles looks to make a save in goal.



Mackenzie Shean, of Agawam, fights to keep the ball.



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Paige Marjanski, of South Hadley goes for the header.

## Heat falls in semifinals

CHICOPEE – Last Wednesday evening, the Heat, which features players from throughout the region,

fell in the semifinals to Luistano Women in the Women's Division playoffs of the PVSSL 3-1.



Emily Ottomaniello, of Agawam, makes her way up the field for the Heat.



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Kelly Callahan, of Monson, punts the ball away.

## Here for Beer scores upset



Joanna Mull, of Belchertown, makes her way up the field.



Gwen Duggan, of Palmer, looks to get around a Monson player.

MONSON – Facing the higher-seeded Monson Mustangs last Monday in the PVSSL Women's Division quarterfinals, Here for Beer scored a 4-3 upset at Rogers Field. They would make it all the way to the finals before falling to the Lusitano Women last Friday night. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week's edition.



SPORTS

# Barnett leads way at Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, CT — Although early rains made for a shortened practice schedule on Thursday, Thompson Speedway lit-up the night for the final round of Thursday Night Thunder this season. Dominance was the word to describe Thursday's racing action at Thompson Speedway with the night starting off under the command of the fan-favorite Street Stock class. Former multi-time track champion 'Leadfoot' Larry Barnett led the 20-lap main event for the Street Stocks from the drop of the green flag to the twin checkered flags for his first win of the season. While 'Leadfoot' dominated up front, all eyes were on Ryan Waterman as he charged from eighth-place to third in the fast-paced feature event.

The dominance continued in the AZ Roofing SK Light Modified ranks. While Nick Hovey led from the point, point leader Tyler Chapman came to the front for a side-by-side battle with plenty of sparks. Chapman would pull up bumper before getting loose on the outside groove again and again, finally getting just the right push off to claim his fourth win of the year over Hovey and Meghan Fuller.

The Mini Stock showcase saw one of the fiercest battles of the night between defending champion and point leader Jarred Roy and Ryan Pomposelli. The two fought tooth and nail across the 0.625-mile Thompson Speedway with Roy making his final pass with just two laps remaining to claim his fourth win of the year with Pomposelli taking second and Kevin Moore turning around a tough-luck season for third.

The growing Thompson Sunoco Modified division was once again under the control of

young Jon Puleo. The Mr. Rooter Plumbing machine was on rails for the Twisted Tea Midsummer 50-lap main event on Thursday with the young-gun never leaving the lead position. Puleo took down his third win of the season followed by Keith Rocco and leading rookie Isaiah Newcomb at the line.

The Late Models rounded out Thursday's showcase. A final show of dominance saw former Late Model track champion Brian Tagg lead all 25-laps on the field for his first win at Thompson Speedway this season with defending track champion Nick Johnson coming home second followed by Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP) finalist Derek Gluchacki in third.

Thompson Speedway returns to Wednesday night racing action in less than two weeks on Wednesday, August 7 for the Tripoint Showdown 50-lap main event for the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds. The Late Models, AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds, Street Stocks and Mini Stocks make it a five division card with a 6:00pm Post Time on Wednesday, August 7.

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# Quabbin League seeking to start fall league

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to start an eight-game fall program for the over-28 population. The league, which plays a spring/summer regular season with six teams for 15 games followed by playoffs, is hoping to continue the fun into the fall with a short eight-game schedule for interested players.

Preliminary details are still being worked on, but the league is looking to have four teams with six "regular season" games followed by a semifinal in the seventh week, and a final/consolation game in the eighth week.

The league will be a bit more informal than the regular spring/summer league with the goal being for players to have fun playing more baseball, work on field and batting skills through more innings in the field and extra at-bats, or potentially working on

or trying out pitching. As has been traditional in other fall leagues, the Quabbin League will likely be wood-bat only for the fall.

There is an interest form and survey interested players can fill out at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. The league is open to all current Quabbin league players as well as players from other leagues who are age 28 and over during the calendar year of 2024.

The league will look to keep the cost very low for the league with preliminary indications having the league in the \$40-50 range to play eight games.

Games will likely be held in the West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick area and are likely to be held on Sunday mornings, though a few games may be held at alternate times. Games are scheduled to begin in September after Labor Day.

# Thunderbirds sign three for upcoming season

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds announced today that they have signed goaltender Cam Johnson, as well as forwards Tarun Fizer and Reece Newkirk, to one-year AHL contracts.



Johnson, 30, has been the backstop for each of the Florida Everblades' three consecutive Kelly Cup championships. In 63 career playoff games in the ECHL, Johnson has a sparkling 47-13-3 record, 11 shutouts, a 1.97 goals-against average, and a .928 save percentage. He was the June M. Kelly Award winner as ECHL

playoff MVP in 2022 and 2023. The former University of North Dakota National Champion also has 53 games of AHL experience with the Binghamton Devils and Cleveland Monsters.

Fizer, 23, is entering his third full professional season. As a rookie with the ECHL's Utah Grizzlies in 2022-23, the Chestermere, AB native scored 50 points (27g, 23a) in 62 games. Last season, he skated in 30 games for the Belleville Senators, posting two goals and three assists. He also chipped in 10 points (4g, 6a) in 10 games

for the ECHL's Allen Americans. Before turning pro, Fizer skated in five WHL seasons for the Victoria Royals. In 2021-22, he captained the Royals and put up 51 points (17g, 34a) in just 35 games.

Newkirk, 23, is set to begin his fourth professional season. Originally a fifth-round pick by the New York Islanders in the 2019 NHL Draft, Newkirk has skated in 45 AHL games with Bridgeport, putting up 10 points (2g, 8a). In 102 ECHL games with the Worcester Railers, the Moose Jaw, SK native has 78 points (37g, 41). Before turning pro, Newkirk starred with the WHL's Portland Winterhawks, where he accumulated 162 points (69g, 93a) in 205 games.

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last spring, won't be returning to the legion team next year.

Belchertown, who finished their outstanding season with a 17-2-1 overall record, began the 2024 state tournament by squeaking out a 6-5 win against Hingham Post 120 on July 27. They then defeated Lowell Post 87, 5-3, the following afternoon. After having an unscheduled off day due to rain, Belchertown lost to host Shrewsbury Post 397 by the final score of 12-2.

The ten run loss in the double elimination tournament didn't seem to bother Belchertown very much. They jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the top of the first inning less than twenty four hours later against Hudson.

Ian McDonald, who was Belchertown's shortstop and leadoff hitter, began the rally with a single to right field. Left fielder Cooper Beckwith followed with a line-drive single into left field. A wild pitch moved both base runners into scoring position. McDonald crossed the plate with the game's first run when catcher Pat Fitzgibbons grounded a single up the middle into center field past the drawn in infield. Three batters later, designated hitter Beau Elson drove home a pair of runs with a double down the left field line. Waller, who started the contest at third base, contributed with an RBI single to center giving Post 239 a 4-0 advantage with one out.

At that point, righthander Michael Domino, who was Hudson's starting pitcher, was replaced on the mound by fellow righty Ryan Graf.

Ferguson, who started at first base, continued Belchertown's first inning onslaught with an RBI single to left field with two outs. Left fielder Cooper Beckwith capped off the wild inning by blasting a three-run double that landed on the warning track in left field.

Overall, Belchertown scored eight runs, which were all earned, on eight base hits in that frame, as they sent twelve batters to the plate. They only had three base hits during the final six innings.

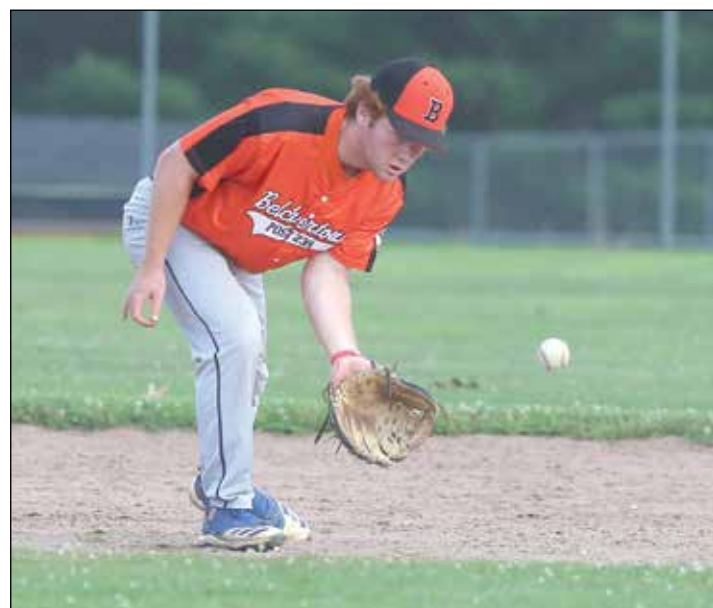
"After we scored eight runs in the first inning, we didn't score anymore runs during the rest of the game," McDonald said. "We knew that Hudson was a good hitting team."

The trio of McDonald, Beckwith, and centerfielder Cody West finished the contest



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Chace Earle reaches out for the grounder.



Patrick Fitzgibbons goes for the in-between hop.

with two hits each.

Perkins, who started in right field, lined a single to center leading off the second, but he was stranded at third base as Graf retired the next three batters.

After Graf had retired nine batters in a row, West singled to right field leading off the top of the fifth, but once again Belchertown failed to add onto its lead.

Until the bottom of the fifth inning, the Hudson batters only had a pair of base hits against Belchertown righthander Thatcher Rudnik.

Post 100 got themselves right back into the game by scoring five runs on three hits in that frame. The biggest hit was a two run triple to center field by centerfielder Marshall Kehlhem.

Hudson would tie the score at 8-8 by scoring three more runs in the sixth. Kehlhem, who's Hudson's leadoff hitter, was in the middle of the action once again with a two-run double.

With one-out in the top of the seventh, West doubled to center, but he was stranded at second base.

Hudson second baseman Anthony Moura drove in the game winning run with a sacrifice fly to left field with no outs in the bottom of the seventh, which ended the ballgame and Belchertown's outstanding season.

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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 July 17 through July 30. 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 responded to every day. Of the calls police responded to, there were 19 incidents, four accidents, three arrests/summons and 23 citations.*

#### ARRESTS/SUMMONS

##### Tuesday, July 23

7:21 a.m. – A 31-year-old Three Rivers male was charged with littering. An officer responded to Railroad Street where several trash bags were dumped on the side of the street. A DPW employee showed the officer the bags. Photos of the bags were taken. There was also a video in the area showing the vehicle parked in the area, opening and closing the door multiple times and driving away on July 20. The DPW employee contacted the officer and said several times in the bags included the names of the person and their registration. The officer contacted Palmer Police and the person was charged accordingly.

##### Friday, July 26

10:31 p.m. – An 18-year-old Belchertown male was charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, unsafe operation of a motor vehicle and speeding. An officer responded to Barret Street for a report of a crash with a tree. Multiple injuries were reported. When the officer responded to the scene five occupants were standing outside of the vehicle. The vehicle was going west, went off the road and collided with a tree. There was one operator in the cab of the vehicle and the remaining of the passengers were in bed of truck. The operator lost control of the vehicle, then veered into the tree. The operator and passengers were they were in the cab, and the others were in the bed of the truck. There was damage there the bed of the truck met the cab. Two of the occupants had significant injuries and were transported from the scene.

##### Sunday, July 28

12 p.m. – A 19-year-old Belchertown man was charged with an unregistered motor vehicle and attaching plates. A caller reported a silver sedan going north on Main Street went over a curb and came to an abrupt stop. The vehicle was parked at the same location. The officer noticed the doors were unlocked and its windows were down. The officer saw the plate was not for the right vehicle. The officer saw two people walking on the street toward the vehicle. One of them said they ran out of gas for the vehicle and were going to get more. The driver was charged accordingly.

##### Tuesday, July 30

10:47 a.m. – A summons was issued to a 59-year-old Amherst woman for assault and battery. An officer responded to a residence for a call from the fire department. They were doing an inspection and reported a possible assault between the landlord and the tenant. A person was asked if they wanted to press charges and they didn't.

#### INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS

##### Wednesday, July 17

5:49 a.m. – An officer responded to Metacomet and Bay Road for a report of an abandoned vehicle. The front passenger-side tire of the vehicle was damaged. The officer spoke with the driver who reported they drove over a large branch.



Their tire popped, and after attempting to change it, they had the vehicle towed.

10:55 a.m. – An officer responded to State Street for a report of an accident in the parking lot adjacent to another car. The person opened their door and struck the vehicle next to them, then left the scene. A witness provided the officer with the vehicle's plate number. The officer spoke with the suspected person. They didn't believe there was any damage. They contacted their insurance company, and there is a report on file.

6:32 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a stuck vehicle. The driver drove through standing water in the roadway, causing the vehicle to stall and not start again. The water was a foot high due to a drain blockage. The DPW unblocked it as soon as they were notified. The operator went to arrange for a tow.

##### Thursday, July 18

7:58 a.m. – The resident went to register a dirt bike they purchased online. They were told the dirt bike was stolen. They contacted the Connecticut Department of Transportation about the stolen dirt bike. They reported the matter to Belchertown, and officers were contacted by the Connecticut Department. The person who sold the bike was likely the person who sold the bike back in November of 2022. It was first registered in January 2023 and at that point, it had not yet been reported stolen. Arrangements were made to give it back to its rightful owner in Connecticut.

10:36 a.m. – An officer responded to a North Main Street residence to meet with a Hampshire County Sheriff's officer who was conducting an eviction. In the process, the officer found a high-capacity magazine for a gun. It was turned over to the officer, and it was placed into property.

6:32 p.m. – A resident reported receiving harassing text messages. They were being harassed by a former acquaintance. The caller only wanted a report on file.

##### Friday, July 19

10:12 a.m. – An officer did a report regarding a past sexual abuse allegation.

7:50 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle was traveling east on State Street around the police department when the operator said they were distracted by the basketball court. The vehicle went off the roadway and struck a speeding sign. The vehicle came back onto the roadway, where it stopped. It was towed from the scene, and no injuries were reported.

##### Saturday, July 20

4:43 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of an erratic operator on Ware Road. The vehicle was going slow, swerving and had no lights on. The vehicle went into the driveway of a residence. When the officer arrived, the vehicle was perpendicular in the driveway, the front end of the vehicle pressed against a small tree. The owner was in the driver's seat and was on the phone. It took a long time to roll down their window. The operator said they were speaking with a relative. A relative came up the driveway and said there was no reason why they were supposed to be there. The driver was confused, and an immediate threat was placed on the person's license. The vehicle wasn't towed.

##### Sunday, July 21

12 p.m. – A resident wanted to speak with an officer about neighborhood issues when someone knocked on the door in the early hours of the morning. It was a neighbor knocking on the door and running off. The person wanted it on file. The officer went to speak with the other party, and they didn't answer.

##### Monday, July 22

5:24 p.m. – An officer waiting at a traffic light at Main and Maple saw an expired inspection sticker. The officer ran the license plate, which was attached to a different vehicle that was also expired and nonrenewable. The vehicle was towed.

##### Tuesday, July 23

1:34 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Main Street. A vehicle was stopped in traffic, as the light turned green, it was struck in the rear by another vehicle. The operator of the second vehicle said they thought the first vehicle was going to go forward. No injuries were reported and no tow was needed.

2:11 p.m. – An officer responded to assist a juvenile who was having a mental health crisis.

##### Wednesday, July 24

7:21 a.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

10:04 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of an accident on Mill Valley Road. Two vehicles were traveling on Mill Valley Road when one in front stopped for a large tractor mowing grass on the side of the road. The first vehicle was struck the second. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

##### Thursday, July 25

3:43 p.m. – An officer took a report of a vandalized vehicle that was parked at a local business. The scratch was from the passenger's side to the front door to the rear tire.

##### Friday, July 26

8:34 a.m. – An officer responded to Federal Street for a report of a vehicle that was struck by a cone by a construction crew. The vehicle had a scuff mark on the front. The operator came up on a construction company on Route 9 that was placing cones, and the operator tried to pass, but the cone was thrown at the vehicle. The construction crew member said it was an accident.

12:15 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person about alleged harassment via Instagram. They were told how to apply for a harassment prevention order.

##### Saturday, July 27

4:35 p.m. – An officer got a call from a resident who was flying a drone, lost control of it crashed into the communication tower at the back of the police department building. The person wasn't sure where within the tower the drone came to rest. An officer checked the area and couldn't see the drone. A call was placed to FCC regarding the crash. The drone owner was told they are liable for any damage to the property. A technician was going to come check on the tower and retrieve the drone.

##### Sunday, July 28

8:27 a.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. A scammer tried to open credit cards using a resident's information. The person got a letter for an application for credit to buy a vehicle. Neither attempt was successful. The person wanted the matter documented.

10:47 a.m. – An officer took a report from a Federal Street resident whose fence was kicked in. They wanted it documented. Photos were taken of the fence, which had a bush in front of it. There are no suspects at this time.

9:59 p.m. – An officer took a call from a resident about their child who took an Uber out of state against their wishes. The officer contacted the local agency in Connecticut, located the person, and contacted their parent. Arrangements were made to have the child picked up. A 51A was filed.

##### Monday, July 29

2:25 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Boardman Road. A vehicle was traveling on Boardman Road when an unknown animal ran into the street. The vehicle ran off the roadway. No tows were needed and no injuries were reported.

5:14 p.m. – A person came to the station to report a person contacted a retail building on George Hannum Road and caused damage. There is no information as far as the suspect vehicle.

##### Tuesday, July 30

6:47 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle was traveling on Federal Street when another vehicle in front of it turned. The first vehicle didn't have time to stop and struck the second vehicle. There was heavy front-end damage to the second vehicle and rear damage to the first. One person was transported to the hospital. One vehicle was towed from the scene.

4:54 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. The residents' Social Security numbers were used twice without their authorization, and their accounts were frozen. The matter was documented.

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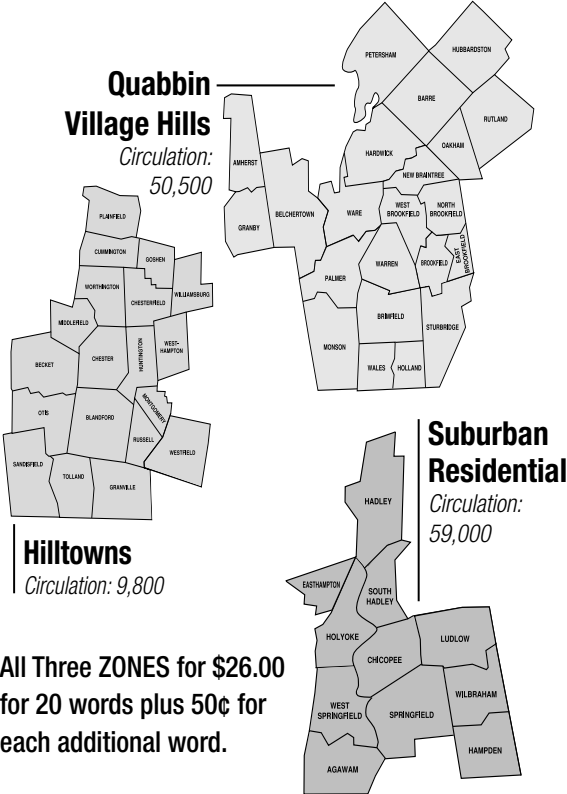


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Any Person interested and wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Jennifer Sharrow,  
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Belchertown  
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**Hall Auditorium, located at 2 Jabish Street in Belchertown, MA 01007** to review a **Notice of Intent** permit application submitted by J & P Engineering Services c/o M & G Land Development for the proposed work to construct a single family home and associated facilities at Lot 23.3 Rural Street (Assessor's Map 241-23.3) in Belchertown. Work is proposed to occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place designated.  
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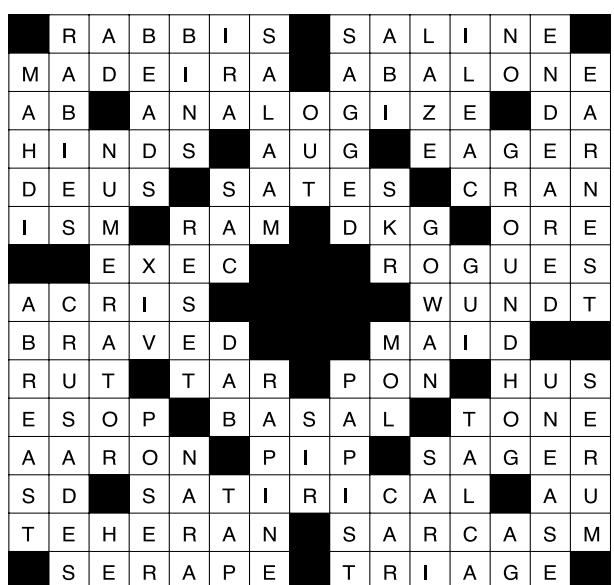
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BBB SCAM ALERT:

# Fake events & phony tickets take festival goers by surprise

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Many people are looking forward to fun festivals this summer. As usual, scammers are taking advantage of the building excitement. This time, they are cashing in with phony tickets-and even fake events.

**How the scam works**

You see a fantastic deal on tickets to a summer festival in your area, usually through a link on social media. The event promises live music, all-you-can-eat meals, craft beer or wine, or other fun activities.

When you click the social media link, it takes you to a professional website with fantastic pictures. You enter your credit card information to buy tickets and think you are all set. But before you buy, do a little research. Whether the event is non-existent, merely disappointing, or you just bought phony tickets, the result is the same: someone pockets your hard-earned money!

BBB Scam Tracker has received numer-



ous reports from people who purchased fake tickets to actual events or events that have yet to materialize.

A customer in Memphis reported buying tickets for \$220 for a concert: "I saw an offer for presale tickets for the group Khruangbin for a concert in May. I clicked on the links and it lead me to what looked like a legit site until I realized that they are a resellers site and had marked up the ticket prices tremendously. The prices were also in USD and the service charge was astounding. I contacted the company right away but they just dismiss and ignore. They are SCAMMERS and need to be off the market. They have scammed lots of people and it is very humiliating and stressful."

One consumer who purchased tickets to a fake beer crawl reported: "Reviews across multiple platforms make it clear that these events are at best extremely misleading or at worst canceled. No refunds are given, even when their inconsistent and mostly-unreachable customer service email address responds to confirm a refund will be provided."

**How to spot a fake festival**

Research before you buy. Search online for the festival's name and ensure the name advertised matches the website. Scammers often use names that sound similar to those of real festivals.

Check for (working) contact information. The festival website should have a real phone number and email address.

Watch out for prices that sound too good to be true. There is no way a festival can offer tickets at extremely low prices without losing money. If the prices are much lower than elsewhere, it's likely a scam.

**What can you do?**

Pay with a credit card. You can dispute the charges if the business doesn't come through. Be wary of online sellers that don't accept credit cards.

Look for secure sites. The website should begin with HTTPS (the extra "s" is for security) and have a lock symbol on the address bar.

Avoid tickets sold on Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, and other free online listings. Scammers are skilled at providing realistic tickets and fake receipts. Check out third-party ticket sites at BBB.org before making purchases.

**For more information**

Read BBB's tips for buying tickets to an event. For general information on how to avoid scams, visit BBB.org/AvoidScams.

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