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Teen killed in crash on North Main St.

Police: Victim fled attempted car stop

BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – A 19-year-old male lost his life on Sunday night after fleeing from police and crashing his vehicle on North Main Street.

According to the Massachusetts State Police, at approximately 8:45 p.m., a state trooper on patrol along Route 202 attempted to stop a 2011 Nissan Altima. The operator sped away from the trooper, ran a red light at the intersection with Route 9, then failed to negotiate a left-bearing curve in the roadway and went off the right side of the road.

Police reported that the preliminary crash reconstruction indicates the vehicle struck a mulch bed and became airborne, then struck a rock wall, a large tree, and a light post before crashing



PHOTO BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON

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The scene of a fatal crash on North Main Street remained an active investigation the following morning.

DPW Director appointed

BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – The Selectboard ratified the appointment of Linda Leduc as the next Director of Public Works on Monday, following a three-month long search to fill the vacancy left by Town Administrator Steve Williams.

Leduc has been part of the Conservation Commission and the Community Preservation Committee. She worked for the town of Palmer as the Town Planner.

“I’m thrilled to be here. Steve and I have a long working history,” she said in the meeting. “I worked with a number of you on CPC. I’m excited to work in my own community.”

She said she looks forward to meeting the staff.

Selectboard discusses State Street capital planning

The Selectboard received quotes on renovations to the building that housed the Belchertown Family Center on 51 State Street.

“With regards to the rather onerous list we were provided, I don’t think it makes sense for us to make a decision one way or the other,” said Selectboard member Ron Aponte.

Williams provided informa-

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International Overdose Awareness Day

‘Recognizing Those People Who Go Unseen’

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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BELCHERTOWN - Belchertown Overcoming Adversity Together (BOAT) will be holding its annual Candle Light Vigil

from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, on the Belchertown Common.

International Overdose Awareness Day is observed to “raise awareness and reduce stigma of drug-related deaths,” according to a BOAT press statement.

“It’s a day to remember those we’ve lost to overdose, acknowl-

edge the grief of the family and friends left behind, and renew our commitment to end overdose and related harms,” BOAT released.

“Overdose can affect anybody and one of the messages of this day is that the people who overdose are our sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters—they are loved and they are missed,” said Jill Rossi,

Founder of SOAAR and BOAT Chairperson. “We encourage members of the community with lived experiences to come to our event and stand in solidarity with the individuals who have been personally affected by overdose.”

Free Narcan will be available, along with luminary bags with

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Soccer jamboree benefits scholarship in memory of Julia Haynes

BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – This summer’s weekend weather has been relentless, bringing mostly wet and stormy days, but the sun was bright last Sunday as hundreds of soccer players, families, and friends gathered on the state school fields to participate in the Julia’s 3v3 Soccer Jamboree.

The first-ever event not only honored the memory of Julia Haynes, who lost her battle with brain cancer on March 3, 2023, at just 14-years-old, but it also established a scholarship in her name.

Julia’s mother, Misty Haynes, was at the event and said she was overwhelmed with the amount of

support the jamboree garnered.

“I was going to be excited if we had enough teams to compete,” said Haynes, adding that in the end, there were 64 teams that registered for the event.

The jamboree was open to anyone entering third grade through high school, with a maximum of four players per team. Behind the idea of the event were Julia’s four friends, Payton Tucker, Aubrey McCain, Maddy Philpott, and Avery Cooper. All will be entering the high school as freshmen this fall.

“We had been friends with Julia since the sixth grade,” said Aubrey, who said the five of them

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Misty Haynes, center, is surrounded by Julia’s friends, Payton Tucker, Aubrey McCain, Maddy Philpott, and Avery Cooper.



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COMMUNITY

Lions Club, St. Francis Church request donations

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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BELCHERTOWN – The community has rallied around resident Denise Korenewsky, who experienced a house fire in July that claimed the life of her husband, Wesley, and left her home totaled and her family’s life in shambles.

Now, according to Mike Mathras of the Belchertown Lions Club, Denise faces “yet another seemingly insurmountable expense.”

“Denise is deeply appreciative of the support she has since received from the townspeople in terms of replacement clothing and monetary donations,” Mathras stated in an email. “Mrs. Korenewsky recently received an order from the town to have the remaining building demolished, leveled, and the debris removed.”

Mathras said that estimates have come in “topping well over the \$20,000 mark,” which prompted donations from the local Lions Club as well as the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

The house fire occurred at 42 Daniel Square in Belchertown, said Mathras.

“[Bob Labrecque, communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Church] would personally like to thank the Lion’s Club for their

generous donation of \$1,000 and all the St. Francis parishioners who donated over \$4,700 to this effort,” Mathras said. “As one can see, we are still a long way from reaching the target and this will be an ongoing endeavor to help Denise.”

Members of the community who would like to help may do so in two ways, Mathras said.

“Checks can either be made out to Denise Korenewsky and mailed to her at 42 Daniel Square, Belchertown, MA 01007 or, if more comfortable, checks can be made out to St. Francis of Assisi Parish and mailed to St. Francis Parish, P.O. Box 612, Belchertown, MA with Denise’s name on the memo line and her name on the outside of the envelope,” Mathras said.

Checks made out to St. Francis will be deposited, he added, and “a singular check will be made out to Denise and mailed to her as they come in.”

“With a life that has been totally turned upside down and no end to problems in sight trying to put it back together, the misery for her and her family doesn’t end,” Mathras said. “As stated, this effort is ongoing and donations can be made at any time—even if now isn’t an option for some, the need isn’t going away anytime soon.”



COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Mathras (left), representing the Belchertown Lions Club, and Bob Labrecque, communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Church, present Bob’s neighbor, Denise Korenewsky, with donations of more than \$5,700 to help defray the mounting costs of her recent misfortune.

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tion on the estimated \$485,000 in building repairs which included the following:

- \$150,000 for roof replacement
- \$50,000 for a boiler replacement
- \$90,000 for bathroom renovations
- \$45,000 for HVAC repairs
- \$100,000 for window and door replacement
- \$35,000 for exterior siding
- \$15,000 for flooring repairs

Williams said there are bids at the moment. The quotes came from architects used on many town projects, in-house estimates, and previous quotes.

He said his concern is that once the work begins on the building, all the projects will need to be done.

“It would make sense to fix the roof and the boiler. Once you fix that, you need to consider summer occupancy. Once we do that, we have four bathrooms that need to be renovated,” he said. “Three of them are designed specifically for daycare facilities.”

He said once the bathrooms are being torn into, the space will need to be ADA accessible, and the windows will need to be replaced. The windows are over 30 years old.

“Is the building worth \$485,000? I’m not sure it is,” Williams said.

He said it may be better to look at reconstruction which will cost about \$45,000 to \$50,000.

“We have a tough choice to make. If we start down the path, we’re committed,” he said.

Aponte said he agreed with Williams.

Selectboard member Peg Louraine said she believed services offered by the family center are necessary and critical.

“If we can get grant fund some of this, but most don’t allow for maintenance or custodial work, so we’re looking at a minimum of one new position or one additional custodial position,” she said. “It’s more complicated than just these numbers.”

She said it would be wonderful if the center could be in the area, and she would

be inclined to demo the building and start over.

Selectboard member Jen Turner asked where the program would be housed if the building were demoed.

Williams said there is some space that could be used on a “medium-term” basis, such as the freedom center at the Belchertown Senior Center, the library, the old town hall, and the recreation center.

Williams said he could get a ballpark estimate on the cost of rebuilding a 3,000 square-foot building to use as a comparison.

Aponte said he would like to see a pros and cons list with reuse and rebuilding.

Turner said in a couple of months, they will know about the status of some of the grants they applied for, and that information will be useful to determine the next steps.

Currently, the Family Center took the summer off and will be meeting this week to determine what the fall programming may look like.

Pet supply tag sale upcoming

BELCHERTOWN – The town’s Animal Control will be holding a pet supply tag sale from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, at the shelter, 165 George Hannum Street. All money will benefit the shelter’s “Gift Fund,” which helps supplement medical and pet food needs of the community.

For sale will be new and used harnesses, collars, sweaters, coats, carriers, leashes, beds, toys, bowls, and various other pet items. There will even be some “one-of-a-kind items,” all of which have been donated by town members and friends, event organizers said. “Items will be at bargain prices, so you can buy extras for your pets or as gifts for pets of family and friends,” a press statement reads.

Cash, check, or Venmo will be accepted.

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Softball summer travel team places second

BELCHERTOWN - The town's Summer Softball Travel Team has placed second in a Pennsylvania tournament held in July.

The team combines grades 7-12 and consists of the girls 7-8 undefeated team

and the current starting high school varsity players, according to a press statement.

"The Grades 7-8 A-team went undefeated this past spring season and took the League Championship title coached

by Dina Brunetti, Mike Lafayette, Bill Reynolds and Amy Williams," a press release reads. "The summer team currently has a record of 10-2 and has really bonded as a team regardless of their difference in age."

"The comradery, sportsmanship, support for each other and just the overall development of a great team has been amazing to watch," said the head coaches, who added that they look forward to seeing them play together in high school.



The 7-8 players, including: Kina Roy, Emily Waller, Cassidy Maclean, Annabelle Mora, Delaney Floyd, Lila Roy, Madeline Williams, Avery Cooper, Jocelyn McMahon, Kaiya Cavanaugh, Sophia Mitus, Ella Ricker and Alysa Lussier.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Summer Team, including: Laura Cote, Olivia Lafayette, Izzy Cauley, Valerie Williams, Vivian Ross, Natalie Rose, Julie Cozine, Abby Almeida, Kina Roy, Emily Waller, Cassidy Maclean, Lila Roy, Madeline Williams, Avery Cooper, Jocelyn McMahon, Kaiya Cavanaugh, Sophia Mitus, Ella Ricker.

Belchertown Community Television Schedule

Thursday, August 24

- 8 a.m. – Select Board, August 21
- 10 a.m. – Planning Board, August 21
- 12 p.m. – Energy and Sustainability, August 17
- 7 p.m. – Select Board, August 21
- 9 p.m. – Planning Board, August 21

Friday, August 25

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 8:30 a.m. – Belchertown Overcoming Adversity Together, August 16
- 10:30 a.m. – Conservation Committee, August 13
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 6 p.m. – Belchertown Overcoming Adversity Together, August 16
- 8 p.m. – Conservation Committee, August 13

- 10 p.m. Energy and Sustainability Committee, August 17

Saturday, August 26

- 8 a.m. – Belchertown Fair Parade 2022
- 10 a.m. – Belchertown Fair Highlights 2022
- 7 p.m. – Belchertown Fair Parade 2022
- 9 p.m. – Belchertown Fair Highlights 2022

Sunday, August 27

- 4:30 p.m. – St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. – Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. – Hope United Methodist Church
- 8:30 p.m. – Last Month in Belchertown

Monday, August 28

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 7 p.m. – Conservation Commission, Channel 192

Tuesday, August 29

- 8 a.m. – Belchertown Fair Parade 2022
- 10 a.m. – Belchertown Fair Highlights 2022
- 7 p.m. – Belchertown Fair Parade 2022
- 9 p.m. – Belchertown Fair Highlights 2022

Wednesday, August 30

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman

'Adopt-A-Trail' at Lake Wallace

BELCHERTOWN – Those with "time and willingness" are encouraged to Adopt-A-Trail at Lake Wallace from 3-4 p.m. on Friday, August 25.

The initiative will see groups of volunteers "maintaining the sides of the trail between 10 numbered posts," according to a press statement.

"Drop a note to Ms. Levy to adopt a section of the trail or to find out more," the press statement reads, adding that Levy's email is llevy@belchertownps.org. "Individuals and families are encouraged to team up with others to form fun-loving, trail-loving, work-sharing groups."

Additionally, the annual Lake Wallace Cleanup will take place from 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, September 30, as part of the Connecticut River Conservancy's Source-to-Sea Cleanup.

Rabies, microchip clinic this weekend

BELCHERTOWN – The town's Animal Control and Westbrook Veterinary Hospital are holding a rabies and microchip clinic from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, August 26, at 165 George Hannum Street, Belchertown.

The Belchertown Animal Relief

Committee, B.A.R.C., is sponsoring \$7.00 toward the rabies vaccine, according to a press statement, so pet owners will only pay \$8.00 for vaccine. Registered microchips will be available for \$25.00; all dogs must be on leash and cats in carriers.

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into the front end of a 2023 Jeep Wrangler that was parked in the driveway of a house at 79 North Main Street.

"As a result of the impact, the Altima's engine block was launched out of the engine compartment and became airborne. The engine block traveled through the brick exterior of a house at 73 North Main Street and finally came to rest on the second floor inside the house," police said in a press statement.

The operator was ejected from the Altima, according to

police, and the Altima's front end struck the exterior of 79 North Main Street; the car came to rest outside of the building.

A 2020 Buick Envision, which was parked next to the Jeep, also sustained damage during the collision sequence.

The operator was determined to be deceased at the scene. His name had not been released as of press time. No passengers were in the Altima when the driver fled from the trooper, and no one in the houses were injured.

The crash is under investigation by the State Police-Belchertown Barracks, State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, State Police Crime Scene Services Section, and State Police Detective Unit for Hampshire/Franklin Counties.

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■ BUSINESS

Sleigh City Pizza sees success in first weeks

BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - Since opening on July 11, Sleigh City Pizza Co. has been buzzing with activity and popularity, already seeing repeat customers and garnering praises on local community forums for their delicious pizza and other menu items.

It's no wonder the business has seen success in its first few weeks since opening. Owners Eric Jolin and Kelly Gidopoulos are no strangers to the restaurant business, both starting in the industry in their early teenage years.

"It's all I have ever done," said Gidopoulos, who said she worked up the line from being a busgirl to waitress, manager, bartender, co-owner, and now owner.

Jolin has a similar story, with his first job at 15-years-old, working in a full-service hotel by 18, and earning the title of executive chef at 25.

The two, who are not only business partners but also partners in life, began talking about opening their own business about two years ago. Jolin said he was working about 60 hours a week and decided, "if I was going to be working that hard, why not have it be for ourselves?"

Hard work is what it took to get Sleigh City Pizza Co. opened. Gidopoulos said the two of them were working between 18 to 20 hours a day in the first few weeks, taking only time for a quick nap and shower here and there. Since settling in more, the days have shortened to 12 to 15 hours per day, and on August 14, they were finally able to take their first day off—which was spent catching up on chores at home in Brookfield. Measured in pizza, the restaurant is making approximately 100 pies a day, with the record being 139 on the Sunday of its first week opened.

As for why the couple chose Belchertown for their business, they both said they love the area, including their ride to work each day.

"We are very happy to be here in Belchertown," said Jolin. "It's a nice area, a nice town and growing town."

And the name, Sleigh City Pizza Co., is a nod to the town's history.

"I love Christmas, and when I read the story about the carriages in town, I knew we just had to run with it," said Gidopoulos. "We also wanted to do something that was meaningful to the town and thought it might bring back some of the history that's been lost."

According to a summary of the town's history on the town's website, Belchertown was known for its carriage industry, and from the early 1800s until after the Civil War, there were more than 10 carriage shops in town, including a location on North Main Street. The website states that 677 wagons were manufactured in the year 1845, and one, "according to local legend," was sent to Queen Victoria.

Gidopoulos and Jolin have several ideas in the works to continue their connection with the community, including looking at sponsoring local youth teams, collecting for Toys for Tots, and getting involved in local events.

As for what's on the menu, nearly all items are made from scratch. The couple prides themselves on using fresh ingredients, they said. The two most popular pizzas



PHOTOS BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON
Sleigh City Pizza Co. opened in the Crystal Springs Plaza, 145A North Main Street in Belchertown, on July 11. It is owned and operated by Eric Jolin (right) and Kelly Gidopoulos (second from right), along with their children Niko and Mya.



Eric Jolin, owner of Sleigh City Pizza Co., boxes a pizza.

on the menu so far are the "Dad's Fenway Pizza," which includes sausage, green peppers, onion, mushroom, and a cheese blend, and the "Niko's Nashville Hot," crispy fried chicken, waffle fries, Nashville Hot base, cheese blend, and ranch drizzle.

Niko is Gidopoulos's 21-year-old son. He, along with his 16-year-old sister, Mya, work at the family's business. Jolin's son, Owen, who is 16, supports the family by keeping up with chores at home. Niko says growing up in the restaurant industry has helped teach him about both sides of the industry.

"Everyone knows how to be a customer, but it's good to learn the other

side and what goes into it," he said.

In the coming weeks, restaurant-goers can expect to see some bundle specials for the football season, as well as regular daily specials, including soup.

Sleigh City Pizza Co. is located in the Crystal Springs Plaza at 145A North Main Street, Belchertown. For more information, visit sleighcitypizzaco.com. They offer delivery service and are open:

- Sunday - 12 - 8 p.m.
- Monday - Closed
- Tuesday - 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Wednesday - 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
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OPINION



When should my wife claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

My wife will be 65 next year, and her full retirement age is 66 years plus 10 months.

Can she collect 50% of my Social Security benefit at her full retirement age and then get her own higher personal amount at age 70? Her own amount at her full retirement age is \$1,100 per month but her age 70 amount is \$1,800. My Social Security is \$2,300. Suggestions welcome. *Signed: My Wife's Helper*

Dear Helper

Your wife cannot separate her spousal benefit from her personal Social Security retirement benefit – whenever she claims she will be automatically deemed to be filing for both her own benefit and her spousal entitlement. Thus, she cannot claim her spousal benefit first at her Full Retirement Age and defer claiming her own SS retirement benefit until she is 70.

When your wife should claim is, essentially, a decision which should consider the urgency of her need for the money, her life expectancy, whether she will be eligible for a spouse benefit from you and whether she is working.

If your wife claims before her Full Retirement Age and is working, she'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much she can earn before some SS benefits are taken away. Social Security's earnings test goes away at FRA.

Average life expectancy for a woman your wife's age is about 87. If your current \$2,300 benefit is a result of you taking your Social Security at your full retirement age or earlier, then your wife will receive a small "spousal boost" from you.

If she claims at her Full Retirement Age, your wife's total Social Security payment will be 50% of the amount you were entitled to at your FRA and that will be her permanent amount, except for annual COLA increases.

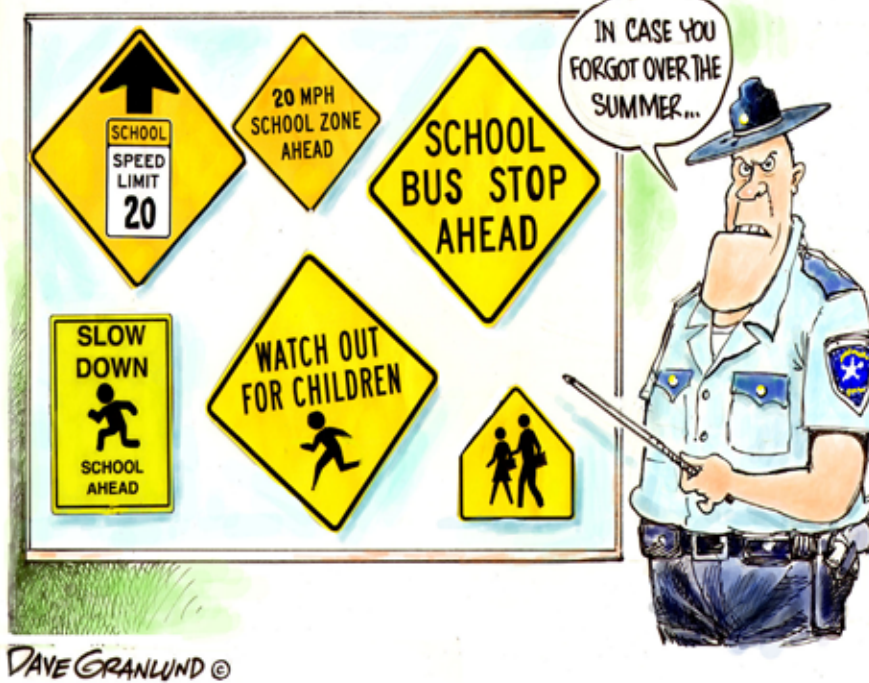
However, from what you've shared, your wife's age 70 amount is considerably more than her maximum spousal benefit so, if her life expectancy is long, that suggests she may wish to consider waiting until age 70 to claim her own maximum benefit. By doing so, your wife will get more in cumulative lifetime benefits if she achieves average life expectancy.

The unknown factor is your life expectancy because, as your widow, your wife will be entitled to 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death, instead of the smaller amount she is receiving on her own or as your spouse. If life expectancy is long for both of you, then your wife maximizing her own benefit by waiting until age 70 to claim is a prudent choice. But if your, or your wife's, life expectancy is shorter, then your wife claiming at her Full Retirement Age would be a better decision.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Back to School refresher course ... for drivers ...



Midsummer questions for the Garden Lady

Marie, who gardens in Wheelwright, has harvested her potatoes and she's a little upset with the outcome.

"The potatoes have raised, warty areas all over them. In other places they are pitted. Is my soil infected with some type of disease or is there an insect that is causing these imperfections?"

My guess would be that you are fighting the scab fungus. It is most prevalent in soils that contain lots of decaying organic matter and remain wet for a considerable amount of time.

With all of the rain we had this summer there are many gardeners in the same boat, pun intended!

Although the fungus can remain in the soil for years, it is most active when the pH is between 5.7-7.5. With this in mind, rotate your potato crop from year to year.

Also, do not lime or apply wood ashes to the soil where potatoes are to be planted. If you amend the soil with compost or manure, be sure it is well-rotted.

Select seed potatoes that are certified disease-free and choose varieties that are resistant to the disease. Thicker skinned russet types as well as those with reddish brown skin seem to suffer the least amount of damage.

Check out the Moose Tuber section in the Fedco Seeds catalog (www.fedcoseeds.com) for a resistant variety that suits you.

Karen reads the column from her Brimfield home. She takes great pride in her new flower gardens!

"Some of my annual flowers are starting to look a little beyond hope. Should I pull out my snapdragons, bachelor's buttons and calendulas or will they rebound?"

All of the flowers you mention are cool loving annuals. By the heat of midsummer, they are looking tired.

There are a few things that you can do now to help the plant send out more flowers once the weather cools in early autumn.

First, deadhead spent flowers regularly. Lots of times this action will encourage the plant to initiate new growth from the base.

If it does, cut it back to that point and apply liquid fertilizer. In no time at all you should be delighted with a burst of new blooms.

Of the three that you mention, you will get the best response from calendula and snapdragon. I like to leave these in place and work my fall mums and kale around them.

It is time to harvest carrots from Lisa's vegetable garden and she's a little concerned that many of them are forked or bumpy.

"What causes this phenomenon?"

Forked, bumpy or otherwise deformed carrots are likely the result of your soil type. Is it heavy clay or does it have lots of rocks in it?

Carrots prefer loose, well-drained soil, that way their roots can grow straight down. What likely happened in your garden is that the carrots split to avoid a stone.

Before planting your seeds next spring, remove rocks and if necessary, sift the soil. You can also try growing carrots in a raised bed filled with screened loam or special raised bed soil mixes.

Overcrowded conditions can also cause roots to fork, so be sure you thin your seedlings carefully to about a thumb's width apart.

Overwatering can also cause forking. This year we didn't have control over much of that!!

One other suggestion: don't apply fresh manure to your seed bed - it too can cause

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I received an email this week from an Oakham resident, who saw a couple of warblers at Muddy Pond in Oakham. He said they were very vocal and "chirping." He said at first, he thought they were Tennessee warblers, but then he noticed more gray on their head



Orange-crowned warbler

and neck. They may have been orange-crowned warblers.

The orange-crowned warbler is about five inches long and looks similar to the Tennessee warbler. A distinguishing feature is the orange-crowned has yellow under tail coverts and the Tennessee, white.

Drab is a term used to describe the orange-crowned warbler and is best identified by its lack of field marks. The orange crown patch is seldom visible as these warblers flitter about in the trees. It has dull olive-green upper parts and pale olive-yellow underneath. In addition to the yellow under tail coverts it has faint streaking on the sides of the breast.

The female lays three to six cream-colored eggs in a nest of bark strips and grasses, placed either on the ground or in a shrub. They eat insects and berries and inhabit dense thickets, forest edges and brushy fields. Their song is a high-pitched chirping trill, which trails off at the end. The call is a metallic "chet."

Wild turkeys and poults

I had to stop to let a flock of three adult hens and over 12 poults cross a road recently. As they made their way across the road, I tried to get an accurate count. However, the young turkeys moved quickly and often went behind another poults or a hen. This was the second time I saw the flock in the same general area.

Loon census

On July 15, the Loon Preservation Committee of New Hampshire held their annual loon census. In their newsletter they said, "During the Loon Census, a total of 440 volunteers took to 121 lakes across New Hampshire to count loons. In total, they documented 431 adult loons, 56 loon chicks, and 2 immature loons. This census coverage represents roughly 1/3 of the lakes that LPC biologists monitor annually, and as such, our final population numbers for the season will likely be higher."

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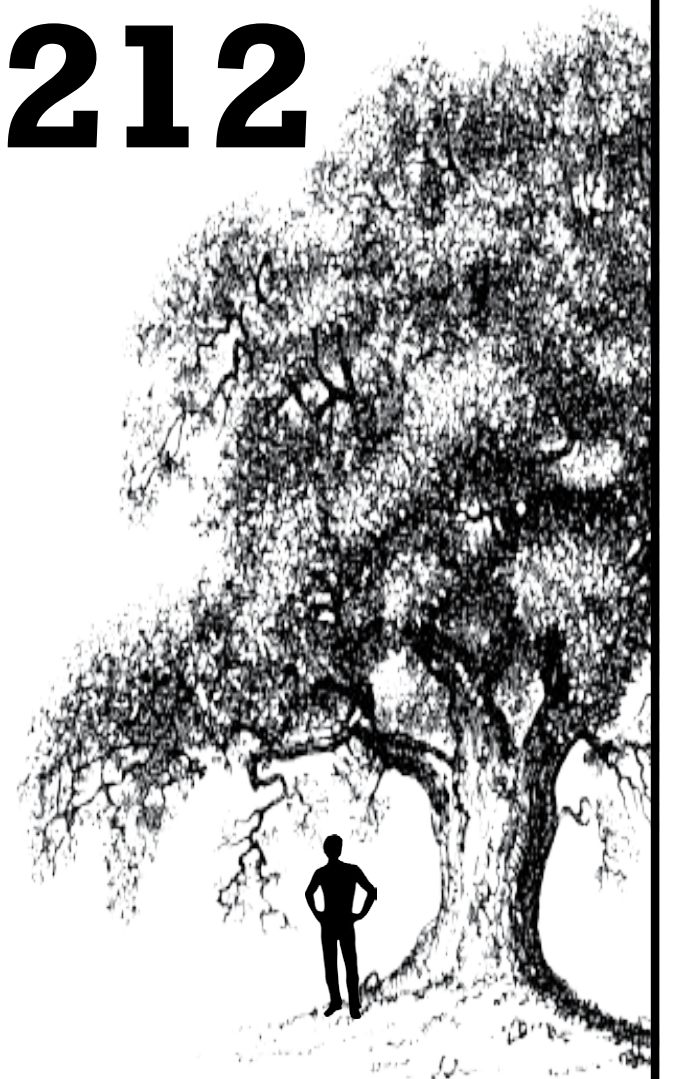
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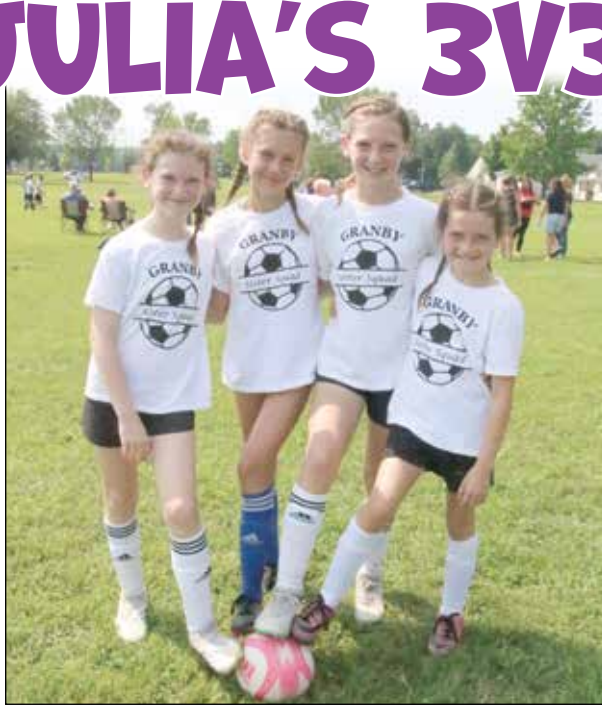
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JULIA'S 3V3



The Mini Messis, made up by Addy, Cadee, Summer, and Jenna. They named their team in honor of their favorite player, Lionel Messi, an Argentine professional soccer player.



Two sets of sisters make up the Granby Sister Squad—Aubrey, Savannah, Caylee, and Brianne.



The "SOLS" team is named using the players first initials: Sophie, Olivia, Lilly, and Stella.



Volunteers work the registration table.

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all lived within a couple miles of one another.

They call themselves the "Snapple Sisters" because they all have a love for the drink. The four girls were dressed in purple for the day, adding that it was Julia's favorite color.

"We wanted to do something in her memory and came up with the idea to have a soccer jamboree," Maddy said.

Haynes added that from there, the girls' parents started a committee and the idea turned into reality.

"It has far exceeded what we imagined," said Haynes, adding that the hope is to continue the jamboree as an annual event.

The scholarship fund will be made available this year to the class of 2024, although criteria is still being defined. Julia began playing soccer in Belchertown shortly after

moving to town, but on the day of what was supposed to be her first soccer game, Julia's brain tumor was discovered.

"The soccer community has been super supportive," Haynes added.

Haynes said that the support of the local businesses as sponsors for the jamboree is what made the entire day possible.



Players battle for a ball in mid field.



Tyler Stahl and Kai Roberts give a thumbs up.



A player launches in a corner kick.



The Mighty Morphin Flower Rangers team is made up by eighth graders Camilla Adamczyk, Kina Roy, Emma Litz, and Gabby Solvack.



Players battle along the wing for an open ball.



A player kicks a ball back into play.



Players attempt to get possession of a loose ball.

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Clapp library announces Sept. events

BELCHERTOWN - The Clapp Memorial Library offers a wealth of resources for the community, as well as a full schedule of free public programs for all ages.

"Stop in at 19 South Main Street, or go to clapplibrary.org to see what's new," the library released in a press statement.

Upcoming programs at the Clapp Memorial Library include:

Ukulele Play Along (virtual)

7 p.m. on Monday, September 4

Strum along with Julie Stepanek at the Ukulele Play Along on the first Monday every month.

"Grab your ukulele and play along—because playing your ukulele is more fun when you do it with others," the library released. "We'll be focusing on three- and four-chord songs, with lyrics and chords provided on screen."

To join, visit clapplibrary.org and email the library; you will be connected with the Zoom link and songs for the program.

Saving Nature with Doug Tallamy:

A Film Viewing and Discussion

7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5

Join this event at the Clapp Memorial Library for a showing of "Saving Nature with Doug Tallamy" followed by a discussion led by Heidi Dollard.

In his presentation, Dr. Tallamy breaks down the concept of, "you don't have

to save biodiversity for a living, but you can save it where you live," with specific strategies to improve your own immediate local ecology. After the presentation, Dollard will invite attendees to dive into the topics introduced in Dr. Tallamy's presentation and how to apply these ideas to one's home and town.

What "YA" Readin' Book Group

7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6

The library's book group for adults who read young adult books will meet at the Clapp Memorial Library to discuss "Sanctuary" by Paola Mendoza & Abby Sher. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library, and new members are welcome.

Drum Away the Blues

2 p.m. on Saturday, September 9

Using assorted percussion instruments, Music Educator/Percussionist Craig Harris will provide adults and children with "the key to stress relief tools for emotional balance." To guide his vocal, imagery, and drumming exercises and interactive participation, preschoolers to senior citizens "discover the joys of creating music, strengthen their ability to work with a group, cooperate with others, follow directions, make decisions, build self-esteem, improve abstract thought processing, creatively express themselves, foster a lifelong love of music, establish a positive mood, and relieve stress," the library released.

GRANBY

Granby resident appointed as community liaison

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Samantha Panarese

GRANBY - A resident has recently been named as the new community liaison of Louis & Clark Pharmacy, an independent pharmacy based in Springfield.

Samantha Panarese, of Granby, resident joined the team earlier this year as a certified pharmacy technician, according to a press statement.

"In the short time she has been with us, Samantha has shown a true passion and aptitude for providing exceptional patient care," said Dr. Kara James, president, Louis & Clark. "Her new role as our community liaison will allow her to leverage these strengths to further enhance the customer experience."

As community liaison, Panarese will serve as the "primary contact in the onboarding department for new and returning patients," the organization released. In addition to helping new patients and caregivers transition to Louis & Clark's medi-

cation management pharmacy services, she "guides patients who have been discharged from hospitals, rehabilitation centers, or skilled nursing facilities back to assisted living facilities, independent living arrangements, memory care communities and/or group home residences, ensuring all their medication needs are seamlessly met."

"I'm very excited to take on this new challenge," said Panarese, who completed the Pharmacy Technician

Program at Holyoke Community College. "We pride ourselves on providing medication management solutions for our patients and the care facilities we partner with, and I look forward to serving as a trusted and reliable resource for them."

The business released that it provides "convenient, safe, and reliable prescription solutions to individuals, assisted living, independent living, and memory care communities, and group home residences since 1965."

Brass concert on town green upcoming

GRANBY - The Fanfare Brass Ensemble will present a music concert on Monday, September 11, on the town green.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m.; in the case of rain, the concert will be held in the church at 235 State Street, Granby.

The 10-part brass ensemble performs light popular music, according to a spokesperson with the event. The

concert is free and open to the public. Music attendees may hear includes: "West Side Story, Here's That Rainy Day, Glenn Miller Medley, Phantom of the Opera, The Cowboys by John Williams, Mountain King Swing, Shenandoah, Scottish tunes, America the Beautiful," and more.

This concert is sponsored in part by the Cultural Council of Massachusetts and the Granby Cultural Council.

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the problem you speak of. Instead, add plenty of organic matter in the form of finished compost if you would like to increase your soil's fertility.

Test results could initiate some revisions to our fertilization and liming routine this fall, preparing the way for a healthier, more productive garden next spring and summer, and maybe even a few more pep-

pers for Genevieve to enjoy!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



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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 Aug. 2 through Aug. 8. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on a review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 355 calls police responded to, there were 15 incidents, six accidents, two arrests/summons and 14 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Friday, Aug. 11

4:10 p.m. – An officer responded to a Franklin Street residence regarding a disturbance and a person fled in a pick-up truck. The officer spoke with a person on scene. They were hit a few times in the face. Their phone was also thrown into the woods. A summons was issued for a 37-year-old Hamden male for assault and battery on a 60-plus person, assault and battery to collect a loan, and witness intimidation. The person was offered medical services. They declined transport. The matter was reported with elder services. Hamden Police Department was contacted to find the person and were unable to locate them.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 9

8:24 a.m. – An officer responded to Amherst Road. A Massachusetts Department of Transportation vehicle was acting as a warning to oncoming traffic for road shoulder mowing. The vehicle had its yellow flashing lights on. A vehicle passed too close and struck the mirror of the Mass DOT vehicle, damaging it. Both operators exchanged information before officers arrived on scene.

9:58 a.m. – An officer responded to a Federal Street business for a report of larceny. The officer spoke with a person about their stolen wallet. They dropped the wallet at the business and realized it was missing later. The person spoke with the store employee who reported the wallet was picked up by a man with a black beard. The officer went to the store and spoke with the employee. They watched video footage of the store which showed a man with a blue shirt, a lanyard, and a black beard pick

up the wallet. They noted the person had tattoos on their left forearm. The officer was told the person works at a business in the area. The officer contacted the business to follow up. The matter is under investigation and the person who committed the crime would be charged with larceny under \$1,200.

12:35 p.m. – An officer took custody of a passport card found on Daniel Shays Highway and identified the owner. There were no in-house records on the person. The officer couldn't find the person's address and the passport was placed into property.

2:06 p.m. – Officers documented they took various items from the drug take back box as evidence awaiting destruction.

Thursday, Aug. 10

4:54 p.m. – Officers responded to Depot Street for a report of a person who fell off their bike and sustained injuries. They were reportedly a half-mile into the bike trail. Belchertown Fire and paramedics, as well as Palmer Fire, were on scene. A K-9 officer was contacted to respond on the scene for help finding the person. Massachusetts State Police were also contacted to aid in the search. At 7:56 p.m. an officer driving by Shea Ave. saw the person. They were evaluated and said they were fine and didn't want any assistance.

Friday, Aug. 11

1:52 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Boardman Road. A vehicle traveling west on Boardman Road attempted to pass the vehicle in front of it, colliding head on with a vehicle traveling in the eastbound lane. After striking the vehicle, the operator fled the scene east on Boardman Road. The second vehicle was towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, Aug. 12

12:23 a.m. – Officers dispatched to a Jabish Street residence for a wellbeing check. There were concerns about the person not being able to take care of themselves. A referral was done to the Greater Springfield Senior Services.

12:28 p.m. – An officer responded to State Street for an accident. A vehicle was stopped to turn into a driveway. A second vehicle was stopped behind the first and a third came and rear-ended the second vehicle. This caused the second vehicle to strike

the first. The second vehicle was towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

7:28 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person who found a black leather wallet at a George Hannum business. An Alabama license was located. The officer checked with the MA Registry of motor vehicles. The wallet was entered into property.

Sunday, Aug. 13

12:51 a.m. – An officer responded to a residence for a report of an ongoing party with underage people drinking. There were various people there. The officer was greeted by the homeowner. There were a number of juveniles running out of the basement into the woods. The officers identified the people and requested they returned home. A 51A was filed.

4:41 a.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

Monday, Aug. 14

12:17 a.m. – An officer got a call from Granby PD after they requested officers contact a person they interacted with earlier in the day. The person was traveling with a pick-up truck and a trailer and were last seen at a gas station. The officer responded and found the person in the question. They told the officer that people were chasing and following him. Massachusetts State Police responded as well. They had altered vision. They had a loaded black powder handgun. Additional troopers responded on scene. The person was told they couldn't have the handgun. It was secured. The truck was moved to the municipal parking lot and person was transported to be evaluated.

9:27 a.m. – An officer responded to State Street for a report of a vehicle struck by a rock that came out of a lawn mower. The vehicle was traveling northbound on State Street when a person was mowing their lawn at the same time. A rock then flew up and struck the driver's side door. Photos were taken and the incident was documented.

7:11 p.m. – An officer responded to a Federal Street business when the operator of a motor vehicle saw a motorcycle laying on the ground while leaving the business. A motor vehicle ran over the motorcycle and left. Witnesses were unable to get the person to stop but got a photo of a license plate. The person was contacted and said they were unaware they hit a motorcycle which is why they didn't stop.

Tuesday, Aug. 15

5:58 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident. A vehicle struck a cement object in the entrance of the parking lot of the Post Office. The driver went home and reported the crash from their home address.

12:51 p.m. – An officer got a call from a person requesting an officer come to the residence for a report of an item that was maliciously tampered with. There was a metal canopy with eight potted plants that were knocked a few feet away from the driveway. The resident had some issues with individuals. They were advised of their options and the situation was documented.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 156 calls for the week of Aug. 11 through Aug. 17. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Sunday, Aug. 13

1:55 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 72MPH in 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

5:41 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car crash. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no reported injuries and responding officers completed an accident report.

Tuesday, Aug. 15

9:45 a.m. – A resident reported that some items were stolen from their home.

An officer responded and completed an incident report.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

6:21 a.m. – A motorist reported striking a deer with their vehicle. The deer ran off into the woods after the crash. An officer responded and completed an accident report.

8:05 a.m. – A resident reported that someone broke into their vehicle overnight and stole some of their belongings. An officer responded and completed an incident report.

4:43 p.m. – A resident came to the station to report that they were the victim of a scam. They received a call from someone claiming to work for Xfinity who stated their modem needed to be repaired. An officer completed an incident report.

Thursday, Aug. 17

8:38 p.m. – Several motorists reported that a pickup truck struck a utility pole. Granby Police and Fire responded. The operator was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. Responding officers completed an accident report.

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flame-free candles. Purple flags will be placed on the Common on Monday, August 25, commemorating the lives of loved ones that have been lost to overdose in Massachusetts during 2022—totaling 2,357 opioid-related deaths.

"Specifically, from 2020 – Present, our community has lost 12 Belchertown residents," BOAT released.

Nationwide, the CDC reported 79,770 opioid-involved overdose deaths, which is a two percent decline from 2021. However, the "number of fake pills circulating the U.S. has increased," a press statement reads.

"The DEA has seized over 371 million fake pills in 2022, which six out of 10 were laced with a deadly dose of Fentanyl!"

"BOAT would like to acknowledge and support the people in our communities," the organization released.

The theme this year is "Recognizing Those People Who Go Unseen," which

honors those people's lives that have been altered by overdose.

"They are family and friends grieving the loss of a loved one, workers in healthcare and support services extending strength and compassion, first responders who selflessly assume the role of lifesaver," BOAT shared, adding the social media hashtag: #weseeyou. "Specifically, we would like to acknowledge the Belchertown Police Departments' Drug Addiction and Recovery Team (DART). DART officers are trained in opioid overdose response and are able to provide additional post-overdose resources, including connecting an individual with a peer recovery coach or transporting them to a treatment facility."

Additionally, DART provides resources and free Naloxone for family members and friends of individuals in the community who struggle.

"Thank you, DART, for all you do," BOAT shared.

To contribute to BOAT's Memory Board this year, community members are asked to send photos "to commemorate friends or family members you have lost to overdose," to Kris Hoag, Program Director, Drug-Free Communities.

"You may drop them off at 14 Maple Street, Belchertown...or email an attachment to khoag@belchertown.org by August 28, 2023."

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Fall leagues get update by PVIAC

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The fall preseason has started this week, and with it, alignments for fall leagues have been updated. Full realignment typically takes place every four years, but has happened more frequently due to the pandemic and the introduction of the new state tournament.

In Western Massachusetts, due to the geographic diversity throughout the region, the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association makes leagues based on the competitiveness of a school in a given sport, sometimes regardless of what division they play in at the state level for tournament.

For example, in the updated Kurty-Fielding Division for girls soccer, South Hadley, a Division 4 and smaller school, is in a crowded league with larger schools like Agawam, Wahconah, Chicopee Comprehensive, and Pittsfield.

The Central League features one of the top teams in Western Mass. once again. Monson is a part of the league, along now with Palmer, which has had a couple of very successful leagues. Chicopee, Southwick, and Granby are also a part of the league, along with larger schools in Amherst and Northampton. Northampton was defeated by Monson in an independent game last year.

Ware joins the Pioneer North League and will now meet twice this year with Easthampton, St. Mary's, Frontier, Mahar, and even Holyoke.

Holyoke was dropped from the Central League after a couple of

disappointing years.

The top league in the region is the Coombs League, and features Minnechaug, Belchertown, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Ludlow, West Springfield, and Westfield.

In boys soccer, there are not a lot of big changes, though the Churchill League, which features Agawam, Westfield, and Pope Francis, and Pittsfield, will add Hampshire Regional and Mt. Greylock of Williamstown.

Dropped the Holley League is Chicopee Comprehensive. Chicopee, Holyoke, and Monson are also a part of that league along with SICS and Northampton. South Hadley will be part of the Moriarty League, and will once again matchup with Frontier, Easthampton, and Mahar. Southwick and Lenox will also be in the league this year.

Granby is part of the Schmid League this year, and Ware is a crowded Bi-County League that features eight teams.

Pathfinder, which now co-ops with Palmer, is in the Tri-County League again this year.

Football leagues did not see any major changes. The AA still features the same six teams, including Minnechaug and Holyoke. Agawam is part of the Suburban South, and South Hadley, Ludlow, and Chicopee are in the Suburban North again this season.

Belchertown will compete in the Intercounty South, and Palmer and Ware are part of the Intercounty North along with Greenfield, Mahar, Athol, and Franklin Tech. Pathfinder remains in the Tri-County.

Orioles defeated in finals



Kristofer Kelly attempts a rebound.



Nico Fazio makes his way down the court.



WILBRAHAM – In the Spec Pond Summer Basketball Playoffs, Belchertown was defeated by Palmer in the finals of the 5-6 playoffs, but prior to that, scored a 23-20 win over Wilbraham on the courts of Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

Evan Gallagher drives to the hoop.

St. John's captures men's title

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Aiden Casinghino was a senior captain of the Tantasqua Regional boys varsity soccer team in 2018. Braylon Casinghino was a senior captain of the Warriors soccer team a year ago.

The brothers had never been teammates on the same soccer team until this summer.

The duo helped the top-seeded St. John Heating & Cooling celebrate an exciting 2-1 victory over the second-seeded Villa FC in the men's championship match of the prestigious Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League held at historic

Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, last Saturday night.

"Because I'm a few years older than my brother, we never played on the same soccer team in high school," said Aiden Casinghino, who also played soccer at Springfield College. "Winning the men's championship title is fantastic, especially having the opportunity to play on the same soccer team with Braylon. We fought very hard for the entire 80 minutes."

St. John Heating & Cooling (10-1 regular season record), who was previously known as Griffin's Café, lost to the Lusitano Red, 1-0, in last year's finals. They also captured the men's title in 2016 and 2019.

"We've been able to win the summer league title every three years. There wasn't a summer league season in 2020 because of COVID," said St. John Heating & Cooling co-coach Jon Remillard, who's from Palmer. "We have some younger guys on this year's team who worked very hard. It feels great to win another title."

Remillard shared the coaching duties with Jaime Prickett, who



Jed Theilman settles a ball.



Mason Perham kicks the ball away for Villa FC.



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Aiden Casinghino takes a shot.

lives in South Hadley.

Following this year's championship match, Aiden Casinghino received the MVP award.

"Winning the championship game means a little bit more to me than receiving the MVP award," he said. "The MVP award should go

to the entire team because everyone has worked very hard this summer. The championship cup trophy is the only one that matters."

While Aiden Casinghino is a midfielder, his younger brother was

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SPORTS



Justin Bonsignore picked up his first Thompson Speedway in four years last week. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bonsignore rolls to 13th career Thompson win

THOMPSON – Justin Bonsignore hadn't won at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park since 2019, but Wednesday night, he reminded everyone on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour why he leads all active drivers with wins at the oval. Bonsignore's Kenneth Massa Motorsports team sent him off pit road first after a pit stop around halfway, then Bonsignore held off the charges of Doug Coby, then Ron Silk through multiple restarts to score his 13th career Thompson win. The victory tied Bonsignore for second all-time in Thompson wins with Ted Christopher, only trailing Mike Stefanik, with 15. The victory was also Bonsignore's third of the 2023 season (Riverhead, Loudon) and

his 10th top-five finish in 11 races this season. "After we won seven out of eight here, then the runs we started having were a bit frustrating for us," Bonsignore said of Thompson. "The car was really good. We missed it a little bit, too tight on the first set of tires, but on the second set, it fired off so well. This is a really big confidence booster. This is my favorite track – and to bounce back like this and to lead half the race... it was a total team effort to win this one." Bonsignore and the Kenneth Massa Motorsports team will be heading to Langley Speedway in Virginia for the next NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race on Saturday, Aug. 26.

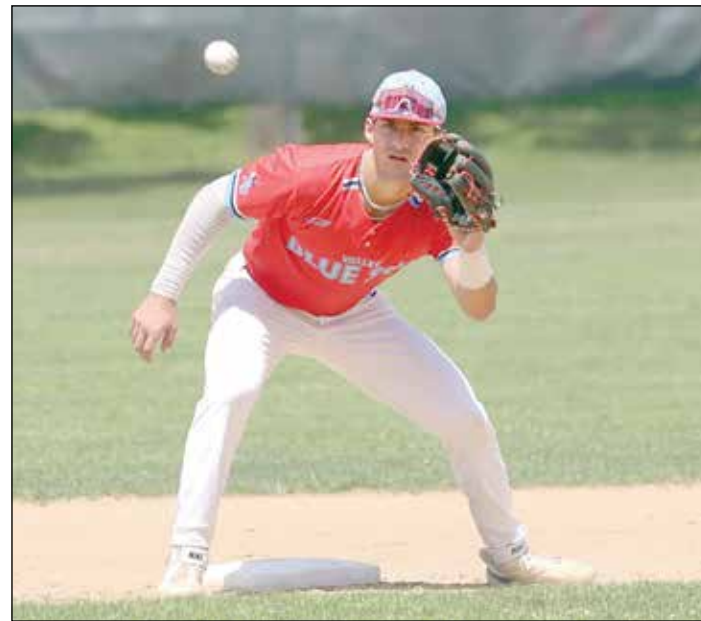
NECBL announces all-league selections

SOUTH HADLEY - The New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) is proud to announce the 2023 All-NECBL teams. The honors were voted on by all 13 on-field managers of NECBL franchises. Only regular season statistics and performances were taken into consideration during the selection process. The list includes 47 players across three teams: the All-NECBL First Team, the All-NECBL Second Team and the All-NECBL Honorable Mention Team. Each is composed of one player at each non-outfield position (C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B), three

outfielders, one designated hitter, three starting pitchers, two relief pitchers and one closer. In the case of ties, some positions may include additional honorees. Making the second team was Valley Blue Sox DH A.J. Guerrero. Guerrero led the Blue Sox in hits (42), RBIs (23), finished second in runs (21), third in batting average (.298) and led the league in doubles (11) in 141 at-bats. His best performance of the season came on July 26 when he went 2-for-3 with two doubles, two RBIs and two runs scored, leading Valley to an 8-3 victory.

Blue Sox season ends in opening round

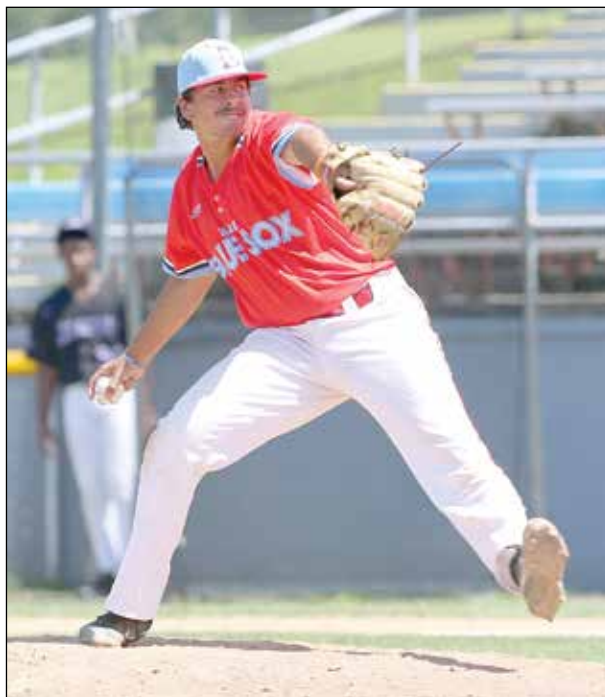
HOLYOKE – Earlier this month, the Valley Blue Sox won their division and went after the New England Collegiate Baseball League championship. The Blue Sox won back-to-back titles in 2017 and 2018, but have not gotten back there since. Unfortunately, history would repeat as the Blue Sox were defeated by the Bristol Blues two games to one in a best-of-three series. The Valley Blue Sox season has come to an end after falling to the Bristol Blues 10-3. After winning the first game of the quarterfinals series, the Blue Sox were shutout in game two and defeated in game three at home, allowing Bristol to advance to the semifinals. The Blues piled on the scoring early, putting up six runs in the first three innings. An RBI groundout in the first, a throwing error and RBI single in the second, and a sacrifice fly and RBI single in the third allowed the Blues to take the lead 6-0. Dillon Ryan started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching three innings allowing six runs and striking out two batters. Joe Dooley took over for Ryan in the top of the fourth, pitching four innings allowing four runs with one strikeout.



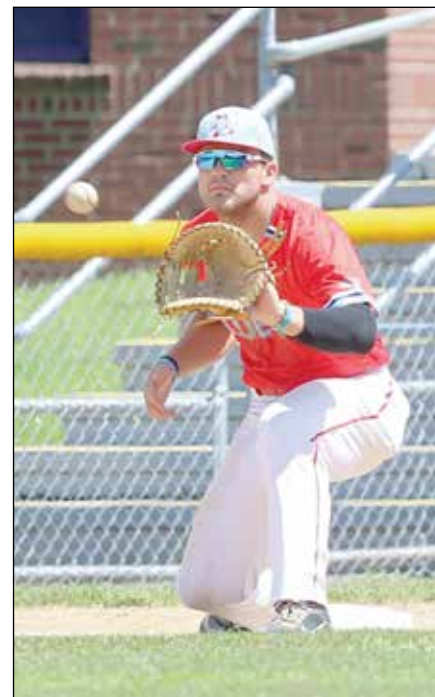
Michael Zarillo prepares to catch a ball on a steal attempt. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

Bristol added a run in the top of fifth following an RBI double, another in the sixth off an RBI double, and two more in the seventh after a sacrifice fly and RBI groundout to go up 10-0. The Blue Sox put a run on the board in the bottom of the seventh after Jeff Pierantoni hit an RBI single to score Matt Bergevin. Brendan Yagesh relieved

Dooley in the top of the eighth, pitching a scoreless frame with three strikeouts. Valley added two more runs in the bottom of the eighth following an RBI single from Michael Zarillo to score CJ Willis and Bergevin. 2023 All-Star Michael Weidinger got the ninth for the Blue Sox, striking out two batters during his clean inning.



Kurtis Thomas fires a pitch.



Matthew Bergevin gets the out at first.

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the St. John Heating & Cooling starting goalie. Braylon Casinghino will be a goalie for the Western New England University men's soccer team in the fall. He was in the spotlight throughout the entire second half of the championship match. "It has been a lot of fun playing on the same soccer team with Aiden," Braylon Casinghino said. "Watching him receive the M.V.P. award was awesome. He just put us on our backs and got the job done. We came out firing on all cylinders in tonight's game." The Western New England University men's soccer coach is Devin O'Neill. His two sons, Sean and Shay are listed on the St. John Heating & Cooling roster, but they didn't play in the championship match. The O'Neill's were outstanding soccer players at Belchertown High School. Aiden and Braylon Casinghino, who live in Brimfield, are really looking forward to being teammates with their younger brother, Cole, next summer. Cole Casinghino is entering his senior season as a member of the Tantasqua boys' varsity soccer



St. John's took home the PVSSL Men's Championship this year.

team, which is coached by Matt Guertin. "We're hoping Cole will be joining our summer league soccer team next year," said Aiden Casinghino, who has been playing in the PVSSL for the past five years. "It has been a lot of fun playing in this soccer league. At the start of the summer league season, Braylon Casinghino replaced Mark Tiffany, who's also from Belchertown, as the St. John

Heating & Cooling starting goalie. Villa FC (9-0-2 regular season record) posted a 4-0 shutout victory over St. John Heating & Cooling at the beginning of the summer league regular season. "I only missed two games during the regular season and our loss against Villa was one of them," Braylon Casinghino said. "I think it would've been a little bit different outcome if I had been there." Troy and Matt Remillard were

also key members of the St. John Heating & Cooling soccer team. All three of the Remillard's were outstanding soccer players at Palmer High School. It didn't take St. John Heating & Cooling very long to score a goal in the finals. During the fifth minute of the opening half, Byron Peabody, who also graduated from Palmer High School, fired a rebound shot into the lower left corner of the net past

Villa goalie Mike Tranghese, who played soccer at Monson High School, giving St. John Heating & Cooling a 1-0 lead. Ten minutes later, they took a 2-0 lead following a goal by Jed Theilman, who's from Amherst. Aiden Casinghino was credited with the assist. Villa FC cut the deficit in half following a goal by Deandrae Brown, which was assisted by Anthony Basile. Brown played college soccer at UConn a couple of years ago. Villa FC had six corner kicks and several other scoring chances during the second half, but Braylon Casinghino managed to hold onto the one goal lead for St. John Heating & Cooling. "Braylon is a tall goalie," said Jon Remillard, who has been playing in the adult soccer league since 2010. "The players on the opposing team are afraid of him and I'm very glad that he was a member of our team this summer. I hope he has a good year at Western New England. He's a very good goalie. We do have several brothers playing for our team this year, which made it a lot of fun."

Deadlines approaching for board, committee vacancies

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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BELCHERTOWN – The Select Board is seeking citizens to volunteer for several town boards and committees; for most vacancies, the deadline to submit a letter of interest is this week.

In a statement on its website, the town announced that it wishes to fill the following vacancies:

Historic District By-Law Commission: Full-member real estate seat

According to the town, the Commission has regulatory control over new construction, reconstruction, alterations, movements, and demolition of all exterior architectural features of buildings and structures within the Historic District, which are visible from any public street, public way, or public park.

Deadline: Friday, August 25

Council on Aging: One vacancy

Members of the Council on Aging coordinate programs and services for the elderly population and oversee the Belchertown Senior Center.

Deadline: Friday, August 25

Trail Stewardship Council: One vacancy

The vacancy will “represent landowners of the town on the Trail Stewardship Council.” Interested individuals should be knowledgeable about local land

use and related issues. Additional information specific to this council can be found at www.newenglandtrail.org.

Deadline: Friday, August 25

Animal Control Advisory Board: One vacancy

This board has the authority to conduct hearings as allowed in the town’s by-laws and pose reasonable conditions as deemed appropriate. The ideal applicant may be a dog trainer, a veterinarian, a non-pet owner from the community, a medical professional specializing in emergency medicine, an animal enthusiast or caregiver, a pet owner, and/or interested residents.

Deadline: Friday, August 25

Cultural Council: One vacancy

The Cultural Council promotes an “appreciation of the arts and culture by participating in the development and administration of funds for local cultural activities, awarding grants each year to support cultural activities in town, using the funding the town receives from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.” Additionally, the council sponsors two flagship events: Food Truck Fridays and Winter Light Night. The Belchertown Cultural Council generally meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month via zoom. They are especially interested in recruiting a member who is “experienced with website design and social media platforms.”

Deadline: Friday, August 25

Communications Committee: Two full-member seats

The purpose of this committee is to develop a communication plan for the town of Belchertown to “improve information flow from the town to the public,” according to reports. Experience with marketing, communications, and/or social media is highly preferred, the town released.

Deadline: August 25

Veterans’ Services Advisory Board (VSAB): Anticipated At-Large vacancy

The VSAB works closely with the town’s Veterans’ Agent on issues pertaining to veterans, including Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, war memorials, veterans’ graves, or any other related areas of concern.

Deadline: Friday, August 25

Belchertown Family Center Committee: One active, voting member position

This committee is charged with oversight of the Belchertown Family Center and its support programming for families, and is actively working to “create a breadth of resources for our community.”

Deadline: Friday, August 25

Scholarship Committee: Home-schooling representative seat

Deadline: Friday, August 25

Belchertown State School Buildings and Grounds Commit-

tee: Two additional full-member seats

The committee will advise the town and the Select Board on funding opportunities for maintaining and developing the remaining State School buildings, as well as advising on historical and cultural development opportunities. Expertise with real estate/architecture, grant writing, or historical experience to strengthen the skill set of the committee is preferred, the town released.

Deadline: Friday, August 25

The Calvin Bridgman Library Fund: Trustee

The Trustee vacancy is a three-year elected volunteer position “with random hours as needs arise,” according to the town. This position will be elected at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. Individual will work with two other Trustees to oversee disbursements of funds to libraries within the town of Belchertown.

Deadline: May 10, 2024

Belchertown Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force: New vacancies

The town is accepting letters of interest to fill vacancies on the newly-developed Belchertown Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force. The focus of the Task Force is to “develop a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement for the Select Board to review and to consider adopting, to seek out opportunities to acknowledge and/or celebrate the diversity within

our own community and to welcome the whole community to join in, and to offer suggestions on how the town addresses specific or potential acts of violence, including hate speech, should such acts arise in our community, region, or state.”

Efforts are being made, the town released, to include “voices from the community or communities that are directly affected.” Partnership opportunities with surrounding towns to strengthen regional or state efforts might also be explored.

This is a seven member committee to include a representative from law enforcement, a representative from Town Hall, and five community members representing diversity in one or more of the following areas: racial and ethnic backgrounds; social positions with respect to gender identity and sexual orientation; social positions with respect to disability; and age groups and prior vocational experiences.

All are encouraged to apply.

Those with interest in getting involved on a town board or committee are asked to return the form linked on the town’s website, belchertown.org, by emailing selectboard@belchertown.org, or by sending a letter or interest to:

Select Board, The Finnerty House, One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007

Media sale this weekend to benefit library

BELCHERTOWN - The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library will conduct a media sale from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 26, in the Belchertown municipal parking lot near the back entrance to the library.

During the event, a large selection DVDs and CDs (for both children and adults) will be offered for \$1 each. All funds raised will be used to support library programs, according to a press statement.

Watch a ‘movie under the stars’

BELCHERTOWN – The town’s Recreation Department is hosting a “Movie Night” on the Town Beach this weekend.

The event, featuring “The Super Mario Bros Movie,” will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, August 25.

“Come watch a movie under the stars,” the Rec. Department

released. “Join us at the Town Beach, 21 Town Beach Road, Lake Arcadia, before going back to school for a fun-filled family night.”

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Planning Board Hearing Legal Notice Relative to Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, §§9 and 11

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Sections 9 and 11, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing to discuss a special permit application for motor vehicle sales by James F. Bachand, Jr., aka DBJ Investments for 115 North Main Street, Map 238, Lot 180, Belchertown, MA. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish St., Belchertown, Mass. September 12, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

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The application is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk and Planning Board office, 2 Jabish Street.

Daniel Beaudette
Chair, Planning Board
08/24, 08/31/2023

Public Hearing Special Permit Legal Notice Belchertown Planning Board

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 11, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing to discuss a Site Plan Approval application for a Multiple Dwelling and Mixed Use development along Carriage Drive and Front Street, Map 243, Lot 178.21 and Map 243 Lot 178.02, Belchertown, MA. The applicant is Brisa Ventures, LLC.

A public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Belchertown Town Hall, 2 Jabish St., Belchertown, MA

Date: September 12, 2023

Time: 7:15 PM

The application is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk and Planning Board office, 2 Jabish Street.

Daniel Beaudette
Chairman, Planning Board
08/24, 08/31/2023

Town of Belchertown

Department of Public Works
290 Jackson Street,
PO Box 306

Belchertown, MA 01007
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Replacement Generator
Town of Belchertown
EMS Building
9 East Walnut Street
Belchertown, MA 01007

The Town of Belchertown, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for the Generator Replacement at the EMS Building, 9 East Walnut Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007.

The work involves the removal of the existing propane generator and replace-

ment with a diesel generator. Estimated construction cost is one hundred forty five thousand dollars (\$ 145,000).

DCAMM certification is not required.

Bidder selection, procedures and contract awards shall be in conformity with M.G.L. Chapter 149 Section 44A-H. State mandated prevailing wage rates must be paid according to M.G.L. Chapter 149 sections 26-27H.

Digital copies of the drawings and specifications may be obtained by emailing requests to the office of Roy S. Brown Architects at 85rsba@gmail.com after Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 2 pm.

A contractor briefing is planned for Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Sealed General Bids will be accepted from eligible bidders at the office of the Town Administrator, Finnerty House, 1 South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007 until 2:00 pm, Friday, September 8, 2023 at which time they shall be publicly opened. A bid security in the form of a bid bond, cash or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid price must accompany the bid.

The Awarding Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, should it be deemed in the public interest to do so.

Steven J. Williams,
Director,
Town Administrator
08/24/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS23P0521EA

Estate of:
Wilson O. Hill, Jr.

Also known as:
Wilson Orren Hill, Jr.
Date of Death: 06/08/2023

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Cathyjo Champagne-Hill of Belchertown MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Cathyjo Champagne-Hill of Belchertown MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/13/2023.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A **Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 14, 2023

Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate
08/24/2023

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of August 25, 2023 the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

Vehicle: 2011 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T4BF3EK3BR173415
Color: Silver
LKO: Justin Lesslie
Address: 1139 Thorndike St, Apt 6
Palmer, MA 01069

Vehicle: 2010 Hyundai Santa Fe
VIN: 5NMSG3AB4AH384985
Color: Black
LKO: Jordan Adams
Address: 2338 Main Street
Palmer, MA 01080

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SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of September 1, 2023 the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

2003 Volkswagen Jetta
VIN: 3VWSE69M43M092344
Color: Blue
LKO: Daniel Tourville
121 N Main Street, Apt. L2
Belchertown, MA 01007

2012 Jeep Compass
VIN: 1C4NJDEB8CD588666
Color: Orange
LKO: Shaquanda Johnson
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Amherst, MA 01002
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
SNOW'S SELF STORAGE LLC, will sell the contents of the following shed online at www.aarbids.com:

Wendy Bailey - P15
The online sale will end on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 10 a.m..

Snow's Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids, or to cancel the auction at any time for any reason.
08/17, 08/24/2023



OBITUARY

Edna Ann (Mattoon) Tetrault

BELCHERTOWN - Edna Ann (Mattoon) Tetrault, 88, passed away surrounded by her loving family at home on August 1, 2023. She was born on February 4, 1935, in Montague and was raised in Chicopee, where she graduated from Holy Name High School. She moved to Belchertown in 1955 and has lived there ever since.



Edna was a member of St. Francis Church. She was one of the kindest people you could ever have met; her love and devotion to her family was unsurpassed. She enjoyed gardening, baking, and watching over her family. She will be deeply missed by her children, Francis "Frank" and his wife Michelle Tetrault, Denise Tetrault, Scott Tetrault and his wife Karen, all of Belchertown, and Michael Tetrault of Sunderland. She will also be missed by her siblings, Anne Therrien of Baldwinsville, New York, Marie Brown of Agawam, Audrey Gradischer of Long Island, New York, Debbie Gould of Westfield, and Harold Mattoon of Chicopee. She also leaves three grandchildren, Tucker Johnson and his wife LaDonna, Sara Tetrault, Amy Nicoletti, and three great-grandchildren, Lillian Nicoletti, Mattie Hoffer, and Reagan Hoffer. Edna was predeceased by her husband, Hector F., and her son David Tetrault, as well as six siblings, Kenneth, George, Daniel, David, Shirley Mattoon, and Beverly Bicnel.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 5 p.m. at St. Francis Church. Donations in her memory may be made to the Belchertown Senior Center.

For more information, visit www.beersandstory.com.

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Loon fact

After the hatch of their first chick, adult loons often remove the membrane from the first hatched egg and any attached large pieces of eggshell from their nest. This behavior has been widely documented here in New Hampshire, both on LPC's Live Loon Cams and by wildlife photographers, as well as by biologists in the field.

In a recent newsletter from LPC an article said, "The removal of eggshell fragments from loon nests may occur in part due to the asynchronous hatch of the two chicks. Until the second chick hatches, the loons brood their first chick on and around the nest. While they may take it into the water for brief swims or to feed it, the first chick ends up spending a lot of time on the nest while the family

waits for the hatch of the second chick."

The article continued, "Loon eggs and newly-hatched loon chicks are brown in color, and as such, they blend in with their surroundings on the nest. The egg membrane and the inside of eggshells, in contrast, are a creamy white color. That makes them much more conspicuous and, if left on the nest, could increase the chance of nest predation. Therefore, it is believed that in removing egg membranes and large eggshell pieces from the nest, adult loons may be protecting their chick and the second egg from being easily noticed by predators."

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

Death Notice

Tetrault (Mattoon), Edna Ann
Died August 1, 2023
Memorial mass
August 28, 2023

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