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Final 'Putt-A-Thon' for The Jimmy Fund

Annual event to end after 19 years

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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BELCHERTOWN – The 19th annual Putt-A-Thon and virtual silent auction to benefit The Jimmy Fund will be held tomorrow on the Town Common.

Event organizers said this is the final Putt-A-Thon event, according to a press statement; the event will be held on Friday, Sept. 29.

“Nineteen years ago, we started a miniature golf tournament in hopes of raising \$5,000 for the Jimmy Fund, the fundraising arm of Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston,” Jim Phaneuf wrote in an email; Phaneuf is the former owner of Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Inc. in Belchertown, which is now owned and run by Phaneuf’s son, Matthew. “Many of our employees and friends and customers had either passed from, or were battling cancer, and we were looking for something that we could do to help—to make a difference in the lives of patients, friends, and the medical researchers.”

The cumulative donations raised for The Jimmy Fund through these Putt-a-thon events will exceed \$1,000,000, said Phaneuf.

“Our friends, families, and customers, businesses, and hundreds of citizens in Belchertown have embraced this project in an amazing way,” he wrote. “Virtually no one has said no when asked for assistance or a donation. We believe it is because we are all touched by this dreadful disease...and this has become a great way to make a difference.”

The annual event will follow its usual “hybrid style,” offering in-person mini-golf on the Common at 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. or a virtual “fantasy” round of golf using scratch cards.

“Both events will be tournaments, with prizes given for various achievements,” event organizers released.

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Fair goers celebrate Blue Jeans & Fair Dreams



See more
Fair photos on
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The Ferris wheel lights up the night sky during wristband night.

PHOTOS BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON

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Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - Despite the on and off rain all weekend, fair goers headed to the Belchertown town common Friday through Sunday to celebrate the 164th annual Belchertown Fair. The weekend kicked off with the ever-popular wristband night on Friday evening, with the midway packed shoulder to shoulder with eager riders. The parade stepped off Saturday morning and showcased many local organizations and businesses from Belchertown. Saturday and Sunday were filled with musical performances, activities, delicious foods, and much more.



One of the children's tractor pull contestants prepares to compete.

Belchertown receives Mass. Cultural Council grant

Funding for Economic Development Program

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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BELCHERTOWN – The town has received a grant of \$2,500 from the Mass. Cultural Council through its Festivals & Projects grant program.

This grant funding will support the launch of the GATHER: Art Space and Marketplace, a new economic development program taking shape as a gallery marketplace in partnership with Belchertown Community Alliance (BCA) that will feature many local Quabbin Art Association (QAA) members, according to a press statement.

“GATHER will directly sup-

port local creative entrepreneurs while providing access to quality arts experiences and educational opportunities for local residents,” a press statement reads.

The program will kick off this fall from Oct. 4 – Nov. 18 with a series of workshops, from Beginning Sewing to Clay Portraiture and Collage to Cookie Decorating. Each is led by local artists and artisans who will

receive support for their contributions. Find out more and register here btowncommunity.org/workshops.

“A month-long pilot of the full GATHER: Art Space and Marketplace launches with an opening party of music, food, and art in Spring 2024 where visitors can peruse, enjoy, and purchase local artisan goods. The pilot

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West Nile Virus found in Belchertown mosquito

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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BELCHERTOWN – The state’s Department of Public Health has confirmed that a mosquito in town tested positive for West Nile Virus earlier this month.

According to a statement from the town, the mosquito tested positive on Sept. 20. “At this time there are no reported human cases,” the town released in a statement on its website. “It is important to protect yourself from mosquito bites.”

The town recommended the following actions to protect against mosquito bites:

Avoid being outdoors at dawn or dusk

“Try to avoid being outdoors at dawn or dusk as this is peak biting time for mosquitos,” the town released.

Wear insect repellent

“Wear EPA-registered insect repellents with DEET, permethrin, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus according to the directions on the package. Do not use DEET on infants under two months of age, and do not use oil of lemon eucalyptus on children under three years of age. Avoid applying insect repellents to skin under clothing.”

Drain standing water

“Drain any standing water on your property where possible, keep window screens in good repair and keep window screens in good repair.”

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VIEW OF MAIN ENTRANCE

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Site of GATHER, Art Space and Marketplace, a Belchertown Community Alliance and Town of Belchertown Collaboration. Rendering by Kuhn Riddle Architects.

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of GATHER is supported by the Mass Cultural Council and individual donors," the statement reads.

More details will be announced in the coming months, according to reports.

"The BCA's mission is focused on catalyzing collaboration through cultural experiences in our community," said April Jasak-Bangs, BCA Board President. "We are very excited to be partnering with the Town of Belchertown to build something uniquely 'Belchertown.' When we come together to work on a project like GATHER, we build connections and bridges with one another and it feels like an exciting win for the whole community."

The arts and culture "grow community, drive tourism and economic growth, and leverage the creative community of artists and creatives who animate Belchertown."

"Belchertown is brimming with independent artisans and creative entrepreneurs, and GATHER can serve as an outlet for their work while generating incomes, revenue, and job opportunities that serve Belchertown and stay here," said Steve Williams, Belchertown Town Manager. "Investing in this space is low-hanging fruit towards achieving our larger economic

development objectives, and we hope to see more innovative approaches and partnerships like this across sectors."

The positive impacts of creative economy initiatives are echoed across the Commonwealth.

"I'm thrilled to see Belchertown continue to grow the arts and culture locally in partnership with the Mass. Cultural Council," said State Sen. Jacob Oliveira, who represents Belchertown. "Not only because art and culture can help drive economic growth for the town but also because of the sense of community it cultivates. I'm looking forward to coming together to check out GATHER next year, and I'm excited to see the positive impact it will have on Belchertown."

Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency, has a budget of \$15.7 million, including an appropriation of nearly \$14 million from the state of Massachusetts and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and other sources. Mass. Cultural Council funds reach every community in the Commonwealth. Its mission is to "promote excellence, education, access and diversity in the arts, humanities and sciences, to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the vitality of our communities and economy."

Local photographer to host exhibits

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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BELCHERTOWN – Resident and Photographer Mark Lindhult will offer three photography exhibits this fall.

The first is at Mass. Audubon's Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary Visitor Center in Easthampton from now through Oct. 26, according to a press statement, and is titled "The Wonders Around Us."

"There are twelve photographs illustrating birds and wildlife that might be seen at the sanctuary," Lindhult released in a press statement. From Oct. 1 through Nov. 5, Lindhult will have an exhibit at the Robert Floyd Gallery and Learning Center, 2 East Street in Southamptton. He will be giving a gallery talk titled "Nature's Beauty" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8, with the opening reception that day from 1-5 p.m.

"There will be 23 photos on display and for sale," he said.

The third exhibit will be at the Burnett Gallery in the Jones Library in Amherst from Nov. 1-30.

"As a photographer, capturing special moments such as a bald eagle with talons out ready to catch a fish in the Quabbin Reservoir or the Harvest Moon rising behind the Quabbin Tower helps motivate me to keep exploring and sharing images," Lindhult said.

Lindhult is a Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a Principle Emeritus at The Berkshire Design Group in Northampton. Lindhult's photographs have been exhibited at the UMass Amherst Design Building Gallery, the U.S. Fish



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

A bald eagle with talons out ready to catch a fish in the Quabbin Reservoir.



PHOTO BY MARK LINDHULT

The Harvest Moon rising behind the Quabbin Tower.

and Wildlife Headquarters Gallery, and at several major Medical Center galleries. He has given permission to area non-profits to use his photos in their publications such as the Friends of Quabbin, the Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, and the Kestrel Land Trust, according to the press statement.

Learn more and view more of Lindhult's photographs at marklindhult.com

CPC now accepting grant applications

BELCHERTOWN - The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will be accepting applications for grant requests for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The applications can be submitted between Oct. 1 through 5 p.m. on Nov. 13. The current application form can be found online at

belchertowncpc.org.

CPC-approved grant requests will be considered for the May 2024 Annual Town Meeting. Any questions on the application process can be sent to Jim Natle at Jnate7007@aol.com.

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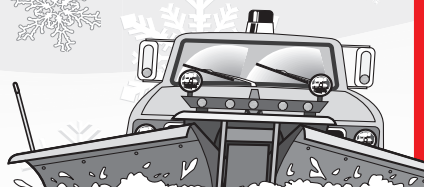
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Rain date
October 14th



Fair goers celebrate



An ox team makes its way to the center of the pulling ring.



Students work the BHS Band booth selling baked potatoes.



Kylie Liptak shows off her bunny 'Cookies and Cream' at the 4-H tent.



A youth frog jumping contestant prepares her frog.



Strength and determination are shown as this youth tractor pull contestant tries his hardest.



Max Demers works the Cub Scout Pack 507 booth.



Rosie Porter and the Neon Moons performs during the Fair on Sunday afternoon.



Youth frog jumping winners: 1st - Jaxson Martins (82 inches); 2nd - David Kry (81 inches); and 3rd - Madisyn Martins (72.5 inches).



Ed Popielarczyk makes a balloon animal.

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LEFT: David Try encourages his frog to jump during the frog jumping contest.

ABOVE: Fairgoers check out the poultry entries.



A young fairgoer enjoys one of the midway rides.



Fairgoers enjoy the merry-go-round despite the rain.



Zachary Restucci and Oliver Hellyar sell pickles for Troop 507

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OPINION



Cleaning up and planning ahead

Let's just say that all the rain made vegetable gardening a real challenge this year. Why don't we call it a wrap and do what we can now to get ahead of the game for next year!

Most of my veggie plants have already called it quits. Other than a half row each of carrots and beets, and the last succession of green bean plants, there is pretty much nothing left to harvest in my main garden.

I still have some great peppers in the raised beds. Clean up will start in the main garden for now.

Where do I begin? First, I will haul off whatever I can to the compost pile, excluding as many weeds as possible. I will also leave out thick plant stalks such as broccoli; they will take too long to break down.

Diseased plants are also a no-no; they belong in the trash.

Think of the compost pile as an outdoor lasagna made of layers of brown and green plant parts. Brown, carbon rich ingredients (such as chopped leaves) can be layered with green, nitrogen rich ingredients (such as grass clippings, over grown vegetables and scraps, and those non-weedy plant parts) to get the pile cooking.

Add a shovel full of garden soil or finished compost per layer to inoculate it with microbes and water well. Let the pile sit for a year or turn it frequently for faster results.

Compost is a near neutral source of humus, a well-balanced fertilizer and soil tonic good for all types of gardens and even the lawn.

The garden plot is looking better, but I still have lots of weeds to deal with. I've been told that if you miss one year's seeding it's seven years weeding, so there is no way I am going to take the easy route and rototill them in.

As I pull up the weeds by hand, I vow to be a better weeder next year, or better yet, mulch more and weed less.

My chickens, however, are thrilled with my shortcomings! They gobble down those seed heads faster than their morning dose of carrot peelings.

At last, I have a clean slate. In preparation for sowing winter rye seed, I scuff up the soil surface.

If any Jumping Worms cross my path, I feed them to the chickens. Stay tuned for an entire article on the subject of these invasive worms next week.

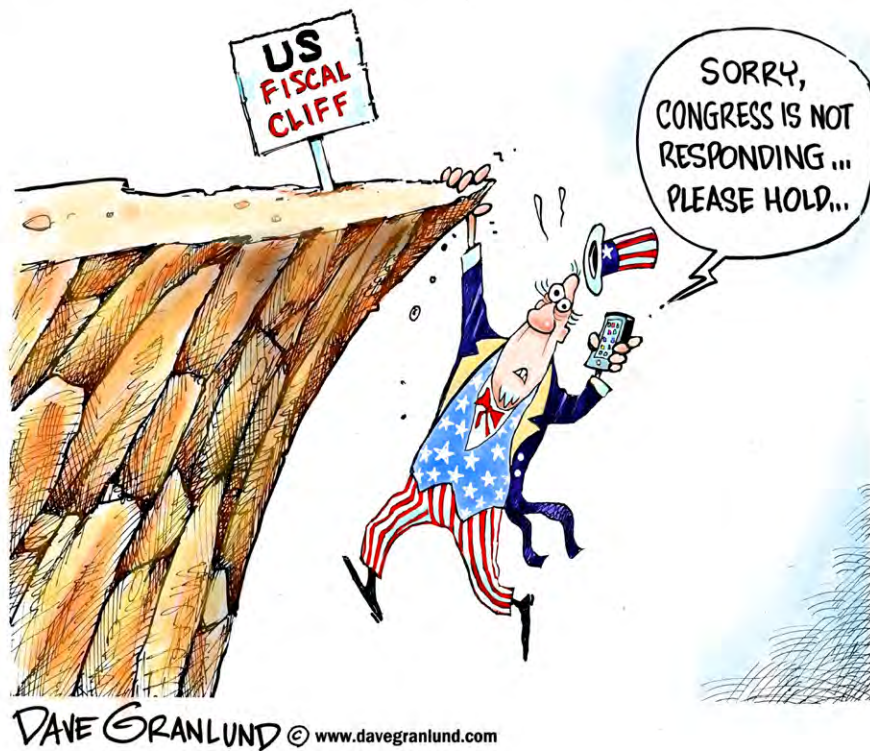
Once prep is complete, I rake the soil smooth and broadcast the seed. At a rate of four pounds per one thousand square feet of garden, I use ten pounds.

It's a good idea to divide the seed in half and try to cover all the area you have once, then go back and fill in the light spots with the rest. After the seed has been sown, I'll drag the flat end of a steel rake over the soil surface to bury it ever so slightly.

My goal is to have the seed sprout now, so that its roots will hold the soil and its nutrients in place over the off season. Winter rye will put on an amazing amount of top growth by spring- weed whack or mow it first to make incorporating easier.

I am also contemplating "tarping" it to solarize the soil at the same time, then working in the dead plants by hand. Either way, if you do this for a few years in a row you'll watch the organic matter content of your soil soar, reportedly at a rate of three to four thousand pounds per acre!

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.



GUEST COLUMN

Three great ways to make Massachusetts more sustainable

BY THE BELCHERTOWN ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

This past summer, with the highest heat ever recorded, the unrelenting forest fires and the flooding due to massive storms can make a person feel that sustainability is impossible. But this is not the time to give up on sustainability. Everyone can do many things all year long to help make the earth a better, cleaner, safer and more sustainable place to live. Even if what one individual can do seems small, an individual's actions added together with so many other individuals, can have a big impact. In addition, many activities which save resources can also save money. Sometimes the government and some companies provide grants and free services to assist individuals in saving energy and other resources. Other companies offer discounts and rewards to customers who recycle through their company. Think of sustainability as the idea that we can continue to live well by rethinking how we can better use our limited resources.

Free Home Energy Audit

One of the best ways to reduce the energy you use would be to have a home energy assessment. Decreasing your household energy will also help you save money. According to the U.S. Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy about 21 percent of total U.S. energy consumption comes from residential properties. If you are a Massachusetts resident who owns a home or rents in a 1- to 4-unit property, you are probably eligible for a free home energy assessment through the Mass Save program. This program is sponsored and paid for by the utility companies, using funds from a, charge on customers' energy bills. In our area, if your energy bill comes from National Grid or Eversource, you are eligible, even if you receive your energy from a different company. Not only will the energy assessment provide you with the steps toward decreasing your energy consumption, but it will also include some instant saving measures to start you off. In addition, the audit will include information on ways to pay for major improvements. You will learn about cash rebates, tax incentives and low or no cost loans for improvements which decrease your energy usage. You are under no obligation to follow the recommendations, but if you are able to do so, you would be able to save even more energy while improving the comfort of your home. Visit masssave.com/en/residential/programs-and-services.

Go Beyond the Recycling Bin

Besides the paper, plastic, metal and glass we normally recycle in the recycling bins, we can recycle many items which previously were thrown in the trash. You can

keep your empty ink cartridges, used fluorescent and LED light bulbs, dead lithium/button batteries and old electronics out of the trash. You can safely and properly recycle them by bringing them back to many retail stores. Check the websites of big box stores to learn what they will accept and if there is any charge. Some of the stores actually offer store credit for dropping off ink cartridges and smaller electronics! Larger electronics such as TV sets usually require some payment for disposal.

Many items like textiles which we used to throw into landfills are now required to be recycled. As of November 2022, textiles and mattresses are no longer accepted in landfills. The textiles required to be recycled include clothing, bedding, curtains, fabrics, footwear, and other fabric-based items. Sort through old clothes and other textiles so that you can donate the usable ones to your favorite charity. Your very worn and stained items can be dropped into some of the large metal collection boxes in local parking lots. These companies will sort the textiles and can turn unusable ones into rags or recycled fiber. For locations of collection boxes visit recyclesmartma.org/beyond-the-bin-search.

Since November 2022, mattresses were also excluded from landfills. One of the easiest ways to recycle a mattress is to have the company where you are buying a replacement mattress collect the old mattress when it delivers the new one. When you negotiate the price of your bedding, ask that the store include taking back the old mattress at no cost. If you are not buying a new mattress, you will need to contract your trash hauler or your town DPW about the cost of recycling it.

Instead of dropping unwanted household items into the trash, you can recycle them at many charity thrift stores. Just be sure to call or look online to learn what items they are accepting for donation. You can also check with the town DPW to find out if they have a swap shop. If you have a transfer sticker for Belchertown, you might be able to drop your items off at the Belchertown Swap Shop, which is sponsored by a grant from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Buy items made from recycled goods

When you buy goods made using recycled materials, you encourage more manufacturers to develop and produce more products made from recyclables. Goods made using recycled materials are everywhere. Look for them when you shop. There are packages of printer paper made from some or all post-consumer recycled fiber. There is clothing made from recycled water bottles and recycled fibers. You can even find patio furniture made with

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SENIORS

Council On Aging announces October events, services

BELCHERTOWN - The town's Council on Aging is a community-based resource for citizens of Belchertown aged 60 and over.

The Senior Center is located at 60 State Street, just off Route 202 at the William Gerald Whitlock Municipal Complex (next to the police station), and is home to a variety of programs and services.

Upcoming events at the Senior Center include:

Pumpkin Painting: Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m.

Get in the fall spirit, and bring creativity for a morning of pumpkin painting. Whether it's decorative, funny, or scary, the design is up to participants. This workshop is free of charge, and all materials will be provided (including pumpkins). Space and supplies are limited; register by Oct. 2 with Stephanie at 413-323-0420 ext. 501.

National Chili Month: October

Join for lunch on Friday, Oct. 6, to warm up with the ultimate chilly weather meal. Call Kim at 413-323-0420 ext. 508 by Oct. 5 to register.

Eat Smart Live Strong: Nutrition Education Series

Set and reach health goals with this fun and interactive class, by learning new eating behaviors and exercises to build strength, improve balance, and increase flexibility. Classes will include a hands-on recipe demonstration and sampling. Eat Smart Live Strong is a six-week series to take place at the Senior Center on Mondays, 2-3:30 p.m. starting on Oct. 16. Space is limited; register with Stephanie at 413-323-0420 ext. 501 by Oct. 12.

Social Services and Outreach

Medicare Open Enrollment - Open enrollment for Medicare will take place Oct. 15 - Dec. 7. "This is a great time to review your plan," the COA released.

Complete pre-enrollment forms, located in the blue folder outside Laurene's office; return the forms to the COA's staff, and Laurene "will call you to schedule an appointment after Oct. 1."

Fuel Assistance Program - The Fuel Assistance Program officially opens on Nov. 1.

"If you have received your renewal application in the mail, please call Heather to set up an appointment for assistance," the COA released. "For new applicants, please call after Nov. 1 for an appointment. We cannot process new applications until after that date."

For all other inquiries, call for an appointment:

Laurene Kendall, Social Services Coordinator 413-323-0420 x 505

Heather Woodworth, Social Services Assistant 413-323-0420 x 509

AARP Tax-Aide Program Volunteer Opportunity

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, the COA

released.

"We want you to join us. Please volunteer as a Tax Counselor and work with area residents in preparing their tax returns on the computer. Basic computer skills and some experience in filing your own tax returns are helpful, along with a willingness to make a one day per week time commitment during our 10-week tax season."

Hands-on training is provided in the classroom, and there are counselors to assist at all sites. "Please consider whether you, or someone you know, might be willing to help this year. Please fill out an application to become a part of this invaluable team at: mataxaide.org/Interest."

Training will be done this fall. For questions or additional information, contact D5Taxaide@comcast.net.

Nurse Clinic: Oct. 16 & 30, 10-11 a.m. Stop in to have your blood pressure or glucose checked.

UMass Amherst Sleep Lab Presents: Nova-Mysteries of Sleep: Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m.

Interested in learning more about sleep? Join Matthew Cucinotta from the UMass Sleep Lab to learn more about sleep research being conducted on how sleep affects the lives older adults. Call Stephanie to register at 413-323-0420 ext. 501.

Flu Vaccine Clinic: Friday, Oct. 6, from 9-11 a.m.

John Ochs from Belchertown Stop and Shop will be offering a flu vaccine clinic at the Senior Center. Call Stephanie at 413-323-0420 ext. 501 to make an appointment, for instructions, and required paperwork. Walk-ins are welcome with the understanding that there may be extended wait times.

Rainbow Social Group: Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m.

Join Elaine and the LGBTQIA+ Community and Allies on the second Wednesday of every month.

"We are proud to offer this affirming and inclusive service for our seniors," the COA released.

BSCCA Calendar Raffle

The fundraising group is offering a calendar raffle. Stop in to the Senior Center to purchase a ticket; winners will be drawn throughout the month of November. Purchase one ticket for \$20 or two for \$30.

BSCCA's Holiday Bazaar: Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hosted by the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association.

"Don't miss this opportunity to stock up on holiday gifts, or a little something for yourself," the COA released. "Our crafters will have items for purchase in our main dining room, and the Thrift Shop will be open all day as well! In addition to shopping, try your luck at winning one of over 50 fabulous raffle baskets donated by our community members."

For even more events and offerings, contact the Belchertown Senior Center.

COMMUNITY

Belchertown Community TV approved for \$12,000 in repairs

BY MELINA BOURDEAU

Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - Belchertown Community Television was approved for use of \$12,000 for the purchase of equipment.

BCTV Manager Lew Louraine spoke to the board at its meeting two weeks ago.

"As many of you know, BCTV has been limping along, but now, the brains of the operation have died," Louraine said.

The equipment was looked at by members of the IT department, to no avail.

Selectboard member Ron Aponte said he believed the logic was to wait for the next director of BCTV to get new equipment. He wanted to know if the proposed replaced equipment would be up to par.

Louraine said he reached out to three companies and one completely walked away after looking at the current state of affairs.

"The product I prefer, the software is more intuitive and easier to learn," he said. "Both pretty much are state of art, but the

preferred product is easier to use which is better for our volunteers."

He said the equipment is new. The product will allow BCTV to be able to go live or stream live. No services will be lost.

Louraine said he also spoke with Frontier High School, which he said uses the preferred product and they said they are very happy with it.

The funding for the purchase is through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Selectboard member Lesa Lessard-Pearson asked if the \$12,000 appropriation would be enough funding for the project, and Louraine said yes.

"If there are any miscellaneous things, my budget will pick it up," he said.

In the meantime, residents should be aware that BCTV will only be recording shows and putting them on the town web site as they wait for the new equipment to be installed.

Fall Book Sale in October

BELCHERTOWN - The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library has announced that it will again sponsor a Fall Book Sale of about 40,000 items Oct. 9 - 14. The sale has a "members only night" from 4-8 p.m. on Oct. 9, but is open to the general public from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Seniors will receive a 25 percent discount on Friday, and Saturday will be 50

percent off for most items. In addition to both soft and hard cover books, the sale includes Audio Books, DVDs, CDs, and records. Space restrictions only permit 30 shoppers at a time, but previous sales show that wait times are generally short. There is no shopping time limit once shoppers are in the sale, according to a press statement. All proceeds support the library and its programs.

Jones Library felted owl workshop

AMHERST - Residents are invited to get creative and learn needle felting at an upcoming workshop at the Jones Library from 3-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30, in the Woodbury Room.

"Join us as a teacher from Pop Up Art School will show us how to bring a blue owl to life in this unique crafting experience. Participants will discover that needle felting is easier than it looks - and it's relaxing, too," the library released in a press statement.

Participants will use a barbed needle and wool roving to transform loose wool fibers into a solid piece and learn how to join pieces together and add small details like feathers.

"You'll leave the class with the tools and the knowledge to continue needle felting



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Bring a blue felted owl to life in an upcoming workshop

on your own."

This workshop is for ages 18+. All materials provided; to register, email programs@joneslibrary.org.

"This program is made possible by the Friends of the Jones Libraries and the Woodbury Fund."

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recycled milk bottles. Make a concerted effort to look for products with the word "recycled" on the label. You will be surprised at how many items contain recycled materials.

These are only a few of the many simple actions which you might incorporate into your day-to-day life to become a better guardian of the earth. If want to learn about other ways you can make a positive impact, visit the web page, what you can do about climate change at the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency website: epa.gov/climate-change/what-you-can-do-about-climate-change

You can also visit belchertown.org, Committees, Energy and Sustainability, for a listing of Community Resources.

As always, feel free to contact us at energycomm@belchertown.org to ask us questions and/or make suggestions.

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Board, committee vacancy deadlines upcoming

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
sentinel@turley.com

BELCHERTOWN – The town’s Select Board is seeking citizens to share their expertise by serving on a town board or committee.

Those who have time and are interested in getting involved in the town’s activities are asked to submit a letter of interest to: Select Board, The Finnerty House, One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007, or by email to selectboard@belchertown.org.

The town has announced that it wishes to fill the following vacancies:

Agricultural Commission

Three associate non-voting member seats

This commission promotes agricultural-based economic opportunities; preserves, revitalizes and sustains the Belchertown agricultural industries, and encourages the pursuit of agriculture as a career opportunity and lifestyle.

Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023

Trustee for the Calvin Bridgman Library Fund

Three-year elected volunteer position

Random hours as needs arise; 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

Trail Stewardship Council

One vacancy

The town wishes to fill a vacancy to 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 newenglandtrail.org.

Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023

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 applicants may be a dog breeder, 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: Sept. 29, 2023

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: Sept. 29, 2023

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. Experience with marketing, communications, and/or social media is highly preferred.

Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023

Veterans’ Services Advisory Board (VSAB)

One anticipated At-Large vacancy

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: Sept. 29, 2023

Scholarship Committee

Home-schooling representative seat

Those interested in serving in this capacity may submit a letter of interest.

Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023

Belchertown State School Buildings and Grounds Committee

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 highly preferred.

Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023

Belchertown Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force

Multiple vacancies, newly-developed 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 the community, and to welcome the whole community to join in, offering suggestions on how the town addresses specific or potential acts of violence, including hate speech, should such acts arise in the community, region, or state.

“Efforts should be made to include voices from the community or communities that are directly affected,” the town released.

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.

Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals

Associate Member seat

The ZBA is responsible for hearing and deciding on applications for special permits, variances and appeals from decisions of the Zoning Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023

Clapp Memorial Library’s upcoming 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.

The library will be open:

Mondays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Upcoming programs at the Clapp Memorial Library include:

Historical Crafts from Ancient to Renaissance

Friday, Sept. 29, from 3-6 p.m.

Get hands-on with history with Castle Nitor. Learn about daily life and try a few crafts. We often think of the past as a foreign land that we can’t understand, but their lives were very similar to ours. Enjoy a break in a different time; this program is outside on the library lawn, all are welcome.

This class is run by Allison, the Lady of Castle Nitor; she is a history lover who collects craft skills and loves teaching and “creating a fun, relaxing environment for all,” the library released.

“Castle Nitor helps people live fully by learning from historical daily life and bringing the arts of the past to life again.”

Ukulele Play Along (virtual)

Monday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m.

Strum along with the Ukulele Play Along on the first Monday every month. Grab your ukulele and play along, because playing 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. Participants will be muted, so don’t worry about how you sound.”

To join, email Julie Stepanek at julie@musicjulie.com for the Zoom link and to receive the songs for the program.

What “YA” Readin’? Book Group

Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m.

A book discussion group at the Clapp Memorial Library for adults who read

young adult books.

Fingerloop Braiding

Friday, Oct. 6, from 3-6 p.m.

Get hands-on with history with Castle Nitor.

“We will show you the fundamental techniques as you create your own piece of history. Learn how to make your own bracelets, trims, and more with finger loop braiding. It can be a relaxing and fun fidget or something to do with family and friends. We will have all the supplies and tools needed for you to make a fun project.”

Registration and confirmation are required; visit the library’s website to sign up.

A Musical Concert with Peter Biedermann

Saturday, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m.

Peter Biedermann is a solo fingerstyle instrumental guitarist based in Green Valley, Ariz. that has performed in several different contexts since the mid 70s. The focus of the concert program will be on pieces from his catalogue of recordings beginning with “Sound & Spirit” (2000) through the latest live release “Say What?” (2020). The program also encourages questions from the audience and will include some of the history and evolution of original fingerstyle guitar playing.

Tablet Weaving

Friday, Oct. 13, from 3-6 p.m.

Learn a simple no loom required weaving technique that has been used for centuries to create beautiful trims, belts, and more. Come get hands-on with history with Castle Nitor. Learn how to set up and weave using tablets to create a beautiful bookmark or short belt.

“We will start with a simple project and explore the basics of tablet weaving so you can design your own future projects. We will show you the fundamental techniques as you create your own piece of history. We will have all the supplies and tools needed for you to make a fun project.”

Registration and confirmation are required.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, Oct. 13, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

The Clapp Memorial Library’s Teen Advisory Board will meet to suggest and discuss teen programs for the upcoming school year. TAB is a group of seventh-through twelfth-grade students who meet

monthly to propose library programming for teens, provide input on teen services, volunteer, and have fun. New members are welcome. Email clapplibrarytab@gmail.com to register.

Afterschool D&D

Monday, Oct. 16, 2:30-4 p.m.

The program will run weekly starting in October. The game will cover the first half of the Spelljammer Light of Xaryxis Campaign.

“Students will have the option of continuing play when we restart Afterschool D&D in the Spring,” the library released.

Players of all experience welcome. Students may bring their own nut-free snacks. Space is limited—register here: forms.gle/8oDEyTMWVWkkitJ8

Confirmations will be sent out to students confirming enrollment or waitlist status. Please email any questions to tmannino@cwmar.org and inform Librarian & Game Master Tegan Mannino, if there is a day they will not attend.

Candy & Crochet Night

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 5:45 p.m.

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy candy and crochet at the library. Teens can bring their own project or use the library’s crochet supplies. Crochet hooks, yarn, and instruction will be provided for those new to crochet. The candy will be peanut-free. This program will take place in the library’s Activity Room. Register for this program at the library or by emailing clapplibrarytab@gmail.com.

Make your own Mail Bracelet

Friday, Oct. 20, 3-6 p.m.

Are you curious about mail armor? Mail dates back to the 5th century B.C. in texts and is still used today to protect people from cuts. Throughout history and today, mail is used as decoration. Come get hands-on with history with Castle Nitor. Learn how to make your own mail bracelet. “You will leave with a bracelet and some extra rings to play with. We will show you the fundamental techniques as you create your own piece of history. We will have all the supplies and tools needed for you to make a fun project.”

Registration is required: forms.gle/PuyBvGhsAWenZyTq5

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EDUCATION

CHCS students get lesson on U.S. Constitution

BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - Students at Chestnut Hill Community School celebrated the U.S. Constitution during Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, with a visit from members of the Betty Allen Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Donna Helm, Constitution Week Chapter Chair, and Denise Gosselin, Ph.D., Betty Allen Chapter Regent, both visited CHCS last week and presented the program to fifth graders, sharing with the students how the Constitution came about and why it is important to have a set of rules to run the government.

"We hope to share the message of how great this document is and why we celebrate it," said Helm ahead of the program. "We will focus on the preamble and hopefully create interest in the Constitution."

Helm said the National Society of DAR focuses on historical preservation, patriotism, and education, and by doing presentations like that at CHCS, they check all the boxes. Each teacher got a copy of the U.S. Constitution poster and all students got to take home a book



Fifth-grade students listen to a presentation about the U.S. Constitution.

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mark with the preamble on it.

"We had a great time and the students were very willing to participate and were thanking us without even being prompted to," she said.

Helm said it is important to provide such information to young students because by doing so, she hopes that "something

clicks, be it now or in the student's future." She wants them to know "how important this document is to the foundation of the United States and our democracy."

The visit to the school was the first for the Betty Allen Chapter of DAR, but Helm said she hopes it will be the start of a new part-

nership with the Belchertown School District. Helm, a Belchertown resident, said she reached out to CHCS Principal Jennifer Champagne to ask if she would be interested in the program.

"She was very welcoming and happy to let us present," said Helm. "What a great school this is. We hope to do other events in the future."

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is an organization founded in 1890 with the mission of promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Helm said they are a non-political, service organization made up of women whose common bond is their lineal descent from patriots of the American Revolution—any woman, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove this lineage is eligible to join.

In addition to the presentations at Chestnut Hill Community School, Constitution Week was recognized at the Clapp Memorial Library with a display that included reading materials for all ages about the U.S. Constitution.

School Comm. approves grade reconfiguration

BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - While in the process of potentially building a new middle school, the School Committee unanimously approved a grade shift following the completion of the project.

Superintendent Brian Cameron talked about realigning the grade levels.

"Grade six will go up to Jabish [Brooke Middle School] and be six through eight. Swift River [Elementary School] will be pre-school through grade two. Chestnut Hill [Community School] will be grades three through five. The Belchertown High School grade will be nine through 12," he said.

The committee previously discussed the matter while writing the statement of interest for the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

School Committee Chair Heidi Gutekenst said the move will financially benefit the district.

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Youth Booth Winner: Belchertown Girl Scouts
Adult Booth Winner: Belchertown Historic Assoc.

GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST

- 1st Giant Pumpkin: Joseph Roberts - 299 lbs
- 2nd Giant Pumpkin: Hope Guardenier - 112 lbs
- Giant Watermelon: Michael Vinsh - 47 lbs
- Giane Cantalope: Michael Vinsh - 39 lbs

PARADE

Judge's Award – Best Presentation of Theme
Friends of Clapp Memorial Library
Kevin Brown Founders Award – Celebrating Agriculture, Community Spirit
Pathfinder

Floats

- 1st: Belchertown Day School
- 2nd: Relentless Towing
- 3rd: Family Tree

High School Band

- 1st: Belchertown High School

Youth Band

- 1st: Jabish Brook Middle School

Marching Units (Amateur)

- 1st: Girl Scouts
- 2nd: Footloose
- 3rd: Eagles Cheerleaders

Marching Units (Professional)

- 1st: Chicopee High
- 2nd: Shriners Bag Pipes
- 3rd: Hampshire County Sheriffs Dept.

Antique Cars

- 1st: Mark & Gail Belanger
- 2nd: Daniel Alley
- 3rd: Ken Koster

Antique Tractors

- 1st: Philip Eastwood
- 2nd: Bob Kirley
- 3rd: Ed Go

Antique Trucks

- 1st: Chris Lenox
- 2nd: Doug Hanscom

Antique Apparatus – No entries

- 1st: Antique Fire Hose Cart
- 2nd: Belchertown Ladder Truck
- 3rd: Agawam Engine # 12

Best Themed Dressed Animals

- 1st: Austin Ridge Acres
- 2nd: Nicks Wave of Change Horses

Animals

- 1st: Oliver the Comfort Dog
- 2nd: St Francis of Assisi K of C Dog

EXHIBIT HALL

EXHIBIT HALL GRAND CHAMPION - Kim Phaneuf
ANDY MICHAUD APPLE PIE CONTEST - Adult: Lunamarie Bergeron
HELEN PAPP AWARD – Laurie White
PRESTON ATWOOD AWARD – Donna Butler
GLEN BUTLER AWARD – Donna Butler
E.C. HOWARD & SON AWARD - John Alves
HUBERT & JENNIE GREENE AWARD - Kim Mongeau
LES CAMPBELL AWARD - Michael Brozek
BOB WILSON AWARD - Linda Weston
FAIR CAKE – Adult: Shawn Lindholm
Youth: Jackson Quinn
SCARECROW – Adult: Shawn Lindholm
Youth: Scout Taricano
ELSIE WASKIEWICZ AWARD - Susan Waite
JUDY BETTENCOURT AWARD - Adriana Henderson
PEOPLE'S CHOICE - Adult: Jacques Benoit
Youth: Izabella Rachlin
KEVIN "KB" BROWN AWARD - Becky Quinn
FAIR LOGO - Hope Guardenier

OXEN PULLS

Overall Best Teamster Award
Hunter Lucena

2400 and Under

- 1st: Kathy Haskell with Bud & Duke-7000 lbs-71"
- 2nd: John Kicza with John & Cash
- 3rd: Rob Bertolic with Tank & Skeet

2800 and Under

- 1st: Kenny Moulton with Rock & Rusty-7000 lbs -6"
- 2nd: Kenny Moulton with Buzz & Harold
- 3rd: Kolby Haskell with Buck & Cote

3200 and Under

- 1st: Rob Bertholic with Pete & Mouse-9000 lbs
- 2nd: Ken Moulton with Chuck & Junior

Free for All Class – Over 3200

- 1st: Kathy Haskell-9000 lbs
- 2nd: J.M. Hall

HORSE PULLS

3300 and Under

- 1st: Roger Lockerby with Tommy & Shorty-12,000 lbs
- 2nd: Ferris & Malloy with Charlie & Terry
- 3rd: Bauman & Hubbard with King & Rex

Best Driver in Class

Ferris & Malloy

3300 and Over

- 1st: Alan Boisseau with Max & Snickers-11,000 lbs

FROG JUMPING CONTEST

Youth

- 1st: Jonson Martin-82 "
- 2nd: David Kry-81 "
- 3rd: Madisyn Martins-72.5 "

Adult

- 1st: Gabriella Martinez - 88.5 "
- 2nd: Melissa Martins - 80 "
- 3rd: Erin Szczepanek- 76.5 "

POULTRY SHOW

Youth

- Best in Show - Gabriel Davis
- Best Standard - Olive Garro
- Best Bantam - Gabriel Davis
- Best Waterfowl - Madison Davis
- Best Turkey - Lunamarie Lee
- Reserve Standard - Bryce Lee
- Reserve Bantam - Claire Austin

Adult

- Best in Show - Sandra Brougham
- Best Standard - Sandra Brougham
- Reserve Bantam - Sandra Brougham
- Best Waterfowl - Michelle Lee

Pre-Cloverbud Showmanship

- Cloverbud Showmanship 1st: Claire Austin
- Novice-1st: James Kincla
- Junior-1st: James Cote
- Senior-1st: Lana Krol

Cock Crowing Contest

- Wesson Backus

BABY CONTEST

Judge's Choice Award

Hayden LaPlante

Youngest

- 1st: Wyatt Qin
- 2nd: Tue Truong
- 3rd: Vera LaVallee

Prettiest

- 1st: Harper Hodgen
- 2nd: Indie Maelannoli
- 3rd: Eliza English

Chubbiest

- 1st: Clayton Terault
- 2nd: Oscar Andruss
- 3rd: Watson Moro

Nicest Eyes

- 1st: Indie Mae Iannoli
- 2nd: Watson Moro
- 3rd: Oscar Andruss

Best Name

- 1st: Indie Mae Iannoli
- 2nd: Vera LaVallee
- 3rd: Eliza English

Best Natured

- 1st: Tue Throng
- 2nd: Lacey Belanger
- 3rd: Aiden Amelisko

Most Handsome

- 1st: Jasper Lawson
- 2nd: Aiden Amelisko
- 3rd: Clayton Terault

Best Dressed – Male

- 1st: Miles Morales
- 2nd: Jasper Lawson
- 3rd: Clayton Terault

Best Dressed – Females

- 1st: Maren Couture
- 2nd: Eliza English
- 3rd: Vera Lavallee

KID'S PEDAL TRACTOR PULL – Pedal for the Medal Light Class 4-5 Years Old

- 1st: Camden Francis
- 2nd: Claire Austin
- 3rd: Finn Healy

Medium Class 6-7 Years Old

- 1st: Ashlee Francis
- 2nd: Lauren Souza
- 3rd: Adam Gallagher

Major Class 8-9 Years Old

- 1st: Travis Gallagher
- 2nd: David Souza
- 3rd: Blake Bishop

BALE TOSS

BOYS NIGHT OUT & POWDER PUFF POWDER PUFF (25 Participants)

- 1st: Bryanna Veroneau 8.5-9'6"
- 2nd: Loni Austin 9'6"
- 3rd: Jessica Gray 9'5"

BOY'S NIGHT OUT-(38 Participants)

- 1st: Chris Gay 13'
- 2nd: Matt Hresko 12'6"
- 3rd: Daniel Austin 12'5"

YOUTH BALE TOSS

AGE 4-8 (22 PARTICIPANTS)

- 1st: Garrett Pronovost - 8.5 yrs
- 2nd: Lorna Lajoie - 8 yrs
- 3rd: Ashlee Francis - 7 yrs

AGE 9-13 (24 PARTICIPANTS)

- 1st: Kevin Mann - 13yrs-11'
- 2nd: Travis Ross - 13 yrs
- 3rd: Jack Hodgen - 12 yrs

RABBIT SHOW

Best In Show: Connor Lee
Reserve Best in Show Kylie Liptak
Best Showman: Kylie Liptak
Best Pet: Adelyn Liptak
Junior Showmanship
1st: Jess Korzenlowski
2nd: Kylie Liptak
3rd: Jamison Backus
4th: Everett Backus & Loralie Backus
Senior Showmanship
1st: Thomas Scalera
Cloverbud Showmanship
1st: Paige Holmes





Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Our “Fair Dream” this year was for everyone to have a safe event, see their friends, enjoy their favorite fair food and most of all have a great time. What was yours? It was easy to see the excitement shared by youth and adults all week as the common was transformed from a quiet space to the bustling jam-packed fair grounds. As the saying goes it “it takes a village to raise a child”. It takes thousands of hours to make the Big B. It would not be possible without the support of the community. Despite the weather, we saw folks enjoying themselves. Smiles were everywhere. Best of all, the baked potatoes made a comeback to everyone’s delight. Our dream came true, and we hope yours did as well. After a short rest, planning for next year will start again. Thank you for helping make the 164th Belchertown Fair and Parade a great community event. Do you have an idea for next years theme? or maybe you want to help us. Share your photos on # 164 Belchertown fair Please come join us.

THE FAIR COMMITTEE

Bill Austin, Loni Austin, Cindy Brown, Scott Brown, Carla Chaisson, Wendy Chevalier, Kerri Laurenzo, Shawn Lindholm, and Mark Nute

Thank You Volunteers!

Thanks to our loyal, hard working volunteers. Without you, none of this would happen. You are truly the backbone behind the scenes. If we have missed your name, we are sorry. We are tired as all of you are. Thank you again and as someone reminded us... **MARK YOUR CALENDER – the 165 Belchertown fair is only 51 weeks away.**

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GRANBY

Granby to offer Bulky Waste Day this weekend

GRANBY – The town is offering a Bulky Waste Day from 8 a.m. – noon on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Highway Garage at 15 Crescent St.

“Please approach the collection facility from West Street,” a press statement reads.

Bulky waste includes non-recyclable items such as mattresses, appliances, furniture, carpeting, and electronics that are too big to be collected with a normal trash pickup.

There are fees for disposal; money orders or checks only, the town released. Checks are to be made payable to “Town of Granby.”

“Illegal dumping will result in a loss of privileges,” the town added. “Anyone using the facility must be able to produce proof of residency upon request.”

According to a fees slip, here are the fees per item:

- Bulky Items**
- Doors, rugs - \$10
- Bulky furniture (couches, recliners, armchair) - \$50
- Mattresses or box springs (a piece) - \$100

- Appliances without freon - \$25
- Hot water tanks - \$30
- Dehumidifiers - \$25
- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners - \$50

- Electronics**
- TVs (up to 14-inch screen) - \$20
- TVs (up to 25-inch screen) - \$25
- TVs (over 25-inch screen) - \$35
- VCR, printers, microwaves - \$5
- Miscellaneous electronics - \$5
- Computers (including monitor, CPU) - \$10
- Copy machines (desktop) - \$15
- Copy machines (large standing units) - \$25

- Miscellaneous**
- Lawn mowers and snow blowers - \$15
- Propane tanks - \$30
- Wood stoves - \$15
- Car batteries - \$15
- Auto tires/auto tires with rim (each) - \$15/\$20
- Large truck tires/with rim (each) - \$30/\$40
- Tractor tires (each) - \$100

Trick-or-Treat movie event upcoming

GRANBY - The Friends of Granby’s Parks and Recreation is hosting a Trick-or-Treat Movie in the Park event on Friday, Oct. 13, at Dufresne Park in Granby. The event will start with Trick-or-Treating at 5 p.m., followed by a showing of a Halloween-themed Disney Pixar movie at 6:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$3.00 per person. Costumes are encouraged, snacks will be available for purchase, and “please bring your own chairs or blankets,” event organizers released.

“This is a fundraiser for the Friends of Granby’s Parks and Recreation, a nonprofit volunteer group,” a press statement reads. “We are still looking for companies interested in distributing candy at the event.”

Those interested may email granbypark-friends@gmail.com or visit the group’s Facebook page to learn more about the event.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Argh! Pirate Brooks and Pirate Jack, of Granby recently enjoyed activities at the Granby Public Library’s “Talk Like a Pirate Day.”

Library hosts ‘Talk Like a Pirate Day’

GRANBY – The town’s Public Library has recently hosted a “Talk Like a Pirate Day” on Sept. 19, and patrons of all ages celebrated.

“Pirate hats and eye patches were given to patrons to complete their pirate attire

to earn Pirate’s Booty snacks,” the library released in a press statement. “Activities included a pirate puzzle table, pirate jokes and phrases, and a Treasure Hunt to find the treasure chest. Fun was had by pirates of all ages.”

Monthlong library book sale ending soon

GRANBY – Throughout the month of September, a fall book sale is ongoing at the Granby Free Public Library.

Through Sept. 30, book lovers can choose from a large assortment of used and like-new books in fiction and non-fiction, according to a press statement. Used DVDs, video games, audiobooks, and CDs will also be on sale. Stop in during the

library’s regular operating hours, which are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 E State Street, Granby. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Granby Library.

Be Kind to Your Mind Bookmark Contest for RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23-31

2 bookmark entries will be chosen from a group up to age 11 and another group ages 12-18. You may pick up the bookmark templates at Clapp Memorial Library.

Winning entries will be announced at the Clapp Memorial Library on Friday, October 27 at 7 pm. You need not be present to win.

Pick-up your bookmark template at the Clapp Memorial Library between now and October 19th.

Design a bookmark based on the theme: **“Be Kind to Your Mind.”** The two winning designs will be featured on Clapp Memorial Library bookmarks.

Deadline: October 19th at 7 pm
Drop off your entry at the Clapp Memorial Library.

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Please send all entries to sentinel@turley.com labeled halloween contest. All entries must be submitted by October 20th. Include Name, Address & Phone

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police warn of recent scams

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
sentinel@turley.com

BELCHERTOWN – Police are warning residents of a recent scam targeting the elderly population.

“Belchertown Police has received multiple reports recently regarding a scam that we would like to bring awareness to,” police shared in a statement. “Residents in town have reported that they have been reached out to in various ways, whether it be via phone call or through computer hacks.”



According to police, these calls or “hacks” have been done to elicit a response from the victim. “When people have been replying and returning phone calls, the unknown person through the phone will create a false, yet believable, story,” reports indicate. “They will also be very demanding.”

Police said the story is used to “bait” the caller.

“The person over the phone will typically request the caller to go to their bank and withdraw large amounts of cash. They will then instruct the caller to go to a location that has a Bitcoin ATM, and instruct them to deposit their cash to a fraudulent account,” police released. “Once this cash gets deposited, the people over the phone are able to take control of that money, resulting in it being stolen from the caller.”

Bitcoin is a digital form of currency, police added, making it “hard to retrieve this money once deposited.”

Please see **SCAMS**, page 14

Belchertown Police

Editor’s note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Sept. 13 through Sept. 19. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 374 calls police responded to, there were 12 incidents, one accident, four arrest/summons and 26 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Tuesday, Sept. 19

1:22 a.m. – A 20-year-old Belchertown male was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. An officer got a call from dispatch for a crash in area of Granby Road. Belchertown Fire Department and ambulance responded. There was a station wagon that went off the road after a tight turn. The operator described what happened. They had a permit but not a license. A towing company was contacted. A criminal complaint was issued, the vehicle was towed and no injuries were reported.

6:11 p.m. – A 21-year-old Belchertown male was issued a summons for a threat to commit a crime. An officer returned a call in regard to an employee of a business who heard a threat made inside the store. The officer spoke with the employee who heard a customer make threats and there were customers were scared. Written statements were taken. The business wanted to trespass the person from the property. They spoke with the suspect who admitted their comments weren’t appropriate and they didn’t mean anything. Based on the statements, the person was charged with threat to commit a crime. The person was also trespassed from the store.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 13

8:45 p.m. – An officer responded to a Federal Street residence for a report of a larceny of three potted plants from the resident’s garden. The matter is under investigation.

5:42 p.m. – An officer responded to a Federal Street business for a report of a person with a no trespass notice who was in an adjacent parking lot. They were parked in an adjacent parking lot and the caller was con-

cerned about the person being around. No direct threats were made, and the caller was advised of harassment order procedure. The person had not broken notice. The person was advised to call the department should the person come into the business.

Thursday, Sept. 14

7:13 p.m. – Dispatch got a call from a therapist concerning a Belchertown client who made comments about self-harm. Officers responded with a co-response clinician. The person was transported to the hospital.

Friday, Sept. 15

7:42 p.m. – Dispatch received multiple 911 calls reporting an intoxicated male party at a Chauncey Walker Street business. They were threatening to fight with people. Dispatch was updated that the person got into the passenger side of a vehicle. There was a truck leaving and the officer stopped the truck. The person appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and was very hostile and belligerent. Officers went to the business and employees identified the person. They were trying to get a friend to give him a ride home. People tried to get the person to leave the business, which is when people started to call 911. Officers tried to calm the person down and they began punching the dashboard of the vehicle with their fists. An ambulance was called to evaluate the person. They accepted treatment and were transported to the hospital to be evaluated.

Saturday, Sept. 16

7:30 p.m. – An officer did a wellbeing check at a residence and assisted Belchertown fire and paramedics.

11:52 p.m. – An officer responded to State Street for a report of a disturbance in progress between two males. They were actively fighting, and one was being held down by another. The officer located the people, and it was visible there had been a fight. They were out of breath and agitated. One person was intoxicated. They admitted they were in a fight and they were friends. They were going to separate for the evening.

Monday, Sept. 18

8:43 a.m. – An officer got a call abandoned property on Bridge Street. There were chairs and a wooden shelf in a grassy area around an adjacent parking lot. Photos were taken and the incident was documented.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

6:19 p.m. – An officer spoke with a North Main Street resident who made allegations of neighbor assaulted them and sustained injury. Requested medical attention but declined transport. Spoke with involved person. Based on statements it was undetermined if a physical altercation would take place. The person wanted a copy of the report to take to court to make their own complaint. And was advised of allegations from the other party.

8:54 p.m. – A Chauncey Walker Road business reported suspicious report with a former employee. Returned call and there was a person on the property. They said they were looking for a supervisor on shift in one of the buildings. They wanted to report the activity and no crime involved.

9:39 p.m. – An officer was driving northbound on Jabish Street and saw a vehicle traveling southbound go off the road and then back on the road. The officer stopped the vehicle. The operator explained they were sorry and didn’t see it. They said they were going back to residence. The officer said they were traveling the wrong way if that were the case. Another officer arrived on scene. Belchertown Fire and paramedics arrived at the scene for an evaluated and cleared the person saying they didn’t need to go to hospital. The towing company was contacted because both passenger wheels were deflated. The South Hadley Police reported were asked to give directions to Belchertown and the officer provided them. There was a previous report of a vehicle was driving away on the wrong side and caused an accident. They officer confirmed it was the same person. It was believed the person was a threat and the officer placed an immediate threat suspension on their license.

Granby Police

Editor’s Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 126 calls for the week of Sept. 15 through Sept. 21. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Sept. 15

7:50 p.m. – A motorist reported that a white van was driving all over the road.

7:52 p.m. – An officer caught up to the

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DEATH NOTICES

Burkhardt (Rhodes), Patricia
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Peter Galuszka
Died September 5, 2023
Celebration of Life
October 7, 2023

Lipinski, Anna Elizabeth
Died August 20, 2023
Memorial Mass
October 14, 2023

The Sentinel OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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

The other is a Paid Obituary, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

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should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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

Patricia (Patsy) Rhodes Burkhardt



PICKENS, S.C. — Patricia (Patsy) Rhodes Burkhardt passed away August 31, 2023, at home. She was born December 16, 1961, in Dallas, Texas, to David R. Rhodes and P. Carol (Hulsey) Rhodes Curry. Patsy graduated from Belchertown Jr-Sr High School in 1980 and pursued a career in the Army. It was in the Army that she met and married on July 22, 1988, the love of her life Lawrence E. Burkhardt in Bad Aibling, Germany, and became not only his wife, but "bonus Mom" of his three children. She and her family returned to the States in 1990, after retiring from the Army, and settled in Pickens, S.C. after living briefly in Maryland and Virginia.

In addition to doting over her family and her pets, she enjoyed collecting antique furniture, knick-knacks, jewelry collecting and making, tending to her plants, an avid reader, loved watching and collecting anime and Sci-Fi, and most amazing of all, becoming an incredible cook.

After Army life, Patsy was a real estate agent in Maryland and when they moved to South Carolina was manager at the Movie Gallery in Pickens, worked in the cafeteria at Baptist Easly Hospital, and most recently was a florist at the Liberty Ingles.

She was predeceased by her parents and will be deeply missed by her husband of 35 years, her siblings, Michael Rhodes (Laurie Waite) Mass., Sherri Strickland (William) Vt., Amy Rhodes, Ky., and Kristy Benefield (Craig Gosselin) Ky., her children, Lawrence Burkhardt, Jr. (Cindy) Md., Charlie Burkhardt (Rachel London) Md., Kimberly Blair (Josh) S.C., grandchildren, Alexandra, Cole, Meredith and Valerie Burkhardt; Charlie, Nathan and Raylin Burkhardt; Brody and Elizabeth Blair, and great granddaughter, Karissa Burkhardt. She will also be missed by her niece, Sarah Rhodes, and nephew, Casey Benefield, and his family.

Patsy was a guardian of animals and with the help of Pickens County Humane Society took it upon herself to have the many feral cats in her neighborhood captured, altered, and then sheltered and cared for by her. In honor of her life, charitable donations can be made in memory of Patricia Burkhardt to the Pickens County Humane Society, pchumanesociety.org, P.O. Box 83, Liberty SC 29657.

Anna Elizabeth Lipinski

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - Anna Elizabeth (Nadolna) Lipinski, 83, died Sunday morning, August 20, 2023, at her home in Indianapolis. Born in Zabiele, Poland, July 8, 1940, she was the third child of John and Alice (Pupek) Nadolny.



She was proud that she flew to America by herself. After immigrating to the United States, she worked as a nanny and enjoyed traveling through the United States and Mexico. She later met and married her husband, Chester. They initially made their home in Holyoke, then in Enfield, Conn., and later in Belchertown. Ever the independent spirit, she eventually moved out to her own home in Indianapolis, Ind.

While her primary focus was raising her children and supporting all their activities, she contributed to the family's welfare by working in various jobs to include positions at Lego and Kohl's. She enjoyed gardening, rosary making, cooking, baking, sewing, knitting, and all sorts of crafts, but most of all, spending time with all her grandchildren. Anna was a long-time communicant of the former Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church in Holyoke, Holy Family Catholic Church in Enfield, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Belchertown, and most recently, Christ the King Catholic Church in Indianapolis. She also served as a devoted member for the Legion of Mary. In addition to her parents, she is pre-

ceded in death by her beloved husband, Chester, and her brothers, Stanley and Joseph. She is survived by her sister, Wanda Blair and her husband Donald of Granby. She was a loving and devoted mother of four children, 22 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by her children. John and his wife Terry of Reno, Nev., Myron and his wife Michelin of Wichita, Kan., Theresa Hotwagner and her husband Thomas of Indianapolis, Ind., Rosemary Wrona and her husband

Joseph of Belchertown, along with nieces, Elizabeth McNamara and her husband James of Belchertown, and Donna Ratner and her husband Darren of Cranford, N.J.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5884 Crittenden Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, followed by the Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, at 10 a.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Church, 24 Jabish Street, Belchertown, Mass., followed by burial in Mater Dolorosa Cemetery, South Hadley, Mass.

For those wishing, donations may be made in her memory to The Divine Mercy, Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation (ACOLF - helping children with special needs thrive), or a local Legion of Mary.

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Keep animals safe

"If you have animals, please do the following," the town released. "Water troughs should be flushed out at least once a week to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE."

If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

Symptoms of West Nile Virus include fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash, according to reports.

"Severe illness symptoms are high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness, and paralysis," the town released. "Those who are immunocompromised, over 60, and have other chronic medical conditions such as diabetes and kidney disease are at higher risk for severe illness."

Those with questions may contact Kirsten Krieger, RN, public health nurse for the Quabbin Health District, at kkrieger@townofware.com or 413-967-9648 ext. 112.

Peter Galuszka, 11/24/1943 - 9/5/2023

BELCHERTOWN - Peter was an active and lifelong resident of Belchertown. He took great pride in his accomplishments within Belchertown and cared very much for his friends and fellow residents. Peter was an adventure seeker, always living in the moment and capturing his audience, leaving you with a lasting impression.



Peter became independent at the age of 15. He lived in an apartment above the Belchertown Pharmacy where he worked until he graduated high school. He then served in the National Guard Reserves. Peter became the "Keebler Cookie Man," in his words, selling and delivering cookies to locations around New England. This is where Peter got the taste of what it was like to be an entrepreneur. He took his entrepreneurial spirit and opened a Barbershop and Hair Salon in Belchertown.

Years after, he sought out his next adventure, real estate. Peter was the Broker at Crest Real Estate and developed several subdivisions and neighborhoods

for families to live for generations. In addition, he owned and managed a couple of plazas in Belchertown.

Peter was a proud owner of Video Studio 19. He and his partner, Ron Roy, owned many other Video stores in neighboring towns. Together, they employed many locals including high school students. He was extremely generous in supporting and sponsoring town sports and school activities.

Peter's Sunday ritual was watching NASCAR and football. His favorite team was the New England Patriots. He was a passionate season ticket holder of the Patriots and attended almost every home game.

Peter was passionate, took risks, loved deeply, and will be dearly missed by many of his close friends, friends he considered family. In memory of Peter, there will be a celebration of his life which will take place at the McCarthy's Pub in Belchertown on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m.

Grid of letters for a word search puzzle.

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Returning for this final year will be the Putt-A-Thon silent auction.

"The auction is open to all—it's a great way to help raise money for The Jimmy Fund. All items in the silent auction are donated (there's still time to donate an item), so 100 percent of auction proceeds will be donated to The Jimmy Fund," a press statement reads.

Items are available to view at the following link:

32auctions.com/puttathonAuction2023

The Putt-A-Thon auction will close at 7 p.m. on September 29. All bidding will be online only.

"Visit often as new items will be added as they come in right up until September 29," event organizers shared.

The Jimmy Fund supports Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, helping to raise funds for adult and pediatric cancer care and research and improve the chances of survival for cancer patients around the world.

To learn more about the Putt-A-Thon for The Jimmy Fund, visit jimmyfundputtathon.org.

Information is also available at Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, the event's organizer, at 413-323-9611, or email at puttathon@bellandhudson.com.

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"It has also been reported that these people on the phone request the callers to scan their driver's licenses to them, resulting in their identity further being compromised," police said.

This scam has appeared to target the elderly population, according to reports.

"If you or someone you know is 60 or older and has been a victim of fraud, the National Elder Fraud Hotline is willing to help," the police statement reads.

This hotline can be contacted over the phone at 1-833-FRAUD-11 (1-833-372-8311) or online at justice.gov/stopelderfraud, "which has many useful resources about fraud," police added.

"The Belchertown Police can also be called to document any fraud reports."

Additionally, police encouraged residents to not "fall for the story given over the phone."

"Always ask family, friends, or businesses you are associated with and confirm if the story is legitimate or not," police added.

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Offense sets tone in victory for Orioles

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN — Belchertown varsity football coach Dan McCarthy always wants his offense on the field first.

After winning the coin toss in last Thursday night's non-league home game versus the Ludlow Lions, it didn't take the Orioles offense very long to score its first touchdown en route to a 49-12 victory.

"My philosophy last year was to defer until the second half whenever we won the coin toss. Now, I want my offense to have the ball first at the start of the game, so we can try to score a touchdown," McCarthy said. "I have a lot of faith in my offense. Whenever you can take an early lead, it forces the other offense to play with a sense of urgency and it takes them out of their

comfort zone."

Since 2014, the Route 21 rivalry series on the gridiron is tied 5-5.

The Lions (0-3) won four of the first five meetings in the series.

The Orioles (2-0), who posted a 24-12 victory at Ludlow a year ago, has now won four of the last five games against the Lions.

Belchertown has outscored their first two opponents, 90-46.

"We have a senior laden team this year," McCarthy said. "Most of these players have been in our system for the past three years and they understand it very well. Football is the ultimate team sport."

Senior running back Chris Daskam led the way offensively for the Orioles against the Lions with three rushing touchdowns.

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Jackson Hennessy makes a block on the line.

Boys soccer takes loss against Ludlow

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—At this time last year, the Belchertown boys varsity soccer team walked into Lusitano Stadium and posted a shutout victory against Smith Division rival Ludlow. It turned out to be the Lions only loss of the regular season.

There wouldn't be a repeat performance when the neighboring high schools faced each other last Monday, Sept. 18.

The Lions scored a goal five minutes into the opening half, and they managed to hang on for a 2-0 shutout victory over the Orioles on a damp afternoon.

"Belchertown gave us our only loss of the regular season last

year," said Ludlow senior Cole Bamford. "I thought we played very well against them in today's game. We're hoping to remain undefeated for the rest of the regular season."

Ludlow, who outscored its first four opponents, 11-3, had a perfect 5-0 record following the first match-up of the regular season with Belchertown.

"This was a hard fought battle against a solid Belchertown team," said longtime Ludlow head coach Greg Kolodziej. "We were able to score an early goal, which gave us the momentum and settled the team down. This has always been a big rivalry game."

Ludlow's only other setback

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Jake Gagnon makes his way up the field.



Colin Murdock sends a quick pass away.



Gavin Moreno steals the ball.



Tristan Moe advances up the field.



Cayden Bousquet charges down the field.

Pioneers shut out Dragons

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

PALMER— Pathfinder Tech junior forward Evan Costa entered last Wednesday's Tri-County League match against the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School Dragons with a team-high five goals.

Led by Costa, who recorded his second hat-trick of the regular season, and senior goalie Richie Gula, who posted the first shutout of his varsity soccer career, the Pioneers posted a 5-0 victory on a perfect late summer

afternoon.

A year ago, Pathfinder Tech swept the season series against P.V.C.I.C.S., who are a co-ed team this season. Only nine players signed up for the Dragons girls' soccer team and those players had the opportunity to join the boy's squad.

Last Wednesday's victory pushed the Pioneers overall and league record to 2-1.

After losing to Athol, 6-3, at home in the season opener, the Pioneers, who had a couple of matches postponed due to the

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Rams win fourth game

GRANBY — The Granby High School boys soccer team remain successful so far this season, suffering just one loss against Chicopee, but have four wins and a pair of ties to go with that. Last

week, the Rams grinded out three wins and a tie, defeating Hopkins, Sci-Tech, and Greenfield. Last Saturday morning, the Rams tied Smith Academy 1-1. Granby next faces Gateway on Sept. 28.

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Monadnock season concludes with championship races

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Five track champions were crowned last Saturday – Nate Wenzel and Michael Yeaton both first timers – as Monadnock Speedway closed out its 2023 racing season on Championship Day at the high-banked quarter-mile.

Late Model ace Tim Wenzel won his crown for the second season in row, Louie Maher is now a two-time king of the Mini Stocks, and then there's Chris Davis. Davis ran a conservative race Saturday to wrap up his fourth Pure Stock title, those along with a Mini Stock championship to boot.

Cole Littlewood and Geoff Rollins led the swarming 19-car NHSTRA Modified field to the green Saturday, with the 100-lapper not only deciding the 2023 track championship, but also contested as the third of four NHSTRA Quest For The Cup races.

Defending track champ Tyler Leary entered Saturday two points ahead of Nate Wenzel, while Wenzel sat atop the Quest leaderboard. Others, including Rollins, were in the Quest hunt too, a battle

that will be decided at Lee.

Leary took the lead from Rollins on lap three but, seven circuits later, it was open-wheel rookie Scott Zilinski at the point, his mirror soon filled by Trevor Bleau's ride and, just behind that, JT Cloutier's.

Bleau took charge on lap 19 but his stay up front was brief, as Cloutier had the lead three laps later. In front, he'd open a huge lead until a lap 43 caution – one of a dozen on the afternoon – brought the pack back to his bumper, and Zilinski to his side.

Getting the jump, Zilinski began his second run at the head of the class on lap 44, again with some major thunder at his back bumper. Wenzel, his nostrils filled with the warm aroma of a pending championship, took over on lap 74, and he never looked back.

When Leary and Zilinski made contact in turn three five laps later, the title chase was over. Cloutier, who'd survived an unnecessary bouncing off the frontchute wall back on lap 59, got back up for second on the 80th go-round, then following Wenzel under the check-

ers to conclude his own successful season.

With Wenzel earning his first NHSTRA track Modified crown, and solidifying his point lead in the Quest chase, he joined his younger brother, Tim, in celebrating their 2023 sibling Monadnock championships. With Cloutier strong in second, Kimmy Rivet, who earlier this summer survived a horrific crash, ended her summer on the podium with a third-place finish.

Rollins, who struggled through a largely forgettable Saturday afternoon, made masterful use of no fewer than four trips to the pits to stay on the lead lap and finish fourth, keeping his Quest hopes alive for the series' finale next month.

Tim Wenzel, as his brother Modified hot shoe Nate would do later in Saturday's event, closed out his championship summer with an exclamation point, romping to his track-high sixth victory of the summer in the Late Model main.

Taking the lead from Andrew Brousseau on lap 19, Wenzel never

looked back. Brousseau, though, didn't fare as well. Picked off by a lapper with three to go, he finished fifth on the day. Hillary Renaud concluded her successful summer in second, and Claremont's Dylan Zullo used a last-lap pass to earn the third-place hardware.

Cameron Sontag rocketed to his third win in a row in the Mini Stock feature, taking the lead from Louie Maher with two laps to go. Maher, though, offered little resistance, riding his runner-up finish to the 2023 championship. Pat Houle, in his strongest run of the summer, came home third.

Colton Martin, trading rides for the day with Andrea St. Amour, blew the field away to win Saturday's Pure Stock feature. Chris Chambers, in St. Amour's team car, was second, and Zach Zilinski earned the first of his two Championship Day trophies in third.

Chris Davis, who'd seen a title slip away from him in last year's season finale, stayed clear of trouble Saturday, cruising home in fifth to add another championship trophy to his large collection.

Zach Zilinski wired the Six Shooter feature to win his second in a row. Steve Miller Jr. stayed glued to the 16-year-old pilot's bumper to finish second, while Michael Yeaton's third-place run netted him the 2023 championship.

Markus O'Neil led all the way to score his second Young Gun victory of the year Saturday. He had four-time winner Owen Zilinski draped all over him for most of the way but never faltered en route to victory. Addison Brooks came home third.

Oval-tracker Cole Littlewood, aboard the family Honda, won Saturday's Spectator Race finale, stealing the win out of the last turn from Xander Stillwell.

Last Saturday's 2023 Championship Day event concluded Monadnock Speedway's 2023 racing season. The high-banked speedplant will take on a new and improved look in the coming weeks, as it receives an entirely new racing surface, its first since the initial paving was completed a half-century ago.

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weather, got into the win column for the first time with a 5-1 win over Franklin Tech in another home match. Costa recorded his first hat-trick of the regular season in that contest.

Costa is also one of the Pioneers tri-captains, along with senior Kenny Brouillette, and junior Seth Mitchell.

The Dragons made the bus trip to Palmer from Hadley with a 3-1 overall and league record. They had outscored their first four opponents, 14-4.

In the middle of the opening half, Costa, who's a forward, split a pair of defenders before firing a low shot into the left corner past junior keeper Damian Loinaz, who made five saves during the first 40 minutes of the match. Freshman Owen Pear was credited with the assist.

Pear, along with sophomore Jaiel Nevue-Roman, sophomore Adonis Dupre, and junior Eliah Jez, attend Palmer High School. They're able to play soccer for the Pathfinder Tech boys' varsity team as part of a co-op.

A couple of minutes later, Costa fired a shot from the top of the box into the back of the net giving his team a 2-0 advantage. The Pioneers second goal was assisted by Nevue-Roman.

The best goal of the entire match was scored by junior midfielder Justin Davis in the 34th minute. He lofted a shot from about 25 yards along the right sideline. The ball deflected off both the crossbar and the left post before landing into the left corner for an unassisted goal.

Three minutes later, a shot attempt by Pear rolled towards the goal before it was tapped over the line by junior forward Talon Clark, who netted his first goal of the season. Clark scored five goals as a freshman.

Holding a commanding 4-0 halftime lead, Costa achieved his second straight hat-trick with an unassisted goal past five minutes into the second half.

At that point, the only remaining question was if Gula would be able to celebrate his first career shutout in a varsity match. He only had to make one save in accomplishing that feat.



Justin Davis looks to clear the ball.

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Talon Clark chases down the loose ball.

Gula took over the starting duties from Colin Holt, who transferred to Hampshire Regional.

Gula received plenty of support from his defense led by junior Ethan DeBettencourt, junior Zander Auffrey, Mitchell, and Brouillette.

Two days later, Gula recorded another shutout in a 6-0 road victory against St. Mary's of Westfield.

Five different Pathfinder players scored in that contest led by senior Riley Sanderson with two goals.

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Senior quarterback Landon Andre contributed with two rushing TD's. He also threw a TD pass in the second quarter.

Freshman Kyng'Sten Agyei scored a rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"When you're able to put up 49 points, the offensive line deserves a lot of credit," McCarthy said. "Those guys just did their job in tonight's game."

The members of the Orioles O-Line are senior Kaden Couture, junior Jackson Hennessy, junior Brycen Vann, junior Max Bessette and sophomore Logan Duke.

Because Ludlow senior quarterback Anthonie Emco suffered an injury in a home loss against Smith Vocational, sophomore Mason Morace started his first varsity game against Belchertown.

"Anthonie was injured in last week's game and Mason got his first varsity start tonight," said Ludlow head coach Ray Saloio. "I thought he did a very good job, especially passing the ball."

On the game's opening series, the Orioles only needed five plays, which were all runs, to cover 53 yards. The drive came to an end with a Daskam two yard scramble into the end zone with 9:28 left in the first quarter. Junior Brian Carlin made the first of his seven extra point attempts.

Following a Ludlow punt, Andre capped off a seven play drive with a three yard run up the middle giving the home team a 14-0 advantage with four minutes remaining in the opening quarter.

Belchertown took a 21-0 lead a little more than two minutes into the second quarter when Andre scored his second rushing touchdown. He took the snap from center at the Lions 44 yard line. After heading towards the left side of the field, Andre decided to cut back to the middle of the field before sprinting into the end zone.

At the start of the Lions third offensive series, Morace completed three passes to senior wide receiver Daniel McKenney Jr.. The duo hooked up for a pair of 17-yard receptions and a 24-yarder.

With 4:13 left in the first half, Morace connected with McKenney again for a four yard reception.

Then senior running back Josh Marino scored on a five yard

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Chris Daskam runs through the middle.

run. The extra point attempt was blocked.

The Orioles took a 28-6 lead with 52 seconds left in the half when Andre threw a 19-yard TD pass to senior Josh Grillo down the left sideline.

On the final play of the first half, Morace completed a 16-yard TD pass to sophomore Cruz Guzman, who scored his first career touchdown in a varsity game.

Another pass attempt on the two-point conversion play was incomplete giving the home team a 28-12 halftime lead.

"I thought we had the momentum heading into halftime," Saloio said. "We just do a good enough job all around during the second half."

After the Belchertown band performed at halftime, Ludlow received the second half kickoff.

The Lions offense was unable to pick up a first down during that series and they were forced to punt.

Senior Rylan Queiors returned the punt to the Lions 37. Then Daskam scored his second rushing TD on the first down play. He also scored another touchdown on a five yard sweep around the right side with 6.9 seconds left in the third quarter giving the Orioles a commanding 42-12 lead.

Because Belchertown was leading by 30 points, the scoreboard



Landon Andre drops back to pass.

clock was kept running during the entire fourth quarter.

Agyei completed the scoring with a two yard run dash into the end zone with less than three minutes remaining.

The Lions will be looking to get into the win column when they face Putnam at Berte Field located on the Springfield Central campus at 8pm on Friday night.

The Orioles will be looking to remain undefeated when they host Hoosac Valley on Friday night.

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white van mentioned in the previous call and after observing it operate erratically, a motor vehicle stop was conducted.

9:28 p.m. – After an investigation the operator, Brian Morin, age 36, of Broad Brook, Conn., was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs, child endangerment, operating a motor vehicle with a child under the age of 14 while under the influence and crossing marked lanes.

Sunday, Sept. 17

11:02 a.m. – The CVS manager called to report that two parties stole items from the store earlier today. An officer responded and an incident report was completed. The matter is under investigation.

Monday, Sept. 18

3:02 p.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident near Barton Street. There were no injuries, and an accident report was completed.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

9:04 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign. After stopping the vehicle, the officer discovered that the operator had a suspended MA driver's license. The operator was issued a criminal citation for failure to stop and operating with a suspended driver's license.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

10:03 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer performed a random registration query. It was discovered that the registered owner had a suspended MA driver's license. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a criminal citation for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

2:09 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident with air bag deployment. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries, and an accident report was completed.

5:10 p.m. – A resident came to the station to report a past theft from their home. An incident report was completed, and the matter is under investigation.

Thursday, Sept. 21

7:04 a.m. – A motorist reported that a pick-up truck crashed into the rear of a school bus. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries, and an accident report was completed.

NYC bus trip upcoming

REGION – A New York City bus trip is planned for Dec. 9. The 36-seat King Gray motor coach is scheduled to depart Ludlow High School, 500 Chapin St., in Ludlow at 7 a.m.; passengers arrive for 6:45 a.m., according to a press statement.

Drop-off is Times Square around 11 a.m., depending on traffic.

The bus will depart New York City at 6 p.m. (arrive 15 minutes early) at New York Palace Hotel, 455 Madison Ave and 50th Street.

The cost is \$77 roundtrip and includes driver's gratuity; send checks payable to G. Fortunato, 52 Deer Run, Belchertown, MA. 01007; additionally, event organizers ask that a cell phone number be written on the notation line, and the check secures the bus seat. The deadline is Nov. 1, and a waitlist will be kept.

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A Pleasant Pairing: Tea & Fine Chocolate

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2-4 p.m.

Kim Larkin of Klassic Kreation will present a tea and chocolate workshop and tasting. This program includes samplings of tea, tea-infused food, various chocolates, trivia, poetry, and an antique teapot/lace display. This library program is free and open to the public. This program has limited space and registration is required: forms.gle/z2r5Cz4pGAQxsY369

Additionally, story times for ages three months to six years old began the week of Sept. 18. Story times feature age-appropriate stories, songs, finger plays, and art activities; registration and confirmation are required. For more information and to register, visit claplibrary.org/story-hour.

Babytime Storytime (3-12 months)

9 - 9:45 a.m., Mondays (October 2, 23, & 30, and November 6)

Babytime is for ages three – 12 months.

First Steps Storytime (12-24 months)

10 - 10:45 a.m., Mondays (October 2, 23, & 30, and November 6)

First Steps is for ages 12 – 24 months.

Toddler Time (Two-year-olds)

9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays (October 3, 24, & 31, and November 7)

Toddler Time is for two-year-old children.

Preschool Storytime (Three- through six-year-olds)

9:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays (September 28, October 5, 19, & 26, and November 2 & 9)

Preschool Story Time is for children ages three to six.

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Committee votes in favor of Free Cash distribution

At a recent meeting of the Selectboard, Finance, and School Committees, there was a proposal to reduce reliance on free cash for operational budget items.

To reduce the structural budget deficit Belchertown has been in for about the last decade, the group determined to reduce the use of one-time free cash expenditures for operating budget items.

Cameron informed the committee of the discussion, since there wasn't a quorum of the body at the meeting, the School Committee could not formally vote on the matter.

The committee voted in favor of the distribution of free cash funds for the FY25 budget.

So, for the upcoming fiscal year,

emergencies and snow and ice item requests would have

\$125,000 used out of free cash, regardless of the amount of total free cash.

Of the remaining available free cash, 80 percent would go to operating expenses and of the remaining 20 percent, 65 percent would go into one-time capital, 30 percent into stabilization, and five percent into other post-employee benefits (OPEB.)

"There has been some debate about whether we should go into free cash to balance the budget every year. They have done that in the past several years to help us all out. As far as cuts on the school side and the town side, so they're trying to work with us to fix the deficit over time," he said.

School Committee member Ruby Bansal said the idea is that the groups want everyone at the table to come to

a consensus.

"The proposal is only for this year," she said. "This is the first time we've ever had budget discussions this earlier."

Gutekenst said she thought at the meeting that she could live with an 80 percent use of free cash this year but has concerns about future years.

Cameron said he agreed with the two committee members.

"After this year, we have no more ESSER funds, so there are five positions that are either going to have to go into local or are going away," he said.

School Committee member Lamikco Magee asked if the funds would be accessible if there were to be a budget catastrophe. Bansal said there seemed to be some caveats to use of the funding, but the question was asked at the meeting.

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during the 2022 campaign was to Weymouth High School in the Division 1 state tournament round of eight contest at Lusitano Stadium.

The Orioles, who had a 1-2-1 overall record following last Monday's match, lost to Dedham in the Division 3 state semifinals last November.

"We probably played as well as we could against one of the top soccer teams in Western Mass., if not the entire state," said Belchertown head coach Zach Siano. "I thought we outplayed Ludlow during the second half. We just need to clean some things up."

The Orioles, who were shutout for the third time this season, will need to find someone to put the ball into the back of the net.

Junior Joe Borelli, who scored a pair of first half goals in the Orioles 3-0 home win against Chicopee Comp on September 14, suffered a season ending injury to his left knee late in that game.

"Joe was one of our goal scorers, so we'll need to piece things together offensively now," Siano added. "Joe is only a junior and we're looking forward to having him back next year."

Ludlow senior Christian Casares, who's a starting defender, also didn't play in last Monday's game because of an injury. The Lions used only three defenders against the Orioles.

"Christian is a big and imposing figure in the back," Kolodziej said. "Without him on the field, we tried to do something a little bit differently in today's game."

The three Lions starting defenders were Gavin Vala, Lucas Alvan, and James Dias, who are

all members of the junior class.

The trio made it very easy for senior goalie Anthony Shea, who's a two-year starter for the varsity team. Shea was credited with three saves in posting his third shutout of the season.

Down at the other end of the field Belchertown junior goalie Jack Mandeville (12 saves) didn't have very much time to rest, especially during the first 40 minutes of the match.

The Lions had a couple of shots on goal before taking a 1-0 lead.

The scoring play began with junior Thomas Wadas making a pass to senior Enzo Botta, who delivered another pass between a couple of defenders to Bamford in the middle of the box. Then Bamford fired a shot with his left foot that deflected off the right post across the goal-line for his third goal of the season.

"Scoring a goal, especially on

this field, just feels amazing," said Bamford, who has been a member of the Lions varsity soccer team since he was a freshman. "Enzo always knows where I'll be on the field, so I just ran into the box, and he found me. Then I finished off the play with a shot that deflected off the post."

It was the second time that Bamford scored a goal at Lusitano Stadium in a varsity game. His first goal came against East Longmeadow last October.

Bamford had an opportunity to give his team a 2-0 advantage during the 26th minute on a shot attempt from the top of the box, which was saved by Mandeville. The Orioles keeper made an outstanding one handed save on the rebound shot by Botta.

"We were able to weather the storm during the first half," Siano said. "Jack is one of the best goalies in Western Mass., and

he stood on his head in today's game. The defense needs to give him a little bit of help back there."

The members of Orioles defensive unit are junior Gavin Boisjolie, junior Josh Misiaszek, sophomore Nathan Marino, and senior C.J. Rivers.

The Orioles second half shot attempts were by sophomore Camryn Kaczowka, junior Joseph Yoon, and senior Tanner Lockwood.

With less than ten minutes remaining in regulation, Ludlow junior Chris Goncalves was fouled in the box resulting in a penalty kick.

Wadas stepped up to the line and blasted a shot into the upper left corner sealing the deal for the Lions.

The Lions are scheduled to go to Belchertown High School on Oct. 11.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/SELECT BOARD BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the "Everett Avenue Pipe Lining Project" will be received by the Department of Public Works/Select Board at the Town Hall, Select Boards Office, Belchertown, MA 01007 until 2:00 p.m. local time on October 12, 2023 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as "Town of Belchertown, Everett Avenue Pipe Lining Project".

The work consists of 1,150 linear feet of sanitary sewer cured-in-place pipe lining, and manhole rehabilitation for 9 manholes along Everett Ave. Bids shall be on a unit price basis.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at:

http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php

Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive login credentials. Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding documents for the project.

Bidders will be added to the "planholders" or prospective bidders list upon downloading the bidding documents for the project. Bidding documents may also be examined at the office of Tighe & Bond, Inc., 53 Southampton Road, Westfield, Massachusetts between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, legal holidays excluded.

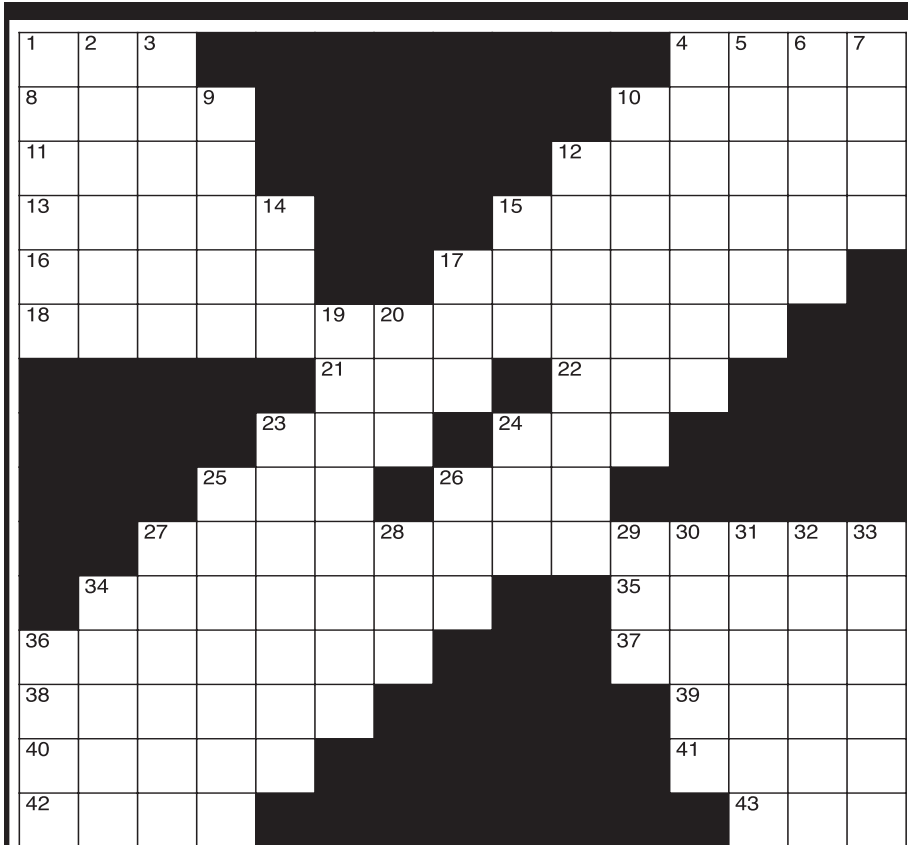
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as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract. 09/28/2023

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Community input sought on Wayfinding & Cultural District

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
sentinel@turley.com

BELCHERTOWN – Online and in-person opportunities are available for community members to share feedback on two projects highlighting local character.

The town of Belchertown is seeking community input on Branding & Wayfinding and a Cultural District, projects that “each highlight the local experience,” according to a press release.

“The Branding & Wayfinding signage program will result in consistently-designed signs that will identify key locations, direct drivers and pedestrians, and provide information,” a press statement reads. “The brand established through this process will highlight the historic, rural, and natural characteristics that make Belchertown unique.”

The subsequent wayfinding designed with this brand will “reinforce the downtown experience for residents and visitors

alike,” the press statement reads.

“Residents, visitors, and business owners are invited to share their thoughts by taking an online survey,” the press statement reads, adding that the survey is available at the following link: belchertown.org/residents/cultural_district.

Residents can also submit input by visiting the community table at these upcoming community events:

Belchertown Heritage Visioning Meeting: Co-presented with the Historical Commission, Town Hall Auditorium, 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19

Hungrytown Concert: Clapp Memorial Library, 3-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4

More details and event dates, including at the Belchertown Farmers and Artisans Winter Market and Belchertown Senior Center, will be added on the website as confirmed, a press statement reads.

The formation of a Mass. Cultural Council-designated



Belchertown Farmers and Artisans Market

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Cultural District will further reinforce the brand of Belchertown by “celebrating the cultural heritage, annual festivals, popular food and music events, and many local artists and artisans through recognition and funding for these activities.”

“Support for these vibrant cultural activities will increase tour-

ism, initiate business growth, and enhance visibility for district activities. Together, the Branding & Wayfinding and Cultural District programs will promote economic development, solidify a sense of place, and strengthen quality of life.”

“The town is investing in tools for improving the built environ-

ment visually, providing key informational and directional signs to visitors, and ultimately, sparking economic activity that will benefit us all,” said Town Administrator Steve Williams. “We hope residents and business leaders will join us by sharing their input.”

Questions & Answers with Author Ben Goldfarb

AMHERST - The Jones Library invites community members to explore the impact of roads on the planet in this conversation with author Ben Goldfarb via Zoom from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19.

“What do roads have to

do with ecology? Join us as we discuss ‘Crossings: How Road Ecology Is Shaping the Future of Our Planet’ with Ben Goldfarb,” the library released. “Written with passion and curiosity, ‘Crossings’ is a sweeping, spirited, and timely investigation

into how humans have altered the natural world and how we can create a better future for all living beings.”

Goldfarb is the author of the book; his previous book, “Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter,”

received the 2019 PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award. His work has appeared in publications including the Atlantic, Science, the New York Times, and the Washington Post.

Visit the Jones Library website

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The Jones Library is partnering with other public libraries in Massachusetts to offer this program. For more information, please contact Janet Ryan at 413-259-3223.

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