



Helen Hurteau, Senator Jake Oliveira, Joanne Delphina, artist Donald Longley, and Representative Mindy Domb with the new art installation.

Capital Planning Committee outlines budget strategy

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - In a meeting to establish long-term fiscal planning, the Capital Improvement Planning Committee unveiled its strategy for managing the town's \$979,415 capital budget, focusing on creating a transparent, multi-year approach to infrastructure and municipal investments.

The committee's primary objective is developing a comprehensive five-year capital planning document that will systematically track and prioritize municipal projects across various departments.

Committee members emphasized the importance of a strategic, forward-looking approach.

"We need to look at not only what is this year, but what the long term looks like, and start planning that," said Committee Chair Eric Weiss.

The current budget, which includes \$500,000 from a recent override and additional funds from free cash, represents a critical opportunity to reset municipal planning processes. Mike Hofler, a committee member, highlighted the nuanced approach to budgeting, noting that the five-year plan will differ significantly from the immediate fiscal year budget.

"The one-year budget has details and specifics with good engineering behind it," Hofler said. "The five-year plan is more conceptual - we expect this vehicle in three years to be broken, we expect that in four years we're going

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ERIC WEISS,
Committee Chair

to need to do this, but we're not going to put a lot of engineering into it today."

The committee is implementing a structured submission process for department heads, requiring them to provide detailed project requests by Oct. 6. These submissions will include projected costs, potential funding sources and implementation timelines.

Eric Bernardin, another committee member, stressed the importance of comprehensive reporting. "We want people to be thinking about available funding sources," he said.

The goal is to create a document that provides a holistic view of the town's capital needs, beyond traditional budgeting constraints.

A key innovation in the committee's approach is creating a master spreadsheet that will track projects across multiple years. The document will categorize projects by priority and projected implementation year, allowing for dynamic planning and resource allocation.

"We're going to have to have different sections, and

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Cultural Council uplifts local artists

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GRANBY — Arts are a way we keep culture and imagination alive, and for the artists within our towns, a way for them to share their unique skills and talents within their own community.

The Granby Cultural Council hosted a special Monument and Makers Art event for the community in order to share and present the work of local Belchertown artist Donald Longley.

The art sculpture, a metal monument outside the high school, is composed of two

large metal circles on a stand, named by the artist "Astralis Park", for the inspiration of space and the stars.

"The sculpture is an abstract depiction of the stars, and it was meant to reflect the night sky," said Longley. "For me, it also represents an abstract sort of eclipse, and I love these round circles, and I think they're aesthetically pleasing and soothing to look at, so I've been building these large sculptures that are round, and that one popped into my head."

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TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS
Addison Gardner showing how to spin pottery on a wheel.

Granby welcomes new fire chief with heartwarming ceremony

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GRANBY — The fire department hosted a pinning ceremony to welcome in their new chief, Evan Briant, over the weekend, and the station filled with friends, family, and local firefighters to welcome him into the fire-fighting family.

Selectboard Chair Mark Bail led the pinning ceremony, and Briant was pinned by his father, John Briant, as all in attendance gave their congratulations and welcomed Evan in as their new Chief.

"I'm always proud to take a ceremonial role, and I'm glad to see someone take on the role as Chief," said Bail. "We've been through some turbulent times, and I know Briant is going to do well in this position for the department and the town."

"[The ceremony] meant a lot to me, because I lost my mom back in December of 2024, and she and I talked about becoming a fire chief, and she said, 'You'd be a perfect fit,' and things worked out," said Chief Briant.

"I'm proud of Evan and his career and everything he's done. His mom would be proud," said Evan's father, John Briant. "He inspires me by being the nice and outgoing person that he is, and he's very honest and fair. I'm very



TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS
New Chief Evan Briant and Selectboard Chair Mark Bail.

proud to put the pin on him, and most of all, I am very happy."

His wife and daughter stood next to him as he was pinned, and proudly shared their love for him and how much it meant to see him become Chief.

"I'm so proud of him, and he's worked so hard for this, and we're all so proud of him," said Kristi Briant, Evan's wife. "There aren't enough words to say how

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TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS
Members of the Belchertown Fire Department having fun with the Ukulele Group.

Senior center hosts open house for National Senior Center Month

With National Senior Center Appreciation Month upon us, here is what Belchertown's COA has to offer.

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BELCHERTOWN — September is a month full of new beginnings, and for some, also the chance to celebrate local organizations and people.

September is National Senior Center Appreciation

Month, and it's a time when the Councils on Aging open their doors to show the community what they offer, and how they offer supports for the community's older adult population.

"As the Director, my responsibility is to create meaningful experiences that enhance the lives of older adults in Belchertown through our Center's programs, activities, and events. Every day, I work to ensure that what we provide is not only fun and engaging but, most importantly, enriching for everyone involved," said Jessica Langlois.

The Belchertown COA hosts and features many different events, as well as weekly classes for art and

fitness, games, daily lunches, and special events to enjoy daily, weekly, and monthly.

"The COA stands out for the incredible services it offers to our community. We're working to reduce social isolation by providing engaging and educational programs and activities. To ensure everyone stays healthy, we arrange transportation for medical and dental appointments," said Langlois.

The COA delivers nutritious meals to the homes of people who can no longer prepare their own meals, and its Social Services

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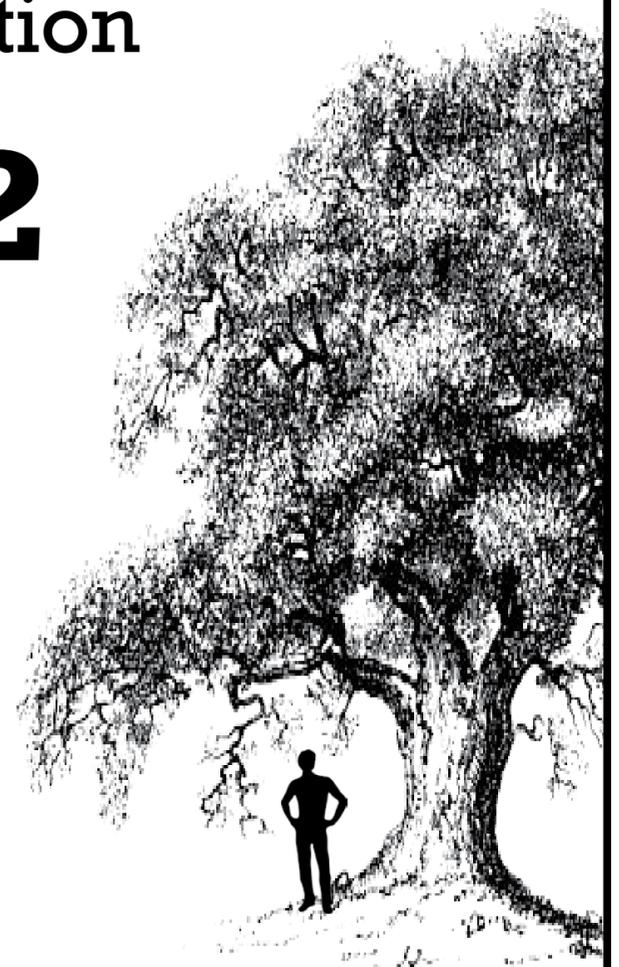
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B.F.D. held hands-on fire safety instruction

BELCHERTOWN – Christopher Heights of Belchertown is so appreciative of the Belchertown Fire Department, particularly Adam Burdick. Recently Adam provided the staff of Christopher Heights with Fire Safety Education and hands-on practice using a fire extinguisher.

Adam spent time reviewing the types of extinguishers, how to use them and the critical need to be certain you use the proper extinguisher for kitchen fires to avoid making the situation worse.

This was a great experience for staff, everyone was able to ask questions in a fun, un intimidating environment. Thanks again for the learning experience.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Adam Burdick ready to teach how to use a fire extinguisher.



Christopher Heights is stocked with fire extinguishers.

Learning how to aim a fire extinguisher to put out a controlled fire.

Window World of WMass. named to Qualified Remodeler TOP 500 for 2025

BELCHERTOWN – Qualified Remodeler, a leading publication serving remodelers and home improvement companies in the U.S., has ranked Window World of Western Mass. as the No. 125 in the country on its 47th annual TOP 500 remodelers of 2025. This places Window World of Western Mass. No. 1 in Western Massachusetts. Since 1978, the QR TOP 500 has tracked the industry's largest and fastest-growing companies. In 2025, the TOP 500 represented nearly \$25 billion in remodeling sales volume and 2.2 million completed jobs.

Window World of Western Mass. was chosen

as a 2025 TOP 500 remodeler by the Qualified Remodeler editorial staff for meeting a set of criteria, including installed remodeling dollar volume, total years in business, industry association membership, industry certification, industry awards, and community service.

"It's an honor to be recognized in the top quarter of the prestigious Qualified Remodeler Top 500 for 2025. For two generations, we are proud to be a local, family-owned exterior remodeling business, with a team of experienced in-house carpenters who treat every home like their own. When you choose Window World of Western Mass., you're choosing a

partner dedicated to enhancing the beauty, efficiency, and value of your home for years to come," said Tim Drost, owner of Window World of Western Mass.

Window World of Western Mass. is dedicated to providing superior home improvement solutions that combine quality products and professional installation, with a team of in-house carpenters. For over two decades, they have been serving the community with a wide range of products, including energy-efficient windows, beautiful doors, durable siding and roofing, and more. They stand by their unwavering commitment to customer satisfaction in delivering the best in exterior renovations, big and small.

A Young People's Choice Winner

Six-year-old Edan Reynolds won a blue ribbon and People's Choice for his sculpture.



Inaugural Quabbin Days launches October 10

BELCHERTOWN - The inaugural Quabbin Days celebration (www.quabbindays.org) will have its official launch ceremony on Friday, October 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Quabbin Reservoir Les and Terry Campbell Visitor Center, 100 Winsor Road, Belchertown. The opening ceremony will feature remarks by Quabbin Region state senators and representatives and other guests.

Running October 10 to 13, 2025, at the height of New England's breathtaking foliage season, Quabbin Days is a four-day celebration designed to highlight the natural beauty, cultural her-

itage, and community spirit of the Quabbin Region. It is a project of the Friends of the Quabbin (www.friendsofquabbin.org) and is being supported through a grant from the Mass Cultural Council's Creative Experiences program.

A Celebration of the Quabbin Region

Quabbin Days brings together towns, organizations, and businesses across the region to host activities that showcase what makes this area so unique. From historical tours and outdoor adventures to local arts, food, and culture, the Quabbin Region (www.quabbindays.org/region) offers something for everyone.

Visitors can use the event website, www.QuabbinDays.org, to browse a growing calendar of activities and explore an interactive map to plan their own adventures. Participation is open and flexible, and any town, business, or community group can add an event to the lineup.

History and Inspiration

The Quabbin Reservoir, created in the 1930s, is one of the largest man-made public water supplies in the United States. Today, it provides pristine drinking water to 2.7 million people, primar-

ily in the Metro Boston area, while serving as a haven for wildlife and outdoor recreation.

Managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), the Quabbin Reservoir and its surrounding lands stand as a model of conservation. For hikers, anglers, nature photographers, and history enthusiasts, Quabbin Days is an invitation to experience this extraordinary landscape at its most vibrant.

Event Details

What: Inaugural Quabbin



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A stunning view of Quabbin Reservoir.

Days Launch Ceremony
When: Friday, October 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

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Destiny Roberge and Addison Gardner, a former and current Granby High School art students, with their stunning works.



Mariann Ingraham with her gorgeous seashell art.

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Melissa McClaflyn's beautiful textiles from her small business, Whispering Winds Wearables.



Donna Pike and Judy LaPlante with their art together.

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Longley has been working with metal since about 2005, when he began working with the leftover pieces from building jeeps for off-roading, and really got started and inspired in making art.

"I really enjoy the process of taking metal and making it look like something smooth or living, so most of what I make is metal," Longley said.

The sculpture was a fun challenge for Longley, and he used a computer to do the math to ensure the curves of each of the circles and the way they connected were perfectly balanced to attach to the metal stand on the bottom.

The event also featured other local artists with booths set up to feature their textiles, paintings, home decor, and more for the community to purchase and enjoy in their own homes.

The Granby High School Art Students were also there selling their pottery pieces, earrings, and paintings, and even had a demo for the pottery wheel where two students spun pottery on a wheel.

The first sculpture he made was sponsored by the Belchertown Cultural Council a few years back, and it was this special opportunity that "gave me the confidence to do more with my work and art," said



Jaidyn Roberge making her own art for the people to see on the wheel.

Longley. "I really appreciate the opportunities that these local Cultural Councils give to the community, and it's very important."

"It means a lot to have my art at the school, and I really appreciate the opportunities the local cultural councils give to artists, and being able to have something that I made be out there for the public view, and it meant a lot to me. I hope people enjoy being able to see it," said Longley.

The Granby Cultural Council is still accepting applications for grants, and you can contact them between now and the deadline of October 16 to submit your grant proposal. You can find them on Facebook or email gcculturalcouncil@gmail.com for more information.

You can also email Donald Longley for art commissions through his business, Herc Worx, at donald@hercworx.com.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Native American people of CA
5. Long periods of time (Brit.)
10. Classroom tool
12. Rods
14. One who renews
16. They start the alphabet
18. Periodical (slang)
19. Smooth singer Cole
20. Dorsal sclerites in insects
22. One from Utah
23. The world of the dead
25. Singer Redding
26. Mafia head
27. Wrongly
28. Unhappy
30. Anger
31. Dark olive black
33. Places to sit and

eat

35. Made a mistake
37. Damp
38. Banned fuel type
40. Actor Damon
41. What thespians do
42. A polite address for a woman
44. Disallow
45. Swiss river
48. A banana has one
50. Afrikaans
52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
53. Agave
55. Journalist Tarbell
56. One-time tech leader
57. Incidentally (abbr.)
58. Intestinal bacterium
63. Loose sheats around the spinal cord

65. Accompanies nook
66. Vogue
67. Highly excited

CLUES DOWN

1. Witch
2. Utilize
3. Writing utensil
4. Where rockers work
5. Becomes less intense
6. Consume
7. Type of catfish
8. "Horsetown, U.S.A."
9. Atomic #50
10. The Muse of lyric poetry
11. Brings back to life
13. Humorous critiques
15. Cool!
17. Worst
18. Wet dirt
21. Useful
23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity

24. High schoolers' test
27. Internet device
29. City in India
32. A place to rest
34. Chat responder
35. A way to move on
36. What consumers are given
39. Digital audiotape
40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Church building
47. Georgia rockers
49. Surgeon's tool
51. "Much ___ about nothing"
54. Make by braiding
59. Local area network
60. Unit of work
61. Indigenous person of Thailand
62. Liquefied natural gas
64. Distance to top

Winner at 2025 horse show

Indian Creek Splendid Son with owner, JoAnn Bush were big winners at 2025 Eastern States Exposition Horse Show. They took first in the qualifier classes of Morgan Classic Pleasure driving and the Morgan Amateur Pleasure driving. They went on to take Champion Morgan Amateur Pleasure driving and Reserve Champion Morgan Classic Pleasure driving.



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Lake Wallace Fall Fest is coming this weekend

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown will host its first-ever Lake Wallace Fall Fest on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This community celebration will feature three inclusive trail events: a 5K, a 1K, and an All Abilities Roll & Stroll designed to welcome participants of all ages, abilities, and mobility levels. Beyond the races, attendees can enjoy celebrating the new enhancements to the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail, including expanded trailheads, a new Pocket Park,

and original sculptures and benches created by local artists. The day will also feature live music, food trucks, and local vendors.

Run Check-in Times:
 5K 8:00-8:45am
 1K 9:00-9:45am
 Roll & Stroll 9:45-10:15am

Run Start Times:
 5K 9:00am
 1K 10:00am
 Roll & Stroll 10:30am

The time will also feature various speeches and land

acknowledgement for the Belchertown/Nipmuc Farm Conservation Alliance, and for Lake Wallace. Senator Jake Oliveira will be in attendance to kick off the event, and several local bands and musicians will provide music for the day while local food vendors provide tasty treats. There will be many other vendors and local organizations to enjoy the time, so grab your friends and family and come to Lake Wallace for a day of fun.

Handbell ringers needed

BELCHERTOWN – If you can read music, you are invited to join the Belchertown Community Handbell Choir! We practice on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. upstairs in the BUCC Parish House located at 18 Park Street, Belchertown. Either contact Polly at 323-6897 or Judi at 323-7639 if you are interested or come check us out some Monday night!

BAC to host annual fundraising tag sale

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown Animal Control will hold a fundraising Pet Supply and Gifts Tag Sale on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the shelter - 165 George Hannum Street. There will be lots of Halloween outfits (\$2-\$5), carriers, beds (\$5-\$25), leashes, collars, harnesses (\$2), sweaters, food, treats, carriers, litter boxes, toys, gates, stairs, etc., and many

one-of-a-kind items. Some items are new, and some are gently used, but all will be priced to sell. Tag sale items are items donated by community members and friends and not currently needed at the shelter. All money raised from these items benefits the ACO Gift Fund, which helps shelter and community pets with extra needs such as surgery or prescriptions.

Thank you for all of your donations

BELCHERTOWN – The Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library are deluged with your generous donations. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, PLEASE HOLD ALL DONATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE FALL BOOK SALE! They can be brought to the library anytime after November 3 for our spring book sale that

will be held April 13 to 18, 2026. WE HAVE NO MORE ROOM FOR THIS SALE! We appreciate your generosity and understanding. Belchertown has proven once again what a great community we live in. The Clapp Memorial Library Fall Book Sale is October 13 to 18, 2025



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Come to the sale and pick out the perfect puzzle!

Did someone say puzzles? This isn't just a book sale!

BELCHERTOWN – The Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library are excited about how many puzzles have been donated for our Fall 2025 Book Sale. We have over 200 puzzles that are available. 100 pieces to 2,000 pieces. Sizes from small to extra large. Kids puzzles, holiday themes and beautiful

masterpieces. We have it all. Most are \$1 each. Did you know that a jigsaw puzzle enthusiast is officially called a dissectologist? Winter is coming and this is a great time to stock up on puzzles for all you dissectologists! The Clapp Memorial Library Book Sale is October 13-18, 2025

Town Hall to open late

BELCHERTOWN – Town Hall and the Finnerty House will open at 11 a.m. on

October 8, 2025. We will be back to normal hours of operation on October 9, 2025.

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we're going to have to figure out how to manage all those things together," Weiss said. The spreadsheet will serve as a living document, adaptable to changing municipal needs and financial conditions. Technological challenges emerged as a significant dis-

cussion point. The committee acknowledged difficulties in electronic document sharing due to Open Meeting Law restrictions. Town Manager Steve Williams said, "We can't allow editable documents, because if you edit a document and then put it back into the drive, it's considered deliberation."

The committee plans to invite department heads to a meeting on Oct. 15 to discuss project submissions and refine the planning process. Bernardin summarized the committee's philosophical approach: "We want people to be thinking about what the community needs to spend on capital planning every

year." The next steps involve the chair and vice chair collaboratively revising the master spreadsheet, with a goal of creating a comprehensive, user-friendly document that can guide municipal investments for years to come.

PART TIME SNOWPLOW DRIVERS NEEDED

Part time snowplow drivers are needed for the Town of New Braintree for the 2025-2026 season. Positions available for both CDL and non-CDL License.

If you are interested, please contact Highway Superintendent Richard Ayer at (508) 867-2451 or email hwysecretary@newbraintree.org.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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OPINION

SOCIAL SECURITY
Matters

By Russell Gloor

Should my spouse be getting half of my Social Security amount?

Dear Rusty:

I was referred to you to ask a question about Social Security benefits.

I receive about \$1,700 a month from Social Security while my husband receives only approximately \$750 monthly. Is he entitled to file for half of my Social Security as a monthly benefit without touching my amount?

Signed: Curious Wife

Dear Curious Wife:

For information, spousal benefits are one of the most misunderstood areas of Social Security. A spouse does not always get half of their partner's Social Security benefit how much the spouse gets is determined by their age when the spouse benefit is claimed and it is always based upon both partner's Full Retirement Age benefit, regardless of when they actually claimed Social Security.

The partner with the lower SS benefit can only get half of the other spouse's FRA amount if that partner takes the spouse benefit at or after their personal SS FRA. And each spouse's FRA may be different depending on the year they were born. FRA today is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on the person's year of birth.

Here are two basic rules for a lower earning marital partner to get spouse benefits:

The lower earning spouse's FRA entitlement must be less than 50% of the higher earning spouse's FRA entitlement. FRA amounts are used, even if SS benefits were claimed earlier than or later than, full retirement age, and FRA amounts are frequently different than the monthly amounts actually being received.

If one spouse's FRA amount is less than 50%

of the other spouse's FRA amount, the difference between those two amounts can be added to the lower earning spouse's SS retirement amount, to become their spousal benefit. That may, or may not, equal half of the higher earning spouse's FRA amount.

So, if you claimed your Social Security exactly at your own full retirement age and your husband also claimed his Social Security exactly at his own full retirement age, then based on the numbers you provided your husband is likely entitled to about \$850 per month, instead of his current \$750. And that would not affect your own SS benefit in any way.

Your FRA entitlement would need to be more than twice your husband's FRA entitlement for him to receive a spousal boost from you. But if either of you claimed Social Security before (or after) your respective full retirement ages, your husband would not get 50% of your benefit.

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Live in the moment but plan for winter!!

Hasn't the first week of autumn been beautiful weather-wise? Warm and sunny days will have us completely spoiled!

Summer annuals continue to bloom even as we harvest our pumpkins and corn stalks. But alas, while we are enjoying, we must simultaneously prepare for what inevitably will come.

My big task for today was deconstructing a combination planter so that I could (hopefully) overwinter the summer plants indoors. These included a Hypoestes (Polka dot plant), two Fuchsias, and an Ivy Geranium.

Over the years I've had good luck overwintering regular geraniums, Gerber daisies and fuchsias, but I have never tried ivy geraniums or the finicky polka dot plant. According to my research, ivy geraniums are handled in a similar manner as regular or zonal geraniums.

I typically overwinter them as a houseplant, in a bright sunny window. Sometimes they delight me with flowers through Christmas!

When I was trying to separate the plants from my big planter, though, the amount of roots I was able to get from the ivy geranium was honestly pathetic. The plant looked big enough on top to fit in a ten inch pot, but the root ball, maybe enough

roots to fit in a four inch pot. What am I to do? First thing would be to prune the top growth. So few roots

in the Garden
by Roberta McQuaid

would have a difficult time supporting all of that foliage. I will take off one third to one half of the top growth. And from this foliage, I will take some cuttings.

Regardless of my predicament, cuttings are a good option if you are short on space in front of sunny windows – you can root them in a three or four inch pot placed in indirect light until they begin to grow!

You can also store geranium stock plant out of your living space. Here is how: Cut the plants back to a couple of inches above the crown and set them in the cellar, unheated rooms, enclosed porches or other spaces that don't freeze and aren't too damp. Check them every few weeks and water sparingly if necessary, never letting the soil dry out completely.

When spring comes, gradually begin to introduce

sunlight and the plant will commence growth. Once the threat of frost has passed the plants can go outside for the summer months. If last year's potting soil is "exhausted" of nutrients, carefully replot the plant into new soil.

Prune away any weak branches and give it some liquid fertilizer. For this situation, storage temperatures can go as low as 45 to 50 degrees.

My fuchsia extraction went much better than the geranium one did. I have equal roots to foliage and flowers. I am going to try and overwinter this plant in a northeast window, knowing that fuchsias don't like bright sun.

The last time I overwintered one of these I got the plant to live into the late winter, long enough to take a cutting. The offspring thrived! The mother plant looked pretty woody, but apparently, if I had waited a little bit longer and gave it a light fertilization, new supple growth would have ensued.

Live and learn.

Aside from a part sunny window, fuchsias can also be overwintered out of the main living space, following my recommendations above.

The polka dot plant is another story all together.

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your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

All it takes is one kid with measles to infect up to 18 others in their classroom. With school beginning soon, public health and education officials around the country are concerned about new outbreaks.

In the not too distant past, measles was considered "eliminated" in the U.S. because cases were almost unknown and 95 percent or more of Americans were vaccinated against it or had it in childhood. That herd immunity is slowly eroding, and our children are at greater risk of illness because of it.

Measles is one of the most contagious diseases out there, even more so than COVID and flu virus. It spreads through tiny droplets when people cough or sneeze, and can live in the air and on surfaces for up to two hours (think school desks, cafeteria tables, lab sta-

tions).

And while today's measles is no more dangerous than before, it can still result in pneumonia, encephalitis (brain swelling) or even death in very young children or those with immunocompromised systems. We've seen three deaths in Texas attributed to measles.

In addition, measles can leave someone with a weakened immune system, making them more susceptible to other infections.

Illinois generally has experienced herd immunity, with vaccination rates at or above 95 percent. The state has seen 10 cases of measles this year, some in Cook County and others in the southern part of the state. There's evidence, however, that vaccination rates are dropping in some Chicago schools and among kindergartners.

Massachusetts hasn't seen a

Measles are a serious business

single case – yet – because its citizens maintain a vaccination rate of about 98%. There's evidence, however, that the vaccination rate is not as strong among incoming kindergartners.

We all play a role in keeping our communities safe and healthy. The best way to keep the measles away from your child is to make sure they've had two doses of the MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccine, which has been proven safe and is 97% effective at prevention. Even if they do catch the virus, the illness is likely to be mild and short-lived.

That said, it's possible there will be children in your child's class who are unvaccinated and could well bring measles to school along with their homework and lunchbox. It will be easy for them to infect other unvaccinated children, causing an outbreak.

To help stop measles in its tracks:

If you're unsure of your immune status and believe you were exposed to the measles, consult your health-care provider right away. An MMR immunity blood test can show whether you have measles antibodies. (If you were born

before 1957, you likely had measles and enjoy "presumptive immunity.")

Consider getting an MMR booster shot, especially if you were immunized between 1963 and 1967. The vaccine used during those years was less effective because it was made from a killed rather than live virus. A booster is a harmless precaution, as long as your doctor says you are eligible to receive a live virus vaccine.

Regularly disinfect surfaces and common touchpoints, like door handles and light switches.

Keep your unvaccinated child home if any of these symptoms show up. It could be a cold or the flu, but it could also be measles. Symptoms usually appear seven to 14 days after exposure.

High fever
Cough
Runny nose
Red, watery eyes
White spots inside the mouth (Koplik spots)

A red, blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads downward

Wait four days before going to a hospital to reduce the chance that the disease will be transmitted to others.

As a registered nurse and someone who's worked in the medical field for most of my life, I advocate for science, not social media or crackpot theories about cod liver oil. (Cod liver oil, by the way, contains a lot of Vitamin A, which can be toxic in large doses, particularly with children.) Measles, once someone has it, is incurable – it has to run its course. It is a virus, not a bacteria, so it can't be treated with antibiotics.

Fall is approaching, and with it will come flu season and RSV season. Cases of COVID are already on the rise around the country. We are so lucky to live in an era in which vaccines can keep us and our children safe from some of the most common human diseases. Please take advantage of it.

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Belchertown Police Log

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Sept. 19 through Sept. 25. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS Friday, Sept. 19

8:10 p.m. – An officer working the fair detail was approaching by a juvenile who reported that they were being harassed by another youth. The school resource officer was made aware of the situation.

8:42 p.m. – Officers served a 209A order to a resident at the request of Granby Police.

Saturday, Sept. 20

8:21 a.m. – A vehicle traveling through a parking lot of a business and was struck by a second vehicle backing up from a parking spot. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

11:43 a.m. – An officer spoke with a North Main St. resident regarding alleged harassment by a neighbor that he wanted documented.

11:54 a.m. – A motor vehicle was traveling east on Sargent Street when a dog ran from the woods into a passing vehicle. The operator was unable to avoid the dog, and it was struck. The dog was transported to a vet by its owner for emergency treatment.

1:30 p.m. – An officer was dispatched to a business to speak with the owner concerning a minor that was attempting to purchase alcohol with a fake driver's license that was later seized and entered into property for destruction.

3:43 p.m. – A vehicle

was traveling westbound on Stebbins Street when a dog came out into the lane of travel. The dog was subsequently struck and the operator was unable to stop. The dog was deceased and there was front end passenger side damage to the vehicle that was able to be driven away.

5:08 p.m. – A vehicle was exiting the parking lot of a North Main Street business when it struck a second vehicle on the passenger's side. The second vehicle then left the roadway and struck a third vehicle that was parked in the lot. Two vehicles were able to be driven from the scene. One vehicle was towed.

5:53 p.m. – An officer working the fair detail was approached by an individual who found a check. The owner was notified and the check was placed in property for him to retrieve at a later date.

6:54 p.m. – An officer assisted Belchertown Fire Paramedics at a medical call.

Sunday, Sept. 21

12:50 p.m. – A vehicle stopped to let pedestrians cross the road when it was struck by a second vehicle in the rear. The operator of the second vehicle said they were distracted looking at the fair.

1:01 p.m. – An officer working the fair detail was approached by an individual who reported suspicious activity that had taken place involving an older male. Another attendee approached officers and provided photos that he had taken of the person. The incident remains under investigation.

1:45 p.m. – A vehicle was turning left into Turkey Hill Road when it struck a second vehicle. The operator of the first vehicle said that the sun obstructed their view and they were unable to see the second vehicle.

Monday, Sept. 22

6:37 a.m. – Two vehicles were traveling westbound on State Street. One of the vehicle's stopped to turn left

and was rear ended by the second vehicle. One vehicle was towed.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

3:28 p.m. – A vehicle was traveling southbound on South Main Street and continuing onto Mill Valley Road. Another vehicle was traveling northbound on South Main Street approaching the stop sign at the intersection. The second vehicle didn't stop completely at the stop sign, rolled through and struck the first vehicle. The operator of the first vehicle was transported to Baystate Medical Center by Belchertown Fire Paramedics. Both vehicles were towed.

5:04 p.m. – A resident spoke with an officer concerning a vehicle that he allowed a former acquaintance to use. The person was not returning the vehicle after being asked to do so. The officer contacted the person who was using the vehicle, and they agreed to return it.

5:22 p.m. – A vehicle that was traveling on Bay Road drove off the road in the eastbound lane and went in between a utility pole and guy wire. The vehicle and operator were later located on Franklin Street.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

9:29 a.m. – A DPW employee dropped off a bicycle to the station that was located at Foley Field. The bike was entered into property.

3:56 p.m. – An officer assisted Belchertown Fire Paramedics with a medical call.

Thursday, Sept. 25

6:40 p.m. – Officers along with Belchertown Fire personnel responded to Cold Spring Road for a vehicle that struck a pole severing it at its base and there was air bag deployment. No injuries were reported, National Grid was contacted, and the vehicle was towed.

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proud we are."

"It's really inspiring me to see him become chief. He always cares about others before himself, and that's really admirable," said his daughter, Kiana Briant.

Police Chief Kevin O'Grady, as well as Fire Chief John Ingram from Belchertown and Fire Chief Tom Stark from South Hadley District 1, and other chiefs from surrounding towns came to welcome Evan Briant into the new position.

Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine also led the opening speech for the ceremony, saying of Chief Briant, "I got to watch him grow as a leader, and he's going to do a fantastic job for the community."

Also in attendance to welcome Briant into the position was State Representative Homar Gomez, who shared, "Attending Chief Briant's pinning ceremony was important to me, a gesture to demonstrate my availability and commitment to fostering connections between the town, the Commonwealth, and the department's needs."

"Working as a unit to better serve the town is important," said O'Grady. "Police, Fire, and EMS in the same building is part of the goal to be cohesive. I hope to see Briant bring in new ideas, and the excitement of him coming into the office is truly inspiring."

Evan Briant found his inspiration to become a firefighter after a trip to



The fire chiefs standing together to welcome in Evan Briant as Granby's new chief.



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John Briant, Chief Evan Briant, Kiana Briant, and Kristi Briant.

Hyannis, where his cousin, a firefighter in the town, invited him to stay over at the station for an overnight at 14. Since that day, Briant has had a dream to become a firefighter like his cousin, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

"It really means the world to me to become the fire chief in Granby. Growing up next door in South Hadley

and going to Charter Days, I'm familiar with Granby, and we were always there to help each other out, and it meant the world to me to be asked to be chief here," said Chief Briant.

"I hope that I can fulfill the duties of being chief and have everybody enjoy working here," said Briant.

Chief Briant shared three goals for his time as Chief

to build the fire department up from seven to eight full-time firefighters, two for each shift, to be more of a presence in the community, schools, and senior center, and to "build up the family here again and get back on the right track."

"I want the community to know that I'll give more than 100%, and I'm always here to have a conversation, and

I have an open-door policy where people can talk and ask questions," said Chief Briant. "I'm always willing to have people to come in and talk to me and feel like they can. People love the fire department, and I want them to keep loving the fire department."

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Ginger Elliott with RSVP, Retired Senior Volunteer Program.



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Paula Moran and Fay Flanary with the Book Club.

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team helps to connect people to various benefit programs like Medicare options so that all programs are easily accessible.

"The community is truly amazing, brimming with friendly and supportive residents," said Langlois. "We take great pride in everything we provide at the Center, and we're always eager for your feedback. If you've come across a program at another Center or have a topic you've been curious about, let us know! This is your Center, and we're here to bring your ideas to life!"

Whether it's looking to try a new game, learn new recipes, get together to sing, play instruments, learn to declutter, gather together, and enjoy a delicious lunch. "In addition to being a vibrant space where older adults can come together to socialize, learn, and enjoy them-

selves, we take pride in being problem solvers and sources of answers," said Langlois. "We encourage the community to reach out with any questions they might have, as we genuinely enjoy helping to find solutions and develop plans."

The community is truly warm and welcoming, and offers a lot, making the senior center a place to gather and a place to make new friends.

"The people inspire me every day, demonstrating that it's never too late to forge new friendships or acquire new skills. I've witnessed newcomers at the Center stepping beyond their comfort zones by trying out classes for the first time or attending lunch," said Langlois. "Moreover, I've seen our regular members warmly welcome these first-timers, introducing themselves, inviting them to join at lunch, and suggesting activities they might enjoy. It's this kindness that truly motivates me."



Nickie Chandler, Linda Alleman, and Janet Howard with the Quabbinaires Hiking Group and the Gardening Group.



Katy Martin and Jessica Langlois handing out popcorn and the weekly newsletter.



Director Cyndi Harberson and Marcin Marszalek with the Clapp Memorial Library.



Mrs. Senior Massachusetts Laura Hicks and Senior Center Director Jessica Langlois.



The singing group providing a wonderful performance for those who attended.



Members of the Silver Sisterhood, Nancy Brill, Carolyn Dragon, and Lucy Rider.



Pat Bonnett, Connie Broughear, and Marianne Reiff with the Health Bones, Healthy Balance and EFT Tapping Groups.



Linda Rosen with the Game Time group and Elizabeth Martin who hosts the Declutter Group and the Whole Foods and Plant Based Diet Group.

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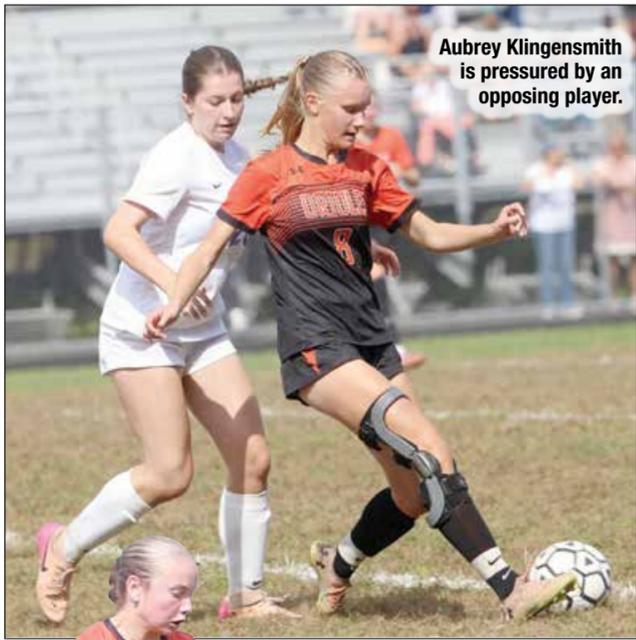
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Orioles even up record



Aubrey Klingensmith is pressured by an opposing player.



Lia Pikul sends a pass away.



BELCHERTOWN – Last Saturday afternoon, Belchertown High School girls soccer defeated West Springfield 5-1 to even up its record at 4-4-1 on the season. Alexa Karabetsos scored twice and three others added goals for the Orioles. The Orioles faced East Longmeadow earlier this week and next taken on Minnechaug on Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Alexa Karabetsos gets ready to shoot.



Eleanor Mazzaferro gets the left foot on the ball.



Adelina Gualberto approaches the ball.



Morghan Litz goes after the bouncing ball.



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Isabel Moreau sends a free kick away.

Rams fall to Mustangs for a second time

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

GRANBY—Winning a league title is something that the Monson boys' varsity soccer team is seeking to do this fall.

The Mustangs, who are members of the Schmid Division for the first time this fall, remained in first place in the league standings following a 3-1 road victory against league rival Granby, last Tuesday afternoon.

"We haven't won a league title in more than 10 years and that's our first goal every season," said Monson head coach Jared Pignone. "We just need to keep playing hard and keep winning our league games. We also want to win the Western Mass. title and make a run in the state tournament."

The last time that Monson, who entered this week's

action with a 7-1 overall record and a perfect 6-0 league mark, hasn't won a league title since 2014.

A year ago, the Mustangs were one of only two Division 5 teams competing in the Holley Division. The other teams in that league were either in Division 1, 2, or 3.

"This new league is a better fit for us," Pignone said. "It's even better fit for our j.v. team. We have mostly seventh and eighth graders on that team. They've been playing more competitive games so far this season."

The only Schmid Division teams who aren't trying in Division 5 are Springfield International Charter School and Westfield Tech. Both of those schools are in Division 4.

Granby (4-3-2, 3-3), who has been competing in the Schmid Division during the



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Christopher Gregorio advances up the field.

past couple of years, also suffered a 3-0 loss at Monson at the beginning of September.

"This loss probably puts us out of contention for the league title," said Granby head coach Todd Dorman. "The last time that we won a league title was in 2023. We also beat Monson in the Western Mass. finals that year. We're still hoping to qualify for this year's Western Mass. and the Division 5 state tournaments."

When the MIAA released the Division 5 power rankings for the first time last Friday, Monson was ranked 17th and Granby was ranked 36th. The top 32 teams automatically qualify for the state tournament.

During the first ten minutes of last Tuesday's match, the Rams had a pair of break-away shots, which were both taken by junior Brandon Carillon.

His first shot attempt skipped just wide of the goal. Monson freshman goalie Mason Murphy (6 saves) managed to deflect the second shot on goal.

The Mustangs, who out-shot the Rams, 21-8, took a 1-0 lead in the middle of the opening half.

Senior Jake Beaupre dribbled the ball down the middle of the field. He then made a pass to senior Austin Meacham, who completed the scoring play by firing a

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McKenna Zumbruski fights to keep the ball.

Granby hosts Comp in matinee

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GRANBY – Last Saturday morning on a sun-splashed day, Granby High School girls soccer hosted Chicopee Comprehensive. The final score of the game was not reported as of press time, but Granby did get an 8-0 win over Palmer on Friday, Sept. 26. The Rams are 6-2-1 without the result of the Comp game. The Rams are at Frontier Regional at 4 p.m. on Oct. 2.

RIGHT: Kaitlyn Curran dribbles up the field.



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Kara White gets a leg on the ball.



Logan Carmody collects the ball and heads up the field.

SPORTS

Offense soars in Pathfinder boys soccer win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The weather might have been a little bit gloomy last Wednesday afternoon, but it was all sunshine for the Pathfinder Tech boys' varsity soccer team.

Led by senior Adonis Dupre, the Pioneers overcame an early 1-0 deficit to defeat the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School Dragons, 7-1, in a non-league home match.

"They scored an early goal against us, but we weren't really nervous about it," Dupre said. "We were able to take control of the game very quickly after that."

It turned out to be a very memorable afternoon for Dupre, who finished the home contest with a career-high four goals and two assists.

"I've never scored four goals in a game before," said Dupre, who recorded his first hat-trick in another one-sided home match against Drury High School last October. "I'm very grateful to have this opportunity to play for this soccer team."

Dupre is one of the four players listed on the Pathfinder Tech boys' varsity soccer roster who attends Palmer High School, which is located about a mile down the street. They're allowed to play for the Pioneers, who are coached by David Wilson

and Joe Bouchie, as part of a co-op.

"I love playing soccer and I wish that we had our own soccer team at Palmer High School, but I'm very thankful for this co-op," added Dupre, who joined the varsity soccer team as a freshman. "When I was a freshman, I didn't realize that Palmer had a co-op with Pathfinder, so I joined the soccer team a couple of games into the season. I've improved a lot during the past four years."

The other three players from Palmer High School listed on this year's Pioneers varsity soccer roster are senior Jaleel Roman, junior Owen Pear, and freshman Abees Castillo-Clotter.

Dupre, Pear, and Roman are the Pioneers captains, along with junior Cayden Bousquet.

While the other three captains were selected by the coaching staff prior to the start of the regular season, Dupre was named as a captain before his team's road match against Bi-County East rival Ware on September 18. That match ended in a 2-2 draw.

During the winter, Dupre is a member of the Palmer boys' varsity basketball team, but soccer has always been his favorite sport.

The home victory against the Dragons improved the Pioneers overall season record to 3-4-1. They had

gone 0-3-1 in their previous four matches, which were all played on the road.

The Pioneers have qualified for both the Western Mass. tournament and the Division 5 state tournament each year Dupre that has been a member of the varsity soccer team.

Roman and Matthew Kenyon are the other two seniors listed on the Pioneers roster.

Because the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School doesn't have a girls soccer team there are several girls listed on the boys varsity roster.

The visitors from Hadley took a 1-0 lead during the eighth minute of the opening half when senior Aidan Betournay received a pass from junior Kai Petit-Darling before putting a wide open shot into the right corner of the net past freshman goalie Elijah Hodge, who made three saves.

Hodge was replaced by junior Gavin Peters (2 saves) during the 63rd minute.

In a span of two minutes, the Pioneers went from trailing 1-0 to taking a 3-1 lead.

Dupre began the scoring spree with a shot attempt that deflected off the hands of freshman goalie Grace Rachele (7 saves) into the right corner of the net tying the contest at one.

Junior Brody Wetnicka, who had been a defend-

er, was a starting midfielder for the first time against the Dragons (2-4). He was credited with the assist on Dupre's first goal of the match.

About a minute later, Dupre fired another shot into the back of the net giving his team a 2-1 lead.

Then Castillo-Clotter, who assisted on the Pioneers' second goal, scored the first of his two goals thirty seconds later. Dupre was credited with the assist.

The Dragons had a couple of scoring chances late in the first half, but the Pioneers held a 3-1 halftime advantage.

Castillo-Clotter netted his second goal of the match, which was assisted by junior Ian Sauri-Neves, on a floater that landed in the left corner three minutes into the second half.

Then Dupre delivered a pass to Wetnicka, who blasted a shot into the back of the net extending the Pioneers advantage to 5-1 during the 49th minute. It was also Wetnicka's first goal in a varsity game.

Pathfinder Tech's final two goals of the match were scored by Dupre, who entered this week's action with a team-leading eight goals.

Roman, who assisted on Dupre's final goal, scored four goals in the first eight regular season matches.

Granby hosts Comp in matinee



Margaret Healey tries to maneuver the ball to keep it away from her opponent.



Jaidyn Roberge clears the ball.



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Sophia Marsh attempts to steal the ball.

Robie and Zullo crowned champs at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Monadnock Speedway closed out its 55th summer of racing Saturday, with a huge crowd cheering as solid car counts in seven unique divisions battled for the final points and bragging rites earned during the long and successful summer of excitement on the high banks of the Great Race Place.

Along with Weekly Racing Series championships and memorable high finishes atop the 2025 divisional points parades to be decided at the speedways 2025 season finale at the storied quarter-mile, the Teddy Bear Pools and Spas Triple Crown final event, postponed by rain a week earlier, was at stake too.

Longtime pace truck driver Leo Martin led the All States Material Group 604 Modifieds to the green for the final time Saturday, Andrew Brousseau and Joey Jarvis, both 2025 feature winners, sat up front. But not for long.

Blasting off from fourth on the grid, Leary was in front before lap one was completed, and he'd never look back en route to victory. Having early set fast time with a lap of 12.207 seconds, Leary was untouchable.

Ty Leclerc kept him close

until giving way to Robie, who'd started at the back after missing qualifying, on lap 32 but Leary would not be denied. Robie's strong run netted him the 2025 track championship as well the Teddy Bear Pools crown, and Leclerc ended his season in third.

A year ago, Chris Riendeau had a magical season en route to the Monadnock Speedway Super Street championship. This summer, that magic belonged to second-generation ace Dylan Zullo.

Firing from row three in the Twin State Truck Services 50-lap main event, Zullo took the lead from JD Stockwell Saturday and soared off to his sixth win of the season and, with it, his first career track championship. Justin Beecher's runner-up finish earned him the Teddy Bear Pools title, and Stockwell held strong for third.

Cameron Sontag closed out his Fabian Fuels Mini Stock season with a flourish Saturday. Taking the lead from Claremont regular Dick LaMotte on lap 18, the Sterling, Mass. hot shoe outran Jon Fultz to the checkers and his second win of the season.

Fultz's second-place run earned him his first Monadnock track championship and the Teddy Bear Pools & Spas Triple Crown championship, and Julia Kendall was a strong third in the season finale.

Markus O'Neil led early in the Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stock feature, but he had a swarm of potent challengers flying in his shadow, none more ominous than the dynamic duo of Kyle Kenny and Carlos Grenier as the 20-car field went to war.

Kenny held the deuce spot by lap five, but Grenier had plans of his own. Gordon Farnum's bid for four wins in a row fell by the wayside in a lap-three caution, and Grenier - crowned champion of Claremont's Ridge Runners the night before, took charge on lap 13 and never looked back.

Kenny's second-place finish earned the talented young Green Mountain State pilot his first career track championship, and O'Neil's rock-solid night's work brought him home third, just ahead of Kyle Boniface and Jimmy Zellman. Grenier captured the Teddy Bear Pools & Spas Triple Crown championship.

Travis Hollins earned the 2025 Six Shooter championship by the slimmest of margins. Entering Saturday's season finale, he trailed 2024 champ Michael Yeaton by two points, then pulling even with his heat race win to be dead even as the feature went green.

Hollins led all the way in the Six Shooter main event, holding off the hard charging Yeaton to win his first career championship. With Yeaton second, Josh Brigham was third in Saturday's 25-lapper.

Matt Robinson took the lead on lap 11 of the Pro V8 Sportsman feature and sped off to his first career win on the high banks. Scott Riggleman - a regular at Wall Stadium in New Jersey, was second, and Stephen Dubois came home third. The exciting full-fendered division will compete eight times next summer on the high banks.

Sofia Rego led all the way in the final Doug's Auto Body Young Guns event of the year. It was Rego's fourth victory in the youth division. Maya Bell was second Saturday, and seven-time 2025 winner Hunter Duquette was third, before later scoring a top ten finish in the Pure Stocks.

Extra roster spots open in fall baseball league

SOUTH HADLEY - The Quabbin Valley Baseball League fall session is underway with just two games played. Due to injuries and other obligations, a small number of roster spots have opened up on teams and the league would like to add a few more players for the remainder of the fall campaign.

Games are Sundays at 10 a.m. for the remainder through Nov. 2. Anyone

interested in registering can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org and click on the registration link. There are six games remaining in the season and the fee to play in the remaining games will be prorated for any player who joins. Players looking to join should be age 28 or older.

For more information or to ask any questions, contact Greg Scibelli at GScibelli22@yahoo.com.

Roster takes shape for T-Birds



SPRINGFIELD - St. Louis Blues President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Doug Armstrong announced today that the Blues have assigned 18 players to their AHL affiliate, the Springfield Thunderbirds, including forwards Nikita Alexandrov, Sam Bitten, Hugh McGing, Matthew Peca, Juraj Pekarcik, Dylan Peterson, Simon Robertsson, Jakub Stancl, Sam Stange, Nikita Susuev, and Christopher Wagner, along with

defensemen Michael Buchinger, Quinton Burns, Marc-Andre Gaudet, Samuel Johansson, and Anthony Kehrer, and goaltenders Will Cranley and Vadim Zherenko.

The T-Birds open their preseason slate on Friday, October 3, when they visit the Providence Bruins at 7:05 p.m. at Amica Mutual Pavilion. They host their lone preseason game on Sunday, October 5 at the MassMutual Center, with puck drop set for 3:05 p.m.

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Owls football keeps winning

WESTFIELD - Westfield State University scored a pair of touchdowns on blocked punts on the way to a 31-22 win over Worcester State University in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference football win at Alumni Field on Saturday afternoon.

Westfield improves to 2-2 overall and 2-1 in the MASCAC, while Worcester is 0-3, 0-2 in the MASCAC.

Owls were led by 110 yards rushing from first-year fullback Manny Mengata, and got six catches for 88 yards from wideout Will Brewster.

The two offenses were rarely the headline grabbers in the game as five of the scores came from the two teams' defenses and special teams.

Westfield led 10-0 with 46 seconds left in the first half after a 27-yard field goal from Andrew Currier and then a 6-yard TD run from Aiden Fausek.

But Worcester got themselves on the board on the ensuing kickoff, as the Lancers' Gavin Hatfield took the kick at his own two yard line, juked his way

to the left side of the field and outran everyone for a 98-yard TD return.

The Owls looked to get instant revenge, blocking the extra point try with Andrew Lovell picking up the loose ball and running it back for an apparent 2-pt conversion for the Owls, but two flags flew on the play negating the score. The Lancers second chance at an extra point was foiled by a bad snap.

Westfield marched the ball down the field on the next possession to give Currier a chance for a 47-yard field goal try at the buzzer, but the kick was wide left and the Owls took a 10-6 lead into the half.

Worcester grabbed the lead, 13-10 after Cam Goodrich got a charity hop on a Westfield State fumble and scooted 72 yards for a TD early in the third quarter. Westfield answered a few minutes later, as Nick Gauger broke through the line to block a lancers punt, and Tafari Proctor scooped the ball up and returned it seven yards for an Owls touchdown and a 17-13 lead.

A couple of series later,

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Samuel Moure possesses the ball pressured by a Monson midfielder.



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Stephen Szlosek keeps play moving up the field.



Maxwell Kennedy gets a foot on the ball.



Brandon Carillon gets the header.

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shot into the left corner past Granby senior goalie Daniel Santiago (11 saves).

The score would remain 1-0 until the start of the second half when the Mustangs scored another goal by senior Ben Pignone on a shot into the right corner of the net. It was assisted by sophomore Anthony Tulloch.

With five minutes remaining in regulation, Beaupre scored a goal, which was assisted by Meacham, giving the Mustangs a 3-0 advantage.

Murphy's shutout bid came to an end when Carillon put a wide open shot into the back of the net for an unassisted goal with less than two minutes left.

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Worcester took advantage of another short field after an Owls fumble, capping a 5-play, 35-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown run from Jermaine Norfleet to grab a 20-17 lead.

Westfield answered early in the fourth quarter, marching 75 yards in 10 plays with Mengata punching it in from nine-yards out to take a 24-20 lead after Currier added the extra point.

Westfield built the lead

to 31-20 after pinning the Lancers back in their own end, and forcing a punt from tight formation with ball at their own 1 yard line, Westfield's Budder Ferreira not only blocked the punt, but smothered it in the endzone for the touchdown with 8:37 left in the game.

The Owls had the opportunity to run the clock out late, but after a 3-and-out in their own end, the punt snapped sailed out of the back of the end zone for a Worcester safety to trim the lead to 31-22.

Westfield sacked Worcester State quarterback twice on the ensuing possession, and ultimately forced Worcester to turn the ball over on downs and the Owls ran out the clock for the win.

Westfield State's defense held the Lancers to just 92 yards of total offense, and -43 yards on the ground.

The Owls sacked Ayotte six times for a total loss of 46 yards with Ferreira and Aydan Verba each racking up 1.5 sacks, and Chase Goldberg, Justyn Gardener and Emerson

Ysnardi each getting home for a sack as well.

Westfield held Worcester to 12 first downs on the day and the Lancers were 1-12 on third downs.

The Lancers were led by Lance Williams, who caught 11 passes for 83 yards, and Ayotte finished the day 16-30 for 135 yards and two interceptions.

Westfield will be back in action next Saturday, hosting Anna Maria in a MASCAC conference game at 12 noon at Alumni Field.

Hope United Methodist Church's Holiday Bazaar returns in Nov.

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Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 129 calls for the week of Sept. 19 through Sept. 25. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Sept. 19
8:59 a.m. – A resident reported that their vehicle was vandalized overnight. An incident report was completed and the matter is under investigation.

Sunday, Sept. 21
4:04 p.m. – Several callers reported a single vehicle roll-over accident with entrapment. It was reported that there were multiple injured parties. Granby Fire, South Hadley Fire, Belchertown Fire, and Granby Police responded. Mass State Police also responded. A life flight helicopter was requested and transported one injured party to the hospital. All other parties were transported to the hospital via ambulance. The accident is under investigation.

Monday, Sept. 22
3:23 p.m. – A resident reported damage done to their vehicle. An incident report was completed and the matter is under investigation.

Tuesday, Sept. 23
10:35 a.m. – A resident reported that they purchased a motor vehicle from a private party and the CT license plate attached to the vehicle is believed to be listed as stolen. The license plate was confirmed to be listed as stolen in CT. The plate was taken for safe keeping and the listing PD was contacted.

4:38 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

6:44 p.m. – While on patrol an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The officer followed the vehicle and clocked its speed at 51MPH in a posted 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and it was discovered that the operator had a revoked MA driver's license and the vehicle had no inspection sticker. The operator was arrested for operating with a revoked license.

6:45 p.m. – Keith Harris, 65, of Granby, was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked MA driver's license.

Thursday, Sept. 25
8:52 a.m. – Several callers reported a three-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

4:02 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. There were no injuries.



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Auto interior maintenance and cleaning tips

A number of factors are involved in keeping a vehicle functioning and looking good. Ensuring a vehicle interior is clean and tidy is easily overlooked, but such efforts can improve the driving experience.

Drivers who want their cars and trucks to look their best should not forget their vehicle interiors. Drivers unsure where to start can



few drops of dish soap and warm water. Use a soft-bristled brush to clean the mats. Upholstered mats can be shampooed using a carpet cleaner. Then rinse and hang to dry. All mats should be completely dry before being returned to the vehicle.

- **Clean the upholstery.** Seats can get dirty and dingy over time. For cloth vehicle seats, use a proper spray or foam upholstery cleaner. All-purpose cleaner can work on vinyl seats, but leather seats require a special leather soap and conditioner.

- **Address glass surfaces.** You can use a store-bought glass cleaner on the windshield, windows and mirrors with a lint-free cloth. Avoid products containing ammonia, which may damage tinting on windows.

- **Consider lingering odors.** If the interior of the car has an odor, the cabin air filter may need to be changed.. A car air freshener can further improve the interior smell.

A thorough deep cleaning can be done at least once a month to keep a vehicle's interior fresh and clean. However, keeping up with interior cleaning and maintenance by doing small jobs regularly will reduce the need for routine deep cleaning.

spruce up their vehicle interiors in the following ways.

- **Remove any trash.** Wrappers, receipts, empty water bottles, and other items can quickly pile up inside a car, especially for drivers who have young children. Routinely go through the vehicle to gather and remove debris.

- **Vacuum the interior.** Start off with a can of compressed air and blow out dust and any other dirt that has accumulated in tight crevices. Then use a high-powered vacuum to conduct a thorough cleaning. Pay attention to the seams of car seats, door handles, armrests, floor mats, underneath child safety seats, and the trunk or cargo area. If you don't have a vacuum with a lot of suction, utilize one at a do-it-yourself car wash location.

- **Scrub floor mats.** Drivers with rubber mats can remove them and make a mild cleaning solution of a

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Common car noises and what they might be indicating

Although there are many drivers who understand what goes on under the hood of a vehicle and the inner workings of car mechanics, there are plenty of others who might not know a spark plug from a dipstick. For the latter group, random noises when driving can be a cause for immediate alarm.

Certain noises can be innocuous and easily fixed, while others may be indicative of something more complex. Pinpointing where a noise is coming from can help vehicle owners identify the problem. Here's a list of some common sounds and what the causes might be, courtesy of Firestone, Geico and Nationwide.

High-pitched squealing

Screeching or squealing coming from the tires when stepping on the brakes likely means that brake pads are wearing down and the indicator is rubbing against the rotor. Although this is not an emergency situation, it does mean that brakes will need to be replaced sooner than later.

Rattling in the wheel

If you hear rattling inside of a wheel at low speeds which stops as you drive faster, it could mean there is a loose lug nut inside of



the hub cap. That wheel wasn't tightened properly the last time it was removed and replaced. Bring the car to a mechanic as soon as possible.

Clicking

If you try to start the car and only hear a clicking sound instead of the car turning over, a dead battery is likely the cause. Such a noise also may indicate corroded battery terminals that are preventing the current from flowing. Terminals need to be cleaned. The battery should be checked and jumped, if necessary. If a battery is not holding a charge, a new one is needed.

Squeaky or scraping windshield wipers

Squeaking and scraping means the windshield wipers are wearing down or the windshield is dirty. Clean the windshield and inspect the wiper blades to make sure they are in working order. A bad wiper and dirty windshield can reduce visibility and make driving dangerous.

Clunking sounds

Clunking sounds may indicate a few different issues. A clunking sound might indicate worn out shock absorbers, which absorb vibrations from the wheels. Damaged struts also can cause clunk-

ing. Worn out leaf spring shackles that help in off-roading conditions also can cause clunking when they bend or break.

Humming, whining or whirring

These strange noises might have different origins. Check if the differential needs to be lubricated. A wheel bearing also could be worn out and produce a noise. In more severe cases, the transmission could be failing. The best course of action is to get a professional opinion from a mechanic.

Flapping noise

A broken belt typically is the culprit when a vehicle makes a flapping or slapping noise. Something also may be interfering with the fan. Driving with a broken belt may cause severe engine damage, so it's important to address the issue.

Squealing under the hood

Squealing can indicate worn or loose accessory belts. In newer cars it might be the serpentine belt. Belts are relatively inexpensive and easy fixes.

These are some of the sounds that vehicles can make when something is awry. Figuring out the issue can prevent further damage.



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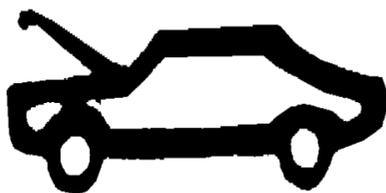
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OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

Joy Lynn Kempkes
Died August 12, 2025
Burial Mt. Hope
Cemetery
October 9, 11 a.m.

Frank Henry King Sr.
Died September 13, 2025
Services South
Amherst Cemetery
October 6, 11 a.m.

Joy Lynn Kempkes, 77

Joy Lynn Kempkes, 77, of Jacksonville, FL, passed away August 12, 2025 with her family by her side. She was born on September 30, 1947 in Rushville, IL, to the late Robert and Delores (Bankus) Cameron. Joy graduated from the Memorial School of Nursing in Illinois and began a career as a registered nurse. As a military spouse, she worked as an RN in many states throughout the United States. While residing in Florida, Joy furthered her education and earned a BSN from the University of North Florida.

Joy loved arts and crafts and her talents were unsurpassed, especially in quilt-

ing. She also enjoyed solving Sudoku puzzles. Most of all, she loved her family and loved being a grandmother.

Besides her parents, Joy is preceded in death by her only brother, Gary Cameron. She will be dearly missed by her loving husband, Donald J. Kempkes; sons, Donald J. Kempkes Jr. and John Robert Kempkes; and her precious grandson, Logan Cameron Kempkes. Burial will be held on October 9, 2025 at 11 a.m. in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Belchertown, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joy's memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association by visiting www.alz.org.

Frank Henry King Sr., 81

Frank Henry King Sr., 81, of Hyndman, Pennsylvania, passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at his home in Londonberry Township.

Frank was born in Holyoke, MA, on September 20, 1943, son of the late Charles Howard and Mildred (Weston) King.

He was formerly married to Laura (Sulewski) Pinonnault of Holyoke, MA, and predeceased by Teresa Marie King.

He is survived by daughter- Laurie A. wife of Robert Wagoner, of NC; daughter- Cherie L. wife of Thomas Anderson Jr, of VA; daughter- Kimberlee S. wife of



a member of the Bedford American Legion Post 113. He worked for Savage Arms as a gun maker and was a truck driver for James River Graphics.

He served his country in the United States Army from 1960 to 1963.

A graveside service will be held Monday, October 6, at 11 a.m. at South Amherst Cemetery, 1205 S.East St., Amherst, MA.

Donations may be made in his memory to the American Legion Post 113, 3721 Business 220, Bedford, PA 15522

Troy Risbon, of Everett; son- Frank H. King Jr., of CT; son- Thomas C. husband of Sherry King, of NC; son- Michael R. King, of NC; brother- Robert King, of MA; sister- Nancy King, of MA; 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and special friend, Donna Severino. Frank is preceded in death by siblings: Carolyn, Mildred, and William King, along with dear friend, Francis Severiano.

Frank enjoyed yard sales, auctions, the Hyndman Senior Center, gardening, motorcycles, and the outdoors. He was

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OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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GARDEN from page 6

The roots were massive and the top growth the same. Although the plant looked diminutive at purchase, there was no saying that now. It became the "hog" of the pot.

I pruned both the roots and the top growth, cutting it back to healthy growth just a four inches tall, settling on an eight inch pot for the three original cuttings that made up the one plant. I don't have high hopes for overwintering, because, I guess, this plant has always been a finicky one as a seedling in the greenhouse.

It looks dry so you water it, only to find out it has root rot and now you've killed it.

My research indicates that overwintering temperatures should be warmer than what you would use for geraniums or fuchsias. We are talking 65 to 75 degrees. Another point of interest is that the plant likes humidity.

Putting the pot in a tray of wet gravel will provide some humidity to the immediate area and may help, especially since winter air tends to be dry. Indirect light is best for these plants as well. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

Be adventurous, by trying to overwinter some annuals. You just may make it a little easier on your wallet come spring, especially if your favorites are growing strong right in your own house!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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.

Volunteer drivers needed at senior center

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Hearing
Legal Notice
Belchertown

Zoning Board of Appeals
In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 11 the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 6:15 p.m.**

This hearing will be held in the Planning Board's meeting room of Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA on the application from Kayla Busse dba Kayla & Co., Inc. appealing a Zoning Enforcement Officer's decision §145-68 A (1), stating applicant is in violation of the Town of Belchertown by-law § 145-24 A (5) Breeding, raising or keeping of animals on less than 40,000 square feet minimum, applicants lot is 12,529 square feet, located at 11 Sunny Crest Lane Map 271 Parcel 50 Zoning District AGA.

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

Jennifer Sharrow,
Chair Person,
Zoning Board of Appeals
10/02, 10/09/2025

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