



SB hears from company for gravel permit

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GRANBY – The Select Board, led by Chair Crystal Dufresne, held a public hearing in order to discuss and hear from LJ Development of Belchertown. Also with Dufresne were Clerk David A. Labonte and member Glen N. Sexton.

Damien Berthiaume, the attorney representing LJ Development, came forward to the select board to share a letter submitted to the board by his client's engineer to reduce the project by about twenty-five percent.

"The original ask was 40,000 cubic yards, and we did submit a request asking that the scope of the project be reduced to 10,000 per day," Berthiaume said.

This reduction, according to Mr. Frederickson, the engineer working for the client, would result in only two to three truck trips per day, which goes to show the attention brought to them from the community about the traffic.

Berthiaume also addressed several concerns of the community

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BELCHERTOWN – On a beautiful fall day over the weekend, the local Veterans of Foreign War, or VFW, hosted a bike ride in order to raise money for veterans and children at St. Jude's.

Over one hundred bikes came to ride for the VFW's fundraiser, with about 128 riders in total. The ride spanned about 120 miles and circled around to three locations.

The first stop was the village of

Miller Falls, and from there, the riders moved on to the American Legion and Athol, and then the VFW in North Brookfield, then back to Belchertown.

"It's a great turn-out for our first year," Rachel Chagnon, the manager of the Belchertown VFW said. "It's so exciting to see so many come to support the veterans."

This being their first year, the VFW was overwhelmed with support from the dozens of people who came to ride, raising money for the charities.

Home Base, an organization that raises money to support the families

of veterans, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital were the two charities chosen to raise funds for.

"Bikers are probably the most generous group of people to give to charity by far," Commander George "Archie" Archible said. "The best part of the day was giving back to the community."

Commander Archie has served as commander of the VFW for twenty-three years, and is a Vietnam Purple Heart Veteran a part of the Marine Corps.

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Friends getting ready to ride with Commander Archie (purple) giving them some encouragement.

Preservation Society holds craft fair for restoring Kellogg Hall

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GRANBY – The town has a great history, with buildings standing tall, and sadly, many that are no longer with us, but serve to hold a special place and reminder of where the town comes from.

The richness of the history of the town is reflected and preserved in the work done by the societies and associations within the town, whether at the museum, or in the preserving work of the physical locations.

The preservation society has been working on one of these historic buildings, Kellogg Hall, which is located next to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on State Street.

It held a room for the handful of high school students at the time, another room to serve as the

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library, a room for the town offices, and an auditorium on the top floor.

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ries and time periods seen here," said Judy DeLong, a member of the preservation society. "The hall just brings you back into that time period. There's so much history here we want to keep alive."

Kellogg Hall has been standing in the center of Granby since it was built in 1889, and to this day still has that beautifully-constructed spiral staircase.

Today, it is a museum, with the rooms still intact, with each one going through a time in Granby's history, including a beautiful dress from the Victorian era and WWII memorabilia.

The Preservation Society is also actively working towards repainting the building into its original colors, which were once bright and vibrant. This was discovered after boring into the layers of white paint to reveal the colorful layers underneath.

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Jessica Guilmette with beautiful felt pieces from her small business, Winslet Aurora Designs.

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Belchertown committee openings

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown Select Board is looking for citizens interested in sharing their expertise by serving on a Town Board/Committee. If you have time and are interested in getting involved in your Town's activities, please 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 (unless otherwise indicated below). May also submit a volunteer form on our website: <https://www.belchertown.org/374/Volunteer>.

The Town wishes to fill the following vacancies:

Animal Control Advisory Board: The Town wishes to fill two (2) vacancies on the Animal Control Advisory Board. 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, non-pet owner from the community, a medical professional specializing in emergency medicine, animal enthusiast or caregiver, pet owner and/or interested residents. *Deadline: Friday, Oct. 25.*

Belchertown Family Center Committee: The Belchertown Family Center Committee is seeking passionate, service-minded individuals to fill two (2) active voting member positions. This committee is charged with oversight of the Belchertown Family Center and its support programming for families and is actively working to create a breadth of resources for our community. *Deadline: Friday, Oct. 25.*

Capital Improvement Planning Committee: The Town wishes to fill seats on the newly developed Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Those interested must be Belchertown residents with demonstrated knowledge of construction, facility maintenance, fleet management, architecture, engineering, or a related field. Please submit your letter of interest with qualifications by Friday, Oct. 25.

Communications Committee: The Town wishes to fill two (2) full member seats on the Communications Committee. 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: Friday, Oct. 25.*

Council on Aging: The Town wishes to fill one vacancy on the Council on Aging. Members of the Council on Aging coordinate programs and services for the elderly population and oversee the Belchertown Senior Center. *Deadline: Friday, Oct. 25.*

Energy and Sustainability Committee: The Town wishes to fill a full member vacancy on the Energy and Sustainability Committee. Its purpose is to develop and recommend sound energy and sustainability programs and policies for the Town. Energy relates to the fuel choices we make for buildings, vehicles, and industry. Sustainability means meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Visit their webpage at www.belchertown.org. *Deadline: Friday, Oct. 25.*

Historical Commission: The Town wishes to fill two (2) associate member seats on the Historical Commission. The Commission's basic goal is the preservation of historic places and is completing an inventory of Belchertown's historic assets and structures that are more than 50 years old. *Deadline: Friday, Oct. 25.*

Historic District By-Law Commission: The Town wishes to fill (1) full member Real Estate seat on the Historic District By-Law Commission. The Commission has regulatory control over new construction, reconstruction, alterations, movements, and demolition of all exterior architectural features of buildings and structures within the Historic District which are visible from any public street, public way, or public park. *Deadline: Friday, Oct. 25.*

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee: The Town wishes to fill a full member seat to serve on the Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee. The Committee recommends policy, conducts and promotes sports and recreation, physical education, and recreation programs to meet the leisure time needs of the community. *Deadline: Friday, Oct. 25.*

Veterans' Services Advisory Board (VSAB): The Town is seeking letters of interest to one (1) full member vacancy and one (1) at-large member on the VSAB. The Board works closely with the Town's Veterans' Agent on issues pertaining to veterans to include but not limited to Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, war memorials, veterans graves or any other related areas of concern. *Deadline: Friday, Oct. 25.*

4-H tent a success

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown 4-H Town Council hosted their annual 4-H tent at the Belchertown fair this past weekend. Great food, cookie and pumpkin decorating for kids, and lots of animals to meet and learn about! Congratulations to all our 4-Hers that participated in the annual Rabbit show held on Saturday and the Poultry Show on Sunday. Special thanks to Sam Terault, Michelle Lee, Lydia Lajoie, Cait Beachell, Sharon Oey, Laurie Clark, Katlyn Bovat and Becky Downey for bringing up animals for our livestock display. Congratulations to the following winners and a huge thank you to donors for the first annual Silent Auction.

- **30 Minute riding lesson, Green Acres Equestrian Center** – Barbara Chamberlain
- **Maple Syrup Quart, Shattuck's Sugarhouse** – Dave Thibault
- **Boot Scraper, Made in America Metal Arts** – Hope Guardener
- **Petals & Twigs gift basket** – Lori Ebberston, Janet Zajac
- **Two pair earrings, Clay Chic Design** – Jenn Skahen
- **\$50 Gift Certificate, The Henhouse at Austin Ridge Acres** – Jennifer Skahen
- **Crocheted Duck, JR's Crocheted Critters** – John Keltue
- **Candle holder, D&E Farm & Woodworking** – Kate Hall
- **45 Minute private riding lesson, River Ledge Farm** – Kate Hall
- **Honey 2 lb, Tom's Wildflower Honey** – Lori Ebberston
- **Handmade Scarecrow shutter, Judy Laplante** – Melanie Nichols
- **Crocheted Turkey, Bakus Bunnies Family Farm** – Michelle Lee
- **12 oz. SS Highland Cow wine glass, Two Crafty Cricketeers** – Michelle Smythkowski
- **12 oz. Honey, Homestead Apiary** – Michelle Smythkowski
- **20 oz. Stainless steel Gnome tumbler, Two Crafty Cricketeers** – Mona Griffin
- **12 oz. SS Sunflower Gnome wine glass, Two Crafty Cricketeers** – Mona Griffin
- **2 Dozen Eggs, Hens and Chicks Farm** – Mona Griffin
- **Two autographed books with bookmark, Ruth Cardello** – RaeLyn Ermold
- **Wine Rack, D&E Farm & Woodworking** – Sabrina Hettrick
- **Car Care kit, Advanced Auto Parts** - Erin Thibault

Friends of Clapp Memorial Library annual members meeting

BELCHERTOWN—The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library will hold their annual meeting on Oct. 10, at 7 p.m., on the main floor of the library located at 19 South Main St. The public is invited, and all past, present, and future members are encouraged to attend.

Activities will include recognition awards of the library's Junior Volunteers, a short discussion of the last year's events, information about future events, and the election of board officers. Open positions on the Board are President, Vice-President, Treasurer,

Recording Secretary and three At-Large members. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Descriptions of the duties of each Board position can be found at <https://www.friendsofclaplibrary.org/current-by-laws.html>. Light refreshments will be available.

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Local VFW holds ride for charity



Rachel Chagnon (left), with Hunter Chagnon (center) and Sara Scanlon (right) with the VFW.



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VFW from page 1

The VFW works to serve and give back to the veterans who gave so much for our country, providing financial support to scholarships for the children of veterans.

"If a veteran from Belchertown can't heat their home, we do," Commander Archie said. "We are here to give back to the veterans who gave it all."

In order to become a member of the VFW, you have to have gone to war. Less than one percent of the nation are veterans, and a smaller percentage actually got deployed out of the country.

"Who we are as veterans takes care of 99% of the population," Commander Archie said. "That 1% took care of you, so why can't that 99% help the 1% when they come home?"

The VFW is here for the veterans, and every year hosts a golf fundraiser to help it continue its work in supporting veterans and their families.

The VFW also goes to the high school to speak to students about the meaning of Veteran's Day, and why it is so important to be remembered by and cherished by the world.

"[Being a veteran means] everything," Commander Archie said. "It's probably the most important thing in my life."

The VFW held a special BBQ at the end of the day, and the day was packed with people coming in to enjoy a meal in support of the VFW.

There was also a performance by band Wild Cat Halloran, and there was a special basket raffle donated by local businesses, and a 50/50 raffle.

The day was a success, and the VFW is looking forward to the next year's bike ride, and the many more opportunities to come for raising money for the heroes who helped give all for their country.



Excited for the day's adventures, and the ability to make a difference.



Friends getting ready for the ride, having some fun.



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The band, Wild Cat Halloran, providing classis hits for all to enjoy.

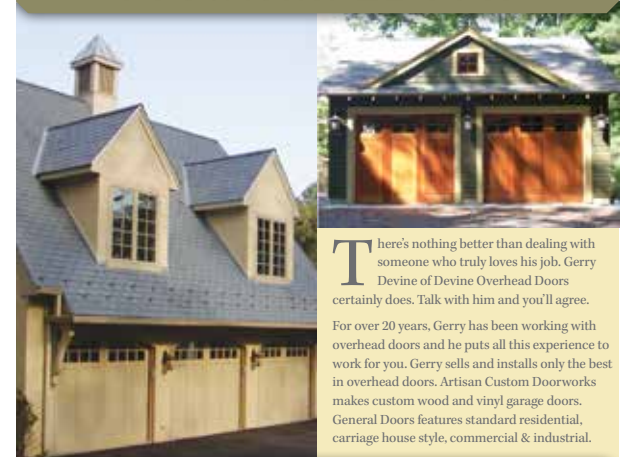
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OPINION



Veteran asks about special credits for military service

Dear Rusty:

I just learned that if I served in the military during an active-duty period, I could get extra earnings for Social Security and that these benefits would be automatically added to my record, but I was never asked by the SS employee, who calculated my benefits if I was in the military. I took benefits at age 62 (2013) due to health reasons. Should I ask for a recalculation or is it too late?

Signed: Proud Veteran

Dear Proud Veteran:

Thank you for your service to our country, for which you have every right to be proud. You likely heard about "Special Extra Credits for military service," which applies to those who served in the military during certain periods earlier than the year 2001. This rule can add up to \$1,200 per year to your Social Security earnings record for the years you served and, since your SS benefit is based on your lifetime earnings record, your military earnings may have been included when calculating your Social Security benefit.

But the rules for getting that "extra earnings credit" are a bit complex, and how much extra earnings credit you receive depends entirely on which years you served. Here's a quick summary:

SS taxes have been withheld from military pay since 1957, so your actual military earnings are already included as part of your lifetime SS earnings record.

If you served between 1957 and 1977, an extra \$300 for each quarter of active-duty service would be added to your military pay, up to \$1,200 per year maximum.

If you served between 1978 and 2001, an extra \$100 would be added to your military pay for each \$300 of active duty pay received, up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year. FYI, no additional earnings are added to your military pay for service years after 2001.

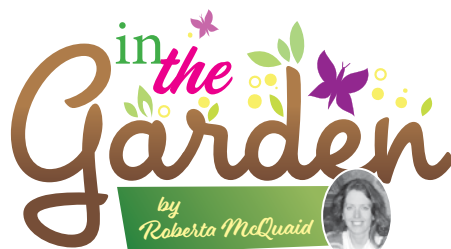
Those who served on active duty before 1967 should inform SS when applying for benefits about their military service (e.g., provide a copy of DD-214). For those who served after 1967, the "special extra credits" were automatically added to their military earnings record when they applied for SS benefits.

It's important to note that the "extra credits" are additional earnings added to your military pay record – not an additional benefit amount added to your Social Security payment because of your military service. If, however, your military pay was included in the 35 years used to compute your Social Security benefit when you claimed, then your military pay affected your SS payment amount.

In any case, if you served in the military after 1967, the special extra earnings credits were automatically included in your military pay record and, thus, were automatically included when calculating your Social Security benefit when you applied. If your non-military working career consisted of over 35 years during which you earned more than you did while serving, your years in the military wouldn't be included when computing your Social Security benefit anyway (only your highest earning 35 years of earnings are included when calculating your SS benefit).

Although it's never "too late" to request a recalculation, if you served after 1967 your military pay during your service years was automatically increased by SS to account for your military service. If you served before 1967, you could contact Social Security to ensure that the extra credits were included when calculating your SS benefit. FYI, here's a copy of the Social Security rules on this topic: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10017.pdf.

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Seeds among the weeds

If there is a consolation from having a garden gone wild, there was one today.

You see, I went out for a walk to assess the garden and decided it was time to clean up my overgrown perennial beds. Lo and behold, there were seed pods galore, just waiting for taking!

I gathered up a bunch of envelopes and got busy. There were some really interesting native plants that had dried but intact seed heads, including Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), Blue Cardinal's Flower (*Lobelia siphilitica*), and Native Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*).

I also had classic cottage garden specimens, including beautiful but poisonous Wild Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*), Rusty Foxglove (*Digitalis ferruginea*) and then the oh so fragrant Clove Pink (*Digitalis caryophyllus*). A walk in the backyard yielded seed for the biennial Honesty, better known as Money Plant (*Lunaria annua*).

Saving the seeds of this species is way more fun than just tapping a "pepper shaker" like I did with the others. *Lunaria* references the moon. Once you rub off the outer part of the seed head you are left with a silvery-white papery orb.

Some call it Money Plant because the orbs resemble silver coins. As I clipped branches and began rubbing off the sides between my fingers, they fell to the ground, each containing two-four seeds.

It was so much fun to gather all of these different seeds, and economical too, when you think about the cost of seed packs. You can extend seed saving beyond perennial or biennial flowers.

In fact, I got my start way back in the 1970s, learning the tricks of the trade from my mom, when we grew annual flowers together each summer.

Sure, I loved all the flowers that we exhibited in local fairs and cut for arrangements throughout the house, but what I'm thinking about right now are the seeds saved from all of the flowers that had gone

by. Every May we would take the shoe box out of the "cellar way" and open up plastic film vials that she re-purposed as seed storage containers.

Cleome, marigold, zinnia, bachelor button, calendula, balsam were stored there – the names of the flowers in our garden keep coming back to me! She would write these names on a little piece of paper and use scotch tape to mark each vial.

How I wish I could go back there for a minute as we began our garden planning. Maybe next weekend I'll venture out to my patch of flowering annuals and see if any seed heads have browned and dried, and save a few of these seeds too, just for old time's sake.

Of course, you have to be certain that the plants you save the seeds from are open-pollinated and not F1 hybrids. Saving seeds of hybrids could give you something with the trait of each parent but not exactly what you originally grew.

You may also get a cross from an open pollinated and another open pollinated of the same type of flower. For example, one year I grew two different, large flowered zinnias side by side. "Grandmother's Garden" and "Berry Basket" come to mind as the name of the varieties.

They were beautiful and I saved the seeds from them. Well, let's just say I call them "Large Flowered Zinnia" going forward, because who knows what they are anymore.

If you are interested in saving seeds of heirlooms for the purpose of continuing and preserving a specific variety, do your homework first and learn how you might isolate your plants from one another. I think it is a bit easier to manage growing flowers that result in seeds that are true to type by planting one named variety of each flower type each year.

Most seeds are viable for a couple years, so technically you could swap them out by growing one set one year and another set of favorites a year later. I encourage you to try seed saving; it's one positive outcome of an unmanicured garden, that's for certain.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Septic system repairs for multiple properties' septic designs

BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Correspondent

GRANBY—The Board of Health spent its meeting discussing septic system designs and issues. Several complex septic system designs, including those at 9 North Street, 31 Cold Hill Drive, 362 East Street and 16 East Street (ADU/garage), were approved by the board.

The board focused on addressing challenges with these systems, such as dealing with ledge, high water tables, limited lot sizes and well separation requirements.

A detailed discussion was held about repairing a store's septic system. The board required the installation of two pumps and cleaning the leech field to bring the system up to code.

Wetland and Environmental Consultant Neil Jackson, presented to the board on 9 North Street and 31 Cold Hill Drive.

Board of Health Chair Richard Bombardier stipulated that the old well on the 31 Cold Hill Drive property must be abandoned and a new one installed.

The system is proposed to provide 470 gallons per day.

"He kept, he protected everybody else because this one is at 85 feet, approximately 75 feet from the well to the new septic tank," said Bombardier. "And the SAS is approximately 70 feet from the wetlands. So, this is a difficult property."

He explained that the board's permit requires the well to be

installed first before the septic system.

Jackson added the existing well is shallow, so it will be pulled out and left.

Bombardier said Jackson should run the proposal by the Conservation Commission.

The issues with 9 North Street included ledge.

"The old septic is sitting on ledge. Plumbing will all be raised, and that's the only place on the site we could get enough material," he said. "There aren't a lot of options on this one."

Board of Health member William Shaheen asked Jackson if there would be four feet of separation, which was a concern due to the ledge.

Shaheen recommended that Jackson get a land surveyor to ensure a proposed retaining wall stays on the property.

Jackson also addressed the 16 East Street property, which has an accessory dwelling unit (ADU). The proposed ADU is a 675-square-foot dwelling with one bedroom and one kitchen, while the existing house has three bedrooms and one kitchen.

Bombardier said the design proposes "an additional 1,500-gallon two-compartment tank with an outlet filter." The existing well would be shared. The building is about 100 feet from the parent building and the well.

Bombardier proposed the permit would be subject to the building permit approval.

Fundraising tag sale

BELCHERTOWN—Belchertown Animal Control will hold a fundraising Pet Supply and Gifts Tag Sale on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the shelter, 165 George Hannum St. There will be lots of pet Halloween outfits, leashes, collars, harnesses, beds, sweaters, food, treats, carriers, litter boxes, toys, stairs, gates, ramps, 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, but 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.



Community vaccine clinic

GRANBY—The vaccine clinic will be for flu and COVID vaccines for any interested individuals ages 6 months and older at East Meadow School gym, 393 E State St., on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Individuals should bring their insurance card, but no one will be turned away due to lack of insurance. Preregistration is highly encouraged and recommended. If individuals need help registering, please call 413-587-4903 or email nurses@northhampton.gov.

BHS class reunion, Oct. 19

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown High School Class of 2014 will hold their 10 Year reunion from noon to 5 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Vanished Valley Brewery, 782 Center St.,

Ludlow. Please register at www.bit.ly/Belchertown2014 by Oct. 1. Attendance is free and the first 25 to register will receive a free drink token.

Blood drive in Palmer Oct. 9

PALMER—Palmer Ambulance versus the Police Department versus Fire Department Blood Drive, on Oct. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Baystate Wing Hospital, Conference Room B, 40

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addressed at the previous meeting, in order to meet these concerns regarding noise level and title issues.

The select board then went on to address the information given, and Dufresne addressed her concerns in the matter of the environmental effects of the project on the community.

Dufresne moved to ask the applicant to perform a specific traffic study, as well as a particulate matter study in order to look at the effects on the community of the change to the amount of work being done.

Dufresne, concerned with maintaining the requirements listed within the town special permit bylaws for these matters, requested that the applicant pursue these studies in order to fall into the eleven criteria listed.

These studies would also require a peer review, and Dufresne asked that the applicant have these studies then peer reviewed by a civil engineer.

However, there was still disagreement as members of the community came forward to address concerns about bodies of water—from well water, reservoirs, or habitats - and how this project will affect them.

Another member of the community, an audiologist who came to the last public hearing regarding this project, expressed more concern about noise levels in the area.

John McLaughlin, an attorney who represents many homeowners on and around Trompke Avenue, came forward to express more concern that the time slot for the project wasn't as it was presented by Berthiaume.

Berthiaume had claimed that the project's size would be reduced to only 25%, but nothing changed as the same 292,280 cubic yards of gravel would still be needed to be removed.

"What was going to happen in seven years and four months is now going to take twenty-nine years and one month," McLaughlin said. "They're just changing the amount [of gravel] they're taking out

per year."

The effect on the Granby residents in the area is different from what Berthiaume had said, and McLaughlin shared that it is important to note that it's not two-three trucks, but multiple trucks taking six trips.

With Trompke Road being a small residential street that cars have to pull over for school buses to stop at the many bust stops, McLaughlin shared the concerns of the residents being affected by these six trips, almost every day, for the next twenty-nine years.

McLaughlin also shared a statement from one of his clients, Sue Lambert, who owns about half of a graveled entrance to the private road. This easement was established in 1931 and has since remained.

This easement in 1931 made it so that the right of way would be for vehicles that belonged to the residents of Trompke Avenue only.

Berthiaume shared that he spoke with Jim Trompke himself, and he believed the gravel had moved farther into Lambert's property over the course of 40 years.

Several residents of Batchellor Street and Trompke Avenue came forward to express their concerns and disagreements with having this project approved.

The concerns varied from environmental concerns like air and water pollution, as well as noise complaints as many residents are sensitive to loud sounds.

They also expressed concern for the size of the roads these large trucks will be travelling on, and the problems with the sharp and winding roads with pedestrians, bikes, children, and walking dogs, and other cars driving as well.

"Looking at what we need... I want to be clear on what the select board is asking," Dufresne said as she thanked those who came to speak for sharing their thoughts.

"We are asking for a particulate matter in the air mitigation study... the title search... a traffic analysis to be done, and we are asking for a civil engineer to come in and look at the project."

The applicant requested for a 60-day

continuance in order to get these additional studies and reviews in place for the board.

"Our maximum sound level is 65 decibels, and some of their numbers are talking about 75 decibels," audiologist Diane Deshaies said.

The selectboard will also take a chance to review the audiology report and have it peer-reviewed in order to determine if it is a good representation of the sound.

The board moved to continue the public meeting to the next select board meeting on Oct. 7 in order to set a date for the next public hearing with the requested studies and reviews.

Craft fair, Nov. 2

GRANBY—Please join in at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the annual Craft Fair/Holiday Bazaar. Many vendors, basket raffles, lottery raffles, food and more.

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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. 18 through Sept. 24. 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 calls police responded to, there were 20 incidents, nine accidents, seven arrest/summons and 18 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Wednesday, Sept. 18

12:43 p.m. – Edward Eaton, 65, of 133 Jabish Street Apt. C1, Belchertown, was arrested on charges of being a fugitive from justice on a court warrant. He was wanted by the state of Connecticut.

Saturday, Sept. 21

12:17 a.m. – Mason Salvador, 22, of 110 Wheeler Ave, Springfield, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence. An officer responded to an accident around West Street. A single vehicle struck a tree. The operator was identified, a field sobriety test was administered, and the person was charged accordingly. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

11:03 p.m. – A summons for a 21-year-old Palmer male for charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle and marked lanes violation. To a West Street address for a report of a man knocking on a door requesting assistance. The person's vehicle struck a pole and ended up in a pond. They were transported to the hospital, and the vehicle was towed.

INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 18

5:30 p.m. – An officer received a license plate that was recovered around Bardwell Street. It was entered into property.

Thursday, Sept. 19

6:29 a.m. – An officer responded to an incident. A person struck a deer and due to the deer's condition, the officer euthanized the animal. No tow was needed and no injuries were reported.

10:37 a.m. – An officer responded to the lobby to speak to a party about an incident of harassment. The matter was documented.

12:45 p.m. – An officer went to the lobby for a report of an incident of harassment.

4:01 p.m. – An officer responded to a two-car accident in which a vehicle backed into a second vehicle in a business parking lot. There were no tows and no injuries.

4:26 p.m. – An officer spoke with a party getting medical attention for another person via the court system. The officer referred the person to the court system.

5:17 p.m. – An officer responded to the area of Railroad Street for a report of a stolen motor vehicle. The Granby Police Department advised that they located the vehicle in their town. The matter is under investigation.

5:41 p.m. – A vehicle struck a stone wall in the area of Gulf Road. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

5:52 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown paramedics.

7:50 p.m. – Officers responded to a Howard Street address for a possible breaking and entering incident. The resident is up for auction and there was signs of breaking and entering. Nothing was reported missing. There are no suspects at this time.

7:56 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics with an intoxicated male party.

Friday, Sept. 20

3:42 p.m. – An officer responded to a two-car accident. There was one vehicle towed, and no injuries were reported. A vehicle rear-ended another vehicle in an area of North Main Street.

5:55 p.m. – An officer responded to

Sports Haven mobile home park for an incident between neighbors about an unleashed dog.

Saturday, Sept. 21

5:04 a.m. – Officers responded to a Depot Street business address for a glass break alarm. They were able to confirm that a break-in occurred and informed the owner of the business. There are no suspects at this time. The matter is under investigation to review security camera footage.

Sunday, Sept. 22

8:45 a.m. – An officer spoke with a resident about stolen mail. In the early morning, someone went through several mailboxes. The matter was documented.

12:54 p.m. – An officer took a report of mail being stolen from a North Main Street address. The matter is under investigation.

Monday, Sept. 23

9:01 a.m. – A vehicle struck a deer the deer fled the scene. no injuries were reported, and no tow was needed

12:50 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics for a welling check.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

4:26 a.m. – An officer responded to a Stebbins Street address for a report of threats at that location. A person reported that their friend, the homeowner, was telling them and setting the home alarm from an off-site location. The homeowner wanted the friend trespassed from the property. The matter is under investigation.

3:18 p.m. – An officer responded to the lobby to take a report of identity theft. The person got an application that denied credit cards. Someone opened an online bank account with their information. A police report was made.

3:24 p.m. – An officer responded to Turkey Hill Road and State Street for an accident. A vehicle was rear-ended by another vehicle. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 122 calls from Sept. 20 through Sept. 26. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all the information.

Friday, Sept. 20

8:27 p.m. – A motorist reported a minor accident in the parking lot. There were no injuries.

Sunday, Sept. 22

6:23 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 70MPH in 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

12:33 p.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident in the parking lot. There were no injuries.

Monday, Sept. 23

9:42 a.m. – Several callers reported that a truck that on fire on West Street. Granby Police and Fire responded. The fire was extinguished. There were no injuries.

7 p.m. – A resident came to the station to report that someone had taken their basketball from the area where they had parked their vehicle in the parking lot. The School Resource Officer determined who had taken the basketball and returned it to the rightful owner.

Tuesday Sept. 24

6:15 p.m. – Michael Janusz, 45, of Chicopee, was arrested for five active default warrants.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

10:09 a.m. – A resident reported a suspicious email demanding money. They were advised it was a scam and to delete the email.

Thursday, Sept. 26

4:50 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

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Claymates celebrates 30 years

BELCHERTOWN – October 1st marked a special milestone as Clay Mates in Belchertown celebrated its 30th anniversary. To commemorate this occasion, we invite you to join us for a festive anniversary party on Oct. 6 at the Clay Mates Studio, located at 145 State Street, from 12-4 p.m. Enjoy face painting, glitter tattoos, and fun interactions with animals for the kids. We're excited to have Fran Ferry performing magic and DJ Jeremy spinning some great tunes. Plus, there will be a special wall for everyone to leave their messages for Clay Mates, along with raffles and prizes!

Since opening its doors on Oct. 1, 1994, Clay Mates has been a beloved local destination for pottery and ceramic painting. Clay Mates caters to school field trips, scouts, senior groups, and birthday parties, and also welcome daily walk-ins. Clay Mates studio is wheelchair accessible, and there's plenty of free parking available for your convenience.

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145 State Street, Belchertown. Clay Mates can't wait to celebrate with you and create wonderful memories together.

SH chorale to begin rehearsals

SOUTH HADLEY— The South Hadley Chorale will begin rehearsals for its 40th season on Wednesday, Oct. 9. The program will feature Randall Thompson's Frostiana, Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's Magnificat, and Johann Sebastian Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 7 Woodbridge St. They will continue through Nov. 20 and will resume on Jan. 8, 2025 until the concert on March 16, 2025.

The Chorale is pleased to welcome back Anita Anderson Cooper as conductor and music director. Ms. Anderson Cooper is

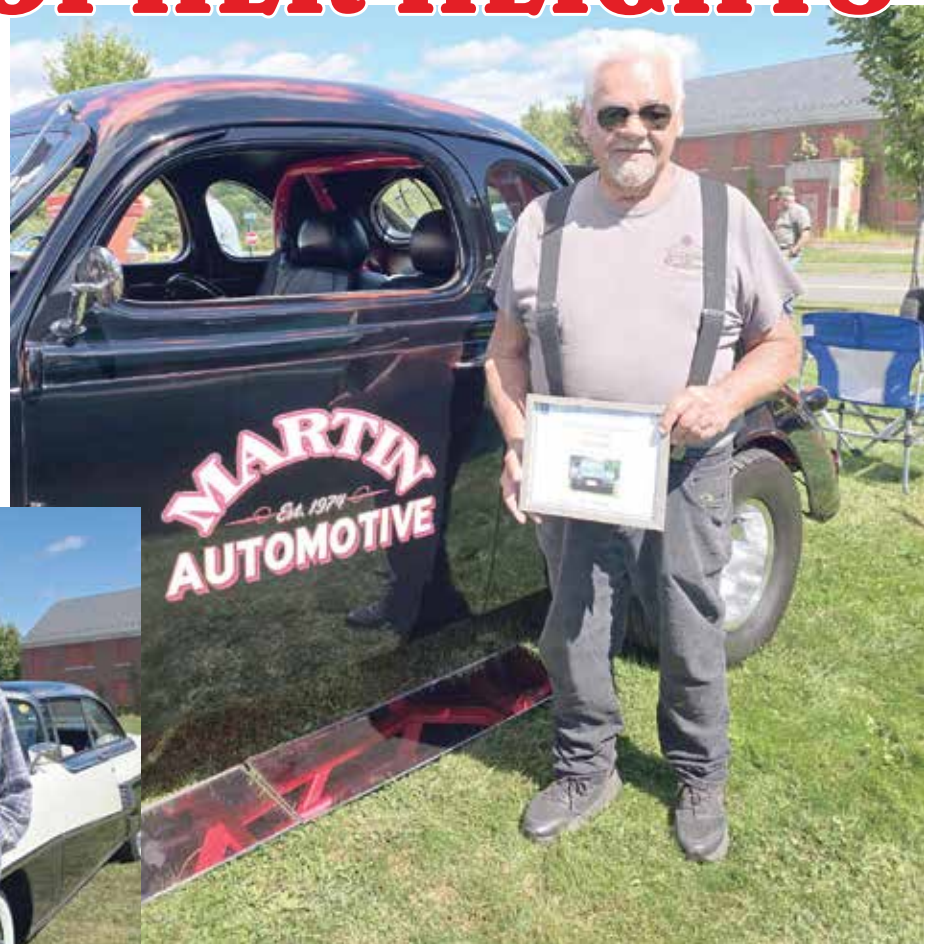
a member of the faculty of the Paul Baird Middle School in Ludlow and directs the Smith College Handbell Choir. She is also a composer and a frequent soloist and guest conductor both locally and throughout the East Coast.

The South Hadley Chorale is made up of approximately 60 singers from 17 communities. All interested singers are invited to attend. There are no auditions. Most singers, however, have had some choral experience. For more information, please visit www.southhadleychorale.org or call 413-533-3833.

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Christopher Heights kicked off National Assisted Living week with a Classic Car Show. Three residents were the judges, Bob Wordsworth, Ellie Baker, and Joe Bienkowski.



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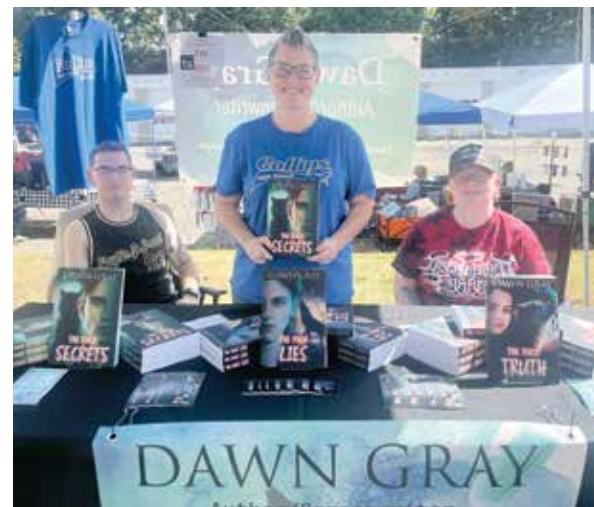
Alexandra Mason and her small business, Soaps, Scents, and Blessings, featuring many homemade body care items.



Jay Dwinell at their first craft fair, selling beautiful handmade earrings.



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Author Dawn Gray (center) and her kids Ryan and Brittany Gray showing her book series.

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Natalia Mercado (left) and Tim Piper (right) with her small business, Natalia's Creations.



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Emelie Lyszchyn (left) owner of American Specialty Designs in Granby, and Sabrina Gendreau (right) owner of SLG Photography.

Knights of Columbus Sausage Grinder Sale

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown’s St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus council will host a sausage grinder sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct 12 in front of the parish Social Center on Park St. Proceeds will benefit the St. Francis of Assisi parish center building fund. The menu will include a sausage & peppers grinder, a bag of potato chips and a soda for \$10.

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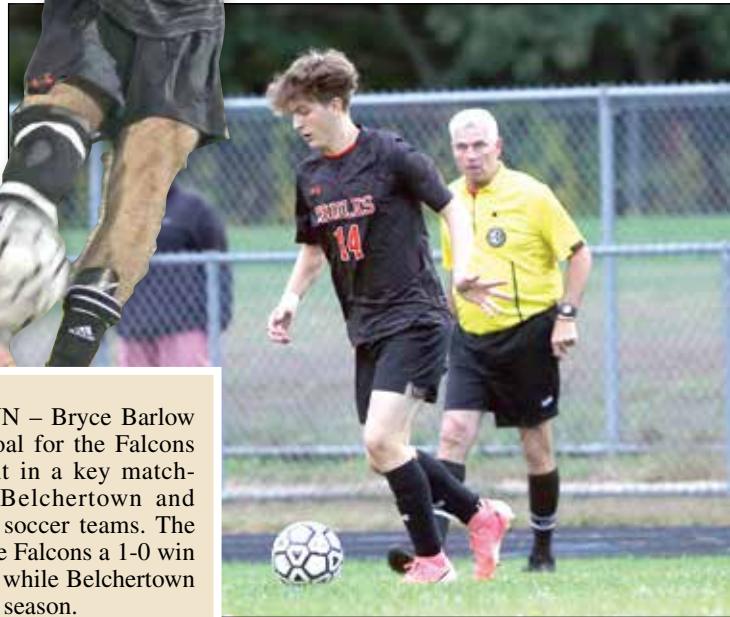
Barlow goal hurts Orioles



Jack Mandeville makes the save.



BELCHERTOWN – Bryce Barlow scored the lone goal for the Falcons last Monday night in a key match-up between the Belchertown and Minnechaug boys soccer teams. The goal would give the Falcons a 1-0 win and a 5-2-1 record while Belchertown fell to 2-4-2 on the season.



Jacob Gladu sends the ball across the field.



Austin Raymer looks to settle the ball.

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Joseph Borelli looks to clear the ball.



PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI
Goalie Jaxton Roy sends a free kick away.



Stephen Szlosek takes a shot on goal during recent action at Southwick.

Rams get fifth win of the season

GRANBY – The Granby High School boys soccer team has now won four straight games after a rough start to the regular season. In the past two weeks, the Rams have defeated Hopkins Academy, Southwick, Sci-Tech, and last Thursday, a 3-0 shutout at home of Greenfield to cap its current winning streak. The Rams are now 5-2-1 and next face Gateway on the road Oct. 4 at 4:30 p.m.



Gavin Moreno tries to pass his way out of pressure.



Riley Goodhind makes his way up the middle of the field.

Orioles shut out by Minnechaug

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM—Junior forward Kelly Cronin entered the 2024 regular season having scored five goals since becoming a member of the Minnechaug girls' varsity soccer team as a freshman.

Cronin scored her first goal of this season during a 2-0 home win over West Springfield on September 17. Cronin recorded her first career hat-trick seven days later, as the Lady Falcons posted a 3-0 victory in another home match versus Coombs Division rival Belchertown.

"It just feels amazing," said Cronin following the Belchertown match. "I couldn't have done it without the help of my teammates."

The Lady Falcons, who had a 3-2-1 overall record following their first meeting with the Lady Orioles, didn't score any goals in their first three matches of the regular season. They then posted three consecutive shutouts.

"We did have a little bit of rough start to our season, but we're playing a lot better now,"



Alexa Karabetsos makes her way up the field.



Jill DeBarge goes out to collect the ball.

Cronin added. "We have several new varsity players, and it took us a couple of games to jell."

While the shutout win moved the Lady Falcons above the .500 mark, the Lady Orioles saw their overall record drop to 2-2-4.

"We just came out flat in the

first half and they took advantage of it," said Belchertown head coach Kyle Thibeault. "We didn't play our best game of the season today, but we did keep battling back."

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Maya Tellier settles the ball before heading up the field.

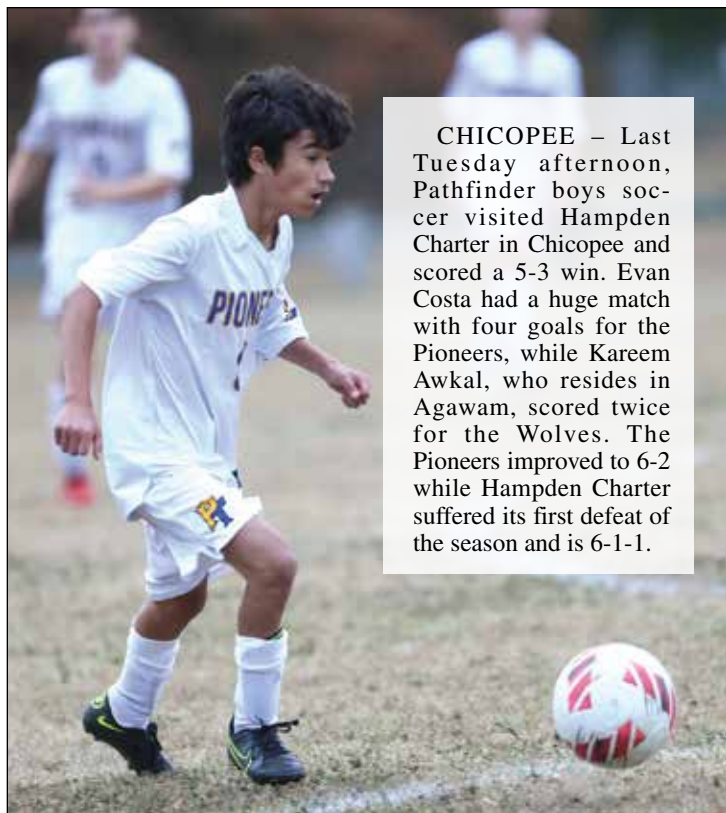


Mia Corish tries to keep the ball inbound while also dealing with pressure.

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Costa has big game for Pioneers



CHICOPEE – Last Tuesday afternoon, Pathfinder boys soccer visited Hampden Charter in Chicopee and scored a 5-3 win. Evan Costa had a huge match with four goals for the Pioneers, while Kareem Awkal, who resides in Agawam, scored twice for the Wolves. The Pioneers improved to 6-2 while Hampden Charter suffered its first defeat of the season and is 6-1-1.

Joseph Piche looks to send a pass away.



Brody Wetnicka dribbles up the field.



Justin Davis winds up for a long kick.



Owen Pear tries to steal the ball.



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Cayden Bousquet navigates through traffic with the ball.



Evan Costa watches the ball as he moves up the field.

Emerling takes modifieds event at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Empire State Modified star Patrick Emerling had a huge day Saturday at Monadnock Speedway, topping the 200-lap second annual Winchester Fair main event and, with that win, securing the 2024 Granite State Short Track Cup championship while also moving just shy of the top of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour points parade.

The quarter-mile oval's last event of the 2024 season ended with a large fireworks display lighting up the crisp autumn air with all the oomph and pizzazz that JDV Productions shows have been known for this summer, but not before Emerling had basked in the glory of victory lane, as had Chris Riendeau, twice, Randy Cabral, and Rob Richardi Jr..

No fewer than seven drivers turned in blistering sub-12 second laps in pre-event qualifying for the USNE Power presents the second annual Winchester Fair main event. Youthful rocketman Austin Beers was quickest, setting fast time at 11.723 seconds around the high-banked quarter-mile.

A top-four redraw would switch Beers and Craig Lutz spots on row one, with Lutz taking over the inside groove pole. From there, he was all over the lap-one lead, setting a fast pace that would keep him at the head of the 21-car pack for 76 laps.

Matt Hirschman, Big Money Matt, firing from row three, took second from Beers on lap 18, then grabbed Lutz in a high-

speed bear hug before low-lining to the point on the 77th circuit. He held the lead until lap 191 when Emerling sped by.

But while Lutz, then Hirschman, was putting on a show up front, much of the huge crowd's eyes were on superstar Ron Silk. Involved in a lap-three tangle that dropped him to 19th on the grid, the Norwalk, Connecticut star was gobbling up positions like there was no tomorrow. But, somehow, he and five-time Monadnock winner Justin Bonsignore couldn't get along.

When the potent pair tangled out of turn four to draw the event's third and final caution on lap 183, changes aplenty took place. Along with both Silk and Bonsignore now refiring deeper in the field, Big Money Matt now seemed almost mortal.

Restarting lap 191 in second, Emerling quickly had the lead and never looked back. Anthony Nocella got up for second with six to go, and Hirschman held on for third. Lutz and Woody Pitkat, from way back in row nine, rounded out the top five, with former Monadnock regular Matt Kimball coming home sixth.

Emerling's Sunday victory, coupled with earlier strong runs in both the Granite State Derby and Duel At The Dog events, earned him the \$3,000 winner's bonus atop the Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup series conceived for the series by JDV Productions.

Owls football defeats Worcester State

WESTFIELD – Westfield State got a pair of touchdowns each from Dylan Disabella and Curtis Dion, and the Owls held on late to beat Worcester State, 35-27 and spoil the Lancers' homecoming at Coughlin Field on Saturday.

Westfield improves to 2-2 overall and 2-1 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, while Worcester is also 2-2 and 2-1 in the league.

Westfield ground out the win with the rushing game, carrying the ball 61 times in their 76 plays. The Owls held the ball for 44 minutes, limiting the Lancers' opportunities.

Sean Willis led the Owls with 131 yards rushing on 32 carries, with Dion adding 49 yards and two td's on 10 carries, Gabe Fernandez carried five times for 39 yards, and Disabella scored a pair of TD and gained 36 yards

on just five carries.

After trailing 7-0 less than two minutes into the game, Westfield built a 28-14 lead by the half on runs of 8 and 18 yards from Disabella, and 3 and 2 yards from Dion.

Worcester pulled within a point at 28-27 late in third quarter, but missed the extra point to give the Owls the advantage.

Westfield nearly ran out the clock with a 14-play, 61-yard drive that was capped by a 1-yard TD plunge from Willis to go ahead 35-27 after Cooper Harvey's point-after kick with 1:47 left in regulation time.

Worcester wasn't done, marching the ball all the way to the Westfield 12-yard line, but a chop block on an apparent scoring play backed the Lancers up to the 25, and Westfield's Corey

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Thunderbirds open up training camp

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds opened their 2024-25 training camp on Monday morning ahead of their trio of exhibition games on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

The initial training camp roster can be seen below. Please note this list will change as the St. Louis Blues reduce their roster ahead of NHL opening night on

Oct. 8. Springfield Thunderbirds Initial Training Camp Roster (as of Sept. 30)

Forwards: #15 Dalibor Dvorsky, #20 Oliver Chau, #22 Dylan Peterson, #24 Tanner Dickinson, #28 Colin Theisen, #34 Sam Bitten, #37 Reece Newkirk, #38 Tarun Fizer, #41 Aleksanteri Kaskimaki, #43 Greg

Meireles, #46 Anthony Callin, #63 Matthew Peca, #77 Drew Callin, #81 Marcus Sylvegard

Defense: #7 Leo Loof, #9 Michael Buchinger, #13 Jeremie Biakabutuka, #25 Gianni Fairbrother, #33 Anton Malmstrom, #44 Scott Harrington, #49 Sean Allen

Goaltenders: #31 Colten Ellis, #35 Cam Johnson, #40 Will

Cranley
The Thunderbirds begin their exhibition slate on Wednesday, Oct. 2 when they host the Hartford Wolf Pack at 7:05 p.m. at the MassMutual Center. They will also play a preseason tuneup on Friday at 7:05 p.m. on home ice against the Providence Bruins before traveling to Rhode Island



for a rematch on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Amica Mutual Pavilion.

The regular season opens on Saturday, Oct. 12 against the Laval Rocket at 7:05 p.m. for Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield.

SPORTS

MIAA looks to honor officials

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association is looking to collectively recognize the efforts of our Game Officials. The fall National Officials Appreciation Week will be held Oct. 6 to 12. Once again, MIAA staff members will travel around the state

to personally thank officials and support their efforts on the local level. We hope that you will consider recognizing them in some manner. The Winter Officials Appreciation Week will be Jan. 13-18, 2025 and the Spring Officials Appreciation Week will be April 6-12, 2025.

OWLS from page 12

Henderson picked off a pass at the 1-yard line as time expired. Westfield registered 30 first downs to the Lancers 11, and outgained Worcester State 415-197. Turnovers plagued the Owls, with two lost fumbles and two interceptions on the day. Westfield's defense held the

lancers to negative-12 yards on 15 attempts. Westfield will be on the road next weekend, traveling to Castleton, Vermont to play Vermont State-Castleton, which will be the first-ever meeting between the Owls and the Spartans. VSU joined the MASCAC for the 2024 season.

ORIOLES from page 11

The last time that the Belchertown girls' varsity soccer team celebrated a win against Minnechaug was a 2-0 home shutout on September 20, 2013. The Lady Falcons have now posted four shutouts in a row against the Lady Orioles.

At the beginning of the opening half, a shot attempt by Belchertown senior forward Fallon Clancy, who's a tri-captain, sailed wide right. The Lady Orioles other two senior captains are Maya Tellier, who's a starting defender, and Mia Corish, who's a starting forward.

Cronin didn't miss her team's first shot on goal about three minutes later.

After receiving a pass from sophomore midfielder Katelyn Hoar, Cronin fired a breakaway shot into the back of the net past Belchertown senior goalie Jill DeBarge (11 saves).

Then Minnechaug senior Mackenzie DaFonseca stole a pass before sending the ball to Cronin on the right side. Cronin

blasted a line-drive shot into the left corner of the net giving her team a 2-0 lead ten minutes into the opening half.

Following her second goal, Cronin came out of the game.

"It was the first time that I came out of the game after scoring a goal this season," she said. "It did give me an opportunity to see what was happening on the field."

The Lady Falcons didn't score anymore goals during the final 30 minutes of the first half.

During the 24th minute, a header by Belchertown junior forward McKenzie LePage was saved by Minnechaug senior goalie Makenzi Pastreck. It was the only save of the match by Pastreck, who has commitment to play college soccer at Southern Connecticut University next year.

Pastreck received plenty of support from her defensive unit, which is led by sophomore Ainsley Holden, junior Zoriah Way, junior Zoe Pinnock, and senior Nora Kennedy.

Pastreck and Kennedy are also two of the Lady Falcons senior captains, along with DaFonseca

Major Alzheimer's legislation passes through House

WASHINGTON— Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security and founder and co-chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's, applauded passage by the House of Representatives of the National Alzheimer's Project Act and the Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act, legislation that would cement and build on the important progress that has been made to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease. The National Alzheimer's Project Act Reauthorization and the Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act now head to President Joe Biden's desk to be signed into law.

"Since my mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1985, I have fought to ensure the federal government has the funding, resources, and coordination necessary to find a cure for this dis-

ease," said Markey. "The National Alzheimer's Plan Act and the Alzheimer's Accountability Act have transformed our understanding of the disease and its risk factors for more than a decade. But our work is not yet done. Today's extension of these bills until 2035 is a commitment from Congress that we will not stop fighting until Alzheimer's is a disease only found in history books. I thank Senator Collins and my colleagues for their support in delivering hope to millions of families just like mine across the country as these two bills head to the President's desk."

The NAPA Reauthorization Act would reauthorize NAPA through 2035 and modernize the legislation to reflect strides that have been made to understand the disease, such as including a new focus on promoting healthy aging and reducing risk factors. The bill also includes updated language to reduce health disparities for under-served communi-

ties, including black, brown and disabled communities, who are at increased risk for Alzheimer's as they age.

The NAPA Reauthorization Act is endorsed by the Alzheimer's Association, UsAgainstAlzheimer's, National Down Syndrome Society, National Down Syndrome Congress, and LuMind IDSC Foundation.

The Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act would continue through 2035 a requirement that the Director of the National Institutes of Health submit an annual budget to Congress estimating the funding necessary to fully implement NAPA's research goals. Only two other areas of biomedical research, cancer and HIV/AIDS, have been the subject of special budget development aimed at speeding discovery.

The Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act is endorsed by the Alzheimer's Association and UsAgainstAlzheimer's.



Avery Cooper looks ready to take a shot.

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DEATH NOTICES

Johnathon Michael Holmes
Died Sept. 28, 2024
Services Oct. 10, 2024
Beers & Story Funeral Home

Brian L. O'Leary
Died Sept. 24, 2024
Services Oct. 5, 2024
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**Johnathon
"Johnny"
Michael Holmes**



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Johnathon "Johnny" Michael Holmes, who left us unexpectedly due to a motorcycle accident on Sept. 28, 2024, in Thorndike, Mass. Born on Oct. 23, 2002, in Northampton, Johnny's life, though brief, was marked by his vibrant personality, resilient spirit, and unwavering commitment to his loved ones.

Johnny was the beloved son of Robert Holmes of Greenfield and JoAnn (Twomley) Holmes of Bondsville. He was a loving brother to Victoria Alley and her significant other, Alex Zabnicki of Ware, and Zachary Holmes of Templeton. He was a caring uncle to his nephew Damien Alley of Ware. Johnny shared a special bond with family friend Jessica Wiseman and had a deep affection for animals, especially his cherished cat, Cowboy.

Johnny received his early education in Belchertown before attending the Pioneer Valley Performing Arts School for 7th to 9th grade. He graduated from Pathfinder Regional High School, where he studied auto body collision repair. During his high school years, Johnny was also a dedicated member of the wrestling team.

A true "Gear Head" at heart, Johnny's passion for anything with a motor was evident. He loved go-karts, dirt bikes, motorcycles, Ford and Dodge pickup trucks, and Mustang cars. His love for country music was paired with his self-taught guitar skills. Known for his dry sense of humor, mischievous nature, and readiness to lend a hand, Johnny embodied the spirit of a true joker and wisecracker.

For the past two years, Johnny worked diligently in the maintenance department at Gavitt Wire & Cable Company in West Brookfield. His commitment to his work was appreciated by his colleagues.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, from 4-6:30 p.m., followed by a service at 6:30 p.m. at Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Johnny's memory to an Animal Shelter of your choice, reflecting his love for animals.

Johnny's presence will be sorely missed, but his spirit and the memories he created will remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

For more information, please visit www.beersandstory.com

Brian L. O'Leary

BELCHERTOWN—Brian L. O'Leary, 85, passed away on Sept. 24, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. Born on Nov. 20, 1938, Brian's life was a journey filled with love, music and service.



Brian was predeceased by his parents, John and Beatrice (Pariseau) O'Leary, his brothers John and Douglas O'Leary, and his wife, Mary (Walsh) O'Leary. He is survived by his devoted husband, Robert McCarthy, who stood by his side with unwavering love. His leaves his children: Gail (John) Klanchesser, Joanne (Anthony) Listro, and John (April) O'Leary. He leaves behind his brother, Richard (Suzanne Almy) O'Leary, as well as 12 cherished grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

After his family, Brian had two main passions: transportation and music. As a child he enjoyed many hours with model trains, igniting a fascination of rail transportation. While he graduated from Salem State with a degree in Biology, his love of transportation led him into a lifelong career first as a charter bus driver, making several cross-country trips, to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), beginning as a bus driver and moving into light rail operator, motorman instructor, and MBTA policeman. After retirement from the "T", he worked at Logan Airport as a shuttle bus driver. In 2002, he had the opportunity to volunteer as a bus driver for the Salt Lake City Olympics, an experience he thoroughly enjoyed. Brian later drove a bus for Pathfinder High School, loving interacting with the students who nicknamed him "Mario" for his everpresent moustache. In his retirement he found time to participate in the Amherst Railway Society and especially enjoyed the annual Train Show. His deep interest in rail transportation led to numerous railyard side trips around the country and Canada. No matter where the business of travel took him, he always was quick to find the tracks and the switchyard.

He thoroughly enjoyed a 64-year membership in the Barbershop Harmony Society, holding numerous leadership roles at the local, regional and national level, participated in many choruses and quartets, and travelled globally as a highly sought after coach and contest judge. Known as the Short Tenor, Brian made many strong friendships throughout the years and the memories created many a loved reminiscence. He truly embodied the Barbershop spirit with his engaging manner and the light in his eye when he sang. It was written about him, "the man who spreads a little brightness wherever he goes."

He was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus, where he achieved the 4th degree, and a communicant of St. Francis Church, having served as a Lector and choir member, contributing his voice and spirit. He volunteered as poll worker for the town of Belchertown, enjoying being part of the community.

Brian was always quick with a story, and he had many, from his varied travels through life. He regaled many with tales ranging from his cross country bus trips to his Barbershop shows and contests. He loved to educate anyone interested in all things Rail related, possessing a wealth of knowledge. Brian was also quite diligent and thorough when undertaking any endeavor, leaving no stone unturned no matter the time it took to "do it right." He touched the lives of many with his engaging and personable nature, leaving behind a legacy of love and harmony that will resonate through generations.

Visitation will be held on Oct. 5, 2024, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home, followed by a Mass at St. Francis of Assisi at 12 p.m. Burial will be held at the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in his memory be made to the Harmony Foundation International by visiting harmonyfoundation.org/donate. Please visit www.beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

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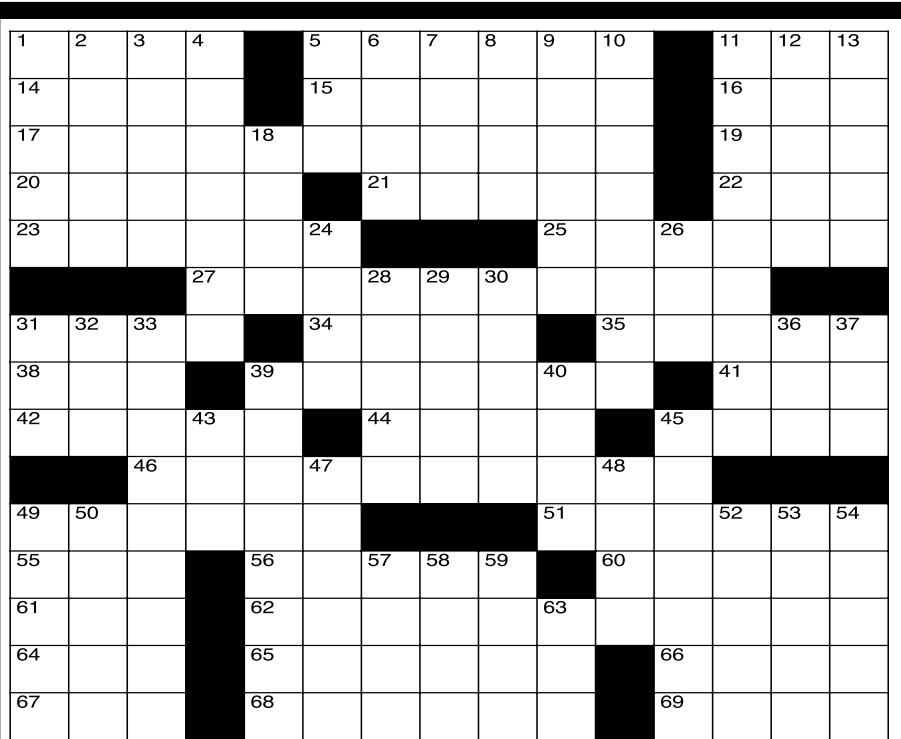
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Separate with an instrument
- 5. State clearly
- 11. One-time MLB speedster Gordon
- 14. Broad in scope
- 15. Lacking social polish
- 16. Amount of time
- 17. Frame
- 19. Automobile
- 20. Caps
- 21. High school dances
- 22. Utilize
- 23. Checked
- 25. One-sided
- 27. Having an extreme greed for wealth
- 31. Potted plants
- 34. We all have one
- 35. Lake north of the Kalahari
- 38. Unidentified flying object
- 39. Aging persons
- 41. Small amount

CLUES DOWN

- 42. Mother of Perseus
- 44. Ornamental waist box
- 45. Officials
- 46. Uncertain
- 49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 51. Extensive, treeless plains
- 55. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 56. Consumer advocate Ralph
- 60. Notable Spanish sports club
- 61. Body part
- 62. One's responsiveness
- 64. Woman (French)
- 65. Ready and willing to be taught
- 66. Muslim ruler title
- 67. Unhappy
- 68. Gradually disappeared
- 69. Able to think clearly

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Brushed
- 2. Water sprite
- 3. Ones to look up to
- 4. Monetary units
- 5. We all have one
- 6. Marine invertebrate
- 7. One who institutes a legal proceeding
- 8. Outer
- 9. Parallelograms
- 10. Uncomfortable feelings
- 11. Cross to form an X
- 12. Remove
- 13. Some pages are dog-__
- 18. Capital of Ukraine
- 24. A citizen of Denmark
- 26. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 28. Hindu queens
- 29. Acids structurally related to amino acids
- 30. Rider of Rohan in Tolkien

- 31. Wet dirt
- 32. Russian city
- 33. Observed
- 36. Irrate
- 37. Travelers need them
- 39. Musical composition
- 40. Auction
- 43. Form of "to be"
- 45. Women
- 47. Inspire with love
- 48. Think Japanese ankle sock
- 49. Appears
- 50. Old World lizard
- 52. The lead dancer: __ ballerina
- 53. Protein involved in motion
- 54. Rosalind Franklin biographer
- 57. Popular 1920s style art __
- 58. __ Blyton, children's author
- 59. Abnormal breathing
- 63. A place to rest

Cemetery tours take place Oct. 12

HOLYOKE— Step past the cemetery gates and peer behind the veil with Wistariahurst as volunteers channel the spirits of Holyoke's ancestors, leading tours through the meandering paths of Forestdale Cemetery on Oct. 12. Established in 1860, Forestdale Cemetery is a serene yet beautiful landscape and the final resting place for many of Holyoke's founding families, politicians, and other notables who helped breathe life into the city. Guests will walk amongst the monuments, markers, crypts, and crosses to discover the mystique of Holyoke's vibrant heritage.

"Learn some of Holyoke's history through the tales of the people that lived and died here," Penni Martorell, City History, said. "Forestdale Cemetery is such a unique and beautiful setting to reflect on the history we share with the people you will see represented in our tour."

Discover all there is to know about liv-

ing and dying in Holyoke from narratives of the people who now find solace beneath these hallowed grounds. Cemetery Tours at Forestdale Cemetery include walking and standing on cement and gravel walkways with tours lasting around forty-five minutes. To fully enjoy this tour, we ask that guests wear comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. In the event of rain, the tours will be canceled, refunded, and not rescheduled. Wistariahurst Museum's Cemetery Tours blend history, concepts of the afterlife, and local connections to create an unforgettable outing. Tickets for this delightfully spooky and educational tour sell fast, so make sure to purchase your tickets before they're gone. For more information and to register for the tours please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cemetery-tours-at-forestdale-cemetery-tickets-998568383917?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

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How to identify a vehicle that fits you

Buying a vehicle is a significant financial investment. It is not a decision to take lightly, especially given the historically high prices of new cars in recent years.

Finding a vehicle that is the perfect fit requires consideration of a host of variables, including personal preference. What is perfect for one individual may not work for another. When the time comes to shop for a new car, people can ask themselves a few questions in an effort to find a vehicle that best suits their needs.

• **What are your needs?** Are you looking to carpool the kids to and from school or do you want a car for commuting that will not cost you an arm and a leg in fuel? Identifying the main purpose of the vehicle will eliminate certain cars or trucks right off the bat.

• **What is your budget?** It is a good idea to get a pre-ap-



People can ask themselves a few questions in an effort to find a vehicle that best suits their needs.

proval loan statement from a financial provider to figure out what you can afford to pay for a vehicle. The popular automotive resource Edmunds says the general rule is the monthly new-car payment should not exceed 15 percent of your monthly take-home pay. Lease payments should be less than 10 percent of monthly take-

home pay. Calculate these numbers and potential interest rates prior to shopping for a vehicle.

• **What size is best for you?** Even though it may seem that SUVs and pickups reign supreme on the road, some drivers prefer smaller vehicles. Figure out how much interior space and cargo room you

need. Take the time to sit in different vehicle classes to determine which size fits you best.

• **What are your fuel preferences?** Today's vehicles come in electric, unleaded gasoline, diesel, and hybrid options. How the car or truck is powered may be important to you and will help identify the best vehicle for you.

• **What is the cost of ownership?** Certain vehicle brands may be more expensive to maintain than others. According to Motor1.com, luxury and premium brands are typically the most expensive to maintain, with European brands like BMW, Porsche and Mercedes-Benz typically carrying high maintenance costs. This can be prohibitive when parts or service is needed.

Buying a vehicle requires careful consideration of drivers' needs, budget and desired features.



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What is a vehicle history report?

The value of a new vehicle depreciates considerably the moment it is driven off a dealership lot. Bankrate reports that a car loses between 9 and 11 percent of its value the moment it leaves the dealership, and over the first five years a vehicle loses roughly 40 percent of its value.

The fact that vehicles are expensive and lose value so quickly compels some consumers to consider preowned cars and trucks as more affordable and financially savvy options. However, preowned vehicles come with their own risks, such as the potential for hidden problems. A vehicle history report is something every prospective pre-owned vehicle buyer should ask to see before buying a car or truck. Sometimes these reports are a free service offered by a seller, particularly an established dealership. But buyers may have to pay to get a vehicle history report, which typically cost between \$25 and \$40.

Kelley Blue Book says a vehi-



cle history report is a collection of records that provide information on a used vehicle that are pulled from thousands of sources. A report may be referred to as a "Carfax®," which is the name of a firm that offers these types of reports. A typical vehicle history report will indicate, among other things, how many people owned the car; whether or not the vehicle has been in a collision; the mileage on the vehicle; if the car is current on inspections; and if the vehicle is branded a lemon.

Consumers should know what to look for when reading a report. While some of the data will be obvious, there are some

less apparent points to consider.

- **Title:** Make sure the vehicle never had a salvage title or other title problems. A salvage title, for example, is a vehicle that has been declared a total loss from collision, flood, theft, fire, or vandalism. Issues may arise when the seller's name is not on the title. A rebuilt title means the vehicle was once salvaged but then refurbished.
- **Ownership:** The vehicle history report will indicate how many owners have had the vehicle. A car that has changed hands many times may not be the best investment.
- **VIN:** It's important to make sure the vehicle identification

number (VIN) for the vehicle matches what is on the vehicle history report.

- **Location of sales:** The locations where the vehicle was used and stored also is important. For example, some may be hesitant if a vehicle was kept by the coast due to moisture and salty conditions that could cause premature wear and tear on components.

- **Fleet vehicle:** The history report will indicate if the vehicle spent time in a fleet. This includes rental vehicles, government vehicles, company vehicles, and dealer vehicles. A fleet vehicle may have had many different drivers over a short period of time.

If there have been multiple changes in ownership or increased service records for certain parts, that may indicate there is something seriously wrong with the car. Vehicle history reports are another tool buyers can use when vetting preowned cars or trucks.

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4 signs it's time to replace your tires

Inflation has been a hot topic for several years, as the cost of everything from groceries to gas to housing has increased considerably since 2019. Cars are no exception to that phenomenon, and anyone who has purchased a new car over the last half decade likely experienced some sticker shock when they started their search for a new vehicle. Data from Kelley Blue Book indicates the average cost of a new car was \$37,590 in 2019. By 2023, the average cost had risen to \$47,899. That marks an increase of more than 27 percent in a four-year period.

Cars are indeed a significant investment, which underscores the importance of vehicle maintenance. Maintenance is more than just tending to what's under the hood. Tires also require drivers' attention, as aging, damaged tires pose a safety risk that also compromise vehicle performance. Tires are easily overlooked, but the following



are four signs tires need to be replaced.

1. Worn tread: The automotive experts at AutoZone® note that tread depth is the most prevalent indicator that a tire needs to be replaced. AutoZone® notes that tread depth should always be at least 2/32 of an inch throughout the tire. Depth should be measured across the tread and around the circumference. If the tread is at or below 2/32 of an inch, the tire should be replaced.

2. Bulges, gouges or cracks: Geico® notes that a deflated tire bulges at the sides, and that can compromise the safety

of everyone in the vehicle. AutoZone® says bulges occur when air gets between the inner liner and outer rubber layers, which can happen after hitting a curb or driving over a sizable pothole. A gouge or cut that is deeper than the outer layer of the tire also necessitates replacement.

3. Poor grip: Drivers may be able to feel certain tire problems, including poor grip, while driving. In such instances, tires may feel as though they are slipping. The tire experts at Firestone note that low tread can reduce tire traction and cause wheels to slip, which

may be more noticeable when accelerating from a stop or driving on wet roads. Drivers who feel their tires are slipping can test the tread and replace tires that are low.

4. Vibration: Vibration is another issue drivers may feel rather than see. And identifying the cause requires noting where the vibrations are felt. Geico® notes that a feeling of vibration or thumping that feels like it's coming from under the seats may indicate the tires are not balanced. A suspension issue could be to blame if the steering wheel feels like it's vibrating. Either feeling should be brought to the attention of a mechanic immediately.

Tire issues affect vehicle performance and compromise the safety of drivers, their passengers and fellow motorists. When vehicles are not performing at peak capacity, drivers should not overlook various tire issues as a potential cause of such troubles.

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TOWN OF WILBRAHAM P/T PROGRAM ASST. SENIOR CENTER
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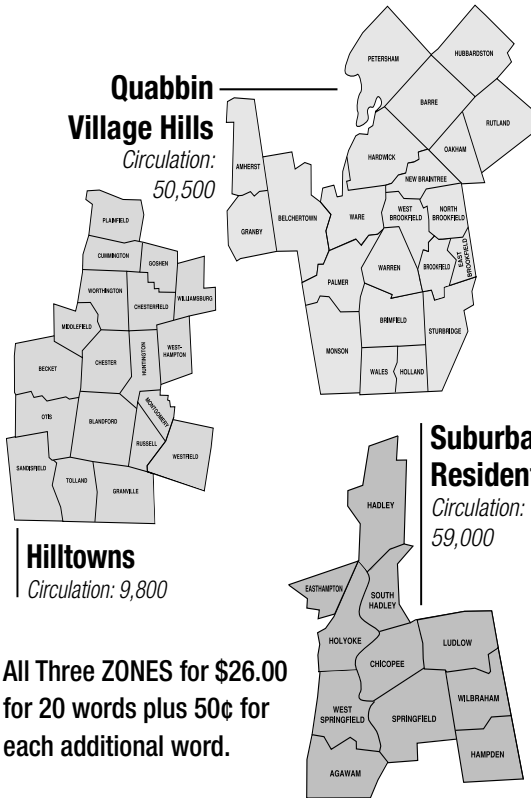
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PUBLIC NOTICES

**Public Hearing
Special Permit
Legal Notice
Belchertown
Planning Board**

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Sections 9 and 11, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing to discuss a special permit application for an accessory apartment by Thomas & Barbara Hastings for 11 Jeffrey Lane, Map 242, Lot 8.01, Belchertown, MA.

A public hearing will be held as follows:

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

Date: Oct. 22, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

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

Daniel Beaudette

Chair, Planning Board
09/26, 10/03/2024

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and
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(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS24P0557EA**

**Estate of:
Yvonne Claire Neilson
Also known as:
Yvonne Neilson,
Yvonne C. Neilson
Date of Death: 06/19/2024
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Denise L. Murphy, of Belchertown, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Denise L. Murphy, of Belchertown, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsuper-vised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right

to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/30/2024.** This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)**

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matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration

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

Date: September 25, 2024

Mark S Ames,
Register of Probate
10/03/2024

**Belchertown
Conservation Commission
LEGAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to the authority of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Belchertown Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Chapter 139), the Belchertown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Lawrence Memorial Town Hall Planning Board meeting room, located at 2 Jabish Street in Belchertown, MA 01007** to review a **Notice of Intent** permit application submitted by BSC Group, Inc. c/o New England Power Company for the proposed work to conduct exploratory soil boring and access road improvements to the E5/F6 Transmission Line right-of-way (Assessor's

Map ROW) in Belchertown. Work is proposed to occur within areas subject to jurisdiction under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Belchertown Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place designated.
10/03/2024



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The Stolen Beam series hosted by Jones Library

AMHERST— The Stolen Beam Series is a place to learn why some people are talking about reparations for African Americans. A 5-session class, will be held via Zoom this fall, sponsored by the Jones Library. The series was developed by members of the Reparations Committee of the Jewish Community of Amherst and will be co-facilitated by members of that committee.

The goal of the series is educational engagement with a narrative of US racial history that is different from what many of us learned in our schooling. The class will focus on the legacy of African enslavement, what

was stolen, what may be owed, and historical examples of reparations. The class offers an opportunity, especially for those relatively new to the topic, to study and reflect on writings of prominent thought leaders on the topic of reparations for African Americans as a path to restorative justice. Each class offers readings as well as videos or audio recordings. Suggested study questions are included for each class. Please note: This is not a lecture format. We bring the hope and expectation that all participants will prepare the reading and/or viewing of the assigned materials for each session and come prepared for

thoughtful discussion.

The class meets on Zoom for five Thursdays this fall: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and Dec. 5 from 7:30 to 8:50 p.m. Registration indicates the intent to attend and participate in all five sessions. There is no charge for this program. Most reading/video materials will be provided via the internet. Some of the materials may be available at the library.

Online registration closes at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Find registration information at www.joneslibrary.org/stolenbeam. Please contact Janet Ryan at ryanj@joneslibrary.org with any questions.

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