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Selectboard opts to demo 51 State St.

BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – The Selectboard voted to demolish 51 State St. and turn it back into lawn using ARPA funds.

“In accordance with...directions from two weeks ago, we looked into a grant from the Mass. Cultural Council for the repair or renovations of cultural facilities. Unfortunately, the town is

not an eligible entity,” Williams said. “The building has to be 50,000 square feet or more than 125 years old—so the threshold is pretty high for municipalities.”

So, the town is at a junction, Williams said, no funding source and roughly half a million dollars’ worth of repairs.

Two weeks ago, Williams brought a quote for the repairs to the board.

Williams provided informa-

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

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

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

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

A new building on the other hand, would cost the town about

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Orlando Santos aka iZM PRiZM

PD’s ‘pink patches’ promote Breast Cancer Awareness

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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BELCHERTOWN – The police department is selling special pink patches to fundraise for and promote Breast Cancer Awareness.

The patches are on sale now in the department’s dispatch center; patches are \$10, and a limited supply are available in both Velcro and sew-on, the department shared in a statement on social media.

“Proceeds will be donated to a credible breast cancer organization,” police said.

Residents who would like to purchase a patch may stop by the station at 70 State St. in Belchertown or email Officer Colon Rivera at drivera@belchertown.org to reserve a patch. Cash or checks (made out to the “Belchertown Police Association”) are accepted as payment.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Belchertown Police Department is selling pink Breast Cancer Awareness patches.



Pickleball tournament raises funds for police comfort dog

PHOTOS BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON

Oliver the BPD comfort dog takes to the court during the pickleball tournament.

BY AIMEE M. HENDERSON
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – Oliver, the police department’s comfort dog, has been on the job for one month, and in that short time has become one of the most well-known and well-loved community members.

The new comfort dog program does not come without costs, however, and as a self-funded program, it relies on donations and fundraisers to stay successful. Last weekend the pickleball community came together to support the comfort dog program with a tournament that raised nearly \$2,000.

Belchertown Police Chief Kevin Pacunas said he knows how popular pickleball has become in town, so when Wilbur Quirk approached him with the idea of a tournament to raise



A player reaches for a pass.

funds for Oliver, he thought it would be a “win-win”.

“Wilbur and the pickleball community stepped up in a big

way. They like to play pickleball, but they also like to sup-

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Quabbin Art Assoc. to host guest artist Orlando Santos

BELCHERTOWN - The Quabbin Art Association will host local artist Orlando Santos, known as iZM PRiZM, at their next regular meeting on Oct. 19.

“Orlando is a Holyoke resident and a self-taught acrylic painter who is gaining momentum through the distinctive use of vibrant colors and bold designs,” a press release reads. “It was only four years ago when he began painting for fun with his daughter, Wynter, and makes a point to hide the letter ‘W’ within all his artwork. His unique expression of art evolved rapidly from simple art materials using sketch pads, charcoals and cray-pas.”

Santos’ inspiration was described as “diverse.”

“Being that I am from Puerto Rican descent, I hadn’t seen a lot of people like me in the arts,” Santos released in an artist statement. “I always looked for that and I looked to the greats to inspire me. I am influenced by all genres of artists from Basquiat to Andy Warhol to Bob Dylan in their lyrical and storytelling imagery. But overall, the things that I see and hear are primarily from music. Music is what I am most passionate about, equal to or maybe more than my art but they go hand in hand. All types of music from the Carpenters to Jay-Z. I’m also very inspired from beauty and the pain I witness in life; both physical and mental pain of others, and of course in myself.”

His alter ego is even more unique, a press statement reads.

“My artist name started as a joke. I wanted to create my own cult or religion (as a joke) following i.e. Buddhism, Hinduism,

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COMMUNITY

Pine Valley craft fair event upcoming

BELCHERTOWN – The Pine Valley retirement community is hosting a craft fair in its community room on Oct. 14.

This is the community’s third—but not consecutive, due to COVID-19—event, which will see more than 30 vendors and crafters from the community displaying handmade items for sale.

“We also have popular local vendors, like Pampered Chef, LuLaRoe, Tupperware, Papparazzi, and Usborne Books,” Pine Valley released in a press statement.

“Realizing the economy is tough right now,” Pine Valley released that it had offered spaces for \$5 to Pine Valley residents and \$15 for outside vendors.

“It’s more about providing a fun activity for everyone than making a profit,” the press statement reads. “The fees collected will cover our advertising expenses...we are hoping for good weather (for our outdoor vendors) and plenty of people stopping by, perhaps to get a head start on their holiday shopping list.”

Pine Valley added that it is considered, by many, to be Belchertown’s “best-kept secret.”

“A retirement community, we have just under 400 [manufactured] homes on 150 acres of beautiful, wooded land. Our three ponds provide us with plenty of wildlife, and scenic views all year long,” Pine Valley released, adding that it is a “village within the town.”

“We have our own public water supply, full-time maintenance crew, post office, and communi-



A photo taken on National Cheeseburger Day.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

ty building. With Officers and a Board of Directors, you could say we have our own government.” The residents range in age from 55 to 100, according to a press statement.

“When COVID shut everything down back in 2020, the isolation was especially hard on our elderly, retired population. Most families didn’t consider it safe to visit, and trips outside the home were seriously limited,” Pine Valley released. “Our Activities Program

decided to add a little joy with drive-through events just about every week.”

Pine Valley celebrated national holidays such as “Root Beer Day” with root beer floats, “Pulled Pork Day,” “Coconut Cream Pie Day,” and dozens more.

“Residents’ cars would be lined up way down the street to wait their turn for the treat of the day. The server would don an appropriate costume to greet each guest, with face masks being

required to keep everyone safe. No one could wait to see what the next holiday would be.”

Additionally, at Thanksgiving and Christmas that year, a group of residents got together and prepared holiday feasts.

“Another drive-through provided complete meals (with dessert) for a small donation to cover the costs. A Pilgrim woman and Mrs. Claus greeted each car with the requested number of meals, and a cheerful holiday greeting.”

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Taoism, and Judaism. I figured why not create OIZM, changing the ‘s’ into a ‘z,’ influenced by the musician Erykah Badu’s album called ‘Baduizm’ and I thought it was a nice way of spelling it. My idea of iZM is my own way of ‘doing things’ which carries over to my art,” Santos released. “Ironically Ism, with an ‘s,’ its definition has to do with a political, religious, or artistic movement. iZM, with a ‘z’ has a definition all of its own, but I’ll let you read up on that one.”

At age 50, Orlando has “solidly earned his reputation in the local art scene.”

“The artist believes his paintings ‘evolved into a more colorful and digestible class of art that most anyone can relate to and enjoy,’” a press statement reads.

His large canvas pieces have been exhibited at numerous venues, including the 50 Arrow Gallery and the Mill District Local Art Gallery in North Amherst. He was recently at the Elusie Gallery in Easthampton, exhibiting a large collection of

abstract acrylic portraits of Tina Turner, Dr. Seuss’ “Grinch,” Harriet Tubman, and “The Joker” from Batman’s “The Dark Knight,” immortalized by Heath Ledger.

To see more of his work visit [instagram.com/izmprizm](https://www.instagram.com/izmprizm).

The Quabbin Art Association has invited the general public to join for the presentation by Santos and an opportunity to meet and view “his incredible works of art.” Refreshments will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall, 12 Park St., Belchertown.

Funding for this program is supported in part by a grant from the Belchertown Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency. The Quabbin Art Association is also accepting new members, the press statement adds.

“Artists and art lovers of all media, 18 or older are welcome to join.”

For more information visit [quabbinartassociation.com](https://www.quabbinartassociation.com) or email info@quabbinartassociation.com.

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\$1.4 million. Demolition was quoted at about \$50,000.

On Monday night, Selectboard Chair Ed Boscher said his position hadn’t changed, he believed the best course of action was to demolish the building.

Selectboard member Jen Turner said, “just because the grant was something the town couldn’t pursue didn’t mean that we should give up.”

“My biggest concern is that we knock it down and nothing happens,” she said. “These restrictions are only for municipalities. If a nonprofit were to apply, they just have to have cultural connection.”

Selectboard member Peg Louraine said she understood Turner’s concern about the empty lot, but the current circumstances aren’t ideal either.

“The building is not attractive as it is and it’s not going to get any more attractive just sitting there,” she said. “I’m inclined to say, let’s take a deal. I don’t want anyone using it, it doesn’t feel

safe to me.”

Selectboard member Ron Aponte said he believed it would be the final nail in the coffin for 51 State St.

“As indicated, it’s only going to get worse, the bad news would be demolition costs,” he said.

Louraine asked what demolition would actually mean.

“We’re going to just knock it down and leave a hole in the ground? We’re going to knock it down and scrape the area and seed it?” she asked.

Williams said the intent of the project would be to “disconnect utilities, electricity, cable, TV, water, and sewer. Remove the foundation—the building is not on a full foundation, it’s on a slab. So, we remove the first walls... most of the internal plumbing is in the floor. Then it would be back-filled and seed would be added in the spring.”

Selectboard member Lesa Lessard Pearson asked if the area could be used for something.

“It could be used for certain types of recreation,” Williams said.

Christmas Fair in town set for next month

BELCHERTOWN - The St. Francis of Assisi Annual Christmas Fair will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 10 Park St. in Belchertown.

The fair includes a giant basket raffle, holiday crafts and gift bazaar, a children’s holiday shopping area—complete with Santa’s helpers and gift wrapping—and a bakery featuring homemade goodies and gourmet coffee served in take-home holiday mugs.

The Pine Room Café is serving from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., according to a press statement. The menu will include homemade soups, sandwiches, grilled cheese, hot dogs, chips, and a variety of beverages.

“Make a day of it,” event organizers released. “Buy some raffle chances and select gifts from an assortment of offerings, as you join family and friends at this traditional Belchertown event.”

Fall Book Sale in October

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

Seniors will receive a 25 percent discount on Friday, and Saturday will be 50 percent off for most items. In addition to both soft and hard cover books, the sale includes Audio Books, DVDs, CDs, and records. Space restrictions only permit 30 shoppers at a time, but previous sales show that wait times are generally short. There is no shopping time limit once shoppers are in the sale, according to a press statement. All proceeds support the library and its programs.

Craft fair event scheduled

GRANBY – The Immaculate Heart of Mary Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 4.

The event, sponsored by the IHM Men & Women Club, will be located at 256 State St. in Granby.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY



Curley's celebrate in Germany

Chuck and Patty Curley, of Belchertown, recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary at the Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany.

'Shutesbury Holiday Shop' returns

REGION – Event organizers say one participant in the upcoming Shutesbury Holiday Shop is from Belchertown.

The three-day event will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, in the Shutesbury Athletic Club Function Room, 282 Wendell Rd., Shutesbury.

"This fabulously magical three-day event transforms the Shutesbury Athletic Club Function Room into a veritable wonderland of gift-giving options," event organizers released in a press statement. "Open just one weekend each year, this amazing pop-up shop will be bursting with a beautiful and affordable array of handcrafted work by over 40 local artisans."

Cash or check is preferred, the press statement reads, and credit cards are accepted; there is an ATM on the premises.

For more than 10 years, the Shutesbury Holiday Shop has been known for its "incredible inventory of locally handcrafted gifts and 2023 should be just as grand."

"This juried seasonal shop will include a variety of amazing items, all handmade in Shutesbury or one of the surrounding towns. There will be a variety of jewelry, stuffed animals, baskets, goat's milk soaps, body scrubs, lotions and salves, ornaments, herbal body products, pottery, mittens, a wide assortment of quilted items, teas, pebble mandala, candles, jams and jellies, fudge, maple syrup, chil-

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Town announces board, committee vacancies

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

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

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

Agricultural Commission
Three associate non-voting member seats

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

Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

Trail Stewardship Council
One vacancy

The town wishes to fill a vacancy to represent landowners of the town on the Trail Stewardship Council. Interested individuals should be knowledgeable about local land use and related issues. Additional information specific to this council can be found at newenglandtrail.org.

Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

Animal Control Advisory Board
One vacancy

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

Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

Communications Committee
Two full-member seats

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

Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

Veterans' Services Advisory Board (VSAB)
One anticipated At-Large vacancy

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

Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

Belchertown State School Buildings and Grounds Committee
One full-member seat

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

Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

Belchertown Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force
Two community member vacancies

The focus of the Task Force is to develop a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement for the Select Board to review and to consider adopting, to seek out opportunities to acknowledge and/or celebrate the diversity within the community, and to welcome the whole community to join in, offering suggestions on how the town addresses specific or potential acts of violence, including hate speech, should such acts arise in the community, region, or state.

"Efforts should be made to include voices from the com-

munity or communities that are directly affected," the town released.

Partnership opportunities with surrounding towns to strengthen regional or state efforts might also be explored. This is a seven-member committee to include a representative from law enforcement, a representative from Town Hall, and five community members representing diversity in one or more of the following areas: racial and ethnic backgrounds, social positions with respect to gender identity and sexual orientation, social positions with respect to disability, and age groups and prior vocational experiences.

All are encouraged to apply.
Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals
Associate Member seat

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

Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

Community Preservation Committee
One at-large seat

The CP Committee studies the community presentation needs, possibilities, and resources of the town.

Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

Council on Aging
One vacancy

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

Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

Historic District By-Law Commission
One full-member real estate seat

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: Oct. 27, 2023

Community Preservation Committee grant application

BELCHERTOWN - The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will be accepting applications for grant requests for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The applica-

tions can be submitted between Oct. 1 through 5 p.m. on Nov. 13. The current application form can be found online at belchertowncpc.org. CPC-approved grant requests

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COMMUNITY

QAA members awarded blue ribbons at the 164th Annual Belchertown Fair

BELCHERTOWN - Several members of the Quabbin Art Association took home First Place Blue Ribbons from the recent 164th Annual Belchertown Fair.

Artist Audrey Safford received two blue ribbons and Best of the Art Division for her oil on panel and clay relief painting, "Got Milk," according to a press release. Other artists receiving Blue Ribbons were: Anna Burns for two acrylic paintings; Anna Jacke for two oil paintings and three watercolors; and Roger Duffy's for his pen & ink drawing.

"Congratulations to our member artists," the QAA released.



Audrey Safford's "Got Milk," Best of Art Division

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Clapp Memorial Library's upcoming events

BELCHERTOWN - The Clapp Memorial Library offers a wealth of resources for the community, as well as a full schedule of free public programs for all ages. "Stop in at 19 South Main Street, or go to clapplibrary.org to see what's new," the library released in a press statement.

The library will be open: Mondays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Upcoming programs at the Clapp Memorial Library include:

What "YA" Readin'? Book Group
Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m.
A book discussion group at the Clapp Memorial Library for adults who read young adult books.

Fingerloop Braiding
Friday, Oct. 6, from 3-6 p.m.
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A Musical Concert with Peter Biedermann
Saturday, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m.

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

questions from the audience and will include some of the history and evolution of original fingerstyle guitar playing.

Tablet Weaving
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OPINION



Taxpayer asks about federal taxation of Social Security benefits

Dear Rusty
 Why are my Social Security benefits being taxed at all? The Social Security FICA payroll taxes taken out of my paycheck while I was working were paid with taxable income.

Signed Disgruntled Taxpayer

Dear Disgruntled Taxpayer
 Many Americans share your belief that federal taxation of Social Security benefits is unfair because we pay into the program through payroll taxes on our taxable earnings. Unfortunately, Congress took a different view in 1983 when taxation of Social Security benefits was first enacted at a time Social Security was having financial issues.

Congressional logic back then was that a beneficiary only personally pays 50% of the Social Security contributions made, the other half is paid by the employer, so, since your Social Security entitlement was only half paid for by you and the other half by your employer, the portion of your benefit attributable to your employer's contributions should be taxable. So, it's that other half, the portion of your benefit which resulted from employer contributions, which the 1983 Congress decided should be taxed. So, starting in 1984, if a beneficiary's overall annual income from all sources exceeded \$25,000 for a single filer or \$32,000 for those filing married-jointly, half of that person's Social Security benefits became part of their income taxable by the IRS.

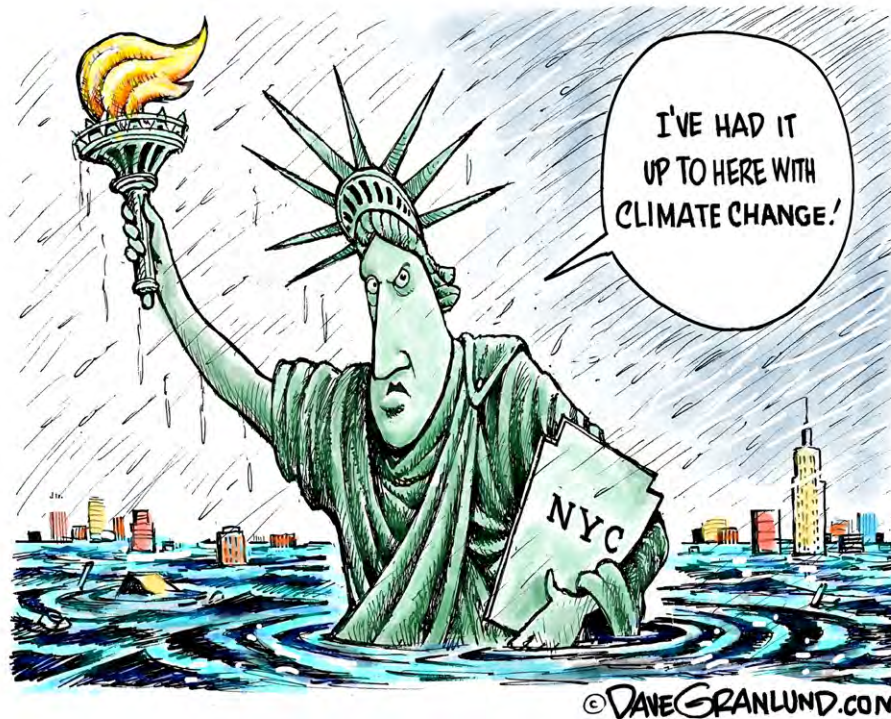
That was how it worked until 1993 when a new and different Congress added another threshold which, if exceeded, resulted in up to 85% of Social Security benefits received during the tax year becoming taxable. The logic used for the 1993 law was that beneficiaries, on average, would only personally pay for about 15% of the lifetime benefits they would eventually receive, leading that Congress to conclude that if your combined income from all sources exceeded the higher threshold, \$34,000 for single filers and \$44,000 for those filing married/jointly, up to 85% of your benefits should be taxable.

Please understand that I'm not defending nor endorsing those historical Congressional views, but I have researched why Social Security benefits are taxable at all and the above is what I've learned from that research.

For information, the Association of Mature American Citizens has long advocated for eliminating federal taxation of Social Security benefits or, at the very least, raising the thresholds at which benefits become taxable. The income thresholds for taxing Social Security benefits were established in 1983 and 1993, but those thresholds have never been adjusted for inflation.

When taxation of Social Security started in 1984, less than 10% of beneficiaries paid income tax on their benefits, whereas today that percentage is over 50% and growing. If you want to add your voice to those who oppose federal taxation of Social Security benefits, you may wish to contact your Congressional Representative to do so. And it is worth noting that eleven U.S. states, to varying degrees, also levy income tax on Social Security benefits.

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LETTER

'Thank you' from the Jimmy Fund Puttathon Committee

Dear Editor,

On a very rainy Friday afternoon, the 19th annual and final Puttathon for the Jimmy Fund was moved from the soaked Belchertown Common to the dry and warm Old Town Hall. During the afternoon, over 200 putters, caddies, and supporters played a round of miniature golf to benefit the Jimmy Fund, the fundraising arm of Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Their efforts raised over \$70,000 in 2023 for this very worthwhile cause, and the 19-year cumulative total is over \$1,040,000! Truly, "a little in abundance is a lot!"

There are too many people to thank and mention individually in this letter, but we would like to thank Bell & Hudson Insurance, the tournament founder and sponsor. Also, the dedicated Puttathon committee that has worked so hard over the past 19 years to make this effort a rousing success. Also, our generous supporters from all across Massachusetts and beyond who opened their hearts and wal-

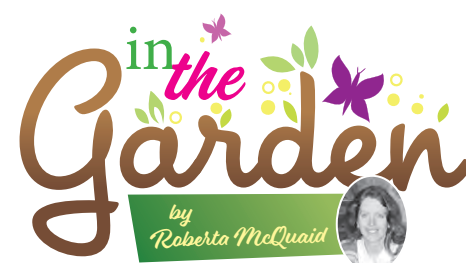
lets to annually support the effort. Lastly, our Town of Belchertown's DPW, town hall staff members, and our police and fire departments for their continual support!

The Bell & Hudson Puttathon for the Jimmy Fund has served as a model for the Jimmy Fund. We were their first sponsored miniature golf fundraiser, and the event has resulted in many other similar efforts popping up around the state. We're grateful for the wonderful support of the Jimmy Fund Golf committee!

There are so many reasons that Belchertown is a special place to live or to visit, and the Puttathon has been on that list of reasons for many. Thanks to all of you for your support and wonderful comments as we wrap up this effort. It has been our great privilege to bring you this annual event!

With grateful appreciation!

Jim Phaneuf
*Jimmy Fund Puttathon
 Tournament Director*



What I know about Jumping Worms

I recently saw a comment on social media about a woman that had so many night crawlers in her yard she thought she'd go into the fishing bait business.

I question if she really had night crawlers or the Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm.

This worm has been getting a lot of attention lately and for good reason. It is seemingly showing up everywhere!

Amyntas species are the worms that are a cause of concern. The common name of Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm is logical due to the fact that these worms thrash about when disturbed; some would even call it violent slithering, hence the snake connotation.

But worms are a good thing, yes? Not in this case.

This particular type of worm differs from the European earthworms that we like to see in our garden, happily aerating the soil and leaving behind nutrient rich worm castings.

Invasive worms live in the first few inches of soil only and devour organic matter at an alarming rate, leaving behind large castings that look like coffee grounds or gravel

but are devoid of nutrients and literally soil altering.

If you think about your tomato or marigold plant and the depth of their roots: what organic matter is left for the plant if the worm eats it all?

Likewise, what is left for other, less aggressive worms. Not much.

This time of year, Jumping Worms are easily identified. First and foremost, look for their crazy movements.

If you suspect you have them, pick one up and examine the ring (clitellum). If it is about one-third of the way down from the worm's head, is smooth, whitish and goes all the way around the body of the worm, you've got them.

Earlier in the season the ring will not completely encircle the worm; identification then is a little trickier. Worms tend to be reddish-purple in color with a slight iridescence.

Unlike European earthworms, Jumping Worms do not survive the winter. Beginning in August and going into the fall months, they lay eggs (no mate needed!) in cocoons that do have the ability to over-winter.

The cocoons look like small, round soil aggregates. In a recent experiment where researchers looked at the effect of heat and cold on the cocoons, there is promise that heat will kill the eggs and young in the cocoon.

What does this mean for us? I think a lot about solarization and how to do that effectively. One research document I read indicated that cocoons die at 104 degrees; worms at 85 degrees.

The recommendation was to lay clear plastic (1 mil thickness for a home garden) on the soil for at least two-to-three weeks

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By Ellenor Downer



Northern harrier

I received an email about the sighting of a Northern harrier in Warren from a man who reports bird sighting for this column on a regular basis.

The Northern harriers is the only harrier in North America. Harriers are very distinctive hawks, with long wings and long tails. They are about 18 inches long. The male is

gray above and white underneath and the female is larger than the male and brown above and streaked brown underneath.

They are usually seen flying low over the ground in open country. At close range, the face of Northern harrier resembles an owl. Unlike most hawks it may rely on its hearing like an owl to help it locate prey as it courses low over the fields.

Males tend to fly lower and faster than females. The female lays four to six pale bluish-white eggs in a platform nest of sticks and grasses placed on the ground. The female remains with young most of time at first and the male brings food and delivers it to female, who feeds it to young. After the young are about two weeks old, the female does much of the hunting for them.

They feed mostly on small mammals and birds. They also eat large insects especially grasshoppers as well as snakes, lizards, toads and frogs. May feed on carrion, especially in winter.

Ruby throated hummingbirds

Ruby throated hummingbirds still being seen. Pittsfield and Williamstown, Gill, Longmeadow, Amherst, Princeton, Petersham reported sightings to Massachusetts Audubon Society on Sept. 25 and Sept. 26.

Loon fact

The Loon Preservation Committee pro-

vides loon facts in a newsletter. Loons usually sleep on the water unless they are incubating a nest and loon cams captured nesting loons sleeping while incubating. To sleep, a loon will turn its head and rest it on its back, tucking its bill into its scapular feathers.

The newsletter said, "If you see a loon sleeping during the daytime, don't worry. Loons sleep in short bursts that may happen at any time, day or night." Daytime sleeping bouts tend to be a little shorter, averaging 14 minutes than nighttime one, averaging 24 minutes. Loons spend more time sleeping at night than they do during the day. When sleeping, loons tend to prefer open water, further from the shoreline.

Sightings Warren and Brimfield

Besides seeing a Northern harrier, a birder reported in an email two great egrets at a no-named pond on New Reed Street. He said, "On South Street at the pond with an osprey nest one juvenile, who fledged a few weeks ago, was still visiting the nest and perching in the tree with the nest. A second osprey had fledged from the nest and had left the area around the pond over two weeks ago."

He also said, "I did see two osprey flying high over the pond on New Reed Street. The birds were quite high, well above tree top level with one bird following a couple of hundred yards behind the first. They were

too far away to tell if it was an adult being followed by a juvenile."

In another email, he said, "There was a flock of hen turkeys with some young. We have not seen many turkeys near our property for a couple of years, probably because this area was had hit by sponge moths (used to be called gypsy moths) and we haven't had a decent acorn crop in several years."

"He said there were about 20 birds in all with two different age groups based on the size of the young birds.

He said, "As I was watching a young gray fox appeared and that got the turkeys even more excited. I could see the fox moving around and the turkey were running back and forth, however it didn't seem as though the fox was stalking the turkeys. After several minutes a dozen of the turkeys flew away into the woods. I didn't see where the rest of the turkeys of the fox went."

The birder sent an email in mid-September and commented about how I like juncos. He said, "Juncos are harbingers of the coming change in seasons and my wife has the exact opposite reaction to their arrival that you do, 'oh no the juncos are back'"

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

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or until the soil temperature reaches 104 degrees for three days. This is thin plastic, mind you, but it should be OK in most garden settings free from animal visitors.

Weighting it with would prove helpful for windy situations. Clear is better than black for this purpose.

There is little else pesticide-wise that experts are recommending to combat these pests. Hand picking the adults is an option.

The best way to combat them is prevention. Too late for some of us, but for those of you who do not have them or have them in one part of your yard and not in another I can make some recommendations.

Be careful about garden inputs. Plants you pick up at swaps or from a friend may unknowingly have cocoons in the pot.

Compost you bring in or move around your yard may affect areas that aren't infested. Make sure your compost pile gets hot, hot, hot!

Consider unused bait.

A friend thought she was doing a good thing by releasing bait into her garden. In

the spring the worms looked like average night crawlers, but they were simply immature invasive worms...talk about wanting to cry.

Since cocoons are in the first few inches of soil, think about your tools, tillers, shoes or wheelbarrows and such. Although the worms are bad for the garden, they are not poisonous to pets or other animals.

It's hard to look at this subject optimistically, but we gardeners are an optimistic lot.

Otherwise, would we do it all over again year after year despite blights and infestations, floods and droughts, early frosts or scouring heat? Of course, we will!

Maybe with a little more caution, but we certainly will.

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

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dren's books, a range of fiber arts (sewn, knitted, woven, crochet), original art and photography, note cards, unpaper towels and sponges, microgreen kits, fresh wreaths, and more. Something for everyone."

During opening night on Dec. 1, there will be a dinner of Soup and Stews to benefit the Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library.

The Shutesbury Holiday Shop was

founded in 2011, according to reports, to provide a "welcoming venue for talented local artists, artisans, crafters, authors, and musicians of all ages to show and sell their work and to create a one-stop shopping experience for people who enjoy buying handmade for the holidays."

For a complete list of participating artists, artisans, crafters, authors, and musicians, visit shutesburyshops.wixsite.com/holidayshop or facebook.com/ShutesburyHolidayShop.

Hampshire County Sheriff receives fatherhood award

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
sentinel@turley.com

REGION – Hampshire County Sheriff Patrick J. Cahillane has been selected to receive the Governor Paul Cellucci Fatherhood Award from the Children's Trust, the state's child abuse prevention agency.

Cahillane will be presented this award on Oct. 5, which recognizes his "transformational leadership with the Nurturing Fathers Program," according to a press statement.

"Sheriff Cahillane has been an instrumental partner with the Children's Trust in helping to bring the Nurturing Fathers Program to the Hampshire County House of Correction and then expanding it into the local community," a press statement reads. "His commitment to supporting fathers and the community-based approach to his work in the criminal justice system reflect Governor Cellucci and the Children's Trust's commitment to elevate the importance of dads in the lives of their children."

"I am so proud of our staff who have worked wonders with this program," Sheriff Cahillane said. "I may be accepting this award, but it is their work, and the work of the men who choose to take the Nurturing Fathers course, that has made our program such a success."

The Hampshire Sheriff's Office (HSO) and the Children's Trust began their partnership in 2016, according to reports, offering the Nurturing Fathers Program only to men incarcerated at the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction. In 2018, the Children's Trust presented Sheriff Cahillane and HSO staff with its "Emerging Leader" award for their work with the program, and in 2020, the HSO began offering the program to men in the community through partnerships with the Northampton Recovery Center and the Ware Recovery Center.

"We are grateful to Sheriff Cahillane and his team, not only for their deep partnership with the Children's Trust, but for their commitment to supporting families in a strength-based way," said Jennifer Valenzuela, Executive Director of the Children's Trust. "Because of the Sheriff's dedication to this work, Hampshire County has many more fathers with a deeper understand of the important role they play in the lives of their children and a commitment to being the best dads they can be."

Sheriff Cahillane will receive the award during the Children's Trust Gala on Oct. 5 at the Omni Boston Hotel in Boston.

"Strong, safe families help build strong, safe communities," Sheriff Cahillane said.

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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. 13 through Sept. 19. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 374 calls police responded to, there were 12 incidents, one accident, four arrest/summons and 26 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Thursday, Sept. 21

5:23 p.m. – A summons was issued to a 48-year-old South Hadley person for operating with a suspended license, operating with a suspended registration and speeding. An officer was on Boardman Road when they saw a vehicle going 54 in a 30-mph zone. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the operator. The person said they paid child support late but didn't know their license would be suspended. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Saturday, Sept. 23

11:27 p.m. – Michael D. Beaudry, 32, of 74 South Washington St., Belchertown, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and a marked lanes violation. An officer responded to Turkey Hill Road for a possible car accident. The officer was flagged down by two people. The two people said they needed help changing their flat tire. The two people reported they spun out and the tire was flat. They said they didn't have the proper equipment. The officer called in their registration plate and the people got upset. The operator was uneasy on their feet, smelled of alcohol, and had bloodshot eyes. A field sobriety test was given, and the person said they couldn't walk well but could do other tests and they were done. The person was placed under arrest and the vehicle was towed. While at the station, the person flooded their holding cell.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 20

5:38 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

7:50 p.m. – An officer spoke with a resident about an incident. Their computer was hacked, and money was missing from their account. Their computer screen popped up saying there was a virus detected and to call a provided Microsoft account. There was money taken out. The hackers told the person to search on Google for a number and connected through the provided number and was told to call their bank. The person was advised there was a renovation project she was working on and instructed the person to tell the tellers at the bank that. They went to two different banks to withdrawal funds. Then they were instructed to go to a Bitcoin machine and deposit money. They put in their information and deposited the money into the money, including scanning their license. They then were advised to call their credit bureau. The bank said they would not do an inves-

tigation and the person was not getting reimbursed.

Thursday, Sept. 21

9:58 a.m. – A person reported working at a Federal St. business and got a call from a person claiming to be the Belchertown Fire Marshall and that Belchertown fire would be installing smoke and fire detection. The caller started commanding the person to deposit money to pay for the service and they took some of their own money. They were told to put more money into the machine. They were asked about money in the store and wanted to scan the driver's license which they did. They thought the matter was suspicious. The matter was forwarded to detective for follow up.

11:32 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Summit St. A vehicle traveling west on summit when drifted off to a soft grassy area. The operator couldn't redirect the vehicle. The vehicle struck a pole. A towing company was contacted, and no injuries were reported.

12:48 p.m. – The School Resource Officer assisted a student in crisis.

Friday, Sept. 22

1:57 a.m. – An officer responded to Barret Street for a report of a house fire and Belchertown fire and paramedics. An officer saw no house on fire. There was a transformer that was on fire. There was a pole that snapped three-quarters of the way up. That made the road impassable. It was a fire that appeared to be because of a car crash. There was a silver SUV that crashed and caused the pole to break. One of the firefighters saw a safe path to see if there were any occupants. The vehicle was involved in a "be on lookout" broadcast an hour earlier involving a pursuit with Ware, Palmer, and State Police. The vehicle proceeded into Belchertown, south toward the registered owner's house in Indian Orchard. The K-9 officer and other officers came to help with the search. The person had six active warrants. They started to track the person. One of the officers found a phone and several wax baggies consistent with heroin and another baggie with white powder. The person got evaluated for injuries and was transported to the hospital. There were photos taken and drug paraphernalia. The vehicle was towed and National Grid repaired the pole.

6:17 p.m. – A person got a text from what thought was a bank asking if they made transactions in store. They got a phone number then called. The person on the other line said they were in fraud department. They then asked the person to text their username and password associated with their bank account. Almost immediately their accounts were emptied. The person said they felt uneasy, and all their accounts were locked. Belchertown police investigating.

Saturday, Sept. 23

7:46 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State St. A vehicle was traveling south on State St. and tried to use their breaks before the curve, but their breaks didn't work. The vehicle went off the roadway and struck two trees. The vehicle was towed but no injuries were reported.

2:02 p.m. – An officer responded to Turkey Hill Road for a report of a raccoon that appeared to be hit by a car. The raccoon was not in good condition and wasn't acting normal. The officer euthanized the animal. Massachusetts State police provided assistance blocking the roadway.

8:20 p.m. – An officer working the Belchertown Fire detail was monitoring one of the shows under the tent. There were a number of juvenile participants not obeying with the instructions of the presenter. One of the juveniles caused a disruption once again. The officer spoke to the juvenile, who began to cry. The matter was documented for information only.

Sunday, Sept. 24

3:24 p.m. – A person reported a case of fraud. They were texting a person from Connecticut who was allegedly selling a puppy and made a deal that the caller would purchase. At the arranged meeting time, the person attempted to contact the seller, which was now out of service.

Monday, Sept. 25

10:38 a.m. – A person called to report unemployment fraud. They were recently laid off and attempted to file an unemployment claim. They were unable to log in and were told there was already an account with this Social Security number. They contacted Social Security and Unemployment office. The matter was documented.

1:49 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Turkey Hill Road. A vehicle was traveling east on Turkey Hill Road when a tree fell into a fence and into the roadway. The operator was unable to stop, then the vehicle drove over the tree. It was wet and heavy rain. The fence was added to the report for documents. No injuries. There was undercarriage damage to the vehicle. The tree was removed by the DPW.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

7:35 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident. A vehicle was in a drive through and pulled up to the window when the vehicle was rear ended by the second. There was minor damage to the rear bumper of the first vehicle. Both occupants were transported to the hospital.

8:01 a.m. – Items were turned into the station by the Belchertown Fair Committee. There were two wallets and miscellaneous cash. It was entered into a property. There was loose cash as well.

2:57 p.m. – An officer spoke with a resident whose vehicle was broken into

a couple nights ago. There were items in the vehicle that were moved around. There were items that were missing. It was unlocked at the time. The matter is under investigation.

9:57 p.m. – A vehicle traveling east on Knight St. began to drift with the front facing toward the edge of the road. The vehicle then struck a vehicle parked in the driveway of the residence. Then the vehicle went sideways and struck a wooden fence and small trees. The vehicle came to a rest on the driver's side 20 to 30 feet into the woods. Both bumpers of the vehicle were torn off. The operator was driving at 40 to 50 mph. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Belchertown Fire and paramedics responded and one person was transported to Baystate Springfield and another passenger was transported to Baystate Wing.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 117 calls for the week of Sept. 22 through Sept. 28. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Sept. 22

1:47 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on East Street. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 60 mph in 30 mph zone. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

Sunday, Sept. 24

12:51 p.m. – Holly Wardwell, 26, of Granby, was placed under arrest due an active arrest warrant.

3:50 p.m. – A resident reported that a car struck a rock wall. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

12:18 p.m. – The Postmaster reported that an upset customer broke the glass exit door on their way out of the Post Office. An incident report was completed, and the matter is under investigation.

Thursday, Sept. 28

3:53 a.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.

PATCHES from page 1

Members of the department, as well as the department's own Comfort Dog Oliver, will be seen throughout the month of October wearing these pink patches on their left sleeves—or harness, in the case of Mr. Oliver.

"As many know, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the color pink is used to represent this," the department released in an earlier statement. "From sports teams, to people in the community, many participate in National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in a variety of ways."

This year, the Police Department is supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month in its own way—with the pink patches.

"For the 31 days of Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM), pink ribbons appear as the impact of breast cancer is brought to the forefront of national conversation," the National Breast Cancer Foundation released. "But we know that to help those facing breast cancer, awareness alone isn't enough. This October, get involved. Get screened. Make a donation. Take action. Make this BCAM about more than awareness."

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Non-profit education organization serving immigrants seeks a Belchertown-based driver to transport 2 adult students and 3 children in carseats from Belchertown near the Palmer line to Amherst on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to arrive by 8:30.

Driver will transport students back to Belchertown at 10:30. Compensation will be for up to 7 hours/Week. Candidates must be able to submit a Mass. drivers license for insurance review, must drive an inspected and insured car able to accommodate 3 car seats and 2 adults. Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to hiring@cnam.org.

CENTER FOR NEW AMERICANS



The participants of the pickleball tournament gather for a group photo.

(COURTESY PHOTO)

TOURNEY from page 1

port the community,” Pacunas said. Chief Pacunas said that after seeing the success of other comfort dog programs in surrounding communities, like the Amherst Police Department’s comfort dog, Auggie, he thought it would be a good fit for Belchertown. So, when Officer Valerie Austin approached him with the idea, he was very supportive. After some research, Oliver, a black Labrador, was acquired from Boonefield Labradors in New Hampshire, a comfort and therapy breeder, and on Sept. 5 he started his job with BPD. Oliver has been busy with community appearances since day one, and he was again on hand during the pickleball tournament, offering up plenty of pets and comfort to players who may not have come out on the winning side of the match. He even got in the game—sort of—by casing a couple of stray balls that rolled his way. After the excitement, Oliver spent a lot of the tournament napping in Austin’s lap, but many people still stopped to give him a pat on the head or to dote on him.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Oliver the BPD comfort dog plays with a pickleball ball.

Quirk, who is an active member of the pickleball community, said after having the support of the chief for the tournament to support the comfort dog program there were many meetings to pull together the details. Participants registered through the

Parks and Recreation Department, and when all was said and done, there were 32 teams that registered, each made up of

two people. Quirk said the tournament was divided into four two-hour sessions, with all matches taking place at Chestnut Hill Community School. Each player received a T-shirt, and winners were announced at the end of each session. Prizes included gift certificates from Grapevine Grill and Sleigh City Pizza.

With approximately 300 people in town that play pickleball, Quirk is anticipating a larger tournament for its second showing.

“We are hoping to double the size of the tournament next year,” he said, adding that in that case, matches will take place at CHCS and the pickleball courts at Jabish Brook Middle School.

Follow Oliver on his many adventures by liking his Facebook page, “Oliver Belchertown Police Department Comfort Dog.”

Haunted Lighthouses of New England

AMHERST – Explore the Haunted Lighthouses of New England at the Jones Library via Zoom from 7-8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 16.

“Lighthouses and ghost stories often seem to go hand in hand,” the library released. “Jeremy D’Entremont will be telling about the mysterious Woman in White in the Isles of Shoals and the spirit of a drowned lighthouse keeper at Penfield Reef in Connecticut, as well as some of the paranormal investigations he’s been part of—and much more.”

D’Entremont is the president and historian of the American Lighthouse Foundation, historian for the U.S. Lighthouse Society, and the author of more than 20 books and hundreds of articles on lighthouses and maritime history, according to a press statement. He’s the producer and host of the U.S. Lighthouse Society’s podcast, “Light Hearted.” He has appeared on the popular Ghost Hunters TV show, as well as Haunted Lighthouses of America on the Travel Channel. He has also appeared on the History Channel, Public Television, and National Public Radio speaking about lighthouses.

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A pickleball player returns the ball.

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EDUCATION

STCC names resident as 2023 Endowed Chair

BELCHERTOWN - Springfield Technical Community College has recently honored two nursing professors, including a Belchertown resident, with awards that recognize excellence in teaching and a commitment to the college's mission.

The college selected Donna Mae Jones of Belchertown as the 2023 Joseph J. Delisio Sr. Endowed Chair and Donna Woshinsky as the 2023 Anthony M. Scibelli Endowed Chair. The awards are named for two of the college's founders.

Each year, STCC faculty are nominated by their colleagues and then invited to apply. An award selection committee, made up of faculty and staff, reviews applications, and the STCC Foundation Executive Committee then selects winners, according to a press release.

Recipients receive a \$1,500 monetary award from the STCC Foundation in addition to wooden chairs with plaques inscribed with their names.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

STCC professor Donna Mae Jones stands with the honorary chair she received after being recognized for excellence in teaching.

Jones joined the STCC faculty in 2013.

"I am honored and thrilled to

receive the prestigious endowed chair award and have my name linked with excellence in teach-

ing, quality education and the STCC name," Jones said. "I would like to thank all my colleagues who have been totally supportive since I started teaching. I stand on the shoulders of many before me."

Jones graduated from the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Worcester State University and her Master's in Nursing Education from Walden University. Jones left the clinical field of nursing in 2010 and began teaching in an accelerated L.P.N. Program before coming to STCC.

STCC President John B. Cook said the Endowed Chair awards represent an effort by the STCC Foundation to recognize and encourage faculty excellence and foster a deep connection to businesses and community organizations. Cook congratulated Jones and Woshinsky at a campus event for faculty and staff on Aug. 31.

Christopher Scott, dean of the

School of Health and Patient Simulation at STCC, said the professors are committed to the college's mission to support students as they transform their lives.

"Professor Jones is always looking for new and innovative teaching and learning methodologies," Scott said. "Professor Jones' newest academic endeavor was the nursing lab escape room that she designed and implemented for senior nursing students. This was extremely well received by students and faculty."

Lisa Fugiel, assistant dean and director of nursing, said both Woshinsky and Jones have been innovative in their approaches to education.

"I'm proud to work with them and have them as part of the faculty and the team. Their support for our students is amazing and reflects their dedication and commitment to nursing and teaching," Fugiel said.

Woshinsky of Windsor, Conn., has been a faculty member at STCC since 2003.

Residents among Phi Kappa Phi's 'Love of Learning' award recipients

AMHERST - The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi has announced the recipients of a 2023 "Love of Learning Award."

The awards help fund post-baccalaureate studies and career development for active Society members, according to a press statement.

Amherst residents Christina Allingham, initiated in 2022 at University of Massachusetts, and Junling Zhu, initiated in 2020 at University of Massachusetts, were among the 200 recipients to receive the award.

"Love of Learning Awards are designed to help fund post-baccalaureate professional development for active Phi Kappa Phi

members including graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, travel related to teaching and research, career development and more," a press statement reads. "Established in 2007, the Love of Learning program, which gives 200 awards annually, doubled its funding this year and saw a 50 percent increase in applicants. The selection process for a Love of Learning Award is based on the applicant's academic achievement, campus and community service, intended use of award funds as it relates to academic and career goals, and a personal statement."



The University of Iowa

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Amherst resident attending University of Iowa

AMHERST - In late August, the University of Iowa welcomed another "academically accomplished cohort of students to campus."

Amherst resident Enguang Xiao was among this "talented group

of freshmen," according to the school.

"The University of Iowa continues to attract high-achieving students. This fall's incoming first-year class, totaling 5,064 students,

has topped previous records with an average high school grade-point average (GPA) of 3.83. The average high school GPA for the classes of 2026 and 2025 were 3.82 and 3.81, respectively."



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GRANBY

Halloween fun at Granby library

GRANBY - October will see plenty of Halloween fun at the town's library.

All library programs are free and open to the public; the library is located at 297 East State St., Granby.

The Granby Public Library has announced the following events:

Halloween Eye Spy

"Take an Eye Spy sheet, then find and count the Halloween theme items in our aquarium as you go," the library released. "When you've spied and counted everything on this sheet, then you receive a little Halloween prize."

Eye Spy will run through Oct. 31.

Guess How many Pumpkins are in the Jar

"Guess how many candy

pumpkins are in the jar. The closest guess without going over wins a Halloween Fun Pack."

Through Oct. 24.

Creepy Carrot Design Fun Challenge

"Read the hilarious book 'Creepy Carrots' by Aaron Reynolds about a rabbit named Jasper who ate carrots every chance he could, breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. The carrots, who are portrayed with human characteristics, were fed up with it, so they came up with a diabolical plan to make him hate them."

Grab a sheet as part of this activity and see "how creepy you can make a carrot look."

"Just for fun (not a contest) design a creepy carrot based on the book and we will put it on display."

Nature Storytime with Ranger Tasha: Owls

Oct. 17, at 10:30 a.m.

"Who, who—it's you... children will surely become wiser about owls after hearing a story and exploring some hands-on feathers, puppets," the library released.

Not So Spooky Crafts

Saturdays, Oct. 21 and 28

Give a pumpkin shape a face, make a bat or owl magnet, put together a Q-Tip skeleton, and more.

Guess How Much Our Pumpkin Weighs?

Twens and teens are invited

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Fall group art exhibit at the Granby Free Public Library

GRANBY - The Quabbin Art Association of Belchertown has opened its 2023 Fall Exhibit at the Granby Free Public Library for the month of October.

"The exhibit includes the works of more than a dozen members including watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, mixed media collage and photography," a press statement reads. "The exhibit is available for viewing during regular business hours. Many pieces are for sale directly from the artists. Come visit the library and support the arts."

The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 East State St. For information, visit granbylibrary.com.



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Lisa Goldberg's "Blue Jay"

Fall CAR CARE & DRIVING



3 simple strategies that can keep cars running longer

The last few years have not proven the most advantageous times for new car buyers. According to the Consumer Price Index Summary from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, buyers paid 12.2 percent more for new vehicles in January 2022 than they had in January 2021. Faced with such a significant increase in price, many drivers understandably want to keep their current cars longer than they might have initially planned.

Data released by S&P Global Mobility in early 2022 indicated that the average vehicle on the road is 12 years and two months old, which marked the highest number in the 20-plus years such information was tracked. A host of variables affect how long drivers keep their cars, but the rising cost of new vehicles has undoubtedly compelled many drivers to aspire to keep their cars for longer periods of time.

Aging cars may require a little more TLC than vehicles that are right off the dealership lot. But the following are three simple tips that can help drivers keep their cars running longer.



1. Become a more careful driver. A careful approach when behind the wheel is safer than aggressive driving and beneficial for your vehicle. When starting, avoid revving the engine, which needlessly wears it down. When out on the road, avoid rapid accelerations, which also contributes to needless wear and tear. Even excessive idling can adversely affect the engine, so keep winter warm-ups to around 30 seconds to prevent damage to engine components.

2. Know when and how to fill

up. Every driver has likely visited a filling station when an oil tanker is busily filling the tanks. That's traditionally been considered a less than ideal time to fill up, as the theory is that filling the tanks stirs up sediment that could then find its way into consumers' gas tanks, adversely affecting their vehicles. However, that's often dependent on the station itself and how much its owners prioritize maintenance of the tank and filtration systems. Drivers who trust their local station owners can likely fill up when the tankers are

present without worry. In addition, avoid topping off once the nozzle clicks when filling up. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that topping off is harmful to the planet and the vehicle, as gasoline needs room to expand. When you top off, the extra gas may damage the vapor collection system and cause the vehicle to run less efficiently.

3. Change oil more frequently as the vehicle ages. It's true that modern vehicles no longer require oil changes for every 3,000 miles driven. However, as vehicles age, drivers and their vehicles' engines may benefit from more frequent oil changes than the owner's manual necessarily recommends. Oil changes remove dirt and metal particles from the engine, potentially contributing to a longer life expectancy. More frequent changes can be especially beneficial for vehicles that are routinely driven in stop-and-go traffic.

Rising vehicle costs have compelled many drivers to keep their cars longer than they initially planned. Some simple strategies can help drivers achieve that goal.



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Why it's important to wash your car

The first things to come to mind when many people ponder vehicle maintenance are oil changes and routine tune-ups. Though each of those things are vital components of automotive maintenance, it's important that drivers recognize the value of a thorough car wash as well.

Drivers may see a car wash as a way to make their car look good,

and that's not untrue. An effective car wash can give a car a look that mirrors how the vehicle appeared the moment it was driven off the lot. But an effective wash is more than just cosmetic. According to Consumer Reports, a thorough car wash removes grit and residue, thus protecting the car's paint job and reducing the likelihood of corrosion. Though late model vehicles

aren't as susceptible to rust, fading and peeling as cars made decades ago, they still need a thorough and routine wash to remove dirt, grime and bird droppings that, over time, can adversely affect the paint job and, if left unchecked, eat away at the metal.

Winter may not be a time many drivers visit the car wash, but it's important to do so after snow has

melted and salt on the roadways has been washed away by rain. Most car washes now offer high-pressure undercarriage treatments that can wash off salt and prevent corrosion and the formation of rust.

Car washes may be seen as a purely cosmetic form of vehicle maintenance. But the benefits of routine and thorough car washes extend far beyond aesthetic appeal.



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The basics of Electric Vehicles for first-time buyers

Electric vehicles are increasingly visible on roadways around the world. According to BloombergNEF, a strategic research provider covering global commodity markets, in June 2022 there were 20 million plug-in vehicles in use across the globe. That's an increase from only one million in 2016. As more people are drawn to EVs, drivers can exercise due diligence to learn more about them, particularly if they're considering buying their first such vehicle.

Different vehicle types

The term "electric vehicle" encompasses a variety of cars and trucks. The following are some common categories.

- **Hybrid electric vehicle:** These are the most common type of hybrids. They have two power drives, which include a fuel-based engine and an electric motor with a larger battery. A computer determines when electricity or gas should be used. The system utilizes regenerative braking that ensures the electric battery gets a little recharge every time the driver touches the breaks
- **Mild hybrid electric vehicle:** MHEVs use a battery and electric motor to increase the efficiency of an internal combustion engine



(ICE). An MHEV does not run solely on electric power, but the ICE can be turned off and the electric motor used while braking, coasting and stopping.

- **Battery electric vehicle:** BEVs are powered entirely by electricity and will have no ICE or fuel tank. Users charge the battery using an electrical outlet.
- **Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle:** Like BEVs, PHEVs have an electric motor that is charged by plugging it in. They also have a fuel-based ICE like HEVs. Where they differ is that PHEVs can travel a considerable distance on electric power alone, while HEVs cannot.

Driving range

The distance EVs can travel before needing to recharge depends on the type of vehicle. Most EVs have a driving range between 50 and 330 miles. Shoppers should determine the "range-per-charge" for the vehicle to assess if it will fit their driving needs and daily commutes. Drivers who frequently take long road trips may have to assess if a hybrid vehicle is more practical; otherwise, careful planning may be necessary to accommodate charging along the route.

Parking and charging situation
Individuals who live in private

homes or rentals with access to outlets may be more inclined to invest in EVs. Charging can be done with a standard 120V outlet, but it will increase charging time considerably. Many people opt to have a 240V charger installed in a garage or driveway, which is known as "Level 2 ESVE equipment." With this type of setup, a charge can be reached in roughly four to six hours, says Valley Clean Energy. Public charging stations utilize a 480V input and can charge many EV models in about 20 to 30 minutes. Plug-in hybrid vehicles do not typically have fast charging capabilities, however.

Reduce maintenance

BEVs require less maintenance than conventional vehicles because there are fewer fluids like oil and transmission fluid to change, and far fewer moving parts. EVs require minimal scheduled maintenance to electrical systems, including the battery and electrical motor. Hybrid vehicles still require the standard maintenance of gas-powered vehicles.
EVs are growing in popularity, so potential buyers can school themselves on these newer vehicles to determine if they're the right fit for them.

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Belchertown Senior Center announces October events, services

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

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

Upcoming events at the Senior Center include:

National Chili Month: October

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

Eat Smart Live Strong: Nutrition Education Series

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

Social Services and Outreach

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

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

Fuel Assistance Program - The Fuel

Assistance Program officially opens on Nov. 1.

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

For all other inquiries, call for an appointment:

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

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

AARP Tax-Aide Program Volunteer Opportunity

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

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

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

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

Nurse Clinic: Oct. 16 & 30, 10-11 a.m.

Stop in to have your blood pressure or glucose checked.

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

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

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

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

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

BSCCA Calendar Raffle

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

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

Hosted by the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association.

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

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

Jury to hear closing arguments in Rintala murder trial

REGION - The jury in the Cara Rintala murder trial heard closing arguments last week in Hampshire Superior Court, after which they began deliberating.

According to a press statement from the office of Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan, Rintala faces a single count of murder in connection with the strangulation death of her wife, 37-year-old Annamarie Cochrane-Rintala, in 2010 in their Granby home.

The trial began Sept. 6 with jury selection, followed by opening statement on Sept. 13. The Commonwealth called 20 witnesses during its case, after which the defense called two. The case is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Suhl and First Assistant District Attorney Steven E. Gagne. Rintala is being represented by Attorneys Rosemary Scapicchio, Chauncey Wood, and Melissa Ramos, of Boston. Judge Francis E. Flannery is presiding over the trial.

This is the fourth trial for Rintala. The first two concluded with mistrials after the juries were unable to reach unanimous verdicts, according to reports.

Trick-or-Treat movie event upcoming

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

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

Those interested may email granbyparkfriends@gmail.com or visit the group's Facebook page to learn more about the event.

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to the Young Adult Room, where a pumpkin currently resides.

"If you can guess how much it weighs, you'll win the pumpkin and some Halloween décor."

This contest will continue until Oct. 20, so the winner can have it in time for Halloween; ages 11-18.

Library hours include: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Call the library at 413-467-3320 for more information.

Q&A with Author Ben Goldfarb

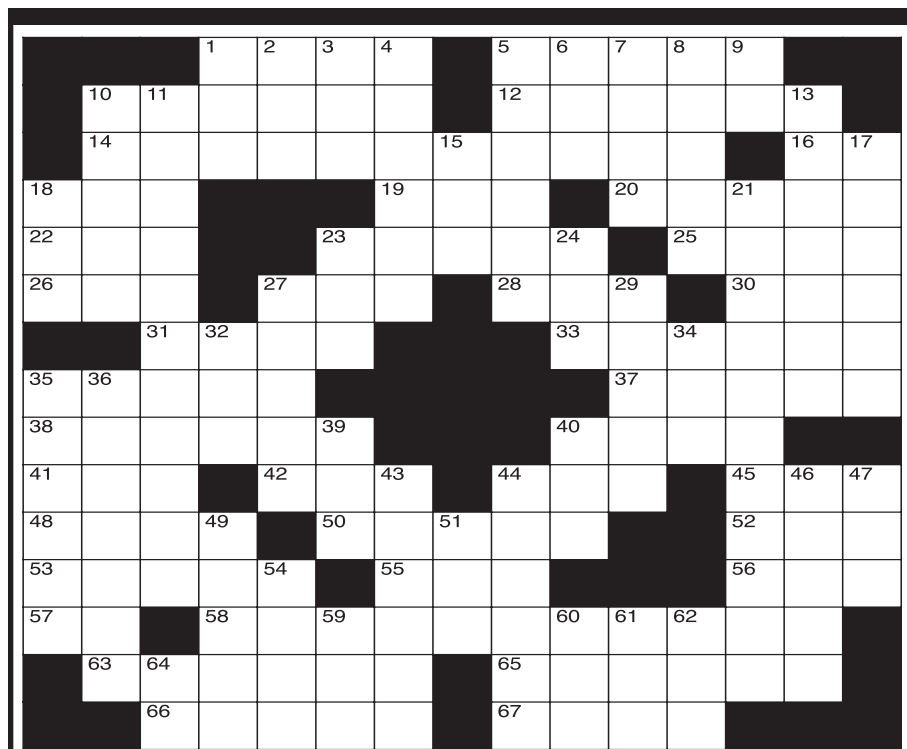
AMHERST - The Jones Library invites community members to explore the impact of roads on the planet in this conversation with author Ben Goldfarb via Zoom from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19.

"What do roads have to do with ecology? Join us as we discuss 'Crossings: How Road Ecology Is Shaping the Future of Our Planet' with Ben Goldfarb," the library released. "Written with passion and curiosity, 'Crossings' is a sweeping, spirited, and timely investigation into how humans have altered the natural world and how we can create a better future for all living beings."

Goldfarb is the author of the book; his previous book, "Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter," received the 2019 PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award. His work has appeared in publications including the Atlantic, Science, the New York Times, and the Washington Post.

Visit the Jones Library website at joneslibrary.org to learn more and register.

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



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 5. Byproduct of fire
- 10. Talked
- 12. Unique skill
- 14. Unembarrassed
- 16. Where teenagers go
- 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
- 22. Auburn great
- 23. Some are for Christmas
- 25. Dried, split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Where to get your mail
- 28. High schoolers' test
- 30. Flightless bird
- 31. Expectorated
- 33. Practice of misrepresenting the truth

- 35. Type of patch
- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Progressive country musician
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. Type of "cast"
- 56. Popular breakfast food
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Position north or south of the equator
- 63. Gadget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Irregular bulges in cell membranes
- 67. Dark brown

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 2. Partner to flow
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of stems
- 6. Angry
- 7. Spanish stew: ___ podrida
- 8. Fastened with a pin
- 9. On your way: ___ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Enmities
- 13. B complex vitamin
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child

- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Full of tears
- 32. Touch softly
- 34. Former OSS
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie ___, journalist
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Weather
- 46. Sports broadcaster
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Phenyl salicylate
- 51. Web of Things
- 54. Ship goods as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Young female
- 61. OJ trial judge
- 62. One's grandmother
- 64. West Siberian river

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Orioles cruise to win over Holyoke

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE—The Belchertown field hockey team entered the first week of October with a combined 25-2-4 record against County League opponents since the start of the 2021 regular season. Their only two league losses during that span came against Franklin Tech.

The Lady Orioles, who are the defending County league champions, scored four first quarter goals and coasted to a 9-2 victory in the first meeting of the regular season against league rival Holyoke at John F. Gilligan Field, which is a part of the Roberts Sports Complex, last Monday afternoon, Sept. 25.

“The first quarter hasn’t been our strongest quarter so far this season,” said first-year Belchertown head coach Dina Brunetti. “We came out very strongly in the first quarter of today’s game, which gave me the opportunity to play our younger players. This is a very good win for us.”

Brunetti, who replaced Lindsay Wright, was a coach of a Belchertown recreation field hockey team for the last six years.

“They were looking for someone to coach the varsity field hockey team this year, so I decided to step in,” said Brunetti, who graduated from Chicopee High School. “We’re now 4-1-1 and it feels great. I just love coaching this team.”

Following their first road match



Edith Audette makes her way toward the Holyoke goal.



Isabella Cebula looks to pass through an opponent.

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of the 2023 campaign, the Lady Orioles had a 4-1-1 overall record and a perfect 4-0 league record.

It was the second consecutive game that Belchertown scored at least nine goals. They posted a 9-0 home shutout against Palmer in another league match on September 21. The Lady Orioles’ other two league victories were also shutouts against Hampshire Regional (10-0) in the season opener, and Amherst (4-0).

They lost a non-league match to Greenfield, 1-0, and tied Frontier Regional, 2-2.

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Natalie Haluch tries to pass ahead of pressure.

Bonsignore heads for Thompson for big event

NORTH WILKESBORO, N.C. – After 150 laps at North Wilkesboro Speedway, Justin Bonsignore brought his No. 51 machine home in third-place on Saturday night. As the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour made their debut at the North Carolina oval in the Brushy Mountain Powersports 150, Bonsignore ran inside the top-five for much of the race.

A final green-white-checkered finish where Bonsignore lined up in fifth was exactly what he needed in the Phoenix Communications entry. Bonsignore followed fellow championship contender Ron Silk up through the field to finish third, just behind Silk.

In the title battle, Bonsignore will hold a two-point lead heading for the final two races of the season.

“The green-white-checkered restart definitely helped get us back to the podium,” Bonsignore said. “We got a good jump on the final restart. It was a good night for us. We were just a bit tight on the second set of tires. It’s going to go down to the end. It’s going to be a championship battle for the ages.”

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Vivian Ross gets the set.



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Christina Santiago attempts a spike.



Ava Shea gets the bump from the back line.



Paige Magner sends the ball back over the net.

Orioles fall for second time

CHICOPEE – After starting the season with six straight wins, the Belchertown High School girls volleyball team was defeated twice, including a 3-2 loss against Chicopee

last Thursday afternoon. The Orioles won the first and third sets, but lost the second and fourth, and then the deciding fifth set 15-10. Ava Shea had 10 kills and 17 digs for the Orioles.

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Pioneers keep winning

PALMER – With the exception of a setback in their season opener, Pathfinder boys soccer has kept on winning. The Pioneers defeated Hampden Charter last Wednesday 10-1 followed by a 1-0 win over Smith Vocational. With a number of postponements last month, the Pioneers still have a lot of games yet to play in October. The Pioneers head to Franklin Tech on Friday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m.



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Seth Mitchell tries to steal the ball for the Pioneers.



Basem Yaseen looks for an opening to pass.



Seth Mitchell readies a long throw-in.

Westfield State University Owls hold on for first victory

WESTFIELD – Westfield State’s Max Margeson (Littleton, Colo./Mullen HS) and Alec Rodriguez (Westfield, Mass.) combined for a memorable interception return play for a touchdown to lift the Owls to a 17-10 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy at Alumni Field on Saturday to bring a happy conclusion to Family and Champions Weekend.

Margeson delivered a perfectly timed hit on MMA wide receiver Andrew Brightman (Wareham, Mass./Upper Cape Tech) to jar loose the ball on a catch, with the ball ping-pong directly to Owls’ linebacker Rodriguez for the interception at the MMA 32-yard line. Rodriguez returned the ball a couple of yards before Brightman snagged him by the ankle, and Rodriguez handed the ball off to Margeson, who rambled 30 yards through traffic for the touchdown to give Westfield a 17-10 lead with 9:07 left in the third quarter.

The Owls hung on down the stretch for the win, improving to 1-4 on the season and 1-2

in the MASCAC. MMA slips to 1-3 overall and 1-1 in the league.

The two teams traded salvos in the first half, with the Buccaneers getting on the board on their first drive of the game with a 7-play, 73-yard march that was capped by a 29-yard TD pass to Brightman on deep post route completion from quarterback Marc Murphy (Norwood, Mass.).

Westfield answered on their first drive, getting a big 52-yard kick return from Christian Julian (Hingham, Mass.) to set up the drive at the MMA 32. Seven plays later, Westfield’s Jordan Smith (Coventry, Conn.) rumbled four yards up the middle for a game tying TD.

The two clubs traded field goals in the final 10 seconds of the half. MMA got a 24-yard TD from Logan Tsaika (E. Freetown, Mass./Appoquonet) to take a 10-7 lead with eight seconds left in the half.

Westfield got the ball back on the ensuing kickoff, and Owls QB Gabriel Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) found Danny Farrell

(Milford, Mass.) on a 25-yard completion and a personal foul on the Buccaneers gave the Owls the ball at the MMA 22 yardline with four seconds left in the half.

Westfield State first-year kicker Cooper Harvey (Niskayuna, N.Y.) booted a 39-yard field goal as time expired to tie the game 10-10 at the half.

Neither team particularly threatened the end zone after the big interception return by the Owls. MMA drove the ball as far as the Owls’ 38-yard line with less than two minutes to play, but Tyler Cooley (Randolph, Mass./Arch. Williams) dropped Murphy for a loss on third down, and Murphy’s long bomb try to Brightman on fourth down fell incomplete to end the threat, and Westfield knelt on the ball three times to run out the clock.

Fernandez finished 14-25 passing for 138 yards. Farrell finished with six catches for 65 yards, and Smith rushed for 77 yards on 25 carries.

For MMA, Murphy completed 12 of 23

passes for 206 yards with a TD and an interception. Daniel Molloy (Franklin, Mass.) led the rushing attack with seven carries for 22 yards, and Brightman finished with eight catches for 96 yards. Molloy added three catches for 54 yards.

Defensively, Cooley led the Owls with 13 tackles, and Cam Danahy (Kingston, Mass./Silve Lake) added nine. Dylan Clark (Bellows Falls, Vt./BFA) came up with two big plays with two tackles for losses of 12 yards.

Liam Hines (Quincy, Mass./North Quincy) led MMA with seven tackles. Owen Shea (Scituate, Mass./Norwell) made five tackles, 2.5 TFL’s and a sack.

Westfield heads into its bye week, before returning to host its homecoming game against UMass-Dartmouth on Saturday, Oct. 14. MMA faces UMass Dartmouth next Saturday, Oct. 7 with a 4 p.m. kick off in North Dartmouth, Mass.

Cambridge half-marathon registration open

CAMBRIDGE – Registration is open for the Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide. The races are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 (race begins 7 a.m. EST) on a gorgeous new course with views of the Charles River along Memorial Drive.

The Cambridge Half Marathon is a 13.1 mile fast and flat course featuring views of the MIT, John W. Weeks Footbridge, Harvard University Stadium, Charles River and more. The new 5K race also offers scenic views alongside the Charles River. Both courses are USATF certified and start and finish at CambridgeSide.

Race registration includes quarter zip pull over (half marathon participants) or long sleeve shirt (5K participants), five complimentary CambridgeSide parking passes, training plan, race bib with timing chip, and finishing medal. Register for both races at CambridgeSide.com.

Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping (CambridgeCamping.org), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund (Cambridgema.gov/Services/CityScholarship) as well as other local charities. Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K is sponsored by Canam Group Inc. and training sponsor MYSTRYDE.

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Mya Philpott is pressured by a Holyoke midfielder.



Molly Mazzaferro makes her way up the field.

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The Purple Knights (2-5, 2-3) also have a new varsity coach.

Francesca Ceppetelli took over the varsity coaching duties at Holyoke High School from Sue and MaryAnn Pelligrinelli. The sisters retired from coaching at the end of last season.

“I played collegiate field hockey at Lasell University, and I previously coached a middle school field hockey in Enfield Connecticut,” said Ceppetelli. “Field hockey is a very popular sport in Enfield.”

It took a little more than a minute for the Lady Orioles to take a 1-0 lead in last Monday’s contest.

After receiving a pass from senior Laura Cote, senior Isabella Cauley fired a backhand shot into the back of the cage past Holyoke junior goalie Lyara Rodriguez (10 saves) with 13:55 left in the first quarter.

Thirty seconds later, Cote assisted on another goal scored by sophomore Rachel Baltazar, which was her fourth goal so far

this season.

Freshman Lila Roy scored the other two first quarter goals for Belchertown.

“It’s always very difficult to make a comeback after falling behind early in the game,” Ceppetelli said. “My girls just did their best in today’s game.”

Sophomore Mya Philpott assisted on Roy’s first goal. Sophomore Edith Audette was credited with her team-leading seventh assist on Roy’s second goal.

Junior Aiden McCarthy did get the Purple Knights on the scoreboard for the first time with a penalty corner goal less than two minutes into the second quarter.

McCarthy’s second goal of the regular season was assisted by junior Siobhan Armstrong.

With 1:50 remaining in the second stanza, an unassisted goal by freshman Addison-Rose DiBona gave the Lady Orioles a 5-1 halftime lead.

Five minutes into the third quarter, Armstrong recorded another assist on a goal by senior Maura Fontaine-Dulude cutting

Holyoke’s deficit to 5-2.

Belchertown senior Brooke Stelmokas, who was the Orioles starting goalie, banged a shot into the cage for her first goal of the season with four minutes left in the third quarter.

“Brooke is our starting goalie, but she also loves playing in the field,” Brunetti. “It was awesome seeing her score a goal in today’s game. We’re really going to miss her next year.”

The other two Lady Orioles goalies were freshmen Claire Corbin, who played in her first varsity game, and Morgan Sambor.

At the end of the third quarter, Belchertown took a 7-2 advantage following a penalty corner goal by senior Karyna Rondeau.

Audette scored a pair of goals for the Lady Orioles during the final 15 minutes of the contest.

Belchertown also posted a 4-1 home win over Holyoke three days later. Roy led the way offensively with two goals for the Lady Orioles.

T-Birds make roster moves ahead of opener

SPRINGFIELD — St. Louis Blues President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Doug Armstrong announced today the team has assigned 12 players to its AHL affiliate, the Springfield Thunderbirds, including forwards Mikhail Abramov, Drew Callin, Tanner Dickinson, Andre Heim, and Mitch Hoelscher, defensemen Jeremie Biakabutuka, Joseph Duszak, Marc-Andre Gaudet, Austin Osmanski, and Hunter Skinner, and goaltenders Will Cranley and Vadim Zherenko. In addition, the Blues released forward Nick Ritchie and defenseman Andy Welinski from their professional tryouts.

The Calder Cup quest begins on Saturday, Oct. 14 for Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield. In the team's annual tradition, fans will be treated to a pregame Block Party on the property of MGM Springfield from 4 to 6 p.m. presented by Community Bank N.A. with the support of the Springfield Business Improvement District (BID). The outdoor bash will feature live music, food, and drink. Thunderbirds fans will have the opportunity to get their hands on a plethora of giveaway souvenir items this season, beginning on Opening Night with jersey-shaped rally towels on each and every seat at the MassMutual Center.

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Bonsignore will move to Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park next on Sunday, Oct. 8 for the Sunoco World Series 150. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is part of a three-day event at Thompson next weekend.

For more information on three-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow his Athlete page on Facebook for the latest news and updates, including from the track on race day.

Genograms: Discovering Medical Histories

AMHERST - The Jones Library is hosting an event called "Genograms: Discovering Medical Histories in Your Family Tree" via Zoom from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

"Genealogical research may hold the answers to questions you have about your family medical history. Many health conditions tend to run in families," the library released. "This re-occurrence is thought to be due to a combination of genetics, the environment, and personal lifestyle."

A genogram is a detailed "family medical history pedigree" which can help track these diseases through multiple generations, according to a press statement.

"This Zoom program by Dr. Sarah Price Rosen will discuss how a genogram is con-

structed, highlight the types of genealogical records that may contain your ancestor's vital health information, explore archaic (and sometimes funny) medical terminology from past centuries, and offer insights on how to approach living family members about their medical history."

Dr. Sarah J. Price Rosen has a Bachelor of Science with Honors in Biology and Chemistry from Denison University, a Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics from Marshall University School of Medicine, and attended a two-year clinical fellowship in Clinical Molecular Genetics at Boston University School of Medicine. She has also earned certificates in Genealogical Studies and

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"Our staff has done great work with this program and we are proud and grateful to be a partner with Children's Trust in this important mission."

As the only statewide child abuse prevention organization, the Children's Trust works with a network of more than one hundred of the most innovative local community organizations across the Commonwealth to provide programming that improves outcomes for children and families. Children's Trust programs partner with parents to help them "build the lifelong skills and self-confidence they need to ensure children grow up safe and healthy."

For more information about the Children's Trust, visit childrenstrustma.org.

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Teen Advisory Board Meeting

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

The Clapp Memorial Library's Teen Advisory Board will meet to suggest and discuss teen programs for the upcoming school year. TAB is a group of seventh-through twelfth-grade students who meet monthly to propose library programming for teens, provide input on teen services, volunteer, and have fun. New members are welcome. Email clapplibrarytab@gmail.com to register.

Afterschool D&D

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

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

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

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

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

Candy & Crochet Night

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

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

Make your own Mail Bracelet

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

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

Registration is required: forms.gle/PuyBvGhsAWenZyTq5

A Pleasant Pairing: Tea & Fine Chocolate

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

Kim Larkin of Klassic Kreations will present a tea and chocolate workshop and

tasting. This program includes samplings of tea, tea-infused food, various chocolates, trivia, poetry, and an antique teapot/lace display. This library program is free and open to the public. This program has limited space and registration is required: forms.gle/zr5Cz4pGAQxsY369

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

Babytime Storytime (3-12 months)

9 - 9:45 a.m., Mondays (Oct. 23 and 30, and Nov. 6)

Babytime is for ages three – 12 months.

First Steps Storytime (12-24 months)

10 - 10:45 a.m., Mondays (Oct. 23 and 30, and Nov. 6)

First Steps is for ages 12 – 24 months.

Toddler Time (Two-year-olds)

9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays (Oct. 24 and 31, and Nov. 7)

Toddler Time is for two-year-old children.

Preschool Storytime

(Three- through six-year-olds)

9:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays (Oct. 5, 19, and 26, and Nov. 2 & 9)

Preschool Story Time is for children ages three to six.



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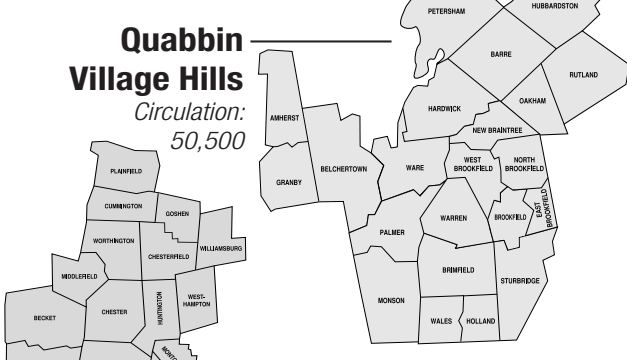
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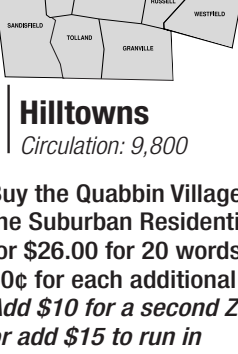
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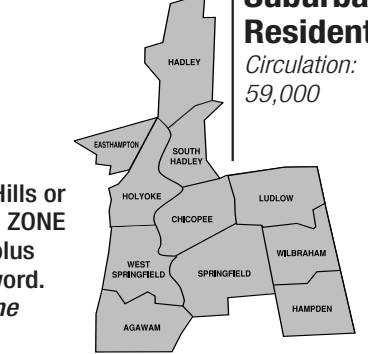
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WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 15, 2023
Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate
10/05/2023

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A public hearing relative to this application is scheduled for **6:33 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023**, in the Select Board's Meeting Room on the first floor of Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts.
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10/05, 10/12/2023
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Anna Jacke, "West Mitten Butte"

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QAA members receive awards at Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition

BELCHERTOWN - Several members of the Quabbin Art Association (QAA) had their work juried into 5th Annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition of Traditional Realism, hosted by Workshop 13 in Ware.

The Exhibition and Awards Ceremony was held on Sept. 22 at their Main Exhibit Hall, according to a press statement.

The following QAA members

participated in the exhibit:

Ruth Sanderson won first place in Graphics for her scratchboard drawing "The Milk Maid."

Roger Duffy received an honorable mention for his Pen & Ink drawing "Psalm 46:4."

Maurita Pelletier-Eaton exhibited three works and won Best Figurative for her charcoal painting "Satisfaction."

John Collins exhibited three

pieces and was received first place for his bronze sculpture "Beaver."

Anna Jacke had two oils paintings in traditional oils, "Joshua Tree Sunset" and "Monument Valley, West Mitten Butte."

"Congratulations to the all the artists for being part of this amazing exhibit," the QAA released.

BUCC's annual quilt show, tag sale upcoming

BELCHERTOWN - The Belchertown United Church of Christ's annual Quilt Show & Sale will be held this month.

"A popular event for those who sew, knit, and work with a needle of any sort," event organizers released. "Tons of fabric and everything needle-related is for sale, along with sewing machines, finished quilts, embroidery goods, yarn and so much more."

The annual Quilt Show & Sale will be held from Oct. 20-22 at 19 Park St. Additionally, a "Miniature Art" display/sale is new this year, according to a press release.

Event hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for attendees over 12.

"The church is handicapped accessible through the parking lot side entrance," event organizers added.

A Sewing Tag Sale will run concurrently with the show, but will continue from noon - 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23, through Friday, Oct. 27, and 9 a.m. - noon on Saturday Oct. 28. There is no



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The annual Quilt Show & Sale will be held this year from Oct. 20-22.

entry fee for that week, a press statement reads.

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