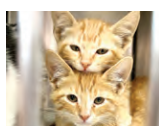




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## Jury convicts Rintala of voluntary manslaughter

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
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GRANBY – A jury has declared Cara Rintala guilty of voluntary manslaughter in connection with the strangulation death in 2010 of her wife Annemarie Cochrane Rintala, 37, at the couple's Granby home.

According to the office of Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan, the trial before Hampshire Superior Court Judge Francis Flannery lasted for a month, beginning Sept. 6 with jury selection and ending with last week's verdict after the jury deliberated for two-and-a-half days.

This was the fourth trial for Rintala, with the first two resulting in deadlocked juries, according to reports.

"In 2016, a jury returned a verdict of guilty on first degree murder; that verdict was overturned on appeal in 2021," a press statement reads. "Voluntary manslaughter is considered a lesser-included offense of first-degree murder. The essential difference between the two charges is that first-degree murder requires a specific intent to kill with either deliberate premeditation or

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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:



The Belchertown Fire Department is holding its Open House this weekend.

COURTESY PHOTO, BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Open House this weekend at fire department

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
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BELCHERTOWN – The town's fire department will hold its Open House event this weekend as part of Fire Prevention Week.

The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. – noon on Saturday, Oct. 14, and will be held at the fire station at 10 North Main St., Belchertown.

"We will have lots to see and do," the fire department released. "Some of our town and state partners will also be in attendance with booths and lots of goodies."

According to Belchertown Fire Chief John Ingram, the event will feature a Q & A with firefight-

ers, truck tours, practice with a fire extinguisher, and more. Additionally, the Belchertown Police Department, Belchertown Animal Control, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and more will be on the scene meeting with members of the community and passing out safety information.

"The trucks will be there for kids to look at, and we also have a fire extinguisher prop where adults can practice putting out

a simulated fire," Chief Ingram said.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8-14 this year, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Chief Ingram said the week is beneficial as it helps educate the community on fire prevention, how to stay safe, and how to react in the event of a fire or other emer-

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## Residents impacted as Bondsville discusses merging Water Districts

BY MARCELO GUSMÃO  
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BONDSDVILLE – As Palmer continues to manage its water system, the Bondsville Water District recently discussed how combining water districts will not be so easy.

David LaVallie has been working for the Bondsville Water District since 2010, where he serves as Chairman. He described himself as very proud to work with the Fire Department and alongside Bob Young and Richard Dranka.

"They're both knowledgeable long-time residents, and they've got a lot of expertise," LaVallie said. "We all bring something dif-

*Our water distribution is based on fire protection, and on getting water to our residents. We have about 820 users right now; that's including South Belchertown."*

DAVID LAVALLIE,  
Chairman,  
Bondsville Water District

ferent to the table, and that's what you want. You want a lot of expertise, as much as you can get."

LaVallie explained how the Water Districts collaborate with each other, and how Bondsville works with its Fire Department.

"Our water distribution is based on fire protection, and on getting water to our residents. We have about 820 users right now; that's including South Belchertown."

The town's Water Districts were established around 1970 by the mills, which needed access to water and fire services in order to run. This improved living conditions for the residents and the mills' employees, but when the mills left, the town chose not to take over the water and fire services.

"So, it was left to the people of the districts to decide what they were going to do," LaVallie said.

"And they decided to form Fire and Water Districts."

According to LaVallie, the Fire and Water Departments are not paid a salary, but are instead made up of volunteers who receive a small stipend for helping the town run its essential services. LaVallie was adamant that the District does everything in its power to provide the best quality of water to its residents at the lowest possible cost.

"People don't have a lot of money here," LaVallie said. "Our Clerk, Steve Naga, got us into a program that will help people pay their water bill in this district."

"The district is composed of the Fire Department and the Water Department," LaVallie said. "That's logical, because without water, fire trucks are nice pieces

of equipment that sit there and look nice, but they can't do anything."

"What we do here in the District is, we have a good solid cooperation with the Fire Department," LaVallie said. "They let us know what they need, and we try to give them everything we can, as far as water."

LaVallie said that only town legislature could create or combine districts, and added that, with the exception of Palmer, the districts have been collaborating for over a decade. He described John Sasur, then the Water Superintendent in Three Rivers, speaking with the villages and

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## Bat Week upcoming

"Bats are often misunderstood or even feared. But these fascinating flying mammals play a critical role in our environment and many bat species are in decline," Belchertown Animal Control released. "Massachusetts is home to nine species of bats, five of which are considered endangered."

# Town announces board, committee vacancies

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
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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 [selectboard@belchertown.org](mailto:selectboard@belchertown.org).

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

### Agricultural Commission

Three associate non-voting member seats

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

Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

### Trail Stewardship Council

One vacancy

The town wishes to fill a vacancy to represent land-owners 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](http://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 community or communities that are directly affected," the town released.

Partnership opportunities with surrounding towns to

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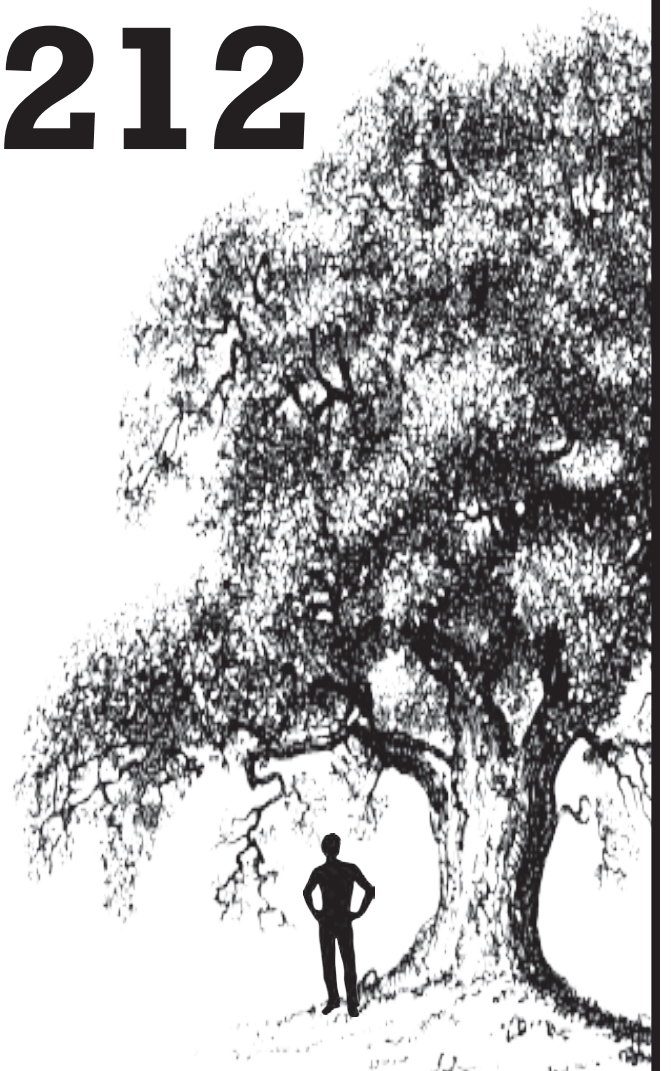
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**SENIORS**

# 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:**

**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 pro-

cess 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 com-

mitment 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](http://mataxaide.org/Interest)."

Training will be done this fall. For questions or additional information, contact [D5Taxaide@comcast.net](mailto:D5Taxaide@comcast.net).

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

Stop in to have your blood pressure or glucose checked.

**BSCCA Calendar Raffle**

The fundraising group is offering a calendar raffle. Stop in to the Senior Center to purchase a ticket; winners will be drawn throughout the month of

November. Purchase one ticket for \$20 or two for \$30.

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

Hosted by the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association.

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

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

**COMMUNITY**

## 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 entry fee for that week, a press statement reads.

"Come view the quilts and art. Be inspired. Shop. And have a relaxing fun time with us."

Questions can be directed to Jane at 413-283-4456.



## 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 applications can be submitted between Oct. 1 through 5 p.m. on Nov. 13. The current applica-

tion form can be found online at [belchertowncpc.org](http://belchertowncpc.org).

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

## Friends of Clapp Library to hold annual meeting, Oct. 19

BELCHERTOWN - The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library will hold their annual meeting for this year at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Clapp Memorial Library, 19 South Main St., Belchertown. The meeting will review disburse-

ment of funds, from the past year, hold elections for Board members, and discuss plans for the coming year, according to a press statement.

The general public is invited, and current members of the Friends group are highly encouraged to attend.




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**EVENTS**

## Lions Club 'Halloween Rag Shag Parade' returns

BELCHERTOWN - The town's Lions Club has announced that its 70th annual Rag Shag Parade will assume its traditional format once again this year.

The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at Chestnut Hill Community School.

"Costumed children along with their parents and friends will follow Belchertown Police Department cruisers and our high school marching band in a parade around the school property and, as customary, the Belchertown Fire Department will bring up the rear with its shiny, bright fire trucks," the Belchertown Lions Club released.

At the conclusion of the parade, members of the Belchertown Lions Club will hand out candy to all in attendance—indoors this year—in the candied halls of the CHCS for a fun and safe Halloween experience, according to a press statement.

"Many thanks to Lion Mike Loftus, the Belchertown Board of Health, and our Police and Fire Departments who all worked diligently in the planning of these safety guidelines for this community activity which will bring back our town's Halloween tradition in 2023," the Lions Club released.

The Belchertown Lions Club Rag Shag parade began back in 1953,

when "even a few of our own current members (as very young children) actually partook in the sunset parade around the town common led by seven members of the high school band," according to the Lions Club.

"Festivities were capped off with apple bobbing and candy handouts for the kids and cider donuts for the parents in the Old Town Hall," the Lions Clubs released, adding it "would like to thank our townspeople for their support in its many fundraisers held throughout the year that make such memorable community endeavors possible."

## Annual Yuletide event in November

BELCHERTOWN - The Belchertown Historical Association has announced its annual Yuletide event, which will be held at the Stone House Museum from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4.

"The holiday season is almost upon us. Are you ready?" the Association released in a press statement. "There will be a wide variety of raffle baskets, handcrafted items, and baked goods that will help you to complete your holiday gift list and support your local history museum."

"The Trustees hope that many of you who have donated items to our yuletide event in years past, will come forward again to support us."

Donations of craft items, baked goods, or raffle baskets can be dropped off at the museum from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, or 3-6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3.

Questions may be directed to salyshattuck54@gmail.com.

## Christmas Fair in town upcoming

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."

## 'Graveyard Tours' event upcoming

BELCHERTOWN - The Belchertown Historical Association is once again holding its Halloween Graveyard Tours in the Mount Hope Cemetery.

"Have you ever spent a night in the graveyard when Halloween is approaching?" a press statement reads.

Inhabitants of the cemetery that impacted Belchertown's history will "come to life," represented by members of the community in period costumes, according to reports. Tours will start from the Old Town Hall and be

led by a tour guide.

"Visitors will meet Belchertown residents from the 19th century, along with some occasional spirits and lost souls wandering among the tombstones," a press statement reads.

The event is free, donations being collected toward continued reconstruction of the Washington District Schoolhouse. Tours will be from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29, in the cemetery behind the United Church of Christ on Park Street. This is not a trick or treat event.

## Holiday Bazaar event in November

BELCHERTOWN - The annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Hope United Methodist Church, 31 Main St., Belchertown.

"Come join us for fun and fellowship," event organizers released. "This is your chance to stock up on our famous Conkey jams and jellies. We have beautiful hand-crafted items, and tempting breads and baked goodies. We will also be featuring our Holiday Cookie Shop. Come fill a bag with all your favorite cookies for only \$6.00."

The event will also feature a silent auction including a Harley Davidson

quilt, two hand-knit sweaters, and an assortment of other unique items.

"The quilt is the last Harley Davidson T-shirt quilt, made from brand new T-shirts from across America and Canada," event organizers added. "We will also be hosting a variety of vendors. Also new, enjoy a morning snack with coffee and donuts, or grab a cup of soup for a quick lunch. Come and enjoy the best place to do some early Christmas shopping."

The Bazaar runs from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and the auction is from 9 a.m. until bidding closes at 2:30 p.m.

## Fall Book Sale ending soon

BELCHERTOWN - The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library has announced that it will again sponsor a Fall Book Sale of about 40,000 items through Oct. 14. The sale is open to the general public from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday and 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.



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**OPINION**



**Planning ahead for raised beds!**

My friend Jacquie is very proud of the tomato plants she grows each year.

She squeezes them into the little garden adjacent to the front door of her condo, and has even grown some in hanging containers. I received this question from her via text a few weeks back, and by the sound of it she wants to expand her gardening endeavors:

“For those of us that like to plan ahead, what are the pros and cons of raised bed gardens, and if you decide to go that route, what is the process?”

There are several advantages to gardening in raised beds. If the ground you would normally garden in is too sandy or too clayey, you can stop dealing with those troubles when you switch to raised beds!

You can carefully choose the soil that you fill the beds with. I personally love the Coast of Maine brand Raised Bed Mix, but I am sure there are resources online for mixing your own blends.

You can also plant more intensively, meaning fewer weeds! Concentrate fertilizers, lime and compost right where you need them, saving money along the way.

You can start working the ground earlier in the spring because it warms up quicker in raised beds. You don't have to worry about soil compaction as much either, because rarely, if ever, will you have to step into the beds.

You no longer have to weed the rows like you would in a normal garden, or will you have to worry about mulch or other materials to cover the rows with.

One drawback might be the cost to get started. Between the edging materials and the mix, you end up filling the bed with, it could get darn expensive.

First, you have to decide on what type of material you'll use to edge the beds with. There are pros and cons there too, but more on that in a bit.

A minimum depth of one foot is needed for most crops barring corn; that crop would need a deeper bed. On the flip side, if the ground beneath the raised beds is usable (i.e., not contaminated or pavement etc.) then you could potentially make the beds not as quite as deep, figuring plant roots will penetrate out from the walls.

Wood, stone, brick, pavers and cinder blocks are all possible edge materials. Simple raised beds can even be made within hay bales!

Beds made from pine slabs may only last a few seasons; rock type edging will last indefinitely.

One drawback to beds made out of hardscape materials might be the fact that they dry out more readily. Although that would not have been an issue this year, it could be down the road.

I had a number of raised beds that I made in an old tennis court on my property. They were edged in field stone because I had an endless supply on my property.

Free, yes! Beautiful, yes! But practical, not so much. On a hot summer day, I was sometimes out there watering two or more times!

The new galvanized metal raised beds seem to be rising in popularity. I know very little about them or how readily they dry out in between waterings.

As far as bed width goes, usually no more than four feet wide is recommended. That way you can reach inside comfortably.

I have been very successful growing peppers, zucchini and onions in my raised beds. Flowers and herbs also seem to do very well.

Tomatoes perform okay, but for me, green beans seem to be unhappy. There isn't enough room for winter squash, and I've never attempted corn.

Refresh your soil each year with the addition of compost and fertilizer. Because the bed is like a big container, the soil can get exhausted after a season of use.

I would say gardening in raised beds is worth the investment. Start out small and expand if you feel you enjoy having more to take care of.

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**How do disability programs affect Social Security's budget?**

Dear Rusty

I read with interest an analysis of the history, reasons, and financial costs of the Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance programs. My question is, specifically, what portion of the Social Security budget goes toward SSI and SSDI vs. for regular SS retirement income for those who paid into the fund during their working lives? How are the costs of SSI and SSDI covered by the federal government? When did these two sections of the budget enter the law and what was the impetus behind them?

Signed: An Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind

No part of Social Security's "budget" is used to pay Supplemental Security Income. SSI is a means-tested general assistance program for disadvantaged children and needy disabled adults and aged seniors who have very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the government's General Treasury, not from Social Security Trust Funds.

SSI is jointly administered by the person's state of residence and the Social Security Administration, and the state usually provides additional benefits to supplement the financial assistance provided by the federal government under the SSI program. The Social Security Administration only administers the SSI program, it does not fund it.

By contrast, Social Security Disability Insurance benefits are for employed Americans, who become disabled and unable to work full time. SSDI benefits are meant to provide limited income replacement for the disabled worker and those benefits are paid from a separate Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

The DI fund receives a portion (0.9%) of the FICA SS payroll taxes every American worker pays on their earnings and is used to pay disability benefits to eligible American workers, who are unable to perform "substantial gainful activity" for a year or more. The eligibility criteria to collect SSDI are very strict, but those approved receive their benefits from this

separate DI trust fund, not from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund.

Payroll taxes collected for disability purposes are deposited in the DI Trust Fund as interest-bearing government bonds, and those DI assets are redeemed as needed to pay SSDI benefits. FYI, SSDI (disability) benefits stop when the person reaches full retirement age, at which point the beneficiary is automatically switched to regular SS retirement and after which their benefits are paid from the regular Old Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund.

"Regular" Social Security retirement benefits, spousal benefits, dependent benefits and survivor benefits are paid from Social Security's OASI Trust Fund, which receives most 5.3% of the 6.2% FICA Social Security tax withheld from the paychecks of American workers. As of the end of 2022, the OASI Trust Fund held about \$2.7 trillion in interest bearing government bonds.

Neither SSI or SSDI affect this "regular" OASI Trust Fund - only true SS retirement benefits and benefits for dependents of the retiree are paid from the OASI Trust Fund. As an aside, Social Security reform is needed to prevent the OASI Trust Fund from being fully depleted in 2033.

To answer your last questions, the Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund was established in 1956, after which SSDI benefit payments to eligible disabled American workers began. Federal "Supplemental Security Income" assistance was codified into law in 1974. And, as you likely know, Social Security retirement, spousal and dependent benefits were enacted in the 1930s, before the first monthly Social Security check was mailed in January 1940. The impetus behind these programs? Avoiding poverty for the neediest among us. Without these programs, at least 22 million more Americans would be living below the poverty line.

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COMMUNITY

# BCTV schedule: Oct. 12-15

BELCHERTOWN – Here is the BCTV schedule for Thursday, Oct. 12, through Sunday, Oct. 15.

BCTV’s Station Manager noted that BCTV has been “rebuilding its broadcasting equipment for a month.”

“We were operating at a reduced capacity, but we have finally gotten back to our normal schedule.”

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

- 8 a.m. - Planning Board, Oct. 10
- 10 a.m. - School Committee, Oct. 4
- 12 p.m. - Agriculture Comm., Oct. 5
- 2 p.m. - Board of Health, Oct. 11
- 7 p.m. - Planning Board, Oct. 10
- 9 p.m. - School Committee, Oct. 4

**Friday, Oct. 13**

- 8 a.m. - Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. - BHS Student Project, Closing Belchertown State School
- 5 p.m. - Conversation with Pakman
- 6 p.m. - Agriculture Comm., Oct. 5

- 8 p.m. - Board of Health, Oct. 11
- 10 p.m. - BHS Student Project, Closing Belchertown State School

**Saturday, Oct. 14**

- 8 a.m. - Educational Crafting with Charlotte, Flower Art
- 9 a.m. - Belchertown Fair Friday 2023; Belchertown Fair Parade 2023
- 4:30 p.m. - Educational Crafting with Charlotte, Flower Art
- 7 p.m. - Belchertown Fair Friday 2023; Belchertown Fair Parade 2023

**Sunday, Oct. 15**

- 4:30 p.m. - St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. - Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. - Hope United Methodist Church
- 8:30 p.m. - BHS Student Band, July 15
- 9 p.m. - BHS Student Project, Closing Belchertown State School

# Clapp 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:**

**Tablet Weaving**

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

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

bookmark or short belt.

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

Registration and confirmation are required.

**Teen Advisory Board Meeting**

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

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

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gency.

“We encourage everyone to come down and meet fire department members, see the equipment, and learn about fire safety,” he said.

The 2023 campaign of Fire Prevention Week is “Cooking safety starts with you; pay attention to fire prevention,” which works to “educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking,” the NFPA released.

Chief Ingram added that a leading cause

of fires is cooking. Additionally, he encouraged residents to be mindful as the holiday season approaches, taking special consideration of Halloween costumes around any type of open flames.

Other safety prevention measures include testing carbon monoxide and smoke detectors monthly; Chief Ingram said that in case of an emergency or potential issue, call 911 directly instead of calling the fire department’s business line.

“We may not be there,” he said, adding that there are times when department members must be out covering another call, “call 911, the dispatchers will be able to

help.”

Parking for the Open House event will be available in the front of back of the fire station.

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country, according to reports.

“During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide life-saving public education in an effort to dras-

tically decrease casualties caused by fires,” the NFPA released on its website.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of Oct. 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on Oct. 8, 1871, and caused “devastating damage.”

“This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.”

For more information on Fire Prevention Week, visit [nfpa.org/fpw](http://nfpa.org/fpw).

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saying, “we all know where we’re going, we should work together.”

The water districts overcame any uncertainty they had about collaboration, according to LaVallie, and they ended up saving money for the residents. Approximately eight years ago, LaVallie said that a strategic study was done on the town’s water, and the villages have been collaborating ever since.

“District One didn’t participate,” LaVallie said, referring to Palmer.

“We hired an engineering firm to come in, and we had them look at all three districts,” LaVallie said. “To tell us where our shortfalls were, to tell us where we needed to improve, and [suggest] an organizational structure that might work.”

The big problem that the study identified was the Bondsville water tank, which LaVallie described as “a concern” ever since it was built in 1908. About two weeks ago, a leaking valve was discovered that required the whole tank to be flushed so it could be repaired and refilled.

“We’re repairing it right now so that we can get some usage out of it, temporarily,” LaVallie said. “We’re actively seeking funds for a new tank right now, but it’s going to be about \$8 million.”

The current problems with the tank mostly affect its pressure as it pumps water throughout the districts.

“We decided to come down with a list of strategic priorities for the three districts,” LaVallie said. “The first priority we came up with was that we needed to put in a connecting line with Three Rivers, a full-

ly-functional line. We have kind of a half-baked one over in Thorndike, but that’s not enough.”

In order to fund this line, the Bondsville Water District got a loan of \$2.6 million from the United States Department of Agriculture, which will allow them to put a 12-inch water main along Route 181.

Solving Palmer’s issues with water quality and distribution will not be an easy fix. LaVallie said that there is a “rule of unintended consequences” that needs to be considered.

“John [Sasur] was the initiator of all this, and he had a great vision,” LaVallie said. “We all took it up, and it’s working—slowly. Nothing happens that quick, and we don’t want it to, because of the rule of unintended consequence.”

LaVallie said that the process has been

about working slowly, figuring out how the Districts can cooperate, and then working together for the good of the town.

“You just have to look at your system and understand it,” LaVallie said. “Know its strengths and its weaknesses, and then you have to keep your strengths going and work on your weaknesses. It’s a continuous process.”

One of the things that the Water District is particularly proud of is its quick response time. Those who live in Bondsville and have a problem with water may call the Department at 413-284-1627, or send an email to [bfwd3174@comcast.net](mailto:bfwd3174@comcast.net).

“That’s what we’re here for,” LaVallie said. “And that really works out well, because we can get right on it and fix it.”

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extreme atrocity or cruelty, whereas voluntary manslaughter is an unplanned killing that takes place in the heat of passion or during sudden combat.”

The sentencing terms are starkly different, the DA’s office released.

“First degree murder convictions carry life in state prison with no possibility of parole, versus a maximum of 20 years in state prison for manslaughter,” the press statement reads.

All four trials were prosecuted by Northwestern Deputy District Attorney

Jennifer Suhl and

Northwestern First Assistant District Attorney Steven E. Gagne.

“Today’s verdict is the culmination of a long and winding journey toward justice for Annamarie Cochrane and her family,” First Assistant D.A. Gagne said. “We are thankful to the jury for the time and care they devoted toward their task.”

“The jury’s verdict today confirms that Annamarie’s life was tragically taken by her wife in an act of intimate partner violence, a public safety issue that continues to permeate our community 13 years after Annamarie’s death,” Deputy DA Suhl said.

“Our office remains steadfast in a commitment to supporting and protecting abuse survivors and holding offenders accountable.”

After jurors returned the verdict, Judge Flannery granted the Commonwealth’s motion to revoke Rintala’s bail, according to reports. A sentencing hearing has been set for 2 p.m. on Oct. 19.

After opening statements were delivered on Sept. 13, the Commonwealth called 20 witnesses to the stand. Defense attorneys called two witnesses; closing arguments were offered on Sept. 27, according to a press statement.

“After deliberating for about two days, on Monday [last week], three jurors were dismissed from service, leading Judge Flannery to add two alternates to the deliberating jury. When jurors assembled Tuesday morning, he instructed them to begin deliberations again, saying they constituted a new jury.”

Rintala was represented in this trial by defense attorneys Rosemary Scapicchio, Chauncey Wood, and Melissa Ramos. She was represented in the other three trials by Northampton defense attorneys David Hoose and Luke Ryan.

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# Regional animal rescue celebrates 75,000 spay, neuter surgery milestone

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REGION – One area animal organization has just celebrated a monumental milestone of 75,000 spay and neuter surgeries.

“Second Chance Animal Services, a non-profit dedicated to improving the welfare of animals, is thrilled to announce a monumental achievement in their mission to reduce pet overpopulation,” the organization released. “In September, the organization performed its 75,000th low-cost spay and neuter surgery, marking a significant milestone in their ongoing efforts to create healthier communities for pets.”

Second Chance has a “longstand-

ing commitment to providing accessible and affordable spay and neuter services,” according to a press statement.

“The organization began its low-cost program in 2005 at their East Brookfield shelter, aiming to address the root causes of pet homelessness. Today, the nonprofit’s hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester continue to serve hundreds of pets each month in state-of-the-art surgical suites, made possible by grants and generous donors.”

According to reports, spaying and neutering not only contribute to “controlling the population of stray and unwanted animals, but also play a vital role in enhancing the overall health and well-being of pets.”

“These procedures can prevent various cancers and other serious health issues while positively influencing pets’ behavior by reducing aggression and roaming tendencies,” Second Chance released.

Sheryl Blancato, the CEO and founder of Second Chance, expressed her pride with the organization’s impact through 75,000 surgeries.

“This milestone is a testament to the dedication of our team and the support of our community. However, our work is far from over. We are committed to continuing our efforts to reach even more pets in need,” Blancato said.

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Two kitten siblings await surgery at Second Chance’s North Brookfield Community Veterinary Hospital.

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### 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](https://forms.gle/8oDEyTMWVWkkitJ8)

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

### Candy & Crochet Night

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

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy candy and crochet at the library. Teens can bring their own project or use the library’s crochet supplies. Crochet hooks, yarn, and instruction will be provided for those new to crochet. The candy will be peanut-free. This program will take place in the library’s Activity Room. Register for this program at the library or by emailing [clapplibrarytab@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://forms.gle/PuyBvGhsAWenZyTq5)

A Pleasant Pairing:  
Tea & Fine Chocolate

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

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

### Spooky Stories and Flashlight Scavenger Hunt at the School Gardens

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m.

Join Gardener Debra Lapointe and Head of Youth Services Jennifer Whitehead at the gardens at Spring River Elementary and Chestnut Hill Community Schools for an evening of creepy stories and a dark scavenger hunt through the gardens.

“Costumes welcome, come dressed for the weather and bring your own flashlight,” the library released. “The program is geared towards brave children ages 5 to 9 and their families.”

Stories start at 5:30 p.m. in the garden; ending time will depend on how quickly one completes the hunt.

### Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m.

A monthly book group for lovers of high fantasy, hard science fiction, fable, far future, and all of the speculative fiction options.

“This month, we are reading ‘Annihilation’ by Jeff Vandermeer. We meet online via Google Meet.”

Contact Tegan Mannino at [tmannino@cwmar.org](mailto:tmannino@cwmar.org) for the link.

### Mammoth, Massachusetts Book Launch Party & Reception

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

Meet local author Jordan J. Hall and celebrate the launch of his new book, “Mammoth, Massachusetts.” Enjoy a refreshment while he reads from this collection of speculative short stories. “Mammoth, Massachusetts” is a collection of sci-fi, fantasy and horror that combines unfortunate histories with the world of folk tales.

### Teen Write Night Info Session,

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m.

Attention young writers, poets, playwrights, and novelists: Teen Write Nights, a weekly creative writing program for students in grades 7-12, will soon resume at the Clapp Memorial Library. “This program celebrating National Novel Writing Month is a great opportunity for young writers to get feedback, build community, participate in writing exercises and grow their word count,” the library released.

There will be an Information Session for interested teens on Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Young writers should email [clapplibrarytab@gmail.com](mailto:clapplibrarytab@gmail.com) for more information about the program and to register. No creative writing experience is necessary.

### Things That Go Bump in the Night: The History and Impact of the Horror Film

Thursday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.

Join film historian Frank Mandosa at the Clapp Memorial Library as he shows the fascinating history of horror films on the big screen—just in time for Halloween.

“You will view all kinds of spooky and outrageous bits from great scary films through the ages in this fun event and learn more about them,” the library released. “Even if you have never been a fan of horror movies, this funny, entertaining look at snippets of some brilliant films produced by American cinema shown on our big screen will send some thrills your way. Hopefully this program might entice you to then maybe watch a spine-chilling film all the way through. Mr. Mandosa is a very entertaining speaker and has tons of movie information to share.”

### Peanut’s Playhouse Presents: Be a Superhero, Not a Bully

Friday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m.

“Be a superhero and help stop bullying.” Learn how to be one with this puppet show by Peanut’s Playhouse. Kids can participate and will enjoy singing a special song.

### Red Ribbon Week Bookmark Contest Awards

Friday, Oct. 27, 6:45 p.m.

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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.”

Through Oct. 29.

**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?**

Tweens and teens are invited 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.



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A monarch butterfly heads for some goldenrod. A bumblebee is already on the plant.

## Goldenrod attracts bee and monarch butterflies

A couple noticed some monarch butterflies while watching an osprey at a pond in Warren. One particular patch of goldenrod attracted lots of butterflies and

bees. The sun lighted the scene just right to snap some photos to share in the Turley Publication papers.

## 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.

## 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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**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. 27 through Oct. 3. 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 358 calls police responded to, there were 14 incidents, one accident, zero arrest/summons and 19 citations.*

**ARRESTS/SUMMONS**

There were no arrests this week.

**ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS**

**Friday, Sept. 29**

7 a.m. – Officers investigated a Snapchat post from a student. Officers interviewed the involved person. There was no substance behind the statements made in the message. The School Resource Officer networked with an adjacent town about the incident.

10:51 a.m. – An individual spoke with officers about their mailbox, which was hit by a truck. A large tractor trailer tried to use a cul-de-sac to turn around and ended up striking the mailbox. The person got the plate for the vehicle and the officer was able to determine who it belonged to. There was a message left with the company and the officer was able to speak with a representa-

tion on Oct. 4. The representative said they would contact the owner of the mailbox to remedy the situation.

9:14 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of a person passed out in a driveway. The subject was making threats to harm themselves and was transported to the hospital.

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

9:09 a.m. – An officer spoke with a person who wanted to report stolen packages. They had two packages delivered to the residence. The packages were left in the front yard, according to the app. The packages were not there and were usually delivered toward the top of the driveway. A report was filed.

2:45 p.m. – An officer spoke with a resident who had a debit card opened in their name that they did not apply for. The mail had the person's correct address, but their name was spelled incorrectly as well. The bank froze the card, because it was recognized as fraudulent.

3:36 p.m. – An officer responded to a Federal St. residence for a report of a stolen statue. A week prior, a statue of a white angel kneeling was stolen. Two other ones were stolen on the morning of Sept. 30, they were a brown buddha statue and the other was a white-colored goddess statue. No suspects at this time.

4:02 p.m. – An officer responded for a report of an older child missing. There was concern for their safety after they made statements that they were going to harm themselves. The officer responded to the

residence and spoke with one of the parents who said the child was found. There were no threats of harm. The child didn't want to return home. The person is legally an adult so the parents couldn't do anything. The incident was in violation of the person's probation and the parents were advised to contact their probation officer.

6:39 p.m. – An officer responded to a Stebbins St. residence for a report of an altercation. There was a fight between two people. The officers spoke with one person who made threats to hurt the officer. They took a step toward the officer to grab the officer's gun. The person was told not to grab the weapons. They continued to speak with the person, and it was determined they needed to go to the hospital.

8:40 p.m. – An officer responded to Mill Valley Road for a report of self-harm threats. The person was transported to the hospital.

**Sunday, Oct. 1**

9:39 a.m. – An officer responded to Franklin St. for an accident. A vehicle traveling south on Franklin St. attempted to avoid a fox in the road. The vehicle swerved as the operator lost control. The vehicle left the roadway and struck a fence. There was front end and undercarriage damage to the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene and no injuries were reported.

**Monday, Oct. 2**

9:42 a.m. – An officer spoke with a resident about a fraudulent credit card that was

opened in their relative's name. The card has been active since July. The person was told to contact their relative's other banking institutions to make them aware of the incident.

11:21 a.m. – An officer took a report of a missing person. They were made aware of where the person was last seen and were told the person frequents the Amherst area. A be on the lookout broadcast was put out for the person.

3:14 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a neighbor dispute. One person allegedly tried to fight another neighbor. A harassment order was served, and the other party went to court to file charges against the other person. The officer told the other involved person what they could do to file their own charges. The matter was reported.

**Tuesday, Oct. 3**

12:34 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of larceny. A resident reported they were at a gas station earlier in the day and they believed they lost their wallet there. The person had an Apple air tag to track the wallet, which they were able to track to different locations. They were unable to find the wallet. They notified their bank of their stolen wallet.

6:09 p.m. – An officer found a credit card in the parking lot of a business. They were able to identify the person from the card but were unable to contact them. The card was placed into property.

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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 expe-

riences.

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**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



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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Information
- 5. Seaport (abbr.)
- 8. Agricultural disease (abbr.)
- 11. Riding horses
- 13. Boxing's GOAT
- 14. Hurt or discomfort
- 15. A small sharp knife to trim vegetables
- 16. A beaver builds one
- 17. Horizontal passage into a mine
- 18. Self-immolation by fire rituals
- 20. Chain bar with lots of games (abbr.)
- 21. Goo Goo Dolls' hit
- 22. Agreeable
- 25. In an early way
- 30. In a way, struck
- 31. It's there in the morning
- 32. County in the S. Pacific
- 33. Central Florida city
- 38. Numbers cruncher
- 41. Mexican beers
- 43. Lawyers say you can indict one
- 45. Capital of South Australia
- 47. Wings
- 49. Drug used to treat HIV/AIDS
- 50. Fencing sword
- 55. Capital of Qatar
- 56. Portable bed
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Lying down
- 60. Midway between northeast and east
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Inflamed
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. Impudence

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. A way to fish
- 2. Greek mythological figure
- 3. Scarlett's home
- 4. Assist
- 5. More doleful
- 6. Premeditated
- 7. Dish featuring minced food
- 8. San Diego ball-player
- 9. Eight
- 10. Unwelcome picnic guests
- 12. Human gene
- 14. Bucket
- 19. Make full
- 23. Dirt
- 24. Person cited as ideal example
- 25. A part of (abbr.)
- 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 27. Very long period of time
- 28. Gas usage measurement
- 29. North American native people
- 34. It says "moo"
- 35. Folk singer Di Franco
- 36. Resinlike substance of certain insects
- 37. Residue
- 39. Grand homes
- 40. Popinjays
- 41. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 42. Figures
- 44. One who watches over children
- 45. Expressed pleasure
- 46. No longer living
- 47. Hebrew calendar month
- 48. Part of the ear
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Italian Island
- 54. Resist authority (slang)
- 58. Criticize

# SPORTS

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Brooke Burrows makes a pass ahead of pressure.

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## Orioles shut out in title-game rematch

BY TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—South Hadley senior forward Lauren Marjanski recorded five hat-tricks as a junior. Two of them came against Belchertown.

When the two girls' soccer teams faced each other at Belchertown High School last Friday afternoon, Marjanski only scored one goal. But it wound up being the only goal of the non-league match, as the Lady Tigers squeaked out a 1-0 victory over the Lady Orioles.

"There was definitely a lot of pressure on us because we were only leading by one goal in the second half," said Marjanski, who has accumulated more than 100 points (goals + assists) during her outstanding varsity soccer career. "We came here expecting a hard fought battle from them. This win should help us in the power rank-

ings."

South Hadley, who's sitting in second place in the Kurty/Fielding Division, entered this week's action as the top ranked team in the MIAA Division 4 power rankings with an 8-1-1 overall record.

The Lady Tigers defeated the Lady Orioles, 3-2, in the 2022 season opener. Their second meeting a year ago took place in the Western Mass. Class B Finals at Holyoke High School. South Hadley also won that contest by the final score of 4-1.

Those two matches were played on a turf field. Last Friday's affair was played on a wet grass field.

"We're used to playing on a turf field, so the field conditions didn't help us very much today," said South Hadley head coach Rich Marjanski. "It's a much slower game on grass. I'm just glad that we're walking out of here without any injuries."



Madison DaCosta advances up the field.

The Lady Orioles (5-4), who are members of the Coombs Division, are ranked second in the Division 3 power rankings. The other six teams in the Coombs Division are ranked in the top 15

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Autumn Sicard tries to make a play on a loose ball.

## Rams fall again to Monson

GRANBY – Last Monday afternoon at home, Granby met league rival Monson for the second time this season, falling 7-1. The Rams' only goal came from Maggie Crawford. Granby would rebound to beat Palmer later in the week 5-1 and are now 3-7 on the regular season.



Kalli White tries to clear the ball.



Brenna Moreno tries to get a pass away.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM  
Justin Davis makes his way up the left side of the field.

## Pathfinder gets two

BY TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The Pathfinder Tech boys varsity soccer team posted a pair of victories against the Pioneer Valley Christian Academy Eagles in a span of 24 hours last week.

The final score of the first meeting between the Tri-County League rivals was 4-1. That contest took place at Pathfinder Tech, last Tuesday afternoon.

The following afternoon, the Pioneers, who defeated the Eagles on the soccer pitch for the first time since 2016, traveled to Springfield and posted a 4-0 shutout victory.

"This is actually the first time in my coaching career that my soccer team has faced the same opponent on back-to-back days" said Pathfinder Tech head coach David Wilson. "We're

going to play the same way in tomorrow's game like we did today."

The Pioneers, who also defeated Franklin Tech, 4-1, on the road last week, entered this week's action with an 8-1 overall record, which is also their league record.

"We lost our first game of the season before putting together a winning streak," Wilson said. "We still have a lot of work to do to get ready for both the Western Mass. and state tournaments."

Pathfinder Tech, who lost to Athol at home in the season opener, was ranked third in the latest MIAA Division 5 power rankings. Despite his team being ranked in the top five, Wilson isn't a big fan of the power rankings system.

"I don't really think we're a top five team. They haven't factored in our



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Seth Mitchell clears the ball away.

SPORTS

# Bubar steals show in Granite Series win

LEE, N.H. - Corey Bubar was probably not the favorite to win Sunday evening's Bosowski Properties 150. But in the season finale for the Granite State Pro Stock Series, Bubar stole the show.

The Windham, Maine, racer held off Jimmy Renfrew, Jr. to claim the \$8,500 victory at Lee USA Speedway, closing out Lee USA Speedway's year-ending Russ Conway's Oktoberfest spectacular.

And well back in Bubar's mirror, fellow Pine Tree State native Travis Benjamin drove a patient race to earn the GSPSS championship.

Sunday's season finale earned intrigue before the drop of the green, with a \$2,000 bonus offered to any top-five starter who would forfeit their position on the grid if they could come back to win. Derek Griffith, the 2015 GSPSS champion, answered the call, lining up shotgun on the 28-car field to chase the bounty.

Bubar, starting outside of Ryan Green, jumped into the lead early, building an advantage over Green in the opening stint as Griffith picked his way through traffic.

When a yellow flag flew on lap 35, Griffith had already clawed his way to 12th with plenty of laps left.

On the restart, Renfrew surged to second, pursuing Bubar until a wreck in the back of the field brought out another caution on lap 47. Reigning champion Joey Doiron pitted from fifth, while Griffith cycled through to eighth for the restart. Benjamin, well ahead of challenger Brandon Barker in the title race, was tenth.

Bubar held off Renfrew's advances on the restart, but the Candia, N.H., youngster prevailed, making his way to the front and leading at halfway. A long green-flag run allowed Renfrew to stretch the gap between himself and Bubar, but Bubar reeled Renfrew in as they dived through lapped traffic. A slow car ahead of Renfrew at just the right time gave Bubar an opening, and Bubar charged back through to take the lead.

Griffith's bid for the bounty went up in smoke with 31 laps to go, as he shredded a right-front tire running fourth. Griffith rejoined the field after a tow, but his shot at the win was all but

over and he would rebound to finish eighth.

Bubar brought the field to green, and while Renfrew hassled him for a couple laps, he was able to pull away down the stretch. In his first series start of the season, Bubar raced to his second GSPSS win and his first since winning at his home track, Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, in 2021.

Renfrew followed Bubar home in second, with Green, Dave Farrington and Angelo Belsito rounding out the top five.

And with an eleventh-place finish, Travis Benjamin completed his championship season, becoming the tenth different driver to fly the GSPSS champion's banner. The Belfast, Maine, veteran, a former NASCAR racer and multi-time regional champion, won the first two outings of the season and committed to a full-time schedule that saw him finish out of the top-five only once all year.

The Granite State Pro Stock Series and president Mike Parks extend their gratitude to the tracks, teams and sponsors that made this 2023 season possible, and hope to release details on next year's schedule soon.

# Thunderbirds fall in preseason tune-up

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds erased a 2-0 second intermission deficit before the Providence Bruins squeaked out a 3-2 overtime win in the final preseason matchup at Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Colten Ellis and Brandon Bussi kept the opposition off the board through 20 minutes before the Bruins connected for two quick goals in the second from Marc McLaughlin and Reilly Walsh respectively. Providence held the 2-0 edge into the final period of regulation.

However, the T-Birds showed some comeback magic as Drew Callin and Hugh McGing each

tallied goals of their own just 27 seconds apart, and just 4:06 into the third, the game was deadlocked, 2-2. Ellis even helped his own cause, picking up the secondary assist on Callin's marker.

Despite being outshot 35-21 in regulation, Springfield got the game to overtime thanks to 33 Ellis stops, but Providence got the last laugh as John Farinacci beat Ellis at 1:35 of OT to secure the Bruins win.

The T-Birds open their regular season slate next Saturday, Oct. 14 against Hartford, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m. at the MassMutual Center.

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# 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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of the Division 2 power rankings.

"Belchertown is a very good soccer team," coach Marjanski said. "All of the other Coombs Division teams are also very good."

South Hadley and Belchertown also met in the 2021 Western Mass. Class B Finals with the Lady Orioles pulling out a 3-2 victory.

Belchertown, who split a pair of games with league rival Longmeadow last week, had the momentum for the first seven minutes of last Friday's home match. They didn't have any shots on goal during that span.

"I thought we played well at the beginning of the game," said Belchertown head coach Kyle Thibeault. "Then we had one breakdown defensively, which changed the course of the game."

In the seventh minute, Marjanski, who'll be playing soccer next year at the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York, outthrust a defender for a loose ball. She then fired a low shot into the left corner of the net past Belchertown senior goalie Michaela Dubey, who made three saves during the first half.

"The defender bobbed the ball, and I just ran to it," Marjanski said. "Then I was able

to put the ball into the back of the net. It gave us some momentum."

Freshman Cara Dean was credited with the assist on Lauren Marjanski's team-leading 16th goal of the regular season. Sophomore Allison Fleury is the Lady Tigers second leading goal scorer with seven. No other player has scored more than three goals.

The Lady Tigers only had a couple of other scoring chances during the rest of the first half, as senior goalie Drew Alley (10 saves), who was injured at the start of the regular season, and the defensive unit took over the spotlight.

A couple of South Hadley starting defenders are sidelined with injuries. Their starting defenders against the Lady Orioles were senior Gianna Roy, senior Madelyn McArdle, junior Maddie Soderbaum, and junior Margo Watkins.

"We have a couple of injuries and we're piecing together the defense. Drew is a solid goalie," coach Marjanski said. "We just need to get healthy before the start of the postseason tournaments."

Belchertown senior captain Madysen LePage had four shots on goal during the first half.

In the middle of the first half,



Madysen LePage tries to head off a South Hadley player's kick.



Fallon Clancy follows the loose ball.

LePage booted a corner kick towards the goal, and the ball was batted away by Alley.

Alley also made saves on shot attempts by sophomore Fallon Clancy and senior Madison DaCosta.

Junior Jillian DeBarge (2 saves) replaced Dubey at the start of the second half.

During the 64th minute, the Lady Orioles had a golden opportunity to score the tying goal when Alley committed a foul resulting in a penalty kick.

Freshman Morghan Litz, who has scored two goals this season, stepped up to the line. Unfortunately, her shot attempt sailed wide of the net.

The Lady Orioles had a couple of other scoring chances, but the Lady Tigers headed home with their seventh shutout of the season.

"We just didn't play our best game of the season today," Thibeault said. "South Hadley is a very good team."



Matingly Marques follows through on a kick up the field.

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Elijah Jez fights to keep possession.



Evan Costa pops up the ball.



Issac Somers stutter-steps as he approaches an opposing player.

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strength of schedule yet and our ranking will go down at that point," he said. "I'm not a fan of the power ranking system because it favors the eastern part of the state. We tend to get forgotten about out here in the west. We just need to keep winning games."

The score of last Tuesday's home match was tied 1-1 early in the second half when Pathfinder sophomore Adonis Dupre took over the spotlight offensively.

"Adonis played very well during the second half of today's game," Wilson said. "He's not a pure goal scorer, but he's a pure striker. Whenever he has an opportunity, he knows how to put the ball into the net."

During the 51st minute, Dupre weaved around a couple of defenders before firing a low shot into the back of the net past Eagles sophomore goalie Andrew Vilakis (6 saves) for an unassisted goal.

Dupre scored his first goal of the regular season in a 10-1 home win versus Hampden Charter at the end of September. He's also one of the four players listed on the Pathfinder varsity soccer roster who attends Palmer High School.

The other three players from Palmer

High are junior Elijah Jez, sophomore Jaleel Nevue-Roman, and freshman Owen Pear. They're able to play soccer for Pathfinder Tech as part of a co-op.

A couple of minutes later, Dupre lined a shot from the top of the penalty box into the net following a corner kick taken by senior Kenny Brouillette.

"Both of the goals scored by Adonis were well struck," Wilson added. "He's one of the smallest kids on the field, but he came up big for us in today's game. I'm looking forward to coaching him during the next couple of years."

Dupre's second goal of the match gave the Pioneers a 3-1 advantage.

The Pioneers scored their final goal during the 73rd minute.

This time, Dupre delivered a pass to junior Evan Costa whose shot attempt deflected off the goalie's knee before crossing the goal-line.

Costa entered this week's action with a team-leading 17 goals. He scored 15 goals as a sophomore.

"Evan is our leading goal scorer this season," Wilson said. "He's a very hard worker out there."

With less than five minutes left in regulation P.V.C.A. freshman Nathan Hill was

issued his second yellow card resulting in a red card. Hill was also suspended for last Wednesday's match.

"It was the first time I saw him play, but I thought he was one of their stronger players," Wilson said. "He was dangerous coming down the left side."

The Pioneers took a 1-0 lead in last Tuesday's home match in the middle of the opening half.

The scoring play began with a throw-in from the left sideline by junior Seth Mitchell. The ball bounced around the box before Costa put it into the net.

The Eagles scored the equalizer six minutes into the second half on a free kick. The kick was taken from the right sideline by freshman Jake Morozov. The shot floated into the left corner over the head of senior goalie Richie Gula (3 saves), who was looking into the bright setting sun.

The home team retook the lead again five minutes.

The four Pioneers goal scorers in the road victory against P.V.C.A. were senior Riley Sanderson, freshman Cayden Bousquet, Pear, and Costa.

Gula was credited with eight saves in his fourth shutout of the regular season.

**Portable sawmill workshop this month**

REGION – An "Operating a Portable Sawmill" workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, hosted by the New England Small Farm Institute (NESFI).

The workshop, part of the NESFI Education Series, will be held from 9 a.m. - noon at 376 West Pelham Road, Shutesbury.

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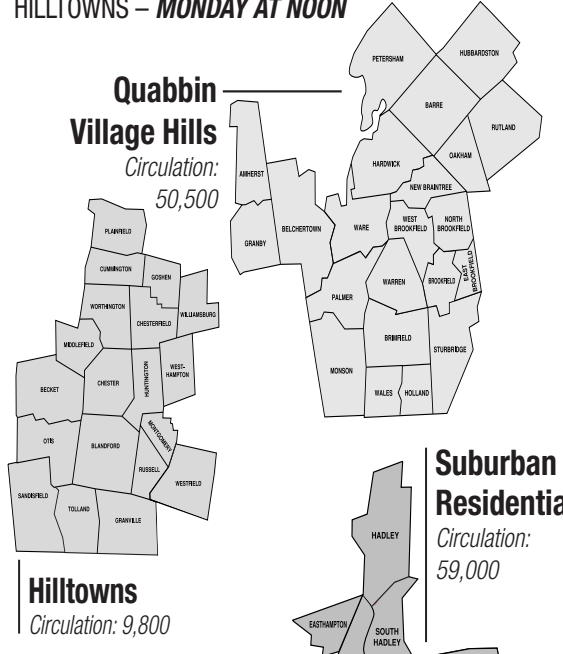


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Docket No. HS23P0632EA  
Estate of:  
Jean Marie Bibeau  
Date of Death: 07/17/2023  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Julia Marie Beaudoin** of Belchertown, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests

that: **Julia Marie Beaudoin** of Belchertown, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/08/2023**.  
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WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of

this Court.  
Date: October 03, 2023  
**Michael J. Carey**  
Register of Probate  
10/12/2023  
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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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**Hampshire Probate and Family Court**  
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(413)586-8500  
Docket No. HS23C0133CA  
In the matter of:  
**Folusayo Togun**  
**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been

filed by **Folusayo Togun** of Belchertown, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
**Folusayo Sharon Tope-Oladimeji**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
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WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 02, 2023  
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EDUCATION



Students outside of Blackstone Hall at Biola University.

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# Resident named to dean's list at Biola University

AMHERST – Resident Charlotte Luddy was named to Biola University's dean's list for academic excellence. Luddy, a psychology major from Amherst, was one of approximately 1,500 students to be named to the dean's list in spring 2023. Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2, according to the school.

List is reserved for students who demonstrate exceptional performance in their academic studies. This honor signifies hard work, engagement, and investment in scholarship," said Dr. Tamara Anderson, Senior Associate Provost. "These attributes are the building blocks of continued success, not only in the classroom, but in the workplace and in the student's personal lives. We celebrate these students and their achievement, looking forward to their future accomplishments."

"Inclusion in Biola University's Dean's

# Elms College summer 2023 graduates

BELCHERTOWN – Two residents were among the recent summer 2023 semester graduates of the College of Our Lady of the Elms.

Alyssa Delude, of Belchertown, has received a Master's in Education;

Reagan Os, of Belchertown, has received a Bachelor of Arts in Education Studies.

They were among 75 students who received their degrees this summer, according to the school.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Elms College has announced its Summer 2023 graduates.

# Local students matriculate into Hamilton College

REGION - The following local residents recently matriculated at Hamilton College:


Sea Kay Leung, of Belchertown; Leung, a graduate of Amherst Regional High School, is a member of the Class of 2027.

Stuart May, of Amherst; May, a graduate

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