

# Animal control holds special clinic

BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS  
 Staff Writer

BELCHERTOWN – The animal control office hosted a special clinic on Saturday administering free rabies vaccines as well as microchips.

“Rabies vaccines are a law requirement, and I know that we have rabies in the community because of my job,” animal control officer Anna Fenton said.

According to Massachusetts state law, all pets must be vaccinated for rabies in order to prevent the spread of this disease with nearly 100% death rate.

They also provided microchip implantations, a small ID that goes under the skin that is helpful in reuniting lost pets with their families.

“The more animals I can help, the less disease,” Dr. Molly Russo said, a veterinarian with Westbrook Veterinary Hospital in Pelham.

The clinic began early Saturday morning, with people already lined up with their fur babies in order to get these special and important services.

These clinics usually happen twice a year, once in the spring or



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 Volunteers for the special clinic (left to right): Animal Control Officer Anna Fenton, Ian Fenton, Terry Camerlin, Olivia Fenton, Dr. Molly Russo, and Avery Jackson.

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# Committee discusses plan

BY MELINA BOURDEAU  
 Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – The Communications Committee is well underway with its comprehensive plan, which the group reviewed at a recent September meeting.

Committee member Mark Spiro presented the draft document, which includes definitions, goals and objectives and stakeholder input.

He proposed four methods of gathering department and committee input:

Rely on the Communication Committee’s survey of residents.

Distribute goals and objectives with a score sheet review to select each subject.

Distribute the goals and meet with department heads, employees and committee chairs to discuss the objectives and their responses.

Distribute the goals and meet with department heads, employees and committee chairs virtually.

Committee Vice Chair Ed Comeau said that the decision on which option to use could be made after the communications manager is hired.

The group then reviewed and began answering a series of questions Spiro wrote to continue building the plan.

Spiro said the town has 22 departments and 16 committees, asking what information the committee needs to understand the efficacy of their communications.

Members discussed accountability for communications.

Spiro said one way to do that is by including communications requirements in a position’s job description.

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# BOH to hold public hearing on nicotine ban

BY MELINA BOURDEAU  
 Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – The Board of Health is working on a draft of a tobacco regulation banning the sale of nicotine products to people born on or after Jan. 1, 2004. If approved, the town would join a handful of towns in the state with the regulation.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is Nov. 6, during which a revised draft of the regulation will be discussed. Once the Board of Health approves a draft of the

regulations, a public hearing will be held.

Currently, Brookline is the only municipality enforcing the regulation. Six other towns, including Wakefield, Malden, and Medford, are contemplating the policy.

Quabbin Health District Director of Public Health Andrea Crete discussed the nicotine ban, which focuses on banning nicotine sales for people born on Jan. 1, 2004, and younger.

“Our goal is to protect our residents, including the younger generation and our children. It’s real-

ly a mechanism to protect them and to reduce the likelihood of them purchasing tobacco products in the community they’re growing up in,” she said. “It’s called a nicotine-free generation.”

She did recognize that surrounding towns that don’t create a ban will still allow younger people to purchase tobacco, but the regulation also sends a message.

Board of Health member Ken Elstein said that if the policy were to take effect, those who cannot buy tobacco currently would never be allowed to in the town.

Tobacco Control Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Lisa Stevens-Goodnight answered from the board throughout the meeting.

The board received a letter from Jeff Smith opposing the prohibition of sales of oral nicotine pouches.

However, Stevens-Goodnight said that oral nicotine products are among some of the most used by younger people.

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Chris and Erika LaChance smiling with their book piles to bring home.

# Clapp Memorial Library’s book sale kicks off to support mission

BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS  
 Staff Writer

BELCHERTOWN – Since the 1970’s, the Clapp Memorial Library has hosted a special book sale in order to support the library and the many activities and programs it offers to the community.

With 40,000 books on the shelves ready to be purchased, there really is no end to the possibilities of what can be found for avid readers, book collectors, teachers, and more.

“We have people from all over New England come to shop for books,” said Jane Crutchfield, who has been running the book sale for the past thirty years.

There are ten members and volunteers who work to make the book sale possible every year,

starting early to set up the many bookshelves across the basement level, and beyond.

“The book sale is everywhere in the library. You can find it the whole length of the building, Crutchfield said.

The whole downstairs portion of the library transforms, and the members of the library line up before it opens to get a chance to be the first in line to explore the treasure trove of bookshelves.

“It’s like setting up a store every six months,” Crutchfield said. The members of the Friends of Clapp Library start putting the books together early, and it takes up to three days in order to move all shelves and books into place.

You can find genres across twenty-five categories, including CD’s, DVD’s, games, and video

games aside from the many book genres.

Sports, history, fiction, nonfiction, cookbooks, romance, science-fiction, fantasy, poetry, classics, banned books, early reader chapter books, board books, health and medical, science, animals and nature, biographies, religion, arts and music, and travel can all be found.

The books come to sale in the form of donations from community members donating their old books, tag sales, estate sales, and more.

Some books have even come full circle, being purchased at the prior year’s book sale, and winding up there again after being enjoyed.

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# Belchertown Community Energy Choice Program

**SUBMITTED BY ED COMEAU, VICE CHAIR**  
Belchertown Communications Committee

The town municipal aggregation program, Belchertown Community Energy Choice (BCEC), was successfully launched in June 2024. Those enrolled should notice immediate savings in the supply side of their National Grid bill. Why? This program allows the town residents and businesses to purchase electricity in bulk, giving us buying power to qualify for lower rates.

The process to launch the program started over three years ago to develop a program that would provide cleaner electricity, a competitive rate compared to National Grid, and a stable, fixed price over an extended period. We are pleased to have attained all three.

We were very fortunate that when we went out to bid the market was very favorable to offer lower electricity supply rates for three program products:

Belchertown Standard with 10% more renewable energy supply over the state requirement

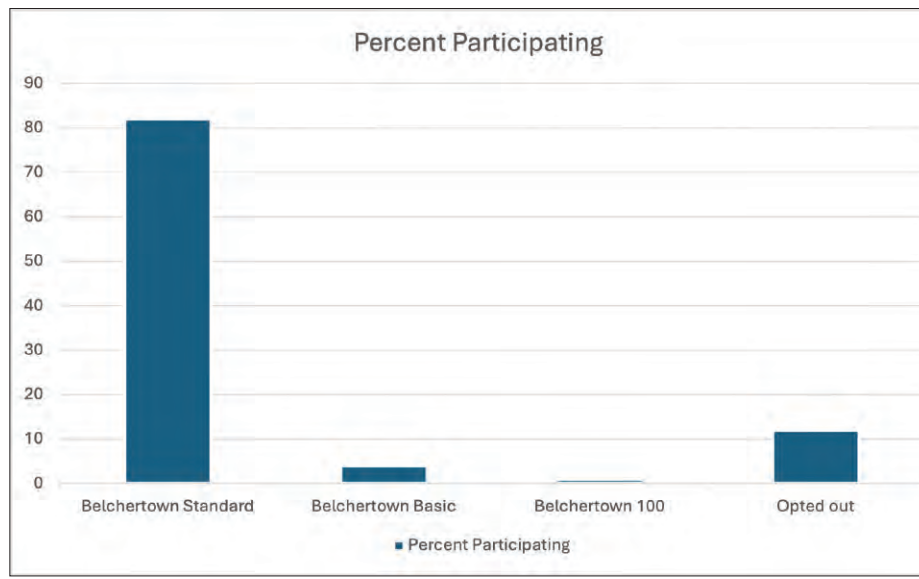
Belchertown 100 offering a 100% renewable energy choice

Belchertown Basic without any additional renewable energy.

Notices were sent out to all customers in Belchertown about the program and an opportunity to opt out, as required by the state. In June, all residents and businesses on National Grid Basic Service supply who took no action were automatically enrolled in Belchertown Standard.

Of the 5,058 National Grid Customers that received the town program notices, 87% of the customers chose one of the three programs:

4,159 (82%) accepted the Belchertown Standard default choice (10% more renew-



able) 218 (4%) chose the Belchertown Basic (no extra renewable) 36 (1%) opted up to the 100% renewable choice, Belchertown 100.

Of all those that were eligible, 12% opted not to participate in the Town program.

We are pleased to already have provided participants savings as the Belchertown Standard rate saved five cents per kilowatt-hour compared to National Grid. For the average Belchertown household using 630 kilowatt-hours per month, Belchertown Standard saves about \$15 - \$17 on your monthly bill compared to National Grid's current rates, which continue through January 2025. Savings cannot be guaranteed as National Grid rates change frequently, and future rates are unknown. To check if you already participate in

Belchertown Community Energy Choice, your National Grid bill shows your current supplier in the supply section on page two of your bill. Participants should see "Belchertown Community Energy - Dynegy" listed as the supplier and your assigned product price per kilowatt-hour below. This price will remain the same through December 2027!

Due to the state requirements of the program, anyone with a third-party supplier other than National Grid was not on the mailing list to receive the notification of the Town program. It should be noted that whether you are in the program or not, your electricity bill comes from National Grid as they are the distributor of the electricity, and their delivery charges are on the page one of your bill. Page two of your bill lists the supplier charges. The State of Massachusetts allows residents and businesses to choose their own alternative elec-

tricity supplier. As a reminder, all Belchertown residents and businesses are eligible to participate in Belchertown Community Energy Choice. If you have a third-party supplier and want to participate, we recommend checking with your current supplier for any exit fees or penalties. To enroll, visit our program website at <https://belchertownenergychoice.com> to complete an online enrollment form, or call our supplier, Dynegy, at (866) 220-5696.

Besides savings and stable rates, here's more good news...Based on the number of participants at launch and historical usage, we expect the program to purchase around 3,334 voluntary MA Class I RECs (Renewable Energy Credits) each year that equates to 2,520,000 pounds of CO2 emissions avoided. Plus, there is the added benefit of supporting the regional green energy market, a growth sector providing high value jobs at good wages.

Do you want to do more? For less than one penny more per kilowatt-hour, you can "opt up" from the Belchertown Standard to the 100% renewable option, Belchertown 100. For the average Belchertown household of 630 kilowatt-hours per month, it would cost less than \$6 per month compared to the Standard product to enroll in the most environmentally conscious option. Look for the BCEC booth at the weekly Sunday Farmers Market on the Belchertown Common to learn more and enroll. More information and any-time enrollment is also available on our program website, [BelchertownEnergyChoice.com](https://BelchertownEnergyChoice.com), and by phone with our program supplier, Dynegy, at (866) 220-5696. It is the easiest and most cost-effective way you can reduce your environmental impact.



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COMMUNITY

## Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 2

BELCHERTOWN— Come join us for fun and fellowship at the annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, at Hope United Methodist Church, 31 Main Street in Belchertown. 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 \$7. We will have a Silent auction including a beautiful quilt and an assortment of other unique items! We will also be hosting a variety of vendors. Enjoy a morning snack with coffee and donuts, or grab a cup of



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The quilt that will be auctioned off at Hope United Methodist Church during their annual Holiday Bazaar.

soup and a finger sandwich for a quick lunch. Come and enjoy the best place to

do some early Christmas shopping. The Bazaar runs from 9:00-3:00 and the auc-

tion is from 9:00-until bidding closes at 2:30. Hope to see you there.

## Halloween Rag Shag parade returns

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Lions Club is happy to announce that its 71st annual Rag Shag Parade will assume its traditional format once again this year. The parade will take place on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the 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.

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.

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. 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. 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 Belchertown Lions Club would like to thank our townspeople for their support in its many fundraisers held throughout the year that make such memorable community endeavors possible.

## Early in-person voting

BELCHERTOWN—Early in-person voting begins Oct. 19 and runs through Nov. 1. It is being held in the auditorium at Town Hall, 2 Jabish St. with the following dates and times:

- Sat. Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Mon - Fri, Oct. 21 through Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last day to register to vote
- Mon - Fri, Oct. 28 through Nov. 1,

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vote by mail applications are available on the Town Clerk's website at [www.belchertown.org](http://www.belchertown.org). The final day to request a ballot by mail is Oct. 29.

The last day to register to vote is Oct. 26. Citizens can either register in person in the Town Clerk's office or online at [www.registertovotema.com](http://www.registertovotema.com).

Please feel free to call the Town Clerk's office with any questions.

## Halloween Spooktacular

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Pollinator Gardens will be hosting a Halloween Spooktacular event on Sunday, Oct. 20 or Thursday Oct. 24 at 5:30 p.m., with rain dates on Oct. 21 and Oct. 25, respectively. Bring a flashlight and come in costume to enjoy a story with Jennifer Whitehead, Youth Services librarian. Registration is required at the Clapp Memorial Library. The Pollinator Garden is located at 57 State St. Enjoy a scavenger hunt, cider, cookies, and crafts. There is a 25-child limit per event, and is for ages 4-12.

## Hometown Hero award nominations open

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown Hometown hero award nominations are now open. The deadline to nominate is Nov. 1 and will be presented at annual Town Meeting. There are two categories Military: Veteran, Active Duty, National Guard/Reserve and First Responder: Police, Fire, EMT, Medical Personnel. Please submit nominations by Nov. 1 to: The Veterans' Services Advisory Board C/O Veterans' Services, 4C Berkshire Avenue, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007, Fax: 413-323-0445

Or C/O Charly Oliva @ [COLiva@Belchertown.org](mailto:COLiva@Belchertown.org)  
Subject: Hometown Hero.

## BHS class reunion Oct. 19

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

St., Ludlow. Please register at [www.bit.ly/Belchertown2014](http://www.bit.ly/Belchertown2014) by Oct. 1. Attendance is free and the first 25 to register will receive a free drink token.

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## EDUCATION

# Hill addresses mental health and substance use

BELCHERTOWN—Nationally renowned speaker and author Stephen Hill visited Belchertown Public School Grades 6-12 on Sept. 24, 2024 for a special program engaging students around mental health awareness and substance use prevention. The program was sponsored by the Belchertown Public Schools Drug-Free Communities program (the Prevention Arm of BOAT). Hill is the founder of Speak Sobriety, a young person in recovery, a bestselling author, recovery coach and a defense attorney advocating for people suffering from mental health and substance use disorders. He has presented in front of thousands of people for over 750 schools and coalitions across the country, sharing his personal experience with substance use disorder and recovery in assemblies throughout the day. A lunch and learn with HS Student Council and Helping Hands members was held where students had the opportunity to ask questions and have meaningful discussions. Hill's message focused on guiding students in how to prevent and intervene in substance misuse, while also encouraging them to be more compassionate and driven toward making smart choices and positive changes.

On Sept. 29, 2012, Stephen Hill had his last drink/drug. Before he was blessed with the gift of sobriety, Stephen suffered in active addiction for over a decade. With multiple failed attempts at recovery, it seemed like there was no hope. After numerous detoxes and treatment programs, Stephen's drug use persisted. Not even the criminal justice system could stop him from abusing prescription painkillers on a daily basis.

The disease of addiction completely took over Stephen's life. He lost interest in education, athletics, and even his own well-being. Growing up, Stephen found his identity in sports, but let his athletic abilities go to waste after he began using drugs. Stephen finally hit rock bottom and entered his final treatment program in 2012. He ended up staying in this program for a full year. Slowly but surely, Stephen

began to put his life back together. Family, friends, sports, health, fitness, wellness, and helping others became the top priorities in Stephen's life. After completing his first year of sobriety, Stephen was offered a full time position to work at the same treatment program he had just gone through himself. Just before entering his third year of recovery, he decided to go back to college. Stephen graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, received his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School, and passed the NY bar exam.

On his days off, he started to share his story to single classes at high schools and middle schools. Stephen soon realized he had found both his passion and calling in life. In no time, Stephen was presenting to entire schools, at community events, town hall meetings and conferences in front of hundreds of people. In May of 2018, with the help of his former SAT tutor, Stephen published his memoir *A Journey to Recovery*. Stephen's memoir was the #1 New Release in Drug Dependency on Amazon. He has been featured on WCBS News Radio and in *The Journal News* discussing addiction and recovery. Some of the personal experiences that Stephen shares are difficult for him to talk about, but he feels it's worth it if his story helps just one person.

Through sharing his lived experience, Stephen helps young people lead healthy, substance-free

lives and leads by example. "Stephen's story resonated with our students, as he is authentic, engaging and approachable. Many students stayed after the presentation to speak with him and appreciated that he was "real" and made them reflect on decisions they make." Said Kris Hoag, DFC Program Director. His powerful message left our students better educated on mental health and substance use, with practical tools and coping skills to work through challenges, and with a goal-oriented mindset to build a life worth defending with support.

"This message of hope is for people of all ages and comes at a time when overdoses in our community and around the state



Helping Hands and Student Council stand with Stephen Hill.

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Stephen Hill speaks at the Assembly for Belchertown High School students.

are on the rise." said Hoag. "It is important to note that there is currently a prescription drug and opioid epidemic, as well as a teen vaping epidemic going on all across America." Drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States. The CDC estimated there were over 110,000 drug overdose deaths in the United States in 2023—one of the highest numbers ever recorded and specifically in MA, 2,124 overdose deaths. This is equivalent to the loss of 6 lives per day in MA.

Additionally, the Drug Enforcement Administration has sent out a public health warning around Fentanyl. Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use as an analgesic (pain relief) and anesthetic. It is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin as an analgesic. Last year, the DEA seized 80 million fake pills and 12,000 pounds of Fentanyl powder, equivalent to more than 390 million lethal doses of fen-

tanyl. Additionally, 7 out of 10 fake pills contains a deadly dose of Fentanyl, meaning that there is a 70% chance of death from ingestion. Experimentation with any substance today can be fatal. This is why it is important to have discussions around substance use, the risks and dangers associated with early initiation of substances and how we can keep our youth and communities safe.



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## BCTV Schedule

### Thursday, Oct. 17

- 8 a.m. Conservation Comm.- Oct. 15
- 10 a.m. School Committee- Oct. 15
- 12 p.m. Communications Committee- Oct. 10
- 5p.m. Conservation Comm.- Oct. 15
- 7 p.m. School Committee- Oct. 15
- 9 p.m. Communications Committee- Oct. 10

### Friday, Oct. 18

- 8 a.m. Board of Health- Oct. 9
- 7 p.m. Board of Health- Oct. 9

### Saturday, Oct. 19

- 8 a.m. Clapp- 9 Neighbors you should know
- 9:30 a.m. Clapp- Angeline Parker
- 11 a.m. Clapp- Belchertown connections with China
- 4:30 p.m. Clapp- 9 Neighbors you should know
- 6 p.m. Clapp- Angeline Parker
- 7:30 p.m. Clapp- Belchertown connections with China

### Sunday, Oct. 20

- 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. - Clapp- 9 Neighbors you should know

### Monday, Oct. 21

- 6:30 p.m.- Select Board- Channel 191

### Tuesday, Oct. 22

- 7 p.m.- Planning Board Channel 191

### Wednesday, Oct. 23

- 8 a.m. BHS- Stephen Hill talks addiction with students
- 7 p.m. BHS- Stephen Hill talks addiction with students

## Christmas Fair in Belchertown

BELCHERTOWN— Mark a calendar, the St. Francis Christmas Fair is back. On Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the St. Francis of Assisi Annual Christmas Fair will return to 10 Park St. in Belchertown. The fair includes a giant basket raffle, a holiday crafts and gift bazaar, and a bakery featuring homemade goodies and gourmet coffee served

in take-home holiday mugs. The Pine Room Café is serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include homemade soups, sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, chips, and a variety of beverages. Make a day of it, buy some raffle chances and select gifts from an assortment of offerings, join family and friends at this traditional Belchertown event.

## Graveyard Tours

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Historical Association is once again holding Historic Halloween Graveyard Tours in the Mount Hope Cemetery. Inhabitants of the cemetery that impacted Belchertown's history will come to life represented by members of the community in period costumes. Tours will start from the church parish house 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. The event is free, donations being collected toward continued reconstruction of the Washington District Schoolhouse. Tours will be Sunday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the cemetery behind the United Church of Christ on Park Street, weather permitting. This is not a trick or treat event.

## Cranberry Fair is set for Oct. 19

AMHERST—First Church Amherst's beloved Cranberry Fair is almost here. This year's fair continues with our somewhat-new October timing, and will happen on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First Church in Amherst at 165 Main St. This event is free admission.

The Fair is a thrifter's delight. It's also a gold mine for anyone assembling a Halloween costume or simply wanting to connect to a long-standing New England tradition.

Both floors of the church will be filled with bargains on everything from toys, clothing, housewares, books, and antiques to baked goods, games and puzzles, children's books, and baked goods. As always, a hearty lunch, plus coffee, tea, and cider, will be offered in the Fair Cafe.

## IHOF annual craft fair happening Nov. 2

GRANBY— Please join in at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. for the annual Craft Fair/Holiday Bazaar. Many vendors, basket raffles, lottery raffles, food and more.

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Communications Committee member Lew Louraine said, "I would suggest that if there is a person responsible for making these services follow-up calls, communicating that the department head would want to know what's happening. And if not the department head, then the town manager would want to know."

The group also discussed accessibility requirements for the website. Although the website has features installed, PDFs and other uploaded documents must still be ADA-compliant.

The group then discussed compiling all policies and posting them to the website, which Comeau said, "We recommend that

Steve make it a requirement. If your department has policies that the public needs, that's low-hanging fruit for a department to put content on its site. If they have a policy that exists, then post it."

Committee Chair Chris Martin said the document center on the website is for these types of documents, which have a tagging system to make them

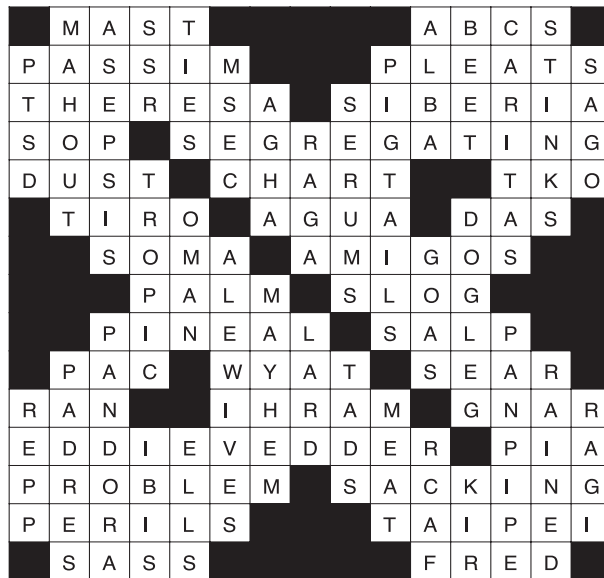
searchable.

The committee also discussed developing its newsletter to become a monthly publication with information from the town manager and rotating departments as need arises.



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**OPINION**



**A question for the Garden Lady – how to move privets and grapes**

Joe wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: “Hello and thanks, as I am a fan of your column! I want to transplant both some privet hedges and grape vines from my childhood home. They are each at least 70+ years old. They have been mostly well maintained over the years and look fairly healthy; I think. Could you offer any advice on how to do this successfully?”



Thank you, Joe, for your compliments on the column! I am happy to try and help.

I don’t know if you have any time constraints with the move. If you don’t, I would wait until early spring to do the transplanting, that way it will cause the least amount of distress on the plants.

Both privet and grape are quite hardy, but it may be challenging to dig them up, especially because of their age and the size of the rootball that you can expect with the privet for sure. The picture you sent does show that both are quite healthy.

As soon as the ground can be worked in spring – maybe in late March or in very early April, I would dig around the drip line of the privet, pointing your shovel straight down. Try to go as deep as you can.

It may help to have a friend or two on the other sides of the bush and together you can lift out the rootball. You might have to use a pair of loppers or a saw to cut some of the larger, main roots.

Without being there, it is hard to say what you will encounter. But, as you know, it will be important to get as many of the roots as you can, leaving the soil attached as much as possible.

If you don’t have a pot big enough to encompass the roots, then I’d recommend using a construction grade trash bag, a tarp or even double layers of a bed sheet to keep the root ball together during transport. Getting them a few towns over, as you mentioned, might be tricky in a car.

I’d probably recommend laying the privet down in a truck, braced so that it won’t roll around.

Transplant it in a similar exposure in the new yard, cutting back the branches to make accommodations for a new and smaller root ball. Water it well, deeply, at least two times a week for the first couple of months.

Grape vines can be handled in a similar fashion. By the pictures you sent, they appear so lush and beautiful.

I certainly have to compliment whoever the tender is in your family. The first order of business would be to ease them off of the fence that they are growing on.

Prune back the tops to a manageable height and then dig them up. It will likely be a challenge to tell “what goes where.”

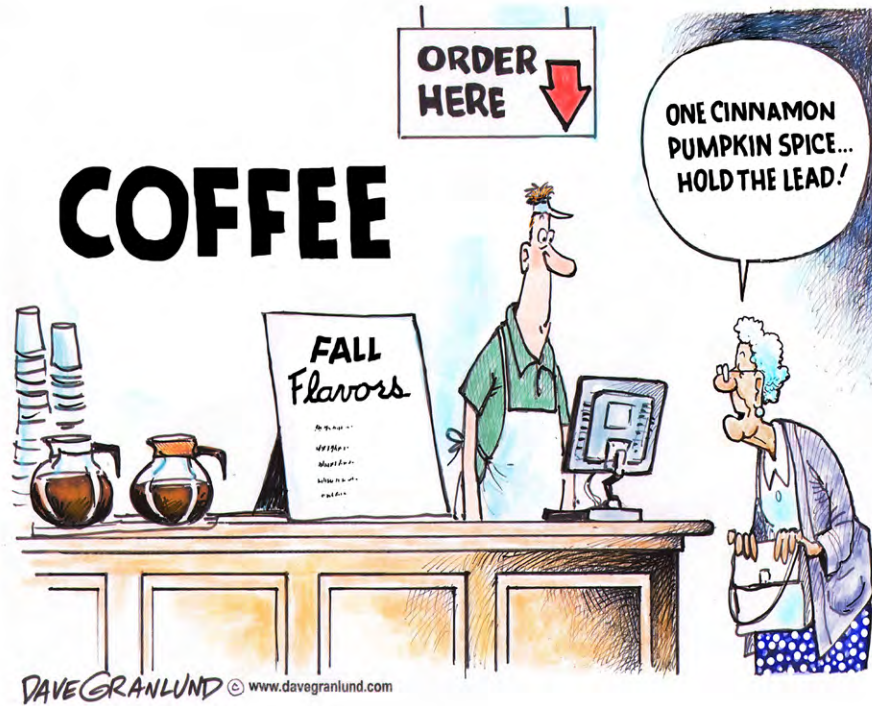
That’s why cutting the tops back will be helpful. If you can put several of the stems in one large pot for transport, that would make sense. Individual pots would also work fine.

It would be important for both of these plants that you have the new areas prepped and ready to go, so digging up and replanting can happen in a quick turnaround time.

Speaking of timing, if you absolutely must dig this fall, then do so, and water as mentioned until the ground freezes. Be careful that the plants don’t heave – remember the roots won’t have much grow time to anchor your plants, so check on them often throughout the winter months and stomp on the rootball should they start protruding from the ground.

It may take a couple of years for the grapes to be as productive as they were, but never fear, because of the hardiness of these plants both should do fine once they adjust to their new surroundings. Good luck to you! I commend you for wanting to save a part of your history!

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



**Husband asks about retroactive Social Security benefits**

**Dear Rusty:**

Both my wife and I are 67 1/2, i.e., past our Full Retirement Age of 66 years and 6 months.

Neither of us have yet filed for SS retirement benefits. My wife is entitled to about \$1,000/month based on her work history, and I plan to wait until age 70 to file. I was entitled to \$3,700 at my full retirement age date and am eligible to receive \$4,800 at age 70. Thus, my wife’s spousal benefit, which she can get when I start taking my SS, is another \$850, a total of \$1,850, which is 50% of my full retirement age amount.

We just recently became aware that my wife should have claimed her own smaller benefit earlier and taken her higher spousal benefit later when I claim. But has she lost Social Security benefits because she waited until now to claim?

*Signed: Trying Hard to Understand*

**Dear Trying:**

Yes, I am afraid your wife has lost some of her SS retirement benefit by waiting too long to claim. In your specific circumstances (where your wife is eligible for a higher monthly amount as your spouse) it is important to know that her spousal benefit amount reached maximum when she attained her FRA of age 66 and 6 months.

Even though she cannot collect as your spouse until you later claim, her eventual spousal amount does not increase because she is now past her FRA. Thus, waiting the extra year after her FRA did not enhance her spousal benefit amount, meaning she could have been collecting her own smaller

SS retirement benefit starting at her FRA. The good news, however, is not all those past benefits are lost.

Once someone has passed their full retirement age, it is possible to claim up to six months of retroactive benefits. Full retirement age is the cutoff point because your wife cannot get retroactive benefits before her FRA but, since she is about a year past, she can claim her full six months of retroactive benefits. Thus, she will lose only about six months of her SS retirement benefit by claiming her benefits to start at age 67 vs. now at 67 1/2, which at least mitigates the loss.

And instead of her FRA amount of \$1,000, her initial SS retirement benefit will be about 3% higher because she is claiming past her FRA. But, nevertheless, your wife’s eventual spousal amount when you claim will still be limited to 50% of your full retirement age entitlement.

The important thing to keep in mind is that retroactive benefits can only be claimed after someone has reached their full retirement age and only up to six months of retroactive benefits can normally be claimed. So, in your wife’s case, her eventual spousal benefit from you will still be limited to 50% of your FRA amount even though she waited for a year past her own FRA to claim. But she can claim six months of retroactive SS retirement benefits now to soften the financial blow.

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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. 25 through Oct. 8. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the calls police responded to, there were 32 incidents, nine accidents, three arrest/summons and 41 citations.*

**ARRESTS/SUMMONS  
Sunday, Sept. 29**

12:09 a.m. – A 39-year-old Holyoke woman was issued a summons for assault and battery. An officer was dispatched to a Chauncey Walker Road business for a large disturbance at an event. Massachusetts State Police assisted at the incident.

12:56 p.m. – A summons was issued to a 65-year-old Belchertown man for assaulting and battery with a dangerous weapon. An officer responded to a residence for a report of a disturbance.

**Monday, Sept. 30**

3:17 p.m. – A summons for a 38-year-old Belchertown man for two counts of possession of class B and one count for possession of class C. As a result of an interview, officers applied for a search warrant for a residence, which was granted.

**Monday, Oct. 7**

6:56 a.m. – A summons was a 28-year-old Westfield man for charges of operating a vehicle with a suspended license, uninsured vehicle and unregistered vehicle. An officer patrolling the area of North Main Street performed a random RMV query on the vehicle's plate. It showed the vehicle registration was revoked for insurance, and the person's license was suspended. Dispatch confirmed the status of the vehicle and the owner's status. The operator was issued a criminal citation, and the vehicle was towed.

**INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS  
Wednesday, Sept. 25**

11:41 a.m. – An officer responded to a Jackson Street address for a report of a verbal dispute about cemetery plots.

2:45 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person in the lobby about a missing person case. The information provided was forwarded to the investigation office.

**Thursday, Sept. 26**

12:37 p.m. – An officer responded to a Sergeant Street address for a report of a disturbing phone call the resident received from their daughter.

4:18 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person about a fraud attempt after a data leak.

4:40 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on West Street. A vehicle went off the road after swerving to avoid a deer. It was towed out of a ditch, and the vehicle was able to be driven from the scene. No injuries were reported.

8:43 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

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**Friday, Sept. 27**

4:14 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person about damage done to their motor vehicle. A bumper sticker was placed on the back of their motor vehicle. It's unknown who did it.

5:38 p.m. – An officer responded to a crash on Turkey Hill Road. A vehicle backed out of a driveway and struck another vehicle in the roadway. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

**Saturday, Sept. 28**

3:41 p.m. – An officer responded to a motor vehicle crash on Shea Avenue. Belchertown Fire and paramedics responded to the scene. A child was transported to the hospital. The matter is under investigation.

8:16 p.m. – An officer responded to State Street for a crash. A vehicle struck a tree after trying to get the glasses that they had dropped. The vehicle was towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

**Sunday, Sept. 29**

2:42 a.m. – An officer went to a Main Street address for a report of an ongoing fraud issue. They were sharing photos without consent.

7:40 a.m. – A person struck a street sign while trying to make a turn. No injuries and no tow were reported.

6:42 p.m. – An officer responded to a North Main Street business for a report of an assault. Both people did not want to press charges but wanted the matter documented.

**Tuesday, Oct. 1**

2:55 p.m. – An officer called a resident regarding house keys and a garage door opened that should have been seized on a 209A order. The matter was documented.

**Wednesday, Oct. 2**

8:51 a.m. – An officer responded to State Street for a two-vehicle crash. A vehicle was taking a left turn, and a second vehicle failed to see the left turn signal. They began to pass on the left, crossing over the double yellow line and the vehicle that was passing struck the vehicle turning left. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage. Both vehicles were towed from the scene, and one person was transported.

12:44 p.m. – An officer responded to the corner road area for a report of discarded paving material. DPW removed the material. The matter is under investigation.

**Thursday, Oct. 3**

12:01 p.m. – An officer took a report of a threat toward a juvenile from an unknown person.

2:19 p.m. – An officer responded to the lobby to talk to someone reporting their child was missing. Officers from another department assisted with a well-being check, and the child was located and healthy.

2:48 p.m. – An officer emptied the drug take-back box.

5:30 p.m. – An officer assisted Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

7:33 p.m. – An officer responded to the lobby for a report of harassment. Harassment was made on the social media app TikTok. The Hadley Police Department is taking over the case.

9:17 p.m. – An officer assisted the Belchertown Fire Department with a car fire incident.

**Friday, Oct. 4**

5:30 p.m. – An officer responded to a Jabish Street address for a well-being check. The person declined EMS service.

5:30 p.m. – An officer responded to Federal Street for a vehicle traveling on Federal Street in the left turn lane approaching the intersection; the second vehicle drifted into the lane and collided with the turning vehicle. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

10:22 p.m. – An officer responded to the

area of Chauncey Walker Road for a report of a minor crash. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

11:03 a.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics. The person was transported to the hospital.

**Saturday, Oct. 5**

7:31 a.m. – An officer took a report of a damaged display in front of George Hannum Road business address. There are no suspects at this time.

9:55 a.m. – An officer spoke with a person in the lobby reporting fraudulent activities. The person was provided with information and advised to contact credit reporting agencies.

2:04 p.m. – An officer went to the lobby to speak with a resident reporting an incident of fraud. They were missing a large sum of money from their retirement account.

**Sunday, Oct. 6**

6:53 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle was going straight through an intersection on the north main street, and another vehicle was taking a left turn. The vehicle turning struck the vehicle going straight through the intersection. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

**Monday, Oct. 7**

9:37 a.m. – An officer responded to a North Main Street address for a well-being check on a juvenile. Belchertown Fire and paramedics also responded. The person was transported from the scene.

9:59 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Washington Street. A tree fell in the roadway and struck a motor vehicle. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

4:06 p.m. – An officer went to the lobby to take a report of larceny. A person reported someone stuck lumber on their property. The matter is under investigation.

4:52 p.m. – An officer responded to a Turkey Hill business for a report of vandalism. The matter is an ongoing incident.

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“Oral nicotine pouches seem to be one of the fastest-growing products in the nicotine market. They are small pouches that contain nicotine salts. They are put between the lip and the gum, and they’re very discreet,” she

said. “One of the concerns is that once they’re in the hands of kids, it’s hard to identify that they have them.”

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**Alice R. Bronner**



It is with deep respect and fond remembrance that we announce the passing of Alice R. Bronner (née Berube), who departed this life peacefully on Oct. 11, 2024, at her home in Granby, MA. Born on Nov. 4, 1923, in Fairview, MA, Alice lived a rich life characterized by her warmth, dedication, and unwavering faith.

Alice was the cherished daughter of Joseph and Marie Louise (Mainville) Berube, both of whom preceded her in death, as did her beloved husband, Rene A. Bronner in 1979, her dear son Rene J. Bronner in 2023, and her brother George Berube in 1990. She is lovingly remembered by her surviving sons, Alan and Len Bronner, and daughter-in-laws, Pamela Bronner and Kathleen Bronner. A beacon of family love, Alice's legacy continues through her seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, with whom she shared profound bonds of love and wisdom.

Alice dedicated over twenty years of her professional life to social work at the former Belchertown State School. Her compassionate nature left an indelible mark on the lives of many she worked with, and her contributions to the community remain invaluable.

A devout Catholic and active member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Alice was intricately involved in church activities, most notably as past president of the Catholic Women's Clubs in both Belchertown and Granby. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, guiding her actions and tethering her to the community.

Alice also cherished her time spent bowling with the Jolly 5 Bowling League in Belchertown and at Fun Time Lanes in Holyoke while residing in Granby. A dedicated Red Sox fan, Alice also showed her competitive spirit as a fixture at local sporting events, particularly those featuring any of her children or grandchildren.

Visitation on Monday, Oct. 21, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Granby, followed by burial in Notre Dame Cemetery. Please meet directly at the church.

In her memory, the family kindly requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, continuing Alice's legacy of community support and compassion.

**AMHERST**

**PeoplesBank, Friends of the Jones Libraries Pickleball Tournament**

AMHERST—The Friends of the Jones Libraries is excited to announce that it is hosting its first Pickleball Tournament, to raise money for the Jones Libraries programs, on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024, at the Bay Road Multi-Sport Center on the Hampshire College campus.

With the help of individual donors and corporate sponsors, vibrant and diverse programming at the Jones Library and its branches is provided each year through the fundraising efforts of the Friends. Examples include the 2nd Grade Readers Program, Art Studio for Adults, Sing With Your Baby, Teen Lounge, 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group, Juneteenth celebration, Ukulele Play-Along, Storytime and Playgroup at the Munson, Chi Gong at the North Amherst branch, lectures and readings, Kanopy, books, museum passes and much more.

This recreational-friendly tournament follows Pickleball Rules and Procedures

/ Determining Your Level of Play (Please Read; PDF). This is a Round Robin Tournament with up to 32 players per Session. Each Session will have a 1st Place Prize Winner (Pickleball racquet provided by Carrington Tennis Academy) and one 2nd Place Prize Winner (\$50 gift certificate for Pickleball equipment). Player numbers will be drawn when you arrive to play. There will also be free raffle prizes and food.

With 32 players, the games will be held on 8 indoor courts. Everyone will play a minimum of 7 rounds, each round with a different partner. You will have 12 minutes to play a game to 11 points (or more, if necessary, to win by two points). Once time is called, whichever side is ahead is the winner. The cost per person is \$60.

For more information please see the website at [www.joneslibrary.org/pickleball](http://www.joneslibrary.org/pickleball). Come play pickleball and support the programs of the Jones Libraries.

**The Stolen Beam series hosted by Jones Library via Zoom**

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

The goal of the series is educational engagement with a narrative of US racial history that is different from what many of us learned in our schooling. The class will focus on the legacy of African enslavement, what was stolen, what may be owed, and historical examples of reparations. The class offers an opportunity, especially for those relatively new to the topic, to study and reflect on writings of prominent thought leaders on the topic of reparations for African Americans as a path to restorative justice. Each class offers read-

ings as well as videos or audio recordings. Suggested study questions are included for each class. Please note: This is not a lecture format. We bring the hope and expectation that all participants will prepare the reading and/or viewing of the assigned materials for each session and come prepared for thoughtful discussion.

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

Online registration closes at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Find registration information at [www.joneslibrary.org/stolenbeam](http://www.joneslibrary.org/stolenbeam). Please contact Janet Ryan at [ryanj@joneslibrary.org](mailto:ryanj@joneslibrary.org) with any questions.

**Winter coat, cold-weather clothing drive**

HADLEY—UMassFive College Federal Credit Union is running a winter coat and cold-weather clothing drive in its Hadley, Northampton, UMass Amherst, Springfield, and Worcester branches throughout October.

Donations from this drive, held annually, will be distributed in partnership with the Amherst Survival Center, Gray House in Springfield, and Net of Compassion in Worcester.

"We know that our neighbors in need have come to count on the coats and warm clothing our members donate during this drive," says Cait Murray, UMassFive Community Outreach manager. "We are so grateful to partner with the great local

organizations that can ensure donations are directed where they can have a significant impact."

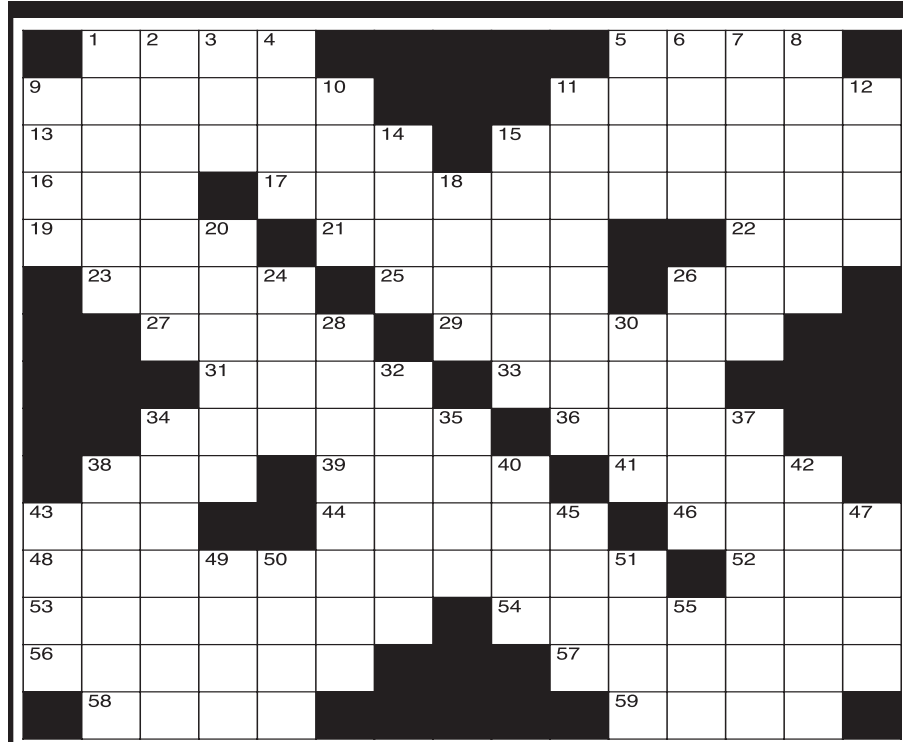
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**UMass student solo and chamber performance**

AMHERST— Join in for a free performance by musicians from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst on Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Jones Library Woodbury Room from 7 to 8 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of live music performed by musicians from the University of Massachusetts - Amherst. Pieces and

performers will be announced at the time of the concert. This concert is part of a new performance series offering students the opportunity to play off-campus for community members and each other. Free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Janet Ryan at 413-259-3223.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Tall, upright post on a boat
- 5. Basics
- 9. Used to refer to cited works
- 11. Folds
- 13. Former UK PM May
- 15. Cold region of Russia
- 16. Standard operating procedure
- 17. Separating
- 19. Particles
- 21. A way to map out
- 22. Referee declares
- 23. Beginner
- 25. Water (Spanish)
- 26. Gov't lawyers
- 27. Non-reproductive parts of an organism
- 29. Spanish friends
- 31. A type of tree

- 33. Walk heavily
- 34. About a wood
- 36. Free-swimming marine invertebrate
- 38. Political action committee
- 39. SB19 hit song
- 41. Scorch the surface of
- 43. Moved quickly on foot
- 44. Sacred state for a Muslim
- 46. Growl
- 48. Pearl Jam frontman
- 52. Irritating person
- 53. Something requiring a solution
- 54. Firing
- 56. Hazards
- 57. Taiwan capital
- 58. Impudence
- 59. Rock frontman

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. One who rides an elephant
- 2. Absence of bacteria
- 3. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 4. Men's fashion accessories
- 5. "Honey" actress Jessica
- 6. Round red root vegetable
- 7. Latin term for "charity"
- 8. Doesn't smell good
- 9. Mental health issue
- 10. Millisecond
- 11. Hairstyle
- 12. Edible starch
- 14. Middle Eastern military title
- 15. Protein-rich liquids
- 18. Indian musical pattern
- 20. Cancer and Capricorn

- 24. Country along the Arabian peninsula
- 26. A bend
- 28. Fishes of the herring family
- 30. Antelopes
- 32. Chaos
- 34. Popular music app
- 35. Cooking material
- 37. Musical instrument
- 38. San Diego ballplayers
- 40. Small amounts
- 42. Poured
- 43. Fabric
- 45. Food option
- 47. Finger millet
- 49. The U. of Miami mascot is one
- 50. Alberta, Canada river
- 51. Canadian flyers
- 55. Dry white wine drink

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A beautiful red tree in bloom outside the town hall. TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS



The trees surrounding the library blooming with oranges and yellows ready for the book sale.



The senior center's fall set up with pumpkins and orange flowers.

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## Lila Roy scores pair in Orioles win

**BELCHERTOWN** – Last Wednesday afternoon, Lila Roy led the way with two goals scored and Belchertown field hockey improved to 10-3 on the season with a 6-0 shutout of visiting Palmer. Edith Audette contributed a goal and two assists, and Morgan Sambor had two saves for the shutout. The Orioles face a tough challenge with Frontier Regional on Friday, Oct. 18 at 4 p.m.



Addi DiBona tries to head off an opponent.



Rachel Baltazar guides the ball up the right sideline.



Meredith Bartosz sends a punt away during recent action for Granby girls soccer.

## Split keeps Rams at .500

**GRANBY** – The Granby High School girls soccer team is treading at the .500 mark after splitting its last four games. Last week, the Rams fell 1-0 to Easthampton and defeated Chicopee 7-1. With that split, the Rams are now 6-6 heading into its final four games. The Rams are in action against on Saturday morning, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. with a tough challenge from Central Mass.' Quaboag Regional.



Kina Roy gets ready to send a free hit deep into Palmer's end of the field.



Mya Philpott inbounds the ball.



Lila Roy winds up for a powerful hit.



Molly Mazzaferro plays a high ball off her stick.



Mia Corish advances past midfield.



Lily Tellier clears the ball away.



Eleanor Szlosek tries to settle a loose ball in the defensive end.



Brianna Ribeiro keeps the ball moving up the field.



Maya Tellier advances up the field.

## Orioles edge Falcons

**BELCHERTOWN** – Last Monday afternoon, Belchertown girls soccer scored a big win over Minnechaug 2-1. The Orioles and Falcons are both 5-4-4- on the season. Mia Corish and Fallon

Clancy scored the goals for the Orioles, while Kelly Cronin scored Minnechaug's lone goal. In the net, Makenzi Pastreck had nine saves while Jillian DeBarge had three for the Orioles.



Jillian DeBarge gets the loose ball.



Brenna Moreno makes her way up the field.



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McKenna Zumbruski is pressured near midfield.

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## Bonsignore scores win at Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, Conn. – Justin Bonsignore was in Thompson Speedway victory lane again on Sunday afternoon. For the 14th time in his career, Bonsignore captured victory on the high-banks in Connecticut - leading the most laps and taking the lead back late after a pit road miscue to rocket to another win.

The victory was Bonsignore's 43rd career on the Whelen Modified Tour, giving him sole possession of third place all-time. His 14th career Thompson win also put him just one off Mike Stefanik's record of 15.

"We worked hard all summer, but haven't had the best car," Bonsignore said. "We brought back 'Old Faithful'. This car has been sitting bare bones since the last Martinsville race and we finally got it back together. It got us back into Victory Lane at Thompson and the guys did a great job today with the quick turnaround. It's humbling to be around Reggie and Teddy and to have your name mentioned with them is really special. Obviously we try not to think about that stuff while we're still racing, but it is really awesome to have that much success in this series over the 15 years that we've been here. Hopefully we've got another 14 or 15 years in us if we can stay competitive."

With the win, Bonsignore closed within five points of Ron Silk in the championship battle with two races remaining. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will return to the track at North Wilkesboro Speedway on Sunday, October 20. The series will then visit Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, October 26, for the season-finale.

## T-Birds settle for split on opening weekend

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-1-0-0) could not get their offensive rhythm going on Sunday afternoon and dropped a 4-1 decision to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (1-1-0-0) at the MassMutual Center.

The visiting Penguins came out with a purpose less than 24 hours after dropping a 7-6 barnburner to Charlotte in their home opener. In outshooting the T-Birds 8-0 in the opening nine minutes, they also chipped in the first goal of the contest at the 5:00 mark when defenseman Nate Clurman was gifted with an open net after a Jimmy Huntington shot ricocheted off the end boards and back in front of Colten Ellis' net.

The T-Birds responded with much better pressure in the back half of the period, but rookie Penguins netminder Sergei Murashov made all 12

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Samantha Lowe tries to steal the ball away.



Heydin Heyes is pressured from behind.



Brianna Valley and an opponent compete for the loose ball.



Jenna McKinney moves toward the sideline.



Goalie Autumn Desrosiers kicks the ball away.



Taylor Allen goes after the ball near midfield.

## Pioneers fall to Athol

PALMER – Last Wednesday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer got to play on the quality grass of Legion Field in Palmer. But the Pioneers were defeated 3-1 to fall to a disappointing 0-10-1 on the season. The Pioneers will continue to search for their first win on Oct. 17 against Franklin Tech.

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## Railers scored win over Mariners

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers HC (1-1-0-0) beat the Maine Mariners (1-1-0-0) on Saturday night by the final score of 4-0 in front of a crowd of 700 at the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center. The Railers open the regular season next weekend when they take on the Reading Royals at the DCU center on Saturday, October 19th at 6:05 p.m.

Worcester jumped out to a 2-0 lead with goals from Jordan Kaplan (1-1-2) who struck at 3:43 and Justin Gill (1-0-1) scoring just a minute later in the first period. Worcester continued their scoring in the second. Connor Welsh (1-0-1) scored at 13:55 to make the score 3-0 Worcester. Worcester finished the scoring off by notching one more in the third. Joey Cipollone (1-0-1) scored the final goal of the night, which made it 4-0 when the final buzzer sounded.

Worcester wasted no time striking first tonight as Jordan Kaplan (1st) found the back of the net 3:43 into the first period. He was shortly followed up by Justin Gill (1st) who got one by Maine's Ryan Bischel just under a minute after Kaplan got a dish from Matt DeMelis. Worcester had an opportunity to score on the power play following a tripping penalty with just under 5 minutes in the period, but couldn't find the back of the net. Worcester went into the first intermission with the 2-0 lead. Shots favored the Railers 14-5.

Worcester's penalty kill got to work early killing off two penalties. The first on Anthony Repaci 30 seconds into the second followed by Jordan Kaplan at the 12-minute mark. The Railers got their own opportunity on the power play with 6:20 to go in the second and Connor Welsh

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## New members added to Board of Governors at HoopHall

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced its newly elected Board of Governors, a group of leaders dedicated to preserving the legacy and promoting the future of basketball. Among the outstanding Governors elected at the Board's September 2024 annual meeting is basketball legend Julius "Dr. J" Erving, who will serve as Vice Chairman of the Board.

Celebrated as one of the most electrifying and influential players in basketball history, Erving transformed the sport with his graceful, high-flying style, culminating in his induction into the Hall of Fame in 1993. His position on the Board reinforces his long-standing commitment to basketball's premier institution, having an annual college basketball award named in his honor to recognize the top men's collegiate small forward, and most recently, serving as the host of the Jerry Colangelo Golf Classic at the

Biltmore Golf Club in Phoenix this past September.

"We are thrilled to have such distinguished leaders on our Board of Governors," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "Each of these individuals brings a unique perspective, and their combined expertise will be invaluable as we continue to honor the game's rich history while also shaping its future."

In addition to Erving, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame is honored to acknowledge the leadership of the following elected officers:

Jerry Colangelo, Chairman – Partner, JDM Partners, Inc.; Hall of Fame Class of 2004

James Vinick, Treasurer – Managing Director - Investments, Moors & Cabot, Inc.

Kathy Behrens, Secretary – President, Social Responsibility & Player Programs, NBA

"I'm honored to continue my role as Chairman of the

Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, working alongside such esteemed individuals," said Jerry Colangelo, Chairman of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "Julius Erving's election as Vice Chairman is a testament to his exceptional contributions to the game. Dr. J's legendary career and deep understanding of basketball will be invaluable as we attempt to honor the sport's history and inspire the next generation of players and fans."

Other Board members include Bob Beaudine, President & CEO of Eastman & Beaudine; Greg Butler, Executive Vice President & General Counsel of Eversource Energy; Alvin Chun, President of Counterpointe Solutions, Inc.; Frank Colaccino, Founder & CEO of The Colvest Group, Ltd.; Cathy Engelbert, Commissioner of the WNBA; Dan Gavitt, Senior Vice President of Basketball for the NCAA; Rick Kelleher, Chairman and Former President & CEO of Pyramid Global Hospitality; and

Bill Koenig, President of Global Content & Media Distribution for the NBA.

Also serving on the Board are Jim Puhala, Head of Product Solutions & Regulatory Compliance at MassMutual; Byron Spruell, President of League Operations for the NBA; Mark Tatum, Deputy Commissioner & Chief Operating Officer for the NBA; Jim Taubenfeld, President of Me Salve, Inc.; Thomas Tull, Managing Partner of TWG Global; and Rick Welts, Principal at 7Rings Consulting and Private Equity Advisor at Sixth Street Group, as well as a Hall of Fame Class of 2018 inductee.

Ex Officio members include John L. Doleva, President & CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, and Robert Naismith, great-grandson of Dr. James P. Naismith, the inventor of the game of basketball.



# national *business* **WOMEN'S** week

## Qualities women bring to business

Women continue to thrive in the workforce. Wells Fargo reports that, from 2019 to 2023, the growth rate of women-owned businesses outpaced the rate of men-owned businesses in relation to number of firms, rate of employment and revenue earned. LinkedIn also indicates there are 114 percent more women entrepreneurs now than there were 20 years ago.

Every business owner or employee brings something unique to the employment landscape and certain characteristics are universal, regardless of gender. Still, there are certain qualities that women bring to the workforce that can help businesses excel. Forbes indicates women employees offer traits that can help drive engagement, productivity, satisfaction, and various other attributes. The following are some of the traits women may bring to business.

### Emotional intelligence

Women First Jobs says that women often bring high emotional intelligence to the table. Emotional intelligence involves understanding and managing emotions and the emotions of others. Women may be more inclined to understand different perspectives and to help resolve conflicts and build relationships.

### Collaboration

Women employees often have traits that can foster collaboration in the workplace, such as reading non-verbal cues and willingness to take turns in conversations, indicates Forbes. This can help ev-

eryone collaborate more effectively.

### Room for improvement

Women in the workplace continually seek opportunities for improvement, advises Sparklight Business. This can involve taking advice from other workers and peers. Women leaders embrace opportunities to do things better and work to improve their skills for the greater good.

### Communication

The IWEC Foundation, which empowers women entrepreneurs, says women tend to be effective communicators and often make great leaders because of this trait and their ability to inspire others. Communication often is key to any relationship, whether personal or in a business setting.

### Organization and planning

Women may excel at organizing and planning. Women can look at things with a detail-oriented eye and recognize flaws in plans even before getting started. This means women can be in charge of distributing workloads or organizing the schedules of others.

### Adaptability

Even though it is a cliché, women tend to be natural multi-taskers. Handling multiple jobs at the same time means women can adapt to changing situations.

Generally speaking, there are some inherent characteristics women may possess that can make them viable assets as business owners or leaders in their fields.

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## Women-owned businesses are thriving

According to North One banking, women-owned firms account for more than 12 million businesses in the United States. In addition, the 2024 Wells Fargo Impact of Women-Owned Business Report, in partnership with Ventureer, Core Women and Women Impacting Public Policy, found the number of women-owned business increased at a rate of 4.5 times between 2019 to 2023. Women-owned businesses are driving economic growth, and a deeper look at some of the numbers supports that notion.

- The Women's Business Enterprise Council says there are 12.3 million women-owned businesses in the U.S., which comprises about 40 percent of the total number of businesses.

- Women-owned businesses bring in nearly \$2 trillion every year, says the National Women's Business Council.



Women-owned businesses are driving economic growth, and a deeper look at some of the numbers supports that notion.

- During the pandemic, women-owned businesses added 1.4 million jobs and \$579.6 billion in revenue to the economy.

- World Bank indicates that roughly one-third of principal owners of all businesses are female.

- WBENC advises that 64 percent of new women-owned businesses are started by women of color.

- Women's Business Enterprises Canada says more than 85 percent of buying decisions are influenced by women. The Canadian Minister of Small Business notes that women business ownership is growing. In 2023, approximately 18.4 percent of all businesses in Canada were majority owned by women, compared to 15.6 percent in 2017.

Women-owned businesses are making a large impact around the world. Such firms continue to employ millions of people and foster strong economies.

## How to approach work after a breast cancer diagnosis

A breast cancer diagnosis affects every facet of a woman's life. While women and their families must prioritize treatment, a host of additional variables, including work, also merit consideration after a breast cancer diagnosis.

Work is an important part of life, so it's understandable if women are concerned about how a breast cancer diagnosis will affect their careers. With that in mind, women can consider these tips as they share news of their diagnosis with their employers.

- **Prioritize your own comfort when speaking to an employer about your diagnosis.** Breastcancer.org notes that a woman's comfort level is the most important factor when sharing news of a breast cancer

diagnosis with an employer. Some women may want to inform only a few coworkers they're close with, while others may find it easier to let everyone know. There's no wrong or right way to share a diagnosis, so women should prioritize their own comfort when choosing which way to go.

- **Decide what you want to share.** Women can speak to their physicians to determine how long they will continue working, if their ability to work full-time will be affected by treatment and the projected length of treatment. Answers to these questions can help women decide how much to share with their employers. If treatment will be lengthy and require time off to recover, then sharing such information


can help employers arrange to cover your responsibilities.

- **Take additional measures to overcome side effects of treatment.** Breastcancer.org notes that treatment can produce cognitive side effects such as memory loss or difficulty concentrating. Successful professionals will undoubtedly want to maintain the standard they have established for themselves, and that can be done by taking a few simple steps to overcome any cognitive issues that may arise during treatment. Record Zoom calls so you can go back and view them, if necessary. Take copious notes during strategizing sessions. Begin using a planner so you can stay on top of deadlines.

- **Take time off, if necessary.** Time off

should always be a consideration during cancer treatment. Breastcancer.org notes that various programs can help women meet their financial obligations if they're no longer earning income. Some employers may pay full salaries during treatment and not count time off as vacation or personal time, while others may grant short-term disability benefits that can provide some income during extended time off. Explore all of your options with the human resources.

A breast cancer diagnosis may require women to alter their work habits and schedules. Even the simplest tweaks can have a profound impact and allow women to direct much of their energy and focus on their treatment.




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**Burial Grounds of Granby and South Hadley throughout their History  
Thursday, Oct. 24  
from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Join us in the Community Room for a presentation of Burial Grounds of Granby and South Hadley Throughout

History presented by Robert Comeau of [holyokecanaltour.org](http://holyokecanaltour.org). This project is supported in part from a grant from the Granby Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

**Pastel Workshop with Greg Maichack  
Saturday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m.**

Join us and pastel paint your own Seascapes in Pastel Inspired by Winslow Homer. All levels of experience are welcome. Space is limited, so please call the library to reserve your space to join us for pastel painting!

On Saturday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m., award-winning artist Gregory Maichack will present "Seascapes: How to Pastel Paint" at the Granby Free Public Library.

This workshop offers both beginner and advanced participants an opportunity to creatively explore pastel painting inspired by the work of Winslow Homer. Participants will receive instruction on expressive pastel strokes, blending, slurring, layering and creating the wave effect of spray by embedding pigment particles into the painting. Please call (413) 467-3320.

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The setup of vaccines and helpful information in order to help kids learn about vaccines and how they can help keep you safe from sicknesses.

## Local organization hosts vaccine clinic for the community

BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

Staff Writer  
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GRANBY – With flu season just around the corner, many people are looking to get their vaccines administered at the closest pharmacies and doctors to stay ahead of new flu strains.

However, with costs rising and more difficulty coming from rising prices, it may be more difficult for families to access these important vaccines.

A team consisting of the Northampton Public Health Nurses and the East Meadow School Nurse, Nancy Jenks, set up a table in the gym and gave out vaccines to all.

"This is our first community vaccine

clinic since the end of the state of emergency," Nancy Jenks, the East Meadow school nurse, said.

"During COVID, we worked with the Granby CVS in holding a student flu vaccine clinic and held eight COVID vaccine clinics for the community with MA DPH," Jenks said. "We also hold an annual staff flu clinic with the Belchertown Stop and Shop Pharmacy."

The Hampshire Public Health Shared Services Collaborative helped sponsor the vaccine clinic, and it was free to all aged six to 65 and older to get their vaccines.

"We offered the standard flu vaccine, the high dose flu vaccine for individuals ages

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Cocoa after getting her microchip, ready for adoption.

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early summer, and once in the fall to ensure as many pets as possible can access the vaccine and microchip.

BARC, Belchertown Animal Relief Committee, is a nonprofit organization that was created to support the animal control department.

They fundraised for half of the building the department is housed in, and donated all vaccines and microchips for the clinic through their hard work and dedication.

The organization is coming up on its ten-year anniversary, and will be hosting a special holiday pop-up at the animal control center during the Belchertown Holiday Bazaar Craft Fairs, where you can purchase special 10-year anniversary t-shirts.

"Working with Anna and BARC to provide these resources is amazing for the community," Russo said. "Getting microchips in helps families be united with their pets, and I love doing these clinics so I can help with that."

"My big push was to try and get

cats microchipped, and they are least likely to be chipped," Fenton said, sharing how cats who often went missing ended up in other people's homes.

By having cats microchipped, any cat found on the streets through something affectionately called "the cat distribution system" on social media, can help cats return to their real homes and humans.

"This also helps keep animals out of the shelters, and the more we can keep out, the better," Russo said.

In total, the clinic distributed twenty-four rabies vaccinations, and administered eighteen microchips to pets who are now safer from the threat of rabies, and are able to be traced to their homes.

Cocoa, a surrendered six-year-old little dog at the control station, received her first microchip, already vaccinated for rabies, and has been adopted by her new loving family.

The clinics continue to help animals rescued by animal control, and the other animals in our community, live safer lives.



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Cocoa getting checked for her microchip, and it looks like she doesn't have one yet.

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(1st) cashed in on passes from Jordan Kaplan and Anthony Callin to make it 3-0 going into the third. Worcester out-shot Maine 14-7.

Worcester wasn't done yet as Joey Cipollone (1st) scored on a redirected shot 6:08 into the third. The penalty kill would continue their perfect weekend after shutting down two Maine power plays. The Railers went eight-for-eight on the penalty kill against Maine in the pre-season. Cipollone's goal would be the final score of the night, cementing the Railers 4-0 shutout victory.

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**T-BIRDS** from page 12

saves he needed to make in his first AHL period of play.

It was a similar story in the second, as the Penguins went right to work in the offensive end, causing chaos around the Springfield net. Sam Poulin eventually extended

the lead as he received a centering pass from Emil Bemstrom and elevated it over the blocker of Ellis to make it 2-0 at 3:21 of the period.

Just 2:05 later, Avery Hayes added his second goal in as many games, arriving at the far post to chip a rebound into the top

shelf after an initial bid by Joonas Koppanen. The lead ballooned to 3-0 for the visitors.

MacKenzie MacEachern finally got Springfield on the board at 12:00, thanks to a fortuitous bounce off the end boards from a Hunter Skinner shot attempt. Corey Schueneman also picked

up an assist on the play, his first point as a Thunderbird.

The T-Birds never could get back in rhythm, though, as they mustered a scarce amount of scoring chances in the final period. Boris Katchouk put the game away with a power play goal at 15:47 of the third to close out the

scoring, and Murashov picked up his first AHL win with 27 saves.

The T-Birds take to the road for the first time this season on Friday night as they visit the Hartford Wolf Pack at the XL Center for a 7 p.m. puck drop.

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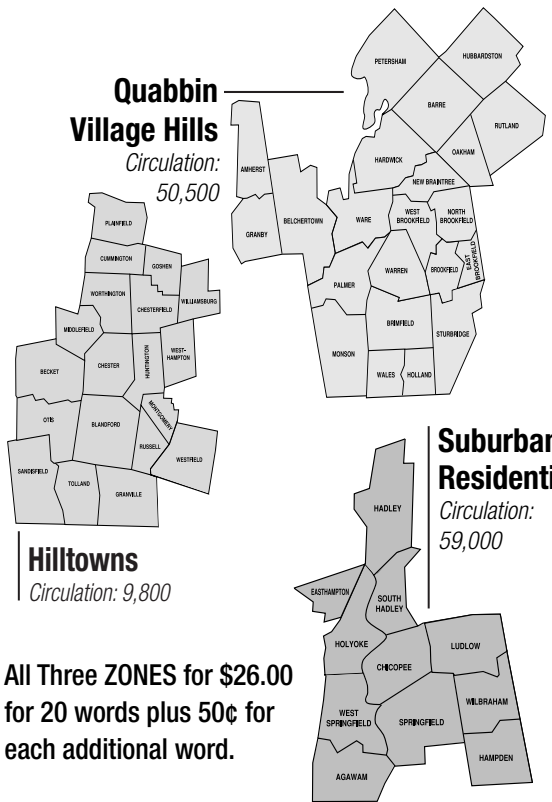
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### VACCINE from page 16

65 and older, [and the] Pfizer COVID pediatric and adult doses," Jenks said.

For the clinic, which ran from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., held appointment slots for families with children, but also welcomed walk-ins to receive their vaccines.

"We had fifty-one appointments with some individuals getting more than one vaccine, like COVID and flu," Jenks said.

The town of Granby has a special partnership with the Hampshire Public Health Shared Services Collaborative, and that made it so that the school was able to offer the clinic to the community.

"Additionally, we were also able to provide written health educational materials in English and Spanish as well as free rapid antigen COVID tests to all interested individuals who attended," Jenks said.

They day was successful point of outreach in order to ensure that the community was able to access any and all vaccines they needed, regardless of their situation, in order to benefit from these vaccines.

"Our favorite part of the day was working with the Northampton Public Health Nurses and getting to meet everyone who came to be vaccinated," Jenks said.

Through the Public Health Excellence Grant for Shared Services, the Northampton Department of Health and Human Services is hosting Flu and COVID vaccination clinics, as well as homebound vaccine visits.

For more information about these opportunities, you can visit their website at <https://northamptonma.gov/2476>, or call 413-587-1214.

## Nature is Fun Times at the GPL

GRANBY— Twice Monthly, on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Granby public library's Community Room, come join Ranger Tasha for hands on science. Enjoy a nature theme story, learn hands on and make a craft about the world around us in New England. Ranger Tasha teaches interesting, lesser known facts about each topic, always keeps it interesting.

### Upcoming dates and topics

- Oct. 22 Bats
- Nov. 19 Frogs and Turtles in Winter
- Nov. 26 Turkeys
- Dec. 3 Birds Adapt to Winter

- Dec.10 Snowflake Science
  - Jan. 7 Living under the Snow
  - Jan. 14 Fur, what is it good for?
  - Feb. 4 Woodpeckers - Nature's Drumming Rockstars
  - Feb. 11 The Stink of Love - Skunks are looking for mates
- Presented by Tasha Daniels, Park Ranger/Visitor Services Specialist at the Silvio O.Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Ages 3 and up.



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