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Efficiency study to be completed by DLS, Collins Center

BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – The town will have its financial forecasting and operational/organizational review completed by the Department of Labor Services for no charge to the town following the recent approval of the Selectboard.

This will be in conjunction with a proposal for an operational and organizational review focusing on the central office of the school department. The town is still seeking help from the Collins Center based out of the University of Massachusetts, Boston, to complete the study.

This would be the first phase of a longer-term study, accord-

ing to Town Administrator Steve Williams.

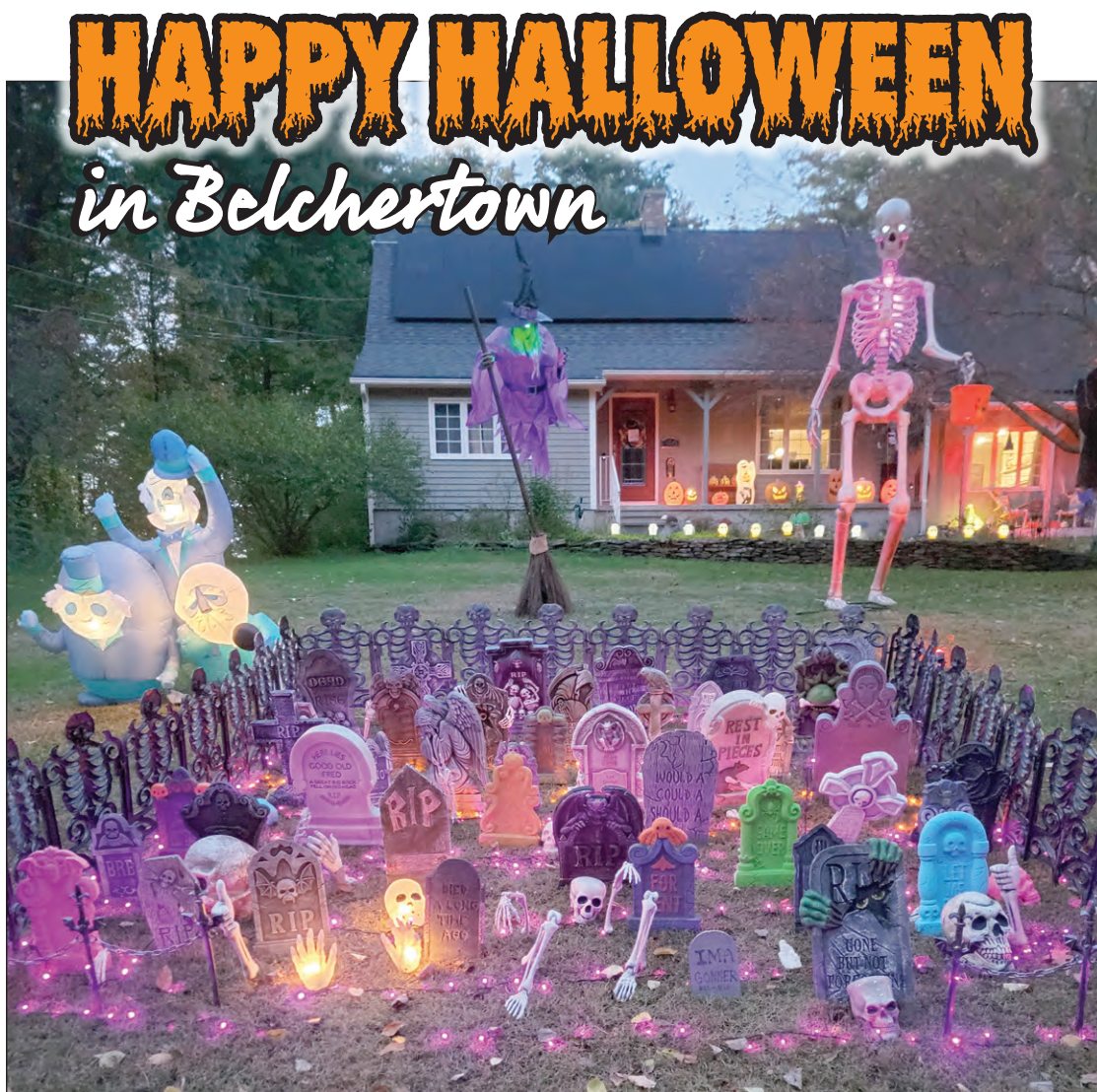
Williams said the working group, composed of Selectboard member Lesa Lessard Pearson, HR Manager Joanne Misiaszek, and himself, discussed the scope of the project to submit to the Collins Center and worked to submit grants to help fund the project. Misiaszek sent grant applica-

tions for financial tasks the board previously discussed within the financial departments and a second for forecasting. However, the program ran out of money, Williams informed the board.

The program was run by the Department of Labor Services, which is the same department the town received its financial management review from.

“We provided them the scope of work and the answer is the first is no cost and the second is that they would complete the expected scope of work. The follow up would be how soon and how long?” Williams said. “They said they would like to start the process early to mid-winter.”

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Residents Erica and Matt Guerdon decorated their Belchertown home for Halloween.

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State Sen. Jake Oliveira, center, spoke about his grandfather's involvement in creating the Quabbin Reservoir.

Oliveira presents funds to honor Revolutionary veterans

BY PAULA OUIMETTE
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WARE – State Sen. Jake Oliveira, along with state Rep. Aaron Saunders (D-Belchertown), presented a check for \$5,000 to the Friends of Quabbin for the construction of a bronze plaque to honor the 41 Revolutionary War veterans buried in Quabbin Park Cemetery.

“This project is something that is really important to the American Revolution,” Oliveira said. “This December we celebrate a milestone of the Revolution; the Boston Tea Party, 250 years ago.”

Saunders thanked Oliveira for his commitment to the towns of the Quabbin Watershed, in which many of the towns Saunders represents are located.

“Not every state Rep. is as blessed to have a partner in the Senate,” Saunders said.

Oliveira has special ties to the Quabbin Reservoir, as his grandfather worked to create

it in the 1930s. Accompanying Oliveira to the ceremony on Oct. 27, was his mother – the daughter of the man who helped form one of the largest water supplies in the U.S.

Joining Oliveira and Saunders were Betty Allen Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Denise Kindschi Gosselin and Chair of the America 250! Chapter Committee Cher A. Nicholas.

Saunders said its important that the region's public representation is taken care of for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, and he thanked the DAR for helping them achieve this goal.

“We couldn't do it without you,” Saunders said.

Oliveira thanked state Reps. Todd Smola and Donnie Berthiaume, along with state Sen. Jo Comerford, for their support, as well as former senator Anne Gobi.

Oliveira said he and Gobi had

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Judge sentences Cara Rintala

DA: ‘Sentence reflects gravity of harm’

GRANBY – A Hampshire Superior Court Judge has sentenced Cara Rintala to 12-14 years in prison for the 2010 strangulation death of her wife, Annamarie Cochrane Rintala, 37,

at the couple's Granby home.

After a nearly two-hour hearing in Hampshire Superior Court, Judge Francis Flannery offered brief remarks, calling the killing “especially brutal.” He also observed that many of the letters he read in support of Cara Rintala appear not to accept the guilty verdict delivered by a jury two weeks ago.

“I accept the jury verdict in this case,” he said. “I must.”

To the family of Annamarie Rintala he said, “there's no legal remedy that will make you whole again,” before announcing his sentencing decision. Rintala will receive credit for the 7.5 years she has already spent incarcerated before trial and after her conviction.

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Town announces new board, committee vacancies

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.

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

Animal Control Advisory Board
Three vacancies

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: Friday, Dec. 1

Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee:

One community member at-large seat

This committee will advise and make recommendations on the spending of Opioid Settlement Funds.

Deadline: Thursday, Nov. 9

Agricultural Commission

Two 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: Friday, Dec. 1

Trail Stewardship Council

One vacancy

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

Deadline: Friday, Dec. 1

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: Friday, Dec. 1

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.

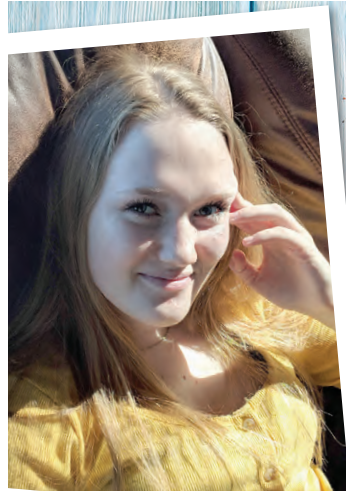
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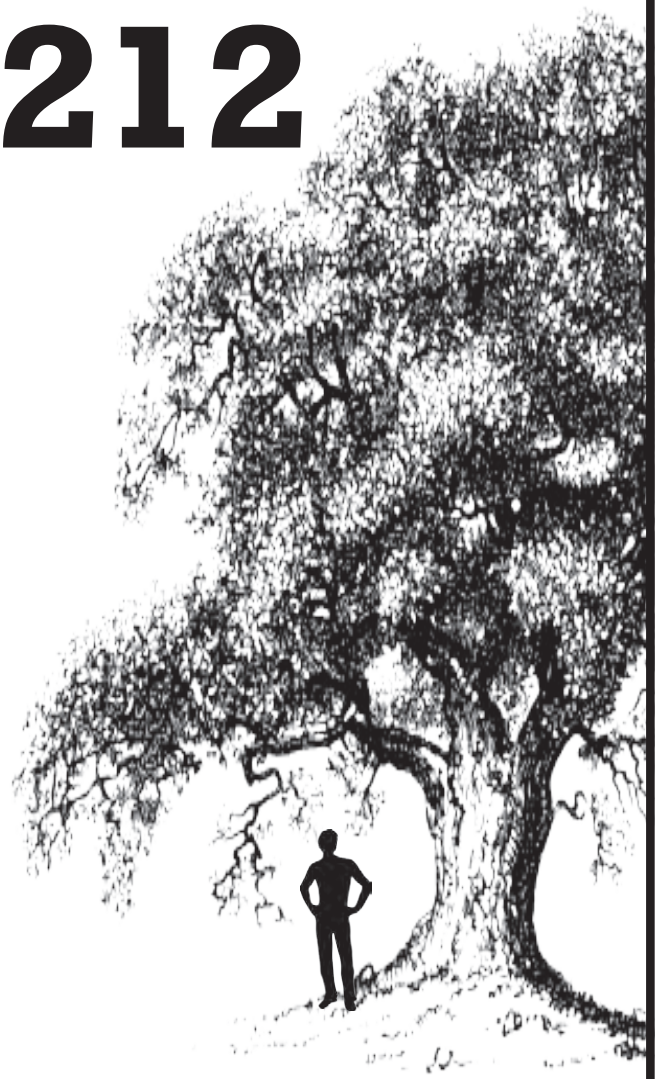
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BCTV Schedule

BELCHERTOWN – Here is the BCTV schedule for Thursday, Nov 2, through Wednesday, Nov. 8

- Thursday, Nov. 2**
- 8 a.m. – Agriculture Commission, Nov. 1
- 10 a.m. – JBMS New School Cost/Design
- 7 p.m. – Agriculture Commission, Nov. 1
- 9 p.m. – JBMS New School Cost/Design
- Friday, Nov. 3**
- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- Saturday, Nov. 4**
- 8 a.m. – Educational Crafting with Charlotte, Little Witch
- 8:30 a.m. – Clapp Library, Lego Dan
- 4:30 p.m. – Educational Crafting with Charlotte, Little Witch
- 5 p.m. – Clapp Library, Lego Dan
- Sunday, Nov. 5**
- 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. – JBMS New School Cost/Design
- Monday, Nov. 6**
- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 6:30 p.m. – Select Board, Channel 191
- Tuesday, Nov. 7**
- 8 a.m. – BHS Student Band
- 5 p.m. – BHS Student Band
- 6 p.m. – School Committee, Channel 192
- Wednesday, Nov. 8**
- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 6:30 p.m. – Board of Health, Channel 191



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Scouts can, bottle drive sees success

Scouts from Troop 507 at a bottle and can drive on Oct. 21. Event organizers said that it was “another successful event to raise money to support their Scouting experiences,” adding that it rained for a duration of the collection, but Belchertown residents “didn’t let that keep them from bringing their returnables the drive.”

St. Francis announces upcoming trips

BELCHERTOWN – The St. Francis of Assisi Parish has announced two upcoming trips. A “Miracle of Christmas” in Lancaster three-day tour will be held Nov. 28-30. “Experience ‘Miracle of Christmas’ as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production from Sight & Sound Theatres,” St. Francis released. “Bus departs from St. Francis Church at 7 a.m. on Nov. 28 and returns at approximately 8:30

p.m. on Nov. 30.” The cost is per person: \$679 for a single, \$534 for double, \$523 for triple. A \$75 deposit is due at sign-up, with full payment by Nov. 3, a press statement reads. Trip protection is available; make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi and note “Amish Trip” in the memo, the press statement reads. Additionally, the Nunsense Christmas Musical “Nun crackers” trip to the Thomaston Opera House in Conn. will be held

Sunday, Dec. 17. “This show is filled with wacky Nunsense humor. Certain to tickle your funny bone and likely tug your heart strings,” St. Francis released. The cost is \$79 per person with taxes and gratuities; departs from St. Francis of Assisi Church at 11:45 a.m., returning at approximately 5:45 p.m. Sign up by Nov. 13. Contact Roseann Montefusco at 413-364-8161 or Rmonte61@yahoo.com.

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Working with Zack Blake, who said they could have the forecasting done within a month, which Williams said would be “perfect timing to really dive into the budgets in January/early February.” He said the town would be looked at by the DLS and the Collins Center. “We’re hoping we’ll have all these results back by the budget cycle, so if there are any recommendations, we can implement them,” Williams said in an interview with the Sentinel. Lesa Lessard Pearson asked to what depth the study will go into, in the board’s Oct. 16 meeting. “It’s not going to go down to teacher by teacher but understanding the auxiliary services. How deep can we go there? We

have yet to determined,” she said. “That’s what we’re doing right now.” Williams said the Collins Center is working on a detailed scope of work and the process takes some time. Selectboard member Ron Aponte asked what the Collins Center study would cost. Lessard Pearson said the center is working on the scope first. “We’re going to be working with them and they’ll take our input,” she said. “Then come up with what they believe is the best way to go about it.” Selectboard Chair Ed Boscher said he believed it would be interested to have two studies simultaneously occurring. “It cuts down on a lot of time, which is obviously pretty good,” he said. “I’m amazed the DLS folks are going to jump in at no cost.”

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Saint Francis of Assisi Parish celebrates centennial anniversary



Last month, the Saint Francis of Assisi Parish celebrated its Centennial anniversary with a morning Mass.

BELCHERTOWN – Last month, the Saint Francis of Assisi Parish on Jabish St. celebrated its centennial anniversary with a morning Mass and more.

The Mass, held Oct. 15, included Bishop William Bryne, the Bishop of the Diocese in Springfield, Pastor Father David Darcy, Monsignor David George, Father Michael Pierz, and Deacon John Murray, the church released.

“Following this Mass, an afternoon reception was enjoyed by parishioners at The Castle of the Knights in Chicopee,” Saint Francis released in a press statement.

On October 19, 1922, Father McGrath, the pastor assigned to St. Bartholomew Church in Bondsville, purchased a building at 10 Park St. in Belchertown for \$6,000 from the town, according to reports.

“This property is now known as the St. Francis Parish Center, but started in 1836 as the original Brainard Meeting House,” Saint Francis released in a press statement. “Father McGrath’s task was to renovate the former church and bring the first Catholic Church to Belchertown, Massachusetts.”

The Brainard Meeting House on Park St. was built in 1836 as a second Congregational meeting house “after a schism from the original Belchertown Congregational United



The Darcy Family

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Church of Christ.”

“When the congregation returned to the Belchertown United Church of Christ, the Park St. meeting house was sold and became the place of worship for the Baptist Church from 1842 to 1900. In 1900, the town purchased the property to use it as the Town Community Center,” the church released. “Following the opening of Lawrence Memorial Hall, the structure became a vacant building until it was sold to Father McGrath in 1922.”

Over the years, the church building has been modified and redecorated, but was “unable to grow as the Belchertown population grew rapidly.”

“In September 2004, the Catholic faithful moved into the new church building on Jabish St.,” the press statement reads.

The front page of the Friday, Oct. 18, 1923, edition of The Sentinel said

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OPINION



My birthday is on the first of the month; when should I claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I will be 62 on Nov. 1 and I have chosen to take my benefits early. I know that my benefit will be less than it would be if I waited and that does not concern me, but I don't want to be without income for a long period of time. I know that if my birthday is on the first or second of the month, then I can draw that month. Does that mean that when I turn 62 on Nov. 1 that I can receive my first check on the second Wednesday of November? And should I select November as the month I'd like my benefits to start? I also read that I would be paid the month following the month I select, hence my confusion.

Signed: Confused Senior

Dear Confused:

There are a few different Social Security rules, which come into play in your specific circumstance which are likely creating your confusion. First, since you will be 62 on Nov. 1, you will first become eligible for Social Security starting with the month of November.

Those born on the first or second of the month are eligible for benefits for that entire month, whereas those who turn 62 later in the month wouldn't be eligible for benefits until the following month. To claim benefits, you must be 62 for the entire month and, because your birthday is on the first, your first month being 62 for the entire month will be November and that is the month you should specify as your benefit-start month on your application.

The next thing to be aware of is that Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month those benefits are earned. That means that your November benefits will be paid in December. The exact payment date is determined by the recipients birthday – born before the eleventh of the month, SS payments are made on the second Wednesday; born between the eleventh and twentieth of the month, payments are received on the third Wednesday of the month and for those born after the twentieth of the month, payment is received on the fourth Wednesday.

Thus, since you were born on the first of the month and are claiming benefits to start in November, your first Social Security payment will be deposited in your bank account on the second Wednesday of December and all subsequent Social Security payments will be made on that same second-Wednesday schedule.

You can apply for your Social Security benefits up to 4 months prior to the month you wish them to start, and SS recommends you apply at least 2 months prior to allow time for processing your application. On the application, they will ask which month you wish your benefits to begin, and you can indicate November to get your earliest possible payment in December.

Actually, you can simply select the following option on the Social Security benefit application: "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction," which will accomplish the same thing.

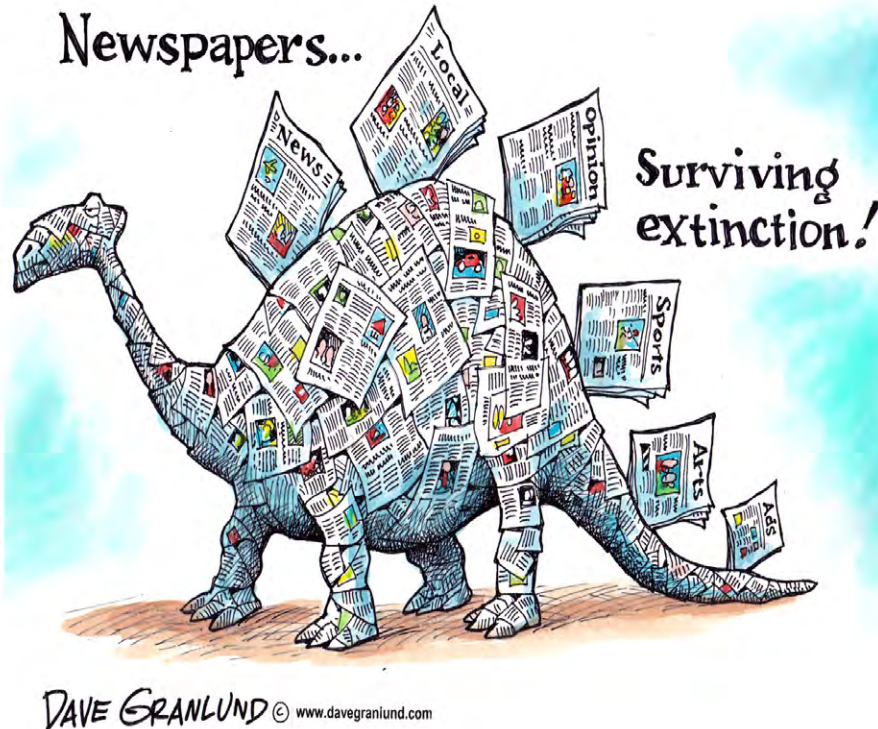
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What I did (wrong) last summer

I always joke that gardeners are an optimistic lot. We no sooner pick that last fruit and we are already thinking about next year's garden. Our goal may be to improve on our mistakes or simply try something new.

Mistakes do happen. Oftentimes it's because we run out of time to do everything we should, or we do this or that to simply "get it done."

Sometimes we underestimate or overestimate. Sometimes we are hopeful but not practical.

Read on to learn about my imperfectness this past summer.

Right now, I have 50, three-inch apples staring at me when I walk to my car. Had I thinned said apples I would have had 10-15 five-inch apples.

What's the big deal? It's likely I'd fill a

basket to the same height, be it with three-inch or five-inch fruit.

Of course, we all like bigger apples, but it goes well beyond that. I learned that seed production really tires out the tree, so fewer apples would mean fewer seeds and a happier tree.

I'll have to be observant come spring. Will my tree be too tired to bloom next year or bloom well?

If I'm lucky enough to have fruit clusters, I will indeed thin out all but one fruit per cluster. Ordinarily you would save the biggest one, but if it has any insect damage, it's best to take off that fruitlet and save another.

Thinning is especially important in young trees. While it's hard to wait for trees to bear, it's best to leave only a few fruit early on so that energy can go to strong roots and developing a healthy scaffold of branches.

As I stare out the window just now, I'm reminded of another misstep. I did not dead-head my spent lilac blooms.

Not only do the blackish seed heads look ugly, I fear that I will lose some flowers because of it. Seed production comes into play here too in terms of the plant expending energy and then being too depleted to perform well the next year.

Pruning or deadheading lilacs can take place any time before July 1, not to sacrifice flowers for the following spring.

My winter squash production was abys-

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I received an email from a Brimfield resident recently reporting the return of the dark-eyed juncos and the sighting of one ruby crowned kinglet.



Ruby crowned kinglet

The ruby crowned kinglet is a small bird of 4 1/4 inches. It is grayish green above with a white eye ring and two white wing bars. As the name implies, the male has a red patch on its head, which is usually concealed. The female lacks the red patch.

Kinglets feed on tips of branches by hovering and gleaning from leaves. They flick wings and chatter as they move. They eat insects, spiders and some fruit and seeds. They also drink tree sap. Kinglets summer in the coniferous woods of Canada and winter in the northeast and south in woods and brush edges.

The female kinglet lays five to 11 creamy

white colored eggs with brown marks in a nest of mosses, twigs and lichens lined with fur and other fine materials.

In winter, kinglets are found in mixed flocks chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers, warblers and golden crowned kinglets. Their song is a series of descending high notes with three repeated phrases like "see see see you you look-at-me look-at-me look-at-me."

The Brimfield resident said he had a flock of ten turkeys that show up occasionally. They were

in the yard recently and became nervous by one of the gray fox kits. The fox ignored the turkeys as it looked for something to eat under the sunflower/suet feeder.

Feeding the birds not bears

The Brimfield resident said he tries to put out feeders all year, taking them down each night. He said if a bear shows up during the daytime, then he takes the feeders down for a week or so.

I was putting out my suet cake feeder during the day and taking it down before dark. It worked for awhile, but a bear came during the day and not only took the suet feeder down, but walked away with it. I am not putting out suet and will wait for the bears to hibernate. I bought another suet feeder to replace the one grabbed by the bear.

I do put a small amount of seeds in a tray feeder and another small cup feeder, which I used for mealworms during the

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day. I noticed the birds clean the feeders out quickly especially since I have bluejays coming to the feeder.

Lots of wild turkeys

It seems almost everywhere I go I see wild turkeys often small flocks of Tom turkeys either along the side of the road, in a field or on someone's lawn. Several times I had to stop my car and wait for them to cross the road.

Wren

I spotted a house wren in my yard recently. It had its tail cocked in the air as wrens typically do. I was foraging in the leaves.

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

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mal this summer. I had soil tests done last fall and did I follow the recommendations to the T? No.

I was told that my nitrogen and phosphorus were low. While I amended the rows for individual crops like tomatoes and green beans, I neglected to amend the larger area within my garden in which I grew my cucumbers and squash.

Being frugal I added a little compost to the rows (I was trying the row method and not the hill method this year) and called it done. The vines grew for a while, set a few fruit, then turned yellow.

Squash bugs overran.

I think I have three edible squash (actually I just checked and it's officially two!) from a 200 square foot area. The same area in year one, with fresh soil and no bugs yielded 50 fruit.

I was short on time and energy. Next year I will amend the soil per the test results.

The squash vine that has engulfed the chicken coop (not planted on purpose, mind you) is still lush and green, growing in all that nitrogen rich chicken fertilized soil. I only hope the two beautiful butternuts have a chance to fully ripen.

Another area in which I was lax was removing volunteer plants. I was so proud of my new perennial border, only to have many Cosmos seed themselves.

The bed was pretty enough but the tall cosmos through the whole design off. The Goldfinches were happy so that was a consolation, but next year they will have to be happy in another part of the garden where the Cosmos will be planted on purpose.

A long time ago someone told me the real definition of a weed: "a plant that grows where it is not supposed to regardless of whether it is a dandelion or a rose!"

I did do a few things correctly.

Planting a bed of carrots after the garlic was harvested was smart. They are ready for harvest and boy are they sweet now that colder temperatures have set in.

The succession of lettuce transplants I put in after the peas are also going strong. I am dreaming about next year already, despite my failures and I hope you are too!!

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

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that "St. Francis Church offers a 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, followed by a 2 p.m. Sunday School," according to reports.

"Prior to this date in history, the column listed St. Francis as a mission," the church added.

During last month's reception, The Saint Francis Centennial Planning Team presented Father David Darcy with a special wooden tree-themed plaque from the parishioners.

"On the brass leaves of the plaque, each of the 15 parish priests and the terms of their individual assignments as Pastors at St Francis of Assisi Parish since 1923 is cited," Saint Francis released. "As Kathy Wood, a member of the Centennial Planning Team, presented the plaque to our current pastor, Father David Darcy, with joy in her voice, she emphasized that Father David had no end date on his titled leaf."

"It was a memorable event as former and current parishioners, previous parochial vicars, Father Darcy's parents from Arizona, his sister from North Carolina, and many of

his local extended family members attended."

The youngest in attendance included the "nearly-walking" grandson of parishioners Franco and Carla Dell'olio and the grandchild of Ann and Weston Novak, according to reports; the longest registered parishioner, determined by a deejay-led friendly competition, was Kathleen Austin Scherpa who took home a commemorative Hummel statue of St. Francis.

The Centennial Committee said it is grateful for the financial support of the following groups: AJ's Auto Body; Beers & Story Funeral Home; Bell & Hudson Insurance; Big Y Ludlow Store 19; Christopher Heights, Management; Dan Kane and Friends; DJ Dennis Lebeau; Don's Auto Services Inc; Five Star Gardens; Hulmes Transportation; Interstate Batteries; M. Knight; McCarthy's Pub; Ludlow Eye Assoc; Michael's Party Rentals, Inc; Mill Valley Splicing ; Orchard Hill Equipment; Randall's Farm; Rev Piotr Calik; and Tilton Automotive and Tower Theatres.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Saint Francis Centennial Planning Team presented Father David Darcy with a special wooden tree-themed plaque from the parishioners.

"Their dedication and generous contributions helped to provide all of the related Centennial activities," the church released.

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SENIORS

Belchertown Senior Center event this weekend, more

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

Upcoming events at the Senior Center include:

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."

Social Services and Outreach Medicare Open Enrollment - Open enrollment for Medicare will take place through 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 opened on Nov. 1.

"If you have received your renewal application in the mail,

please call Heather to set up an appointment for assistance," the COA released. "For new applicants, please call after Nov. 1 for an appointment. We cannot process new applications until after that date."

For all other inquiries, call for an appointment:

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

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

AARP Tax-Aide Program Volunteer Opportunity

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance ser-

vice, the COA released.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

BARC hosting 'holiday pop-up' this weekend

BELCHERTOWN - Belchertown Animal Control will host a holiday shopping event from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 165 George Hannum Rd. in Belchertown.

"We've got your cat toys, dog tails, hats, jackets, T-shirts, plus much, much more," a press statement reads. "BARC merchandise

makes great holiday gifts for your animal loving friends and family and at the same time, you help to support a great organization. It's a win-win."

Additionally, with any donation or purchase, attendees will have a chance to take home one of the special baskets. This will be an outside event.

Fall Book Sale sees success

BELCHERTOWN - The Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library have announced that a recent Fall Book Sale has seen success.

"We would like to thank all the customers, cashiers, and behind-the-scenes volunteer support staff who made the recent Fall Book Sale a success," event organizers released. "Local customers were joined

by individuals from as far away as Albany, Boston, Connecticut, Vermont and New Jersey."

The sale raised thousands of dollars to support the library's physical and programming needs, according to reports; due to construction in the library basement, donations for the Spring Sale in April will not be accepted until after the New Year.

BUCC 'Welcome Corps' info session this weekend

BELCHERTOWN - An informational session about Welcome Corps will be held in November.

The event is hosted by the Belchertown United Church of Christ (BUCC). It will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5, at the BUCC Parish House, 16 Park St., Belchertown.

"This new program empowers everyday Americans to welcome refugees through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program

(USRAP)," a press statement reads. "There will be a short presentation given by Razvan Sibii, UMass faculty, followed by a question-and-answer period."

The church described this event as "a great opportunity to learn more about this program and how you can get involved."

Further details about this program can be found at welcome-corps.org; all are welcome.



TURLEY PHOTO BY PAULA OUIMETTE

State Sen. Jake Oliveira presented a check for \$5,000, secured through the fiscal year 2024 budget, which will be used to purchase a bronze plaque to commemorate and recognize the 41 veterans of the Revolutionary War buried at Quabbin Park Cemetery.

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always worked to ensure that each community in the district had what it needed.

"In the FY 24 budget, we worked together to secure dollars for things," Oliveira said. "Small dollars for the State can go a long way."

Friends of Quabbin President Gene Theroux is "no stranger" to cemeteries Oliveira said, noting Theroux's work to repair and restore cemeteries across the commonwealth, including the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

Theroux has secured grant funding, including Community Preservation Act funds, for his hometown of Westfield and he has

worked throughout the years to honor the final resting place for members of the "Lost Towns" of the Quabbin Reservoir; hailing from Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott.

"Gene, you're always there to tell us where we need to support you," Oliveira said.

Theroux said 108 of his relatives have been laid to rest in the Quabbin Park Cemetery. Both of his grandfathers served in France during World War I, and both originated from Enfield.

One of his grandfathers never got over the loss of his beloved town when it was disincorporated to create the Quabbin Reservoir.

"I think he was bitter until the day he died," Theroux said.

Theroux pointed to the patina on the monument, noting that it was nearly impossible to read the names on it. The new bronze

plaque will remain clear and strong for generations to come, withstanding New England's weather extremes.

Friends of Quabbin Treasurer Paul Godfrey was with Theroux to accept the check, and Theroux said Godfrey has worked with him "every inch and every trench."

Theroux also thanked the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Dan Clark and former senator Stephen Brewer. Clark has been a good partner, working with the Friends of Quabbin, Theroux said.

Accepting the check along with Theroux and Godfrey were Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley, Ware Selectboard member Josh Kusnierz and Belchertown Select Board Clerk Peg Louraine.

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GRANBY



FRIENDS OF THE GRANBY LIBRARY celebrates 40 years

Granby Library "new logo" merchandise.

Attendees enjoyed food at the event.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Event attendees celebrated the Friends of the Granby Library's 40-year anniversary.

GRANBY – The Friends of the Granby Library recently celebrated their 40-year anniversary with an event.

“We had a local cello/guitar group called DuoMundo come and play for us, and the event was catered by Evelyn Hatch of Breezy Acres in Granby and Tammy Sapowsky of Sapowsky’s Farm in Granby,” a press statement reads. “We had a logo contest in which the winner’s design was immediately added to new merch that we sold at the event as well.”

The event featured new T-shirts and tote bags for sale at the library to help supports the Friends group.

“We would love to thank the caterers, as well as the Friends Event Committee who put this beautiful event together so flawlessly,” event organizers released. “It really was a treat for the Friends and the community.”



A local cell/guitar group, DuoMundo, played at the event.

Town announces Veterans Day ceremony

BELCHERTOWN - Charly Oliva, the town’s Veterans’ Agent, has announced the annual Veterans Day event set for this year in the Belchertown High School Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium.

“Please come out and join the community in celebrating our nation’s veterans,” a press statement reads.

The following Veterans Day event is planned:

Saturday, Nov. 11

Anyone wishing to join is asked to gather at the Belchertown High School Auditorium. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m.

“This year’s ceremony is dedicated to pinning Belchertown resident, Marine Corps Sergeant Kevin McMenamin, with his Purple Heart,” Oliva released. “He was combat wounded in Vietnam in 1969; our town has the honor of formally pinning him for the first time. We will be joined by state and local government officials, Belchertown’s Chestnut Hill Community School’s band and chorus, as well as local Scouts.”

Those wishing to retire worn U.S. flags may drop them off at the office of the Veterans’ Agent in the Freedom Center (6 Berkshire Ave.) or in the Flag Drop Box on the second floor of the Town Hall.

Gold Star families planning to attend Saturday’s ceremony are asked to contact Oliva at 413-323-0409.



High school’s indoor track community-use schedule released

BELCHERTOWN - The high school’s “Community Indoor Track Program” will reopen for use by adult Belchertown citizens in grade nine or above and for their children if accompanied and closely supervised by the parent or guardian.

The track is available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 14 - April 11, 2024, according to a press statement from Superintendent of Schools Brian Cameron. “The track will not be open on holidays, on school vaca-

tion days, when school is not in session, and when there are evening interscholastic event scheduled in the high school gymnasium,” the press statement reads.

All participants must initially register with the Adult Evenings Program Supervisor and show proof of residency, such as a driver’s license or utility bill, and must sign in each time when using the indoor track.

“Only the track and lobby rest rooms will be available for use,” Cameron released.

The updated interscholastic

events schedule is available at the following website: belchertownps.org/belchertown-high-school/athletics



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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 Oct. 18 through Oct. 24. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 367 calls police responded to, there were 17 incidents, six accidents, one arrest/summons and 35 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Sunday, Oct. 22

4:46 pm – Erin M Poulin, 45, of 370 Mill Valley Road #36, was arrested on a warrant. The person was held without bail and transported to the local lock up in Northampton.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Thursday, Oct. 19

12:44 p.m. – An officer received a report of fraud. A resident called reporting they got repeated phone calls that they thought were a scam, and then the last phone call revealed the last four numbers of their Social Security number. The caller claimed they were a U.S. Marshall and were “transferred” to the police department. The caller then hung up. They were advised to contact their credit bureau and Social Security.

5:31 p.m. – An officer dispatched to a location for a report that a student made threats to a relative. The officer spoke to the involved people. A behavioral health counselor responded. It was determined the person could stay in the residence.

4:45 p.m. – An officer got a phone call from a person out of state about a potential case of fraud. The person was speaking to a resident about counseling services for their child over a Zoom call. The person was demanding money and said they didn't take insurance. The person said they got suspicious and reached out to the company the resident was supposedly working for. The

company said the resident was no longer with the company. The person reached out to the licensing board and tried calling the person back. The person was allegedly a Belchertown resident. The matter was documented. The officer gathered more information, and it was determined to be a civil issue.

4:48 – An officer spoke with a relative about fraud charges they noticed on their bank account. They looked up a web address on their computer which triggered the fraudulent activity saying there was a virus which locked the computer. The person called the phone number provided on scene and then answered and identified themselves. They were told there was a charge on the account. They were told to remove the charge, they had to purchase gift cards to remove it. They contacted their bank and took the necessary actions and froze their accounts.

5:07 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. The resident reported they got a phone call from someone calling themselves the U.S. Marshall. The person said someone used the resident's name who was involved in drug smuggling in another country, and they would need to go through a legal process. The resident was told that they needed to pay money and then use bitcoin to send payments. The person took a photo of their driver's license and sent it. They were told to stay on the phone and the local chief of police would speak with them. Then another voice come over the phone and identified themselves as Kevin Pacunas. No other information was provided other than the person's driver's license. The person was told to call the station if they get another phone call.

8:06 p.m. – Officer responded to an accident on Chauncey Walker Road. A vehicle was traveling south on Chauncey Walker Road when several deer went into the road. The deer were gone upon the officer's arrival and the vehicle was able to be driven from the scene.

Friday, Oct. 20

12:35 p.m. – A person called to report a

potential scam. A person sold a handheld radio to person and sent it in the mail. The resident got notified there was an issue with the payment. They used PayPal. Both their bank and their PayPal advised the resident to file a report.

2:47 p.m. – An officer spoke to a resident about a missing package. The resident ordered an item and got a notification saying it was delivered to their mailing address, but it wasn't located. The resident contacted the company to report the missing package so they could get refunded.

3:51 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Main St. A vehicle traveling north on North Main St. struck another vehicle in front of it because a third vehicle in front came to a stop. It was raining at the time of the accident. No injuries were reported. No tow was necessary.

Saturday, Oct. 21

4:59 p.m. – Dispatch got a call from a person who said a relative ran away from home in New Hampshire where the person had guardianship. They said the person was on Park St. in Belchertown. The officer located the vehicle, and the missing person was transported to the hospital.

12:31 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on South Liberty. A vehicle traveling south on South Liberty and another vehicle traveling west on West St. collided. The operator of the second was unable to stop at a stop sign, striking the driver's side of the first vehicle. The first vehicle struck a National Grid utility pole, a stop sign, and a street sign. Both operators were transported, and both vehicles were towed.

9:47 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

11:35 p.m. – An officer did a wellbeing check on children after allegations of child abuse. A 51a was filed.

Sunday, Oct. 22

1:08 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Liberty St. A vehicle traveling north on North Liberty St. was struck on the left side by a vehicle traveling east. There was no sign at intersection where there previously was one. Both operators were brought to the hospital. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

5:51 p.m. – An officer was on patrol running radar on Mill Valley Road and observed a vehicle going 45 miles per hour in a school zone. The officer stopped the vehicle, and the operator was identified. The person's registration was expired and non-renewable. The person was issued a citation, and the vehicle was towed.

Monday, Oct. 23

11:57 a.m. – Officers got a report of vandalism at the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail. The caller said some of the metal railings were kicked out and thrown into the lake. Someone went into the lake to get them out. The railings were damaged and severely bent. The officer got photos and documented the incident.

1:59 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North St. and Federal St. A vehicle was stopped at a stop sign and there was another vehicle stopped at a sign on the other side of the street. The first vehicle proceeded into the intersection going left. The second vehicle proceeded going west and the two collided. Both vehicles were driven away from the scene and no injuries were reported.

5:33 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. The person was made aware of credit card charges on their account for a wireless

cell phone service that isn't their service. The person contacted the cell phone company who told the resident there was an account open under their Social Security number. The resident was told to freeze their credit cards, the matter was documented.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

9:38 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. The person got a letter from the state that someone filed tax returns in their name. The person said they were on Social Security and doesn't make enough to file taxes. They were advised to file a police report.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 150 calls for the week of Oct. 20 through Oct. 26. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Oct. 20

9:59 p.m. – A motorist reported a single car rollover accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. The operator was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. An accident report was completed.

Saturday, Oct. 21

9:17 a.m. – A resident came to the station to report that an item was stolen from a package they received. An incident report was completed.

11:52 a.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident. An officer responded and completed an accident report.

Monday, Oct. 23

9:55 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling past their location without any headlights on. The vehicle was stopped, and it was discovered that the operator did not have an MA driver's license. The operator was issued a criminal citation for operating without headlights and for operating without a driver's license.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

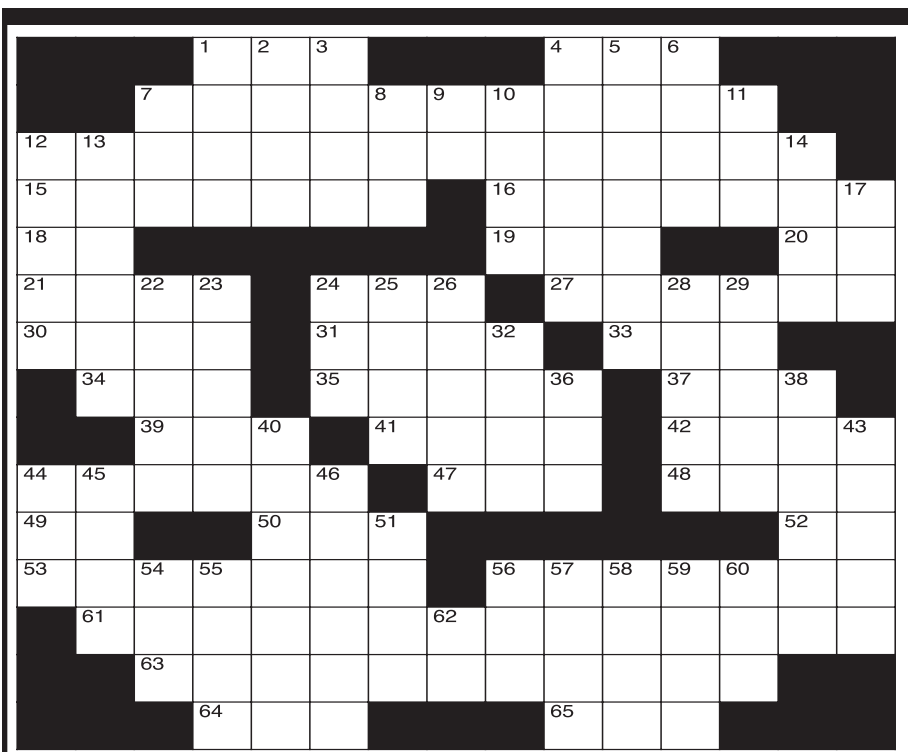
1:31 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle that did not stop for a stop sign. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for failing to stop and failure to wear a seat belt.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

9:55 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 57 miles per hour in 35 mph zone. The vehicle was stopped, and it was discovered that the operator had a suspended MA driver's license. The operator was issued a criminal citation for speeding and operating with a suspended driver's license.

12:38 p.m. – A motorist reported that a car just drove into the back of their trailer. Granby Police and Fire responded. The operator was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The operator was issued a criminal citation for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs and for carrying a dangerous weapon. An accident report was completed.

7:16 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries. An accident report was completed.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A way to drop
- 4. Bits per inch
- 7. Ghosts
- 12. Presents
- 15. Noises
- 16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
- 18. Elevated railroad
- 19. A way to drench
- 20. The Tarheel State
- 21. Lilly and Manning are two
- 24. Where golfers begin
- 27. Harvester
- 30. Unit of subjective loudness
- 31. Jewish calendar month
- 33. Dash
- 34. Armed conflict
- 35. Daisy __: Broadway actress
- 37. Jump

- 39. Get free of
 - 41. A written proposal or reminder
 - 42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
 - 44. African country
 - 47. Cool!
 - 48. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
 - 49. __ route
 - 50. Ed Murrow's home
 - 52. Lethal dose
 - 53. Give cards incorrectly
 - 56. A treeless grassy plain
 - 61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
 - 63. In an incisive way
 - 64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
 - 65. Criticize
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Mountain in the Julian Alps

- 2. A domed or vaulted recess
- 3. Trade agreement
- 4. Larger
- 5. Edged
- 6. Data
- 7. Something curved in shape
- 8. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 9. Farm state
- 10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
- 11. Short-term memory
- 12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
- 13. Honor as holy
- 14. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 17. Company that rings receipts
- 22. City in Finland
- 23. Small finch
- 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 26. Very willing
- 28. Partner to "oohed"
- 29. Turntable
- 32. Major Hindu deity
- 36. Move head slightly
- 38. Plain-woven fabric
- 40. Die
- 43. Shipped as cargo
- 44. Something highly prized
- 45. Individual thing or person
- 46. Humbled
- 51. Speak indistinctly
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Financial obligation
- 56. Green vegetable
- 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Singer Charles
- 62. Camper

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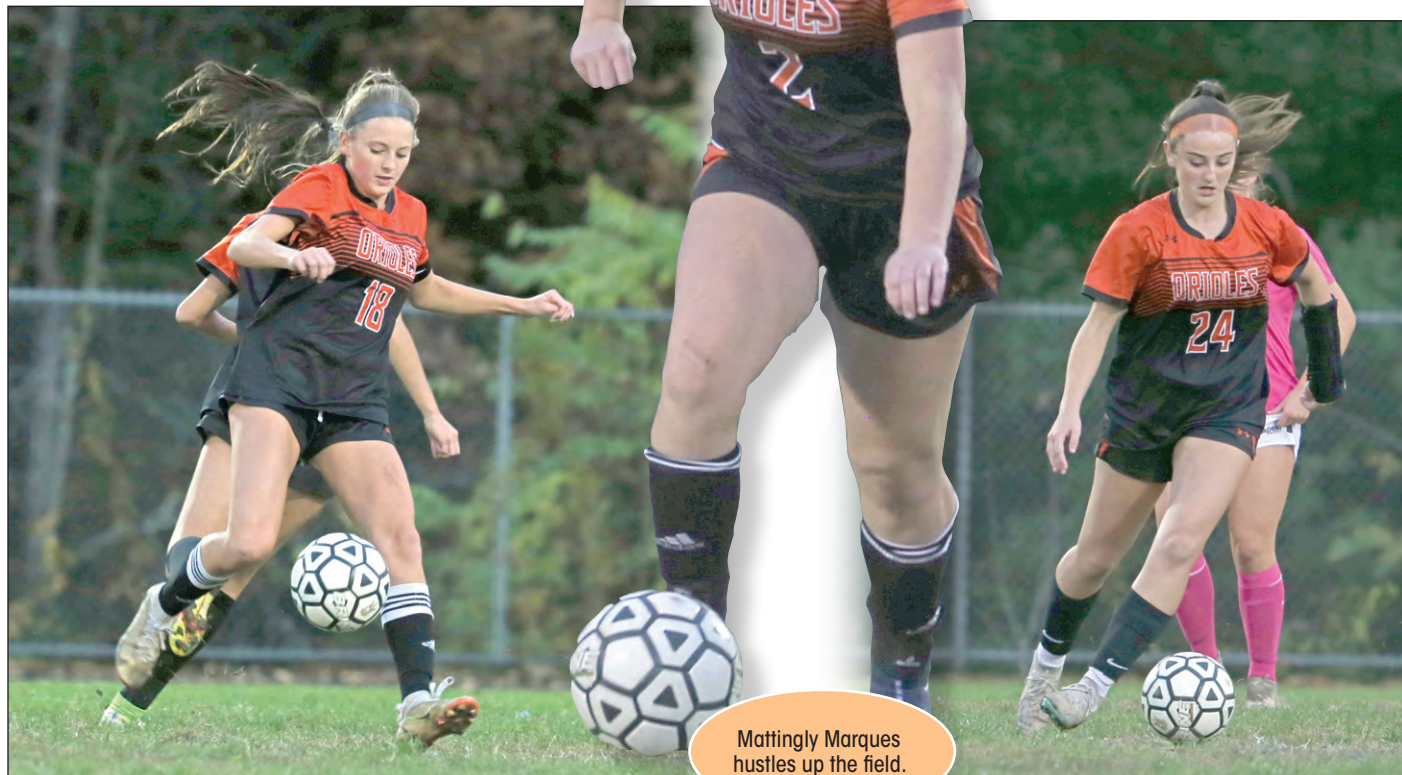
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Madysen LePage tries to settle her dribble.

Alexa Karabetsos gets away from the sideline.

Rams head for finals

GRANBY – The Granby High School boys soccer team ranked No. 7 in Class D, but has advanced through the competition to the Western Mass. finals. The Rams defeated the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School 2-1 in overtime followed by a 1-0 triumph over Smith Academy in the semifinals last Saturday morning. The No. 7 Rams were scheduled to face No. 4 Monson in the finals, which were set for Tuesday at Central High School. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week's edition.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI
Jaxton Roy advances up the left side of the field.



Gavin Moreno sends the ball up the field avoiding letting it go out of bounds.

Shutout for Orioles in quarterfinals

BELCHERTOWN – Last Wednesday night, Belchertown girls soccer shut out Southwick 6-0. Fallon Clancy had two goals for the Orioles. Also scoring for the Orioles were Morgan Litz, Alexa Karabetsos, Maya Tellier, and Emalee Chaisson. The Orioles were scheduled to face South Hadley in the semifinals on Monday night, with the final playing in the finals Wednesday. Highlights from those games will be in next week's edition.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM
Fallon Clancy eyes an open teammate.



Logan Moses sends her pass away.

Granby girls win in OT

GRANBY – No. 2 Granby girls soccer defeated Hoosac Valley followed by a thrilling 5-4 overtime win over Mount Everett to advance to the Western Mass. Class D finals. That game was scheduled to be held on Tuesday evening at Central High School. Highlights from that game will be in next week's edition as Granby drew a tough opponent in Palmer, a team they lost to twice during the regular season. Following the Western Mass. finals, Palmer, will be participating in the Division 5 state tournament. Their two playoff wins could possibly help their final ranking once brackets are released.



Cassandra Flaherty clears the ball out of the defensive end of the field.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI
Kelly Lynne Kennedy works in the middle of the field.



Margaret Crawford tries to center the ball.



Autumn Sicard works around the Hoosac defense during the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. Class D tournament.



Kalli White advances up the right side.



Cody White heads the ball forward.



Colin Murdock is chased by an opposing player.

SPORTS

Football seeds released

Belchertown, Chaug, Ware, South Hadley head for tournament

BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI
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It has not been easygoing for teams from the West and Central region of the state to make the 16-team state tournament since its inception in 2021.

For the third straight year, only a small handful of Western Mass. teams will make the eight 16-teams fields.

Among those heading for the tournament will be Minnechaug, Belchertown, Ware, and South Hadley.

For the third time, Minnechaug qualified for the Division 3 tournament. The Falcons went 5-2 on the regular season. Minnechaug qualified as the No. 14 team, but could have done better had it not lost a game on its schedule early in the season. The Falcons were scheduled to play West Springfield in Week 1, but severe thunderstorms on Sept. 8 forced the cancellation of the game. Attempts were made to make up the game as late as Monday, Sept. 11, but more severe weather nipped that plan, and the Falcons only played seven games in the regular season. Minnechaug will be traveling to No. 3 Milton for the first round.

Belchertown is a first-time qualifier to the state tournament. Belchertown received the No. 14 seed in Division 5 with a 7-1

record. The Orioles travel to No. 3 Shawsheen Valley Tech on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

In Division 7, South Hadley qualified at No. 14 with a 7-1 record. The Tigers made the state tournament for the second time and head for West Bridgewater, the third-seeded team.

Ware makes the state tournament in Division 8 for the third time. Ware was a perfect 8-0 and they will hold the No. 5 seed and host No. 12 Randolph on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

Not making tournament despite positive records are Agawam and Pathfinder. Chicopee, Palmer, Ludlow, Chicopee Comprehensive, and Holyoke join them and will be in nonplayoff games for Week 9 and 10.

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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tion in 2016, before it was overturned on appeal five years later, according to a press statement.

Representing the Commonwealth, Northwestern Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Suhl and Northwestern First Assistant Steven E. Gagne asked Flannery to impose a sentence of 15 to 17 years in state prison, noting the violence of the crime and Rintala's calculated efforts to alter the crime scene in order to mislead investigators, according to reports.

In its sentencing memo outlining the reasoning behind the recommendation, the Commonwealth argued that the "defendant manually strangled Annamarie for three to four minutes, gradually causing Annamarie's death due to lack of oxygen to her brain. Although the jury's verdict suggests the defendant did so in the heat of passion, this was not an impulsive, split-second action that the defendant was entirely powerless to prevent."

The memo also reasoned that the coverup actions "reveal a defendant who, once the heat of passion had subsided, immediate-

ly shifted into concealment mode, attempting to deflect and avoid blame for her wife's killing. This provides a window into the defendant's character, her amenability to rehabilitation (or lack thereof), and the degree to which she prioritized self-preservation over everything—and everyone—else."

In court, ADA Gagne noted that the killing of Annamarie Cochrane Rintala harmed many people who loved her, especially her daughter, who was three-years-old at the time.

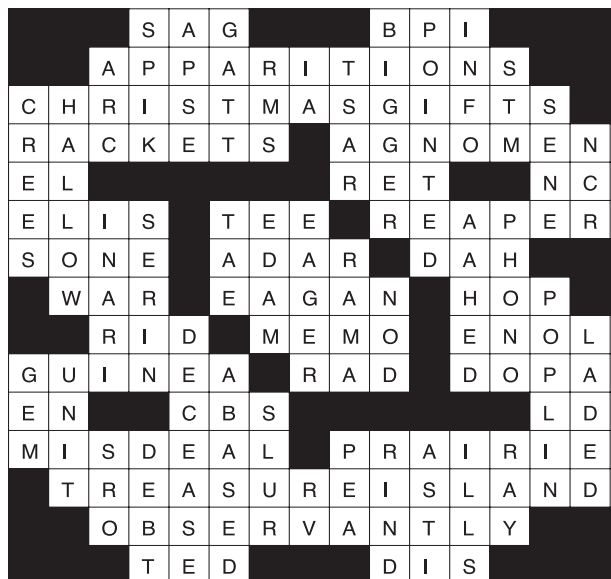
"The one person responsible for this harm and trauma is the defendant herself," Gagne said.

The couple's daughter, he said, "is a victim because the defendant ended her other mother's life." "The Court's sentence reflects the gravity of the harm and loss caused by the defendant's actions on March 29, 2010," said Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan. "Although no sentence will ever fill the permanent void left in Annamarie's family's hearts, our hope is that today's sentence brings them some measure of justice and long-awaited closure."

Defense attorney Rosemary Scapicchio argued for a sen-

tence of time served, which would be the 7 1/2 years she served prior to trial and following her October, 2016, murder conviction before that verdict was overturned by the Supreme Judicial Court in September of 2021, according to the press statement. In arguing for her recommendation, Scapicchio noted her client's "life of public service including her career as an EMT and paramedic, her lack of a prior criminal record, 40 letters of support attesting to her character, and her caretaker role for her daughter."

The trial, which lasted for a month, was the fourth trial for Rintala, with the first two resulting in deadlocked juries. In 2016, a jury returned a verdict of guilty on first degree murder; that verdict was overturned on appeal in 2021. All four trials were prosecuted by Northwestern Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Suhl and Northwestern First Assistant District Attorney Steven E. Gagne. In addition to Scapicchio, Rintala was represented in this trial by defense attorneys Chauncey Wood and Melissa Ramos, according to reports. She had been represented in the other three trials by Northampton defense attorneys David Hoose and Luke Ryan.



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T-Birds even record with wins over Bruins

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-4-0) came back from two separate third-period deficits to knock off the Providence Bruins (1-3-1-2) on Sunday at the Amica Mutual Pavilion in a 3-2 overtime victory.

Vadim Zherenko got the starting nod and was up to par in the first, blocking aside all 14 Bruins shot attempts, including a calm breakaway stick save against Justin Brazeau in the opening minutes. Brandon Bussi was not tested much at all in period one, as the second-year Providence goalie only needed to make four saves in the opening 20 minutes.

After a chaotic first period that featured no goals but a combined eight penalty infractions, the Bruins finally broke the 0-0 tie with their fourth power-play goal in three games against Springfield. Reigning AHL All-Rookie Team member Georgii Merkulov netted the tally with a wrister from the right circle at the 7:41 mark of the middle period, his second of the year.

The complexion of the game may have changed just past the midpoint of regulation when Sam Bitten dropped the gloves before a puck drop with Trevor Kuntar, drawing a huge ovation from his teammates on the bench. While Bitten and Kuntar would be given game misconducts for the fight, the shots and chances heavily leaned in Springfield's favor from that point forward. 2:43 into the final period, Bitten's scrap had its first tangible effect when Drew Callin took a feed from Mathias Laferriere in the trapezoid and wrapped it home through Bussi to tie the score, 1-1.

More adversity loomed just nine seconds later, though, as

Justin Brazeau scorched a slap shot into the top shelf from the right circle, and Providence had restored its lead, 2-1.

Despite the quick counter by the Bruins, the T-Birds continued to play with confidence, and in a period where they out-shot Providence 18-7, Mikhail Abramov found a soft spot in the slot area to deflect a Calle Rosen wrist shot over Bussi to make it a tie game again, 2-2, with 9:34 remaining in regulation.

The T-Birds' penalty kill then had the pressure on its shoulders after Austin Osmanski inadvertently cleared a puck out of play, forcing Springfield into a delay-of-game minor with just over five minutes to play. The PK picked up their teammate, and after nothing was settled in the closing minutes, the two rivals went to overtime, Springfield's first extra-time game of the season.

In the 3-on-3 session, Abramov helped complete the comeback when he peeled off at the right-wing boards, drawing the attention of two defenders. Meanwhile, Dylan Coghlan sneaked down the left side to receive a rink-wide pass and snap a wrister perfectly off the post and in to win it at the 1:38 mark of overtime, 3-2. It was Coghlan's second straight game with a goal.

Zherenko earned his third win in four starts by virtue of his 25 stops, while Bussi turned away 33 in the losing effort for Providence.

The T-Birds embark on yet another 3-in-3 on Friday night as they welcome the Belleville Senators to the MassMutual Center for a 7:05 p.m. puck drop.

VACANCIES from page 2

Belchertown Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force

One community member vacancy

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

All are encouraged to apply.

Deadline: Friday, Dec. 1

Zoning Board of Appeals

One 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: Friday, Dec. 1

Community Preservation Committee

One at-large seat

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

Deadline: Friday, Dec. 1

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: Friday, Dec. 1

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: Friday, Dec. 1

Upcoming Events

BELCHERTOWN – The Clapp Memorial Library has announced a list of November events.

The library will be closed Friday, Nov. 10, and Saturday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

“The Clapp Memorial Library has a wealth of resources for our community, as well as a full schedule of free public programs for all ages,” the library released.

Upcoming programs at the Clapp Memorial Library include:

Games Day 2023

Friday, Nov. 17, 3-5:30 p.m.

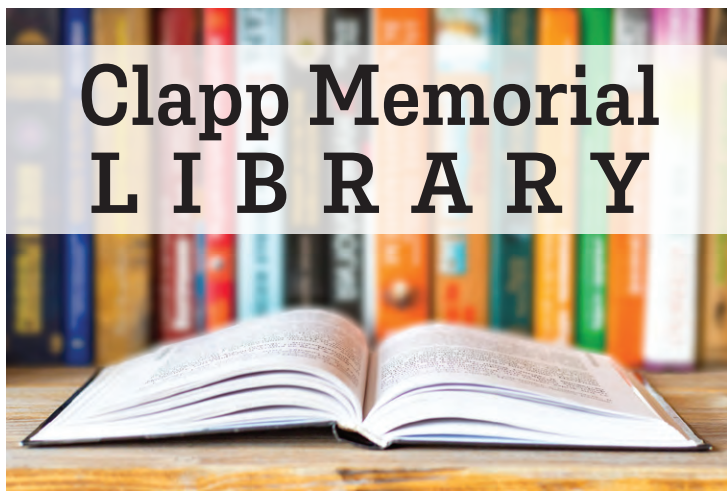
Celebrate “Games Month” at the library; patrons of all ages are invited to this event. Drop in and play a game or two while enjoying snacks and entering to win a board game or puzzle of one’s own.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, Nov. 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to the Clapp Memorial Library’s Teen Advisory Board meeting (TAB).

“TAB will be celebrating Games Month, so come prepared to play a game or two,” the library released. “TAB is a group of students who meet monthly during the school year to propose library programming for teens, provide input on teen services, volunteer,



and have fun.”

New members are welcome. Email clapplibrarytab@gmail.com to register.

Weekly Teen Write Nights

Wednesdays, Nov. 8, 15, 29, at 5:30-7 p.m.

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to weekly Teen Write Nights throughout November as part of the Clapp Memorial Library’s annual program for young writers during National Novel Writing Month. Teen writers will get feedback, build community, participate in writing exercises, and grow their word count. Teens can attend as many Teen Write Nights as desired; frequent attendance means more chances to win prizes at the final party in December. There will be no Teen Write

Night on Nov. 22 due to the holiday. The first Teen Write Night of November will take place in the library’s Activity Room; young writers can email clapplibrarytab@gmail.com for more information about the program and to register.

What YA Readin Group

Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m.

A book discussion group at the Clapp Memorial Library for adults who read young adult books that meets the first Thursday of the month. Visit the library’s circulation desk to pick up a copy of “Warrior Girl Unearthed” by Angeline Boulley.

Hungrytown Concert

Saturday, Nov. 4, at 3 p.m.

Clapp Memorial Library con-

tinues its 2023 monthly concert series with the folk duo Hungrytown. After more than 15 years of world-wide touring and three album releases, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson of Hungrytown have earned a reputation for “the quality and authenticity of their songwriting,” the library released.

“Inspired by the grit and true-to-life experiences she heard in these traditional ballads, Hall was inspired to write the lyrics that later became her first songs, aided by Anderson’s flair for musical arrangement.”

In the winter of 2003, the duo quit their desk jobs, moved to the green hills of Vermont, and decided to pursue a full-time career as touring musicians. They released their first CD, Hungrytown, in 2008; Any Forgotten Thing in 2011; and Further West in 2015. The couple continue to spend more than half of each year on the road, especially roads in North America, Europe, and New Zealand.

Ukulele Play Along (virtual event)

Monday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.

Strum along with the Ukulele Play Along on the first Monday every month. Grab your ukulele and play along—“because playing your ukulele is more fun when you do it with others.”

“Don’t have a Ukulele? Don’t worry, you can borrow one from

the library. We’ll be focusing on three- and four-chord songs, with lyrics and chords provided on screen. Participants will be muted, so don’t worry about how you sound,” the library released.

To join, email Julie Stepanek at julie@musicjulie.com for the Zoom link and to receive the songs for the program.

Stone Medicine with Leslie Franks

Thursday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m.

Join local author Leslie Franks for a talk about her newly-released book, “Stone Medicine: a Chinese medical guide to healing with gems and minerals.” She’ll be taking a look at how crystals and stones are used in healing body, mind, and spirit, from both a Chinese medical and a western mineralogical perspective.

Leslie Franks is retired from more than 30 years practice in a Chinese medicine clinic, where her modalities of treatment were bodywork, Chinese herbs, essential oils, and stones.

The library is open:

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Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The library is located at 19 S. Main St.; visit clapplibrary.org for more information.

Regional animal shelter named 2023 ‘Top-Rated Nonprofit’

REGION – One area animal organization has recently announced that it’s been named a “2023 Top-Rated Nonprofit” by GreatNonprofits, a website for community recommendations of charities and nonprofits.

Second Chance Animal Services offers programs and services that help more than 44,000 pets a year to live better lives, according to a press statement.

“We are honored to be named a 2023 Top-Rated Nonprofit,” said Chief Development Officer Lindsay Doray. “We are proud

of our accomplishments this year. The importance of our work has never been more pronounced as the economy continues to take a toll on pets in our communities. At our vet hospitals, more pet owners are relying on subsidized rates than ever before to care for their cherished companions. Meanwhile, our shelter is taking in local surrenders at a rate not seen in over a decade.”

The Top-Rated Nonprofit Award is based on the rating and number of reviews that Second Chance received from volun-

teers, donors, and aid recipients. In one review, a volunteer shared, “I have been a volunteer with Second Chance for the past couple of years and continue to be impressed with how hard they work to not only help and care for the animals they rescue, but also the resources they give to animal owners in the communities they serve. From veterinary services, vaccine clinics, pet grooming, food banks, and more. They truly are an impressive organization.”

“Second Chance is a great example of a nonprofit making

a real difference in their community,” said Perla Ni, CEO of GreatNonprofits. “Their award is well-deserved recognition not only of their work, but the tremendous support they receive, as shown by the many outstanding reviews they have received from people who have direct experience working with Second Chance.”

Rudy, a five-year-old Manchester terrier mix, is just one of the many pets waiting to find a new home at the Second Chance Adoption Center in East Brookfield.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Belchertown Conservation Commission LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the authority of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Belchertown Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Chapter 139), the Belchertown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Lawrence Memorial Hall Auditorium, located at 2 Jabish Street in Belchertown, MA 01007** to review a **Request for Determination of Applicability** permit application submitted by Colvest/Belchertown, LLC for the **building demolition, back-filling, and pavement resurfacing at 155 North Main Street (Assessor's Map 238-185) in Belchertown.** Work is proposed to occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place designated. 11/2/2023

TOWN OF GRANBY INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGNER SERVICES ADVERTISEMENT

The Town of Granby is soliciting sealed proposals from Massachusetts registered and qualified designer firms, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 7C, §§ 44 through 58, request for proposal for designer services for the renovation of the kitchen and the updating of the heating and ventilation of the kitchen and cafeteria wing at the Granby Junior/Senior High School. Estimated Construction Cost: **\$900,000**
Proposals Due: **Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 1:00 p.m.**
Proposals shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the following

marked clearly on the outside: **Request for proposal for designer services for the renovation of the kitchen and the updating of the heating and ventilation of the kitchen and cafeteria wing at the Granby Junior/Senior High School,** with the bidders name, business address and phone number and sent to the Christopher Martin, Town Administrator, Town of Granby, 10 West State Street, Granby, MA 01033.

Mr. John Sullivan, Maintenance & Facilities Coordinator will conduct a tour of the Granby Junior/Senior High School on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Mr. Sullivan at 413-404-3318 to verify your attendance at the tour. 11/02/2023

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that LocalStorage Granby will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (pursuant to the Massachusetts Lien Law. General Laws Part I, Administration of the Government. Title XV Regulation of Trade Chapter 105A. Self-Service Storage Facility. The sale will take place at the website <http://www.StorageTreasures.com>. The sale will be conducted on <http://www.StorageTreasures.com>, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (AU005857) on behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on <http://www.StorageTreasures.com>. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as general household items unless otherwise noted.

LocalStorage Granby, 138 W State St., Granby, MA 01033 will list storage

units on the website <http://www.StorageTreasures.com> until sold or disposed of on **November 16, 2023, 10:00AM.**

Unit: #020 Audrey Walker, #180 Valerie Martinez #196 Kyle Provost 11/02, 11/09/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS23C0136CA

In the matter of: Elizabeth Ann Styer McCurdy CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Elizabeth Ann Styer McCurdy of Belchertown, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Ann Stafford McCurdy IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampshire Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/15/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: October 13, 2023
Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate 11/02/2023

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES
This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of November 17, 2023, the following motor vehicles will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

Vehicle: 1993 Toyota Corolla

VIN: 2T1AE09E3PC012583
Color: White
LKO: Mitchell Glassman
Address: 133 Jabish St., C6 Belchertown, MA 01007

Vehicle: 2006 Acura RL
VIN: JH4KB16516C003409
Color: Gray
LKO: Betsy Medina
Address: 26 Rochelle Street Springfield, MA 01109

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11/02, 11/09, 11/16/2023

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Assessor's Map ROW) in Belchertown. Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place designated. 11/02/2023

NOTICE OF AUCTION

S N O W ' S S E L F STORAGE LLC, will sell the contents of the following sheds online at www.aarbids.com. The online sale will end on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Bryan Hornedo – CC3-36
Larry Foote – M29
Jeremiah Dahlke – SP25
Alilcia Griffin – M6
Snow's Self-Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids, or to cancel the auction at any time for any reason. 10/26, 11/02/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS23P0663EA Estate of: Colleen Vallone Date of Death: September 26, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned est-

ate, by Petition of Petitioner **Anthony Vallone** of Belchertown, MA.

Anthony Vallone of Belchertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 11/02/2023

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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PLUMBING SERVICES

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Lasell University welcomes new students

BELCHERTOWN - Lasell University has announced that two residents are among the more than 370 new students

welcomed into the Class of 2027. Tyler McDonald and Michelle Zaluga both reside in Belchertown.

Man arrested after stabbing woman in neck

NORTHAMPTON – A 41-year-old Ware man was arrested last month after a Northampton Police captain ran out of the Center Street station upon “hearing a woman screaming near the corner of Masonic and Center streets after being stabbed in the neck with needle nose pliers.”

The attack took place shortly after 2 p.m., according to a press statement from the office of Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan, and the victim, bleeding heavily, was being helped by a bystander when the captain reached her.

“She told the captain she’d just been stabbed by a man known to her. Other passersby immediately jumped upon and

held down the suspect until another officer arrived to place him under arrest,” the press statement reads.

That suspect, Russell Scott Mayo, is expected to be arraigned in Northampton District Court Friday on charges of attempted murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon in violation of a protective order, and two counts of violation of an abuse prevention order.

The victim was treated for injuries at the scene and then transported to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield for further treatment. As of press time, she was in stable condition, according to reports.

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NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Located at the Belchertown Senior Center, 60 State Street, Belchertown, MA from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please use QR Code or the link to pre-register: <https://tinyurl.com/34httdch>
Please direct any questions to Arianna Palano at apalano@townofware.com, 413-478-2526.

