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The Belchertown United Church of Christ hosted the annual Quilt Show and sewing tag sale.

BUCC hosts 15th annual Quilt Show



TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

This antique schoolhouse-themed quilt by an unknown maker is from the late 1800s.

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BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown United Church of Christ hosted its Quilt Show and sale, which has reached its 15th year.

This three-day event featured quilts, sewing and knitting supplies that were all donated and sorted by volunteers. Proceeds from the event go towards benefiting the Belchertown United Church of Christ.

Jane Crutchfield, who is an avid quilter, made a couple quilts for the show. She said the annual Quilt Show is a way for people to shop for fabric and yarn.

Over 250 shoppers visited the Quilt Show that was held Oct. 30-Nov. 1.

Crutchfield said the show attracts customers from all over New England. The church gets customers from Maine, Connecticut and Vermont.

Many of the quilts on display were made by makers throughout the Pioneer Valley. Makers are from nearby towns such as Holyoke, Granby and Ludlow.

The entire church, from the benches, staging area and to the bleachers, was covered in quilts. Many of them were antique quilts dating back to the 19th century.

One quilt had a schoolhouse-theme and dated back to around 1880.

No matter the age, shoppers came to the Belchertown United Church of Christ to witness all the quilts.

"It has gotten quite a following," Sharon Marean said, who was shopping during the

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Granby Lions hold vision screenings

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GRANBY – The Granby Lions Club performed vision screenings at various Granby and South Hadley preschools.

This was the third year the Granby Lions have offered and sponsored this free program. Conducting these screenings was Steven Markow of the Granby Lions Club.

Markow is a retired optometrist who started Village Eye Care in South Hadley back in 2001. After joining the Granby Lions Club, Markow started the vision screenings program.

"I thought it would be a good service for the communities of South Hadley and Granby," Markow said.

These vision screenings are for preschool students in the two towns. After the screenings are conducted, the Lions provide a pass or fail certificate for parents and guardians.

Joining Markow on these vision screenings was Glen Wiley of the Granby Lions Club. Wiley has been part of the Granby Lions for the last 15-16 years.

During these screenings the club uses a vision screener machine known as "The Spot" from Welch Allyn. Markow and Wiley ask for the ages prior to doing the vision screenings as the machine has different sets based on age ranges.

Markow said a 6-month-old has eyes that are going to change over time and are still developing.

"The eye is a camera which sends a signal to the back of the brain," he said.

A brain has to receive a full image to get a 20/20 vision. Markow said vision occurs in the back of the head.

The use of the vision screener helps detect any out of focus vision in younger children, preschool

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TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO

Steven Markow, left, used a vision screener to conduct vision screenings for preschool aged children. This is an annual program sponsored and provided by the Granby Lions Club.

SB approves more settlement funds for recovery services

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – The Select Board approved an additional $3,500 for Honest Beginnings' basement renovation and a $25,000 contribution toward a proposed second year of regional recovery services funded through a Rise municipal matching grant on Monday night.

Both actions draw on the town's opioid settlement funds. The first will help complete a renovation at Honest Beginnings, a sober-living program, and the second will help extend a partnership among Belchertown, Ware, the Recovery Center and the Western Massachusetts Training Consortium.

"It's all hypothetical until it actually gets funded."
– Gail Gramarossa

Gail Gramarossa, chair of the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee, told the board that Honest Beginnings needed the additional money to finish its basement project. The board approved the $3,500 add-on to its earlier $8,900 award in a unanimous vote.

The renovation is intended to improve the space and offer participants more privacy, Gramarossa said.

"This will just give them a little extra money in order to finish out some of the furnishings," she told the board.

Board member Jonathan Ritter suggested asking the organization to share photos or arrange a visit when the work is complete. Gramarossa said she would check with Honest Beginnings.

Proposed second year of regional grant

Gramarossa also asked the board to support a second-year application for a Rise municipal matching-funds grant. The current grant, awarded to the Belchertown-Ware partnership, is scheduled to end in March 2027. A second-year award would start then and continue the housing and care navigation work.

The proposal calls for

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Pathfinder Tech recognizes staff/ students for Cold Springs opening



TURLEY PHOTO BY MARCELO GUSMÃO

Superintendent Eric Duda praised the work of Electrical Teacher Eric Simard to coordinate the work done to open the Cold Springs campus.

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PALMER – At its recent General Advisory meeting, Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School faculty was recognized by the Commonwealth for the opening of its second campus this year.

On the evening of Oct. 15, Pathfinder Tech held its regular General Advisory meeting in the gymnasium. The event featured displays by students and staff from the school's various technical departments, and featured a dinner, speeches, and a special recognition for the recent opening of the Cold Springs campus.

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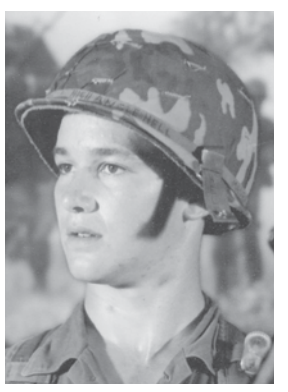
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NSDAR to host fifth annual 'Lawn of Valor' Ceremony

Tribute to honor Veterans and service members

NORTHAMPTON—In a heartfelt tribute to honor veterans and recognize the sacrifices of those who have served our nation, the Betty Allen Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will host its fourth annual Lawn of Valor Ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 8, during Veterans Day weekend.

The public is invited to attend this annual community tradition, honoring veterans and preserving their memory. The ceremony begins at 2 p.m. on the picturesque grounds of the Historic Clapp House, the Betty Allen Chapter's headquarters, located at 148 South Street in Northampton. The lawn will be adorned with American flags, each symbolizing unity, remembrance, and gratitude.

Community members are invited to sponsor flags in honor or memory of individual veterans, active-duty service members, or DAR patriots, adding a personal tribute to this meaningful community tradition. To sponsor a flag or obtain additional information, visit the Lawn of Valor sponsorship page or email BettyAllenChapterHouse@gmail.com.

Ceremony Highlights

The program will open with welcoming remarks from Chapter Regent Donna Helm. Guests will include members of the DAR and SAR (Sons of the American Revolution), veterans, and community dignitaries.

The Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard will present the nation's colors, followed by a performance of the National Anthem by the JFKeys, the choral group from Northampton's John F. Kennedy Middle School.

Chapter members will read the names of current and former service members whose families and friends have sponsored flags displayed on the chapter house lawn.

The ceremony will also feature the presentation of two special awards:

NSDAR National Defense Distinguished Citizen Medal: Presented to Eugene (Gene) Herman, a staff member of Amherst Veterans' Outreach in recognition of his tireless efforts to create a welcoming space where veterans and civilians can learn from one another, share experiences, access resources, and build meaningful relationships across generations and backgrounds.

NSDAR Award of Recognition: Presented to the Ray Ellsworth, President of the Pomeroy Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, in recognition of his leadership and collaboration with the Betty Allen Chapter DAR in organizing and supporting community events.

Giving Tree Donations to Benefit Leeds VA Soldier On!

Attendees are encouraged to bring donations for the chapter's Giving Tree, which supports the Leeds VA Soldier On! program. Requested items include:

- Reusable water bottles
- Twin-size blankets
- Towels
- Kitchen utensils
- Liquid body wash
- Razors and shaving cream
- Assorted batteries
- Gift cards to local stores are also greatly appreciated.

About the Daughters of the American Revolution

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a nonprofit, nonpolitical women's service organization dedicated to preserving the memory and spirit of those who achieved American independence through historic preservation, education, and patriotism. DAR members are committed to making a difference in their communities through volunteer service and educational initiatives.

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– Hank Houghton
President, AVIP/VVA Chapter 294
Retired Staff Sergeant, 82nd Airborne, U.S. Army
Vietnam Veteran

Lions Club kicks off the cold-weather season with donation to the fuel assistance program

BELCHERTOWN—The Lions Club is kicking off the cold-weather season with a donation to the fuel assistance program. These funds will be made available to qualifying local residents to help defer some of the cost of home heating this winter.

If you would like to apply for fuel assistance, please remember that Laurene and Heather are SHINE-Certified counselors.

Please call 413-323-0420 for assistance for yourself or someone else. Social Services Coordinator Laurene can be reached at extension 505. Social Services Assistant Coordinator Heather can be reached at extension 509.

If you would like to become a member of one of the most active Lions Clubs in Massachusetts, please visit our website at belchertownlionsclub.com and click on contact us in the left-hand menu.

In the most recent fiscal year alone (which ended in July), our club donated over $49,000 to local and regional charities.

We are always looking for helping hands as we carry out our numerous fundraisers scheduled throughout the year.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Belchertown Lions Victor Robidoux and Jack Hulmes (flanking the check) present Laurene Kendall, Social Services and Outreach Coordinator, along with Heather Moran, Social Services Outreach Assistant, with a check for $7,000.

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Belchertown to contribute $25,000 and Ware $50,000. Rise would match the combined $75,000, for a proposed total budget of $150,000.

"The request that the partnership has is that this time around, Belchertown would contribute $25,000," Gramarossa said. "Ware would continue to do a $50,000 contribution."

Gramarossa said the application was due Friday and that unspent first-year funds could be carried into the second year.

She said the committee had discussed reapplying but did not have a quorum to take an official vote. The Select Board subsequently approved Belchertown's $25,000 contribution.

She also cautioned that an application would not guarantee an award.

"It's all hypothetical until it actually gets funded," she said.

At the meeting, Gramarossa said the town's opioid settlement fund held more than $232,000. She said the committee anticipated possible future requests, including one from the schools for youth prevention activities, but believed the town could support the proposed Rise application.

Navigator reports early progress

Lisa Roossien, Housing and Care Navigator at Recovery Center of HOPE, introduced herself and described her first weeks in the role, which she began in September.

She said she was building relationships with community organizations and helping residents navigate housing and other services.

Roossien said she had recorded 18 encounters, five of which had become ongoing participant relationships. She said the five participants included two women and three men, ranging in age from their 20s to their 60s.

She described the role as providing hands-on support rather than simply referring people elsewhere.

"Not just hand someone a flyer or tell them, 'Here's a phone number,' but to say, 'Where do you want to go, and what barriers are you seeing in getting there,' and helping navigate those barriers together?" Roossien said.

The grant partnership plans to continue that work if the second-year application is funded.









COMMUNITY

Mill River Archery hosts pumpkin shoot

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AMHERST – On Halloween, Mill River Archery hosted a pumpkin shoot at its outdoor shooting range at Hampshire College.

Mill River Archery is a nonprofit club dedicated to making archery accessible to everyone. The club welcomes archers of all ages and skill levels.

President of Mill River Archery, Rory Palmer, said the club started in late 2022 and became a place where children and adults can participate in a unique sport.

Palmer said the pumpkin shoot at the end of October is an annual tradition for the Mill River Archery family that brings archers together.

The pumpkin shoot featured all kinds of activities. Aside from the traditional bull's-eye targets, there were pumpkins, apples, gourds and balloons that served as targets.

Archers also played unique archery games such as tic-tac-toe, number games where they play up to 21 or higher and flu-flu arrow archery. Targets were set at various distances.

Many of the members and archers of Mill River Archery carry their pin shoots with them. These list accomplishments and pins of various goals an archer may achieve.

Pins are awarded based on indoor and outdoor achievements, age range, distance and many others.

Caitlin McCabe of Mill River Archery regularly participated in archery out in California before the pandemic hit in 2020.

McCabe was looking for an archery club to join out in Massachusetts and came across Mill River Archery at Hampshire College. She got an invite to join almost immediately.



Jasper Sussman, left, and his brother Orion participated in the Mill River Archery pumpkin shoot on Halloween at Hampshire College.

To this day, McCabe still goes to archery with her pin shoot in possession. She said the pin shoot is a "measure of progress" and "archers always set goals for themselves."

Jasper Sussman is 12 years old and has participated in archery since the age of 7. Sussman has multiple archery pins to his credit.

During the pumpkin shoot, Sussman participated alongside his brother Orion.

Mill River Archery features archers with various skill levels. Alex Blaylock of Hatfield is a leading instructor at the club and is ranked 10th in the country for Olympic recurve archery.

Blaylock's first lesson in archery was back at the age of 13 and has been coaching since 2017. Blaylock has competed in competitive archery tournaments throughout the year, including the U.S. Open Indoor Season World Series in Las Vegas.

Robert Campbell serves as one of the instructors for Mill River Archery and has been a certified archery instructor for the last 10 years.

Campbell grew up in Western Massachusetts and comes from a family of archers. Seeking an activity to do, Campbell returned to archery and enjoys coaching children and adults.

During the pumpkin shoot, Campbell and his wife Elissa Campbell, also an instructor, observed the shooting range and gave tips to archers. Both Campbells participated in the pumpkin shoot as well.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

Pumpkins and other targets were set at the outdoor range at Hampshire College.



Elissa Campbell, right, is an instructor at Mill River Archery and gave tips during the pumpkin shoot.

The shooting line was set on the outdoor range for the pumpkin shoot. Archers await their commands from the instructors, including Campbell, to fire when ready.

After each round of shooting the archers were given the command to retrieve their arrows and reset targets, including the pumpkins.

For many of the archers of Mill River Archery, it is a fun hobby and a way to connect with other people. Friends and family members use archery to bond and sometimes brings out fun competition.

Many archers brought pumpkins for the pumpkin shoot and enjoyed some refreshments in between rounds.

To learn more about Mill River Archery, visit millriverarchery.com.

Mill River Archery will be relocating to the Hampshire Mall in Hadley at North East Archery Supply, which has an indoor range. The club negotiated an arrangement with North East Archery Supply to use their facility for future archery activities.



Archery instructor Robert Campbell released an arrow in an effort to connect with one of the pumpkins.



Some targets were set to play fun archery games such as a number game and tic-tac-toe. Gourds were also strung up for target shooting.



Archers of Mill River Archery approached the shooting line and were given the command to fire when ready.



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Town seeks donated holiday tree for winter light night

BELCHERTOWN—The Town of Belchertown is asking residents to help light up the season by donating an evergreen tree to be the centerpiece of the 9th Annual Winter Light Night, hosted by the Belchertown Cultural Council. The official tree lighting will take place Saturday, Nov. 28, at 5:30 p.m. on the Belchertown Common.

The tree on the Common has been a bright spot at the heart of town for many winters. This year, the Town is hoping to add something new to the celebration with a tree donated by a member of the community. The Town is also exploring planting an additional holiday tree on the Common in the future.

The Town is looking for an evergreen located in Belchertown that is ten to 12 feet tall, in great condition, and full on all sides. A fresh-cut tree is preferred, but a live tree will also be considered.

Residents interested in donating a tree should email Town Manager Steve Williams at SWilliams@belchertown.org by Monday, Nov. 16. Submissions should include the tree's location, its approximate height, and a photo of the tree. Questions may be directed to the Town Manager's office at 413-323-0403.

The Town will notify donors by Wednesday, Nov. 18, whether their tree has been selected. The selected donor will be responsible for cutting the tree, or for prepping it for transport if it is a live tree. The Town will coordinate with the donor to arrange either pickup, which requires direct access to the tree, or delivery to the Common by Monday, Nov. 23. The Town will then set up, secure, and decorate the tree, and the donor will be recognized publicly for their contribution.

More information is available on the Town's website at https://www.belchertown.org/m/NewsFlash/home/detail/210.

Annual holiday craft fair to be held Nov. 7

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown United Church of Christ (BUCC) will be holding their annual Holiday Craft Fair in the Church Parish House located at 18 Park Street on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Numerous Crafters from throughout the area will be selling various handmade items including painted slates, knitted, crochet and quilted items, handmade soaps, photography, paintings, cat toys, jams, jellies, jewelry, personalized ornaments and more.

Lunch will be served. Spaces still available.

For more information or an application please email Lucy at luse26@charter.net

Yuletide event to be held Nov. 7 at Stone House

BELCHERTOWN—The holiday season is almost upon us. Are you ready?

The Belchertown Historical Association is happy to announce its annual YULETIDE event will be held at the Stone House Museum on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be a wide variety of raffle baskets, baked goods and old bags that will help you complete your holiday gift list and support your local history museum.

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

Your generous donations of baked goods or raffle baskets enable us to maintain our beautiful Stone House Museum, an integral part of our town's history.

You can drop off your donations at the museum on Wednesday or Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. or Friday, from 3 to 5 p.m.

If you have any questions please contact sallyshattuck54@gmail.com.



TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO

A sewing machine and quilt were displayed by the front entrance of the Belchertown United Church of Christ.

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Quilt Show.

The Quilt Show is made possible by numerous volunteers at the church. Helping out in this year's Quilt Show was Julie Rzynic, Holly Ault, Linda Sterling, Joyce Bergen, Rebecca Sherwood, Jen Powers and Dave Crutchfield.

The shoppers enjoyed their time at the annual Quilt Show which will return next year.

Many quilts that were in this year's Quilt Show will be available during the Belchertown United Church of Christ's tag sale that will take place Nov. 2-7. The tag sale hours will be Monday through Friday, noon- 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information, visit www.belchertownucc.org.

Free concert on Nov. 19

SOUTH HADLEY—I'm reaching out on behalf of Berkshire Hills Music Academy (BHMA), a South Hadley-based organization that helps adults with disabilities build independence and life skills through music.

On Nov. 19, BHMA will host a free, public concert featuring the BHMA Jazz Ensemble and Berkshire County-based band Misty Blues for an evening of blues and jazz.

This event is part of a larger on-campus concert series we launched in 2025 to bring together BHMA musicians and guest artists for evenings of live music and collaboration, while also bringing audiences to campus to enjoy an evening of live music and experience the community at BHMA.

I'm hoping to spread the word about this upcoming event and would appreciate any help sharing it with your audience. I've included the event details below and attached a flyer for reference.

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OPINION

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

What happens if Social Security runs out of money to pay benefits?

Dear Rusty:

What happens to seniors if the country runs out of funds to pay out monthly Social Security to beneficiaries?

I am 78 years old and Social Security is my only income.

Signed: Worried Senior

Dear Worried Senior:

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That's because if people are working and contributing to the program (e.g., always), Social Security will always have at least some money to pay benefits. What you are hearing about are recent media reports about Social Security having financial issues, expected to come to a head in just a few (six) years.

The primary risk for you (and everyone else) is this: if the reserves in the Social Security Trust Fund (currently about $2.5 trillion) run dry, it would result in a reduction to everyone's monthly benefits.

Right now, the Social Security Trustees are projecting a cut of about 22% starting in the fall of 2032. But that will only happen if Congress fails to act and reform the SS program before the SS reserves are fully depleted.

And that is, in our opinion, not likely to happen unless Congress is completely and totally derelict in its obligations to American seniors and their dependents. Not a pleasant scenario, but neither is it one likely to occur.

Here at the AMAC Foundation, we are working vigorously to prevent the depletion of the Social Security Trust Fund and our expectation is that Congress will, indeed, eventually take action to prevent any cuts to monthly benefits.

It would be political suicide for Congress (and any President) to allow those Social Security benefit cuts to occur. That would greatly increase the poverty level in America. As we have often reported publicly, we have already proposed a commonsense plan to restore Social Security to long term solvency and are working in Congress and with the Social Security Administration to promote the needed reform.

You can see more details of AMAC's plan here: https://amac.us/social-security-guarantee

So, while we fully understand your personal anxiety, we feel confident in assuring you that you are very unlikely to experience any cuts to your monthly Social Security income.

We are firmly committed to preventing that from happening and will continue to vigorously lobby Congress to make the SS changes needed before the SS Trust Fund is fully depleted.

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Take notice of the subtle oak

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

Sometimes subtle beauty is just as eye catching as full-blown fireworks.

This fact was reinforced this past week, when oak trees took center stage as leaves worthy of peeping. No, they do not possess the pumpkin orange, lemon yellow or cherry red tones that maples do, but nonetheless they quietly beg the passerby to take notice.

Ahh, burnt umber, raw sienna and burnt sienna, mahogany and magentas. Gosh, I love them all.

It's like taking a peek inside a very good oil painting kit and seeing all your favorites.

Why don't we take a closer look at the genus called Quercus, to which our beloved oak belongs. The oak is a member of the beech or Fagaceae family.

One unique feature that the oak has and other members of the family do not is that its nut is carried in a cap. The nut and cap together are called an acorn.

Acorns are a valuable food source for wildlife. Wild turkey, deer, larger songbirds and squirrels among others depend on the nut for surviving the winter.

One way to tell the difference between species of oak tree is by their acorns. Examine how they wear their "cap."

The cap of the white oak is about one-quarter the size of the oblong shaped nut. The red oak, on the other hand, has a squatty, saucer-like cap covering a more globose shaped nut.

The pin oak has an obtuse nut and a more diminutive cap- a big belly so to speak!

There are some 500 species of oak throughout the world. Some of them are evergreen, holding onto their leaves throughout the winter months.

These oaks are located in the more southern, warmer regions of our country. Even though our oaks are deciduous, it takes a long time for them to completely defoliate.

Sometimes it is the next season's emerging leaves that finally push the old ones off! This is often problematic for the homeowner who likes to keep his lawn leaf-free.

At work I once saw a young groundskeeper attempt to shake the leaves off of a young pin oak tree – just to be done with his weekly task!

Most oaks tolerate transplanting the best when they are young and small in size. The pin oak is one exception; its shallow, fibrous root system allows it to be transplanted as a larger specimen.

For this reason, the pin oak is widely used for home landscaping. It is also highly sought after because of its unique, pyramidal shape: the lowest branches are pendulous, the middle are horizontal and the top are upright.

Did you know that cork is harvested from the bark of a species of oak tree? Yes, the cork oak grows in Spain, Portugal and parts of Northern Africa.

Another interesting fact: oaks get struck by lightning more than any other tree. This is likely due to their height, some topping over 80 feet at maturity.

The oak tree can grow to be very old. Reportedly, the oldest oak tree in the United States is in Temula, California.

This Coast Live Oak (Quercus agrifolia) named the Pechanga Great Oak, is estimated at 2000 years old!

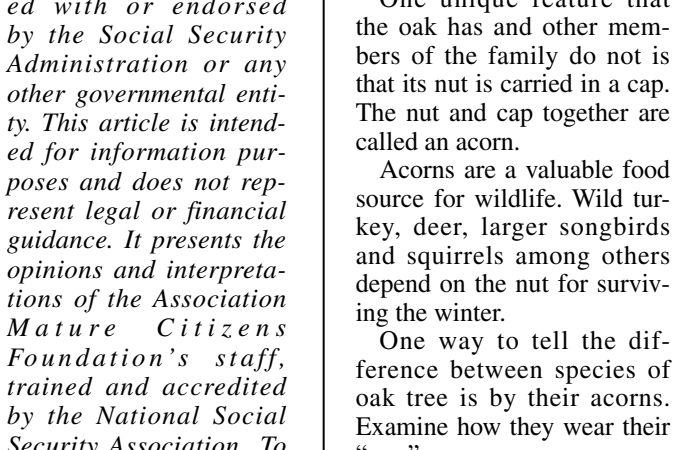
In nearby Maryland, the Wye Oak lived to be about 460 years old before its demise in 2002. It topped off at 95 feet tall, 165 feet wide and 8 feet in diameter.

In 2006, a clone of the tree was planted in the remains of the trunk in a special ceremony.

All the trivia aside, I hope that you take notice of the subtle colors that line our hills and vales now that the fireworks have subsided. If you are forced to look at them "up close and personal" by way of a rake, don't forget they make great mulch – just chop them up with the lawnmower first. Your plants will benefit from your labor.

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Great travel health products for seniors on the move



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN

Guest Column

Oh, for the days of carefree travel in those younger years. Throw a clean T-shirt and toothbrush in your backpack and you were good to go.

Seniors may not be able to travel that simply nowadays, but they can still drive, fly and cruise with much less hassle. The travel goods industry has responded to the graying of the travel population by developing lightweight, easy-to-use products that take into consideration physical strength, security and medical needs.

I've asked Ron Levine of www.UnitedLuggageDealers.com to select some products that seniors or those with other health issues will find helpful.

Here are seven of the best.

1. Flex Gel Memory Foam Seat Cushion

Airline seats aren't getting any more comfortable. But seat cushions are often a pain to travel with and keep track of. Just ask anyone who's left their cushion in the gate area or the airport lounge.

The Flex Gel Memory Foam Seat Cushion folds up into a convenient size when you're ready to get up and go. You can even snap the handle onto your suitcase. About $35

2. Sockwell Compression Socks

Sitting for a long time, besides being uncomfortable, can be hazardous to your health. Many doctors recommend compression socks to minimize swelling, reduce leg fatigue and lower the chances of blood clots.

That doesn't mean they have to be ugly. Sockwell Compression Socks for men and women come in a variety of styles and colors. They also feature a cushioned sole, arch support and seamless toe, so your feet will like them, too. About $30/pair

3. Victorinox Lightweight Hardside Carry-On

At only 6.4 pounds, this right-sized suitcase easily fits inside overhead storage and is easier to lift than other suitcase models. It provides effortless maneuverability, no matter the load inside, and comes equipped with an expansion system to stretch your packing space.

It also includes a zippered anti-scratch pocket to safely store your electronic devices and a built-in lock. About $425

4. FRIO Case Large Pen Insulin/GLP-1 Wallet

More medications are coming as injectables these days. Keep them safe in this insulated wallet that cools without any need for an ice pack. The cooling properties come from the evaporation of water and keep its low temperatures for over two days, even in challenging environments.

It protects up to five medication pens or six 10ml vials of insulin and syringes. About $37

5. Baggallini Anti-Theft Bag

This gender-neutral cross-body bag keeps your necessities organized and safe. It features slash resistant panels, a double-cable cut-resistant strap, locking zippers and RFID-protection.

It also has a pocket for your passport and a grommet so you can plug in or charge your phone without opening it. And all of this comes in a convenient 5.25 inches by x 7.5 inches. $70-$110

6. Secrid RFID Wallet

Its slim profile makes this wallet perfectly into every pocket. The open exterior is cut extra wide to hold cards, banknotes and receipts. The card protector mechanism allows you to slide out cards with one simple motion, while the aluminum casing protects your cards from bending, breaking and unwanted wireless communication. About $110

7. Talus Smooth Trip SafeGuard Medication Organizer

Organizing medications for travel can be a challenge. This

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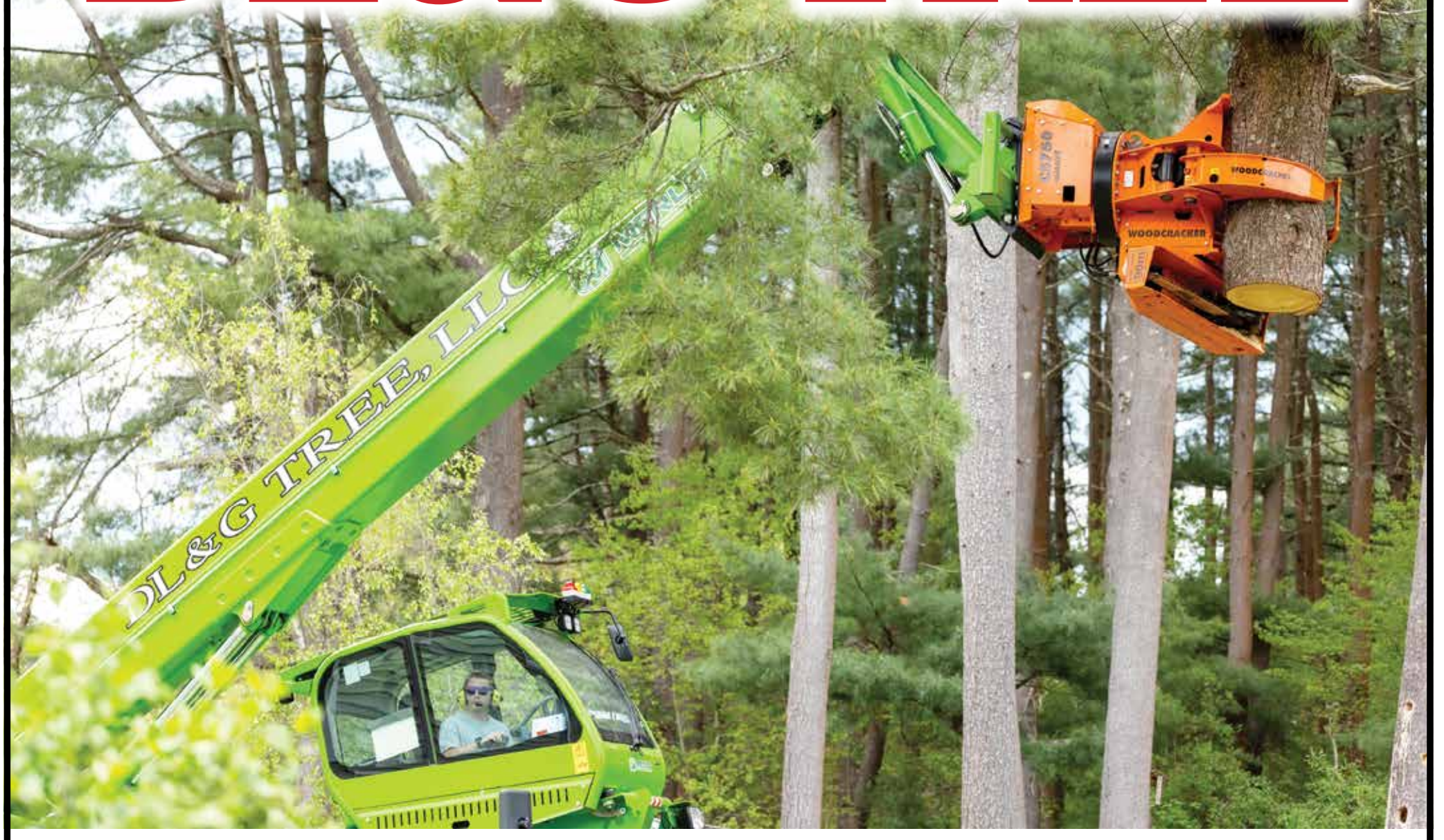
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Belchertown Police Log

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Oct. 22 through Oct. 29. 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.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Tuesday, Oct. 27

10:11 a.m. – Tommy James McLean, 47, of 681 Franklin Street, Belchertown, was arrested on charges of a subsequent offense of operating with a suspended license and a number plate violation. An officer monitoring traffic on North Main Street saw a motorcycle pass by with no registration plate displayed, followed it into the parking lot, then confirmed it didn't have a plate. The operator was identified and knew they had a suspended license. They were arrested and brought to court.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Thursday, Oct. 22

3:15 p.m. – An officer took a report from a Jabish Street resident that two checks were missing and were supposed to arrive in the mail. They needed a police report to document it.

7 p.m. – An officer assigned to an athletic game detail was approached by a juvenile who dumped a can of soda on them. They identified the person as an ex-acquaintance. The person alleged the first person was harassing them. School personnel asked the person to leave.

10:21 p.m. – An officer was doing a well-being check on a person who reached out to a medical provider and said medical attention was needed regarding a domestic abusive situation. They requested another agency conduct a well-being check. The caller who reported the matter was not being factual, so the caller needed a well-being check.

Friday, Oct. 23

9:31 a.m. – An officer spoke with a person who spoke with them in May regarding a relative's vehicle that was loaned out and was not returned. The borrower was supposed to return it but didn't. It was entered into the system as stolen; the next day, the Marshfield Police were contacted, but the person no longer lived at the address provided. The matter is under investigation.

11:21 a.m. – An officer spoke with a person in the lobby about whether an abuse violation order was violated or not. The officer reviewed the business's footage and confirmed a restraining order was served, but it hadn't been served yet.

11:59 a.m. – An officer spoke with a person in the lobby who had a restraining order that needed to be served, and the officer facilitated it.

12:06 p.m. – The lobby drug takeback box in the lobby was emptied.

2:31 p.m. – An officer and Belchertown Fire paramedics responded to a medical call.

7:48 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence for a report of a person who was intoxicated and causing a verbal dispute, and the aggressor agreed to leave for the evening. Officers provided the person with transportation to a safe location.

9:06 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident. A vehicle drove around a series of cones on a dark, narrow road. The vehicle then struck the home. The vehicle had a dent, and the home had a small scuff on the deck area.

11:59 p.m. – An officer conducted a well-being check on a person.

Saturday, Oct. 24

9:03 a.m. – An officer took a report of a person who was receiving scam calls from a person claiming to be part of the Federal Trade Commission. They were told they would get money, but then the person started asking for gift cards. The scammer charged the person's credit card. The person got the scammer's phone number. The officer followed up and the scammer wanted the officer to prove they were actually a police officer. They were told how to block accounts, and an officer took a report so the person could follow up with their bank.

4:44 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident. A vehicle parked at a gas pump was struck by a vehicle backing up. No injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

5:46 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire paramedics.

5:49 p.m. – A person was reported a past domestic situation.

Sunday, Oct. 25

1:02 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a disturbance between roommates who were yelling at each other. Officers separated them and de-escalated the situation.

8:36 a.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire paramedics.

11:26 a.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire paramedics.

5:20 p.m. – A person was arrested on domestic violence charges.

6:01 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle on State Street struck a deer that ran into the roadway. The deer's status was unknown. No injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

Monday, Oct. 26

10:27 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Franklin Street and Depot Street. A vehicle attempting to continue onto Franklin Street from Depot Street was struck by a second vehicle. Both vehicles had front-end damage. No injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

11:14 a.m. – A person came to the lobby to speak with an officer about domestic issues.

2:51 p.m. – A person came to the lobby to speak with an officer about harassing and scamming a relative. The person gave the scammer a large sum of money.

4:41 p.m. – A person came to a station to speak about obtaining a harassment order.

6:33 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire paramedics for a juvenile who was experiencing a mental health crisis.

8:05 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire paramedics for a report of a person experiencing a mental health crisis.

8:51 p.m. – An officer responded to a crash for a motorcyclist down on the side of the road on Bardwell Street. A vehicle traveling west on Bardwell Street went off the roadway. The operator was ejected from the motorcycle and slid down the road. The person was transported to the hospital. The motorcycle was towed.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

5:23 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Sargeant Street. Two vehicles traveling west on Sargeant Street crashed when one struck the other in the rear. The operator of the second vehicle said they were tired and likely speeding. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

2:52 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person about a lost iPad, and they were unable to locate the device.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

2:03 p.m. – An officer took a report of a disturbance between two neighbors. A person was mowing a lawn and removed a wooden property stake, which was then put back. It caused the people to argue. They put it back, so no charges were filed.

4:05 p.m. – A person lost their license over a year ago. Since then, they got a new one but noticed fraudulent activity on their accounts. They think it was done with the driver's license information. There was no monetary loss. They also discovered that an account that could cause issues with the IRS was created.

5:12 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Franklin Street. Two vehicles traveling in opposite directions struck driver's side mirrors. There was damage to both vehicles. No injuries were reported.

6:43 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle traveling on Federal Street struck a deer in the roadway. The vehicle sustained front-end damage. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

Thursday, Oct. 29

9:42 a.m. – An officer spoke with a home health aide who ran into a person who was asking where the nearest bus stop was located. They identified the person. They were having a disagreement with an acquaintance, and the person no longer wanted the acquaintance there. A relative came to get the person after they were picked up and brought to the station.

11:36 a.m. – A person came to the lobby to turn in a rusty cheverel key that was found in the common.

12:28 p.m. – An officer was dispatched to a State Street location for a report of drug envelopes found on the ground. They were entered into property for destruction.

1:46 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Ware Road. A vehicle going east on Ware Road stopped in the roadway after its driver's side tire came off and went down the road. The vehicle was towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

5:11 p.m. – An officer followed up with a person from a previous incident about the location of property.



Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 126 calls from Oct. 23 28 through Oct. 29. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all the information.

Sunday, Oct. 25

4:01 p.m. – Several callers reported that a vehicle struck a utility pole and that wires were down, blocking the road. Granby Police and Fire responded. The vehicle had four occupants, two of whom sustained minor injuries. The road was closed for several hours while utility companies made repairs.

Monday, Oct. 26

6:30 p.m. – A motorist stopped at the station and reported that a deer had just run out into the road and struck their car. There were no injuries.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

10:12 p.m. – South Hadley Police requested a Granby officer for a report that a car struck a deer in Granby.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

7:52 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle with a headlight out. Officers stopped the vehicle and discovered the operator had a suspended Massachusetts driver's license. The operator was issued a criminal citation.

10:34 p.m. – South Hadley Police requested a Granby

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Shutout leads Orioles to WMass title



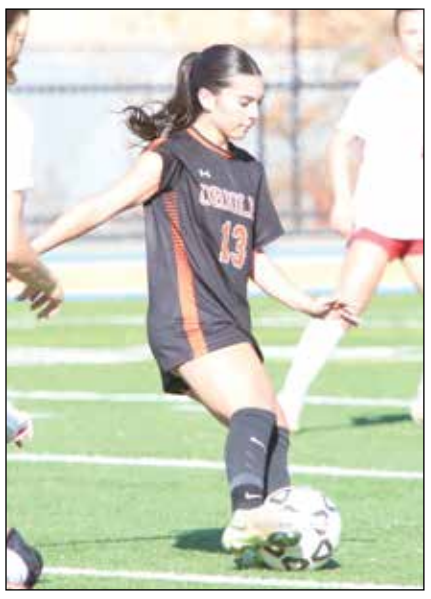
Isabella Vozzella advances past midfield.



The Belchertown High School girls soccer team captured the Western Mass. Class B Championship on Sunday with a win over Hampshire Regional.

Morghan Litz traps the ball.

CHICOPEE – Last Sunday, on a sun-splashed afternoon to start November, Belchertown High School girls soccer captured the Western Massachusetts Class B Championship with a 3-0 win over Hampshire Regional. Morghan Litz, Lia Pikul, and Emma Litz all scored individual goals for the Orioles. Gabriella Slovack contributed two assists in the win. With the win, Belchertown improved to 13-5-1 overall as seeds the for Division 3 State Tournament were set to be announced. The Orioles should return to action this week in the tournament.



Adelina Gualberto guides the ball up the field.



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Gabriella Slovack is pursued by the defense.



Avery Cooper collects a pass and keeps moving up the field.



Helaine Holt looks to play the ball off her body.



The Granby High School girls soccer team are the new Class D champions after defeating Hopkins Academy.



Eleanor Szlosek tries to head off the ball.

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Healy leads Rams to WMass championship



Bri-Anne Kraus sprints up the right sideline.



Goalie Meredith Bartosz picks up the ball.



Jaidyn Roberge goes for a header.

CHICOPEE – Last Sunday afternoon, Granby High School defeated Hopkins Academy in the finals of the Western Massachusetts Class D Tournament 3-1. Margo Healy led the way with two goals and an assist. Kalli White also scored for the Rams, who are still undefeated heading into the Division 5 State Tournament. The Rams are 16-0-3. Seeds for the state tournament were scheduled to come out earlier this week. Granby was the top-ranked team in Division 5 heading into the final week of the season.



Marcela Tapia advances past midfield.



Margo Healy goes for the loose ball.

SPORTS

Pioneers head into state tourney with nine wins



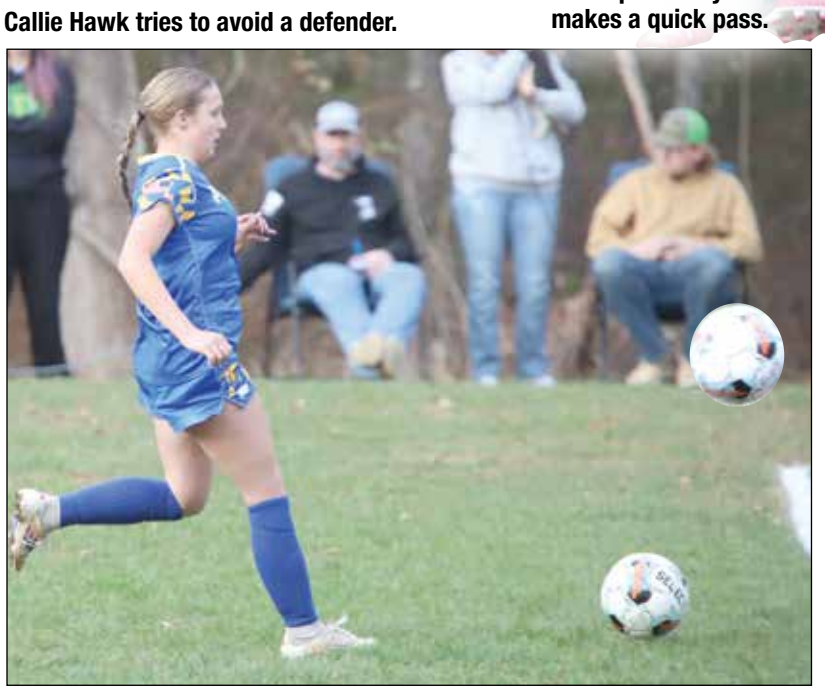
Callie Hawk tries to avoid a defender.



Josephine Boyko makes a quick pass.

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder Tech girls soccer wanted to end the season on a strong note. They did so with wins over Cape Cod Tech and Mt. Everett. The Cape Cod win was a 2-1 triumph followed by a 7-3 win over Mt. Everett. Pathfinder is 9-2-3 entering the state tournament this year. Pathfinder's shorter schedule this season was due in part to the fact the Pioneers lost a few opponents just prior to the regular season because of schools that did not field teams. Because of the lateness of the cancelled games, Pathfinder could not find more opponents to replace them with. The Pioneers were set to learn their tournament seeding earlier this week.

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Whisper Wagher goes after a loose ball on defense.



Madison Boulrice looks to make a save.

Megan Clark crosses the field to avoid the defense.



Abigail Carmody goes for the goal.

BUSINESS

Bramble + Blooms plans nearly 10,000 tulips this winter

GRANBY—This winter, Lyle Williams, founder and owner of Bramble + Blooms, will be growing thousands of tulips in some unexpected places: the family garage and part of her husband Ryan's home office.

The Granby flower business, which specializes in dahlias and tulips, is on track to grow nearly 10,000 tulip bulbs from mid-January through early April 2027. At the heart of the operation are a 4-by-8-foot grow tent and a single wire shelving rack-small spaces helping produce thousands of blooms for the local community.

FROM GARAGE TO BOUQUET

It Started with a Christmas Eve Planting

Williams officially launched Bramble + Blooms in November 2024. A tulip-growing workshop a month later sparked an idea for helping the new business stand out.

By Christmas Eve, Williams was outside planting the first tulip bulbs on the front lawn. By Valentine's Day, the business had its first successful blooms.

Now entering its third tulip season, Bramble + Blooms has traded that holiday planting scramble for an indoor operation using both hydroponic growing-in water rather than soil-and soil-based growing. The process, known as "forcing," encourages tulips to bloom ahead of their normal outdoor season.

After experimenting with hydroponic forcing last season, Williams is expanding that less-messy approach for early winter production, with more soil-grown tulips planned for later in the season.

"I wanted to do something that would help Bramble + Blooms stand out, and The Tulip Workshop really helped set me up for success," said Williams. "It's exciting to see how many flowers we can grow in these small spaces and share with our community."

Behind the growing operation is the support of Williams's husband, Ryan, whose office doubles as seasonal growing space.

"I founded Bramble + Blooms, but I couldn't do this without Ryan," said Williams. "He may grumble a little about the tulips taking over his office, but the color and that smell of spring are infectious. You can't help but smile-even when part of your office has become a tulip-growing space."

Winter Tulips, Four Weeks at a Time

For the upcoming season, Bramble + Blooms will offer two four-week winter tulip subscriptions. The first is expected to begin in mid-to-late January, with the second beginning in mid-February. Customers can also choose all eight weeks.

Subscriptions will officially launch November 2, offering a unique holiday gift option for those looking to share a little spring color in the heart of winter. Newsletter subscribers will be the first to receive access to a special launch offer.

Williams will announce additional tulip pop-up sales throughout the season and is exploring limited availability at the business's flower shed, Pearl, when temperatures are above freezing.

Subscription details, seasonal availability and pop-up announcements will be shared at www.brambleandblooms.com.

Media Visits, Filming and Photography

Reporters, photographers and television crews are invited to visit when the tulips are blooming during the January-April 2027 season. Visits offer opportunities to capture colorful winter blooms, the compact indoor growing setup and Williams tending and harvesting tulips.

Space is snug, but Williams welcomes coordinating with media teams to make filming and photography work. Please contact Williams in advance to arrange a visit around bloom availability.

About Bramble + Blooms

Bramble + Blooms is a locally owned flower business in Granby, Massachusetts, founded by Lyle Williams in November 2024. Specializing in dahlias and tulips, the business grows flowers for its local community, including winter tulips grown hydroponically and in soil.



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Power play leads Hartford past T-Birds

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-4-2-1) fell victim to a red-hot power play as the Hartford Wolf Pack (6-6-1-0) doubled up the T-Birds for a 4-2 win on Sunday afternoon inside the MassMutual Center.

The Wolf Pack leaned on their biggest weapon of the early season, the league's fourth-ranked power play, to take the 1-0 lead at 9:37 of the first as Anton Blidh pushed a point-blank rebound past a sprawling Georgii Romanov.

However, that lead would prove to be fleeting, as just six seconds later, T-Birds captain Chris Wagner crashed the net to nudge a backhand rebound from Justin Carbonneau in behind Spencer Martin at 9:43, tying the game.

With neither team generating much at even strength into the midpoint of the second, the Wolf Pack's scorching power play fired the next punch as Liam Greentree connected from the right circle at 12:01 of the middle period to restore the Hartford lead, 2-1.

After surviving three other Hartford power-play chances, the T-Birds got a man-up opportunity of their own and quickly evened the slate as Nathan Walker took a T.J. Tynan pass at the goal crease, turned to his forehand, and shuffled it past Martin at 8:31 of the third to make it 2-2.

Unfortunately, much like Springfield's quick response to the Blidh power-play goal in the first, Hartford had a similar response in the third as Glenn Gawdin got a puck on his backhand in the low slot and flipped it through Romanov's blocker side, giving the Wolf Pack the 3-2 advantage at 9:55.

Gawdin's second point of the night proved to be enough, as Martin came up with a huge save from the net front on Dylan Peterson in the closing minutes, and Hartford then got insurance on an empty-net finish from Juuso Parssinen to wrap up the scoring late.

The T-Birds' homestand continues on Friday and Saturday as they take on the Hershey Bears in back-to-back contests at 7:05 and 6:05 p.m., respectively.

POLICE from page 8

officer for a hit-and-run accident that occurred in Granby, but one of the operators fled the scene into South Hadley. The operator who left the scene of the property damage accident was issued a criminal citation.

Thursday, Oct. 29

3:48 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

5:58 p.m. – A motorist reported striking a deer. There were no injuries.

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CPC Grant applications now being accepted

BELCHERTOWN—Grant application submission forms will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. ONLY. Proposals for Community Preservation funding must be submitted by downloading the application from the Belchertown Community Preservation website.

All relevant information requested on the application form must be included with the proposal. Please refer to the Community Preservation Criteria Guidelines that are posted on the CPC website: www.BelchertownCPC.org.

Applications must be typewritten or provided as a word processing document. Please send one copy of the application electronically to Jnate7007@aol.com.

Twelve (12) hard copies of the application and all supporting documentation must be submitted to: Community Preservation Committee Town of Belchertown 2 Jabish St. Belchertown, MA 01007-0670.

St. Nicholas Craft Fair will be held Nov. 14

LUDLOW – Christ the King Rosary Sodality's will be holding it's annual St. Nicholas Craft Fair at Christ the King, 41 Warsaw Avenue, on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

There will be talented craft vendors along with a 50-50 raffle and various gift raffles. Light luncheon, drinks and desserts will be available for sale.

All are welcome to join the festivities.

COLD SPRING from page 1

"This is an opportunity for our teachers and our students to connect with people in industry, and people in higher education," said Counselor Brenda Turner.

Turner said the advisory is an opportunity for the school to hear from local businesses and past students about trends in the school's technical fields.

Superintendent Eric Duda began his comments by marveling at the number of people he recognized from his 20-year career with the school.

"I don't have to remind you why you're here and what's so important, but I do have to remind other people in this room, including our wonderful students that are here, all around this room," Duda said. "The businesses and the communities we serve are the drivers of literally everything. They're the drivers of the type of education we deliver. They're the drivers of construction projects and house building assessments that pay for fire and police."

Duda recalled recent projects, including renovating the HVAC program, the new plumbing program paid for with grant funding, and renovations to the gymnasium to support the town's youth sports program. He also announced a historic anonymous donation of $800,000 that the district has received.

"We're going to be making a huge announcement about the biggest private donation ever in this district's history," Duda announced. "It was through a foundation from a private entity, and it's going to outfit the entire Cold Spring campus with new HVAC, mini splits, A/C, heat, and it's going to install an elevator there next year as well – all paid for without tax dollars."

Much of the evening's recognitions involved a presentation on the new Cold Springs campus, which opened in Belchertown at the start of the school year. Calling back to the announcement of the opening of the campus last year, Duda said there was a lot of risk in the proposal.

"We promised an awful lot. We had no money when we made that promise. It was all contingent upon getting grant funding, $5 million," Duda said. "When that announcement was made and I brought it to this advisory committee, I had droves of you coming over to me saying, 'How can I help?'"

The event recognized Electrical Teacher Eric Simard, who served a principal role in ensuring the campus was able to open on time. Duda credited the collaboration of local businesses and community partners toward making this project possible.

"On July 1, we got this school, and I had promised," Duda said. "We were opening up eight weeks later. That's what the promise was. And any business person, especially in construction, would say 'you are crazy.'"

However, Duda said he was able to make this promise with confidence because of his faith in the teachers and students who volunteered their time to make the necessary renovations to the new campus.

"This time we needed all the construction teachers, and then some," Duda said. "We started immediately. We started doing ceilings, we started doing electrical work, we started doing plumbing work. We put in sinks and drain lines and gas lines and electrical, and everything you could think of."

The school and Simard received a citation from the Senate and the House of Representatives, presented by State Sen. Jake Oliveira and State Rep. Aaron Saunders, who praised Duda for his work to ensure the opening of the campus.



The gymnasium at Pathfinder Regioanl Vocational Technical High School was filled with faculty, students, families, stakeholders, alumni and business owners to hear about the school's advancements.

"When you close a building, you don't know what you're going to do with it," Oliveira said. "A lot of districts have to either demolish that building because it's too expensive to breathe new life. Pathfinder chose a different course; Pathfinder chose to take a school that was coming offline in Belchertown to invest the money with the help of the state and with the help of your talented staff, and because of that, that school will live on for the future."

"Every step of the way, this is a two-way street," said Saunders. "We have an obligation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and this is from our School Committee members, our state legislators, our governor, to ensure that every kid who lives in our communities has access to the right education for them."



Cold Springs Principal Joseph Brewer (right) greeted guests at the door, alongside students (from left) Julieta and Anna.

Simard said that he shared the honor with the many teachers in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, horticulture and other departments, as well as the students.

"I wish there was more time this evening for credit to be given to the teachers and the kids that did the work," Simard said. "They would tell me what needed to be done, and I just needed to try to keep them moving forward.

"For teachers to do what normally is done by adult professionals, and to do that with young, eager, and talented – but still very green – student workers; that's where the remarkable side of this miracle happened," Simard said. "That's usually a job for highly skilled professionals, and to be able to do that with kids is really amazing. I was awestruck by watching it all unfold." If you'd like to learn more about what's going on at Pathfinder Tech, you can visit their website at PathfinderTech.org.

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250 Springfield St.
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Fri., Nov. 13, at 10:00 a.m.
AMVETS Post 74
2150 Main St.
Three Rivers, MA

Sat., Nov. 14, at 9:00 a.m.
Residence Inn (behind PetSmart)
500 Memorial Dr.
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211 Maple Rd.
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33 Adams St.
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Mon., Nov. 23, at 11:00 a.m.
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BELCHERTOWN Field Day







BHS Orioles have fun at their annual field day that was held on Oct. 9.

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Drive-thru Harvest Dinner this Saturday

LUDLOW – The First Church in Ludlow will hold its Drive-thru Harvest Dinner this weekend.

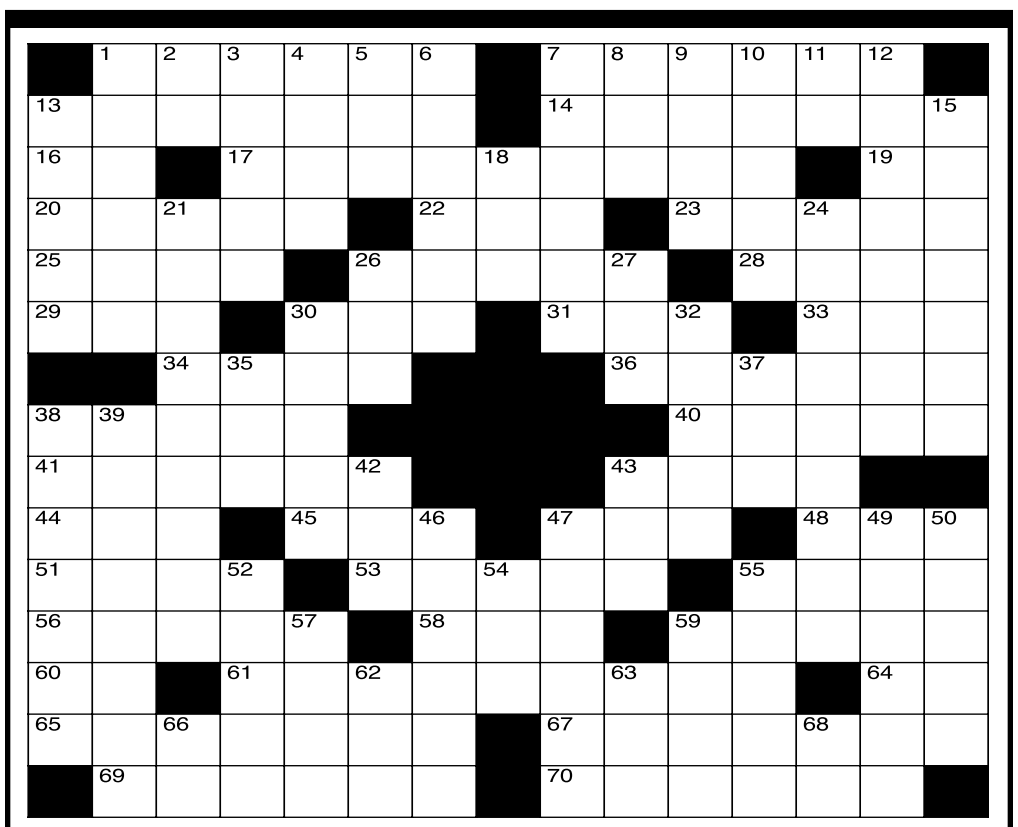
A roast pork meal will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7.

The menu includes roast pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, butternut squash, fresh applesauce, rolls, and dessert.

The cost of the meal is $17 per person.

To make your reservations, please call Ann at 413-547-8720.

On Nov. 7, drive into the back parking lot of First Church in Ludlow at 859 Center Street between 4:30-5:30 p.m. Your hot meal will be delivered to your vehicle.



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1. Spiritual leaders
7. Containing salt
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. Blood type
17. Make a comparison
19. Government lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. __ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. New Zealand mountain
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company higher-up
36. Villains
38. Cricket frog genus
40. Influential early psychologist
41. Endured
43. Servant
44. You can get stuck in one
45. __ and feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Forming a bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankees slugger Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. "The Mount Rushmore State"
61. Sarcastic and critical
64. Atomic #79
65. Longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Preliminary assessment of patients

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1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Craft supplies
4. Containers
5. A way to save for your golden years
6. Common Arabic greeting
7. Bulged downward
8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
15. Resulting from intense conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Moth genus
57. Central Japan city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. A male
68. Powerful government lawyer

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Deadline for photos and forms is Thursday, December 4, 2026

SCHOOL

Fockey Night FUNDRAISER



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

By Morgan Sambor

BELCHERTOWN—For as long as I can remember, Fockey Night, a field hockey game between field hockey players and football players, has been one of those special Belchertown traditions that brings everyone together.

This year I had the honor of experiencing it from a very different perspective.

The 2026 Fockey Night fundraiser was dedicated to me as I continue my journey through cancer treatment.

As a former field hockey player and current Drum Major of the Belchertown High School Marching Band, Belchertown has always been my community.

Seeing that community come together to support my family was something I will never forget.

All proceeds from this night's event will benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund helps support Dana-Farber through fundraising events and donations. The money raised through such events helps fund new and improved cancer research, which improve treatments for families facing challenges similar to mine.



Donations are also helpful for families to provide resource aid to patients and their families during their time throughout treatment. No matter the size of the contribution, it always helps make a difference in the lives of those who need it.

I wouldn't be here without these organizations and the tremendous amounts of work they do. The past year has been one of the hardest of my life, but it has also shown me how strong and supportive our community truly is. What touched me most was not just the fundraising, but the incredible support behind it.

The players, cheerleaders, band members, parents, teachers, staff, volunteers, and fans all gave their time and energy to make the night so meaningful.

Their kindness reminded me that even during difficult times, I am surrounded by people who care.

To everyone who participated, donated, volunteered, or simply came out to cheer us on, thank you. Fockey Night was a beautiful reminder that Belchertown is more than a town. It is a family.





BHS track use on Mondays

BELCHERTOWN—Belchertown High School use of track Monday, November 16 - June 25, 2026. The track will be open for use between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The track will be closed on weekends, holidays, and vacations. Please see the school calendar. Visit https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vR-l4uy58ORfTgR7NpYbkNTvzQh8W600G-fhv5Cpz8GBr7P1y-JaICEeUFdDjk-JeFQvE5Crj9TL5EuqD-jb/pubhtml?gid=508959817&single=true

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Holiday Bazaar will be held Nov. 7

BELCHERTOWN—Come join us for fun and fellowship at the annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Hope United Methodist Church located at 31 Main Street, Belchertown, Mass.

We have a wonderful addition to our Bazaar this year. You will have a chance to say hello and sit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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There will be a variety of vendors. Enjoy a morning snack with coffee and donuts, or grab a cup of soup and a finger sandwich for a quick lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will also be offering a Grab"N Go Bag, for $5.

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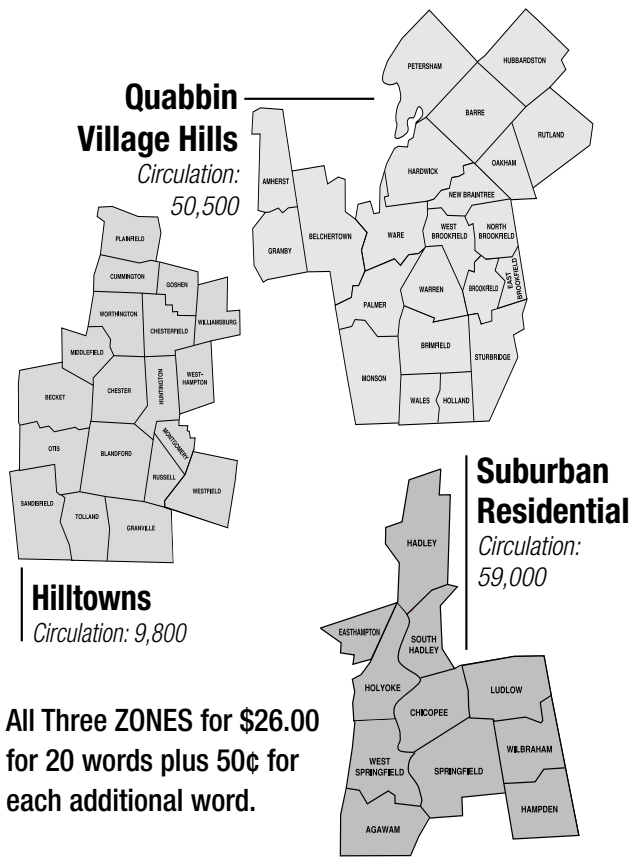
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton MA, 01060
Docket No. HS26P0674GD
In the matter of:
Kathryn S. Henneman
Of: Belchertown, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Katherine A. Henneman of Belchertown, MA

Kimberly A Curtin of East Longmeadow, MA

Brian T Campbell of Philadelphia, PA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Kathryn S. Henneman** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Katherine A. Henneman of Belchertown, MA**

Kimberly A Curtin of East Longmeadow, MA

Brian T Campbell of Philadelphia, PA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **11/25/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 19, 2026
Mark S. Ames
Register of Probate
11/05/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS26P0680EA
Estate of:
Lynn Ann Guertin
Date of Death: 05/03/2026

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **John B. Panzetti of Belchertown, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **John B. Panzetti of Belchertown, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/25/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 27, 2026
Mark S. Ames,
Register of Probate
11/05/2026

Public Hearing
Legal Notice
Belchertown Zoning Board of Appeals

n accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 11 the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **November 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** This hearing will be held in the Planning Board's meeting room of Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA on the application from Kelly Loud dba Rooty Tooty Daycare, Inc. appealing the Zoning Enforcement Officer's decision §145-68 A (1), stating applicant is in violation of the Town of Belchertown by-law § 145-24 A (5) Breeding, raising or keeping of animals on less than 40,000 square feet minimum, applicants lot is approximately 33,106 square feet. The applicant is also seeking a Variance of the Town of Belchertown by-law § 145-24 A (1). The property is located at 31 South Main Street, Lane Map 244 Parcel 122 Zoning District VR. A copy of the application may be inspected at the Town Clerk's office (Room 201) 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA.

Any Person interested and wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Jennifer Sharrow, Chair Person
Zoning Board of Appeals
10/29, 11/05/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton MA, 01060
Docket No. HS06P0606GC
In the interests of
Kathryn S Henneman
Of: BELCHERTOWN, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Katherine A Henneman of Belchertown, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Terminate the Guardianship of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court
Date: October 19, 2026
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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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Shown from left are Glen Wiley and Steven Markow of the Granby Lions Club.

VISION from page 1

aged, or before kindergarten.

These vision screenings draft a detailed report which would be provided for the family's eye care professional.

Markow can make recommendations to get eyes checked by an eye care professional if they detect any failed screenings.

If failed, they can recommend tests for nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, muscle imbalance or unequal pupil sizes.

With these vision screenings, these volunteers at the Granby Lions Club are able to catch any early vision problems children may have at a young age. Markow said vision is 90% of learning and conducting these screenings is important in catching any vision problems at an early age.

Throughout the country, the Lions also offer screenings for adults.

This year, Granby Lions visited seven preschools this year in both towns.

In 2024, nine sites were visited and 187 children were screened. 10 children were referred for an approximately 5% referral rate. In 2025, eight sites were visited and 207 children were screened. 10 children were referred for an approximately 5% referral rate.

Markow said typical screenings have a 5-10% referral rate.

Conducting these screenings is a volunteer effort thanks to the Lions Clubs including the Granby Lions.

The Granby Lions have received letters and positive feedback from these facilities about how this service they provide is helpful.

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