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Rams capture Western Mass. title



Granby boys soccer captured the Western Mass. Class D Championship.

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BYTIM PETERSON Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD-Many talented players have worn the Granby boys' varsity soccer uniform over the years. None of them achieved what the members of this year's squad did.

The seventh-seeded Rams captured the Western Mass title for the first time in school history by defeating the fourth-seeded Monson Mustangs, 2-1, in the Class D finals, which was held on a chilly evening at Berte Field located on the Springfield Central campus, last Tuesday.

"It's hard to put into words," said longtime Granby head coach Todd Dorman. "All the great teams that I've had in the past have just come up a little bit short. Our message to these players has been to control our season, and that's what they did. Monson put the pressure on, and we just did what we could to control the game and control the season."

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Selectboard discusses STM planning

JBMS building project to be determined by voters next June

BY MELINA BOURDEAU Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN - The Selectboard discussed logistical matters related to the Special Town Election on June 17, 2024, and Special Town Meeting on June 24, 2024, which will determine whether voters support the construction of a new Jabish Brook Middle School.

The election will be a referendum to determine whether to build the school and the meeting would vote on the same subject. For the project to move forward, the election and town meeting would have to be in favor of the project. If the item fails in the election, the town meeting could be cancelled.

Town Manager Steve Williams said the town received a quote on renting a tent that can hold 2,000

'Once everything is together, we're going to come back to the table and try to come up with the best plan. From what I can say now, we're still in that \$40,000 to \$45,000 range," he said.

Selectboard Chair Ed Boscher said he had concerns about the clickers available to the voters and said they should consider going back to the yes or no

Williams said the town is under consideration for a secret ballot.

We have a card box, the only downside to that is that we have to count before people leave,' he said. "That will allow full accountability for all the votes."

Selectboard member Peg Louraine said she supported clicker use versus a secret ballot.

"It's just weird to have people sitting there for hours, we've had elections with that number of ballots and election workers

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Veterans Memorial nearing 'soft opening'

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

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GRANBY - The Home Depot Foundation has partnered with the Friends of Granby Veterans to help complete a Veterans Memorial ahead of Veterans Day.

"The Granby Veterans Memorial has been in the works for more than a decade and is nearing completion," the Home Deport Foundation released in a press statement. "Fundraising for the project began in 2011 and, since then, all labor has been done

by volunteers."

Once complete, this "impressive memorial" will honor the residents of Granby who have served the country in time of war.

"The Granby Veterans

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lions Club member **Sharon Lamoureux** (left, in black) and Rag Shag Committee chairperson Mike Loftus (far right) help dish out the treats to Super Heroes, Unicorns, and Chicken Littles at the 70th annual Rag Shag Parade recently held at the Chestnut Hill Community School.



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Granby resident celebrates 100 years

Longtime Granby resident Alice Bronner celebrated her 100th birthday on Nov. 4. She wished for "100 more birthdays," according to family. Something

Special Cafe and Catering in Granby held the party for her on Saturday evening; she goes there every morning for an egg and chocolate milk.

Veterans Day ceremony this weekend

BELCHETOWN - 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 for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Belchertown High School Auditorium.

"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.

Upcoming holiday pet supply sale

BELCHERTOWN - Belchertown Animal Control is planning a holiday Pet Supply and Gifts Sale from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the shelter, 165 George Hannum St.

"Donations of clean, usable items will be gratefully accepted between now and Dec. 1," Animal Control released. "There is an outside donation bin at the shelter that is accessible at all times. Please don't leave items outside

Animal Control released that it "always uses donations first for the animals in its care, but because of the overwhelming generosity of the community, there are always items that just can't be used."

"Those items go into the sale and all money goes to the Gift Fund which is used for the animals in our care and for outreach to the community."

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Memorial Committee is hoping to have the memorial 90 percent completed in time for a soft opening on Veterans Day. They will finish the final 10 percent for a full grand opening on Memorial Day 2024," the press statement reads.

As part of The Home Depot Foundation's national Operation Surprise campaign, Team Depot—Home Depot's associate volunteer force—is working to help reach these goals.

'Volunteers will spend Friday landscaping the memorial, adding trees, shrubs, and perennials to the property to help beautify it for the soft opening on Veterans Day," the foundation released.

The Home Depot Foundation's annual Operation Surprise initiative aims to provide "life-changing moments of surprise through service to our nation's veterans."

From Nov. 1 through Nov. 20, Team Depot will complete hundreds of service projects in honor of Veterans Day, providing moments of surprise along the way.

"Giving back to veterans is personal to The Home Depot, as more than 35,000 of the company's associates are veterans or military spouses," the press statement reads.

Since 2011, The Home Depot Foundation has invested \$475 million in veteran causes and helped renovate and enhance more than 55,000 veteran homes and facilities, according to reports, "ensuring more of our nation's heroes have a safe, comfortable place to call home that fits their individual needs."

Volunteer projects will include landscaping the Veterans Memorial ahead of Veterans Day and take place from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, at 257 East State St., in Granby.







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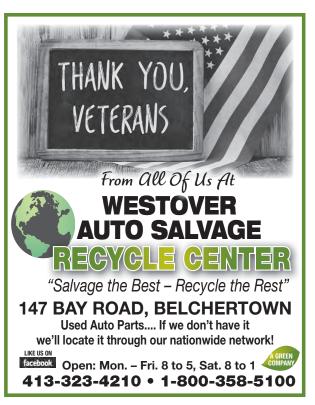
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Belchertown Senior Center happenings

released.

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

Upcoming events at the Senior Center

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

AARP Tax-Aide Program

Assistant 413-323-0420 x 509

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

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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."

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Resident attends Quabbin Cruisers event

John H. Conkey, Sr., of Belchertown, is shown with his 1935 Ford pickup truck and award plaque at the Quabbin Cruisers Robert Harris Memorial Car show recently at the Orange Municipal Airport in Orange; there were 240 classic vehicles of every style, make, and model on display at the event.

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have been in the building well after midnight," she said.

Jabish Brook Middle School building project status

The Jabish Brook Middle School Building project began with the submission of a statement of interest to be part of the Massachusetts School Building Authority program. The town was invited into the eligibility period in 2020.

Should the project move forward, by the fall of 2027, the district would have a new middle school housing 475 students.

The town is eligible to receive funding from the state for the building in the form of reimbursement, which has been estimat-

ed at 30 percent of the building construction. The cost of the project has yet to be determined as details for the design haven't been finalized yet.

The district submitted its Preferred Schematic Report to the MSBA late last month, a report which details the district's preferred building solution which the MSBA will vote on in the coming months.

Jabish Brook Middle School is 50 to 60 years old and faces issues like a roof replacement, remediation of hazardous materials, bringing the building up to ADA compliance, and others.

The preferred option is for a new building, which would house 475 students in grades six through eight, according to the PSR. This design would also have the least impact to students, faculty, and staff because construction will be taking place further away from the current building.

It would have a three-story academic area, one for each grade.

One financial unknown is regarding the soils on the campus property, which are "good for fill but not for building on," according to Lamoureux Pagano Architects Project Manager Christopher Lee.

Should the project get approved, the district will close Cold Springs School, which is the district's most expensive school to maintain, according to Belchertown School District Superintendent Brian Cameron in the October Jabish Brook Middle School public presentation.

Town Hall, Select Board office to close for holiday

BELCHERTOWN - The Town Hall and the Select Board's Office at the Finnerty House will be closing at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 22, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, according



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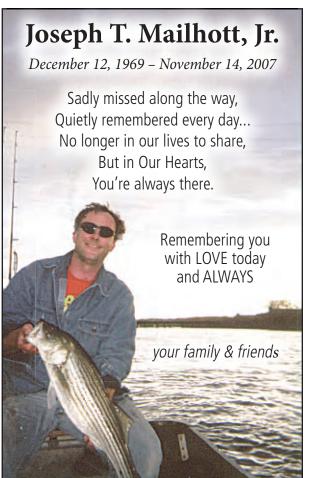
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BELCHERTOWN - Here is the BCTV schedule for Thursday, Nov 9, through Wednesday, Nov. 15

Thursday, Nov. 9

- 8 a.m. Select Board, Nov. 6
- 10 a.m. School Board, Nov. 7
- 12 p.m. Board of Health, Nov. 8
- 7 p.m. Select Board, Nov. 6 • 9 p.m. – School Board, Nov. 7
- 11 p.m. Board of Health, Nov. 8

Friday, Nov. 10

- 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. Council on Aging, Oct. 26
- 10 a.m. Communication Committee, Nov. 4
- 5 p.m. Conversation with Pakman • 7 p.m. – Council on Aging, Oct. 26
- 8 p.m. Communication Committee

Saturday, Nov. 11

• 8 a.m. – Educational Crafting with

Charlotte, Winter Story

- 8:30 a.m. Last Month in Belchertown, Oct./Rag Shag Parade
- 4:30 p.m. Educational Crafting with Charlotte, Winter Story
- 5 p.m. Last Month in Belchertown, Oct./Rag Shag Parade

Sunday, Nov. 12

- 4:30 p.m. Št. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. Hope United Methodist Church 8:30 p.m. - Last Month in
- Belchertown, Oct./Rag Shag Parade

Monday, Nov. 13

- 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. JBMS 6th Grade Concert 2023
- 10 a.m. Memories of the Belchertown Fair, 1999

- 5 p.m. Conversation with Pakman • 6:30 p.m. – Select Board, Channel
- 191 7 p.m. – Conservation Commission, Channel 192

Tuesday, Nov. 14

- 8 a.m. Last Month in Belchertown, Oct./Rag Shag Parade
- 9 a.m. Lost Towns of the Quabbin
- 10 a.m. Nine People of Belchertown You Should Know
- 5 p.m. Last Month in Belchertown, Oct./Rag Shag Parade
- 7 p.m. Planning Board, Channel

Wednesday, Nov. 15

- 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman • 9 a.m. - JBMS 6th Grade Concert 2023
- 10 a.m. Memories of the Fair,
- 5 p.m. Conversation with Pakman



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OPINION



When should I retire and claim my Social Security benefits?

Dear Rusty: I am 64 years old and having difficulty working due to my arthritis, but I can continue part time as a podiatrist. I do not know the best way to determine when to retire. What is the formula or a way to determine which is a better choice?

Signed: Undecided

Dear Undecided

There is a difference between deciding when to retire from working and deciding when to claim your Social Security benefits. For the former, you should consult with a certified financial advisor, but I'll provide you with how Social Security fits into your personal circumstances. In deciding when to claim Social Security, you should look at your financial needs, your life expectancy, your work status and your marital status. There is no one formula right for everyone because everyone's circumstances are different, but here are some things to help decide what is right for

Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects Social Security before reaching their Full Retirement Age. Your FRA is 66 years and 8 months and that is the point at which you get 100% of the SS benefit earned from a lifetime of

If you collect SS before your FRA and continue to work, there is a limit to how much you can earn without jeopardizing your benefits. For example, the earnings limit for 2023 is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. They "take away" benefits by withholding future payments until they recover the penalty for exceeding the limit. If your earnings are substantially over the limit, you will be ineligible to collect Social Security until either your earnings are less or you reach your FRA.

If you claim SS before your FRA your benefit amount will be permanently reduced. If, for example, you claim SS to start at age 65 your monthly benefit will be about 89% of what it would be at your FRA. That reduced benefit would not change thereafter except for Cost of Living Adjustments usually granted

If Social Security will be a major part of your retirement income, then waiting to get a higher monthly benefit may be a prudent strategy for you. The longer you wait to claim the more your benefit will be.

Your SS benefit will continue to grow until you are 70 years old and at 70 your monthly benefit will be about 27% more than it would be at your FRA. Your maximum SS benefit will be attained at age 70 but waiting until age 70 to claim is only prudent if you anticipate a long life expectancy.

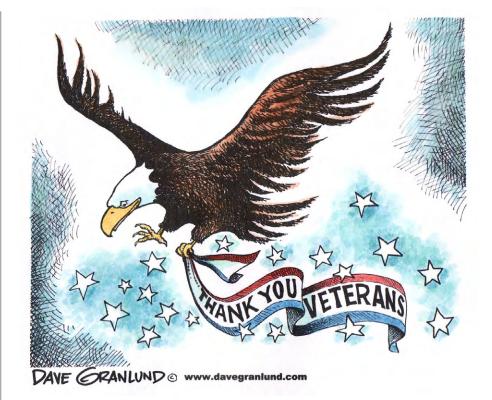
Life expectancy is a very important factor in deciding when to claim SS. If you claim at age 70 instead of at your FRA, you will need to live until you are about 83 to breakeven money wise. If you live even longer than that, then waiting until 70 will yield the highest monthly amount and the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. But if your anticipated life expectancy is less, claiming earlier may be a better choice.

If you are married and expect your wife to survive you, consider that the benefit your wife can get as your widow will be based on your SS benefit when you die, thus the longer you wait to claim the more your wife's benefit as your widow may be.

If you predecease your wife, her benefit will be based on the amount you were receiving at your death if that is more than her personally earned SS benefit.

So, as you can see, deciding when to claim Social Security is a decision to be made after carefully evaluating your personal circumstances as described above. I hope this provides what you need to make an informed decision, but if you have further questions, people may call 1-888-750-2622 or email SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org.

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STATE AUDITOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

Reforms sorely needed at the Sex Offender Registry Board

doesn't just mean reviewing finances. A big part of my role, as I often

speak about with folks across the state, is reviewing the performance and efficacy of the Commonwealth's agencies and entities. A great example of the responsibility to look beyond number crunching is our office's recently released audit of the Sex Offender Registry Board.

People are familiar with the concept that Massachusetts registers convicted sex offenders, maintaining a database of where such people live and work in an effort to maintain

public safety. This system of public safety is maintained by SORB, a seven-member board appointed by the Governor and staffed by more than 70 individuals.

Our recent audit looked at SORB's operations from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021. Covering that two-year period, my team honed in on whether SORB classified sex offenders at least 10 days before they were released from custody, thus ensuring they were assigned an appropriate level.

Further, we looked at whether SORB used all the resources at their disposal to

rving as Massachusetts State Auditor accurately identify sex offenders who were in violation of maintaining their registra-

> I was disappointed to find that SORB underperformed in a way that could have a negative impact upon the public.

> While incarcerated sex offenders are supposed to be assigned a classification at least 10 days prior to their release, per state law, SORB failed to do so with approximately 1/3 of those released during our two-year review window. More concerning, 77 offenders didn't receive their classification until after they were released

This lax approach to the law meant those sex offenders' names, addresses, offenses, and registration statuses were not appropriately posted to SORB's website for level 2 and 3 sex offenders and were not otherwise available to the public.

Our audit team also identified other vulnerabilities regarding how SORB tracked offenders who have been released from incarceration. Namely, SORB's database was not kept up to date in all situations, with approximately one out of five offend-

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BY DIANA DIZOGLIO, Massachusetts State Auditor

During the summer bulbs lie dormant, but when temperatures drop and rain moistens the soil each fall, they are awakened and begin to grow new roots and mature their flower buds. Roughly three months later, as soil temperatures rise, bulbs send up foliage and flowers. When spring rains cease and the soil dries

out, bulbs are cued into dormancy once again - their foliage yellows and disappears and the bulbs wait out the arrival of fall to start the cycle all over again. What this tells us is that we should plant

our bulbs before the mercury dips too low. This will give them a chance to root.

Soil temperatures of 50-55 degrees are ideal. If the fall is dry, providing supplemental watering is also a good idea to encourage the rooting process...this year we don't

What do roots do exactly? You know that they provide food and water to the bulb, but in addition, they anchor it into the soil - very necessary during the freeze/thaw cycles of winter and early spring.

We also learned that there are two times when the bulb is in active growth - when it is rooting, and again in the spring when it sends up its leaves and flower stem. Feeding during these periods is most effective.

I generally broadcast a small amount of organic, well-balanced granular fertilizer

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Two ways to enjoy bulbs next spring

y spring bulbs are almost all in the That is saying a lot, considering at work I plant over 2,000 of them! Daffodils, tulips and hyacinth will all welcome visitors to the museum in April and

Bulb planting is a ritual that I have come to love. I think in part because the process assists Mother Nature in her efforts to usher in springtime and all of its glorious color!

Did you ever wonder why certain bulbs bloom in the spring? Once you understand the life cycle of specific bulbs you can succeed with bulbs outdoors as well as inside.

Most spring flowering bulbs are native to areas of the world where the fall and winter is cool, and rainfall is abundant. Summers are typically hot and dry.

have to worry about that.

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■ PUBLIC SAFETY

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. 25 through Oct. 31. 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 384 calls police responded to, there were 21 incidents, five accidents, six arrests/summons and 34 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Wednesday, Oct. 25

5:15 p.m. - A 66-year-old Belchertown male was issued a summons for leaving the scene of property damage/accident. An officer responded to an accident on George Hannum Road where it was reported one of the vehicles left the scene. The officer saw the vehicle that was involved in the crash. A witness approached and said they saw a vehicle attempting to park next to the involved vehicle and struck it on the passenger's side, backed up, and then parked in a nearby spot. The operator then returned to the vehicle and left the area. There was obvious damage to the vehicle. The officer ran a check to determine who was operating the vehicle. The officer located the person's residence. They said they were driving and bumped into a car, but there was no damage. There was a citation issued.

Thursday, Oct. 26

11:39 p.m. – A 27-year-old Chicopee female was issued a summons for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a family/household, and leaving scene of personal injury/acci-

dent. Officers responded to a report of a person being struck with a vehicle. The Massachusetts State Police responded to the scene, as well as Belchertown fire and paramedics. The person refused medical attention. The reporting person was transported to the station to be interviewed. Their initial report was contradicted by the other person's. A "be on the lookout" for the involved vehicle was issued. It was reported the Chicopee Police Department would do a courtesy booking for the second person.

Friday, Oct. 27

11:59 a.m. – A 45-year-old homeless person was issued a summons for a violation of an abuse prevention order.

Saturday, Oct. 28

10:57 p.m. – A 17-year-old East Longmeadow female was issued a summons for leaving the scene of property damage/accident. An officer responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the underpass on North Washington St. There was front end damage to the vehicle and the airbags were deployed. There were two people grabbing items from the vehicle. The operator was identified and said they left a business in Amherst, attempted to use their GPS to get home, got lost, and then hit the underpass. There was damage to the structure. A citation was issued.

11:02 p.m. – A 17-year-old female juvenile was issued a summons on charges of selling or delivering alcohol to a person under 21 and possession of alcohol under 21. Officers responded to a party.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS Wednesday, Oct. 25

2:23 a.m. – An officer observed a severely injured deer near the fog line while driving on Federal St. The animal was eutha-

nized

10:11 a.m. - An officer responded to the wildlife management area on East St. for a hunting complaint. People on horses reported that a person pointed a shotgun at them. The people were riding horses and noticed a bird hunter further onto the trail. There were two shots fired, and the riders thought the hunter was pointing the gun in their direction afterward. The Environmental Police were contacted and while speaking to the riders, a vehicle drove by and the riders recognized the operator as the hunter. Additional officers responded to the scene. The hunter said they were not shooting in the direction of the horses. The matter was taken over by the Environmental Police.

4:35 p.m. – A Belchertown resident came to the station to return a wallet found on George Hannum Road. The wallet was inventoried and placed into property.

4:44 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Daniel Shay's Highway. A vehicle traveling north on Daniel Shay's Highway lost its rear wheel and went off the roadway at Summer Hill Estates. There were no injuries and no tows necessary.

Thursday, Oct. 26

11:34 a.m. – An officer responded to a State St. business for an accident. The operator was leaving the gas pump when their foot went off the break and onto the gas. The vehicle rear ended the vehicle in front of it. The operator of the second vehicle said they were in pain and were assessed by Belchertown fire and paramedics. They declined transportation. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

12:58 p.m. – An officer took a report of a past break-in. The person had just come back from vacation out of state and reported there was damage to their screens in the left- or right-hand corner of the windows.

There was someone who was watching the house, but wasn't staying overnight. One screen in the rear was broken and there were fingerprints on the window. The officer didn't believe anyone got access to the residence. There was nothing missing and there are no suspects at this time.

3:10 p.m. – An officer responded to investigate threats that were made. It was determined there was no creditable threat.

3:42 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Maple St. Three vehicles were traveling east on Maple St. when the first stopped to turn left into a driveway. The last vehicle struck the rear of the second vehicle, which struck the first vehicle. No injuries were reported and no tow was necessary.

Friday, Oct. 27

9:26 a.m. – An officer took a complaint from a resident who had a person staying in a camper on their property who was refusing to move. The officer made the resident aware of what they could do to remedy the situation.

4:56 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State St. A school bus was stopped at a stop sign while exiting Chestnut Hill School while a second vehicle was traveling north on State St. The operator of the second vehicle didn't stop, and the bus didn't fully stop at the sign to look left. The second vehicle had to swerve left to not strike the bus. The bus was struck anyway, and there was damage to the right side. There was a flat rear tire on the second vehicle. Both vehicles were able to drive from the scene and no injuries were reported.

9:39 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

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AUDITOR from page 7

ers showing incorrect addresses when compared against records maintained by other state departments (such as the addresses the Department of Transitional Assistance records).

Part of the benefit of SORB is that it tracks the location of high-level offenders. By not ensuring that it has the current addresses of sex offenders considered in violation, SORB is not able to consistently communicate information about sex offenders' whereabouts, their offenses, and

their classifications to local law enforcement agencies and the general public.

What's disturbing is that some of these issues were identified the last time my predecessor audited SORB. These issues must be immediately addressed.

Our office has recommended that SORB increase their collaboration with correctional facilities to establish more reliable procedures for providing anticipated release dates for incarcerated offenders. We've also recommended the implementation of a tracking process that identifies any delays or issues that may arise, to

ensure that all sex offenders are assigned final classifications prior to each offender's release

For ensuring residential address accuracy, SORB needs to not only work more closely with other state agencies to verify addresses – SORB must also make a point of updating those addresses in their system when they are found.

We will continue to work with SORB and encourage their adoption of practices that maximize public safety.

As always, please feel free to contact my office at any time for more information

at auditor@sao.state.ma.us and 617-727-2075.

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■ PUBLIC SAFETY

Police 'comfort dog' Oliver visits Christopher Heights

BELCHERTOWN – Members of the community at Christopher Heights got a special visit from Oliver, the police department's "Comfort Dog in Training."

"So cute, so well behaved, and so comforting," Christopher Heights released in a statement on social media, adding that Oliver's handler, Belchertown Police Officer Valerie Austin, escorted Oliver to the event.

"Oliver helps the officer's when they come back to the police station from a devastating call. He lowers blood pressure and anxiety. He also helps with trauma and assault, like domestic violence victims and sexual assault victims," Christopher Heights released. "Officers have a tough job to do and Oliver is there to help."





Oliver made a recent visit to Christopher Heights. Police said he is very patient and attentive when he's working.

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Oliver at Christopher Heights.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS, OFFICE OF NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID E. SULLIVAN The Northwestern District Attorney's Office teams up with local police departments, the Hampshire and Franklin Sheriff's offices, county-based TRIAD initiatives and the national Drug Enforcement Agency to organize the twice-a-year collections.

'Drug Take Back Day' disposes of more than 1 ton of drugs

REGION – A recent National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event in Hampshire and Franklin Counties collected 2,568 pounds of drugs, "safely disposing of the unwanted and unneeded substances."

"Nine communities in Hampshire County and five towns in Franklin County participated," the office of Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan released. "That means the Northwestern District has safely disposed of 71,584 pounds of drugs since 2011 during Take Back Days and the permanent drug collection boxes stationed at many area police departments, ridding the region of unneeded prescription and non-prescription drugs, preventing misuse, and keeping them out of water sources and landfills."

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The recent total is "signifi-

cantly more" than the 1,681 pounds collected in April, according to reports; Take Back tallies in 2022 were 1,900 and 1,935 pounds.

"The Northwestern District Attorney's Office teams up with local police departments, the Hampshire and Franklin Sheriff's offices, county-based TRIAD initiatives and the national Drug Enforcement Agency to organize the twice-a-year collections."

Local drug prevention coalitions, including Hampshire HOPE and the Opioid Task Force of Franklin County support the efforts. The following communities took part in the recent event: Amherst, Belchertown, Deerfield, Easthampton, Hadley, Leverett, Montague, Northampton, Orange, Pelham, South Hadley, Sunderland, Williamsburg, and Worthington.



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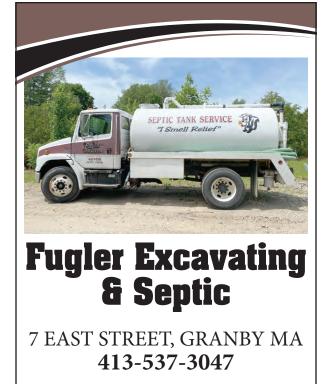








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COMMUNITY

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:

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

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

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.

Deadline: Friday, Dec. 1

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.

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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

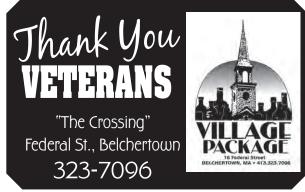
The Commission has regulatory control over new construction, reconstruction, alterations, movements, and demolition of all exterior architectural features of buildings and structures within the Historic District, which are visible from any public street, public way, or public park.

Deadline: Friday, Dec. 1



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Madysen LePage attempts to outrun her opponent.



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Isabella Vozzella chases after the loose ball.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM Brooke Burrows sends a pass through the middle.

Orioles fall to Tigers for second straight playoffs

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Monday night, South Hadley got a goal in overtime from Lauren Marjanski to defeat Belchertown 4-3 in the semifinals of the Western Mass. Class B Tournament. It was the second straight year South Hadley defeated Belchertown in a Western Mass.

playoff game. The Tigers won the championship against Belchertown last year, and Belchertown defeated South Hadley in 2021. Marjanski scored all four goals in the game for South Hadley while Brooke Burrows scored twice for the Orioles with Maya Tellier adding the third goal.



Briana Haley tries to settle the ball.



Edith Audette clashes with an opponent.



Goalie Brooke Stelmokas watches a play for the Orioles.

Field hockey ousted from Western Mass. tourney

BELCHERTOWN - After



an excellent regular season, Belchertown field hockey drew a matchup with Franklin Technical in the semifinals of the Western Mass. Class B Tournament. The two teams had split games during the regular season, being on both ends of 3-0 decisions. This time, it was a 2-1 decision in favor of Franklin Tech as the Orioles fell and then moved into state tournament play. In the 2-1 loss, Belchertown, which hosted the semifinal game, got one goal from Isabella Cebula while Brooke Stelmokas made 13 saves in goal.



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Owls reach conference finals

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University men's soccer team appeared in their first conference title game since 2017, falling to top-seeded Bridgewater State 5-0 in the 2023 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship game from Mazzaferro Field in Bridgewater, Mass. on Sunday.

The Owls conclude a successful season campaign as Westfield (7-8-2) increased their season win total by four games from last year, securing the second overall seed in the MASCAC Tournament.

The Owls run to the title game included a memorable penalty-kick shootout victory over Salem State in the league semifinals to advance to today's conference title game with a relatively short turnaround given the effort and intensity of Friday night's match.

In just his second season as Westfield's head men's soccer coach, Dr. Christopher Streeter led the Owls back to the conference championship match for the first time in six years, coaching a group that was comprised of experienced upper-classmen and impact rookies.

Bridgewater quickly opened

SPORTS

T-Birds fall to Islanders in weekend finale

BRIDGEPORT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (6-5-0-0) could not withstand a late rally by the Bridgeport Islanders (3-5-1-0) in a 3-2 defeat on Sunday afternoon at Total Mortgage Arena.

For the first time in three games this weekend, it would be the T-Birds to get the 1-0 lead in the opening period. Operating a man down at the 8:40 mark, Nathan Walker picked up a feed from Calle Rosen and raced into the Islanders zone on a 2-on-1 with Matthew Peca. The captain served as a decoy and Walker wristed a try through the stick side of Ken Appleby, giving Springfield the 1-0 edge. The goal was Walker's seventh of the season and an AHL-best third short-

handed tally.

Walker's goal gave Springfield the lead, but the T-Birds had a difficult time generating much else in the opening 20 minutes, getting outshot 13-5 by Bridgeport in the first frame. While Springfield did successfully kill off nearly a minute of 5-on-3 Bridgeport power play time, the Islanders were able to parlay that offensive momentum into a tying strike by ex-Providence Bruin Sam Asselin at 16:44, when he grabbed a puck neatly off the right-wing wall, spun toward the faceoff dot, and snapped a shot through Vadim Zherenko to deadlock the game, 1-1, heading into the intermission. Asselin's goal marked the

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Railers drop OT thriller to Adirondack

WORCESTER – Worcester dropped a 5-4 overtime decision to A dirondack, allowing four power play goals along the way. The overtime goal, scored by Matt Stief, was a 4-on-3 goal with Railers forward Zach White in the penalty box for tripping.

From close up, and on replay, it did not look much like a trip and the Railers were careful not to be critical of the call. That could cost them money. They were not happy, but White stood up and took the blame.

"It wasn't a good play," he said. "I was trying for the puck and then he fell...that was terrible by me."

Coach Jordan Smotherman discreetly not critical

of the officiating. Neither was he critical of his player.

"That's just the kind of guy he is," Smotherman said of White taking the blame.

There was plenty of blame, but plenty of credit in what turned out

to be a terrific game after a sluggish first period. After scoring two goals in the game's first 40 minutes the teams combined for seven in the last 23:16.

The overtime loss earned the Railers one point and after the last two seasons when they missed the playoffs by a point, they can understand the value of that. The problem is that in the third period they blew a 3-1 lead and 4-3 lead before the game went into overtime.

"That can't happen," Smotherman said of the late lapses, "especially their fourth goal. We completely lose our heads and five guys wind up in the corner. That can't happen in small margin games."

The fourth Adirondack goal was scored by Riley Smith with just 2:34 left in the third period. He drilled a 25-foot shot past Tristan Lennox' blocker. What made it worse was that while it was not officially a shorthanded goal, Thunder defenseman Tristan Thompson had been injured near his own net and was still in the defensive zone trying to get off the ice when Adirondack scored.

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MIAA from page 1

The MIAA power rankings were used to determine the seedings for the Western Mass. tournament.

The Rams (13-1-6 overall record) finished the regular season in first place in the Schmid Division standings with a 10-0-4 mark. They advanced into the Western Mass. finals following a 2-1 win over second-seeded Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School in the quarterfinals, and a 1-0 victory over sixth-seeded Smith Academy in the semifinals.

"The way that the power rankings work, it didn't really favor us, but we like being the underdogs," Dorman said. "Anything to motivate the boys, we'll take it."

Granby entered the Division 5 state tournament as the 39th-seeded. The Rams lost 5-2 to 26th-seeded Upper Cape Cod RVT in a preliminary round match.

It was the final high school soccer game for Granby seniors Colin Murdock, Spencer Labonte, Ben Berger, and Nicolas Grandmont.

The Mustangs (8-10-1), who didn't win any games in 2021, just missed qualifying for the state tournament as the 33rd seed. The top 32 ranked teams automatically qualify for the state tournament. All the other teams with a .500 or better record also qualify for the state tournament.

Monson head coach Peter Beaupre isn't a fan of the MIAA power ranking system.

"I hate the power ranking system because it really doesn't help the Western Mass. teams," Beaupre said. "You can't tell me that Granby is the seventh seed, and we are the fourth seed in the Western Mass. tournament. Duggan Academy, who went 1-13 during the regular season, was the fifth seed in this tournament. I just think the MIAA needs to redo the whole power ranking system. We play against Division 1,2, and 3 teams during the regular season and our strength of schedule is still low. It's an awful system. I liked the old system a lot better."

The Mustangs beat Duggan, 12-0, in the quarterfinals before upsetting top seeded Hoosac Valley, 3-1, in the semifinals.

The five seniors listed on the Monson roster are Alex Young, Ethan Thurston, Sebastian Nava, Thomas Payne, Brady Ronaldson, and Colin Beaupre.



Gavin Moreno gets the header.

"We'll be losing five seniors this year and it's a very special group," coach Beaupre said. "Alex, Ethan, and Colin were members of the varsity soccer team as eighth graders. Colin was one of the starters that year. It has been a lot of fun coaching both of my sons."

Jake Beaupre is a member of the sophomore class.

The 2019 Monson squad lost to Lenox, 2-0, in the Western Mass. Division 4 finals. It was the final year of the old playoff format.

A year ago, Granby defeated Monson, 1-0, in the Western Mass. Class E semifinals before losing to Smith Academy, 1-0, in the Western Mass. finals.

The Rams took a 1-0 lead in this year's Western Mass. finals when junior Gavin Moreno received a pass from classmate Riley Goodhind before putting a shot into the left corner past sophomore goalie Austin Meacham for his 19th goal of the season.



Triston Moe makes his way down the right side.

"Shifting Gavin around on the field really opened him up," Dorman said. "He was able to become the player this year who he wants to be and who we want him to be."

Late in the first half, Granby sophomore goalie Dan Santiago made the save on a line-drive shot taken by Colin Beaupre.

"Dan controlled his area very well in tonight's game," Dorman said. "He also has a lot of support around him. It's a whole team defense."

Then a free kick taken by Monson sophomore Shane Szado was headed away by a Granby defender.

The Rams entered the second half holding onto a slim 1-0 advantage.

Ten minutes into the second half, Colin Beaupre had a breakaway shot opportunity, but Granby junior Cody White was able to break up the scoring chance.

The Rams scored a corner kick goal during the 66th minute.



Colin Murdock makes his way up the field.

Junior Jaxton Roy booted the ball into the box from the right corner and Grandmont finished off the play with a shot into the right corner.

The Mustangs also got on the scoreboard with a corner kick goal eight minutes later.

Eighth grader Trey Dillahunt sent the ball into the box from the right corner where Beaupre fired a low shot into the left corner slicing the deficit in half.

"I thought we played a lot better in the second half than we did in the first half," coach Beaupre said. "Collin's goal was scored with his left foot. I think it's the first time he's done that during his high school career. I wish we could've scored a couple more goals, but Granby is a very good soccer team."

Monson had several more scoring chances during the final six minutes of regulation, but they couldn't score the tying goal.



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The Railers goals were scored by Andrei Bakanov, Ashton Calder and Brendan Robbins. Bakanov had two goals to register the first multi-goal game of his Railers career. Anthony Callin, once again a key offensive player for Worcester, had three assists.

The score after the first 20 minutes would have been about 7-6 if icings had counted as goals. As has been traditional in hockey, they did not. Thus it was a 0-0 game going into the second period.

About seven minutes into the period the Railers were whistled for icing three times in the span of a minute but as things progressed the teams began to generate more offense but could not score.

The Railers and the Thunder traded power play goals in the second period with Adirondack scoring first. Thompson gave his team a 1-0 lead at 9:32 by drilling a 55-foot slapshot home from the right point.

Bakanov tied it at 1-1 at 17:59 with his first goal of the season. It was on the power play as he converted a nice goalmouth pass from Callin. Bakanov gave Worcester the lead at 1:55 of the third period, again on the power play, with a sizzling high wrist shot from between the circles.

Calder scored a marvelous shorthanded goal at 5:45 to make it 3-1. He was sent free on a breakaway when Jake Pivonka batted the puck out of mid-air and sent it directly to his streaking teammate. Calder beat Jeremy Brodeur with a backhander from in close.

Erik Middendorf tied it for Adirondack with goals at 7:29 and 8:57, both on power plays, the first with the Railers two men short. Robbins banged in a rebound off the back wall at 14:26, Callin having taken the original shot, but Smith scored that crucial tying goal exactly three minutes

From there it was on to overtime and the 5-4 final.

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third straight Islanders goal scored by the top-line winger dating back over a four-game span.

The T-Birds' power play did not get a chance until the 4:52 mark of the second period, and Springfield did not wait even 10 seconds to get a man-advantage marker for the sixth time in seven games. After Peca won a faceoff, he moved the puck to Joey Duszak at the line, and the veteran defender lifted a wrist shot toward the net. Walker found himself in the middle of the action again, as he deflected it through Appleby's equipment to restore Springfield's lead, 2-1, at the 5:00 mark of the second.

The T-Birds kept on dealing with a relentless flurry of pressure from the Islanders, but Zherenko and the Springfield defense held the fort to take the 2-1 advantage into the third. Zherenko

made 27 saves through the first two periods alone.

After a quiet first half of the third period, the T-Birds' defensive levee finally came apart at the 12:02 mark when Matthew Maggio cleaned up a rebound from a Robin Salo shot that had glanced off a T-Birds defender. Maggio tied the score at one apiece, and not even three minutes later, Salo joined the scoring fun, pumping home a rebound off a Karson Kuhlman net drive at 14:25 to give the Islanders their first lead, 3-2.

The T-Birds' offense could not find another tally before time ran out, and thus brought an end to the club's fivegame win streak. Zherenko finished his night with 32 stops, while Appleby got his first win despite only needing to block 17 Springfield offerings.

Springfield returned home for the annual T-Birds School Day Game on Wednesday.

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the scoring 4:28 into the match with Nicholas Ribeiro (Bellingham, Mass.) potting his sixth goal of the season to put the Bears ahead 1-0. From that point forward, senior David Nelson (East Bridgewater, Mass.) took control of the contest, scoring the next three goals to complete the hattrick, ultimately securing the conference title for a Bears team that suffered just two regulation losses all season.

The Bears outshot the Owls 20-9 in the

game as Westfield rotated all four goal-keepers into the match. Luke Theroux (Chicopee, Mass.) wrapped up an impressive first season with the Owls, starting the match and picking up one save.

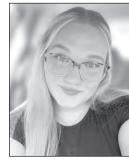
Senior Drew Adams (North Attleboro, Mass.) stopped all four shots faced while first-year Berto Truoiolo (Springfield, Mass.) got his first taste of postseason play, securing two saves. Senior Collin O'Brien (Windsor Lock, Conn.) also saw playing time in net for Westfield. Coleby Andrade (Falmouth, Mass.) led the Owls with two shots.

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■ OBITUARIES

Alisabethe "Ali" Leigh Ermold

BELCHERTOWN - Alisabethe "Ali" Leigh Ermold, 19, passed away suddenly on October 27, 2023. She was born on February 12, 2004, in Philadelphia, Penn., to Michael Ermold and Ora (Klaas) McKenna. Ali attended preschool at Children First and attended Granby Public Schools from kindergarten through fifth grade. She attended PVCICS in sixth and seventh grade, and 8-12



at Belchertown High School before graduating in 2022. Following her graduation, Ali attended HCC for her freshman year of college and was currently a student at Westfield State University.

Ali loved many things. She loved napping, baking, and shopping sprees. She enjoyed doing her makeup and her hair, and making sure to always smell good with the best perfumes. She loved crystals and playing games with family and friends. She found comfort in anything that was fuzzy, and absolutely adored cows. She truly loved her family and she will be dearly missed.

Ali leaves behind her mom, Ora McKenna; dad, Mike Ermold; stepfather, Bryan Moreau; her twin sisters, Scarlett and Rae Ermold; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, "chosen siblings", and many, many dear friends. She also leaves her beloved animals, Pakku, Mai, Busch, Jaws, Jumbo, and her baby Princess McCloud.

Please consider helping the family with funeral costs by donating to gofund.me/de5ae269 or consider a donation to the Ferret Association of Connecticut by visiting ferretassn.

Please visit beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

Peter G. Thorpe



BELCHERTOWN - Peter G. Thorpe, 90, of Belchertown passed away October 28, 2023, at Baystate Wing Hospital.

He was born on November 20, 1932, in Holyoke to Francis L. and Aniela E. (Cenarowna) Thorpe.

Peter was raised in Holyoke and has resided in Belchertown for the last 40 years, moving here shortly after serving in the Air Force on active duty from 1952-1978. Peter served in multiple locations including Africa and Thailand. He was actively involved in recon-

Death notices

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naissance during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Peter has volunteered innumerable hours to the town of Belchertown Veterans with the American Legion Post 239 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8428. Currently, he was the Past Commander and Adjutant of the Legion Post 239. Peter also participated in over 200 burial ceremonies as a volunteer at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

Peter was honorably named as the reciprocate of Belchertown's 2023 Hometown Hero Award for his dedication to his country as a Veteran, Active Duty, and National Guard/Reservist. Peter loved hiking in the Quabbin Reservoir and was an avid member of the National Audobon Society. He loved to travel with his wife, Sutin, and they were able to travel to many different countries. He will be deeply missed by his wife Sutin Thorpe of Belchertown. He is also survived by six nieces and nephews, Richard, Gary, David, Laurie Charpentier, Andrew Gablik and Bettina Moore; and many great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

All services will be privately held at the convenience of the family at the Mass. Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. Donations can be made in Peter's memory to the VFW of Belchertown. Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.



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Belchertown Farmers & Artisans Market announces indoor market dates

BELCHERTOWN - Market organizers have announced two dates for indoor markets at Jabish Brook Middle School, located at 62 N. Washington St. in Belchertown.

The Belchertown Farmers & Artisans Markets will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sundays, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

As of press time, vendors included: Austin Brothers Valley Farm, Grown Up Farm, Dave's Natural Garden, The Lavender Woods Farm, Shattuck's Sugarhouse, Auntie Elsie's Bakery, Cold Spring Soapery, Cakes by PIP, Lois' Creations, Sarah Crafts Things, Sir Barks-A-Lot Homemade Dog Treats, Spice by Rachel Sweet, Wicked Good Treats by Elaine, P'Frogi Eastern European Foods, Pearl & Company, Ishkabbile Crafts, and Woven Wild.

Stay up to date by signing up for the "Market Email" at belchertownfarmersmarket.org. Social media updates are also on Facebook and Instagram.

BCOA from page 3

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

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

POLICE LOG from page 8

Saturday, Oct. 28

9:19 p.m. - Officers responded to a North Main St. residence to help with a person who threatened to harm themselves with a knife. They were transported to the hospital.

10:10 p.m. - Officers were dispatched to an Amherst Road residence for a report concerning a juvenile who ran away from home. The residents knew where the person was, and the officer responded to that location. During that time the juvenile called and said they were on their way back home. A 51A was filed and the officer spoke to the parties.

Sunday, Oct. 29

1:37 p.m. - An officer took a report of threats made to a person while attending a meeting in town. They wanted the matter

3:05 p.m. -An officer responded to George Hannum Road for a report of a person walking down the street holding a knife. The officer was able to find them and introduce themselves. The officers didn't find the knife initially, but there was an item in their pocket consistent with a knife in their pants. Backup arrived on scene. The knife was seized by the officer. No transportation was needed, a relative was contacted to get the person.

10:38 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Fuller St. A tractor trailer unit was on Fuller St. attempting to turn right on North Washington St. The vehicle was unable to make the corner and struck utility pole with its rear wheels.

Monday, Oct. 30

8:25 a.m. - An officer took a report of a vehicle break-in. The person reported their vehicle was in their garage and was broken into overnight. They arrived home and the door was open. There were a lot of packages in the garage. The items were stolen, and the person provided an itemized list to the officers.

1:21 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

3:59 p.m. - An officer took a report of identify fraud. They got a letter from fraud and outstanding balance owed for transactions out of state. Never made them and report on file.

9:53 p.m. – An officer responded to Ware Road to assist a trooper with a deer

in the roadway. The deer was still alive but unable to move and walk, determined to be euthanized.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

8:51 a.m. - An officer spoke with a person about an incident with a relative on the PVTA. There was an older male harassing the person. The officer got a description of the person. There are no suspects at this time and the matter remains open and under investigation.

10:10 a.m. - Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

11:15 a.m. - A person came to the station to turn in a pamphlet, note, and money found on Jabish St. The items were entered into property.

11:29 a.m. - An officer responded to a State St. business for a person who came into the store. They allegedly stole beer and tried to leave money on the cashier's table since they weren't able to purchase the beer since it was after hours. The person then entered again, stole more beer, and then left. There was video footage of the person who was then identified and the officer informed the owner of a trespassing policy. They were able to retrieve the beer.

1:43 p.m. – A resident came to the station to turn in a bank card on Main St. The officer attempted to contact the owner, and they weren't home. The card was placed

3:58 p.m. – Officers responded to assist a resident who had concerns about a person who might be dangerous to themselves or to other. The officers were unable to locate any information on the involved person. The incident was docu-

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 105 calls for the week of Oct. 27 through Nov. 2. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all informa-

Friday, Oct. 27

10:12 p.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 53MPH in 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and it was discovered that the vehicle was

not registered and the operator did not have a valid license. The operator was issued a criminal citation for speeding, unregistered motor vehicle, and operating without a license.

Saturday, Oct. 28

9:33 p.m. - A motorist reported striking a deer with their vehicle. There were no injuries. An officer responded and completed an accident report.

10:17 p.m. - The Belchertown PD called our station to pass on a report of an erratic operator traveling into Granby on Route 202. Officers located the vehicle and after observing erratic operation, a motor vehicle stop was conducted. See following call entry.

10:40 p.m. - Derrick Whitley, 32, of Holyoke was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, crossing marked lanes, and possessing an open container of

Monday, Oct. 30

1:37 a.m. - While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle crossed marked lanes and to be traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 60MPH in 35MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for crossing marked lanes and speeding.

1:33 p.m. - A resident reported that someone opened an unemployment claim in their name. An incident report was completed.

8:41 p.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 55MPH in 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

2:01 p.m. - A motorist reported being involved in a minor accident at the school parking lot. An officer responded and completed an accident report.

Thursday, Nov. 2

12:52 p.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 60MPH in 35MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.







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Upcoming Events

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

Additionally, the library will be closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

"We will reopen at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, for our normal hours," the library released.

Upcoming programs at the Clapp Memorial Library include:

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.

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.

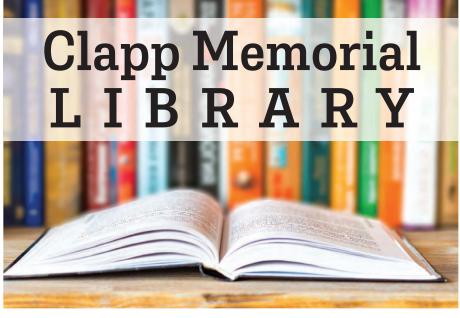
Teen Advisory Board Meeting

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 clap-plibrarytab@gmail.com to register.



Weekly Teen Write Nights

Wednesdays, Nov. 15 and 29, at 5:30-7

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.

Music with Pop

Wednesdays, Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Music with Jacques Hooten, aka "Pop," in the Children's Activity Room, geared toward ages one to six. Spaces will be filled first by children who reside within Belchertown, the library released.

"Enjoy singing and dancing in this interactive music series."

Registration and confirmation are required; visit clapplibrary.org to register. These events are funded by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

Story Times

Registration and confirmation are required for the following story times, which feature "age-appropriate stories, songs, finger plays, and art activities."

Babytime Storytime

Mondays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4 and 11, Jan. 8, 22, and 29, from 9-9:45 a.m.
Babytime is for ages three to 12 months.

First Steps Storytime

Mondays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4 and 11, Jan. 8,
22, and 29, from 10-10:45 a.m.

First Steps is for ages 12-24 months.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5 and 12, Jan. 9, 16, and 23, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time is for children two years old.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and 14, Jan. 11, 18, and 25, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time is for children ages

Preschool Story Time is for children ages three to six.

Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club *Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 6 p.m.*This monthly book group for lovers of

high fantasy, hard science fiction, fable, far future, and all of the speculative fiction options meets online via Google Meet. The November read is "Space Opera" by Catherynne M. Valente. Contact Tegan at tmannino@cwmars.org for the meeting link.

National Novel Writing Month Write-In

Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 6-8 p.m. Join at the library for some NaNowrimo

"Bring your laptop, notebook, and pen, or even your typewriter and participate in some timed word sprints, where we'll challenge ourselves to write as many words as we can in the allotted time."

This event is for adults 18+. For more information, contact Annie at the Library: macona@cwmars.org.

A Musical Afternoon with Peregrine Road

Saturday, Dec. 2, from 3-4 p.m.

A concert of Celtic, English country dance, French, and contra dance music with Karen Axelrod (piano and accordion) and Rachel Bell (accordion).

"Peregrine Road will take you on a journey from a quiet, healing space with achingly beautiful waltzes to the exciting feeling of a crowded dance hall with energetic reels and then on a stroll into a Parisian cafe. There will be something for everyone: old tunes, new tunes, relatable stories, and good laughs."

Funded by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

The library is open: Monday, 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. 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.





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QAA opens annual Plein Air Exhibit in Palmer



A "Plein Air Oil" by Bev Phaneuf, Plein Air Coordinator.

BELCHERTOWN - The Ouabbin Art Association opened its Annual Plein Air Exhibit at the Palmer Public Library on Nov. 1.

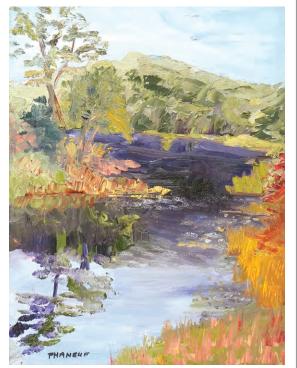
The exhibit runs through the end of the month and features artwork painted "en plein air" in various mediums including oil, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, pencil, and pen & ink. The exhibit is located at the Meeting Room during regular business hours.

"Many of the pieces are for sale and can be purchased directly from the artists," the Quabbin Art Association (QAA) released.

An Artists' Reception was held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the library. The QAA's Plein Air Coordinator is Beverly Phanuef.

Now in its eighth year, the Belchertown-based Quabbin Art Association promotes "community interest and appreciation in the visual arts by providing education, support, and opportunity for local artists.'

To learn more about the organization or to become a member, visit quabbinartassociation.com.



Plein Air Oil by Bev Phaneuf.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

'Sun on the Muddy' book event upcoming at Jones Library

AMHERST – At 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, poet Jim Armenti and photographer Dave Madeloni will share their work "Sun on the Muddy," a book of poetry and photos published by Levellers Press.

There will be a short presentation, poetry reading, a few songs, and conversation. Books will be available for purchase, according to a press release.

Armenti is a poet, musician, and

He was born in Ann Arbor, Mich., the "third-generation product of Italian immigrants."

"Jim grew up in a household of musicians, his father a classical mandolin player, one sister (of three) a guitar player, another a flute player and everyone a singer. In high school, Jim started a band called H&WA, named after the school counselor's report that Jim is 'happy and well-adjusted.' Jim

performs with the legendary band, The Lonesome Brothers," the library released. "He tours internationally with The Young at Heart Chorus, and he constantly writes poetry."

Madeloni is a photographer, educator, and journalist.

"Early on, his parents strongly encouraged his curiosity and creativity. He immersed himself in the lyrics of great songwriters while capturing images of performers,

protesters, and most recently, puddles," the library added. "For the last forty years, he has also taught and supported young people with social/emotional disabilities, inspiring their curiosity and creativity. In 'Sun on the Muddy,' Dave explores in photos the beauty and meaning found all around us, but not where we ordinarily look."

For more information, contact Janet Ryan at 413-259-3223.

Small engine workshop this weekend

BELCHERTOWN - The NESFI is hosting a workshop titled "Small Engine Repair and Maintenance," on Saturday, Nov. 11.

"New England Small Farm Institute [NESFI] continues its Education Series with the workshop from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 11, at 275 Jackson Street, Belchertown," a press statement reads. "The staff of Devon Lane Power Equipment will lead a handson workshop covering the fundamentals of maintaining and repairing small gas-powered machines such as mowers, chainsaws, tillers, blowers,

Topics will include performing regular maintenance steps, essential tools and supplies, diagnostics and troubleshooting, basic repairs, and more. All are welcome, but "space is limited so best to register early," event organizers released.

There is a \$20 registration fee; register via email at info@ smallfarm.org or by phone at 413-323-4531.

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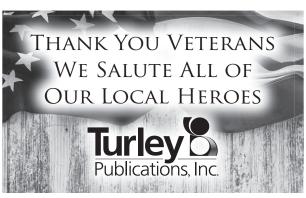
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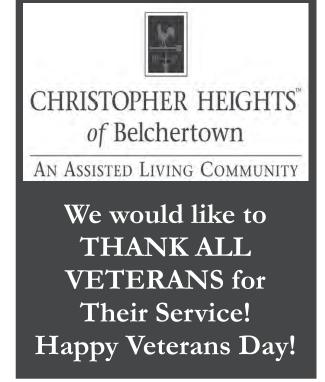




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hosts Pioneer Valley Artist Tina Addison

Quabbin Art Association

BELCHERTOWN - The Quabbin Art Association will host local artist Tina Addison of South Hadley at its November

Addison moved back to "The Happy Valley" after forty-six years of practicing nursing in Boston, according to a press

"After twenty-plus years of taking watercolor classes, she now teaches at local senior centers. Having grown up with arts and crafts, Addison incorporates many of these techniques into her

paintings," the Quabbin Art Association (Q A A) released. "She will demonstrate the 'Pour & Paint' technique and invite the audience to share in the experience."

The meeting will be held on Nov. 16 at St.

Francis Parish Hall, 12 Park St., Belchertown. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with a business meeting at 7 p.m. followed by Addison's presentation.

"With the rise in COVID, attendees please consider wearing a mask or face covering if you have been exposed or consider joining us at another time," the OAA added.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Artwork by Tina Addison.

Funding for this program is supported in part by a grant from the Belchertown Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

The QAA encourages the public to join its "lively art group and meetings." For more information, visit quabbinartassociation. com or email info@quabbinartas-

Granby High holds 2023 Principal's List Dinner

GRANBY – The Granby Jr. Sr. High School held its Principal's List Award Dinner on Oct. 24 in the Edward Sullivan Gymnasium for students currently enrolled at or who recently graduated from

'This is one of Granby Jr/Sr High School's most prestigious academic awards and is attained by earning maximum or high honors in at least three of the four marking periods during the previous school year," the school

Seventy students were recognized for this award at this event, with 180 guests in attendance. Dinner was provided by Chartwells; the event was hosted by Principal Alison Jordan and Assistant Principal Juan Rodriguez was the guest speaker.

Grade 8 (achieved in Grade 7)

Lauren Barlow, Gianna Capone, Noah Chambers, Ralph El Aouji, Vitaly Gavel, Wyatt Kennedy, Sophia Labonte, Abigail LaDuke, Anthony Misiaszek, Emma Murphy, Kaelynn Slapski, Richard Sweet, Isabella Tetreault

Grade 9 (achieved in Grade 8)

Meredith Bartosz, Lyla Bergeron, Daniel Brown, Sydney Chateauneuf, Parker Dufresne, Kyrsten Gaj, Tessa Healey, Madelyn LaPointe, Brenna Moreno, Lauren Piercey, Lydia Pike, Audrey Pleisch, Jaidyn

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Grade 11 (achieved in Grade 10)

Jena Abbott, Nathan Benson, Mabel Carillon, Margaret Crawford, Cassandra Flaherty, Cole Fuller, Gavin Kennedy, Alexis Lapite, Cheyenne Laramee, Cameron LeBlanc, Ava McFarland, Justin Merced, Gavin Moreno, Olah Roller, Ava Saunders, Austin Smith, Stewart Szlosek

Grade 12 (achieved in Grade 11)

Zachary Auclair, Chloe Castro, Ciara Charest, Rhea Gagnon, Nicolas Grandmont, Jessica Holubowich, Peyton Justin, Cindy Kusumo, Sara Lessard, Neil Lindberg, Corey Rondeau, Phillip Silchuk

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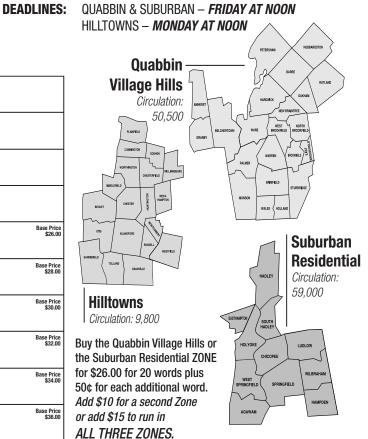
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BULBS from page 6

into the garden, turn over the soil and plant my bulbs, usually in clumps of at least five bulbs, two-three times their width apart and the same for depth. If you are careful about marking where you've planted them, a top dressing of fertilizer can be added in early spring.

Likewise, you could also wait until you see the first stems poke through the ground and feed then.

I'm sure many gardeners never even thought about what flower bulbs did during the summer months. Now that we understand that they are dormant, merely waiting, we can plant them accordingly, away from spots that pool water and that stay as dry as possible.

Now that we understand a bulb's life cycle, how can we use it to ensure some indoor cheer?

Bulbs need anywhere from 11-20 weeks of chilling and a few more thereafter to bloom. This guide can be used: Crocus require 15 weeks of cold; hyacinth 11-14 weeks, daffodils 15-17 weeks and tulips14-20 weeks (depending upon season of bloom).

Pick a date which you'd like the bulb to bloom and count backwards. Hypothetically if I want hyacinths to bloom in time for Valentine's Day, planting them within the next week or two would be right on target.

Bulbs can be planted quite close to one another in regular potting soil and your choice of pot. Clay is not recommended because it will dry out readily.

Water lightly to settle the soil, then place the container in a cold, dark location where temps fall between 38 and 45 degrees. One year I used an old refrigerator; another year the crawl space under our

I even tried placing pots of bulbs under the bottom steps of my bulk head. Each worked at maintaining low temps, but did have its own idiosyncrasies.

Keep bulbs away from fruit in storageespecially apples, whereby ethylene gas could disfigure the bulbs, and also be on the lookout for rodents looking for lunch.

Daffodils and hyacinth are usually unappetizing.

Check bulbs often, especially as the chilling period draws to a close. You will know the bulbs are close to being ready to move to a new location when sprouting occurs and roots are visible through the drainage holes; soon after, the top will start to grow as well.

After the top has put on an inch of growth, move it to a cool, bright location, about 50-55 degrees. Stems will elongate and flower buds will form after a few weeks.

When in flower, keep the plants cool to prevent legginess - consider enjoying them in your living spaces during the day, but moving them to a cooler climate at night for increased longevity.

It's about now when the garden centers begin their mark-down of spring bulbs. Try your hand at forcing once and it will become your annual ritual!

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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Vehicle: 2006 Acura RL VIN: JH4KB16516C003409 Color: Gray

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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.

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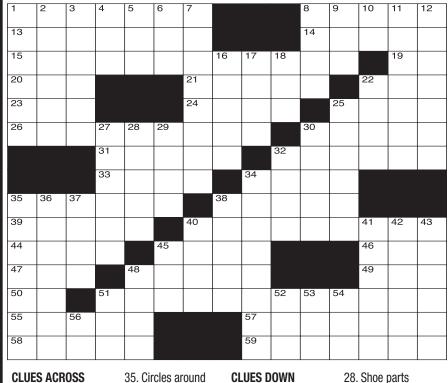
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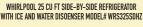






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