

Community gathers to show love and support for Kinsley

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LUDLOW – It is truly a magical thing to see the community come together, and is inspiring to watch several come around one special little girl battling cancer.

Kinsley Alamed, who lives in Belchertown with her parents and three sisters, was recently diagnosed with Burkitt's Leukemia, a rare and aggressive form of cancer at the end of August. Since then, dozens of family members, friends, and even complete strangers have rallied together to bring in funds and gifts to help support Kinsley and her family.

"She's the sweetest and kindest girl; she's always looking out for her sisters and wanting to be there to help them, and she has the kindest heart. She's always the giver," said Kyle Alamed, Kinsley's dad. "She inspires me in her strength and the way she is dealing with all of this



You can learn more about Kinsley's Krew or donate by following this QR code.

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Please see **KINSELEY**, page 4 Kinsley with her best friend, Jordan Gladu, lead singer of band Just Go With It.



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A couple of bankers from Monson. Shown from left are Michael Rouette, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Dan Moriarty, President and Chief Executive Officer of Monson Savings Bank.

QHCC held Annual Dinner and Meeting

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

WEST BROOKFIELD – It gets dark early in November, and the evenings are chilly, but at the West Brookfield landmark, The Salem Cross Inn, it is warm inside, especially when there is a convivial gathering enjoying each other's company.

Thursday, Nov. 6 was the day of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting for 2025. Members and guests began coming around 5 p.m. and there was much catching up and getting acquainted as the people filtered in.

We were greeted warmly by the CEO James Przypek as well as Renee Niedziela of J.Stolar Insurance Agency, who also serves as president of the Chamber.

A couple of mischievous lads, Michael Rouette, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Dan Moriarty, President and Chief Executive Officer of Monson Savings engaged us in conversation. Who says a banker can't have a sense of humor?

Soon enough, it was time to take our seats. Guests

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CFCE provides space for young children to play

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BELCHERTOWN – Play is an essential part of a child's early development, and allows for them to learn about themselves, develop fine motor skills, learn to socialize, and so much more.

Belchertown has a new CFCE program, a part

of the Collaborative for Educational Services, which is under the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement, or CFCE, grant, which helps provide the funds to make these playgroups possible.

The group is led by Caylin Haley, who used to work as a preschool teacher in Amherst and now has

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Library welcomes new children, teen librarian

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GRANBY – The Granby Free Public Library welcomed a new children's and teen's librarian last month, and Andi Ferreira has been excitedly and eagerly adjusting to her new role, excited for the new opportunities at the library.

"I've always loved books and kids, and in the past, I did a lot of kid-centered jobs,

and I wanted to share my love of reading with kids, especially nowadays when there's so much to look at," said Ferreira. "It's been really great to get to know the families in the community, and everyone's been so welcoming and kind."

Ferreira has worked with children for several years, and for a time, worked at a



Andi Ferreira

children's museum, starting as a play facilitator, and then moving into a role in management, where she helped plan events and more.

Her passion for creating fun experiences for children to enjoy, coupled with her love of

books and reading, led her to the library, where she took on the role of librarian for the

children and teens.

"Ultimately, I want this to be a joyful place where kids can come in and have fun and play, and then get stories to take home," said Ferreira.

Ferreira, using her degree in Elementary Art Education, is eager and ready for the planning of upcoming events and activities for kids and teens alike to find joy in participating in.

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An anthology of tea-themed haiku read at packed library event

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BELCHERTOWN – The written word allows us to dive into our deepest thoughts, feelings, and emotions, and provide a way to connect with other people.

Poet and editor Denise Fontaine-Pincince presented her new anthology of tea-themed haiku poetry at the Clapp Memorial Library last

week, and the room filled with over 30 people ready to listen to the poems, and learn more about this special anthology.

"I've been writing haiku for years, and there are dozens of haiku poems published around the year, and I've been really involved in writing and reading haiku poetry, and as I write haiku, I find I drink a lot of tea, and I wonder how many other people like to drink tea during the creative process, so I put



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A view of the packed room at the library enjoying some tea and listening to haiku.

out a call for poets," said Fontaine-Pincince.

The anthology was put together, combining the tea-themed haiku of more than 100 poets across 13 countries, all taking their own spins on tea, and what it means to them.

The anthology, titled "Tea: All the Time It Takes," was completed by January of 2025, and ready for the printers, and taken from one of the haiku within the anthology written by Sandra Burns,

a poet from Santa Fe.

"Very quickly, I was receiving submissions from everywhere, and poets were asked to submit up to three haiku related to tea," said Fontaine-Pincince. "The most difficult part was having to turn down poems for the book."

The evening was filled with reading pieces from the book, and since the evening was already full of reading

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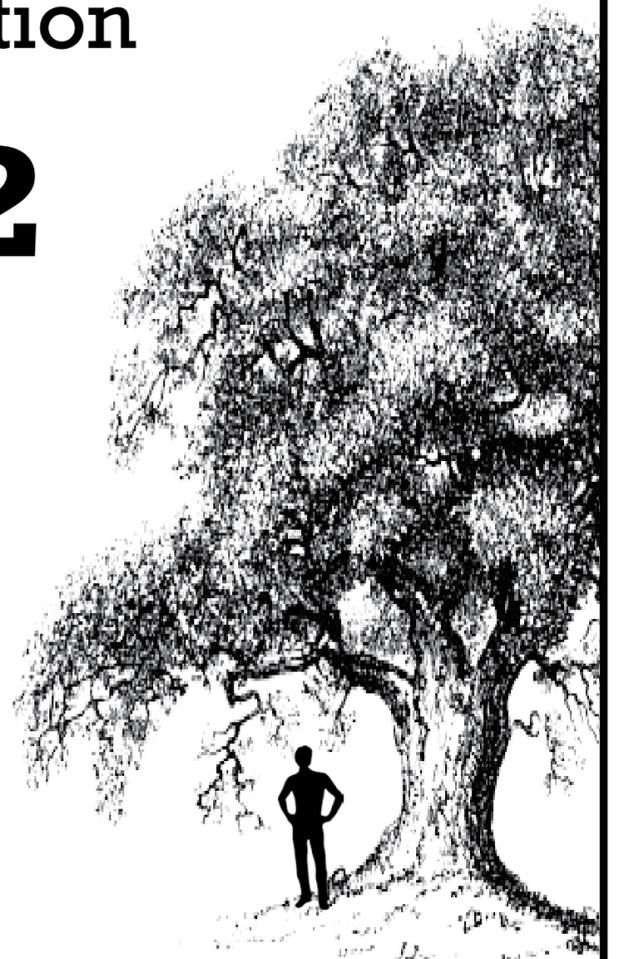
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Belchertown Lions Club welcomes its newest member

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Lions Club literally welcomed with open arms its newest member, John Sullivan (L), in late October. Sponsored by Lion Matt Fillmore (R), John comes to us with many years of food service experience--as his family operated a concession at the Eastern States Exposition for decades! Prior to becoming an official member, John slipped

right into many open slots in our club's Fair Food Wagon work schedule – and even offered some pointers to us along the way. Welcome to the Club, John.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of one of the finest Lions clubs in the State, you can download an application form from our website at belchertownlionsclub.com

Belchertown organizations team up to feed neighbors

BELCHERTOWN – Following up on last spring's very successful multi-community food drive, Belchertown Democratic Town Committee (BDTC) and Belchertown United Church of Christ (BUCC) are collaborating on a November 15, 2025, opportunity to fill the shelves of BUCC's Helping Hands Cupboard before the holidays begin. "The reduction in food assistance programs since last spring makes this drive even more critical for our neighbors," according to Cara Lapenas, Chair of BDTC. Continuing on the importance of this drive, Ms. Lapenas emphasized, "We don't know within our community what the level of increased vulnerability may be, so let's get the giving going. We will be waiting for you at the drive-through drop-off from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 18 Park Street."

Currently, there are more than 100,000 individuals in Massachusetts who may be at risk of losing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

(SNAP) benefits pending cuts in federal funding. This underscores the urgency to ensure supplies are readily available locally for those with food vulnerabilities. The "Helping Hands Cupboard," open to all, exemplifies how neighbors can support neighbors. To facilitate donations, BDTC and BUCC volunteers will be ready to unload supplies from the drive-through from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., conveniently located at BUCC, 18 Park Street, Belchertown - rain or shine.

For those considering a donation, the guidelines include not only food but household goods, pet food, and hats, gloves, and warm socks. A complete list of recommendations can be found on the BDTC website www.belchertowndemocrats.org. The Helping Hands Cupboard Food Pantry distributes on the third Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at 18 Park Street. Clients can line up no earlier than 3:30 p.m. There is no need to register ahead of time. The next distribution is on November 20.

Local food pantries to donate to and utilize

BELCHERTOWN – With SNAP and EBT benefits cancelled this month, it is important to know that there are resources available. Below is a list of local pantries you can donate food and other items to, and for anyone who needs to utilize them.

Amherst Survival Center
138 Sunderland Road
Amherst, MA 01002
Phone: 413-549-3968
Email: pantry@amherstsuvival.org

Located in nearby North Amherst, the Amherst Survival Center is a welcoming, community-led hub offering food, meals, fresh produce distribution, pantry services, and support resources for all in need. Open several days a week for dining, pantry access and outreach, the Center fosters connection, dignity, and mutual care in the Pioneer Valley.

Dwight Chapel Provisions Pantry
885 Federal Street
Belchertown, MA 01007



Phone: 413-253-0292
Email: office@gracefortheway.org

We all need a little help sometimes! Our goal is to care for our community in a way that reflects Christ's love for each of us. If you have a need for a non-perishable food item please let us know and we will be ready to shop with you on Saturday morning or we can deliver it to your door.

FindHelp
Link: https://findhelp.org/search_results/01007

This website provides a variety of assistance options, for food, as well as shelter and other social services. By clicking the link above you can view emergency food, food delivery options, and food pantries.

Mass 211
Phone: 211
Link: <https://mass211.org/food-security>

Mass 211 connects Massachusetts residents with local food pantries, meal programs, and nutrition assistance. Call 2-1-1 (or 877-

211-6277) anytime for free, confidential help, or search food resources online at mass211.org/food-security

St. Francis Food Pantry
10 Park Street
Belchertown, MA 01007
Phone: 413-323-6272
Ext. 8
Email: FoodPantry.sfa@gmail.com

St. Francis of Assisi Parish supports Belchertown residents through its volunteer-run food pantry, providing groceries to local families each month and extra help during the holidays. Donations of non-perishable food or funds are always welcome.

The Helping Hands Cupboard Food Pantry at BUCC
18 Park Street
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Visit Helping Hand's Facebook Page

Food distribution is on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Contact Amy to learn more 413-636-5031.

Food pantries seeking donations for those in need

REGION – As we prepare to bring food to pantries this season amidst SNAP closures, it's important to consider some important things to remember when we are donating:

Right now, pantries are asking for cans of green beans and corn, and other fixings for a Thanksgiving Meal, like stuffing, potatoes, gravy, and canned ham and turkey.

Canned meat is always appreciated and asked for, including chicken, tuna, spam, and chili with meat.

Many people bring in cold cereal, but hot cereal and instant oatmeal is always appreciated.

Pets are often forgotten, so make sure you are bringing some canned or dry dog and cat food, and maybe some treats, too!

Pasta and sauces are good options, but also remember bags of rice are equally appreciated.

Canned veggies and fruit of all kinds, as well as beans, are a good option. Canned chili,

unsweetened and sweetened fruits, and seasoned vegetables are good options, too.

Tea, coffee, and hot chocolate are often luxuries and are wonderful items to receive. Other luxuries include seasonings like salt, pepper, garlic, and onion powder, as well as olive or vegetable oil, butter, and bouillon cubes for them to cook with.

Cake mixes, frosting, and candles are also special, and can help make someone's special day even better.

Many people will donate peanut butter, almond butter, or sun butter, but don't forget about the jelly or fluff to go with it!

Personal hygiene items are often expensive: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving cream and razors, lotion, deodorant, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and hair brushes and hair ties. Feminine products like pads, liners, and tampons are also huge necessities.

Many families may have babies, so see if your pantry

will accept donations of baby food, formula, diapers, or other perishable supplies for infants.

Make sure when you donate, you donate with the dignity of others in mind. Please check your expiration dates, and make sure there are no dents, holes, or

tears. Helping our neighbors is essential, but so is helping with dignity and care.

Always reach out to your local pantries to find their specific needs, and a monetary donation is always helpful for them to be able to restock and maintain the pantries and any refrigerated options they have.



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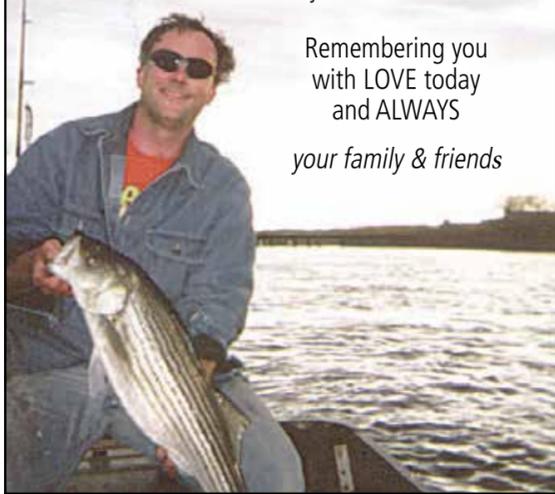


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COMMUNITY SHOWS SUPPORT *for Kinsley*

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and going about this. Even when she's in pain, she very much cares about the people around her, and her strength and attitude inspire me as she's going through all of this and still has a smile on her face," said Kinsley's mom, Alyssa Alamed.

The Alamed family has been surrounded by love and support from the beginning, with not only financial support, but also love and care in the form of cards and several fundraisers for the community to come together to support little Kinsley.

"It's been absolutely amazing. Without them and their support, I wouldn't be able to be with Kinsley or my other children, as I haven't been working since she was admitted to the hospital on August 18," said Kyle Alamed.

The family was supported by a fundraiser over the weekend at Vanished Valley Brewery in Ludlow, where the Madd EatZ Food Truck, raffles, Boomer with the Thunderbirds hockey team, and Kinsley's favorite band Just Go With It came for a live performance.

"She's still smiling, she's pushing through, and she's such a little girl with the biggest strength," said Melissa Hibler, owner of Barton Beeswax. Hibler created a candle with a Cinnamon Toast Crunch scent, chosen by Kinsley, called Kinsley's Candle, and she donated 100% of all earnings from the candle to Kinsley's treatment and has so far raised \$1,300.

Over 84 items were donated to the raffle, and all ticket sales went directly towards the fund for Kinsley to pay for her medical expenses. Friends, family, neighbors, and even complete strangers came to the event to offer their support for Kinsley and show her some love.

"It's really heartwarming,



The Just Go With It Band, Brandon Goulet, Conor Richter, Jordan Gladu, and Daniel Goldthwaite.



Melissa Hibler with Barton Beeswax and the special candle, Kinsley's Candle, sold to donate to Kinsley.



and I know there's not much I can do but work with how I'm going to be with the kids, seeing the community come around us and give us not just financial support, but also to send cards and bracelets," said Alyssa Alamed. "It's been wonderful to have us be able to put her treatment first, and you can't really plan and it's really heartwarming, and I'm extremely thankful for the community coming around us and taking at least one of our worries away."

Jordan Gladu, the lead singer of the band Just Go With It, and Kinsley have become fast friends, and at the end of the band's shows, he invites the girls onto the stage to sing with him, and sometimes, their favorite song, "Shut Up and Dance With Me."

"It's amazing to perform and to see the kids love listening to live music," said Gladu. "It's great to perform for Kinsley because she makes me feel like a superhero."

Gladu and his friendship with Kinsley and the rest of her family has only grown as he has travelled out to the



Kinsley and her sister, Raelynn, singing with Jordan on stage.

hospital in Boston to play for Kinsley and even helped encourage her to take her medicine in the beginning when it was hard.

The community has only continued to bring the family support, as they travel back and forth from the hospital and back home to be with the

other three girls.

"She's always worried about her sisters and focused on other people even while in the hospital," said Alyssa Alamed. "The attitude that she has and the way she's been handling this situation and she just lights up the world and has created so



Kinsley and her mom, Alyssa Alamed, listening to their favorite band together.

many bonds and special connections with the doctors and nurses she meets, and has such a positive energy while dealing with this at the same time."

Still more members of the community helped make a positive impact on little Kinsley, and one little boy, Erick Sacco, put together a lemonade stand where he raised \$700 for Kinsley, even though he had never met her before.

"For a little ten-year-old

boy to be raised by his father to help others that he doesn't know is very selfless and caring of them," said Kyle Alamed.

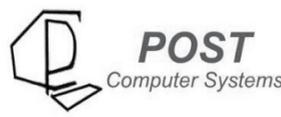
Many people from all over Belchertown and in surrounding towns have found Kinsley and her story inspiring, and have made it a point to show her some love, care, and any support they can give, truly showing how important our neighbors are to us.

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Girls' Junior Varsity Team ends season undefeated



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The Belchertown High School Girls' Junior Varsity Team ended the season undefeated with a record of 16-0. The team scored 61 goals and only had 7 goals scored against them. Great job to all the girls!

Join Hope United Methodist Church for a Thanksgiving service

BELCHERTOWN — There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Hope United Methodist Church on November 23, at 2 p.m., with all the Belchertown churches participating. Tom Stockton of the Anglican Church will be preaching, and Julie

Jonassen of Hope United Methodist Church will be conducting the ecumenical choir and playing the organ. If you would like to be part of the ecumenical choir, please come to Hope United Methodist Church at 1 p.m. Let us gather as a community to give thanks to God.



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beautiful poetry, and many attendees brought in some of their own poetry to read during the open mic at the end of the night.

The anthology, as it took a year to complete, was written to share the art of haiku as, with its short style, is not normally as popular as long verse poetry, yet still can hold great stories within them.

Fontaine-Pincince explained during her talk about how an English Haiku differs from a traditional Japanese Haiku.

"Japanese is a rhythmic language, and each line is truly the 5-7-5 syllable pattern, but English doesn't always do that, so there are different rules depending on the language the haiku is written in," Fontaine-Pincince said. "It's like solving a crossword puzzle."

The night also featured tea in some of Fontaine-Pincince's own special tea pots, and attendees could choose between green or black teas, Fontaine-Pincince's favorites.

"I think there's a lot of comfort and emotion in tea, especially if you have grown up in your childhood drinking tea," said Fontaine-Pincince. "We all have our loves for certain teas, and that really is part of what would shine through when I received these really wonderfully written haiku about tea."

Fontaine-Pincince began writing haiku in elementary school, and it took hold of her as she found herself in love with the art form. She



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Poet and editor Denise Fontaine-Pincince presenting her new anthology of tea-themed haiku poetry.

later got her master's degree in poetry, and it prompted her to take a deeper dive into haiku, leading to her anthology.

"Poetry is a form of therapy, and it can really save your life. I think every form of writing is wonderful, and it helps life on so many levels," said Fontaine-Pincince.

Anyone can create art through the written word, and poetry is just one of the many ways in order to do so, creating a pathway to uniting many different people across

many different walks of life under one, simple thing, like tea.

"Haiku is my favorite, and I think part of it is having several layers, in that, who is reading it or when they're reading it, a really good haiku can have several messages within it. It's different, and it's challenging, and fun," said Fontaine-Pincince.

You can find her anthology at the library to check out for yourself, and dive into the wonderful ideas of haiku.

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Whether it's a reading-related event like summer reading, or for the kids who like some action, Ferreira is ready to start planning and ready to offer more and more to all who enter the library's doors.

"I think that children can have really interesting ideas, but are often dismissed because they are children," said Ferreira. "I believe there's so much more wisdom in children than is often acknowledged."

Ferreira has taken some past recommendations for upcoming events and is looking for other ways to engage with the community, as well as bring back entertainers like Jungle Jim, as well as the Forest Park Zoo, and puppet shows to reach all ages.

"I'm really excited to do some programming, and we'll be starting story times and have some authors come for author talks, too," said Ferreira. "I'm trying to have some fun in here, too, and make it a place that's not just full of books, but full of fun and excitement and silliness."

Ferreira is ready to bring her own spin and her own touch to the library, as well as bring kids and teens together to enjoy their time in the library, and not only learn something new there, but find within its walls a place to have fun and a place to meet new friends.

"I really love kids, and I love books, and I want people to know my background in learning through art and play will be put to use in many different ways," said Ferreira. "I'm just really excited and looking forward to serving the kids in the community."

You can find Ferreira in the children's room, and stop by and say hello, welcome her to the library, and be ready for the fun and new life she is ready to bring to the library.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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By Russell Gloor

Consider the 'wearing out' factor while deciding when to claim Social Security

Dear Rusty:

Enjoyed your recent article on claiming SS benefits.

I feel, however, any decision making should also include what I call the "wearing out" factor. Yes, financial need, health and longevity are definite criteria for a decision. The inevitable problem, I just turned 83, is the speed at which many of us descend down the back side of that hill after we hit around age 65.

Yes, one might live to 85-90 but as you age after 65, many physical limitations begin to appear. Only then does one realize their earlier retirement decision, waiting to max out SS, might not have been honestly evaluated to the extent needed.

I speak from experience: after having reached 60 in excellent health, I took early retirement from work, then Social Security at 62 and glad I did so. I figure the degree of slope on the backside of that "hill" will increase with age (it did quickly for me), so one best start enjoying a retirement life as soon as financially possible.

Signed: Glad I claimed at 62

Dear Glad I Claimed at 62:

Thank you very much for your excellent perspective on the "wearing out" factor. And please know that I wholeheartedly concur with your opinion that waiting for a higher Social Security benefit is not always the most prudent choice. For perspective, however, we have found that far too many people claim Social Security as soon as they are eligible at 62 simply because "it is there," without fully analyzing whether that is the best option considering their personal circumstances.

You are correct, enjoying your retirement life while you are still physically able is a valid consideration. And that is why we always suggest that evaluating both your financial needs as well as your health and life expectancy is important.

Fulfilling one's "bucket list" is, indeed, an important consideration and if

claiming Social Security at age 62, after evaluating all factors, enables one to do that, then that is exactly the right choice. It obviously was for you.

Age does, indeed, tend to slow us down, so if taking the SS money early means being able to enjoy life while you still can, then that is a good decision. But having more money as you age can also make your "golden years" a lot more comfortable.

As we have recently witnessed, inflation has an insidious way of reducing our financial comfort in retirement. Despite having a retirement pension from your primary working career, imagine how another 25% in your monthly Social Security payment, had you claimed at full retirement age instead of age 62, would help make your senior years more comfortable.

The fact is that no one can predict how long they will live nor whether they will do so in good health. All we can do is evaluate all our options under varying circumstances and make our claiming decision based on that analysis. And that is precisely what we advocate for at the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Service. In no way did I intend to say that claiming at 62 was never the right choice; only that everyone should look at their complete personal circumstances when deciding when to.

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Feed Me Seymour, Feed Me!

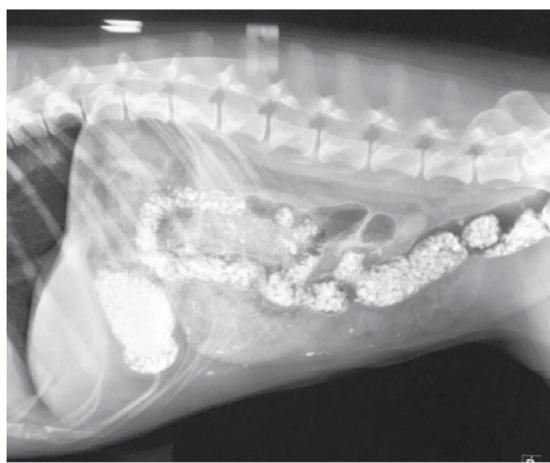
By Dr. Nancy Alperson
Guest Column

A couple of weeks after my older son was born, I gave in. It was time to feed the dog for breakfast. The problem was that I was recovering from a c-section, and it physically hurt to lean over to scoop food out of the dog food bin. I felt sad. Our dog also looked really sad. He had been doing such a great job with having a crying newborn in the house. Clearly, he deserved a hot dog, and unlike the dog food bin, the refrigerator was easy to reach. Not long afterwards, he vomited, and the undigested hot dog came right back up. The dog continued to be sick, so my husband took him to the vet. I was horrified to learn he told her about the hot dog. I still remember asking how she reacted. He said she reacted like it was the most logical choice in the world. She just wanted to know if it was chewed up or whole.

That was not my only dog that got sick from eating bad things. When I was in vet school, my dog was such a frequent flier in the hospital that any time a golden retriever was being seen for "dietary indiscretion," I would get a text asking if it was my dog. Legos, crayons, wrappers, and chicken bones all brought my dog to the vet. Sometimes my dogs got sick from items that I gave to them before I was vetted because I didn't know they could cause any issues. Some memorable snacks including grapes, raisins, and corn cobs. So why does all of that matter?

It matters because I hate it when clients act embarrassed or ashamed about something their dog ate. It is even worse when that embarrassment prevents them from sharing pertinent information. Trust me, whatever your dog has eaten, I've seen it before. However, it can make a huge difference in their treatment and sometimes even be a matter of life and death. Here are some examples. Those raisins or grapes that your dog ate could affect their kidneys. If I know that in time, I may be able to induce vomiting to prevent your dog from digesting it and causing further damage. Am I going to judge you for this? No. I do not care, and I have done my best. I just want your dog to be healthy.

Perhaps your dog suddenly started vomiting and having diarrhea because you



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gave them a steak. This isn't a rare occurrence, and I get it. When my kids were toddlers, my dogs had a steady diet of bologna. For that matter, my spouse still can be almost brought to tears when recalling the three-pound roast that he claims may have been the best thing that he ever cooked, even though he only sampled one slice before turning his back and inadvertently leaving the rest for the dog to grab. No vet judged us, and I won't judge you, but I do need to know. Vomiting and diarrhea from that tasty steak can present like a swallowed object, parasites, or an infectious disease. There are so many differentials (or causes) that it can take a while to narrow down the diagnosis. Testing and treatment can be faster (and less expensive) if I have all of the facts.

Maybe your dog got into your medication. Some people are uncomfortable sharing that they are on certain medications. It is okay. Please tell me. Lots of people are on medications for various reasons, and you do not have to reveal any details about your medical history. Even more people seem uncomfortable admitting that the dog got into their teenager's pot. That happens too. In fact, it happens a lot. Every vet I know has treated at least one dog who got into pot. I just want to know what it is and how much you think they got. I won't even judge you if you gave the dog medicine intentionally. I know so many clients who have tried to take care of a sick dog late at night, when they didn't have a babysitter, and decided to consult with Dr. Google. Dr. Google sometimes seems to recommend over-the-counter medicine or a prescription lying around the house for another dog, or even a human family member. I've been there and done that,

too, but when I am treating your dog, I really need to know what medicines they may have taken before I prescribe anything. Not only are different medications countered by different treatments, but certain medications cannot be combined. If a vet does not know that a dog has accessed a particular medication, the vet can unknowingly make your dog sick by putting your pet on a contraindicated medication.

As I reflect, there is one thing that I only saw once. A couple of years after I became a vet, my dog got into a 5 lb. bag of crushed oyster shells I had bought for my chickens. Crushed oyster shells are very high in calcium so in addition to having to monitor her for the subsequent vomiting and diarrhea, I also had to monitor her blood calcium. That experience was even more memorable because the shells looked almost fluorescent on the x-ray, which happened to be brightly visible at the very moment that my clinic's regional leadership happened to be passing through on a visit. A glowing and gleaming X-ray with a lot of senior vets present garnered a lot of questions and a lot of advice, but even that did not lead to judgment.

About Nancy Alperson

Dr. Alperson is a small animal and exotic vet at Belchertown Veterinary Hospital. She and her husband have two grown sons, two dogs who love to get into the garbage, four cats who like to get into the dogs' food, eight chickens, and are grandparents to a leopard gecko. Dr. Alperson and her older son run the Zoe's Rocks Facebook page in memory of her son's friend Zoe Wolfus and to help raise awareness of mental health issues and encourage kindness.

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A healthy orchard begins
in the planning phase

It was a lot of fun to take part in a "meeting of the minds" this past week, where we were discussing key maintenance tasks in the young orchard at Old Sturbridge Village.

I left the meeting inspired for my own young orchard, and with renewed interest in heirloom apples altogether.

I must make a trip to Cold Spring Orchard to get some Caville Blanc for the Thanksgiving pies before they are all gone! They are surely the best pie apples, to me at least!

Perhaps indulging in your favorite apple varieties have

inspired you to consider a home orchard as part of your landscape. If so, this column, straight from the archives, is for you. Enjoy the re-visit, as you ask yourself some important questions. We all know that the key to successful home apple orchards appears to be forethought. Purchasing fruit trees should not be an "impulse buy."

What variety do you want to grow? While I like heirlooms, you may prefer some of the newer, disease resistant types.

in the
Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

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Thankful for the library

BELCHERTOWN – The Clapp Memorial Library has a great variety of events and programs for all ages coming up in November. Check it out!

For General Audiences: Games Day

Friday, November 14, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Join us in celebrating International Games Month at the library! Patrons of all ages are invited to the library's Games Day on Friday, November 14th, from 2:30 - 5:30 pm. Drop in, have fun, and enter to win a game of your own.

Jane Eyre Movie Screening

Tuesday, November 18, 7 p.m.

Join us at the Clapp Memorial Library for a movie screening of the 2011 adaptation of Jane Eyre featuring Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender, Jamie Bell, Judi Dench, and Holliday Grainger. Popcorn will be provided. Public performance rights provided by SWANK.

Community Wellness

Friday, November 21, 3 to 5 p.m.

Clapp Memorial Library and BOAT welcome anyone in the community needing access to health care, mental health/substance use resources to the library on the 3rd Friday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. Free refreshments will be available.

Magical Winter Lights

Saturday, November 29, 6 to 7 p.m.

Belchertown Town Hall Auditorium Come on a winter tour through history and around the world with this magical storytelling show! Jonah Knight, award-winning

writer, performer, and magician will present an interactive storytelling magic show about winter holiday lights. We will explore how using light in winter celebrations began with early fire festivals, how they evolved with lanterns and candles, and now with spectacular electronic illuminations. Sponsored by the Friends of Clapp Memorial Library and the Belchertown Community Alliance.

For Adults: Fused Glass Pendant Workshop for Adults

Thursday, November 13, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Belchertown adults are invited to the Clapp Memorial Library for a Fused Glass Pendant Workshop on Thursday, November 13, in the library's Activity Room. Under the tutelage of stained glass designer Deenie Pacik, participants will create their own dichroic fused glass pendants with colorful pre-cut glass in this easy and fun class. Space is limited and registration is required. Teen session offered at 6:30. See "For Teens". Adults may register at clapplibrary.org or call 413-323-0417. This program is funded by the Friends of Clapp Memorial Library.

For Teens: Anime and Manga Club

Thursday, November 12, 4 to 5 p.m.

The Clapp Memorial Library is starting an Anime and Manga club for tweens and teens in grades 6-8! The club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. Our first meeting will be on November 12. During club meetings, we will watch 1-2 episodes of an anime, discuss manga,

share artwork, eat snacks, and more! Registration is required. Email macona@cwmares.org to sign up.

Fused Glass Pendant Workshop for Teens

Thursday, November 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Teens ages 13 and up are invited to a Fused Glass Pendant Workshop on Thursday, November 13th. Under the tutelage of stained glass designer Deenie Pacik, teens will create their own dichroic fused glass pendants with colorful pre-cut glass in this easy and fun class. Space is limited and registration is required. Teens can email clapplibrarytab@gmail.com to register. Adult session offered at 4:30 p.m. See "For Adults". This program is funded by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

Free Food Friday

Friday, November 14, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Free Food Fridays are back! Teens are invited to the library after school on the second Friday of the month October through December for free snacks as they visit and use the library! Students must be in grades 7-12 and arrive between 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a free snack, courtesy of the library, as supplies last. This program is funded by the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, November 14, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Clapp Memorial Library's Teen Advisory Board will meet to celebrate Games Day! TAB mem-

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Community donates to veterans



ABOVE: The Respect Life Committee from Saint Francis parish did a huge drive for the Veteran's Services Office in order to assist the veterans who utilize the food pantry.

AT LEFT: Two car loads brought in food and other donations, including other goodies to hand out with turkeys later this month and so much more.

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211 Maple Rd.
Longmeadow, MA

Thur., Nov. 20 | 10:00 a.m.
Residence Inn
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Chicopee, MA

Mon., Nov. 24 | 2:00 p.m.
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128 Park St.
West Springfield, MA

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10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Chicopee Moose Lodge 1849
244 Fuller Rd.
Chicopee, MA

Sat., Dec. 6 | **OPEN HOUSE**
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Residence Inn
(behind PetSmart)
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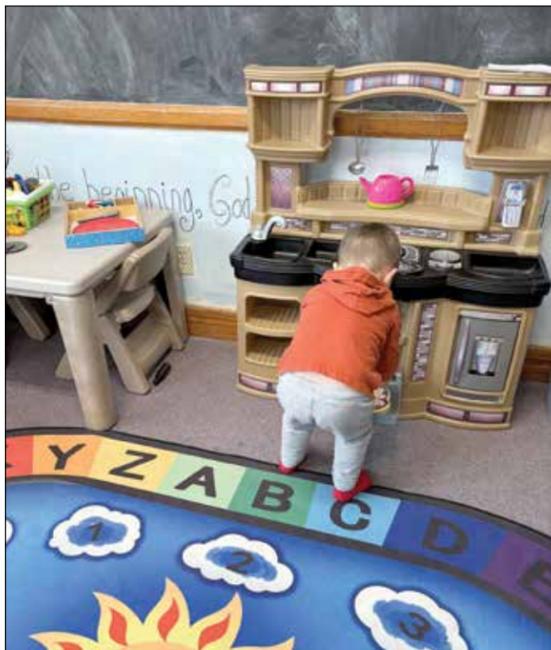
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Playing with the kitchen set at the playgroup.



No play area is complete without a full mini kitchen.

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children of her own. She began taking her son to the CFCE Playgroup in Ware and later found out there was an opening to lead a playgroup in Belchertown, and she jumped on it.

"I think being a parent and going to these play groups and having the sense of community and sense of families coming together was something I loved, and I wanted to be able to facilitate that because it's so special to meet with other families and play together," said Caylin Haley.

Haley has been leading the group for a year and a half now, and it is a free, drop-in playgroup for children aged birth through five years old, located in the Belchertown United Church of Christ Parish Hall.

"My favorite thing is meeting new families, and the families that come every week to play, and I get to watch the kids learn new things and master new skills. It's so exciting," said Haley.

The playgroup meets on Mondays and Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and runs more like a preschool with a morning calendar time, story time, free play time, and a clean-up time. Saturdays are mostly free play with a shorter story time for the kids to enjoy.

"I can do everything that I love, bringing families

together, working with kids, playing music, and it's something very special to me," said Haley.

Haley is a musician and has brought in that love for music through her work with the children, and created a warm, welcoming space for all who enter the playgroup.

"I love seeing the kids who come in all the time sing all the songs at circle time, and when they finally catch all the words and the movements that go with the song," said Haley.

CFCE also sponsors events and trips for the children to attend, including past trips to the Eric Carole Museum, the Hitchcock Center, and having the Musical Petting Zoo sponsored by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra come to let the kids experience and hold real instruments.

In the past, they have also done a special Art in the Park time with a local artist and did art with watercolor paint and collage using different materials.

"Every play group is so important, whether it's at the library or through CFCE. It's important for kids to be together at circle or playing, but also for parents and caregivers, too, to have that sense of community because raising kids can be hard. It's rewarding, but it's also hard," said Haley.

CFCE groups are made and designed for children between birth through age



A little boy is playing with toys to advertise the playgroup at a local fair.

five and their caregivers only, and help to provide important, special one-on-one interactions for the children to have before they get to preschool.

You can learn more about the playgroup, or for other information, by emailing Haley at chaley@collaborative.org, or finding the group on Facebook, the

Belchertown Play Group.

All of the programs are free, and you can find a calendar of the many playgroups, workshops, and special events the Collaborative provides throughout the area at <https://www.collaborative.org/youth-and-families/early-childhood-programs/cfce/family-centers-and-playgroups/>.



The playgroup room is designed to host little children who want to explore.



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 This offer is available to all babies born in 2025. Pictures will be published the week of December 23-26, 2025.

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Or maybe you want apples that span the seasons, say Paula Red to start, Honey Crisp for mid-stream and Gold Rush to finish it off. Perhaps you'd like to make cider or bake lots of pies.

There are apples that are specifically suited to how you'd like to use them. My favorite place to buy trees by mail order is through Fedco in Maine. Call 207-426-0090 or log on to fedcoseeds.com/trees to request their "Trees" catalog.

You will glean lots of useful information within the pages of this catalog. I am thrilled to know that they are grafted on site and accustomed to our climate!

How tall to you want your trees to get? Apple trees are available in dwarf, semi-dwarf and standard size.

Their ultimate size is determined mostly by the rootstock onto which the named variety is grafted.

Each has their pros and cons. Dwarf trees can generally be maintained without a ladder. They come into bearing sooner but because of their size produce fewer apples than larger trees.

Staking and irrigation are often necessary, because of limited root systems. They can be planted relatively close together (six-eight feet) and are generally short-lived.

Semi-dwarf trees are mid-sized, bear well and are most productive for two or three

decades. They are usually spaced 12-14 feet apart from one another.



First, slice a six-inch core of soil from your intended orchard with a stainless steel trowel. Remove surface debris and air dry.

Repeat several times and mix the cores together.

Then, measure out a cup of soil to send to the lab. If the locations you plan on planting your apple trees vary considerably, test them separately.

Official directions and an order form are found on <http://soiltest.umass.edu>. The standard soil test is \$20. Mention on the test that you are growing apples and pH and fertilizer recommendations will be specific to that crop.

You can do something this fall to make planting easier next spring. Mark out where your trees are to go and dump a generous amount of compost on top of the grass in a circle three feet in diameter. This will start to break down the sod and get the microbes in the soil working.

With the planning part behind you, it will be a lot of fun to await the arrival of your trees come springtime.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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.

Standard, or full-size trees are those beauties of our grandparent's era. Extremely hardy, many are still around and might even be bearing fruit! Plan on 18 feet or more between trees, with a mature height of 15-20 feet tall!

Where will you plant them? With the size of the trees determined, you can now figure out how many will fit in the space designated for your home orchard.

The best spot is one that receives six-eight hours of full sun per day.

Deep, well-drained soil is ideal; never plant where you know the water table is high. In my opinion, a few trees positioned close to the house will be maintained better because they are in eye-shot as compared to those placed strategically out in the back-forty. They tend to nag you as you walk by: "Time to prune!" "Why are those leaves curled?" "What is that orange spot?" You get the idea.

Is my soil any good? Fall is a great time to take a soil test.

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were introduced and we would hear from state Sen. Ryan Fattman as presented by his District Director, Amanda Hellyar.

Niedziela then spoke about the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, and there was much to say. The list of actions and events is exhaustive, and we were provided with documentation.

This Annual Meeting, presented by Superior Plus Propane, was the largest turnout in over a decade.

Over the last 12 month the Chamber re-launched the Membership Committee, creating a Local Market Vendors level. Networking and seminar events were hosted, and a successful raffle fundraiser was conducted, courtesy of Pathfinder Tech.

The annual Business & Recreation Guide was published, and membership in the Quaboag Referral Group grew. The Chamber's Mass Pike Exit 63 Billboard was rehabbed.

The meaningful Choice Awards were re-launched, with fun along the way, Bingo Night in March and a golf outing last month.

There were 22 new and returning members to the Chamber, and ribbon-cutting events were held. The QHMA.com website saw healthy growth.

Over the past 12 months, there were promoted 694 member events, workshops, and seminars on the website that generated 90,478 views. The previous year's views were a fraction of the current pace. Even better, member page views were 125,000, a 28% increase.

There was recognition of the Year's Silver Underwriters: Country Bank, J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Monson Savings, and ServPro of Hampshire County.

Also, the Bronze Underwriters: Behavioral Health Network, Christopher Heights of Belchertown, Superior Plus Propane, and Westfield Bank

Among the Annual Meeting sponsors, the Presenting Sponsor was Superior Plus Propane.

The Speaker sponsors were Bay State Health and Burkhart Pizzanelli, CPAs. The Table sponsors were Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Pioneer Valley Environmental, and SERVPRO of Hampshire County.

At the previous year's meeting, a number of By-Law edits were voted on. This year members are being asked to vote on Board Nominations below.

Nominated to serve as Officers for the Chamber for the next year are: President, Renee Niedziela; 1st Vice President, Edward Fisher Jr.; 2nd Vice President, Eric Duda; Clerk, Amy Scribner; Treasurer, Julie Quink; Assistant Treasurer, Lena Buteau

Nominated for new and continuing appointments to the Board of Directors for the Chamber: Through 2026: Michael Harris, Michael Moore, Teresa Grove. Through 2027: Anthony Marini, Kate Davignon, Rebecca Maurer. Through 2028: Jamie Fitzgibbon,



The raffle winners were drawn.



A banner recognized the underwriters of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY RICHARD MURPHY
Renee Niedziela of J.Stolar Insurance Agency, also serves as president of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce.

where quiet quitting in the workplace is not uncommon.

When she finished, a local institution of 85 years, Rondeau's Dairy was honored, with a presentation to Mike Rondeau.

After that, the raffle was drawn with prizes donated by Megan's Wholebeing Institute, Baystate Health, The Chamber itself, and J. Stolar Insurance Agency.

Then, we were done, and the assembled left in a leisurely manner and departed into the chilly night air.

Lorna Stone, Kaitlin Young.

The formal part of the meeting over, dinner was served, and it was quite a repast. The beef, and chicken that the Salem Cross is known for did not disappoint the diners as they engaged in spirited conversation.

Soon enough, the main course was done, and it was time for the evening's speaker, Megan McDonough.

McDonough is a thought leader, author, and founder of the Wholebeing Institute, a global organization teaching the science of well being to thousands of students across 48 countries, with programs translated into Spanish and Portuguese.

She has led growth strategies for international organizations such as the Women Presidents Organization and the Krip-alu Center for Yoga & Health, designing programs that boost engagement, resilience, and leadership capacity.

With more than two decades of experience at the intersection of business and positive psychology, Megan helps leaders apply evidence-based practices – positive emotions, strengths, and meaning – to create workplaces where both people and organizations thrive.

The theme of the presentation: Grow Strong.

McDonough, through a skillful use of narrative and vignettes discussed tuning into one's strengths, and finding meaning in a world

Quabbin Photo Group to host wildlife biologist Jillian Whitney

BELCHERTOWN – The Quabbin Photo Group (QPG) will hold its next meeting on Monday, November 17, at 7 p.m. at the Belchertown Recreation Department, 66 State Street, Belchertown. The meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

This month's guest speaker will be Jillian Whitney, a wildlife biologist with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Water Supply Protection. Whitney began her career with DCR in 2005 as a seasonal technician and has been with the agency ever since. She will share insights from her work studying wildlife around the Quabbin and Ware River watersheds, highlighting projects such as Common Loon monitoring, vernal pool surveys, and other efforts to better understand and protect local wildlife.

Founded in 1984, the Quabbin Photo Group traces its roots to the Belchertown Color Camera Club, which was established in 1948 by noted local photographer Les Campbell. What began as a small group of friends meeting in homes a few times a year has evolved into a vibrant organization that now holds monthly



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A bobcat is one of the many animals that call the Quabbin Reservoir home. Photo Credit: Ed Comeau.

meetings and educational programs for photographers of all levels.

Les Campbell (1925-2020), who remained active with QPG well into his 90s, was a nationally recognized photographer whose deep love for the Quabbin Reservoir inspired generations of local photographers. His legacy endures through the group's continuing mission to share nature images, learn from one another, and foster a greater appreciation for the natural beauty of the Quabbin region.

The Quabbin Photo

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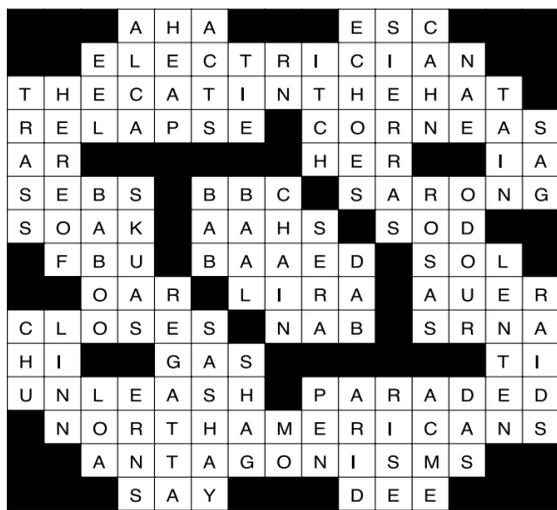
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Belchertown Police Log

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Oct. 17 through Oct. 30. 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
Wednesday Nov. 5

12:32 a.m. – Scotte J. West, 43, of 12 Vernon Street Holyoke, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, operating with a suspended license and possession of an open container in a motor vehicle. An officer on patrol was checking out Chestnut Hill School when they saw a uhaul stopped in middle of the lane near a loading dock. There was a male person was in the driver's seat and the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage. A field sobriety test was given and based on observations, the person was placed under arrested. An inventory of the vehicle was done. \

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS
Friday, Oct. 31

4:40 p.m. – An officer responded to Gulf Road for a concern for a rock thrown through a car window. An officer took photos.

5:10 p.m. – An officer responded to an Everett Ave residence reporting harassment by a neighbor. It was an ongoing neighbor disagreement. The people were advised how to get a harassment order.

Saturday, Nov. 1

5:07 a.m. – An officer and Belchertown Fire responded to George Hannum Road for a single vehicle accident. A vehicle traveling west went across the double yellow lines, went into the opposed lane, left the roadway and struck a sign and utility pole. The utility broke in multiple locations. The person was transported, and the vehicle was towed.

10:22 a.m. – An officer responded to Ware Road for an accident. A vehicle traveling on Ware Road and slowed due to vehicle in front of them making a turn. A vehicle behind them couldn't stop in time and struck the first in the rear. Belchertown Fire responded and a person was evaluated but refused transport. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

7:55 p.m. – An officer responded to North Main Street for a report of a teenager walking on lawns and running in and out of traffic. The officer was able to locate the person, they were intoxicated. Due to the level of intoxication, the person was transported to the hospital. They were transported to the station, and their parents were called to pick them up.

9:21 p.m. – An officer

responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle traveling west on Federal Street was rear ended by another vehicle. A vehicle was towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

Monday, Nov. 3

11:07 a.m. – A person came to the station to drop off a debit card they located. It was held at the station for the person to come to pick up.

3:55 p.m. – An officer and Belchertown Fire responded to a State Street business for a report of a person passed out in their vehicle. It was reported the person wasn't breathing normally then it was reported they weren't breathing at all. They reported they fell asleep while parked there. They declined transported. Later, the officer was dispatched to another business for the same report. They said they were tired and were sleeping. They contacted a relative to come pick them up.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

7:59 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident. A vehicle driving on Barret Street struck a deer. The injured deer struck was in a driveway and needed to be euthanized.

11:07 a.m. – An officer spoke with a person about an incident of fraud. They did not place an order that was put in their name. The order was to be shipped to a Belchertown business, and the person contacted the original business to cancel the order. They spoke with the retailer who said it was cancelled.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

9:02 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A Vehicle two west on federal street approached other vehicles and began slow mvl slowed and then operator rear ended the first. No tows no injuries minor damage to both

5:49 p.m. – An offi-

cer responded to a person alleged violation of a 209A order. It was determined the person was not violating the order.

7:08 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle struck a bear in the road. The bear had severe injuries, and was euthanized, and Massachusetts DOT was contacted to remove it. The environmental police were also contacted. No injuries were reported, and the vehicle sustained some damage but was driven from the scene.

Thursday, Nov. 6

12:07 p.m. – An officer responded to two businesses concerning issues between the two.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 136 calls for the week of Oct. 31 through Nov. 6. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Oct. 31

2:04 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 56MPH in a posted 35MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

Saturday, Nov. 1

6:27 a.m. – A motorist reported striking a guardrail. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

Monday, Nov. 3

11:37 a.m. – A property owner called to report discovering that someone had vandalized the residence and a motor vehicle on the property. The matter is under investigation.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

3:45 p.m. – A motorist reported a minor two-car accident. There were no injuries.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

10:16 a.m. – A motorist reported that a single vehicle drove off the road and struck a drainage culvert and a cement pillar. Granby Police and Fire responded. The operator was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Autumns Past

By J. Garvan

The setting sun is growing dim

And maple leaves are becoming thin

As gentle breezes caress the land

Once beautiful flowers can no longer stand

Worn out by draught and blazing sun

They retreat to the soil from whence they sprung

Fading twilight casting its eerie light

Slowly ushers in the approaching night

As darkness settles upon family houses

Oil lamps are lit within their sconces

Flickering flames softening the grayish gloom

Make shadows dance in every room

Memories of old and departed folk

Flood the mind without a word being spoke

An old man snores in his favorite chair

And for a while life seems fair



90 North: an overview of the Arctic coming to Granby library

The cold is coming to Granby early this year, Saturday, Nov. 15 at 11 a.m.

GRANBY – Explore the Circumpolar North through the lens of an expert who has spent time there and witnessed its fragile nature, who has gathered stories of indigenous cultures who call it home, and for whom its majesty has become her life's passion.

Moki Kokoris is an environmental advocate, part-time explorer/adventurer, and 14th woman to reach the Geographic North Pole (the first of Ukrainian descent!). She is also the founder of "90-north" - a dynamic outreach education program through which she invites audiences to discover not only the Arctic's magic, but also its critical role in

today's world beyond just rudimentary geography.

Exploring Earth's Polar Regions incorporates many disciplines, spanning the range from Anthropology to Zoology. The objective of this interactive Arctic program is to support a worldwide campaign of scientific activity and to emphasize environmental research, education and conservation. By fostering a better understanding of the significance and relevance of the Arctic to the global ecosystem, we can encourage conscientious stewardship of our planet. Charismatic wildlife, extreme environments, expansive fields of snow and ice, daring explorers, and human resourcefulness all captivate the imagination. It is through extraordinary imagery and video footage, and stories of personal experiences - accompanied by cultural and animal artifacts that participants are invited to touch and hold - that Moki is able to bring the Arctic to life.

The most important goal is to fascinate children, to capture their interest, and spark their curiosity.

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NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Eleanor Mazzaferro surveys the field, looking to make a pass.

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Rams continue on in tourney

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

GRANBY—It has been a very memorable season for the Granby girls' soccer team.

The joy ride continued last Saturday when the top-seeded Lady Rams cruised to an 8-1 home victory over the 17th-seeded West Boylston Lady Lions, in the round of 16.

It's the first time that Granby has advanced to the Elite 8 of the Division 5 state tournament since the MIAA changed the postseason format before the 2021 regular season.

"This is the farthest that we've been in the new state tournament and I'm very happy for the girls," said Granby head coach Bob Weaver. "They've been working very hard since the middle of August and they're very excited about the next step. We're taking each game one at a time."

The next step for the Lady Rams (14-3-4) was a match-up with the ninth-seeded Rising Tide Charter Public School. The Elite 8 match was scheduled to be held on the turf field at South Hadley on Wednesday night.

Rising Tide, which is in Plymouth, defeated eighth-seeded Rockport, 2-1 in overtime in the round of 16.

The last time that the Lady Rams, who are the 2025 Western Mass. Class D champions, won at least 14 games was during the 2019 season. That team lost to Lenox, 3-0, in the Western Mass. Division 4 finals at Berte Field located on the Springfield Central campus.

"This is one of the best teams that I've coached in my ten years as the varsity coach," Weaver said. "The players are very skilled, and they know how to finish."

Granby seniors Mylin Laliberte and Kaitlyn Curran played in their final varsity soccer match on the grass soccer field located behind Granby High School. The other Lady Rams senior is Ava Elizabeth Loughman, who's hasn't played in any

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Orioles fall in sectional title rematch with Tigers

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD—The South Hadley and Belchertown girls' soccer teams have faced each other in either the Western Mass. Class B semifinals or finals since 2021.

The third-seeded South Hadley Lady Tigers pulled out a 2-1 victory over the top-seeded Belchertown Lady Orioles in this year's championship match held at Clark Field, which is located on West Springfield



Lia Pikul makes her way up the field.

High School campus on Oct. 29.

"We have so many young kids on the team, so this is kind of like their first ever Western Mass. championship," said South Hadley head coach Rich Marjanski. "I tell them how hard it is because growing up, me and our coaches never won a Western Mass. championship and it's a special thing to do. There's a lot of tough teams, so to get all the way to the finals and win, it's a hard trip."

One of the Lady Tigers seniors is Gwen Marion, who celebrated her 18th birthday on the same day as the Class B finals.

"This is the best birthday that I've ever had," said Marion, who's a starting defensive midfielder. "When I found out that we would be playing in the finals on my birthday, I said that we had to bring the championship trophy home with us and we did."

Marion was a freshman member of the varsity squad the last time that South Hadley won the Western Mass. Class B title following a 4-1 victory over the Lady Orioles.

The following season, the Lady Tigers defeated the Lady Orioles, 4-3, in the semifinals before losing to Pope Francis, 2-0, in the championship match.

The Lady Orioles, who



Emma Litz is pressured.

took home the inaugural Western Mass. Class B championship trophy in 2021, also won the championship title last year by the final score of 2-0.

The victory in this year's finals improved South Hadley's overall record to 11-7-1.

The other seniors listed on the Lady Tigers varsity roster are Allison Fleury, Sofia Quinn, Kiana Ramos, Mallory Leverault and Brianna Texiera.

The Lady Orioles, who fell

to 8-7-4, posted a 2-0 victory at South Hadley back in the middle of September. They are led by seniors Alexa Karabetsos, Morghan Litz, Isabel Moreau, Alexis Canoa, Mackenzy Bowers, and Jaden Bean.

Sophomore Lea Agudelo gave the Lady Tigers a 1-0 lead during the 16th minute of the opening half.

Following a corner kick, a Belchertown player sent

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Adelina Gualberto tries to pass through the South Hadley defense.



Trevor Alexander hugs the ball on a carry.



Trevor Alexander heads for the sideline.

Pioneers fall in nonplayoff matchup with Ware

WARE – Last Friday night, Ware defeated Pathfinder 16-12 in a nonplayoff matchup for both teams. Ware found itself in nonplayoff action following an upset loss against Palmer two weeks ago. Ware faces Putnam in Week 10 while Pathfinder will have a vocational tournament matchup with Smith Vocational of Northampton.

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Animas Kowalik makes a block.



Anthony Arventos drops back to pass.



Jarret Skowrya starts a return for the Pioneers.

Worcester Railers fall to Maine 4-2

WORCESTER – The Mariners won again Sunday afternoon, 4-2, although it was a close game that the Railers might have taken, or at least tied.

Worcester had yet another goal disallowed due to goalie interference, this one deposited by Riley Ginnell at 19:28 of the first period. It would have closed a 2-0 deficit to 2-1 but was waved off. Since the fourth Maine goal was into an empty net, the wave-off was huge.

It was also the second in the last two games that call went against the Railers.

“Both nights, I think they were wrong,” coach Nick Tuzzolino said. “They decide what they decide but I think

it happens a lot to us in this building.”

These goalie interference reviews are becoming a plague. There seem to be one or two every game. They take up time and kill the flow. They are like football pass interference calls. If six people look at them you’ll get six different interpretations.

“I definitely saw our guy being physical with their defenseman outside the paint,” Tuzzolino said. “There was a fight for ice. That’s bound to happen...I think you can call goalie interference on almost every goal, but it is what it is.”

The game marked the Railers debut of former Holy Cross goaltender Thomas

Gale, who played two ECHL games for Wheeling last year. Worcester’s goaltending has been inconsistent thus far. Gale seemed to play well enough to earn another start.

“He was good,” Tuzzolino said. “I think maybe the first two he might like back. Then in the second period he stops maybe two or three Grade As, at the end of the first he stops a breakaway. Great energy, great attitude, really fought down to the wire.”

“He was a fire starter, a spark. Not a knock on our other goalies but they’ve had a lot of mental battles and needed a mental break.”

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Holyoke Community College Women's Basketball team was set to open up their regular season this week.

Cougars set for opener

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Community College women’s basketball schedule began this week with a matchup against Quinsigamond Community College. Their next home game is scheduled for Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. against Five Towns College.

T-Birds suffer tough loss to Bridgeport

BRIDGEPORT, CT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-8-1-1) fell victim to the Bridgeport Islanders (5-6-1-0) in a 6-1 loss on Saturday at Total Mortgage Arena.

Starting his first game of the season, Will Cranley was busy in the opening period in the Springfield crease, but the 23-year-old answered the bell with 14 first-period saves, which included a handful of beauties as the T-Birds survived nearly 90 seconds of a two-man disadvantage at the end of the period.

At the other end, Marcus Hogberg was equally sturdy in the Bridgeport crease, keeping Springfield off the board through nine shots in

the first 20 minutes.

Bridgeport finally broke through on Cranley at 1:26 of the second when Alex Jefferies picked the corner over Cranley’s blocker to give the Isles a 1-0 lead. Eetu Liukas added to the lead during a Bridgeport penalty kill just 2:10 later, driving to the front of the net and tipping a Daylan Kuefler pass over Cranley’s shoulder.

The Islanders only added to the T-Birds’ tough stretch at 9:02 when Adam Beckman crashed the paint and deflected a Matt Maggio cross-ice pass in behind Cranley to make it a 3-0 game.

The T-Birds finally answered the Bridgeport run with a power play tally from Juraj Pekarcik at 15:32, as

the rookie fired a shot from the left-wing circle off a defender’s legs and past Hogberg, cutting the margin to 3-1 entering the third. Marc-Andre Gaudet picked up his first AHL point on the primary assist.

Springfield had two more opportunities to cut into the lead in the third on the power play, but again Hogberg and the Bridgeport penalty kill stood tall. Joey Larson, who scored three times in the first two meetings between the clubs, added to his red-hot start when he fired a wrist-past Cranley at 13:39, and Chris Terry and Marc Gatcomb followed that up with goals 23 seconds apart to round out the scoring in the back half of the third.

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the ball out towards mid-field. That’s when Agudelo launched a high shot that landed behind freshman goalie Linnea before bouncing over the goal-line for her first career varsity goal, which was unassisted.

“That was an amazing shot by Lea,” Marion said. “When she kicked it, we thought the goalie was going to make the save. When the ball bounced into the net, it gave us a lot of energy.

The Lady Orioles had a couple of chances to score a goal during the last five minutes of the first half on shots by junior Isabella Vozzella and sophomore Aubrey Klingensmith.

During the 67th minute, Klingensmith lined another shot off the crossbar.

Belchertown tied the score at 1-1 in the 73rd minute following a Litz goal, which was assisted by Klingensmith.

With less than five minutes remaining in regulation, South Hadley retook the

lead when Fleury scored a corner kick goal.

“After Belchertown tied the score, I knew that we needed to score a goal because we didn’t want to go to overtime,” Fleury said. “I just curled the ball into the box hoping it would go into the net or one of my teammates would put it in. I just love taking corners.”

A last second shot attempt from Belchertown freshman Eleanor Mazzaferro was saved by sophomore goalie Olivia Athas giving the Lady Tigers their second Western Mass. title in the past five years.

There won’t be a third meeting between South Hadley and Belchertown this fall.



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Aubrey Klingensmith looks to clear the ball away.

The Lady Tigers entered the Division 4 state tournament as the third seed, while the Lady Orioles are the eighth seed in the Division 3 state tournament.

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games this season due to an ACL injury. She has stayed involved by doing an outstanding job of keeping the stats during the games.

“The seniors have made an impact on this year’s team and we’re sad that they’ll be leaving,” said Granby eighth grader Margo Healey, who’s a first-year varsity player. “I’m very grateful to be playing for this soccer team. I’m very happy that we’re now going to the Elite 8.”

The Lady Rams lost at Georgetown, 4-0, in last year’s Sweet 16 contest. They also lost in the round of 32 the previous three years.

Leading the way offensively for Granby in their first ever meeting against West Boylston was junior Kalli White, who recorded her fourth hat-trick of the 2025 campaign. She has more than 100 career points.

Junior Brenna Moreno also scored three goals in Granby’s 6-0 win against 32nd-seeded Mahar Regional in the round of 32 match two days earlier. Moreno had an assist in the Sweet 16 victory.

“We have a lot of different players contributing with

goals and assists this season,” Weaver said. “The opposing teams can’t just focus on Kalli. If they only try covering her, we’re going to make them pay.”

The round of 16 match was scoreless for the first 14 minutes of the first half.

The Lady Rams broke the ice following a breakaway goal by White, which was assisted by junior McKenna Zumburski.

Less than a minute later, freshman Marcela Tapia fired a low shot into the right corner of the net.

In the middle of the opening half, the Lady Lions, who only had three reserve players, had back-to-back corner kicks. Granby junior goalie Meredith Bartosz made the saves on both chances.

“I have a solid defense in front of me,” said Bartosz, who entered the match having posted five consecutive shut-outs. “It’s feels awesome to be going to the Elite 8.”

The Lady Rams starting defenders are junior Ellie Szlosek, freshman Kara White, junior Jaidyn Roberge, and Curran.

Bartosz (7 saves) was replaced by sophomore

Sophia Labonte (2 saves) in the middle of the second half.

The Lady Rams scored four more goals during the final 15 minutes of the first half.

After receiving a pass from eighth grader Bri-Anne Kraus, Kalli White scored her second breakaway goal giving the home team a 3-0 advantage.

Then Healey assisted on goals from eighth grader Charlie Zobka and Tapia.

Healey, who was credited with three assists, netted her team’s final goal of the first half making the score 6-0 at the break.

Granby final two goals were scored by Zumburski and White during the first five minutes of the second half.

The Lady Lions (7-10-2) lone goal was scored by eighth grader Lauren Aufiero during the 69th minute.

At that point, the Lady Rams starters were standing on the sideline enjoying the final minutes of their last home game of the season. They’re hoping to play a couple more matches at neutral sites before putting the balls away for the winter.

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Engagement in this context is crucial. Allow children to ask questions as they arise, and answer them. Learning must be fun and creative. Each child should walk away wanting to learn more. Motivate them to go home and look it up! How far can a snow flea really jump? How do you build an igloo? Why don’t polar bears eat penguins? Why is the ice blue and the

aurora green? When you go to the bathroom at the North Pole, does pee freeze before or after it hits the snow? (it is a legitimate science question!)

Over the years, Moki discovered that it isn’t only young children who are intrigued by tangible objects. Adults are equally enthralled benefactors of her “HANDS ON=MINDS ON” teaching style. Holding a narwhal tusk suddenly makes the animal

seem more real. Putting on an authentic Inuit seal-fur coat helps put a human face on the issues that indigenous people of the Arctic are confronting. What child doesn’t wish to be chomped on by a polar bear skull?

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BELCHERTOWN - The historic Keystone Bridge, built in 1866 and spanning the Middle Branch of the Swift River in New Salem, is facing imminent collapse due to severe deterioration. To prevent the loss of this unique landmark, the Friends of the Quabbin has launched an urgent stabilization effort, racing against time and the weather to preserve an irreplaceable piece of Quabbin Valley history. Regular updates, photographs of the project, and a video explaining the unique process to save it can be found at www.FriendsOfQuabbin.org/keystone.

The Friends of the Quabbin is partnering closely with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection (DCR-DWSP), which owns the site as part of the Quabbin Watershed. DCR is providing engineering oversight and some materials

for the project. "The Friends raised some funds to support this effort, and given its urgency, our Board agreed to use organizational reserves, if necessary," added Friends of the Quabbin Treasurer and project coordinator Paul Godfrey. "We've made significant progress, but it's taking more time and resources than expected, and our funds are running low."

Constructed by Civil War veteran Adolphus Porter for the then-remarkable sum of \$37.50 (about \$900 in today's dollars), the Keystone Bridge is a marvel of 19th-century engineering.

This elegant span crosses the Middle Branch of the Swift River, one of the streams that feed the Quabbin Reservoir, using no mortar at all. Known as a dry-stone arch bridge, it is made entirely of carefully cut and balanced stones, each one pressing against its neighbors in perfect harmony. When the final piece, the keystone, was set in 1866, the arch locked itself into place through geometry, gravity, and skill. But, over time, shifting soils and natural wear have weakened its stability, prompting immediate action to prevent total failure.

There are only a handful of bridges like it left in Massachusetts, and most are large railroad viaducts west of Westfield. The New Salem bridge, by contrast, is modest, a single arch designed for horse-drawn wagons and foot traffic, connecting the small village of Millington to Athol. For more than 150 years, it has stood quietly, enduring floods, storms, and neglect. But now, this extraordinary bridge is facing its greatest challenge yet and must be urgently stabilized.

"There are incredibly few people across the country who can do this type of work," said Godfrey. "We are fortunate to have found Michael Weitzner, a Vermont-based mason specializing in dry-laid stone arches, to work alongside a local contractor. It's a steep, difficult site that has required an extraordinary effort and a lot of material to stabilize."

To make this possible, workers are constructing a stone revetment platform along the southeast side. The platform serves two purposes: it provides a stable base for the crew and heavy machinery, and it will help to stabilize the bridge once the repairs are complete.

"It's extraordinary work



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on a very steep slope," said Godfrey. "Every stone must be set with precision, mostly by hand."

The Keystone Bridge sits within the watershed of the Quabbin Reservoir, which supplies drinking water to 2.7 million Massachusetts residents, most in the Greater Boston area. Because of the bridge's instability, the popular trail crossing has been closed. "We had to close the trail for safety reasons," said Godfrey. "But our goal is not only to save this vital part of history, but to also work with DCR to reopen the area so visitors can once again enjoy this

beautiful 'accidental wilderness.'"

The site will remain closed during the stabilization work, but updates are being shared regularly on the Friends of the Quabbin website at www.FriendsOfQuabbin.org/keystone and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/foquabbin.

Donations to help save the Keystone Bridge can be sent to: Friends of the Quabbin, c/o Les and Terry Campbell Visitor Center, 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, MA 01007

For more information, contact Paul Godfrey at 413-450-8329 or godfrey@umass.edu.

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About the Friends of the Quabbin

The Friends of the Quabbin (www.FriendsOfQuabbin.org) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the natural, cultural, and historical significance of the Quabbin Region. Through education, advocacy, and partnerships, the organization works to protect the Quabbin Watershed and share its remarkable stories with future generations.

Tours of Christmas Past come to the Stone House Museum

BELCHERTOWN - As the Christmas season approaches and we begin decorating our homes and communities with all the trees, garlands, ornaments, and lights that we look upon as traditional, the Stone House Museum is opening its doors to welcome you in for a look at what a Victorian Christmas would have looked like.

Many of you, when picturing a "traditional" Christmas, may think of images from Clement C. Moore's *The Night Before Christmas*, where visions of sugarplums danced through their heads. But early New Englanders did not celebrate Christmas. It was a festival celebrated only by religious minorities. So where did our traditions come from?

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ing, sending Christmas cards, and decorating trees. They transformed the folk figures of Father Christmas and Santa Claus into symbols of holiday generosity and popularized Germany's Christmas tree.

The Belchertown Historical Association welcomes you to attend our Victorian Candlelight Tours at the Stone House Museum this holiday season. Tours will be led by interpreters wearing traditional Victorian dress. The house will be filled with garlands, candlelight, music, craft activities, and the smells of homemade treats. Tours will be held on Sunday, November 30, Saturday, December 6, and Friday, December 12. Tours will begin at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. For tickets information call 413-230-2022 or visit our website and Facebook page: stonehousemuseum.org.



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Smiling at the entrance, Caran welcomes you in for a Christmas tour.

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The Railers goals were scored by Drew Callin and Kolby Johnson, playing in just his third game of the season. Lynden McCallum had two for Maine, giving him five for the two games here this weekend. Jacob Perreault and Sebastian Vidmar had the other Maine goals, Vidmar into an empty net.

Luke Cavallin made 22 saves for Maine to improve his career record versus Worcester to 11-5-0.

Maine scored early and late in the first period.

Perrault notched a power play goal at 1:58, blasting a shot home from the left circle on the first shot. Gale faced in a Worcester uniform. Maine's man advantage came about after Railers forward Jesse Nurmi was called for an obvious slashing penalty at 1:50.

McCallum scored his fourth goal of the weekend at 17:17. He snapped a shot

under the crossbar from the right circle; the Mariners have been very good so far this season against Worcester at putting the puck on the top shelf.

The home team closed the gap on a power play goal of its own just 1:48 into the second period. Callin beat Cavallin from between the dots with a quick wrist shot after taking a pass from Ryan Miotto. It was a one-goal game for about six minutes.

McCallum went top shelf at 7:46 to re-establish the Mariners' two-goal lead. It could have been worse for the Railers, though. Maine had a 17-7 edge in shots and Gale made several excellent saves.

Johnson scored at 9:35 of the third period, right off a draw in the left circle. The puck found him alone about 15 feet away from Cavallin and he beat him with an instant release.

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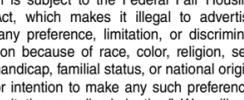
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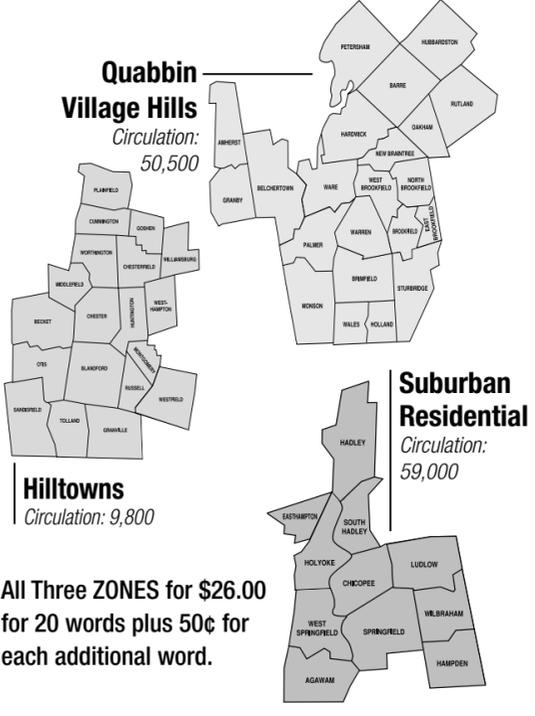
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CLUES ACROSS

- Expression of surprise
- Keyboard key
- One who works on lights
- Notable children's story
- Fall back into a bad pattern
- Eye parts
- Atomic #18
- Of she
- Farm state
- One point south of southeast
- British media entity
- Asian garment
- Drench
- Expressions of pleasure
- Turf
- UK trade union (abbr.)

- Bleated
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Paddle
- Monetary unit of Italy
- American classical pianist
- Shuts down for the day
- Seize
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Greeting
- Some cars still need it
- Atomic #22
- Let go
- Marched in public
- U.S. residents, Mexicans and Canadians
- Hostilities
- Speak aloud
- River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

- Razorbill genus
- Longtime Baltimore tight end
- Performs on stage
- Supports a sentiment
- Rugged mountain ranges
- Broadway songwriter Sammy
- Snakelike fish
- Men's fashion accessory
- Hospital worker
- Something to scratch
- No (Scottish)
- Volcanic ash
- Of this
- American jazz drummer Watts
- Drop down
- English dialect
- Predatory seabirds
- Imams' deputies
- Fertility god
- Fence material

- Parks and DeLauro are two
- Distinctive smell (Brit.)
- Protein-rich liquids
- Touch lightly
- Season for Catholics
- Boat race
- Police actions
- Chinese river
- Waterfall (Scottish)
- Walk ostentatiously
- Type of carpet
- Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- Sea eagles
- An enclosure for confining livestock
- Dry
- An increase in price or value
- The highest point of something
- Government lawyers
- Larry and Curly's pal

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