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Quabbin Art Association OFFERS NEW EXHIBIT



Denise Fontaine-Pincince, artwork wall and book cover.

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New member exhibit offered at Clapp Memorial Library

BELCHERTOWN - The Quabbin Art Association (QAA) has announced a new member exhibit at the Clapp Memorial Library, featuring Belchertown artists Denise Fontaine-Pincince and Anna Jacke.

“Both women share diverse talents in the visual arts and are exhibiting through the end of December,” the QAA released.

“My true passion is poetry, specifically haiku. I consider myself a ‘haiga’ artist in that I like to combine art with haiku,” Fontaine-Pincince said.

She has chosen to exhibit twelve pieces from her assemblage/poetry series, “Haiku

Thank You.” “The collection honors the ordinary as a prayer of gratitude presented as visual poetry, combining art with haiku—also known as ‘haiga,’” the QAA released in a press statement.

Her haiku and verse poetry can be found in numerous journals and anthologies, and is best

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Granby STM set

Voters to decide
on funding West
Street School
project

BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Correspondent

GRANBY – Voters will determine whether to fund a renovation project for the former West Street School to be used as municipal offices and the senior center at a Dec. 11 Special Town Meeting at the East Meadow School at 7 p.m.

The project is estimated to cost about \$5 million, including design fees, which will give the town a building free of hazardous materials, capable of housing all existing municipal offices and storage for the town. The building closed in 2018, when students moved to the new wing of the East Meadow School.

Currently, the town is leasing a building to house municipal offices in the Town Hall Annex. The town currently owns the building used for other offices and the senior center. The plan

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Art show celebrates works of veterans and family members

Shaped by Service

BY PAULA OUIMETTE
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WARE – For the third year, HomeFront Strong teamed up with Workshop13 to present the Shaped by Service art show at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St.

Featuring 18 artists, the Shaped by Service art show offered servicemembers, veterans and their families a chance to express themselves creatively through various mediums, capturing the true image of what it means to serve.

“There’s just so many different types of mediums all coming together to celebrate the military,” the show’s curator Faith Eileen Ward said. “It’s a wonderful mix of people.”

Through their shared experi-

ences with the military, the artists have produced a touching, and often gut-wrenching, display rich with colors and textures.

“These are real things that happen,” Ward said of these experiences. “They’re fighting for our freedom.”

Ward said her husband, uncle and aunt have all served in the military, and she knows the sacrifice servicemembers make for their country.

“I just have a lot of respect for people that allow us to live in freedom,” she said.

Shaped by Service, just “brings together what they went through, even family members,” Ward said.

HomeFront Strong’s Executive Director Jennifer Baublitz said this is the first year the art show has filled the entire gallery, and it featured lots of returning artists.



Ware resident Nancy Harder stands with a piece she made out of pottery and driftwood.

TURLEY PHOTO BY PAULA OUIMETTE

One such returning artist is Anthony Seay of Three Rivers, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran and one of the area’s most prolific painters, showcasing eight of his hyper realistic acrylic paintings in this year’s show.

Seay has only been painting for six years, and it’s something he’s embraced in his sobriety.

Seay is also a volunteer at HomeFront Strong, offering support for fellow veterans for a number of things including substance and alcohol use.

Veterans helping veterans is a model HomeFront Strong uses, allowing those shared experiences to create a lasting bond and trust. Seay said unless you’ve been in the military, or a substance user, it’s very hard to relate to someone who is.

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Town announces new board, committee vacancies

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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: Friday, Dec. 1

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 vacan-

cy 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 enthu-

siast 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

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Chamber of Commerce hosts annual dinner meeting

Ruggeiro takes place as new Board of Directors chairperson

BY PAULA OUIMETTE
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WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce welcomed incoming Board of Directors Chairperson Josh Ruggiero of Smith Brothers Insurance during its annual meeting and dinner held at Salem Cross Inn last week.

On Nov. 5, outgoing Chairperson Lena Buteau of Monson Savings Bank spoke about the changes the Chamber has seen in the past few years, and where it stands now.

“We’ve come such a long way this year,” Buteau said. “From 2020 to 2022 we were driven to survive. In 2023 we were driven to thrive.”

Buteau credited the Chamber’s newest Chief Executive Officer, Robert Lavoie, with strengthening ties with businesses in the region, as shown by the dinner’s sold out attendance.

“He’s doing such a great job being the welcoming face of the Chamber in four short months,” she said. “He’s invested in being involved and building lasting relationships.”

In the coming year, the Chamber is gearing up to do more, Buteau said, including the return of its annual community awards, as well as increased marketing for

Chamber members.

Buteau also credited the Chamber’s Board of Directors for their team effort to work together; Ruggiero, Treasurer Renee Niedziela of J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Clerk Amy Scribner of River East School-to-Career and past Chairperson Tanya Bullock of Life’s Memories & More.

Buteau said the Chamber welcomed a number of new businesses to its membership this year, including the Chamber’s youngest member, Bill Partelo of Wicked Woodworking, who just celebrated his 18th birthday.

As Ruggeiro took over the meeting from Buteau, he thanked the underwriters and Salem Cross Inn for hosting the night’s event.

He said the small businesses that make up the Chamber are the “lifeblood of the area,” and they’re helping the Chamber to overcome changes and challenges.

“This really is an amazing organization...now we are perfectly poised to help you, our members,” Ruggeiro said. “This Chamber is one of the best resources we have.”

Chamber members thanked Buteau for her dedication to its members, and Monson Savings Bank’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Michael Rouette noted her long career in community banking.

“Lena is passionate about her job, her employees...she is a strong advocate for customer service,” Rouette said. “We’re here tonight to celebrate her role in the Chamber. It wasn’t an easy role she walked into. She devoted countless hours to the Chamber.”



Lavoie and Scribner presented Buteau with an elegant black wooden chair, made by Standard Chair of Gardner. Buteau’s name is engraved on the chair, along with the Chamber’s newly designed logo.

Featured speaker for the evening was state Rep. Todd Smola, who was joined by newly elected state Sen. Peter Durant.

Smola touched on several issues before the State House and in his role as a ranking member of the Ways & Means Committee.

“We have our finger on the pulse strings of Massachusetts,” he said.

Smola said a lot has changed since the COVID pandemic, including the issue of portability. Remote accessibility has given people the ability to do a number of jobs from anywhere in the world.

Now, there is out-migration from the commonwealth, which has dropped 12 spots to being ranked 45th among states for tax incentives. Smola said a tax incentive package was passed to help balance it out.

“We manage our money really well,” Smola said of the commonwealth.

Even with the best money management, housing continues to be a top concern for residents of Massachusetts. The housing crisis is impacting people from all income levels.

“Housing, housing, housing...it is our big problem,” Smola said, and its another reason people are relocating to other states.

Smola said 400,000 additional housing units will help the problem, but it won’t fix it.

Transportation is another issue residents face, Smola said, especially in rural areas where infrastructure is lacking. Retention of workers is also a concern for business owners, especially in western Massachusetts.

“We are losing our young workforce,” he said. Smola said while the commonwealth is facing these

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Police take part in Coats 4 Vets

BELCHERTOWN – Officers Daponte and Krol, along with police departments across the Commonwealth, recently took part in Coats 4 Vets, a partnership between police, the Mass. Military Foundation, Ocean State Job Lot, and the New England Patriots Foundation that collects winter coats and other necessities for veterans. The buckets will be delivered to Belchertown Veteran Agent Charly Oliva, Belchertown Police released in a statement on social media.

Local police depts. receive JAG grant funding

REGION – Seven area police departments, including the Belchertown and Granby departments, have recently been awarded district grants under the federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program.

The funding was awarded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, according to Senator Jake Oliveira.

“The funds will support the police departments in their efforts to address priorities that include combatting drug

use and hate crimes, improving school safety and security, and advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities,” Sen. Oliveira said.

The departments include Ludlow, Belchertown, Springfield, Longmeadow, South Hadley, Wilbraham, and Granby.

“Thank you for seeking this opportunity to protect and serve,” Oliveira released in a statement on social media.

Additionally, the Belchertown

Police Department released in a statement that it has been awarded an Office of Public Safety and Security’s Office of Grants and Research (OGR) FFY24 Municipal Road Safety grant in the amount of \$29,997.

“This grant funding enables the Belchertown Police Department to dedicate officers specifically for the purpose of enforcing and educating the motoring public regarding offenses like distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding, and seat belt compliance,” the department shared.

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OPINION



Can I voluntarily suspend my Social Security payments?

Dear Rusty
My wife retired in 2015 and is receiving Social Security. I am past my full retirement age and I still work. I recently filed for Social Security benefits and received my first payment earlier this month and my benefits are around three times my wife's. I now find that, due to other income, I am having some regrets about filing for Social Security, as the taxes will be complicated. So, my questions are:

If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", can my wife still apply to get up to 50% of my benefits, or do I have to be "actively" receiving Social Security benefits? In other words, does the "Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015" prevent this?

If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", how soon could I "restart" my benefits?

Signed: Having Second Thoughts

Dear Second Thoughts

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 closed a loophole which previously allowed someone to file for their Social Security retirement benefit in order for their marital partner to claim a spousal benefit, after which the primary beneficiary could suspend their own benefit and allow it to grow to maximum at age 70. That "file and suspend" option went away in April of 2016; thus, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit while your Social Security retirement benefits are



suspended you must be "actively" receiving benefits for your wife to get benefits on your record.

Nevertheless, because you've already reached your full retirement age, you can voluntarily suspend your benefit payments at any time to allow it to continue growing by simply calling Social Security at your local office or at the national number 1-800-772-1213 and asking them to do so. Your wife will not receive her spousal benefits for any months your benefits are suspended, but she would continue to get her own SS retirement amount, only the spousal portion of her monthly amount would be suspended.

You will be able to restart your benefits at any time by calling Social Security again and asking that your benefits be resumed. You can suspend and restart your ben-

efits as needed (no restriction on how many times), but they will only start/resume the suspension effective with the month following the month you call. And, as you likely already know, for each month your benefits are suspended you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits resulting in a higher payment amount later.

Just for clarity, voluntary suspension of benefits is only available to those who have reached full retirement age but is an excellent way to increase your monthly Social Security payment. Your benefit will grow by .667% for each month suspended and, if your benefit is still suspended when you turn 70 years old, Social Security will automatically resume payments at that time, at your higher maximum monthly amount.

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Baystate Health launches \$70M Healthier Tomorrows: The Campaign for Baystate Health

Historic fundraising effort aims to bolster region's health

SPRINGFIELD -- Baystate Health has announced an historic \$70 million comprehensive fundraising effort. Healthier Tomorrows: The Campaign for Baystate Health is the largest fundraising goal in Baystate Health's history and focuses on raising money for three critical areas: capital needs, program support, and endowment development.

"This campaign changes the face of healthcare in our region," said Baystate Health President and CEO Dr. Mark Keroack. "Our vision is to improve the health of everyone in our community by recruiting top-tier medical providers, building cutting-edge spaces for them to practice in, enhancing our services to meet the changing needs of the people we serve, and ensuring Baystate Health is here to stay for the long haul."

The \$70 million goal funds several initiatives including a state-of-the-art surgical facility at Baystate Medical; renovated Family Medicine practice and teaching space at Baystate Franklin; a Center for Nursing Excellence at Baystate Medical; and support for the endowment, with the purpose of increasing fiscal resilience for the organization.

Community members and Baystate Health providers and staff gathered on the evening of



Left to right: Sheldrick Streete, Chief Operating Officer, Baystate Medical Center and Vice President, Hospital Operations, Baystate Health; Dr. Andrew Arstein, Chief Physician Executive and Chief Academic Officer, Baystate Health; Joanne Miller, Chief Nurse Executive, Baystate Health and Chief Nursing Officer, Baystate Medical Center; Dr. Mark Keroack, President and CEO, Baystate Health; Samuel Skura, President, Baystate Medical Center and Senior Vice President of Hospital Operations, Baystate Health; Scott Berg, Vice President of Philanthropy, Baystate Health, Executive Director, Baystate Health Foundation

September 18 to celebrate the campaign's launch. The event, originally planned to be held in the Bolduc Family Courtyard at Baystate Medical Center, was moved inside

due to inclement weather. The courtyard was made possible by a recent gift from the Bolduc Family and their Hope for Youth & Families Foundation.

Lead donors have already contributed generously toward the \$70 million goal. In addition to funds for the Bolduc Family Courtyard, campaign support includes a grant from the Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation in support of the new Operating and Interventional Procedural Rooms at Baystate Medical Center, two named endowed clinical chairs, program contributions toward the Family Medicine Residency Program and mobile health, and support of annual giving and events which reach systemwide.

"Baystate Health has been providing high-quality, compassionate healthcare to this community since the 1880s," said Dr. Andrew Arstein, chief physician executive and chief academic officer at Baystate Health, and president at Baystate Medical Practices. "It is our sincere hope that our promise to advance care and enhance lives will continue for the next century and beyond. This campaign helps us secure our mission well into the future."

The \$70 million goal of Healthier Tomorrows: The Campaign for Baystate Health is comprehensive, meaning all gifts made during the campaign count toward the historic goal.

"With roots dating to the founding of Springfield Hospital in 1883, Baystate has benefited over the

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would be to sell the building. Granby Town Administrator Chris Martin spoke about the repairs that would be involved in the project at a Nov. 9 Finance Committee meeting.

Martin said the project makes sense financially.

"We have to maintain four buildings," he said.

These are West State Street, the Town Hall Annex, the old Carnegie Building, and the West Street building.

"By consolidating all the offices into one building we are eliminating the care and maintenance of three facilities."

Currently the town leases the Town Hall Annex for about \$26,000 a year. He said the town also heats the West Street building to make sure the pipes don't freeze, as the building is being used for some storage purposes.

Martin discussed the scope of the project.

"We need to address the current condition of the building to make it so it's habitable for our municipal offices, senior center and maybe be able to do other things in the future," he said. "We included a

sprinkler fire protection system...windows and door replacement, HVAC, asbestos removal, PCB removal and updating the water system."

Asbestos abatement will be done on sewer pipes and tiles on the floor. The estimated cost from two different firms was between \$674,000 to \$885,000.

"When we put the roof on at the [West Street building] in 2011/2012, when we had to shore up the roof in one area, they discovered the glue dobs and we had to have the tiles remediated before they could go in and put the additional bracing on the roof," Martin said. "I'm running on the presumption we'll have to do that again no matter what."

All 44,000 square feet of the building will have brand new windows, which will cut down on the mildew problem on the building identified by a member of the Department of Public Health, Martin said.

There are also designer fees and an OPM (owners project manager) fee because any project over \$1.5 million requires an OPM.

Martin said the plan is to have a functioning kitchen in the building. There would be a plan to use the larger room he referred to as the "cafetorium" for town

meetings.

West Street Building Committee Chair Lynn Snopek-Mercier spoke to the board earlier this month about the committee's recommendation.

"We're here to ask you to schedule a special town meeting for early December to bring this project forward with approval and spending authority," she said in a meeting earlier this month. "The funding for this will not require any increase in taxes as there are other available funds to pay for the project."

Proposed funding for the project includes using American Rescue Plan Act funds, of which Granby has about \$1.8 million. There was \$3 million from the elementary school construction/renovation project that the Finance Committee appropriated \$2 million from stabilization fund that could be reallocating to the West Street building project. The remaining funds are being discussed using money previously allocated for the East Meadow gym project reservation funds.

An information session about the project will be on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the West State Street building at the Selectboard meeting.

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years from the generosity of community donors who have helped our organization to grow into the largest healthcare system in western Massachusetts," said Scott Berg, vice president of philanthropy for Baystate Health and executive director of Baystate Health Foundation.

"Today, every contribution, no matter the size and no matter what the donor chooses to direct it toward, matters in this campaign as Baystate continues its essential role in the health of the people in our communities. Everyone has a stake in Healthier Tomorrows. We are truly all in this together."

Baystate Health's last campaign concluded in 2012. The \$23 million raised supported building the shell of the Hospital of the Future wing, including space for a new emergency department and the Davis Family Heart & Vascular Center. Healthier Tomorrows: The Campaign for Baystate Health will help complete much of the shell space as intended to accommodate new technology and meet the growing needs of the community.

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represented in her YouTube video, "Haiku Gifts: Art with poetry by Denise Fontaine-Pincince." Each haiku poem and corresponding piece of artwork could stand alone, but when both forces are combined, a third element is born. All pieces are for sale directly from the artist, along with a softcover book that accompanies the series.

For more information, please visit poetryandpaint.com/haiku-thank-you-collection.

More recently, her work was featured in the latest haiku journal, "New Resonance 13." In June 2023, she had the opportunity to read her featured poem at the Haiku North America Conference held in Cincinnati. Biennially, seventeen haiku poets from around the world are chosen as new members of the New Resonance Community, with their work featured semi-annually in New Resonance.

"Getting in is a long, competitive process," Fontaine-Pincince said. "You have to be nominated by a New Res member. If you accept the nomination, you send 100 of your best haiku to the judges and wait to hear if you were chosen for membership. There were 50 competitors this year, and I was one of the selected 17."

Before focusing on art and haiku, Fontaine-Pincince served as owner and administrator of two schools; a private elementary school and a large daycare center. In 2005, she sold her business to pursue the arts and enrolled at Lesley University where she earned an MFA in Creative Writing with a concentration in poetry. In 2016, she co-founded the Quabbin Art Association and is a current member of three poetry writing groups: the Cold Spring Poetry Group (verse); The Sugar Maple Haiku Group; and mentor for three new haiku poets for the Haiku Society of America. Next year, she will be offering a



"Book Cover," Fontaine-Pincince

haiku class for adults in Belchertown.

Additionally, Anna Jacke is exhibiting a series of plein air and studio landscapes in oil and watercolor.

"My goal as an artist is to capture the essence of life and spirit through the mediums of water, oil, and ink. When choosing a subject, I go with what brings joy to my life. My creativity originates with a deep love and respect for the Earth and her many creatures great and small," Jacke said. "Connected, we are in a gossamer web of light and color. More than half of my paintings are completed plein air where I can enjoy the beauty of nature in all its forms."

Jacke's passion for art has been a lifelong journey of creativity and color. Through formal art education in her home state of Connecticut, she mastered the mediums of pastel, oil, acrylic, and watercolor. After retiring from the legal profession in 2009, she relocated to California and continued her studies in art and digital media at Community School of Music & Arts in Mountain View.

Since 2011, Jacke's artwork and photography have been exhibited in more than seventy-five solo, group regional, national, and international juried art shows, the most recent at the Mill District Local Art Gallery in Amherst. Her bold and colorful watercolors have appeared in multi-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Anna Jacke, artwork wall and watercolor "White Birch Meadow."

ple publications including Southwest Art Magazine and The Artistic Touch 6, "A Book of Watercolor Inspiration," featuring the nation's leading watercolorists. She is a juried member of Oil Painters of America, and a featured artist in California's OCPA (Online Catalog of Professional Artists).

She has also served as an art juror in the Bay Area, and taught watercolor classes in Oregon. Besides a love of art, she is a professional photographer and freelance writer. For more information on her work or to inquire on commissions and unique art products, please visit annajackeart.com.

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Seay had several paintings in the show based off of photos provided to him by a friend, who is a retired U.S. Marine Corps veteran. One is of a green Humvee that his friend drove in Okinawa, Japan, and another is of a 1942 U.S. Navy Willys Jeep.

His friend had the Willys shipped home after he discovered the U.S. Navy wanted to get rid of it.

"We've rebuilt it twice," Seay said with a laugh. "It still runs."

Another painting featured a truck his friend drove while in Germany.

Nancy Harder of Ware also entered eight pieces into the Shaped by Service art show, featuring pottery, glasswork and more.

"I started as a littler girl, but I didn't pursue more of it until I retired," Harder said of her creative side.

Harder said she and her husband Gregory rent a cottage on the military base in Niceville, Florida, and she took advantage of a gift certificate she received from the local art studio CREATE!

"I just have such wonderful instructors there, it's very therapeutic...they embrace anyone who comes through the door," Harder said.

Gregory is a 20 plus year U.S. Air Force veteran, and while the two both grew up in Ware, they didn't know each other until later in life, when Gregory had retired from the military.

Harder said she was living in Chicago, and he was all over the world.

"We were introduced, and our children convinced us we should be a family," Harder said. Together, the couple has four sons.

Making her art brings her joy, Harder said. She makes a lot of pieces that remind her of Gregory and home.

"Gregory walks on the beach and brings me pieces of wood that washed up on shore," she said. One of her pieces in the show features a blue ceramic heart, hanging from a piece of driftwood collected by Gregory.

This was Donald "Donny" Longley's



Three Rivers artist Anthony Seay displays three of the eight paintings he entered in the Shaped by Service art show.

first time exhibiting in the show since he started his job as HomeFront Strong's chief operating officer a little over a year ago.

Longley, a metalworker, served in the U.S. Air Force for six years, stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Texas. He was deployed to both Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

For about 20 years, Longley has made sculptures out of a mix of new and repurposed metals.

"I like making abstract stuff," Longley said of his sculptures, which included a fish, a seahorse and even a ball and chain made from old railroad spikes.

The fish is Longley's favorite piece he entered in the show, and it features metal from a number of sources, including old railroad pitchforks, a lawnmower blade and leaf springs from a car. Longley cut out 100 metal disks from a sheet of metal to resemble the fish's scales.

U.S. Navy veteran Katie Standiford of Longmeadow entered her ceramic sunflower bowl titled, "Shades of Summer". The bowl is layered with seven or eight glazes, washing it in warm tints of pink, yellow,

orange and brown.

The base of the bowl, which is the center of the sunflower, remains unglazed to showcase the clay's rich, earthy color.

"It's called 'Shades of Summer' because it was a culmination of everything I learned over the summer about glazing," she said. "How to get different depths in the surface so it wasn't flat...it really looks like a flower."

Standiford started taking a ceramics class as part of her art therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder about a year ago. Making the bowl took her about seven hours, with most of that time committed to layering the glazes.

Husband and wife artists Maurice and Linda Iorio traveled from Sterling to display their paintings in the show.

Maurice has exhibited in Shaped by Service for all three years, and last year, he even sold the painting he entered. It is now displayed at Monson Savings Bank.

Maurice has been painting since 2014 and Linda has been painting for over 50 years, and is also his teacher.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE
Bold textures catch your eye in Steven Jones' "Locks".

Linda remembered the first time her husband had expressed a desire to learn how to paint, during a cruise they took following Maurice's retirement, when she had brought her watercolors along.

Maurice served 21 years as U.S. Army intelligence, and two of his paintings in the show are of his military assignments. One is from his first assignment in Windsor Locks, Connecticut and another from his last in Turkey.

"90% of all of my paintings are from pictures I took," Maurice said.

Linda entered a painting of the morning fire at Fort Devens, as well as a sunset beach scene from Turkey. The beach scene was painted using a photo one of Maurice's friends from Turkey took.

Linda explores all types of mediums for her paintings, including acrylics, oils, watercolors and Japanese rice inks.

"I got to study with a phenomenal artist, who had his doctorate from Yale," Linda said

Now the couple has turned a spare bedroom in their home into a studio to display their work, and spend many days together in the dining room, just painting.

"The main thing is I get to spend more time with my wife," Maurice said of his interest in painting.

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Holiday pet supply sale next month

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 the bin." 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."

Immaculate Heart of Mary offers 'win a trip to a Patriots game'

GRANBY - The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is doing a "win a trip to a Patriots game with Father Michael" raffle for the Monday, Dec. 18, night game against the Super Bowl Champions Kansas City Chiefs.

The winner will receive two 50-yard line seats, free access to the brand-new GP Atrium with free food and non-alcoholic beverages and a free ride to and from the game (free ride leaves at 4 p.m. from the

church parking lot). Raffle tickets are \$20 and are available at the Parish Office at 413-467-9821 or Wally P. at 413-348-7219, or after all weekend masses. The drawing is Dec. 11.

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adopting, to seek out opportunities to acknowledge and/or celebrate the diversity within the community, and to welcome the whole community to join in, offering suggestions on how the town addresses specific or potential acts of violence, including hate speech, should such acts arise in the community, region, or state.

"Efforts should be made to include voices from the community or communities that are directly affected," the town released.

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

All are encouraged to apply. Deadline: Friday, Dec. 1

Zoning Board of Appeals

One Associate Member seat
The ZBA is responsible for hearing and deciding on applica-

tions 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.

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Orioles season ends against Dighton-Rehoboth

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN —The final home match of the regular season for the Belchertown boys varsity soccer team was a shutout victory versus Smith Division rival Minnechaug Regional on Oct. 18.

At that time, the five Orioles seniors thought it would be the final home match of their high school careers.

Three weeks later, the Orioles players had the opportunity to play another match in front of their faithful supporters in the round of 16 of the Division 3 state tournament.

The 2023 campaign came to an end for the 23rd-seeded Orioles following a 2-0 loss to

the 26th-seeded Dighton-Rehoboth Falcons on a chilly night under the stadium lights on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

“When we ended the regular season at home against Minnechaug, I told the boys that it was going to be the last time that they played a match on this pitch based on the way the seedings for the Western Mass. and state tournaments were looking,” said Belchertown head coach Zach Siano. “It was a pleasant surprise for us to be able to play in front of our fans, for our town, our community, our school one last time. I hope they’re proud of the effort these guys put in.”

All five of the Orioles (10-5-



Tanner Lockwood watches as he sends a pass away.



Joshua Misiaszek works through a crowd.

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4) regular season losses were shutouts. They earned a home match in the state tourna-

ment following a 2-1 road victory over 10th-seeded Nauset Regional in the round of 32. Dighton-Rehoboth (12-1-8) also knocked off seventh-seeded Blackstone

Valley RVT, 2-1, in the same round setting up the round of 16 match-up.

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Girls fall in tournament opener



Jillian DeBarge heads off the ball.



Briana Haley makes a strong throw-in.

BELCHERTOWN — Earlier this month, Belchertown girls soccer was defeated at home 3-1 by Wilmington in the Round of 32. The Orioles, who lost in the Western Mass. Class B semifinals just a week earlier, finished the season with an 8-7-4 record overall.



Brooke Burrows heads across the field.



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Isabella Vozzella guides a pass up the field.

Orioles suffer loss to Ware in non-playoff action

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

WARE —The non-playoff football game between the Belchertown Orioles and the Ware Indians featured two teams looking to get back into the win column following losses in the state tournament six days earlier.

The Indians, who lost at home to Randolph, 3-0, in a Division 8 tournament game on November 3, scored seven touchdowns enroute to a 48-14 victory on a foggy night at Veteran’s Field, last Thursday.

“I’m very proud of my players, especially the seniors, who were able to win the final game of the season on this field,” said Ware head coach Mike Fazio. “We put a lot of effort into making the state playoffs every year and you’re always worried about how the players are going to respond following a playoff loss. We responded very well in tonight’s game.”

The seniors listed on the Ware football roster are Jacob Witt, Kyle Gordon, Ayden Young, Noah Fales, Dominic Guardino, Kyle Safford, and Talan Molina.

“The seniors have done a lot of hard work in building our culture during the past couple of years,” Fazio added. “They were my first group of players who put a lot of time in the weight room, and it has paid off. We’re now hoping to win our final game against Quaboag.”

The home victory improved Ware’s overall season record to 9-1. If they’re able to defeat Quaboag on the night before Thanksgiving, the Indians will reach ten wins for the first time since 2017. They finished with a 10-1 mark that season.

The Indians have also won the last three meetings on the grid-iron against the Orioles. They squeaked out a 28-20 win in

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University of Mass. hosting Pioneer Valley Tip-Off

AMHERST — The Pioneer Valley Tip-Off is a student-run high school basketball showcase featuring some of the best talent in Central and Western Massachusetts. The PVTO was started in 2011 by Scott Moses and Pat Salle, both students at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and it continues to be entirely student-run by the McCormack Student Leaders Club today. The PVTO is

held each December on the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus, where we strive to create a professional environment for fans and players alike. This year’s event will be held on Dec. 9 and 10 and will feature teams from throughout the region. A schedule is online at www.pioneervalleytip-off.com. All games will be held at the Mullins Center on the UMass-Amherst campus.

SPORTS



Hunter Griswold drops back for a pass attempt.



Hunter Griswold runs through traffic.

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Nicholas Pfister runs down the field.

Smith Voke gets revenge on Pioneers

NORTHAMPTON — On Nov. 10, the Pioneers football team traveled to Northampton for a nonplayoff game against Tri-County opponent Smith Vocational. Pathfinder had a 19-7 win over Smith Voke in Week 8. This time, the Pioneers were not so lucky, falling 32-26. With the defeat, Pathfinder is 4-6 heading into this Thanksgiving's game against Belchertown.



Dustyn Cook kicks off.



Matthew Vanasse and Branden Hnitecki combine for a tackle.

Basketball Hall of Fame creates new award with rapper

SPRINGFIELD — The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and ground-breaking rap star, renowned blockbuster film producer and actor, entrepreneur, and co-founder of the BIG3 basketball league, Ice Cube, are thrilled to announce a pioneering partnership culminating in the creation of the inaugural Ice Cube Impact Award.

This unique collaboration is set to honor Ice Cube's extraordinary contributions to the world of basketball, his unparalleled passion for the game, and his unwavering commitment to encouraging crucial dialogues surrounding inclusivity, equal opportunity, and racial and social justice while contributing to initiatives focused on education and community development.

"The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Award named in my honor is truly remark-

able, and words alone can't express my gratitude for this recognition from such a prestigious organization," said Ice Cube, a lifelong Lakers fan who grew up playing basketball at the Inglewood YMCA. "Having an award bearing my name only intensifies my commitment to advancing inclusivity and equal opportunity in sports, alongside my unwavering dedication to community activism."

The Naismith Hall of Fame will permanently house and amplify the Ice Cube Impact Award in its museum and honor subsequent award winners each year through a dedicated exhibit and in-depth storytelling about honorees who use basketball as a platform for good works in their own communities.

"Ice Cube's unquestionable passion for the game and his desire to see it utilized

as a catalyst for positive impact on communities are unwavering," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "His sphere of influence in both the entertainment industry and in the professional sports arena brings remarkable authenticity and value to this award. We are delighted to join hands with Ice Cube as he leverages his love of the game to inspire others. The Ice Cube Impact Award will stand as a testament to the power of basketball and the profound impact it can have on communities worldwide."

Ice Cube's remarkable journey through the world of basketball has had a profoundly transforming effect. As the visionary founder of the BIG3, he created a professional league built on the game's proven bests--Hall of Famers, World Champions,

and All-Stars. The BIG3 has launched and revitalized careers and opened doors for all players and coaches who wish to continue to positively contribute to the game in a format that captures the hearts and imagination of fans nationwide. His unique and innovative approach to the game, which incorporates elements of streetball and professional basketball, also showcases the immense power of sports in uniting communities, as exemplified by the Young3 program focusing on youth in underserved areas.

The Ice Cube Impact Award will be presented to Ice Cube at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 15, 2024) in Springfield, Massachusetts.

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another non-playoff home game a year ago.

While Safford and Molina each scored a rushing touchdown in this year's meeting against the Orioles, sophomore Jadrien Berthiaume led the way offensively with four rushing touchdowns.

Berthiaume, who scored three rushing TD's in a 49-7 home win against rival Palmer at the end of October, finished the game with a total of 152 rushing yards on seven carries.

"Jadrien did a great job in tonight's game," Molina said. "He's an outstanding young football player with a very bright future."

The mood was a little bit different on the visiting sideline following last Thursday's game.

"I'm very disappointed with my team's performance," said Belchertown head coach Dan McCarthy. "I was expecting a hard fought battle. You have to give Ware a lot of credit. They're a well-coached physical team and we just didn't match it. Football is all about blocking and tackling and we didn't do either of them in tonight's

game."

Belchertown (7-3) lost, 49-8, at Shawsheen Tech in a Division 5 playoff game.

The Orioles will be looking to wrap-up the football season by celebrating a home win versus Pathfinder Tech on Thanksgiving morning. The Orioles seniors are Josh Grillo, Shaun Lohse, Chris Daskam, Landon Andre, Nico St. George, Rylan Queiros, Michael Muscaro, Tyler Dauplaise, and Kaden Couture.

Things didn't start out very well for Belchertown, who won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff.

A fourth down sack by Safford gave the Indians offense the ball for the first time at the Orioles 31 with 10:56 left in the opening quarter. Seven seconds later, the home team was leading 7-0 following a 31-yard touchdown run by Berthiaume.

Junior Brady Dyer made six of his seven extra point attempts.

The Ware defense, which is led by Gordon, Young, Fales, and Safford, forced the Orioles to punt on their next offensive series.

With 5:54 left in the opening quarter, Berthiaume took a handoff from Dyer,

who's also Indians starting quarterback, and he sprinted 26 yards up the middle for his second rushing touchdown capping off a seven play scoring drive, which covered 75 yards.

Less than three minutes into the second stanza, the Indians were leading 21-0 following an 18 yard TD run by Safford, who carried a couple of tacklers with him into the endzone.

The Orioles fans, who made the trek to Ware High School on Rte. 9, finally had something to cheer about when Andre, who was the starting QB, completed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Grillo on a fourth down play with 2:27 remaining in the opening half.

Junior Brian Carlin made the PAT.

Then Daskam intercepted a deflected pass which led to a 39-yard TD pass from Andre to junior Jack Beals, who sprinted the final 25 yards into the end zone.

Carlin made his second extra point slicing the Orioles deficit down to 21-14 with 1:44 left in the first half.

Andre was injured during the second half and was replaced at quarterback by St. George.

"Losing our starting quarterback to an

injury is a very big loss for us," McCarthy said. "Landon is one of our leaders and he always leaves everything he has on the field."

That was the end of the drama, as the Indians scored the final four touchdowns of the game.

On the first play of the Orioles next offensive series, Berthiaume scored on a 62 yard touchdown run down the right sideline.

The extra point sailed wide right.

Holding a 27-14 halftime lead, Dyer completed an 11-yard TD pass to junior Ben Torres with 7:56 left in the third quarter.

With less than a minute remaining in the third quarter, Molina scored his final home touchdown on a two yard power run.

"It was very special scoring a touchdown in my final home game," Molina said. "All of my teammates have really helped me a lot this season."

Berthiaume capped off his memorable performance with a 17-yard dash into the endzone with five minutes in the ballgame.

The Indians will be looking to end their two game losing streak at Quaboag Regional on Thanksgiving eve.

Thunderbirds fall in 'School Day' game

HARTFORD, Conn. -- The Springfield Thunderbirds (7-6-1-0) the Hartford Wolf Pack (7-3-2-0) on Wednesday morning inside the XL Center.

The Wolf Pack took a page out of Springfield's school day playbook and came out with an offensive flourish in the opening 20 minutes. Just 5:05 into the festivities, and just under 15 seconds after beginning their first power play, the Pack man-advantage took a 1-0 lead on a tap-in goal on the near post by Hartford captain Jonny Brodzinski.

Just under six minutes later, Brodzinski became the passer, as he filtered a perfect pass to the slot area from the trapezoid, and Alex Belzile cashed in to make it 2-0 at

10:59.

Hartford's offensive blitz did not end there, and Adam Sykora got his first goal of the season, cruising down the slot to beat Vadim Zherenko over the shoulder at 18:53 to give the Wolf Pack a 3-0 lead at intermission.

The T-Birds could not find any puck luck in the second period, as a Hugh McGing chance on a 2-on-1 caught the crossbar early in the period. Later on, Nikolas Brouillard found his way to the crease area to jam a rebound through Zherenko on the backhand at 12:58 of the period, extending the lead to 4-0.

At the other end, Louis Domingue had been perfect until

an innocent-looking wrist shot from the right circle off the stick of Mathias Laferriere slipped through the veteran's legs at 15:20 of the period, finally getting Springfield on the board and narrowing the lead to 4-1 heading into the third. It was Laferriere's first goal of the season, with Zach Dean and MacKenzie MacEachern picking up the helpers.

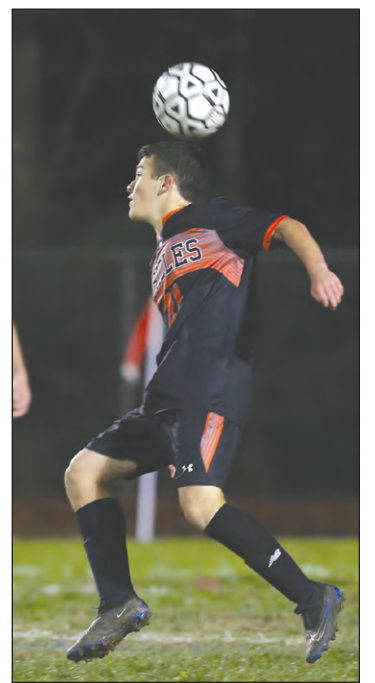
Unfortunately for the T-Birds, the goal would only be a footnote, as Hartford extended back to a four-goal lead on a deflection tally from Adam Edstrom at 5:44 of the third to round out the scoring. Zherenko battled throughout and finished with 32 saves. Domingue needed to make just 23 saves for Hartford.



Trevor Weiss tries to outpace his opponent.



Rainer Kristensen sends a long pass away.



Chase Connor heads the ball behind.

SOCCER from page 11

"We played our first game of the state tournament match three hours away at the Cape," said Belchertown senior co-captain Trevor Weiss. "It wasn't the result that we wanted in today's game, but it was very nice to play one final game in front of our fans. We did the best that we could."

Senior Tanner Lockwood was also a co-captain this fall. The other three Orioles seniors are C.J. Rivers, Rainer Kristensen, and Mason Rodrigues.

"It's a great senior group," Siano said. "Especially guys like Rivers who had to go and play center back for us having never played that for us before at the high school level. For him to sacrifice that is really the embodiment of what this program is. It's program over personnel, that's how we always try to push ourselves, and that's what we're going to put together going forward."

Two years ago, Belchertown lost to Norwell High School, 3-2, in the first Division 3 state championship match under the new postseason format.



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Ian McDonald tries to make play on the ball during a state tournament game.

The Orioles played three home matches in the 2022 state tournament before losing to Dedham in the semifinals at Medway High School.

The Orioles have compiled a 45-10-12 overall record during the past three seasons.

"I joined the varsity soccer team as a sophomore and the atmosphere has always been great," Weiss said. "It has been a lot of fun playing soccer with my friends and I'm really going to miss this team a lot."

The returning Belchertown starters in the fall of 2024 will be junior Gavin Boisjolie, junior Esat Cayan, junior Josh Misiaszek, sophomore Camryn Kaczowka, sophomore Nathan Marino, and junior goalkeeper Jack Mandeville. Junior Kamden Houle is the back-up keeper.

The first 40 minutes of last Wednesday night's contest was a stalemate. Both teams only had a couple of shots on goal.

During the first ten minutes of the second half, shot attempts by Misiaszek and Marino sailed high over the crossbar.

The Falcons got on the scoreboard during the 54th minute

when senior Kristof Trond fired a low shot into the right corner of the net past Mandeville.

About 15 minutes later, Kaczowka blasted a line-drive shot from the middle of the box, which was saved by D-R junior goalie Brennan Silva.

With ten minutes remaining in regulation, the visitors from the Fall River area took a 2-0 lead when Trond scored his second goal on another shot into the right corner.

"We changed up formations. We basically said we're either going to give up a goal or we're going to get a goal," Siano said. "We ended up conceding one. We tried to change some things up structurally, throw some numbers up and see what it looks like. I'd rather lose four, five, six, seven nothing than 1-0, and I thought they pushed themselves to try and get that equalizer."

The Orioles had several scoring chances during the final minutes, but they couldn't break the ice.

The Belchertown returning varsity soccer players will be looking to qualify for the Division 3 state tournament for the fourth consecutive year in 2024.

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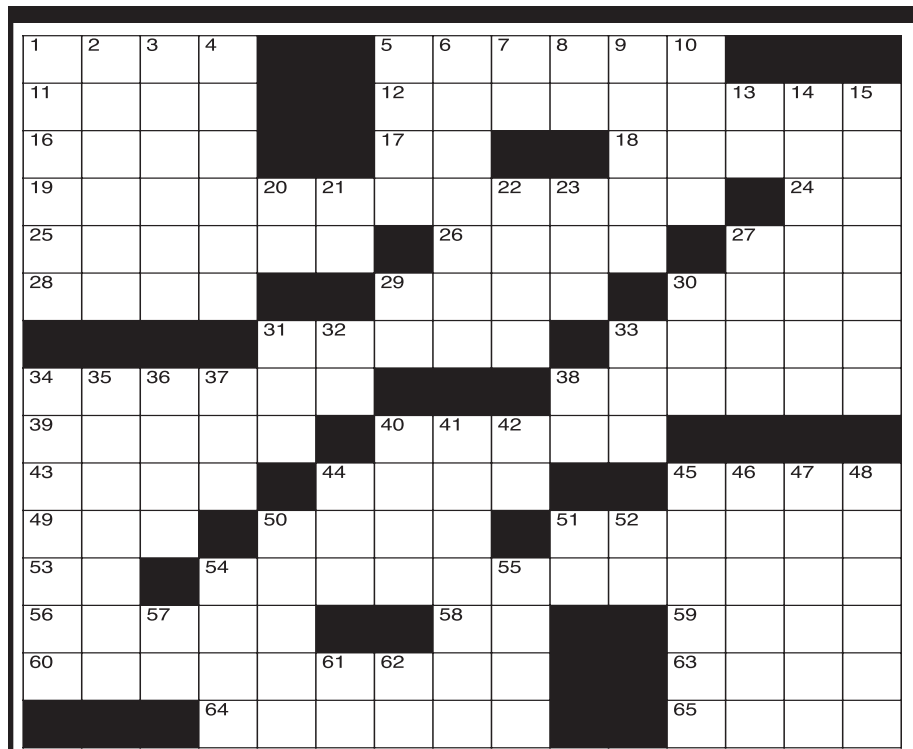
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- 24. Partner to Pa
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- 36. Locate
- 37. Pitching statistic
- 38. Of I
- 40. City in Utah
- 41. Football players in the trenches
- 42. Hammer is one
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