

Belchertown lights up the common with lights and holiday fun

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BELCHERTOWN – The holidays have arrived, and with the season comes a time to get together with family and friends and drink some cocoa.

For the past seven years, the Winter Light Nights have come back every year, and have

become a special tradition for many families. New sponsors and ideas come every year, making the event unique and special every year.

Members of the community banded up on a cold weekend to walk around the common, Old Town Hall, and across the street at Hope United Methodist Church, people got to make ornaments.

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The tree lit up with bright lights, and the common shining in the night.

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Selectboard reallocates ARPA funds

By Melina Bourdeau
 Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN — In a four-to-one vote, the Selectboard approved reallocating American Rescue Plan Act funds to two projects: the town hall elevator repairs and a ventilation system for the highway garage.

Selectboard member Nicole Miner was the descending vote.

With little ARPA funds left, Town Manager Steve Williams proposed reallocating unused funds and remaining money from completed projects to fund the two proposed, as the deadline to spend the funds approaches the end of the year.

The approved reallocations are as follows:

\$12,085.25 from contingency funds for the elevator repair project

2 cents from the web design project to the highway garage ventilation project

\$502.60 from contingency

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Craft fair offers options for gift givers

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GRANBY – The Christmas season has arrived, and with it comes all the people we think of to buy gifts for, but what to get them, may not be as easy to figure out.

Trying to find the right gift doesn't have to be a struggle, however, especially when it comes to finding a gift with a personal touch, and a craft

fair is the perfect spot to find something like that.

From crocheted stuffies to beautiful ceramic bowls and cups, to cutting boards, paintings, jewelry, and even bird feeders, there is no limit to what you can find for that special someone.

An even better way is to support a good cause while you do your shopping, and the Granby Auxiliary has been

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Judy LaPlante and Donna Pike with their joint small business, D & J Country Crafts.

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The group of boy scouts from Troop 507, and members of 4-H clubs together with some of the wreaths they sold, selling out in just five hours.

Christmas wreaths sell out in five hours

Boy Scout Troop 507, 4-H clubs see another successful season

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BELCHERTOWN – The holiday season is a time for giving,

growing, and beautiful décor, and one way to find that perfect décor is to look locally.

Every weekend after Thanksgiving, the Boy Scout Troop 507 and the Belchertown 4-H clubs get together to sell wreaths in order to raise money for their clubs and activities.

For the past ten years, they have worked together to sell the wreaths, standing outside on

the common, waving signs and offering opportunities for people to choose how they want their wreaths to be decorated.

The wreaths are purchased from Lisa Greene, owner of Beach Plum Flower Shop in Newburyport, and she also donates supplies and ribbons in order to put the wreaths together.

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Equestrian center shares the love of horses with community

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BELCHERTOWN – There are many farms scattered around Belchertown and the neighboring communities, and each one is unique in its features, contents, and purposes.

Greene Acre Equestrian Center, located right off of Route 9, is filled with 35 horses, 2 pigs, a couple dogs, and a little herd of goats.

The center offers riding lessons, and you can lease horses to ride, and even offers boarding.

The center began teaching riding lessons in 2007, and it



well as an opportunity for them to learn about horses, as well as how to take care of them.

This included basic riding skills, horse management and safety, cleaning them, giving them hay, and saddling them.

The classes on the farm range from ages three to adult, and over both English and Western, as well as a little bit of driving, and limited jumping lessons.

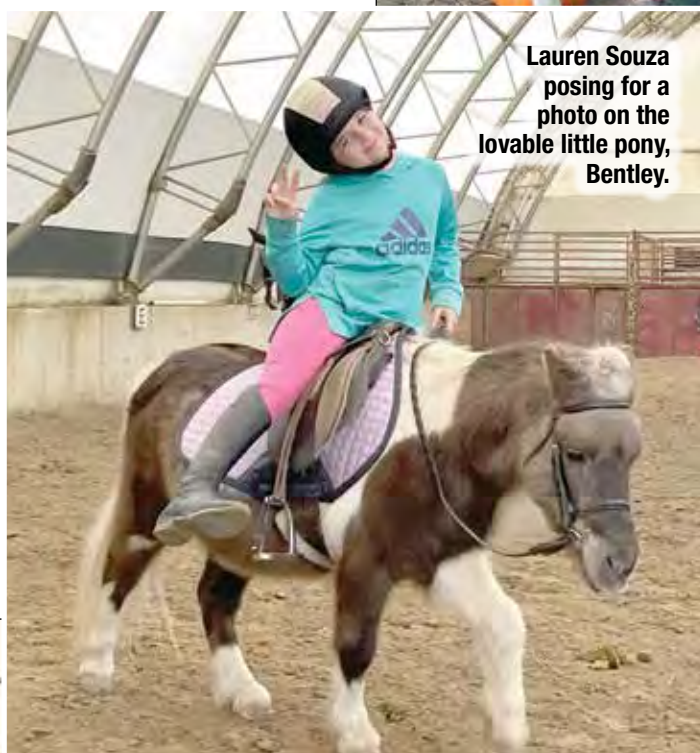
“My favorite part about it is watching kids play outside and get off the electronics for a few hours,” said Hodgen.

Horseman sessions are offered during most school vacations, and usually last about four weeks during the summer, with a maximum group of fifteen kids at a time.

“We are a family-orientated farm who concentrates on the safety and happiness of the kids and the horses,” Hodgen said.

“This place is truly home,” said Danielle Cochran, who comes to the farm to take classes with her family. “I get to come here and just unwind from the long day. It’s so therapeutic.”

Greene Acre Equestrian Center is a wonderful part of our community, and there is only peace to be found there, with friendly dogs to pet, and horses to ride, there is no better way to spend your time.



Lauren Souza posing for a photo on the lovable little pony, Bentley.

The family who runs Greene Acre Farm: (left to right) Ava Briner, Lauren Souza, David Souza, George Souza, Amanda Hodgen, Steven Souza.

has only grown since,

The horses on the farm are a mix of rescues, purchases, and some foals have been born to the mares, growing up right there with their mother and the rest of the herd.

“[My favorite part is] watching people learn and be confident in themselves,” said owner

Amanda Hodgen.

She began to offer some special courses and “horseman-ship days” like the one offered this past Black Friday, in order to increase kids’ education on horses, and the care of them, as well as their riding ability.

The special Black Friday day featured a fun craft for kids, as



The open ring where students can ride horses and learn riding skills.



The barn set up with stalls for the horses while the girls get the horses cleaned and saddled for riding or resting.

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From the left to right: Ryleigh LaRocque, Mya Welch, Kayla Bingle, Trish Murdock, Mason Cardin, Evelyn Shilosky, Jameson Sterner, Darlene Henshaw, Art Teacher, Not pictured: Blair Shown.

Emergency Department recognizes students for mural

PALMER— There is a new mural greeting pediatric patients and their families in the Emergency Department at Baystate Wing Hospital. It is a creation and gift from eight art students from Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School. The mural, which took the students three days to complete in the ED, was developed in phases over the past few months while working under the creative leadership of Darlene Henshaw, the studio art teacher at Pathfinder Tech.

“The request from the pediatric care team in the ED first came to us in 2023 when our Pathfinder Tech Art Department was asked to create and paint murals on the walls of the treatment room dedicated to the care of pediatric patients,” said Henshaw. “The planning and painting of the mural was finally

completed this October, following a lengthy pandemic-related delay.”

“Our students heard directly from the people working in the Emergency Department, which was very valuable for this learning experience,” said Henshaw. “Following my meeting with the ED team, our students came together after school every Tuesday and Thursday to develop the concept, ‘Landscape with Hidden Creatures,’ sketch the images, then paint canvas panel prototypes to ensure that their visions would work on a much larger scale on the four walls of the room. I wanted their vision to come through, and I had faith in all of them. These eight students took the ball and ran with it.”

“Visiting the Emergency Department can be scary for children and parents

alike,” said Dr. James Munger, associate chief of emergency medicine and pediatric emergency care coordinator. “Families bringing a child to the Emergency Department often face a mix of emotions including anxiety, and uncertainty, coupled with the stress of navigating an unfamiliar environment. The bright colors and friendly animal characters help to lift the mood of children and parents in a tough situation. We are grateful to the Pathfinder Tech students and teachers for sharing their talents with us.”

In addition to helping with supplies to paint the mural, a generous gift from the Baystate Health Foundation has also allowed the ED team to purchase items for a treasure box for children, so as they leave the ED, they can take home a prize from the BWH care team. The funds have also helped to purchase toys and games

for children to use if they must wait for a procedure or test result.

“Life experiences are the best teachers - those three days painting the mural in the Emergency Department and the creative work, collaboration, and student friendships developed that led up to completing this community project will be a memory cemented in the minds and hearts of these students forever,” said Henshaw.

“We are so incredibly honored and thankful to these special Pathfinder Tech student artists for sharing their talents, imagination, and most importantly for bringing comfort to our smallest patients and their families,” said Karli Barrett, president, and chief operating officer for Baystate Wing Hospital. “This healing environment will greatly enhance the care our ED team provides.”

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First Church opens Christmas Shop for two weeks

LUDLOW—The first church in Ludlow, located at 859 Center Street, will be opening their Christmas shop on Friday, December 6th and Saturday, Dec. 7, and Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. There will be assorted Christmas items along with knitted, crochet, quilted

items, and several home-made crafts. The Humming bird shop will be open with an assorted fabrics and yarns for at reduced prices and the book store will also be open that is filled with some of your favorite authors along with a selection of children books at fabulous prices. Stop by and see what we have to offer.

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- Saturday, December 7**
 - Police Department, Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drive, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wednesday December 11**
 - Belchertown Senior Center, Rainbow Social Group, 10 a.m.
 - Clapp Memorial Library, Quabbin History Calendar Sale and Signing with J.R. Greene, 7 p.m.
 - Clapp Memorial Library, Penguin Needle Felting, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday December 12**
 - Senior Center Silver Sisterhood, 10 a.m.
 - Senior Center's Annual Holiday Luncheon: Grinchmas Party, 10:30 a.m.
 - Clapp Memorial Library Metalworking Ornament Class, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday December 16**
 - Belchertown Senior Center Book Club, 10 a.m.
 - Clapp Memorial Library, Penguin Needle Felting, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
 - Clapp Memorial Library, Belchertown Community Bell Choir, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday December 17**
 - Clapp Memorial Library, The State School at Christmas, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday December 18**
 - Senior Center and Clapp Memorial Library's Holiday Sing-A-Long, 10 a.m.
- Thursday December 19**
 - Belchertown High School Winter Pops Concert, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Friday December 20**
 - Free Food Friday at Clapp Memorial Library. 2 p.m.
- Tuesday December 24**
 - Christmas Eve: All Offices Closed
- Wednesday December 25**
 - Christmas Day: All Offices Closed
- Monday December 30**
 - Clapp Memorial Library, Penguin Needle Felting Teen Session, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 - Clapp Memorial Library, Good Morning Farm Animals with Ruth Sanderson, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday December 31**
 - New Year's Eve: Christmas Eve

Winter craft fair in Palmer on Dec. 7

PALMER—Winter craft fair to be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Palmer High School, 4105 Main St., Palmer. Where creativity and holiday spirit merge. Wonderful unique and handmade treasures for a truly magical season. For more information contact nlachance5282009@gmail.com.

Granby

- Friday December 6**
 - East Meadow, Granby PTO Ice Cream with Santa, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday December 7**
 - Library Annual Knit and Basket Sale and Hot Cocoa Bar, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Granby United Church of Christ's Jingle Bell Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Granby Historical Association Wonders of Christmas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Library's Oh Snap! Gingerbread on the Loose Scavenger Hunt: 4th Annual Town-Wide Scavenger Hunt (First Day)
- Sunday December 8**
 - Granby Historical Association Wonders of Christmas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday December 12**
 - Selectboard Holiday Luncheon, take out at 11:30 a.m., and served at 12 p.m.
- Saturday December 14**
 - Granby Historical Association Wonders of Christmas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Granby United Church of Christ's Living Nativity, 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday December 15**
 - Granby Historical Association Wonders of Christmas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday December 21**
 - Library's Oh Snap! Gingerbread on the Loose Scavenger Hunt: 4th Annual Town-Wide Scavenger Hunt (Last Day)
- Tuesday December 24**
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- Wednesday December 25**
 - Christmas Day: All Offices Closed
- Tuesday December 31**
 - New Year's Eve: Christmas Eve

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OPINION



Am I entitled to more Social Security from my ex-husbands?

Dear Rusty:

I am 76 years old and a retired high school counselor/teacher. I was married to my first husband from 1968 until 1981. He is still living and he remarried two more times and, I believe, he is currently divorced. He is 77 years old. His income was always much higher than mine. I was married to my second husband from May 1989 until we divorced in April 2017. My second husband died in June 2023. What I wonder is if I am entitled to receive Social Security benefits based upon the income of either of my ex-husbands?

Signed: Twice Divorced Spouse

Dear Twice Divorced:

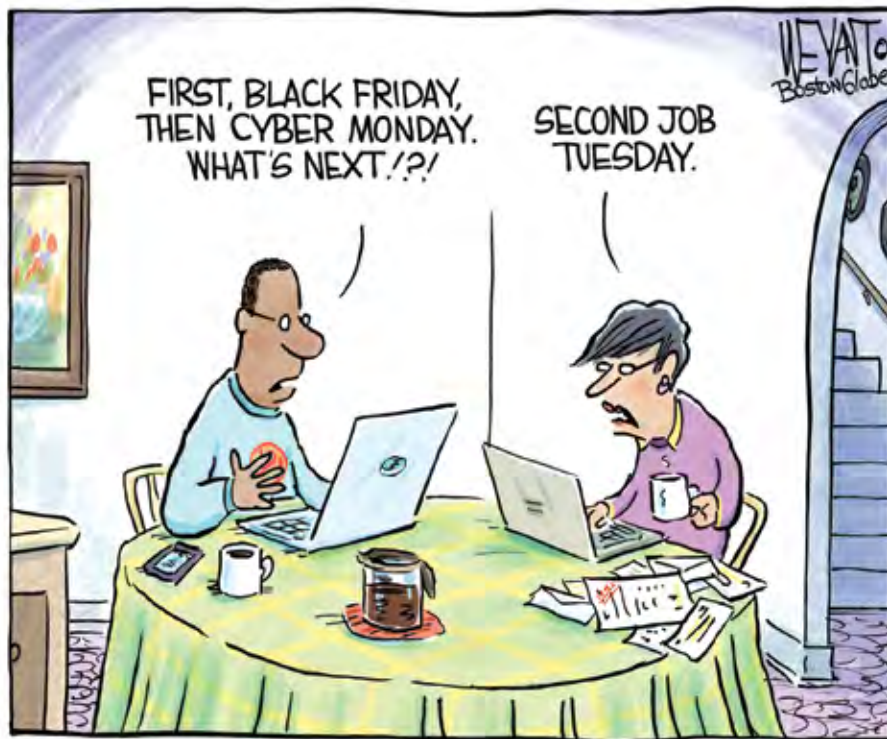
Divorced spouses are entitled to the same benefits as a current spouse if their marriage lasted at least 10 years which, in both cases, yours did. The other caveat is whether your own SS retirement benefit is less than you are entitled to from either of your ex-husbands. If your own SS retirement benefit is less, then you will get an incremental amount on top of your own SS retirement to bring your total monthly benefit up to your spousal or surviving spouse) entitlement.

Since your first husband is still living, it is likely that your best financial option is to claim a surviving ex-spouse benefit from your deceased second husband. The reason is that survivor benefits from husband #2 are based on his actual benefit at his death, whereas benefits from a living ex-spouse, husband #1, are based upon his full retirement amount. In other words, it is likely that 100% of deceased husband #2's benefit at his death is more than 50% of living husband #1's current benefit at his Full Retirement Age.

It is, of course, possible that 50% of your first husband's FRA entitlement is more than 100% of your second husband's benefit at death, in which case your ex-spouse benefit from your first husband could be more. The only way to sort this out is to contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to make an appointment to apply for surviving ex-spouse benefits from your deceased second husband. Explain that your first ex-husband is still living and that you are unsure of what your benefits are as your first husband's ex-spouse.

Social Security will be able to determine from their records, which one provides you with a higher benefit amount, provide each husband's Social Security number when you call. As I said, your best financial option will likely be to take your survivor benefit from your deceased second ex-husband note, however, if your first ex-husband also dies before you, you can subsequently file for a survivor benefit from him, if that is more than you are getting from your second husband's record.

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Live tabletop Christmas trees become year-round houseplants

Norfolk Island pines are nearly as popular as poinsettias this time of year, gracing chain store and supermarket shelves just after the Thanksgiving holiday, or perhaps soon after Halloween, these days!

Not sure exactly what they look like? Think mini Christmas tree.

These cute conifers come table top ready, predecorated with tiny little ornaments and a festive foil sleeve. Most stand less than a foot tall, yet the amount of holiday cheer the bring to someone who otherwise wouldn't have a Christmas tree is immeasurable.

Unlike cut Christmas trees, potted Norfolk Island Pines need not be discarded once the holidays have passed. Simply take their decorations off and they become an easy to maintain houseplant.

Although they look as if they would be hardy to our area, they are not, so don't plan on giving them a spot outdoors come springtime, or you'll lose them with the first hard frost of fall. Norfolk Island, from which the plant hails, is situated in the southern Pacific Ocean, northeast of Sydney, Australia – a much warmer climate indeed!

The only locations within the United States that the Norfolk Island pine is hardy are Hawaii, and parts of Florida and California. Southern Florida is home to many commercial growers of the plant.

It is interesting to note that the Norfolk Island pine isn't a true pine at all. Rather it is an evergreen plant with needle-like leaves.

Side branches rise from the main stem at wide angles, giving it a symmetrical, triangular outline, especially when young. In the wild, heights can top off around 200 feet, with diameters between 9 and 10 feet. As a houseplant, it is very slow growing.

To keep your Norfolk Island pine looking its best for seasons to come, provide it with good quality light- a few feet from a south or west facing window is ideal. Give it a quarter turn at each watering and you will be rewarded with a nice straight stem.

If window space is out of the question, it will do okay in a well-lit room as well, providing the lights are on for most of the day. Temperatures should range between 60-70 degrees during the day; slightly cooler at night.

It is important that the Norfolk Island pine be kept from temps below 50 degrees for any length of time or injury may occur. Therefore, be sure it is in a bag or protective sleeve when you bring it home from the store in chilly winter weather.

Keep its soil moist but not soaking wet.

Sometimes lower limbs may brown and then drop. Age, as well as erratic watering can cause this problem. Repot and check watering practices.

Fertilize in the spring, once active growth resumes.

Perhaps the most cherished of all tender herbs is Rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*), the herb of remembrance. Its needle like leaves and fragrant foliage make it a wonderful candidate for use as a table top Christmas tree!

One of the more common questions when people toured Old Sturbridge Village's greenhouse in the off-season, was "How do you manage to overwinter your rosemaries? They are some of the biggest I've ever seen!"

In a controlled setting such as a greenhouse, it's really not that difficult. Tender plants can be given as much sun as Mother Nature provides, but with the use of thermostats and vents, temperatures can be kept to a minimum.

We set the thermostat at 55 degree night temperatures, and vents opened when daytime heat reaches seventy. Low temperatures like these won't push the plants into growth when winter day length and daylight can't support it. Because of this the plants are stocky, not lanky.

We watered when the soil is dry to the touch – sometimes this might be as infrequently as twice a week during an overcast stretch, or as often as every day if the sun is out. For home culture, a sunny but cool locale is best.

For me, it's my "mudroom!"
One treat that many gardeners don't

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funds to the highway garage ventilation project

\$522.66 from the contingency funds to the highway garage ventilation project

\$157.40 from the technology project to the highway garage ventilation project

\$2,122,92 from the town hall parking lot reconstruction project to the highway garage ventilation project

Williams reviewed the available funds from the \$4 million the town received. The town's elevator repairs of an estimated \$158,414 went out to bid last week. An electrical estimate of \$15,000 is needed to secure it, and the bid came in at \$155,500.

He said the board would need to move about \$12,000 out of the contingency plan, which leaves minimal left.

"What I want to do, if you're in agreement, I would like to get the elevator done. We're \$12,000 short from our original estimates, but at least it's finally workable," he said. "My second priority is to finish the ventilation system that we started and get it properly working."

To get that over the finish line, it will cost \$2,700.

Selectboard Miner asked Williams how confident he was that all the funds for the elevator were obligated. He said he is quite confident.

"What if something crazy happens and we don't have it? What's the alternative?" she said.

Williams said the only way to spend the funds quickly would be to fund a state contract project.

"We have to pick up a catalog and look at our capital plan and pick vehicles because there are state contracts for vehicles, and we could cut an order within days," he said.

Miner also commented that she would rather see funding allocated to creative economy spending towards capital items needing repair.

Williams said he was confident that the funds would be obligated before the end of the year.

The grants coordinator, which the board opted to fund

the salary for one year, was \$81,281. Williams told the board that a second interview was conducted for the position on Monday.

"We're zeroing in on an individual to take that seat," he said.

The communications manager position, also funded by the board, was hired and will start on Dec. 16. It will cost \$40,828.

The Belchertown Community Television General Manager position must ratify the person's appointment, as it's a department head position. Williams suggested doing so at the special meeting on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Williams said the lakes treatment project has a contract and work order request so that the funds will be obligated by the end of the week.

Williams said \$97,780 is for a creative economy consultant, Maude Haak-Frendscho.

"My conversations with her are that we are well on our way to having everything obligated," he said. "She is aware of the deadlines."

Selectboard Jen Turner said there is \$15,000 for a cultural district position, a branding manager, a pocket park project, an event with the Amherst Chamber of Commerce and others.

Selectboard Vice Chair Lesa Lessard Pearson asked Turner to explain the cultural district position.

"It's to take on and continue on after her contract ends in June," Turner said. "So, this person will overlap the work she's doing to put in the application because it will be due after she is gone. The hope is that we will receive the cultural district designation because that comes with money that will continue to fund the position."

Williams said the board will need to reappropriate \$13,587 in reserve funds and \$157 left in the technology budget.

He said leftover funds from the parking lot construction would be reallocated to get an additional light post installed in the parking lot.

BCTV Schedule for the upcoming week

Thursday, Dec. 5

- 8 a.m. Select Board -2 Dec.
- 10 a.m. Agriculture Comm. - 4 Dec
- 5 p.m. Select Board - 2 Dec
- 7 p.m. Agriculture Comm. - 4 Dec

Friday, Dec. 6

- 8 a.m. BUCC Handbell Choir - 2019
- 8:30 a.m. Carols on the Common - 2018
- 7 p.m. BUCC Handbell Choir - 2019
- 7:30 p.m. Carols on the Common -2019

Saturday, Dec. 7

- 8 a.m. Winter Light Night 2024
- 8:30 a.m. Educational Crafting with Charlotte - A Winter's Tale

- 9 a.m. Christmas Shopping in Belchertown
- 4:30 p.m. Winter Light Night 2024
- 5 p.m. Educational Crafting with Charlotte - A Winter's Tale
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Shopping in Belchertown

Sunday, Dec. 8

- 4:30 pm St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. Hope United Methodist Church
- 8:30 p.m. Winter Light Night 2024

Monday, Dec. 9

- 8 a.m. Memories of Belchertown - Pauling Johnson

- 5 p.m. Memories of Belchertown - Pauline Johnson
- 7 p.m. Conservation Comm.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

- 8 a.m. Clapp Memorial Library - Jeff Snow Concert
- 9:30 a.m. BHS Jazz Concert 2024
- 6 p.m. School Committee - Channel 192
- 7 p.m. Planning Board - Channel 191

Wednesday, Dec. 11

- 8 a.m. Morning Glory Bread - more than a bakery
- 8:30 a.m. BUCC Handbell Choir -2024
- 7 p.m. Board of Health - Channel 191

WREATHS, from page 1

The wreath sale wraps up the season for the 4-H clubs in order to raise money that is carried into the next year to sponsor events and more.

4-H clubs are for kids between five and eighteen years old and work to teach the basic of home economics which is what it was originally created for.

Since then, it has expanded into clubs that do robotics, babysitting certifications, and more.

"[My favorite part is] the camaraderie between the Boy Scouts of America and the 4-H Clubs," said Erin Thibault, the Chair of the Belchertown 4-H Council.

"It's good for the community involvement," said Scout Master Kevin Zloger. "Having the community see the scouts involved in things is a lot of fun, and let's them know we're still active."

Troop 507 is excited to use the funds raised by the sales to purchase food for camping trips, as well as reserved spaces and summer camps for the troop to go to.

The wreath sales were priced according to what kinds of decorations the people wanted for their wreaths.



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One of the wreaths made, with an adorable little owl nestled in the branches.



TOP BUILDING PROJECTS
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Split system replacements:

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1. Police Station x2	system size 10T	\$49,750 each
2. Senior Center x2	system size 10T	\$49,750 each
3. Fire Station x1	system size 10T	\$49,750 each
4. Fire Station x1	system size 3T	\$37,000
5. Town Hall - system replacement estimated to be the same, around 50K		
6. Exterior doors - Senior Center x1		\$4,500
	Freedom Center x3	\$20,000
	Rec Building x4	\$22,000
7. Move Generator from Taddell to DPW Maintenance building		\$10,000
8. Town Hall - Currently seeking quotes for repointing and mortar work		
9. Town Hall - Currently seeking quotes for replacement of entrance doors		
10. Fire Station - replace garage door openers		
11. Fire Station - replace garage entrance door		\$8,000
12. Renovations at EMS building; Replace floors		\$50,000
	Renovate bathrooms	\$25,000
	Renovate Kitchenette	\$5,000
	Renovate interior	\$60,000
	Install hard wired smokes	\$7,000
13. Replace Boiler at EMS building once future uses have been determined		

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Ben and Mike Lockett with ML Glassworks at the craft fair.



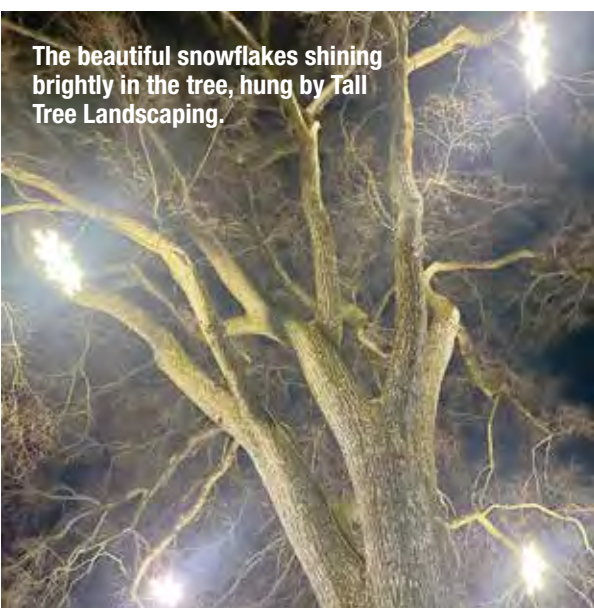
Ashley, Althea, Quinn, and Kyle making some delicious s'more trail mix to hand out.



Mother and daughter team, Kim Austin and Halie Wescott with their small business, Forgotten Frillery.



Friends Ashlynn and Callie selling items from their small businesses, Handmade Crafts by Ashlynn, and Preppy Market.



The beautiful snowflakes shining brightly in the tree, hung by Tall Tree Landscaping.

WINTER LIGHTS, from page 1

The day had plenty of things to do, explore, and create. People could find Christmas gifts at the craft fair of twenty-two vendors, organized by Heidi Brunelle, and more that spilled into the church down the street.

The Quabbin Art Association had their own vendor fair, and had craft opportunities for everyone who came. Clay Mates also hosted a special ornament making event.

"We've continued to add things as time goes on," said Melanie Donovan, a member of the Belchertown Cultural Council.

Handmade lanterns, luminaries, were set up and decorated by elementary students to light up the common, and third graders from Swift River, fourth graders from Chestnut Hill, and the girl scouts sang Christmas carols.

"My favorite part about winter light night is how this wonderful community comes together- not only on the day of the event but all the days leading up to it," said Trista Hevey.

"It takes a village to ensure the lights are hung, the details are organized and volunteers rally together to make the magic happen for our town! It's the tiny things that make the most impact," said Hevey.

The supporters included Clay Mates, Atkins Farms Country Market, Belchertown Cultural Council, Florence Bank, PDC Inc., Don's Auto Body, DJ Scott Dubey, Esselon Café, Woodstar Café, and Frosty from RE/Max Connections.

Tall Tree Landscaping came to donate their time and equipment to hang the giant snowflakes in the trees, and the Police Department was there to collect unwrapped toys for their toy drive.

The Firefighter's Association was accepting monetary donations to purchase toys for Toys for Tots, and other supporters and sponsors included the DPW, Board of Health, and Muddy Brook Drafts.

The tree in the center is a memorial tree that is supported by the Fair Committee and Stadler Hardware, that "brings hope, joy and memories, not only this time of year but the tree's glow kicks off in September during our annual fair," said Hevey.

The lights around the common were refurbished in 2018, and many worked to get them sparking bright for this year, with the annual help from the DPW and Tall Tree Landscaping to get the giant snowflakes hung up and tested.

"This is something that truly could never happen without their dedication and donated time to our community. Brenden Normand is a perfect example of someone who goes above and beyond for his town," said Hevey.

Cindy and Scott Brown created the wooden statues by town hall and the nutcrackers on the gazebo, and the support of the community is what makes this event so special.

"The Belchertown community shines in the way this town supports, cares and collaborates. It's built into the fabric of everything we do. Everyone is willing to pitch in and do what they can," said Hevey.

Travelin' Tom's Coffee came with their truck to provide free hot chocolate, coffee, and cider thanks to the generous sponsorship of Re/Max Connections, Hometown Realtors Annmarie and Matt Jackson and Melina Jackson, Callie Hevey, and Gianna Boisjolie.

Since beginning the Holiday Light Nights in 2018, the town has found a new tradition, watching the giant tree and common light up, and enjoying some cocoa, horse-draw carriage rides, gingerbread house contests, and so much more.



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Artist Chuck Myers showing off his beautiful paintings from Myers Creative Arts.



ABOVE: Little Maisie dancing to some Christmas music with Frosty the Snowman.



Tim Robbins and a very excited Lucy wearing her sweater and ready to say hi to everyone.



Ken and Joyce Douthwright with their handmade soaps from Cold Spring Soapery.



Jess Applin's beautiful crystal trees from her small business, Inspired by Nature.



A group of friends excitedly waiting to pull the lever to light up the common.



Erin Kraus with some homemade teas from her small business, Honey Bear Tea.



Trista Hevey thanking everyone who put in the hard work to get the Holiday Light Night put together.



Shattuck, Samantha, Kari, and Leucothea with Shattuck's Sugarhouse, giving out deliciously sweet maple cotton candy.



The beautiful luminaries decorated by local elementary students.



Members of the Firefighters Association, Carrie Farrant, Nate Marean, and Ian Knight with Danny Goblial, raising money to buy toys for Toys for Tots.

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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 Nov. 13 through Nov. 26. 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 explain some calls police responded to daily. Of the calls police responded to, there were 34 incidents, 10 accidents, eight arrests/summons and 49 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Friday, Nov. 15

1:27 a.m. – A summons was issued to an 18-year-old Andover man on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, speeding, a marked lanes violation and an equipment violation. A call received from a car crash detection device on Mill Valley Road reported a vehicle went off the roadway and snapped a pole. An officer responded to the scene. The operator admitted they were going fast and lost control of the vehicle. The tires on the vehicle were bald. Four people in the vehicle were assessed, but no one was transported. The vehicle was towed.

Saturday, Nov. 16

5:58 p.m. – Matthew Montemangni, 36, of Lafayette Street, Chicopee, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol, operating with a suspended license and possession of an open container in the vehicle. An officer on patrol saw a vehicle exit a driveway abruptly. They stopped the car, and initially, the operator declined a sobriety test. The officer then determined they were intoxicated. They were arrested and charged accordingly.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

7:17 a.m. – A person was arrested due to a domestic incident.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

8:35 a.m. – John T. Pierce, 44, of 454 State Street, Belchertown, was arrested on two active WMS warrants out of Palmer District Court. Officers were dispatched to the person's residence. They saw the person driving away, and the officers stopped the vehicle. They were taken to court.

Friday, Nov. 22

2:08 p.m. – Michael J. Shewchuk Jr., 45, of 280 Belanger Road in South

Hampton, was arrested on charges of shoplifting over \$250. An officer was going to a business to follow up on a previous shoplifting incident early in the week and was notified about a shoplifting that was taking place. They were able to locate the person as they loaded up the car and were seen exiting it. Another employee said they were trying to stop the person while loading. The employee took a photo of the vehicle's registration plate. The officer radioed it to dispatch, who put out a "be on the lookout" alert to other towns, and the Granby Police Chief stopped the vehicle. In the bed of the pickup where detergent bottles were and responded to the location. The security footage provided to the officer matched the description provided by the employees. A large machete was in the truck and placed into the rear of the officer's cruiser. They were arrested and charged and transported to the Hampshire lock up.

7:55 p.m. – A summons was issued for a 65-year-old Belchertown woman for shoplifting. An officer responded to a store that occurred and spoke with loss prevention. A person came to the store on personal time and felt detergent bottles were missing. The loss prevention staff reviewed the footage, reporting that the person came in, walked through the aisles, and walked by the registers. They left toward George Hannum Road before leaving the camera's view. The footage was put into evidence.

Sunday, Nov. 24

9:39 p.m. – A summons was issued to a 39-year-old Belchertown man for unlicensed operation, license not in possession and speeding.

An officer conducting radar on North Liberty Street saw a dark-colored SUV speeding at 50, and radar displayed 52 in a 35-mile-per-hour zone. The officer stopped the vehicle. The operator said they didn't have their license with them but had their registration. They advised a relative owned the vehicle. The officer asked if the operator had their license, and they said no. It expired in March. They were issued a citation, and a licensed family member took possession of the vehicle.

INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 13

4:30 p.m. – An officer responded to State Street for an accident. A vehicle was stopping for a pedestrian and was rear-ended by another vehicle. There was front-end damage to the first vehicle. No

injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

9:58 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Micheal Sears Road. A vehicle traveling north on Michael Sears Road struck a deer that ran into the roadway. There was minor front-end damage to the driver's side of the vehicle.

Thursday, Nov. 14

11:42 a.m. – An officer spoke with a person about a threat that was posted on an app. The officer contacted the involved person, and they said there was no threat. They were just venting.

1:50 p.m. – An officer spoke with a parent about a child who was being harassed.

4:44 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. One vehicle was rear-ended by another. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

Friday, Nov. 15

8:08 a.m. – A person called the station to report a missing person. Someone left the residence without their personal items and didn't tell anyone where they were going. They were entered into the system as missing. They were found the next day in New York City.

11:17 a.m. – An officer took a report of email fraud. The person said they got an email indicating their PayPal was hacked. They called the number and were told to buy gift cards and send photos, but PayPal did not request that.

1:23 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Maple Street. A vehicle going south on Maple Street struck a deer that ran in front of the vehicle. The deer took off. No tow was needed, and no injuries were reported.

3:52 p.m. – An officer responded to an apartment complex concerning someone who did not live at the residence dumping trash. A partial vehicle plate was obtained, and the matter is under investigation.

Saturday, Nov. 16

7:20 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Main Street. A vehicle struck a deer. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

8:20 p.m. – An officer responded to a report that parents wanted a child visiting their residence to leave. The juvenile refused to leave. The School Resource Officer was advised of the call.

Sunday, Nov. 17

7:38 a.m. – An officer responded to

an accident on State Street. A vehicle traveling south on State Street was struck by another vehicle after slowing down to attempt to make a turn. No injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

9:10 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past breaking-and-entering incident in a vehicle. The person reported that their glove box was open, and they saw a person on their camera system trying to open vehicle doors throughout the evening. The person left the scene as soon as the cameras were turned on. Later that morning, an officer took a report of another past breaking-and-entering incident. Two vehicles were unlocked, and several items were taken. Some were later found down the street.

11:52 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on South Main Street. An operator of one vehicle was rear-ended by another vehicle while trying to stop in traffic. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

3:12 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. One vehicle was rear-ended by another. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Monday, Nov. 18

7:35 a.m. – An officer did a well-being check for a juvenile, a handle with care was done and the SRO was notified.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

10:07 a.m. – A person was missing medication and wanted the matter documented.

12:46 p.m. – A person was notified that a credit card opening in their name and a medical leave request was applied for at their workplace.

4:55 p.m. – An officer called retail to speak with loss prevention both a past shoplifting incident. The matter is under investigation.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

9:01 a.m. – An officer responded to State Street for a report of a hit and run. The officer met with the reporting party. The reporting person said they were waiting to turn and another vehicle passed them at a high speed and struck the side of the vehicle. The officer responded to the residence of the second operator and asked if they knew the vehicle was damaged, and the operator of the second vehicle said they weren't certain. No damage was found to either vehicle. The matter is on file.

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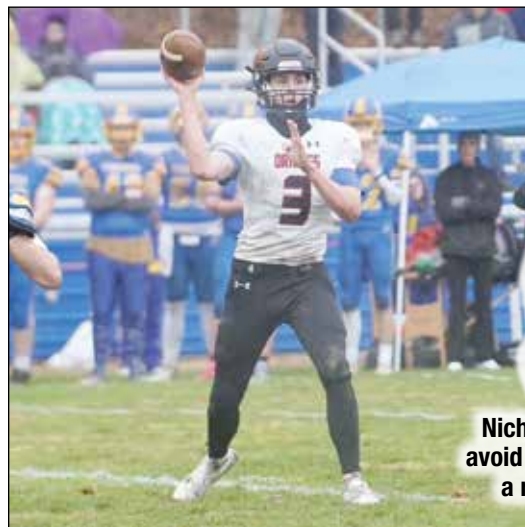
Late touchdown lifts Pioneers



Quarterback Anthony Arventos sends a throw up the middle.

PALMER – Last Thursday morning, Pathfinder and Belchertown were knotted 14-14. But a touchdown in the second half sealed the win for Pathfinder, giving the Pioneers its 10th win in the all-time series against the Orioles. The two teams were able to play the game on Palmer High's Legion field with the Panthers on the road at Ludlow. Pathfinder's win on Thanksgiving was its third for 2024.

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Adam O'Rourke attempts to fend off a pair of defenders.



Jack Beals makes a pass attempt.



Nicholas Pfister looks to avoid tacklers as he makes a run for the sideline.



Jake Mastej looks to make a tackle.



Anthony Arventos sends a kick away.



The Pioneers huddle up before a play.



Eli Grilli makes a tackle for the Orioles.

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WMass All-Star volleyball match

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday evening, The International Volleyball Hall of Fame hosted the Western Mass. All-Star Game, featuring some of the best players from throughout Western Massachusetts. Belchertown was represented by Vivian Ross. The event was held at Holyoke Community College.

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Belchertown's all-star Vivian Ross gets a bump.



Vivian Ross sets up a play.

Vivian Ross represented Belchertown as a volleyball all-star.



SPORTS

All-Star soccer action



SPRINGFIELD – Last Monday night on the turf of Pope Francis High School, high school soccer held all-star games. Class C and D played in one match while A and B clashed in another. Lucas Alvan and Thomas Wadas were among the all-stars, representing Ludlow High School in the match.

Riley Goodhind goes after the ball.



Gavin Moreno heads up the field.



Kamden Houle plays in the Class B all-star game.



Justin Davis and Evan Costa represented Pathfinder in this year's boys all-star game.



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Justin Davis moves up the field.



Evan Costa represents Pathfinder in the Class C and D game.

T-Birds climb back above .500 with win over Bruins

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (10-9-1-0) got off to a quick start en route to a 3-2 win over the Providence Bruins (8-10-2-0) on Sunday afternoon at Amica Mutual Pavilion on a day when the two teams sported throwback jerseys. Springfield donned the Indians jerseys circa 1979, while the Bruins wore their late 1990s gold "Pooh Bear" logo jerseys.



The T-Birds jumped ahead on the scoreboard for a sixth consecutive game, this time just 3:51 into the contest. Scott Harrington settled a puck at the right point and fired it toward the net mouth with two teammates setting up screens. Aleksanteri Kaskimaki showed terrific hand-eye coordination, successfully spiking it down to the ice between the legs of Bruins goalie Michael DiPietro, giving the T-Birds a 1-0 lead. Harrington picked up his first point as a T-Bird, and Dalibor Dvorsky earned the secondary assist to extend his point streak to five games.

Colten Ellis drew the net for a second consecutive start, looking to extend a five-game streak without a regulation loss, making nine stops in the opening period. The Bruins' first and only power play of the period, though, got the game evened when Patrick Brown cleaned up his own rebound following a splendid Ellis

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Railers takes two of three on the road

WITCHITA, KS – The Worcester Railers HC (8-10-0-1 17pts) fell to the Wichita Thunder (10-9-1-0, 21pts), on Saturday night by the final score of 6-2 in front of a crowd of 4,009 at the INTRUST Bank Arena. The Railers are back on the ice next at the Cool Insuring Arena taking on the Adirondack Thunder on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. EST.

It was Wichita who tallied the first goal on the board as they took an early 1-0 lead 1:08 into the first period, with a goal from Jeremie Bucheler (1-1-2). Joe Carroll (1-0-1) extended the lead to 2-0 6:01 into the first. Colin Jacobs (1-0-1) then netted one for Worcester making it a 2-1 game. Wichita then scored two unanswered to finish the first period coming from Nolan Kneen (1-0-1) and Nolan Burke (1-0-1) making it a 4-1 Wichita lead headed into the second period. Anthony Repaci (1-0-1) scored the only second period goal with his power play goal with under a second remaining in the period. Wichita closed the game out with two third period goals, the first coming from Michal Stinil (1-1-2) on the power play while Braden Hache (1-1-2) was able to score on the empty net to close out the scoring, leaving the game with a 6-2 final score.

The scoring came early from Wichita through the first 20 minutes of play. Wichita got started with a goal from Jeremie Bucheler (4th) just 1:08 into the game. Joe Carrol (7th) extended the Wichita lead to 2-0 6:01 into the first. The Railers answered back with a goal from Colin Jacobs (2nd) with just over eight minutes to go in the first. Wichita finished the period by

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Hall of Fame hosting pair of college matchups

SPRINGFIELD – The MGM Springfield Basketball Hall of Fame Classic, presented by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, takes place on "World Basketball Day," Saturday, Dec. 21, at the MassMutual Center and will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Network.

"We are proud to work with local stakeholders to bring local businesses in as sponsors of the Basketball Hall of Fame Classic," said John L. Doleva,

President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "Thank you to MGM Springfield and the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism for supporting the Hall of Fame Classic and helping us fulfill our mission of celebrating and promoting basketball's history and bringing four great teams to the 'Birthplace of Basketball.'"

"This iconic event in the birthplace of basketball is a hoop dream realized for many of the sports' up and coming stars,"

said Louis Therios, MGM Springfield President and COO. "MGM Springfield is incredibly proud to support and celebrate the Classic, honoring basketball's rich legacy, inspiring future generations, bringing visitors to downtown, and shining a light on the City of Firsts."

"The Basketball Hall of Fame Classic is a slam dunk for Massachusetts tourism," said Kate Fox, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism. "By celebrating World

Basketball Day in the sport's birthplace, we're inviting visitors from across the country to experience the excitement of the game and explore our state's diverse offerings."

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First Quarter Honor Roll for Granby Jr. Sr. High School

GRANBY— Granby Jr. Sr. High School would like to extend congratulations to those students who achieved Honor Roll for the first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year:

7th Grade Maximum Honors – Andrew Bond, Eloise Ciosek, Allison Cross, Tage Flowers, Jeriel Gonzalez, Leely Kim, Caroline Koziol, Bri-anne Kraus, Peyton LaFlamme, Sofia Marsh, Samantha Samonte, Michaela Slater, Alexander Tetreault, Sophia Wright.

7th Grade High Honors – Raymond Barrett-Lorenzi, Camden Corillon, Ella Ludkiewicz, Milo Morton, Rafael Rivera, Ryan Smith, Chase Steininger, Avery Tetreault, Lauren Walker.

7th Grade Honors - Haylee-May Barnes, Kerry Bombardier, Conor Callery, Abigail Carmody, Kaylannie Colon, Margaret Healey, Shawn McDermott, William Pula, Charlotte

Shewmaker, Bennett Weglarz.

8th Grade Maximum Honors – Rowan Cook, Jocelyn Curran, Honor DeCarlo, Addison Hill, Sophia Silchuk, Stella Siudak, Marley Skipton, Mia Smith, Avery Tipton-Wolmart, Zachary Vega.

8th Grade High Honors – Allisandra Crowley, Gwen LePage, Arianna Mislak, Jonathan Vulpe, Kara White.

8th Grade Honors - Jett Bednarski-Loughman, Piper Godbout, Nathaniel Gomez, Andrew Grabherr, Eli Hunter, Eli Nott, Macie Pelletier, Ciara Pytel, Teagan Spear.

9th Grade Maximum Honors - Lauren Barlow, Ralph El Aouji, Vitaly Gavel, Emma Murphy, Richard Sweet.

9th Grade High Honors - Gianna Capone, Makayla Dennis, Gabriel Helbok, Kaelynn Slapski, Isabella Tetreault.

9th Grade Honors - Jaxton Bednarski-Loughman, Logan Carmody, Emily Durham, Sophia Labonte, Abigail LaDuke, Anthony Misiaszek, Sophia Rodrigues, Colin Sicard, Rayden Sok, Jacob Weglarz.

10th Grade Maximum Honors – Joseph Barrett-Lorenzi, Meredith Bartosz, Daniel Brown, Sydney Chateaufneuf, Tessa Healey, Brenna Moreno, Lydia Pike.

10th Grade High Honors - Lyla Bergeron, Logan Campbell, Madelyn LaPointe, Melina Osoimalo, Lauren Piercey, Jaidyn Roberge, Eleanor Szlosek, Nathan Walsh.

10th Grade Honors – Liam Everson, Kyrsten Gaj, Cailin Kibbie, Quinn Lavoie, Audrey Pleisch, Celine Samonte, Ania Scott, Kalli White.

11th Grade Maximum – Emma Beaulieu, Kaitlyn Curran, Quinn Fuller,

Brodie Funk, Braeden Gallagher, Addison Gardner, Maxwell Kennedy, Braydon LaDuke, Mylin Laliberte, Blake Lashway, Ava-Elizabeth Loughman, Allison Maslak, Faith Ramos, Anthony Santiago, Stephen Szlosek, Nathaniel Valle, Isabella Woods.

11th Grade High Honors – Richard Beaulieu, Ethan Bergeron, Lea Charest, Allison Charron, Brandon Chatel, Benjamin French, Jake Gagnon, Daniel Hackett, Jared Lapite, Keith Patterson

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12th Grade Maximum - Nathan Benson, Mabel Carillon, Sawyer Clarke, Margaret Crawford, Gavier Fernandez, Jr, Cassandra Flaherty, Cole Fuller, Shaylin Hauschild, Gavin Kennedy,

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POLICE LOG, from page 10

7 p.m. – Two registration plates were left at the lobby door were as found. The officer was unable to contact the owner. They were placed into property for safe keeping.

Thursday, Nov. 21

9:40 a.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. The person was trying to reach PayPal customer service because they had a new bank account. The person googled the phone number for PayPal, and they spoke with a person who said hackers compromised their account and they needed to fix it. The scammer had the caller download an app provided with a password, and the app allowed tech support to have access to the phone. They provided them with two contact numbers. The person then got a call advising them to buy gift cards. They were told they would be able to get a refund in the end, according to the hacker. They told the scammer they were going to contact a friend, and the scammer told them not to. The officer instructed the person to call their bank and told them to freeze accounts.

3:21 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident in the Belchertown High School parking lot. A vehicle parked in the rear of the building was struck by another vehicle that pulled too far to the side of the roadway. No injuries were reported, and no tows were needed.

Friday, Nov. 22

2:39 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on South Liberty Street. The operator of one vehicle saw a downed tree and tried to stop and hit the three at a slow speed. There was minor front and left side damage, but no tow was needed, and no injuries were reported.

Saturday, Nov. 23

12:46 a.m. – An officer was dispatched to North Washington Street for a report of damage to Christmas decorations. The resident reported that they heard a loud bang and saw a smaller silver SUV heading away at a high rate of speed. They

live on a private shared driveway. The incident cut off power to half the display. The matter was reported.

4:20 a.m. – An officer took a report of broken glass debris and objects in the road and white paint splashed on the road. The officer saw several mailboxes and a chair broken in the roadway. The officer canvased the area to see if there was any more damage. It looked like the paint was being dumped out of the vehicle. The officer followed the pain trail to the Ludlow line and saw packages open and material left behind. One came from a mailbox in town. The officer contacted Ludlow Police to make them aware of it. The Belchertown Department of Public Works was contacted to help clean up the debris. The matter is under investigation.

9:29 a.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. The person said they checked the bank app, and money was removed from the account. The bank told her the following day to file a police report. They were all fraudulent checks written in their names and previous addresses where they used to reside. They froze all their accounts. The matter was documented.

1:27 p.m. – A person requested a well-being check on a juvenile friend of their child.

1:33 p.m. – A set of keys found at the post office was turned in, and later, the keys were reunited with their owner.

4:57 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. A resident got a new computer and an old phone number saved in the account. They needed customer service to find the phone number for Microsoft service but didn't use the right one. The resident reported they spoke with the scammers, who were customer service representatives. The person was told to buy gift cards, and they did so twice. The third time, the person began to suspect the matter was a scam. They were told to contact their banks.

Sunday, Nov. 24

12:48 p.m. – A person came to speak with an officer concerning their vehicle and allegations someone threw clothes into the back of it and vandalized

it in the process. They were talking to an acquaintance at the time who they believed was the suspect. There was also a large scratch in the side of the vehicle.

Monday, Nov. 25

2:32 p.m. – An officer doing traffic enforcement in a school zone on State Street saw a vehicle going 38 in a 20 and stopped the vehicle. The registered owner was operating it. The person's license was expired and nonrenewable. A tow truck was contacted, and the person received a citation and a warning for speeding.

3:31 p.m. A person came into the station to request a well-being check on their child, who was in another person's custody.

Tuesday, Nov. 26

11:27 a.m. – An officer was requested to check a Mains Street address for a possible stolen vehicle. The next day, an officer saw the vehicle pulling out in the driveway. The operator was identified and advised the vehicle was reported as stolen. They reported they were renting the vehicle and the contract was expended. The officers contacted the renting agency, and they told the officers a driver would get the vehicle. It was later recovered.

11:26 p.m. – A person reported customers entered their restaurant advising a male in a BMW was following them and may be intoxicated. The person was found there and is known to the department. Another person picked up that party to give them a ride home.

Granby Police

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 132 calls from Nov. 15 through Nov. 21. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all the information.

Friday, Nov. 15

6:09 a.m. – A motorist reported that their vehicle went off the roadway and

was about 20 feet into the woods. There were no injuries.

8:32 a.m. – A motorist reported that they struck a deer. There were no injuries.

12:35 p.m. – Several motorists reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

3:42 p.m. – A property owner reported that someone dumped a large amount of roofing material on their property. An incident report was completed.

Monday, Nov. 18

5:43 p.m. – A motorist reported striking a deer. There were no injuries.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

10:04 a.m. – A party came to the station to report being the victim of a check fraud. An incident report was completed.

12:42 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and passing a line of cars. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 65MPH in a 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

1:23 a.m. – A vehicle struck a MASSDOT work truck on Rt 202 and was stopped on Parish Hill Rd. There were no injuries.

1:55 a.m. – Shiela Dietz, 72, of Ludlow, struck the MASSDOT work truck, was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Thursday, Nov. 21

1:27 p.m. – A motorist reported that a vehicle drove off the road. There were no injuries.

4:25 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. There were no injuries.

6:42 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. There were no injuries.

10:53 p.m. – A motorist reported that a vehicle struck and went over a guardrail near Aldrich Lake. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

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save at 13:49, evening the slate, 1-1.

Springfield failed to connect on its first power play, but the T-Birds took advantage with 1:56 of man-up time to begin the second. Samuel Johannesson got the play started from the right point, whipping a pass in the left circle to Marcus Sylvegard. The winger uncorked a shot that DiPietro deflected but could not cover. The rebound sat in the blue paint, where Matt Luff swooped in to backhand the puck across the

goal line to give the T-Birds the 2-1 lead just 38 seconds into the middle period.

The Bruins attack could not get anything going in the T-Birds end, registering just four shots on Ellis for the duration of the second. Springfield's offense remained opportunistic and extended the lead at 13:04 when Dylan Peterson flipped a puck toward the net, allowing Reece Newkirk to slip it into the blue paint and Drew Callin to bury the loose change to make it a 3-1 score.

Providence did not go down easily as defenseman Mason Millman connected for his first

goal as a Bruin with a slap shot just 1:36 into the final period to make it a 3-2 game. The Bruins had the bulk of the offensive chances in the final period, but Ellis and the Springfield defense did enough to prevent the home side from finding an equalizer. Ellis, who is now 5-0-1 in his last six starts, had 25 saves in the victory.

The T-Birds, who now sit above the .500 plateau for the first time since they won their season opener, rest up before welcoming the Bridgeport Islanders on Friday night at the MassMutual Center, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m.

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pushing their lead to 4-1 with goals from Nolan Kneen (1st) and Nolan Burke (3rd). Shots favored Worcester in the first 22-12.

Despite the five total goals in the first both teams scoring slowed down in the second period. It looked as if the second period would go without a score until Anthony Repaci (14th) scored a power play goal with under a second to go in the period making it a 4-2 game heading into the third period. Shots Favored Worcester 12-8 in the second.

The third period was another low scoring period on both ends. The stalemate was broken when the Thunder got on the power play and cashed in with a goal from Michal Stinil (10th) 16:15 into the third period. The Railers went with an empty net late in the third trying to make the comeback, but the Braden Hache (1st) of the Thunder was able to get the puck all the way down the ice and score on the empty net making the final score 6-2. Shots favored Worcester 16-12 in the third and 50-32 in the game.

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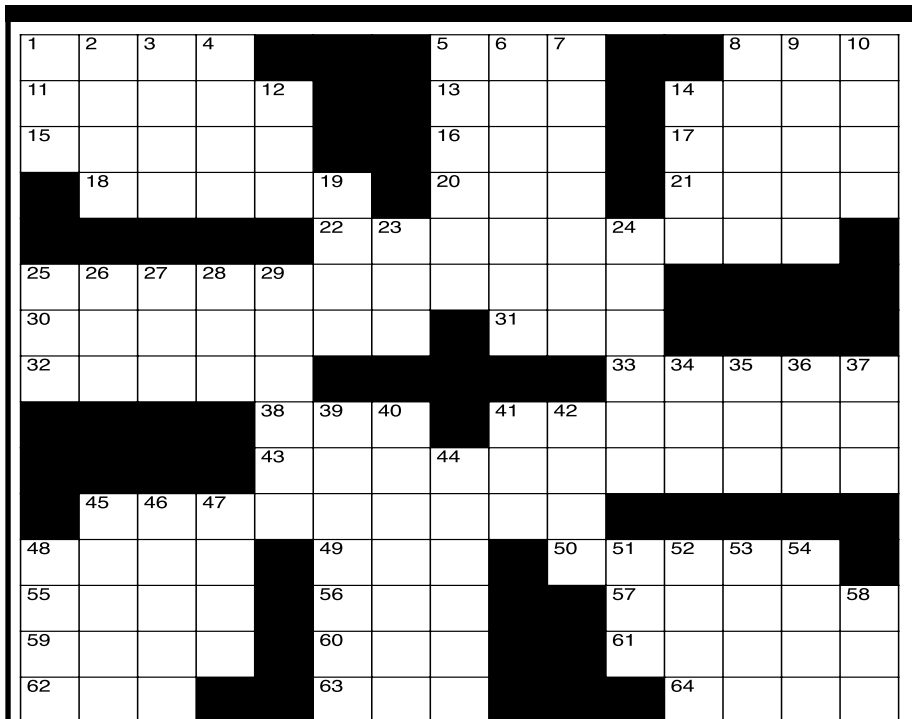
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of veterans and active duty military.

The Auxiliary, every Christmas, puts money together to support a family of someone in active service by buying toys and other gifts for the family.

Some of the money raised from the craft fair goes towards this mission, and the rest goes to helping the Legion with what they need.

“I’m appreciative that people what to sign up and participate, as it is a fundraiser for the Auxiliary,” said Bernatchez. “My dad was active duty while I was growing up. It’s a way for me to give back to veterans and assist them in various ways.”

The craft fair raised a lot of money for the Auxiliary, and they are already looking forward to the next craft fair, where more opportunities to support our men and women in arms.

variety of fundraisers in order to support the Legion, and the families



Stacey Nestor with her small business, Plan B Crafts.



Roxann Ellis, owner of Roxie Moxie, and her beautiful, crocheted items.



Kim Marion’s beautiful epoxy resin and glass paintings found at her small business, Kim’s Kreations.



Isabella and Zachary with their two small businesses, showing off their crafts: Isabella’s Creations, and East-side of Everest.

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get to appreciate is the beautiful blue flowers that are borne on the plant in the short days of winter. Legend ties the plant to the Virgin Mary, saying that flowers that were originally white were turned to blue when she spread her cloak on its branches.

Yet another reason that makes it a great choice for a mini Christmas tree!

With any luck, a Norfolk Island pine and Rosemary can go from being great Christmas decorations to wonderful year round houseplants.

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Lydia Kicza, Alexis Lapite, Cheyenne Laramee, Ava McFarland, Emma Parsons, Jordyn Placzek, Olyvia Redmond, Olah Roller, Maxwell Seymour.

12th Grade High Honors - Quinlan Cook, John Crawford, Riley Goodhind, Isabella Guzman-Aristy, Kelly Lynne Kennedy, Bear Lacharite, Justin Merced, Jaxton Roy, Autumn Sicard, Stewart Szlosek, Molly Zumburski.

12th Grade Honors - Raymond D Colon, Katie Grabherr, Chenoa Mestre, Tristan Moe, Gavin Moreno, Jaedyn Pike, Addison Prignano, Ava Saunders.



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