

## Senior center receives new benches

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BELCHERTOWN – Being able to take walks on a nice day, or any day, is always a wonderful way to exercise, relieve some stress, or just take in the fresh air.

However, some people may hesitate to walk without the guarantee of places to rest, but thanks to the hard work and dedication of the members of the senior center and the Age and Dementia Friendly Committee, benches have arrived to provide rest spots.

“Any project that benefits the Town and its older adults is a top priority for me and the Senior Center,” said Jessica Langlois, the Senior Center’s Director.

“Being able to install benches, which provides a place to rest during a walk, a chance to take in scenery, chat with others or simply sitting with one’s own thoughts can be beneficial for both mental and physical health,” said Langlois.



Linda Leduc, Gretchen O’Neil, Kirsten Krieger, and Jessica Langlois ready to cut the ribbon on the new benches.

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## BCTV manager and new Comms manager introduced

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Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN — On Monday, The Selectboard met with Esther Glovacki, the new Belchertown Community Television Manager, and Kate Nadeau, the Communications Manager.

These positions are funded with American Rescue Plan Act funds.

According to the town’s blog, the BCTV Manager position will be funded by ARPA funds for the first six months of 2025. After that, the town will fund it through PEG (public, educational and government) money from Spectrum, the town’s cable provider.

Williams explained that the PEG funds, from a small portion of residents’ cable bills, were recently increased, allowing the town to support this full-time position moving forward, according to the town’s website.

The current managers of BCTV, Peg and Lew Louraine started as volunteers along with Dan Fitzpatrick in May 1997.

Williams expressed hope that the new BCTV General Manager would work towards bringing the town’s media presence up to speed with modern technology, ensuring better integration between community television, live streaming and social media. He noted the importance of improving the town’s ability to engage residents through traditional cable TV and online platforms.

In the meeting, Glovacki asked what the Selectboard’s “biggest headache or complaint” was.

Selectboard member Jen Turner said it was the setup for each location and accessibility to turn on video and start recording.

“It’s been a huge challenge for committee members. There are instructions to follow,” she said. “Unless there’s somebody there facilitating, it’s a huge struggle.”

The second position is the Communications Manager, a part-time role. Unlike the BCTV General Manager, this position is new to the town and will focus on improving communication across various platforms, including the town’s website, social media and press releases.

The communications manager will streamline the town’s communication efforts, ensuring

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Heather Pike and a newborn lamb.

## Living nativity returns

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GRANBY – One of the most common traditions during the Christmas season, especially in the Christian faith, is the nativity scene.

The nativity depicts Mary and Joseph, with baby Jesus lying in a manger, and usually has animals in the barn, as well as the three wise men, and an angel, and a shepherd or two.

The nativity represents the story of Jesus’ birth, found in all four of the gospels with-

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## CELEBRATING A NATIONAL DAY

*with sundaes and unquestionable talent*

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BELCHERTOWN – We have a lot of strange national days here in the United States, but however strange they may be, can come around to spark a little bit of joy for us.

The Senior Center hosted a special opportunity to celebrate one of these national holidays, which included both National Ice Cream Day and National Violins Day.

During lunch at the senior center, people in attendance could enjoy listening to Cynthia LaBarre play some Christmas carols and other songs on her violin and eat some ice cream sundaes for dessert.

With her love of ice cream, and the flavors of maple walnut and mint chocolate chip, it was no wonder she jumped on the opportunity to come for this special day.

LaBarre has been playing the violin for twenty-five years, and after learning it for the first time at the Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield, fell in



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Cynthia LaBarre playing the violin for everyone gathered.

love with the instrument.

She took more lessons with people in Wilbraham, Worcester, South Hadley, Granby, and Springfield, taking lessons in classical music, and learning anything and everything she could.

Her daughter, Shannon, inspired her to begin playing when she was in fourth grade and wanted to learn to play the violin. She took her daughter to the Hitchcock Free Academy but learned that a parent or guardian had to take the lesson before their child.

“I told her that it wasn’t pos-

sible for me to learn because I’m deaf and wouldn’t be able to hear the tones and notes. I could read music so I tried the three lesson with the five other mothers and that is when I fell in love with the violin,” said LaBarre.

The other mothers at the Hitchcock Academy encouraged her, as well as her instructor, Helen, and found joy in playing the violin with her daughter and learning more about it.

“Since then and I’ve been playing for all of these years

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# Metalsmith helps bring stories to life with classes

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BELCHERTOWN – One of the most interesting and fantastical art forms is that of metalsmithing, and the work that can be created through the melting, welding and shaping of metals from the earth and even outer space.

Heather Beck, a metalsmith, has found joy in this ancient art form, and after discovering it at college, fell absolutely in love with it.

She got her BSA in jewelry and metals with a minor in woodworks from UMASS Dartmouth's College of Visual and Performing Arts and graduated in 2006. Since her graduation, she has been teaching metals at libraries and in her own studio.

"My roommate in college took metals for a semester, and came home with an oakleaf metal lamp, and I took the class the next semester, and fell in love with it," Beck said.

She fell in love with creating lots of detailed structures and found that metalsmithing was the perfect craft for her.

"I love the malleability of the material, and that it can stand the tests of time. The durability and the sustainability of it as well, and that it is as ancient

as the explosion of two binary stars," Beck said.

"Being able to put fire on a project, and connect parts, and make it into something new, is pretty incredible," Beck said. "It's so versatile, and there's so many different ways you can shape it. It's such an ancient art form, and it's an honor and privilege to be a part of the lineage of metalsmithing."

Beck teaches free classes at libraries all over the state and has made it a personal goal to teach at every single library in Massachusetts.

Classes to be found at the libraries includes copper ornaments, keychains, and bookmarks, and in 2025 is looking forward to introducing hand-hammered pendant workshops, and copper and brass nightlights.

Her classes are free, making them perfectly accessible to all, and has been teaching at libraries for six to seven years, excluding the years through the pandemic.

"The classes keep growing, and it's so amazing. My heart is just exploding that so many people want to take my classes, and I get to meet so many new people," said Beck.

Just recently, Beck came to Belchertown, and taught a teen copper ornament class, and the teens got the opportunity to



Alyssa Lussier proudly showing off her ornament.



Josh Annis showing his metal creation with unique designs.



LEFT: An adorable penguin with a Christmas hat jumping for joy.



Heather Beck illustrating how to hammer stamps into the metal.

learn a new technique and take something they made themselves for their tree.

But library classes aren't all that Heather Beck offers. She offers many special classes, including private lessons at her studio in Easthampton, as well as working with students on their personal projects.

"One of my favorite workshops to do is wedding band workshops for couples," Beck said. The workshops include the opportunity to make wax molds and send it out to be cast, or to cast them on-premises for an 8-hour workshop to take the rings home the same day.

"My bread and butter is engagement rings and wedding bands- the more unique the better. I am helping their story come alive."

She has "every flavor of gold", including all karats and colors of gold, sterling silver, and copper or a copper and silver mix for metal options.

The metals are sources from companies Hoover and Strong and Rio Grande, which processes scrap metals by cleaning them and selling them so that no metal is left unused.



Heather Beck showing off her heart piece, featuring snowflakes and Christmas trees.

"All the metal I use is 100% recycled by the sources I use, that is sent to them as scraps and are cleaned up and refined," said Beck.

"My favorite is legacy jewelry. It's where I melt down family heirlooms to create a new piece, infused with the memory."

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Everyone gathered to listen to Jessica Langlois announce the new addition of the benches along Carriage Drive.

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BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

Getting ready to cut the ribbon, in three... two... one.

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AARP offers a special Community Challenge Grant, and Langlois learned about it through her work with the Age and Dementia Friendly Implementation Group

“We had been in the planning stages of a bench installation project but lacked a funding source,” said Langlois. “I applied for the grant on behalf of the Senior Center in February 2024 and we learned in July that of the 3,300 applicants, 343 were chosen and the Senior Center was one of them.”

This was a huge win, and the success of receiving this special grant was celebrated by the committee members and beyond, and they worked to set up a very special unveiling ceremony to be held last week to cut the ribbon on the new benches.

“We are most excited for these benches to be used! By increasing means to rest, older adults and those who rely on a care partner may be more likely to walk lon-

ger distances than they would be able to without a place to rest,” said Langlois.

“Exercise, nature and fresh air are all proven ways to improve mood and health. Being able to prolong that exposure by offering chances to rest may improve one’s wellbeing,” said Langlois.

Belchertown’s Age and Dementia Friendly Implementation Group is composed of municipal employees as well as town residents.

Langlois, the Senior Center Executive Director, Town Planner Doug Albertson, DPW Director Linda Leduc, Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger, and community member Gretchen O’Neil.

The DPW staff worked to pour the concrete slabs and installed all six benches spaced out along Carriage Drive.

“[We] hope that the community at large and especially those who are older adults and/or those living with Alzheimer’s and Dementia and their care partners can enjoy these gifted benches for a long time to come,” said Langlois.

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accurate and timely information reaches as many residents as possible. This role will also alleviate pressure on the IT department, which has historically managed the town’s website. This responsibility has become increasingly difficult to

handle as the town grows.

Nadeau said communication is a two-way street, not just communicating in one direction.

“It’s not just people looking for information, but ensuring the departments are putting out information, too,” she said.

# Lions president receives award



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Belchertown Lions Club President Morgan Kimball (L) received a Certificate of Appreciation from District Governor Tom Swift.

BELCHERTOWN— Belchertown Lions Club President Morgan Kimball received a Certificate of Appreciation from District Governor Tom Swift at its annual Holiday Dinner held at the Villa Rose recently. DG Swift explained how this \$5200 donation to the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund is seed money that gets amplified several-fold through matching corporate sponsorships and also for the writing of grants before actually being put to use in the field. The BLC was applauded for its generous

donations for “the cause” throughout the years, which were only made possible by some very fortunate good weather along with very supportive Belchertown townsfolk and those of surrounding communities who support our fund-raising endeavors! We are looking forward to seeing you all again in the spring when we kick off our monthly meatball grinder sales, our Cruisin’ the Common-II Memorial Car Show, and of course our food wagon sales at the Belchertown Fair next fall.



## Belchertown Holiday office closures

BELCHERTOWN— The Town Hall Offices and The Finnerty House will be closing at Noon on Tuesday, Dec. 24, for the Christmas Holiday. Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 26.

The Town Hall Offices and The Finnerty House will be closing at Noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31, for the New Year’s Holiday. Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025.

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## Mass 4-H State Avian Team visits Churchill Downs while competing

Massachusetts 4-H State Avian Team holds up the Sentinel in front of Churchill Downs home of the famous Kentucky Derby. Andrew Samuelson (Mass 4-H Staff), Zackery Zawalski (Assistant Coach from Seek & Discover 4-H Club), JenaRose Zawalski (from Seek & Discover 4-H Club), Bristol Card (from Black Walnut 4-H Club), Josh Louis (from Good Shephard 4-H Club), Debbie Seale (Head Coach from Wandering 4-H Cloverbuds), Elizabeth Scalera (Independent 4-H Member), and Colleen Kielbania (from Woodland Wanderers 4-H Club). Working countless hours since early spring of 2024 to compete in the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference the Massachusetts 4-H Avian Team proudly earned 4th place in the country.

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and practicing every day. Love it! Music makes me happy and puts me in a calm place. I feel wonderful and peaceful when I play the violin," said LaBarre.

LaBarre's mother plays the piano, and after playing with her, helped her play the tones better, and loves to watch Lindsay Sterling, a popular violinist, play on stage.

"When playing the violin, I can feel the vibration from the violin and that makes me smile," said LaBarre.

For anyone looking to get into playing the violin, LaBarre recommends finding a local shop that will rent out a violin to learn on before investing in purchasing a new violin.

"The experience that I learned is that you cannot give up, and you need to keep saying that it is possible to learn even though I'm deaf," said LaBarre, sharing how she persevered, even though working on the challenges of getting the tones to sound just right.

"I've played as a street performer in Northampton, Mass. I play

for places like the Senior Centers, Senior Living Centers, and North Quabbin Trail Association Group, The Peace Warriors, for Veterans and First Responders. I play to make people happy," said LaBarre.

As she practiced every day for months, she found it began to get easier and easier, and loved practicing with her mother on the piano.

They began to play as their own group and called themselves "Just the Two of Us", playing in nursing homes until COVID-19.

She lost her mother in July of this year, but her memory lives on as she goes to play at senior centers solo as "Eagle Whispers", always remembering her best music partner, and very close friend.

"Practice as often as you can and have patience with yourself. Most of all do not give up even though it is hard at times! Even though you might have a disability, like mine being deaf, please do not let this stop you from trying new things! Do not give up," LaBarre said.



Everyone silently applauding for LaBarre at the end of her performance.

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# Belchertown to adopt nicotine-free regulations

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Board of Health voted overwhelmingly at its meeting on Dec. 11 to adopt groundbreaking nicotine-free generation regulations, becoming the eleventh municipality in Massachusetts to prohibit the sale of nicotine products to anyone born on or after January 1, 2004. This action positions Belchertown as a leader in the movement toward creating a nicotine-free generation, aiming to curb youth access to addictive nicotine products and mitigate long-term health risks.

Additionally, the Board voted to restrict the sale of flavored nicotine pouches in the town to adult-only tobacco stores, with a 60-day imple-

mentation period for businesses to comply.

The public hearing preceding the vote was well-attended, with over 50 participants joining both in person and virtually. Attendees included residents, non-residents, store owners, and advocates representing both sides of the issue. The Board allowed 30 minutes for public comments, fostering a dynamic discussion before deliberating on the regulations.

“Today’s vote underscores Belchertown’s commitment to prioritizing public health, especially for our youth,” said Board member Ken Elstein. “By taking these measures, we are setting the stage for a healthier future and joining a grow-

ing number of communities dedicated to protecting the next generation from the harmful effects of nicotine addiction.”

This local action coincides with broader statewide efforts to address nicotine use. A recent announcement revealed that nicotine-free generation legislation is set to be introduced in the Massachusetts legislature in January 2025, signaling growing momentum for this public health initiative.

The Board of Health encourages businesses and residents to review the new regulations and prepare for their implementation. For more information, please contact the Belchertown Board of Health at 413-323-0406.

## Christmas Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

BELCHERTOWN— The Christmas schedule for St. Francis of Assisi: Christmas Eve Mass will be on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 4

p.m. (Children’s Pageant Mass); Christmas Day Masses will be on Wednesday, Dec. 25 at 12 a.m., 8 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.

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A beautiful set of bows on a copper circle.

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A beautiful ornament, with a cabin in the woods with snow falling around it.

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ries of your loved ones,” Beck said.

The legacy jewelry is used through different metals passed on from families, and it can be made into something new and special.

Her classes are structured in the healing of perfectionism, showing people that they don’t have to be perfect, and their work is theirs, and unique to them.

“Be open to play and joy, and let all the big feelings out, as it’s a safe place to let out big feelings through the hammer,” Beck said. “It’s a perfect way to integrate a new skill and deal with these big feelings. Helping people find their growth edge.”

“Seeing my work and passing on the knowledge that I have learned, and seeing these skills reflected in the work that my students do is my favorite part,” said Beck.

Beck’s studio, Heather Beck Designs, is located at 116 Pleasant St. Suite 047 in Easthampton. It is open by appointment, and you can reach her through email, at info@heatherbeckdesigns.com, her website at www.heatherbeckdesigns.com, and Facebook and Instagram.



Salem Hubbard focused on her work, hammering into the metal her design.

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By Lee Hamilton

**Most Americans aren't obsessed with politics**

The 2024 election is over, but the arguments about what it means are continuing.

Did Donald Trump and the Republican Party win a mandate to govern as they wish? Did Democrats try too hard to appeal to their political base? Or not hard enough?

But drawing conclusions about the meaning of an election, especially about what it says about the American people, is difficult. Most voters simply aren't that focused on politics. They aren't obsessed with the latest news from Washington or what the candidates are saying.

As Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear writes in a recent New York Times column, "When most Americans wake up in the morning, they are not thinking about politics." They are thinking about their jobs, their finances, their next doctor's appointment. They are thinking about feeding their families and getting their children off to school. They want to know their communities are safe.

"If you are staring at the cost of your child's prescription and wondering how you are going to pay for both it and your family's dinner," Beshear writes, "the offense of the day in Washington, D.C. or the latest crazy thing a politician said just isn't as important."

I couldn't agree more. Those of us who write about government and public affairs often forget that we're in the minority. For most people, they may follow the news, and most of them will vote; but politics, especially national politics, isn't at the top of their daily concerns.

One of the first lessons I learned when I was in Congress was that people care deeply about local matters. They pay a lot less attention to national issues. They are even less worried about international affairs.

Their concerns are much closer to home.

In my district, the experience was the same whether I was visiting with constituents in cafes, speaking to service clubs or meeting with reporters and editors at local newspapers. People, whether they were Democrats or Republicans, were focused on their communities. They wanted to talk about a new factory, a planned road project or the local school system.

People do pay attention to the national economy, because it affects their lives. They may not know the latest inflation or unemployment numbers, but they know when costs go up for gas, groceries and housing. They care about crime, but their focus is on community safety.

It's true, of course, that Donald Trump has upended our politics, putting himself at the center of every issue.

The decline of local newspapers, coupled with the rise of talk radio, cable TV news and social media, has nationalized our politics. Tune in CNN or Fox News, and you might think every national issue is a matter of life and death.

Politicians often amplify this thinking as they compete to turn highly motivated voters in a tight election. But that's not most Americans. Most care

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**Early Christmas shoppers...**



**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**It is our GOVERNMENT**

In the preface to his memoir, published after the Civil War, President Buchanan wrote, "The authorities cited in the work will show that Mr. Buchanan never failed, upon all suitable occasions, to warn his countrymen of the approaching danger, and to advise them of the proper means to avert it. Both before and after he became President he was an earnest advocate of compromise between the parties to save the Union, but Congress disregarded his recommendations."

On December 3, 1860, President Buchanan delivered his State of the Union justifying the fugitive slave laws, denying the right of the territory of Kansas to abolish slavery and blaming Northern abolitionist agitators for inciting slave rebellions.

The President's policies determined no right of secession and deferred to Congress to decide the discipline he might be compelled to enforce upon rebellious states.

He maintained that slavery could be either protected or abolished only by state or federal Constitutional amendment. To postpone or avoid the dissolution of the Union, he promoted an amendment to enshrine slavery more explicitly, already blamed by his critics for "doughface" policies favoring Southern slaveholders and his appointments of certain Southern members to Cabinet posts. The pro-slavery Corwin Amendment passed by a supermajority of Congress in the middle of the night on March 4, 1861, hours prior to Lincoln's inauguration, and would later be ratified by several states including Kentucky, Ohio and Rhode Island in 1861, by Maryland the next year and in 1863 by Illinois.

After Southern slaveholding elites had rallied to the cause of secession, Buchanan sent troops to reinforce the federal Fort Sumter, which had been blockaded following Lincoln's election. The ship would retreat when fired upon, the first shots of the Civil War.

Consistent with Buchanan's constitu-

tional rule of law argument but ultimately affirming the abolitionist policy he had opposed, a mandate of victory after the Civil War led to the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery except for those convicted of a crime.

James Buchanan was one of only two Presidents from Pennsylvania, the other Joe Biden. He was a lifelong bachelor, the only President never to have married.

Prior to his Presidency, he had served as Congressman, Senator, Secretary of State and ambassador to Russia and to the United Kingdom. He retired to his home Wheatland in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and would support the war effort, also refraining from public criticism of Lincoln.

Ranked by historians as one of our worst Presidents, Buchanan had upheld legal pathways guaranteeing the institution of slavery and had acted, as he stated, according to the principles of the Constitution.

In its issues, actors, sequences of events, our present appears a scrambled mosaic of our country's situation on the eve of the Civil War. And our outcome will be uniquely decided as well. Similar to our contested past are the heated motivations among parties, one to be empowered, another holding onto islands of governance in the form of Congressional minorities, state governments and federal judgeships.

Recognize that Trump is not omnipotent. There will be contested elections to come, in which the people will decide again. He was elected by supporters disenchanted with the status quo. In power, Trump will be seen as the status quo and blamed as such.

Hold the new Administration accountable if they take unconstitutional actions. In short, advocate for our elected representatives to stand as bulwarks of democracy. There will be work to be done.

**Eric Bright**  
*Belchertown resident*

**Revolution**

With the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, it bears noting that this month in 1774, Belchertown voted, on Dec. 12, to provide 10 shillings, 8 pence to "Capt. Zachariah Eddy for his horse's Journey to Providence, RI, to fetch Powder for the Town's Use." That's the equivalent today of about \$107.

This was after Belchertown became "the very first town to pay taxes to Henry Gardner who was sent by the Provincial Congress to collect town taxes." This inaugurated "a severe blow against the loyalist government."

In November, we gathered in our meet-

ing-house "to organize a military company," with Caleb Clark, Captain, Joseph Graves, 1st Lieut., John Cowles, 2nd Lieut., Elijah Dwight, Ensign, and Oliver Bridgman, Clerk."

"Foreseeing the evil, they [Belchertown voters] had previously voted a sum of money for the purchase of a stock of ammunition, which they placed in the hands of Elijah Dwight. He was to sell it as it was needed, and replenish his stock from the proceeds of sale."

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**EDUCATION**

**Belchertown resident appointed to NSAC**

DUDLEY— Troy Pelletier of Belchertown, is one of 16 students appointed by Nichols College President Bill Pieczynski to the 2024-2025 Nichols Senior Advisory Council.

This group of accomplished seniors will meet with the President and members of the President's Counsel monthly and act as an advisory group as the College plans for the future.

"Congratulations to the students selected for this year's NSAC cohort. These are exemplary students, citizens and leaders who have distinguished themselves among a strong senior class," said Pieczynski. "Their insights will be invaluable to the leadership team, and we look forward to hearing their perspectives and learning more about these outstanding students."

Upcoming NSAC meetings will include discussions on the College's new initiatives as well as broader trends and issues in higher education. In addition to helping Nichols enhance the overall experience for all members of its community, the meetings are also intended as an opportunity for students to further strengthen their communication and presentation skills, which are critical to career advancement.

**University of Utah's summer 2024 dean's list**

SALT LAKE CITY, UT— Gianna Laroche, of Belchertown, was named to the University of Utah's summer 2024 dean's list.

Laroche was among more than 2,800 students named to the Summer 2024 Dean's List at the U. To qualify, the students earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during the summer term.

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deeply about their families, their neighbors and their communities. They want the government to share those concerns.

Beshear is a Democrat who has twice been elected governor of a state that just voted 65-35 for Trump. He recommends a focus on kitchen-table issues as a way forward for his party.

"The focus of the Democratic Party must return to creating better jobs, more affordable and accessible health care, safer roads and bridges, the best education for our children and communities where people aren't just safer but also feel safer," he writes.

In fact, that should be a good agen-

**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** – Reymond 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

**11th Grade Honors** – Raymond A Colon, David Radkowski, Savannah Rushlow, Addison Scott, Mark Tavernier.

**12th Grade Maximum** - Nathan Benson, Mabel Carillon, Sawyer Clarke, Margaret Crawford, Gavier Fernandez, Jr, Cassandra Flaherty, Cole Fuller, Shaylin Hauschild, Gavin Kennedy, Lydia Kicza, Alexis Lapite, Cheyenne Laramée, 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.

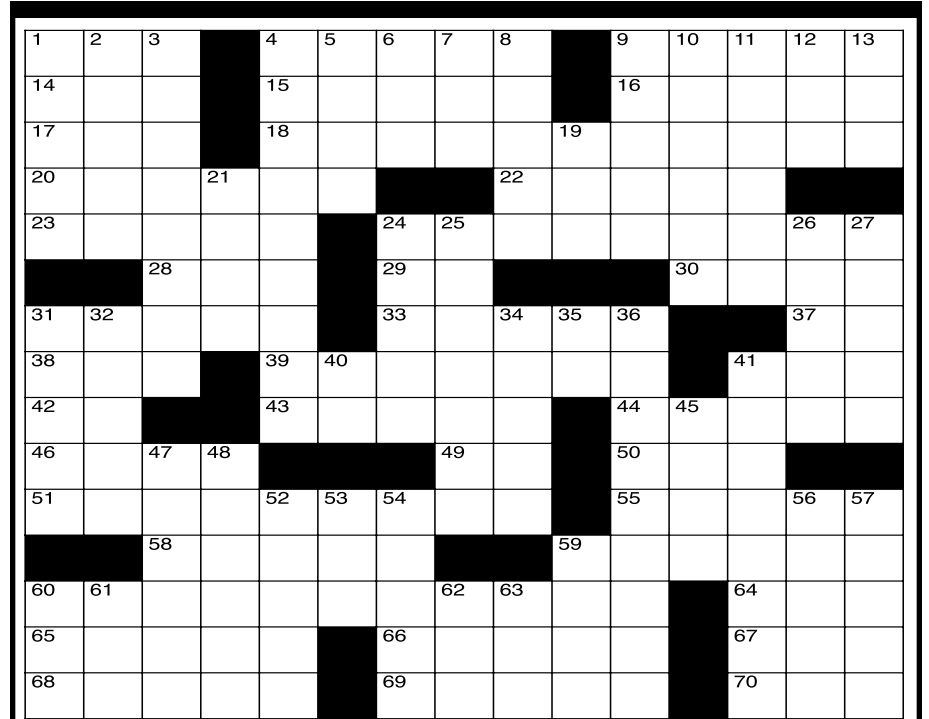
**Holyoke Community College recognizes fall 2024 graduates**

HOLYOKE—Holyoke Community College is proud to recognize the following students who will complete their requirements for graduation at the end of the fall 2024 semester. These members of the Class of 2025 were recognized at HCC's second Fall Graduate Reception on Monday, Dec. 2, in the college's Leslie Phillips Theater and will also be invited to participate in HCC's 78th Commencement exercises at the MassMutual Center in Springfield,

Mass., on May 31, 2025.

**Belchertown:**Samual Bertsch, Chloe Breton, Rebekah Clough, Ethan Daniel Fay, Danielle Katherine, Hope Foster, Caterina Clementine Guerin, Morgan Brier Kite, Michael Andrew Ludwig, Timothy J. Lynch, McKenna Katherine Martin, David Peter Mastalerz, Justin Allen Pendrick, Anja Potter.

**Granby:** Maxwell Alan Anischik, Nicholas Tyler Menard, Brandon Victor Bernard Soubble.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Miller beer variety
- 4. Member of people inhabiting Bering Sea islands
- 9. Stomach
- 14. Investment vehicle
- 15. Fictional soccer coach Ted
- 16. Irregular in botanical parlance
- 17. Cease standing
- 18. "American Horror Story" actress
- 20. Grow milk teeth
- 22. Plant parts
- 23. Snow house
- 24. Most contemptuous
- 28. Note to repay
- 29. Old English
- 30. Wings
- 31. Financial institutions
- 33. Parks and Lopez are two
- 37. Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
- 38. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 39. Give off
- 41. Semitic alphabet letter
- 42. Farm state
- 43. Actress Sarandon
- 44. Back parts
- 46. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 49. Touchdown
- 50. One point north of due east
- 51. Refurbishes
- 55. Silver and Dogg are two
- 58. Former Tigers catcher Alex
- 59. Type of envelope
- 60. Seriously considered
- 64. Unhappy
- 65. Past (archaic)
- 66. Asian wild dog
- 67. Old English letter
- 68. Young domestic sheep
- 69. Football players need to gain them

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Dormant Peruvian volcano
- 2. Norwegian composer
- 3. Indicates location
- 4. Pubs
- 5. Unable to walk easily
- 6. Electronic warfare-support measures
- 7. World leader
- 8. Midsection
- 9. Jewish calendar month
- 10. Urological condition
- 11. A small quantity of anything
- 12. Mountain Time
- 13. Affirmative
- 19. Word element meaning ear
- 21. Carried away
- 24. Short-billed rails
- 25. Newborn child
- 26. Sword
- 27. Groups of people
- 31. Prickly, scrambling shrubs
- 32. Become less intense
- 34. Polishes
- 35. Indicates position
- 36. Songs sung to one's beloved
- 40. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 41. Insects
- 45. Israeli politician
- 47. Pre-digital
- 48. Roaming
- 52. Ambience
- 53. Brew
- 54. Late
- 56. Make ecstatically happy
- 57. Semitic alphabet letter
- 59. Blend
- 60. Dash
- 61. Self
- 62. Exclamation of satisfaction
- 63. Hill or rocky peak

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# Baby's First Christmas

## 2024




**Callan Cameron**

October 1, 2024

**Parents:** Matthew & Kieran Cameron, Belchertown  
**Grandparents:** David Hart & Kally Walsh, Holyoke  
Robert & Patricia Cameron, Belchertown



**Ava Caroline Smith**

May 7, 2024

**Parents:** Lara & Matt Smith, Norton, MA  
**Grandparents:** Mary & George Dulchinos, Belchertown  
Ken & Joan Smith, Southbury, CT



**Henry Thomas Noel**

September 9, 2024

**Parents:** Dalton & Lauren Noel, Cummington  
**Grandparents:** Lori Wawro, Belchertown  
Mike Skowronek, Palmer  
Karen Landry, Worthington  
Frank Noel, Cummington



**Mary Ann Miller**

November 21, 2024

**Parents:** David & Lynn Miller, Marlborough, CT  
**Grandparents:** Rob & Carol Barszcz, Belchertown



**Nolan Rivet**

July 30, 2024

**Parents:** RJ & Ashley Rivet, Belchertown  
**Grandparents:** Jennifer & Levi Bousquet, Belchertown  
Tammy Squires, Belchertown  
Beverly Witter & Tony Conchinha, Granby  
Ronald Rivet & Mary Fitzmeyer, Westfield  
Sammy & Randy Thomas, Belchertown



**Hayden Betsold**

March 13, 2024

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**Rheyra DerHovanessian**

March 7, 2024

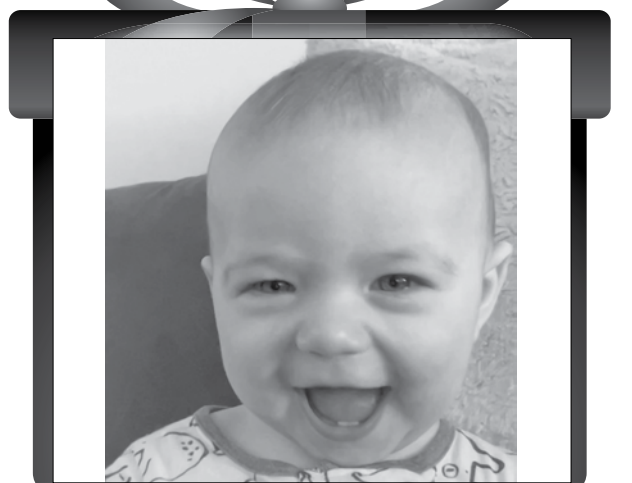
**Parents:** Valery & Mark DerHovanessian, Warwick, RI  
**Grandparents:** Angela & Bruce Alexander, Belchertown  
 Earl Raymond, Easthampton  
 Bob & Estelle DerHovanessian, Sutton  
**Great Grandparents:** Ellie Bergeron, Belchertown  
 Paula & Bill Sabonis, Broad Brook, CT



**Lucas Jozsef Giancola**

February 7, 2024

**Parents:** Domenic & Marika Giancola, Belchertown  
**Grandparents:** Ben & Peggy Giancola, Southwick  
 Valerie Wilder, Chicopee  
 Jozsef & Cheryl Bilecz (deceased)



**Jordan Thomas Brown**

May 13, 2024

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# BCTV Schedule for the upcoming week

## Thursday, Dec. 19

- 8 a.m. Select Board - 16 Dec.
- 10 a.m. School Committee - 10 Dec.
- 12 p.m. Board of Health - 11 Dec.
- 5 p.m. Select Board - 16 Dec.
- 7 p.m. School Committee - 10 Dec.
- 9 p.m. Board of Health - 11 Dec.

## Friday, Dec. 20

- 8 a.m. JBMS Concert - Dec 2024
- 9:30 a.m. Clapp Memorial Library - BUCC Handbell Choir
- 11 a.m. Clapp Memorial Library -Christmas at the State School
- 5 p.m. JBMS Concert
- 6:30 p.m. Clapp Memorial Library - BUCC Handbell Choir
- 8 p.m. Clapp Memorial Library -Christmas at the State School

## Saturday, Dec. 21

- 8 a.m. JBMS Concert - Dec 2024
- 9:30 a.m. Winter Light Night 2024
- 4:30 p.m. JBMS Concert - Dec 2024
- 6 p.m. Winter Light Night 2024

## Sunday, Dec. 22

- 4:30 p.m. St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. Hope United Methodist Church
- 8:30 p.m. Clapp Memorial Library - Handbell Choir

## Monday, Dec. 23

- 8 a.m. Memories of Belchertown - Gould
- 10 a.m. Memoires of Belchertown - World War II Veterans
- 7 p.m. Memories of Belchertown - Gould
- 9 p.m. Memories of Belchertown - World War II Veterans

## Tuesday, Dec. 24

- 8 a.m. Clapp Memorial Library - BUCC Handbell Choir
- 7 p.m. Clapp Memorial Library - BUCC Handbell Choir

## Wednesday, Dec. 25

- 8 a.m. Clapp Memorial Library -Christmas at the State School
- 9:30 a.m. Clapp Memorial Library - BUCC Handbell Choir
- 11 a.m. BUCC Handbell Choir 2019
- 12:30 p.m. Carols on the Common
- 5 p.m. Clapp Memorial Library -Christmas at the State School
- 6:30 p.m. Clapp Memorial Library - BUCC Handbell Choir
- 8 p.m. BUCC Handbell Choir 2019
- 9:30 p.m. Carols on the Common



Sherry Sickler and twin baby lambs born on Monday.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

In the Purple Lenny Desrosiers, Dave Mazarowski, Jenni Oyola, Liam Scully, Kathy Merchant, Heather Pike, Diane Percy, Gloria Smith in the shadow, Alan Izatt, Cheryl Sawicki and Aubrey Basile.

### NATIVITY from page 1

in the New Testament, and helps to serve as a wonderful illustration of what it may have looked like that starry and silent night in Bethlehem.

A living nativity is a special rendition, where people dress up as these characters, and like a play, may have lines. Living nativities can be drive-throughs and are often held outside to capture the same feel of that fateful night.

The Granby United Church of Christ held their second annual living nativity last weekend, and it was set up outdoors with the special scene laid out, and benches made of hay and planks to sit on to enjoy the show.

The church served mulled cider, coffee, tea, and cookies for people to enjoy something warm and comforting as they watched the living nativity play out.

Pastor Audrey revived the tradition from many years ago, and the church congregation look forward to it coming back.

The living nativity has live animals join the performance from a local farm in Hadley. "The last two years we've been blessed to be able to and hope to have them again," said Tasondra Jardine.

"My favorite part is watching everyone be transported into the Nativity. Our church really strives to make a difference in our community and spread the word in ways that touch mind, body and spirit," said Jardine.

"The story of Jesus is one known to many but telling it this way with the animals and cast, the music and firepits to keep warm really makes it special," said Jardine.

There were about eleven people total in the cast, and Pastor Audrey directed the production, with members of the congregation acting as the main characters of the story.

"Dennis did the the lighting and many volunteers for set up of the Nativity and keeping the animals safe and warm as well as keeping fire pits well cared for," Jardine said.

The night was filled with wonders and the joyful community of



Robert Mason, Marion Mason and Donna Basile getting warm at the campfire.

the church and its congregation, and the cute baby lambs were wonderful to have and pet, making it memorable for sure.

"Being able to keep the Christ Child's story alive. It brings joy and peace to many in the community at a time when that's quite precious," said Jardine, sharing how meaningful the annual living nativity is.

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# Holiday & December EVENTS

## BELCHERTOWN

- 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.
- 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.

### Free Christmas concert

SPRINGFIELD— Free music Christmas concert by The West Mass Brass Band on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. at The Springfield Armory Museum, 1 Armory St. Bring the family and friends to a wonderful Holiday program. For more information visit the Facebook page or contact Ken McCance at (413) 659-2622, or email at westmassbrass@gmail.com.



# SPORTS

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## Ludlow-Belchertown co-op wins first game



Jake Mandeville gets ready to pass the puck up the ice.



AJ Stupak checks his opponent as he advances up the ice.



Nick Staeb heads up the left side of the ice.



Sean Kefalas circles around the Ludlow goal.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI  
Ryan Goodwin makes a back-hand play on defense.

WEST SPRINGFIELD – While Agawam was able to spread its scoring around during its season opener last Thursday night, Ludlow’s new co-op with Belchertown got three goals from Sean Kefalas, including a game-winner in overtime as the Lions prevailed 5-4. Ludlow got on the board first early in the first period on a Tanner Severyn goal, but Agawam stayed in the game throughout. Kefalas had two goals in regulation and Evan Dias

also had a goal for the Lions. Andy Holton, Cole Buffum, Zach Hollister, and Landon Ashford scored for Agawam. Charlie Fijal, of Belchertown, had two assists for the Lions. Ludlow and Belchertown are a co-op this season using the Ludlow High School name. The Lions face Minnechaug this weekend and Agawam will face Taconic in a special 10 a.m. game on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24.

## Orioles claim win on new home floor

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—Belchertown senior co-captain Chloe LaRoche was the only member of her class to make the varsity girls’ basketball team as a freshman.

LaRoche scored five points in the Lady Orioles first game of the 2021-22 regular season, which was a road loss against the Monument Mountain Spartans.

Four of the twelve players listed on Belchertown’s 2024-25 varsity basketball roster are members of the freshmen class. The foursome were able to win their first varsity game against the Spartans.

Led by LaRoche, who scored 11 of her team-leading 17 points during the second half, the Lady Orioles pulled away for a 45-34 season opening home victory, last Friday night.

“The freshmen played very well in their first varsity game tonight,” said LaRoche, who has helped the Lady Orioles win the past six meetings on the hardwood against Monument Mountain, which is a region-

al high school located in Great Barrington. “I’m very proud that we were able to pull out a victory in tonight’s game.”

The Central Division matchup was played on Belchertown’s brand new gym floor, which was installed last summer.

The four Belchertown freshmen combined to score 21 points in last Friday night’s game.

Aubrey Klingensmith, who’s the third member of her family to play a varsity sport at Belchertown High School during the past ten years, was the Lady Orioles second leading scorer with eight points.

Freshman Kina Roy, whose mother, Dina, is the Lady Orioles varsity field hockey coach, chipped in with seven points, and Gabby Slovack added six points.

While Klingensmith, Roy, and Slovack were starters in the season opener, Cassidy Maclean came off the bench. She didn’t score any points.

“I just have to give a lot of credit to the Belchertown youth basketball coaches. The

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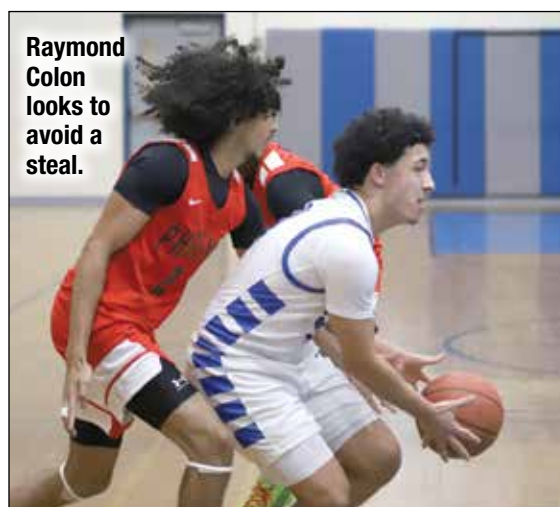
Gavin Moreno looks for an approach to the hoop.



Gavier Fernandez gathers in a pass.



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Cody Breault enters the arc.



Raymond Colon looks to avoid a steal.

## Rams pull away from Renaissance

GRANBY – Last Thursday night, Granby High School boys basketball opened up the regular season with a league matchup with Renaissance School. The Rams were able to get the offensive momentum going early and took a lead. Granby would extend that lead in the third quarter as they held Renaissance to single digits en route to a 56-47 final score. Gavier Fernandez had 16 points to lead all scorers with Riley Goodhind turned in 14 points. Granby travels to Southwick on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

SPORTS



# Pioneers don't have answer for Duggan

Dustyn Cook goes low to avoid a defender.

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Grayson Griswold sends up a three-point attempt.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER— First-year Pathfinder Tech boys' varsity basketball coach Ethan Ortyl is hoping to win a lot of games during his coaching career. He had to wait a little bit longer before celebrating his first career victory.

The Pioneers suffered an 80-18 non-league home loss to powerhouse Duggan Academy in the season opening game, last Thursday night.

"This game was a good test for us against one of the best teams that we're going to play all season," said Ortyl, who replaced Zac Button as the Pioneers varsity coach. "The players continued to play hard in tonight's game, and they care about each other. We're going to bounce back and keep battling in every game that we play this season. I just love this group of players."

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Cassian Kowalik tries to avoid having his shot blocked.



Cayden Bousquet keeps the ball away from his opponent.



Aiden Girard heads down the court.

# T-Birds grab point in Wilkes-Barre

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (12-9-2-0) dispatched a 4-1 second intermission deficit to earn a standings point before ultimately falling in overtime, 5-4, to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (14-7-1-0) on Saturday night at Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza.

Upstart rookie Rutger McGroarty quickly got the Penguins on the board on their Teddy Bear Toss night as he took a delicate saucer



pass from Joona Koppanen and deked to the forehand to tuck it behind Vadim Zherenko just 1:53 into the opening period.

The T-Birds were able to draw two power play opportunities while trailing 1-0, but the Penguins' penalty kill dispatched both of the Springfield man-up situations. Special teams continued to trend in the home team's direction as the Penguins cashed in on their first power play on a goal by Emil Bemstrom at 16:06 of the frame to give Wilkes-Barre/Scranton a 2-0 lead into the intermission.

Filip Larsson was not heavily taxed in Penguins crease in the first, but he came up with the nine saves asked of him to start the night.

Thanks to their top offensive unit, the T-Birds quelled some of the Penguins' momentum at 5:17 of the second. Aleksanteri Kaskimaki took a drop feed from Leo Loof and whipped it in the low slot to Dalibor Dvorsky. While Larsson slid across to deny the T-Birds' star rookie, the rebound trickled behind the netminder, allowing Marcus Sylvegard to backhand it into the yawning net to cut the deficit to 2-1.

Special teams, though, proved to be Springfield's undoing once again just 3:16 later as Valtteri Puustinen slipped behind the defense on

a power play and chipped a backhander past Zherenko to make it a 3-1 Penguins lead.

Late in the period, the Thunderbirds thought they had solved Larsson on a power play scramble in the crease, but after a review, the goal was washed out, and Bemstrom took advantage

with just 18 seconds left in the frame, snapping a wrist shot under the crossbar, extending the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton lead to 4-1 after 40 minutes.

The T-Birds' leaders rapidly turned the game around as the final period began. Captain Matthew Peca flung a wrister over Larsson's glove just 17 seconds into the period to make it a 4-2 contest. Less than four minutes later, crashing in for a rebound in the slot area, former Penguin Scott Harrington notched his first as a Thunderbird at 4:08 to cut the margin to 4-3.

Larsson and the Penguins tightened to hold the fort into the game's final two minutes, but a penalty with 2:09 on the clock handed Springfield another power play and a chance to get an equalizer. With Zherenko at the bench for an extra skater, the T-Birds seized the moment as Matt Luff found Kaskimaki in the slot, and the rookie's snapper eluded Larsson to tie the game with 1:56 left.

The Thunderbirds had another power play chance to close out regulation, but the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton penalty kill shut it down to get the game into the extra period.

Unfortunately, the T-Birds' magic ran out in the extra session as a penalty gave the Penguins a 4-on-3 power play, and Bemstrom completed his hat trick with a spinning jam shot at 4:27 of the overtime to snap the T-Birds winning streak. Despite coming short of victory, Springfield earned standings points for the 11th time in its last 13 games.

## Coaching classes available

Coaches hired after Aug. 1, 1998 are required to take a coaching course to be eligible to coach high school sports in Massachusetts.

According to the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association, all coaches hired prior to Aug. 1, 1998 are exempt from taking the Fundamentals of Coaching Course. Coaches hired after that and before July 1, 2005 must have completed the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course with the exception of Certified MA teachers.

All coaches (stipend or volunteer) first serving as an interscholastic coach after July 1, 2005 must complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course, and an approved Sports First Aid

course.

The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course requirement must be met through attending an MIAA sponsored Fundamentals of Coaching Class with MIAA Certified Instructors. Must be completed and passed prior to coaching a second year.

The NFHS Sports First Aid may be met by completing on-line courses with the NFHS [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). Must be passed prior to coaching a third year.

Additional requirements for all coaches:

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It was also the first varsity start for all five of the Pioneers starters. Those five players are junior Dustyn Cook, junior Dayne Shanley, junior Aiden Girard, sophomore Cayden Bousquet, and freshman Cassian Kowalik

“We’ve only had four practices, which doesn’t include tryouts, before tonight’s game. The players are still learning a new system and I’m still learning what they’re capable of doing,” Ortyl added. “We’re going to work hard at practice before our next game against Pioneer Valley Christian Academy on Monday night. There are a lot of things that we need to work on. Everyone just needs to keep improving, including myself.”

Girard (3 points) and senior Matthew Vanasse (2 points) are the Pioneers co-captains.

Duggan, who posted an 18-2 regular season record a year ago, also didn’t have very much trouble dispatching the Pioneers in their previous two meetings on the hardwood.

With the help of several turnovers, the Jayhawks were able to build a 27-0 lead at the end of the opening quarter in last Thursday’s game, and they never looked back.

Junior Isaiah Rodriguez scored 19 of his game-high 23 points for the visitors from Springfield during the first eight minutes of the contest.

Duggan’s other two double digit scorers were junior Allen Miranda, who scored 11 of his 21 points in the third quarter, and senior Kyle Combs (12 points).

The Pioneers, who beat Duggan by 14 points during the 2022 regular season, finally broke the ice with six minutes left in the first half when a steal by freshman Grayson Griswold led to a Bousquet lay-up basket.

Bousquet, who was the Pioneers leading scorer with four points, also made another lay-up a minute later following another steal from Griswold.

In the middle of the second quarter, Griswold scored his first career varsity points on a lay-up.

The home team was trailing, 40-6 at halftime.

Pathfinder Tech’s only made baskets of the third quarter were from Vanasse and Girard.

The Jayhawks only outscored the Pioneers, 10-7, during the final eight minutes of the contest.

Pathfinder freshman Jordan Mbi made an old fashion three point play with 5:47 remaining in regulation, which gave the home fans something to cheer about. Kowalik also hit a runner in the lane. Girard and Shanley each made a free throw.

The Pioneers players and supporters were looking to celebrate a win at home against PVCA on Monday night.



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Dayne Shanley takes a mid-range shot.

# Railers get point, fall in shootout

WORCESTER – It has been one of those weekends that seem like a month for the Railers. They have battled one of the ECHL’s best teams in the Trois-Rivieres Lions and changed a coach all at the same time.

Worcester lost its final game under Bob Deraney, 5-3, Friday night. They lost their first game under Nick Tuzzolino, 3-2, Saturday night but it was one of those half-a-loaf deals. The Railers earned a point with a shootout loss.

It says something about the Lions that Worcester played one of its best games in recent weeks and still could not get two points. Trois-Rivieres is loaded with offensive opportunists and flawless goaltending.

The Railers out shot the visitors, 41-26, but still could not outscore them.

It was, however, an encouraging start to Tuzzolino’s head coaching career and in general he liked what he saw.

“I don’t want to say that I was excited about how we played,” he said, “because the result wasn’t there, but

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four freshmen walked into this gym on the first day of practice ready to play. They played outstanding in tonight’s game and I’m very proud of them,” said Belchertown head coach Jason Woodcock, who recently became a grandfather for the first time. “It was a very exciting game and it’s always very nice to win your season opener.”

Belchertown’s other two seniors are Logan Moses (4 points), who’s also a co-captain, and Gianna Picardi. The duo are returning varsity players.

Sophomore point guard Morghan Litz, who’s another returning varsity player, scored only two points in the season opening victory. However, she did make a couple of dazzling passes leading to baskets by her teammates.

“Chloe and Morghan were our

co-MVP’s last year,” Woodcock said. “Morghan is only a sophomore, but she’s a returning varsity player and our starting point guard.”

LaRoche, who only plays basketball, entered her senior season with 700 career points.

“I’m very excited for my senior season. I want to go out with a bang,” LaRoche said. “We’re really hoping to make the postseason tournament this year.”

The Lady Orioles’ last two 1,000 point scorers were Téa Spellacy and Kayla Henry, who accomplished the feat ten years ago.

“Tea and Kayla were my role models when I was younger,” said LaRoche, who’ll be playing college basketball at Clark University in Worcester next year. “I used to come watch them play basketball here all the time. I’m really hoping to join them on the 1,000 point banner.”

The other four sophomores listed on this year’s Belchertown’s varsity basketball roster are Lia Pikul, Aubrey McCain, Avery Cooper, and Emily Waller.

The Spartan’s leading scorer was senior Polly Geddes with 17 points. Junior Caroline Decker finished with eight points with the help of two 3-pointers. No other visiting player scored more than three points.

There were several lead changes during the opening quarter and the home team held a slim 10-8 lead entering the second stanza.

A short jumper by Klingensmith and back-to-back baskets by Moses pushed the Lady Orioles lead to 18-13 with three minutes left in the first half.

A Geddes inside hoop at the start of the second half closed the gap to 18-16.

The Lady Orioles then responded with a 14-2 run.

Laroché scored nine of those points.

Her 3-pointer from the right corner pushed the lead to 28-19 with 4:30 remaining in the third quarter. Then she made another basket before Roy capped off the run by sinking a pair of free throws.

The Spartans did make a comeback, but they couldn’t get any closer than six points during the final eight minutes of the contest.

The Lady Orioles managed to keep the lead during the fourth quarter with the help of nine points from the freshmen. Waller also added a free throw with less than 30 seconds left on the scoreboard clock.

“Every time that they closed the deficit, we would respond,” Woodcock said. “We only won six games last year and this is a good way to begin this season.”



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**Stephen 'Russ' Setkewich**  
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Belchertown Funeral Home

**William J. Swaim**  
Died Dec. 10, 2024  
Services Dec. 20, 2024  
The O'Brien Family Funeral Home

**George G. Gifford**

George G. Gifford, a resident of Longmeadow, MA, passed away at the age of 90 on Oct. 31, 2024.



Previously, he had been a devoted resident of Granby, MA for 50 years. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Jessica Gifford, his sister, Jean Miller, and his daughter, Gwen St. Germain. George leaves behind his son, George Gifford, and daughter-in-law, Brooke Gifford, of Saratoga Springs, NY; his grandchildren, Andrew, Rachel, Eliza, and Megan, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

George's early years were spent in Belmont, MA, Laconia, NH, and Fairfield, CT, where his innate curiosity led him to conduct numerous "experiments" to understand cause and effect. Summers were joyously spent on Martha's Vineyard with his paternal grandparents at Gifford's General Store. His passion for science was solidified when he won a high school science fair. George went on to take flying lessons and joined the Air Force, serving in Iceland and Chicopee, MA during the early days of the nuclear era.

He pursued his studies in electrical engineering at UMass Amherst and subsequently worked as a supervisor at a battery factory. It was in Northampton that he met Jessica Muzyka, the love of his life. Together, they raised their children in a charming 200-year-old colonial house in Granby.

George transitioned into mechanical engineering, where he spent 25 years developing industrial fuel injection systems at American Bosch. His enthusiasm for engineering was ever-present, often making it a central topic of his discussions, along with family, friends, and the latest scientific advancements.

As a dedicated member of The Naturalists' Club, George embraced adventure, whether it was observing nature, treasure hunting for geocaches, or celebrating with ice cream. His profound affection for his family and passion for genealogy were constants throughout his fulfilling life.

We miss George and will celebrate his life on Saturday, Dec. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Forastiere Funeral Home, 45 Locust St., Springfield, MA. Friends and family are invited to attend.

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**Stephen 'Russ' Setkewich**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Stephen "Russ" Setkewich, who departed this life on Dec. 12, 2024, at the grand old age of 99. Stephen was born on Nov. 21, 1925, and throughout his nearly century-long life, he touched the lives of many with his remarkable talents and devotion to family and community.



Having started a family in Chicopee Falls, Stephen and his late wife Avis moved to Belchertown in 1966, becoming owners of a 75 acre farm near the site of the cold spring that gave Belchertown its original name. The old farm required a lot of repairs and updates and in the process Stephen became a gentleman farmer, with horses and many of the other usual barnyard animals. By 1979, Stephen and Avis were spending some of their time in Florida, and in 1987 began to reside in Bradenton during the winter and Belchertown during the summer months. For the past 6 months, Stephen enjoyed his residence at Christopher Heights in Belchertown.

Stephen spent 33 years of his career at Uniroyal in Chicopee, where he rose from bottom level maintenance worker to the highest maintenance position attainable at Uniroyal - plant foreman. When the plant closed, he was forced to "retire" at age 55 (1980). His great passion for aviation inspired him to then attend East Coast Aero Tech School in Lexington, where he graduated in 1982 with a license in aircraft mechanics and employment with Delta Air at Bradley. Also, he maintained his own small plane, holding his pilot's license with great pride and flying all up and down the east coast.

Beyond his professional life, Stephen was a family man and had many interests and talents. Baseball, softball, and bowling were high on his list of sports interests. Dancing was another passion, both ballroom and square dancing, activities he enjoyed for their grace and rhythm. An avid hunter, fisherman, hiker, and camper, he appreciated the tranquility and challenge of nature. His love for the outdoors led him to build a camper trailer, which enabled many family adventures all over New

England and New York. There were many days spent on the water, too, and canoe trips on the Connecticut Lakes, upper Connecticut River, the Raquette River in upstate New York, the Allagash, and other remote lakes in Maine accessible only by float plane. In all of these activities, he included and encouraged his children to participate. He was always there with us and for us, giving us the most wonderful childhood anyone could hope for. For us, those years were gold!

Having once built homes for a living, Stephen's carpentry skills were admired by many; he built two of his own homes and tutored his sons in the building of theirs. Known as an ace auto mechanic, he could tell what was wrong with an engine just by listening to it. With the hands and heart of a true craftsman, he could fix almost anything using almost anything - Yankee ingenuity at its best.

Stephen is survived by his children: Rodney (Joan) Setkewich of Belchertown, Stephen (Susan) Setkewich of Somers, CT, and Darlene "Dolly" Setkewich of Belchertown. His legacy continues through his five beloved grandchildren Katie Boyko, Mandy Hoyt, Rhonda, Crystal, and Evan Setkewich; and his five great-grandchildren Sophia, Olivia, Thylo, Adriana, and Lucy. Stephen was predeceased by his wife, Avis C. (Flagg) in 2004, daughter Sharon M. Setkewich in 1981, and two sisters, Helen Sheehey in 1988, and Mary Szadek in 2020.

In remembrance of a life so richly lived, visitation will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home, followed by a service at 12:30 p.m. In the spring of 2025, Stephen will be laid to rest next to his beloved wife Avis in Quabbin Park Cemetery. Knowing how greatly we will miss his presence in our lives, we proudly honor his enduring spirit and legacy, and we vow to keep his cherished memory alive in our hearts day by day.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

**William J. Swaim**

BELCHERTOWN – William J. Swaim, 69, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024, at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer. Bill was born in Boise, ID, son of the late William Swaim and Joleen (Langa) Simpson. He worked professionally as a Field Service Representative at Boeing before retiring in 2015 and loved anything to do with technology and computers. Bill also is a 12-year veteran of the Airforce. Aside from his career and service, Bill enjoyed fishing, playing cards, traveling, volunteering at the Senior Center in Belchertown and spending time with his dogs. He is predeceased by his stepmother, Penny Johnson and his stepfather, Huey Simpson. William leaves behind his loving wife of 43 years Mary Jane (Rochon) of Belchertown, a brother, Robert Swaim and wife



Laura of Fairview, OR, a sister-in-law, Pauline Novak and husband Robert of Leominster, two brothers-in-law, Dennis Rochon and wife Sue of South Hadley and Gilbert Rochon and wife Trudy of Ware and many other nieces, nephews and friends.

Calling hours will be held at The O'Brien Family Funeral Home, 33 Lamb St. South Hadley, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20. The funeral service will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial to follow in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St. Agawam, MA 01001, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes.org/donate, or to a charity of your choice. For more information, or to make online condolences please visit obrienfamilyfh.com

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## ■ POLICE LOGS

### 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 Dec. 4 through Dec. 10. 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 13 incidents, 10 accidents, two arrests/summons and 37 citations.*

#### ARRESTS/SUMMONS Thursday, Dec. 5

5:56 a.m. – A 24-year-old Belchertown male was issued a summons for leaving the scene of a property damage/accident. An officer responded to a Turkey Hill Rd business for a report of a past crash. A vehicle struck a business sign and that then fell onto a vehicle in the driveway. The officer went to the area and found a registration plate and debris. The officer ran the plate that came back to a residence in town. The officer went to the address but couldn't find the vehicle. A hub cap and the reg plate were taken and placed into property. The officer went to the State Street location and saw the vehicle's matching plate with consistent damage and missing a driver's side hub cap. The officer took photos of the damage to the vehicle. The officer called the person, and they said they were scared. They asked why they had left, and they were issued a summons.

2:58 p.m. – An individual was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 10

4:48 p.m. – Carolyn Duquette, 45, 121 N Main Street, Belchertown, was arrested on charges of disturbing the peace and resisting arrest. An officer was dispatched regarding a noise complaint. The reporting person said there was excessive noise. An officer was dispatched several times for the same complaint. After the second response, the person screamed, stomped and slammed doors excessively. They were very loud and pointed to the other person's apartment, causing a disturbance, slamming the door and then getting several 911 over a short period. They were calling a disturbance, and they were going to arrest them. They walked upstairs and spoke with them, and then the person asked why there was an odor of alcohol and agitated and shouting. The officer advised they were going to be arrested if they continued shouting. They lunged forward to try to get away from the officers. They said they were under arrest and screaming and forcefully brought to the ground and refusing to move. The person continued to argue and resist behavior. The officer had to move quickly down the stairs to prevent fall-

ing. They were transported to Hampshire County lockup.

#### INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS Wednesday, Dec. 4

7:08 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident at Federal Street and Metacomet Street intersection. A vehicle traveling east on Metacomet Street toward the intersection struck a utility pole. The windshield was partially covered with frost, blocking part of the driver's vision. They didn't see the utility pole and crashed into it. The vehicle was driven from the scene without visible damage. No injuries were reported.

2:56 p.m. – An officer spoke with a resident regarding identity fraud. The resident got a call from a debt collection agency. A student loan was taken out in their name, and they were given a balance, not a residential address, and it was out of state, but the Social Security number was used on the loan paperwork. There was no connection in the state, and they wanted the matter. No student loans, anything like that.

9:34 p.m. – An officer did a well-being check on an elderly resident in town who couldn't be contacted by a loved one. The next day, they were home, and they were fine. The person's car was in the garage when the calling person drove by.

#### Thursday, Dec. 5

7:14 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Franklin Street. A vehicle was going south on Franklin in snowy conditions, tried to navigate a corner due to snowy conditions and contacted the guard rail. There was front-end damage. The officer was provided a dashcam video of the incident. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

7:34 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Amherst Road. A vehicle going east on snow-covered roads spun 360 degrees to the left shoulder and struck a tree. The operator was not injured, and a private tow was contacted.

8:28 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on George Hannum Road. During a snowstorm, a vehicle driving on George Hannum Road lost control, going off the right side of the road and striking the utility pole. There were no injuries, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

10:10 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Pine Street. A vehicle lost traction on the road and slid off into a ditch. The front end got struck, and the rear of the trailer went across the street and got stuck. The vehicle was towed back onto the road. There were tire tracks on both sides of the road ditches. The vehicle was driven from the scene. No injuries were reported.

3:44 p.m. – The person sent two payments via Venmo to the person believed to be the manager of the apartment where they reside. Two separate payments were made. Communications were associated

with the fake apartment, and the victim filed with Venmo and requested a refund. They didn't have keys to the apartment, so all communication stopped. They were unable to get ahold of anyone associated with the apartment. There are no suspects at this time. The matter was documented.

5:05 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Franklin Street. South on Franklin Street said two vehicles stopped to avoid hitting the vehicle in front, struck a utility pole, then went into a ditch and struck a rock wall and fence. The vehicle was towed, and no injuries were reported.

7:07 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Old Bay Road. As we went around the corner struck a patch of snow and ice, then went into an intersection, struck a stop and the street, went down an embankment, struck a small tree and came to final rest in a yard. No injuries were reported, and no tow was needed.

8:44 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Michael Sears Road. A vehicle going btown fire. Hit a fence and continued home to file a report. I met with the person, who said they hit black ice and struck a wooden fence on the driver's side and the window break, causing their hand to bleed and other injuries. Spun 1800 degrees. They were evaluated didn't want to be transported. A fence was located, the mailbox was damaged, and small trees in the area were also damaged. They correlated that a property was damaged, and the report was generated for insurance purposes.

#### Friday, Dec. 6

11:56 a.m. – An officer to Hamilton for a tree limb fell on mv. I spoke with the reporting person, and a large tree branch fell on the mv. Documented it by taking photos and a report was done for insurance purposes.

#### Saturday, Dec. 7

3:52 p.m. – The officer given a mass license found at a local bank, didn't have any contact info, and didn't reside in town. It was placed into property.

4:18 p.m. – west on cold spring and went off into a ditch and was going downhill went off the road into a ditch and struck a pole. At the time of the crash, there were ice patches. There was heavy damage to the front of the vehicle due to snow. National Grid was contacted to look at the pole.

#### Sunday, Dec. 8

8:59 a.m. – An officer responded to an incident on Bardwell Street. A vehicle going south on Bardwell Road lost control because the roadway was covered with snow and ice. The vehicle struck a utility pole. The vehicle was towed, and no injuries were reported.

#### Monday, Dec. 9

1:05 p.m. – An officer responded to

South Liberty Street after a delivery driver left the residence after they struck the garage and flowerpot. The resident noticed an employee of the delivery company and asked the driver if they had hit anything and left. The homeowner noticed damage to the right garage door and flowerpot in front of the door. They captured the delivery driver because they had a camera system. They denied hitting anything. The video showed the area hit and saw a tire mark on the garage door, and there was damage to the side of the door frame. Photos were taken, and then shortly after, said driver returned and denied striking it. The resident got a registration plate and identified the driver using their license in the video footage. A person came to the station to speak with the officer but had already left for the day and had yet to return. The person was charged accordingly, and the citation was mailed for leaving the scene of the accident/property damage.

#### Monday, Dec. 9

1:38 p.m. – An officer spoke with someone who said they were the victims of larceny. They were notified the package was delivered to the residence, and the person went to the location where it was supposed to be and didn't find it. The officer tried to determine if there were cameras in the area. The matter was documented.

2:47 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle going north on State Street swerved to avoid deer, ran out in front of the vehicle crossed to the opposite lane and embankment containing rocks, bushes, Christmas lights, a mailbox and a statue. There were no injuries, and the vehicle was towed.

2:47 p.m. – An officer spoke with a resident about harassment by their neighbor. They were advised how they could obtain a harassment order.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 10

10:32 a.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

3:17 p.m. – An officer took a report of forced entry into the residence. They reported that a room was in disarray and money had been taken from the scene. They checked with neighbors, who didn't see anything but heard a dog barking. They could hear walking around and then nothing. A report was forwarded to the detective bureau for follow-up.

4:02 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. In the afternoon, the person who had tests done at the hospital received a call from someone claiming to be from their doctor's office, approving a medical device. The caller asked for the person's Medicaid number, name and address. The person contacted the primary care office and asked if anyone had called them about it. They made Medicaid aware of the incident and wanted the matter documented.

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we made a few minor adjustments in clogging up the neutral zone and our forecheck, and I thought they were really good."

The goal scorers were Justin Kaplan and Matthew Kopperud for Worcester while the Lions got two goals from Cormier. The first was from Xavier Cormier, the second from Tommy Cormier. Alex Beaucage had the only shootout goal.

It was a good goaltending night both ways. Zachary

Emond made 39 saves for the Lions. Michael Bullion, who had been in a slump, stopped 23 and made the save of the night early in the third period.

He stopped Logan Nijhoff on a penalty shot at 2:31. The period was Bullion's best as he also made some big saves late to keep the score at 2-2.

Xavier Cormier put Trois-Rivieres ahead at 4:29 of the first period. It was a tap-in goal with the Lions on a power play. Kaplan tied it at 8:45, also on a power play. He beat Emond with a rebound backhand.

Kopperud scored from the

right circle at 14:26 to give Worcester a 2-1 lead, then Tommy Cormier converted a long breakaway at 18:01.

"If we can carbon-copy what we did tonight," Tuzzolino said, "I don't see us losing more than a couple games here and there. It's one of those things where that type of system can plug in play some players and drive some teams wild up front.

"I guess my overall goal is to work on the consistency of that this week because we'll have a good stretch and really have all things firing for Maine. It's a very big weekend for us."

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General Laws. Additionally, AED training is required and will most likely be done in conjunction with the existing mandated CPR training.

All MIAA member school coaches (stipend or volunteer) are required to take annually the on-line National Federation Concussion Course, or other MA Department of Public Health recognized education program, prior to the start of their season. Rugby Coaches must see Rule 76.2 for addition-

al coaches' education information.

Any questions, please call Donna Harrington at 508-541-9804 or email dharrington@miaa.net.

Fundamentals of coaching classes are being offered on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are open until capacity is reached and then a waiting list is established. There are online components to the course once the classroom portion is completed

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# Historic house goes through major transformation

The Brick Parsonage offers unique gifts

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GRANBY — The holiday season is in full swing, and no matter the holiday you're buying a gift for, the best kind of gift is the unique kind.

Whether you thrift it at your local Savers or Good Will, or find it amongst the treasures in an antique market or shop, the gift of something unique is treasured by all.

Right here in the town of Granby is a special place to find just the gift you are looking for: The Brick Parsonage.

The building was constructed in the 1830's, and was a former parsonage, and has since been inhabited by many different families.

Paul and Terry Mason now own the Brick Parsonage, and went through and fully renovated it, adding in a new remodeled kitchen, and decorating and adding additions to the rooms throughout the home.

"We needed something that could accommodate the antiques," said Terry. The couple moved into the house seven years ago, and have truly transformed the place.

"We walked into this house, and it needed a lot of work, but it was truly a labor of love," said Terry.

From renovating all the rooms in the house, to working with the town to get approvals for parking, turning the barn into their own antique shop, and even converting half of the house into a beautiful Bed and Breakfast, their work had truly paid off.

"We try and offer more and more as the years go on," said Terry. "We're going that Granby can start offering things to the people here, and having this here, is I think, a good start."

The kitchen is fully stocked with new appliances, all while keeping the character of the house. There are renovations, 29 new windows, and even more added and renovated to make the place feel like home.

"Each room is decorated uniquely, to give it its own theme and space," said Paul. "People who come here can stay in a room that is unique to the other three."

The Bed and Breakfast has four beautiful bedrooms, and are different for the needs of the people staying. There is a beautiful and comfortable communal living space, and a little kitchen with a fridge, coffee station, and microwave for use.

The Bed and Breakfast is open at different times throughout the year, and can be booked through their website, [www.thebrickparsonage.com](http://www.thebrickparsonage.com).

The pair have had a love for antiques, and for years have had booths at the



The Brick Parsonage with its beautiful wrap-around porch, the perfect spot to enjoy the fresh air on a summer day.



An adorable ornament, angels, and wreaths with some old books.

Brimfield Markets, and before moving to Granby, had a space in Westfield.

The couple enjoy finding thrifted and antique items, and giving them a new life. From using spigots for making maple syrup as tiny flower holders, to furniture, to wine bottle gifts, you can find anything.

"When you reinvent something, something no one has ever seen before, it makes it so much more special than what

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The beautiful new oven installed as a part of the kitchen renovations, mixing modern tech with the beautiful and original design parts of the home.



The perfect spot to sit down and have a conversation with a loved one.



The beautiful lights set up outside the antique shop during their annual barn sale.

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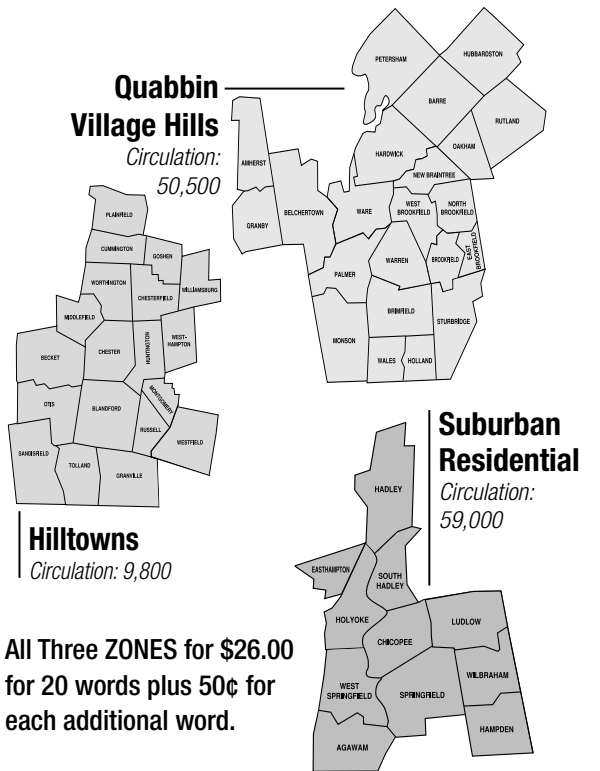
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The communal seating area in the Bed and Breakfast portion, the perfect place to sit down and relax.

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you can find just at Walmart for a gift," said Paul.

The Antique Shop has a variety of items, including some new and wholesale items, crafts and sewing from Terry's sister, up-cycled items, items from other antique vendors, and other handmade items.

"Being able to display it in design is my favorite part. Laying it out and designing it is the best," said Terry, who shows off her skills from her time as an art major and experience in interior design. "I love sharing the ideas, and seeing people get inspiration from it all."

The Antique Shop will be open from now until Christmas on Saturdays and Sundays only from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and is the perfect space to appreciate the beauty of this historic space, and find a treasure to take home, or give to a friend or family member.



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