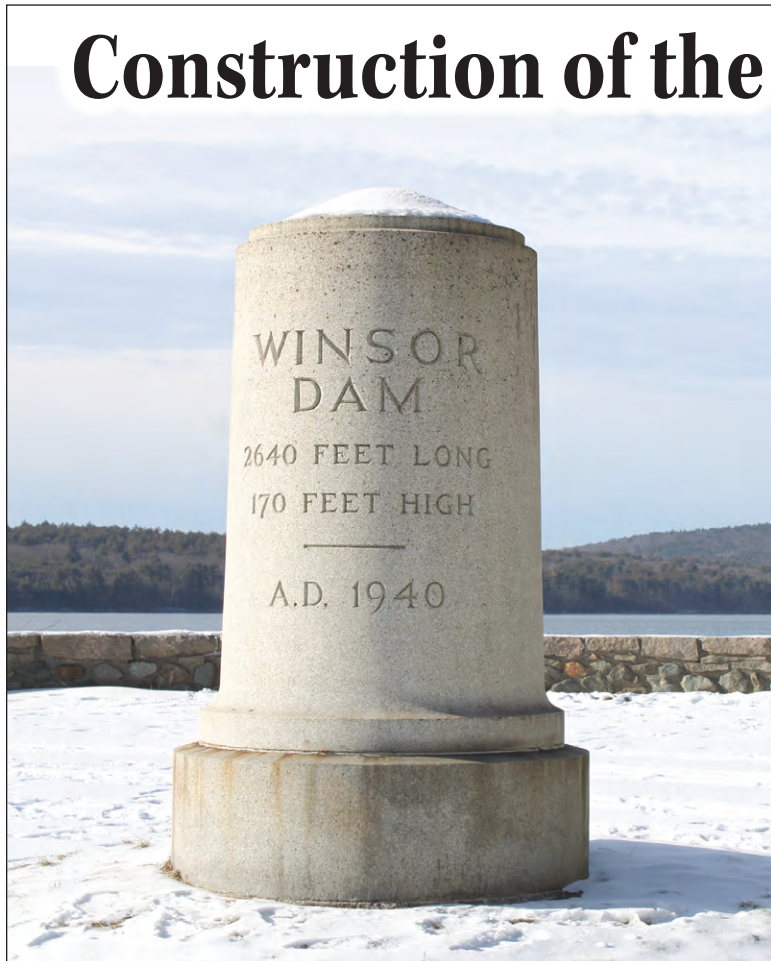


## Construction of the Winsor Dam



This marker is located at one end of the Winsor Dam, which spans 2,640 feet and is 170 feet high. This dam is the primary impoundment structure for the Quabbin Reservoir.

### DCR explores creation of Quabbin Reservoir's impoundments

BY PAULA OUIMETTE  
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BELCHERTOWN – This past weekend, the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Interpretive Services Supervisor at the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, Maria Beiter-Tucker, led the first of this year's Sunday presentations, continuing a long tradition of providing informative and educational programs about the Quabbin Reservoir and its watershed.

With the visitor center located at one end of the 2,640 foot Winsor Dam, the main impoundment structure of the Quabbin Reservoir, this earthen structure and its secondary impoundment structure, the Goodnough Dike, were the focus of Beiter-Tucker's presentation.

The creation of the dam and the dike in the Swift River Valley was an engineering feat accomplished solely by brainpower, paper and pencil, Beiter-Tucker said, at the time construction started in 1927.

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TURLEY PHOTO BY PAULA OUIMETTE

The lower spillway creates a waterfall, and only releases water when the Quabbin Reservoir is at or near capacity.

## MassDOT recommends Palmer as future West-East Rail stop

PALMER – After years of advocating for the inclusion of a Palmer stop in the plans for the West-East Rail Project (now titled Compass Rail), state Sen. Jake Oliveira (Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District) was delighted and relieved to see the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) offi-

cially recommend the town as a future stop on the upcoming West-East Rail.

The announcement was made on Jan. 17 during the MassDOT Board of Directors Meeting. Rail and Transit Administrator Meredith Slesinger was on hand to make the announcement.

"I'm grateful for the com-

mitment made by the Governor and the administration for this pivotal development for not only the West-East Rail but for Palmer and Western Mass" Oliveira said in a press release. "The West-East Rail represents a monumental infrastructure project that will connect the greater Commonwealth, bridging

the geographical and economic gaps between Western Mass and Boston. The promise of this railway network is immense, with the potential to catalyze economic growth, promote regional development, and bolster social cohesion. I'm thrilled to see

Please see **RAIL**, page 4

## Lions Club's readies for first ever car show

BELCHERTOWN – Mark your calendars for Saturday, Aug. 10 when the Lions Club will be holding its first "Cruisin' the Common" car show from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Town Common.

Hundreds of vintage and modern cruise vehicles will be competing for 26 trophies with all proceeds from the event going to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund.

Bring the entire family as admission is free for spectators. The Lions Club will have its

Please see **CAR SHOW**, page 4

## State Rep. Carey to run for Clerk of Courts

BY NICK BOONSTRA  
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EASTHAMPTON – State Rep. Dan Carey (D-2nd Hampshire) announced his intention to run to be the next Hampshire County Clerk of Courts after the incumbent, Harry Jekanowski, Jr., decided not to seek a sixth term.

Carey, who has served in the state legislature since 2018, will formally announce his candidacy at an event at the Hotel Northampton at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, according to a press release from his campaign.

Clerks of Courts are county-level elected officials that serve six-year terms as

Please see **CAREY**, page 4



Hampshire County Courthouse

TURLEY PHOTO BY NICK BOONSTRA

## Lindhult's photography featured at Clapp library

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown resident and photographer, Mark Lindhult, is having an exhibit of his photographs at the Clapp Memorial Library for the month of February.

There will be 16 photos on display with half illustrating the changing nature of light in the Quabbin Reservoir and the others showcasing area birds and wildlife. Lindhult has had numerous exhibits in area galleries and has given permission to nonprofits to use his images such as the Friends of Quabbin, the Kestrel Land Trust and Massachusetts Rivers Alliance.

Lindhult said in a press release, "my mission is to capture landscapes in differing light such as evening clouds over the Quabbin Reservoir and birds doing interesting behaviors such as a hawk diving through a snow storm in pursuit of prey."

Lindhult will be giving a lecture at the library on the fundamentals of photography and composition on Saturday, Feb.

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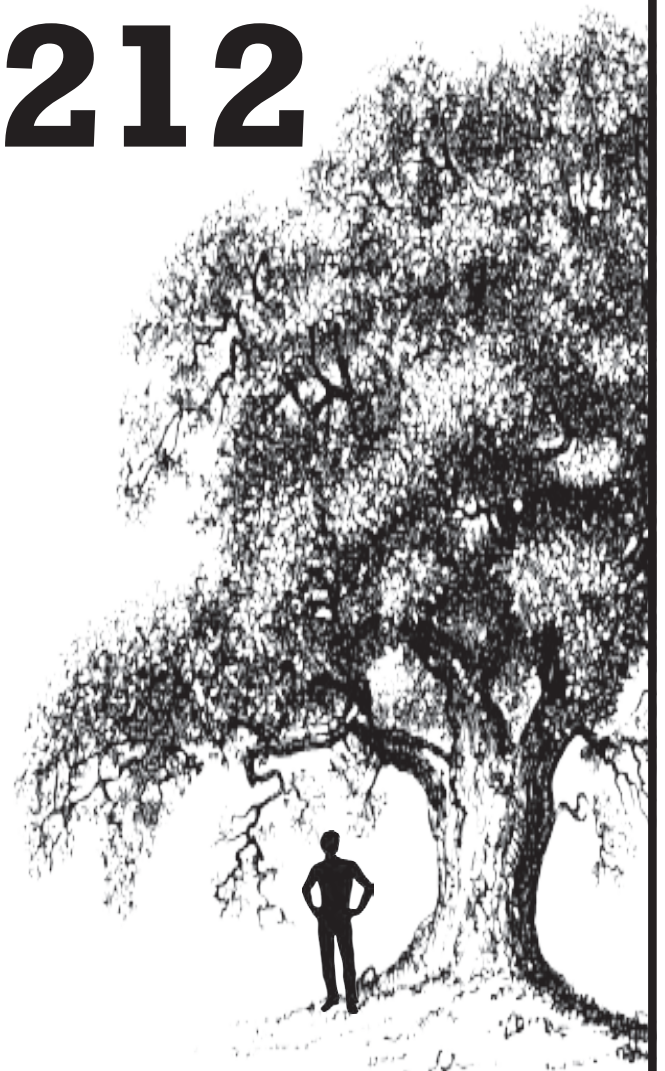
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**50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**Belchertown couple celebrates golden anniversary**

*Editor's note: David and Jane Crutchfield's daughter Katie Horan shared her parents' love story in honor of them reaching their 50th anniversary.*

BELCHERTOWN – As the story goes...

Dad laid eyes on Mom the first week of her freshman year at Fairmont State College (Fairmont, West Virginia), and they soon began dating. Toward the end of Mom's college years, with no clear plan in sight, she popped the question, "I need to know: are we getting married or not? Because if we aren't, I have to start looking for a job."

Dad hesitantly responded, "I guess so."

There was no need for a formal proposal or an engagement ring - all they needed was their love.

Fifty years ago, on Jan. 26, 1974, they exchanged vows in a small ceremony in Spencer, West Virginia. Starting their married life in a little apartment in Parma Heights, Ohio, they had little more than a twin bed, used furniture, and their love.

There was no honeymoon because Dad had to work on Monday, and they didn't have much money.

In the years to come, Sonoco Products relocated Dad's job numerous times, and they moved all over the Midwest while starting their family. Alexander Holmes



CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID AND JANE (HILDRETH) CRUTCHFIELD WHO CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON JAN. 26. SUBMITTED PHOTO

was born in April 1986, and lovingly adopted and welcomed into their Illinois home.

Soon thereafter, Dad's job was relocated to Massachusetts. They purchased a house in Belchertown and moved one last time - this time packing up and driving east with

Alex in the van, and baby sister on the way.

Not many women would willingly relocate at seven months pregnant, but Mom is exceptionally adaptable. Two months later, in December 1987, Katharine Grace joined the family.

The next few decades were devoted to raising and fledging Alex and Katie (mission accomplished), Mom creating masterpiece quilts, and Dad retiring from a 40+ year career at Sonoco Products in March 2018.

In an effort to make Belchertown better for everyone, they have devoted countless hours at Clapp Memorial Library and BUCC, and have volunteered throughout town in many other capacities. They continue to do so because they enjoy "giving back."

In more recent years, they have lovingly welcomed son-in-law, Zachariah Horan (married Katie in October 2015), and Carolyn (Groeger) Crutchfield (married Alex in August 2019). The family continues to expand, and they have excitedly stepped into their new roles as grandparents to Zoey Crutchfield, Hunter Horan and Brady Horan.

Fifty years is a remarkable accomplishment in this day and age, but it certainly can be reached: my parents are proof. Like a flower, their marriage is planted with love and respect, grown with understanding and teamwork, watered with communication, and blooming with happiness and fun.

May your love continue to grow and evolve. Wishing you many more happy years!

**Library Board of Trustees seeks new members**

**Board to host informal 'Meet & Greet' at library on Feb. 7**

BELCHERTOWN – Are you a Belchertown resident? Do you love the Library? Do you want to support the Clapp Memorial Library and the amazing programming it provides for the community?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, then you might want to consider becoming a Trustee.

A Trustee is a great way to support all members of our community. The Board is looking for individuals with varied backgrounds and encourages all to inquire and apply.

The Board will be hosting a "Meet & Greet" in the Activity Room of The Clapp Memorial Library on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. as an opportunity to meet the current Trustees and get a feel for the issues and decisions the Board makes.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Trustee and would like to attend the "Meet & Greet," please email charbeson@cwmars.org or call 413-323-0417 by Feb. 2.

**About the Board of Trustees**

The Clapp Memorial Library Board Trustees is committed to a diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment where all board members, staff, volunteers, and members feel respected and valued regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation or identity, disability, education, or any other bias.

**Incredible Clovers 4-H Club meetings begin Jan. 25**

BELCHERTOWN – The Incredible Clovers 4-H Club is presently reorganizing to begin Club meetings for 2024 with the first meeting scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 25 from 3:15-5:15 p.m. at Cold Spring School.

The 4-H club has been a long standing club, which was halted in its tracks (as many other activities were) by COVID. If you are presently a registered 4-H mem-

ber the club would love to have you stop by and say "hi" or if you are thinking of joining, and you would like to check out the focus then also please stop by.

The club has focused on a variety of activities from Seasonal Arts and Crafts (first meeting will have a Valentine focus)

to Community Focus Activities, to 4-H Planned Activities as well as other events planned with attention paid to State and Federal Guidelines.

The club will have scheduled meetings on every other Thursday afternoon (with an obvious "club skip" when school is closed for vacations.





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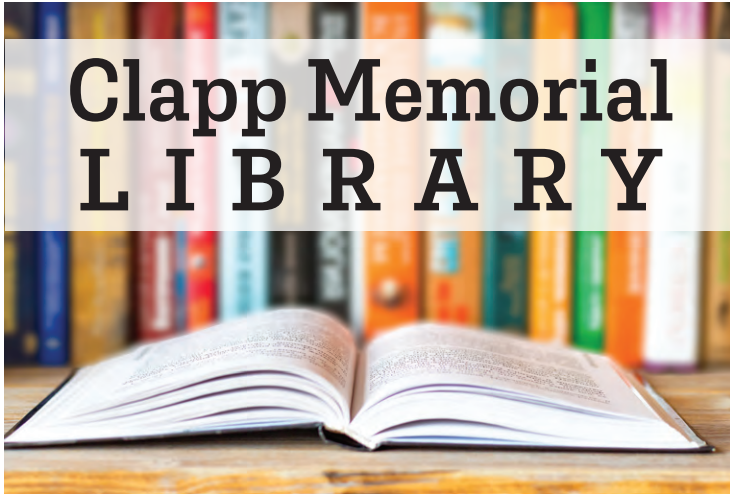
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# Clapp Memorial LIBRARY

**BELCHERTOWN** – The Clapp Memorial Library has a wealth of resources for the community as well as a full schedule of free public programs for all ages.

Stop in at 19 South Main St. or go to [clapplibrary.org](http://clapplibrary.org) to see what's new or to register for a program.

The library is open: Monday and Friday from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Upcoming programs at the Clapp Memorial Library include:

### Teen Advisory Board

Friday, Feb. 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

The Clapp Memorial Library's Teen Advisory Board will meet on Friday, Feb. 2 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. to brainstorm and discuss community service ideas. TAB is a group of seventh-12th grade stu-

dents who meet monthly during the school year to propose library programming for teens, provide input on teen services, volunteer, and have fun.

New members are welcome. Email [clapplibrarytab@gmail.com](mailto:clapplibrarytab@gmail.com) to register.

### Ukes for Ukraine

Saturday, Feb. 3, 3 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 3 at 3 p.m., the Clapp Memorial Library will host a free acoustic concert by the Belchertown duo, Ukes for Ukraine. Terry Nagel (soprano ukulele) and Jimmy Burgoff (bass ukulele) will bring their street corner music, and their little blue tip bucket, indoors with an hour of favorite ukulele tunes and more stories about their adventures on the streets.

Although the situation in Ukraine is grim, the music of Ukes for Ukraine is anything but.

Drawing from the best Tin Pan Alley music of the 1920s and 1930s, classic string band tunes, and occasional big band classics, the duo presents cheerful and unique versions of familiar chestnuts, and some obscure songs that deserve to be dusted off and brought back to life.

### Trustees "Meet and Greet"

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### Making the Right Choice: Learn the Options for Home Health Care

Thursday, Feb. 8, 1 p.m.

When facing serious illness, understanding your healthcare options can be confusing and overwhelming. Trying to understand the differences between

VNA, Palliative Care, and Hospice can lead to many questions.

The presenter will break down what each service is while also discussing the importance of advance care planning so that you are in control of your own care. There will also be time afterward for Q&A.

### From Doormats to Dynasty: History of the Perennial Powerhouse Patriots

Friday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.

From the struggles of the Boston Patriots to the decades of Super Bowl crowns, this lively and illuminating program will take you on a roller coaster ride through the history of the franchise that has captured more crowns than any other. Author and veteran sports writer Marty Gitlin, who covered the NFL in the newspaper field and for CBS Sports, will discuss and show videos of the greatest and most interesting players, teams, events and moments of the team since its birth in the American Football League in 1960.

Watch the exploits of such early standouts as Gino Cappelletti and Babe Parilli, relive the disappointment of the Jim Plunkett era and talents of Steve Grogan and Sam "Bam" Cunningham. Experience again the transition from Drew Bledsoe to Tom Brady. And enjoy greatest highlights from the Greatest of All Time under Bill Belichick, including Super Bowl triumphs.

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### Winter Movie Afternoon

Friday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m.

Adult library patrons are invited for a movie afternoon. On Friday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m., the Clapp Memorial Library will be showing a recently released movie about a famous plastic doll featuring Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling.

Popcorn and beverages will be provided. Space is limited; registration is required.

### Teen Crochet Night

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Learn how to crochet an amigurumi tea bag bookmark at the Clapp Memorial Library's next Teen Crochet Night on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 5:45 p.m. All materials will be provided, (though teens are encouraged to bring their own 3.5mm crochet hook if they have one).

Teens new to crochet may also attend. Email [clapplibrarytab@gmail.com](mailto:clapplibrarytab@gmail.com) or visit the library to register.

### Teen Movie Night

Friday, Feb. 23, 6-8:30 p.m.

Teens in grades seven-12 are invited to a movie night at the Clapp Memorial Library on Friday, Feb. 23 from 6-8:30 p.m. Watch the movie based on Suzanne Collins's popular book (hint: the prequel to the movie to be shown came out this past winter - there will be songbirds in this movie, but no snakes).

Popcorn and beverages will be provided. Register by emailing [clapplibrarytab@gmail.com](mailto:clapplibrarytab@gmail.com).

### RAIL from page 1

MassDOT take the next step in this generational project, and I'm glad they realized what we've known for some time. Palmer is the ideal location as a gateway to Western Mass."

MassDOT came to the decision to recommend Palmer for a future stop on the rail following studies they conducted last year and will be allocating \$4 million for Planning and Design through

their Capital Investment Program.

Consulting firm RTD was selected in December for Planning and Conceptual Design. This will include key components such as public outreach, site selection, identification of station amenities and access, conceptual design, and environmental scoping.

The project is expected to follow an estimated 18-month schedule.

### CAR SHOW from page 1

Food Wagon set up next to the Gazebo/Bandstand and serving freshly prepared hot dogs, burgers, and meatball grinders (this will be the club's monthly meatball grinder sale for August).

Come hungry and eat hearty as you cruise the common and enjoy the cars and trucks from yesteryear on display along with the more recent vintages of sporty and collectible vehicles.

Dozens of gift certificates, meals, services, and products donated by local establishments will be raffled off at 1 p.m. just

prior to the awarding of the trophies for the best-of-the-best vehicles in the competition.

More information and updates for those wishing to enter their vehicle in the car show competition are accessible by logging onto [www.belchertownlionsclub.com/car-show.htm](http://www.belchertownlionsclub.com/car-show.htm) or by scanning the QR code to access the club's Facebook page.

If any local business would like to become a sponsor of this charity event by donating a gift certificate, service, or product for the raffle, kindly contact Lion Mike Mathras at [mmathras@charter.net](mailto:mmathras@charter.net)

### CAREY from page 1

the administrative head of their county's Superior Court, overseeing tasks such as the scheduling of cases and the handling of evidence.

Carey said of Jekanowski, "Harry's been there a long time and done such an amazing job." Jekanowski, also a Democrat, has served as Hampshire County Clerk of Courts since 1994.

Carey announced his campaign event soon after word of Jekanowski's retirement became public. He said his decision to pursue the seat came after a number of individuals in the county encouraged him to do so ahead of Jekanowski's announcement.

Carey added that he has already received positive feedback from the community since announcing his intention to run. "I've really been humbled by all the support already," he said.

Looking back over his six years on Beacon Hill, Carey highlighted the opportunity to work directly with his constituents as the most rewarding part

of the job. "It has been a tremendous privilege for me to serve as State Representative serving the people of Easthampton, South Hadley, Hadley, and Granby," he said in his campaign's press release.

Nevertheless, he made clear that he was still focused on finishing his term strong, saying that there was plenty to do this year and that he was excited about it.

A move to the Hampshire County Superior Court would be something of a homecoming for Carey, who previously served as an Assistant District Attorney and a District Court Administrator, and who currently serves on the House Judiciary Committee.

"I used to work in that courthouse, so I'm very familiar," he said.

Drawing from his firsthand experience, Carey said he intended to make modernization an important part of his work as Clerk of Courts should he be elected. Echoing comments from Governor Maura Healey in her recent State of the

Commonwealth address, Carey said that "government should make things easier for people, not harder."

"I see across government and the judiciary the move towards electronic and digital services," he said. He went on to say that he wanted to make sure that the Hampshire County Superior Court was keeping up with these changes and remaining accessible for everyone who walks through the door of the courthouse — "folks walking in usually on their worst day," he added.

His time on Beacon Hill already saw the passage of a bill that saw that Wi-Fi access was provided in all courthouses across the state.

"That's the type of area where there's room to add to the good work that Harry and his staff have been doing," he said.

Carey planned to make community input an important part of his campaign and, he hoped, his work as Clerk of Courts. "I want to learn from the folks of Hampshire County what they want," he said.

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**BCTV Schedule Highlights**

- Thursday, Jan. 25**
- 8 a.m. – Conservation Commission – Jan. 22 meeting
  - 10 a.m. – Planning Board – Jan. 9 meeting
  - Noon – Finance Committee – Jan. 16 meeting
  - 7 p.m. – Conservation Commission – Jan. 22 meeting
  - 9 p.m. – Planning Board – Jan. 9 meeting
- Friday, Jan. 26**
- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
  - 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
  - 7 p.m. – Planning Board – Jan. 9 meeting
- Saturday, Jan. 27**
- 8 a.m. – Clapp Hospice – What is it?
  - 9 a.m. – Clapp Hospice – Grief
  - 7 p.m. – Clapp Hospice – What is it?
  - 9 p.m. – Clapp Hospice – Grief
- Sunday, Jan. 28**
- 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. – JBMS New School Cost/Design
- Monday, Jan. 29**
- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
  - 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- Tuesday, Jan. 30**  
None
- Wednesday, Jan. 31**
- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
  - 9 a.m. BHS Student Project – State School Closing
  - 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
  - 7 p.m. BHS Student Project – State School Closing

**Agricultural Commission lists upcoming events**

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Agricultural Commission is pleased to announce that it will be holding its annual Farmer Meet and Greet on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 1-3 p.m. at the Town Hall auditorium, 2 Jabish St.

This event is open to any member of our community that wants to engage with our local farmers. There will be presentations and opportunities to connect with the farmers in town. Light refreshments will be served.

Backyard Chicken Keeping and Seed Saving

The annual Backyard Chicken-keeping and Gardening event will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 1-3 p.m. at the Town Hall auditorium, 2 Jabish St. Lindsay Baird of Oak and Ash Farm, as well as homesteader Sandy Brougham will be discussing all practical aspects of keeping chickens.

There will also be a seed swap table, so bring some extra seeds to trade. Come join the Belchertown Agricultural Commission and benefit from the expertise of your community.

**Kindergarten registration for 2024-2025 now open**

BELCHERTOWN – If you are a resident of Belchertown with a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, you are encouraged to complete a kindergarten registration packet for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

Please contact Christina Aponte by emailing [caponte@belchertownps.org](mailto:caponte@belchertownps.org) or by calling 413-323-0423 extension 100 for additional information.

**Select Board seeks artwork and/or photos for town report**

BELCHERTOWN – The Select Board is seeking artwork and/or photographs by town residents to be considered for the cover of the 2023 Annual Town Report.

Artwork or photographs relating to Belchertown must be vertical, and preferably no smaller than 5 inches x 7 inches, and suitable for reproduction. Please include your name, address and telephone number on the back of the photo or submit them online at [www.belchertown.org](http://www.belchertown.org).

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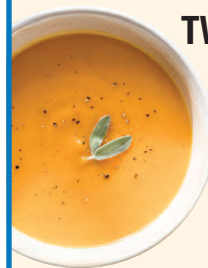
Submissions for consideration should be forwarded to the Select Board's Office, The Finnerty House, One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007 or uploaded at [www.belchertown.org](http://www.belchertown.org) no later than noon on Friday, Feb. 9.

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# in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



## Crazy for carrots

I used the last of my home grown carrots in soup today.

Growing enough carrots to last into the winter months is a huge accomplishment for me. You see, I've never been the best carrot grower.

In the past, either the seeds didn't germinate well, or if they did, bugs ate the seedlings when they were just an inch tall. One year I got past that only to have the roots taste so bitter at harvest that I ended up throwing them all out.

All that work for nothing!

After a good carrot growing experience last year, however, things are looking up, and I'm planning for an even better harvest this summer. I've been slow to inventory my seeds this year, but in preparation, I did some research on carrot varieties and culture.

My great-flavored carrots were due in part to the variety.

I don't remember the exact name, but I know for certain they were a Nantes type. The sausage shape and blunt end is a give-away. They were crisp and sweet and about six-seven inches long.

If you aim to grow the kind of standard carrots that are typically sold in the grocery store, Imperator types are what you should look for. Because they can grow very long, be sure you have loose, deep soil.

Some experts say that although they can top off at nine-10 inches long, they are not always flavorful.

Chantenay types are a good choice for shallow soils.

These carrots have wide shoulders but are extremely tapered, growing only five-six inches long. They are typically crisp and sweet, and like most carrots, taste even sweeter after a few frosts.

Another good choice for shallow or dense soils are the Danvers types. Originating in Danvers, Massachusetts, this heirloom six-eight inch carrot tapers to a point.

Typically, they store well and are good for cooking.

In addition to these types, there are hybrids of the above types and specialties beyond that. Once thing they all have in common is their culture.

Growing carrots is not hard if you follow a few hard and fast rules.

Ideally soil should be deep, loose and free of stones. Carrots grow well in raised beds for this reason.

Regular garden beds should have the soil loosened to about a foot deep. Be wary of using fresh manure or other sources of fertilizer that are super high in nitrogen.

While it's true that carrots like some nitrogen, having ultra rich soil will make for fibrous, hairy roots. Last year, I sowed my carrot seeds immediately after harvesting my garlic in July.

I did not amend the soil at all in preparation of the planting. Experts say that if you are going to amend it should be done the fall prior.

It can take a long time for carrot seeds to sprout. Gardeners have tried all sorts of extraneous measures to get them to germinate more quickly and with greater consistency.

Here are some things I have read about and some I have tried.

The old radish trick – try sowing radish seed interspersed among your carrot seed. The radishes will sprout first, marking the row and providing some shade for the developing carrot seedlings.

Some people pre-sprout. Place seed in a moist paper towel and set it in a warm spot in the house and it will sprout. Immediately after sprouting it is sown in place in the garden.

The rows are kept moist and ideally the seedlings take hold. Sadly, I have read that sometimes this causes roots that end up misshapen.

Sometimes gardeners use wood, shade cloth or burlap to keep the seedbed moist. If you miss when the seeds sprout, they could be smothered under these coverings or worse yet, get tangled up in the fabric.

Check daily and remove coverings on the first notice of germination. Continue to keep the bed watered or seedlings will perish.

My success this past summer was due in part to when I sowed. In mid-July, soil temperatures were optimum (around 75 degrees) and seedlings germinated in a week.

I kept the plot watered until they were up and growing. Although carrot seed can germinate in early spring- even when soil temperatures are below 50 degrees, it will definitely require some patience, and work, on our part, to keep the seedbed from drying out.

Another concern gardeners have, has to do with sowing the tiny seeds and/or thinning the seedlings. Carrots mature to the right size when given at least two inches between plants.

I usually try to sow my seed a half-inch apart and then thin to two inches. Thinning is a pain to do, especially in bigger plantings, but it can be done.

In order not to damage nearby seedlings, I often use a tiny pair of scissors to cut away the crowding seedlings. A thumb and index finger can also be used to pinch away the excess plants right at the soil line.

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## OPINION

### SIGNS THAT YOU MAY HAVE FROZEN PLUMBING ...



### LETTER

#### Amherst seniors need adequate senior center

We serve as volunteers on behalf of the elderly population of the Town of Amherst.

We represent the interests of more than 5,500 senior citizens and concerned members of their families through the Friends of the Amherst Senior Center and the Amherst Council on Aging.

On Jan. 8, we took the opportunity to address the Amherst Town Council about some of our many concerns. The Amherst Senior Center is understaffed and underfunded.

Similar towns, such as South Hadley, spend about \$117 per member of its senior population on their senior center while Amherst spends only slightly more than \$45. South Hadley has seven full time staff members while Amherst has only four.

Many towns in the Pioneer Valley have chosen to build new, modern and efficient senior centers to offer a vast variety of programs while Amherst has chosen to drastically reduce the amount of space for its seniors.

South Hadley offers 16,000 square feet of space for activities while Amherst offers barely over 2,000 square feet dedicated to the senior center. Three other rooms are shared by the seven organizations housed at the Bangs Community Center.

Our present facility doesn't pass Massachusetts State Code. The kitchen of the Bangs Center is so woefully inadequate

that the Senior Center can serve little more than coffee and donuts.

The safety of the entire facility would also benefit from the installation of security cameras.

The needs of Amherst seniors have been neglected for far too long!

We have gathered out of deep concern for the wellbeing of Amherst's senior population. We intend to bring about positive change for Amherst's seniors.

As members of the Council on Aging and the Friends of the Amherst Senior Center we plan to work with the Amherst Town Council to provide Amherst's seniors the building and services they so richly deserve.

Please express your support for Amherst's seniors to members of the Amherst Town Council because while its members are elected to serve you, they can't if they aren't aware of your wishes.

Thank you for your support,

**Dick Yourga**, *President of the Friends of the Amherst Senior Center*

**Jeanne Horrigan**, *President of the Council on Aging*

**Dennis Vandal**, *member of both the Friends and the C.O.A.*

**Marc Barrette**, *member of both the Friends and the C.O.A.*

### GUEST COLUMN

## BEDIC views Carriage Grove project as great opportunity

BY JONATHAN SPIEGEL  
Board Member, BEDIC

The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation was established by an Act of the Legislature, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 121C.

BEDIC submitted an Economic Development Plan to Town Meeting in 2001 which was approved and was updated at Town Meeting in 2014 to incorporate a Business Neighborhood Center zoning designation. Several large open town-wide public meetings were held across the decades for the purpose of gathering ideas and discussing the master plan and the limitations of the site.

Belchertown has an incredible opportunity before it to activate long-underutilized land and build critical new housing and recreation space for our community with Brisa Ventures, LLC's proposed first phases of the Carriage Grove mixed-use development.

This landmark development, a new approximately 108-unit residential community comprised of 28 town homes and 80 apartments located on a 12-acre parcel at



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This plan shows Phase 1A of Carriage Grove.

the former Belchertown State School, is on track to break ground in spring 2025, and is in the final stages of local permitting.

The Belchertown Planning Board's site approval open public hearing is scheduled to occur this Jan. 23, the EDIC urges this body to vote "yes" and approve Phases 1A and 1B of Brisa's Carriage Grove Master Plan.

Brisa Ventures, LLC, an experienced community-based development corporation, was selected as the devel-

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This photo by Mark Lindhult shows a red-shouldered hawk flying in a snowstorm.

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24, at 2 p.m. and running a workshop on Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m. in preparation for the upcoming Belchertown photography contest. Budding photographers of all ages are welcome whether you are using a phone or a mirrorless camera.

You can see more examples of Lindhult's photographs at marklindhult.com. Check out the library website for hours to view the exhibit.



This photo shows the calm reflection of the Quabbin Reservoir in the evening.

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## GRANBY

# Nomination papers available for annual town election

GRANBY – Any person interested in seeking elected office in Granby must take out nomination papers from the Town Clerk no later than March 28 to be placed on the May 20 ballot.

Papers will be available for issuance starting on Jan. 22.

Candidates must collect signatures of 30 or more registered voters and return the nomination papers to the Town Clerk's office by Monday, April 1.

Office vacancies for town election on May 20 include: Select Board, one for three years; Board of Assessors, one for three years; Board of Health, one for three years; Moderator, one for three years; Town Collector, one for three years; Treasurer, one for three years; Housing Authority, one for five years; Housing Authority (unexpired term), one for four years; Planning Board, one for five years; School Committee, two for three years; Commissioner of Burial Grounds, one for three years; and Library Trustees, three for three years.

Thursday, March 28 is the last day to obtain town nomination papers and

Monday, April 1 is the last day to file town nomination papers with the Board of Registrars for certification.

Tuesday, April 16 is the last day the Board of Registrars can file town nomination papers with the Town Clerk and Thursday, April 18 is the last day to withdrawal or object to town nomination papers.

Friday, March 29 is the last day to file with Town Administrator for a private article for the May 13, Annual Town Meeting. For a private warrant article to appear on the Annual Town Meeting warrant, a petitioner must acquire 10 signatures of registered voters in the town.

The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting and annual town election is May 3.

Town Hall public hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m.-noon. The Town Clerks office is located at 215 B West State St.

If you have any questions, please call Town Clerk Kathy Kelly-Regan at 413-467-7178.

# Town Clerk lists important reminders for residents

GRANBY – Town Clerk Kathy Kelly-Regan thanked all the residents who responded to the 2024 Annual Town Census.

Second notices will be mailed out to those who have not responded starting in February. If you have not mailed in your census please do so, and if you never received a census form call the town clerk's office.

A reminder to all registered voters, General Laws of Massachusetts mandate that failure to respond to this mailing shall result in the removal from the active voting list and may result in removal from the voter registration rolls.

Please take the time to answer this important mail, your cooperation is appreciated.

### Dog licenses

Don't forget to license your dog, per bylaws of the Town of Granby Chapter XIV.

The cost is \$6 for spayed, neutered, seniors (over 10 years) and puppies; all others are \$15. To avoid a \$25 late charge fee dogs should be licensed by May 1.

If you wish you may get a license by mail. Please include a copy of the rabies vaccination or call the Town Clerk's office for verification, a self-addressed envelope with two stamps, a check made payable to the Town of Granby, and mail to Town Clerk, 215 B West State St., Granby, MA 01033.

For those residents who licensed their dogs through the Annual Town Census this mailing is still being processed, if you have not received your tag, you should receive it no later than March 31.

### Nomination papers

Any person interested in seeking elected office in Granby must take out nomination papers from the town clerk no later than Thursday, March 28 to be placed on the Monday, May 20 ballot.

Please check the town website at [www.granby-ma.gov](http://www.granby-ma.gov) for all the positions that will be on this year's Annual Town Election ballot.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Kelly-Regan at the Town Clerk's office by calling 413-467-7178.

DAM from page 1

"This valley has remarkable topography," Beiter-Tucker said, something that appealed to engineers.

The Swift River Valley had been considered an ideal location to construct a reservoir in order to meet Boston's drinking water needs; dating as far back as 1895 when it was noted in a Board of Health report. But it wasn't until 1926/1927 that legislature passed the Ware River and Swift River acts, and work began to create the 412 billion gallon reservoir.

With the Ware River Watershed and the Wachusett Reservoir, the Quabbin Reservoir provides the drinking water supply for 43% of people in the commonwealth.

Quabbin Reservoir is the largest piece of the water supply system, Beiter-Tucker said.

"It was a massive construction, and an 'earthquake,' you might say for this area," she said, with the disincorporation of four towns; Enfield, Greenfield, Dana and Prescott.

Beiter-Tucker said it took 11 years to move residents out of the valley, and relocate 7,000 known graves (which are now interred in the Quabbin Park Cemetery).

"It was a long slow process," she said.

Structures were also removed, leaving only stone walls, foundations and roads behind. In total, the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir cleared about 80,000 acres.

### Creating the impoundments

To create the reservoir itself, the engineers wanted to close off where the Swift River exited the valley, Beiter-Tucker said. The plan was to build two large earthen structures, which was done near the end of the project.

Winsor Dam is the main structure, and it impounds the Swift River and the Goodnough Dike is the secondary structure, impounding Beaver Brook. Construction of both took place between 1935-1939. The dam and the dike are located three miles apart from each other.

At 295 feet above bedrock, the dam is named for Frank Winsor, who died before the project was done. At the time of his death, he was being sued by the state of Rhode Island, and during questioning at a hearing he had a heart attack and died.

The core wall of the Winsor Dam was built with 40 caissons,



A roadway passes over the top of Winsor Dam. Although it is no longer open to public vehicles, walkers and bicyclists are welcome to explore the massive structure.

ranging from 30-125 feet tall, with an average height of 100 feet. The caissons were sealed to the bedrock, then sealed with concrete and hydraulic soil which was gathered from the valley.

"They spent a lot of time investigating the best soil throughout the valley," Beiter-Tucker said. "They apparently found a lot of it."

Hydraulic soil was taken from "borrow pits" and is also known as "rock flour," as it compacts densely together when water is removed.

The soil would be kept in a dry box, brought uphill to a hog box where it was mixed with water, then fed down sluice lines. A pump barge would reuse water, pumping it back up to the hog box.

"The sluice lines never worked out really well, they clogged a lot," Beiter-Tucker said, causing engineers to eventually open them fully. Laborers then used batter boards to push the soil and water out to spread it evenly.

Before it went into the dry box, soil was sifted through metal grates known as "grizzlies," which were repurposed from Rabbit Run railroad tracks.

To start the dam's construction, engineers first had to divert the Swift River using a coffer dam. Once that was completed, a 2,700 foot long trench that was 30 feet deep was dug to lay the caissons.

The caissons were built piece by piece, with the first piece placed being a metal shoe. On top of the shoe was the work chamber, which was reinforced with steel.

The weight of the concrete gradually pushed against the shoe's sharp edge and worked the entire structure down until it

reached bedrock, where it would eventually be sealed. Workers would remove dirt as the shoe and chamber were forced down through the earth.

Beiter-Tucker said compressed air was pumped into the work chambers to provide oxygen for the workers and they were limited to two, 40-minute shifts a day inside the work chamber.

"The workers were inside those work chambers while it was being forced down," Beiter-Tucker said. "They were lowered down into chamber with bucket."

After completing their shift, the workers would go into a decompression chamber before spending the rest of their work day completing other work on the project, above ground.

Beiter-Tucker said it was hard work, and men were paid 50-60 cents an hour (about \$8 in current money). Construction of the Quabbin Reservoir took place almost entirely during The Great Depression, she said, and there were lines of men to get these jobs and work 12-hour shifts.

"It was hard work," Beiter-Tucker said.

In 1937 the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir moved to a 24-hour project. Large lights used during night work cast shadows, which resulted in a lot of injuries and deaths.

"26 men were killed out of thousands on the entire project," Beiter-Tucker said.

Once the caissons were sealed to the bedrock, soil was applied to both sides to build the base of dam, and compacted with a sheep's foot roller.

After the caisson wall was completed, soil was stripped away from either end to seal with concrete blankets to prevent leaking.



TURLEY PHOTO BY PAULA OUIMETTE

There are 40 caissons buried under this impoundment.

That was the first stage of construction.

Beiter-Tucker said the Goodnough Dike was constructed in almost completely the same way, just on a small scale. The dike measures 2,140 feet long and is 264 feet above bedrock.

It was named for Henry Goodnough, an engineer who lived in Sudbury and liked to come out to the Swift River Valley to fish.

She said the major difference between the dam and the dike is that the dam has an outlet for water, while the dike blocks only.

After construction of the dam and dike was completed, it took seven years to fill the Quabbin Reservoir.

### Chicopee Valley Aqueduct

"It was decided the Swift Tiver would not be cut off completely so it could flow to Three Rivers," Beiter-Tucker said, as it's part of Connecticut's water supply as well. The design of the dam included diversion for the Swift Tiver, releasing below the Winsor Dam down to Chicopee and the Connecticut River.

A tunnel was built under the dam and the upper intake structure is the only one in use. The lower intake structure was blocked.

The upper intake structure continues to be in use today, releasing about 20 million gallons of water a day.

The Chicopee Valley Aqueduct outlet building was eventually constructed (known by many as the "power station," as for many years it did create a small amount of hydroelectric power for DCR buildings).

In 1950, towns were invited to join the system, but only

Chicopee, Wilbraham and South Hadley Fire District No. 1 joined the system. They have their own treatment plant located on Route 9.

### Spillway

Reservoirs are designed to hold a certain amount of water and the spillway is located at the east end to release water when the reservoir is at capacity or close to capacity.

The spillway was blasted out of rock, and the channel goes under a bridge and creates a waterfall on the other side.

"It's not always active," Beiter-Tucker said, only when the reservoir is at a certain level.

In 76 years, the reservoir has reached its capacity 33 times.

"We are probably going to reach capacity this spring unless weather changes," Beiter-Tucker said.

In June of 1946, the lower spillway was opened for the first time, and a dedication ceremony was held for the waterfall it created.

"A lot of people focus on the history of the lost towns," Beiter-Tucker said. "I'm always fascinated by the actual construction of the reservoir itself. The engineers were able to envision this and transform the valley into this reservoir. It's a pretty fascinating story."

### Upcoming events

For more information about other programs hosted by DCR's Les and Terry Campbell Visitor Center, visit [www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir](http://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir).

Programs are held in the visitor center located at 100 Winsor Dam Road, and via Zoom. Registration is required.



**EDUCATION**

# PVPA's Theater Department presents show Feb.2-4

**SOUTH HADLEY** – The Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School Theater Department is pleased to present “Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812”, by Dave Malloy. The show will run Feb. 2 and 3 with performances beginning at 7 p.m., and Feb. 4 with a matinee performance beginning at 2 p.m. in PVPA’s main stage theater at 15 Mulligan Drive. Tickets are available online at [www.pvpa.org](http://www.pvpa.org) and at the door. Ticket prices are \$10 general admission; \$7 military and seniors; \$5 PVPA alumni, and \$3

students. This performance is part of PVPA’s second semester production calendar, available at [www.pvpa.org](http://www.pvpa.org). “Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812” is a sung-through musical adaptation of a 70-page segment of Leo Tolstoy’s “War and Peace”, written by composer/lyricist Dave Malloy. It is based on part eight of Tolstoy’s novel, focusing on Natasha’s romance with Anatole and Pierre’s search for meaning in his life. PVPA’s production of “Natasha, Pierre and the Great

Comet of 1812” is directed by David Cavallin, with musical direction by Jeremy Milligan. Choreography by PVPA students Henry DiNapoli, PVPA ‘25 and Legacy Moye, PVPA ‘25 with David Cavallin. Assistant Director is Cadence Maldonado, PVPA ‘25. “Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812” is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals, [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com). For more information about PVPA, and to apply for the 2024/2025 school year: [www.pvpa.org](http://www.pvpa.org).



*SUBMITTED PHOTO*  
Pioneer Valley Performing Arts students perform an ensemble ball scene for their upcoming production.

# River East School to Career hosts 2nd annual Trivia Night

**PALMER** – River East is thrilled to announce an exciting evening of brain-teasing fun with an upcoming Trivia Night to be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Country Club of Wilbraham. Tickets are \$35 per person and include dinner. A cash bar will be offered. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6 p.m. and Trivia begins at 7 p.m. Teams of trivia enthusiasts will go head-to-head in a battle of wits. With a wide range of categories to choose from there’s something for everyone – whether

you’re a seasoned trivia pro or a casual player, Trivia Night promises to be an entertaining experience for all. The legendary Trivia Host Bobby Roast Beef will keep the energy high and the laughs rolling throughout the night. With his wit and charm, he will guide participants through the trivia journey, making it an engaging and memorable experience. Trivia Night is open to all, and teams can consist of up to six members. Prizes will be for the top three winning teams. Luso Federal Credit Union is

the Event Sponsor. Additional sponsorships are available. To purchase tickets or to become a sponsor, please call 413-283-5051, or visit [RiverEastStc.org/events](http://RiverEastStc.org/events). The Country Club of Wilbraham is located at 859 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham. “We are very excited about the trivia event and welcoming our guests to join in. Bobby Roast Beef is a known trivia host throughout our community, and we are sure he will make it a fun night,” stated Amy Scribner, Partnership Director of River

East School to Career, in a press release. “We are very appreciative to all of the sponsors, vendors, and others involved who are contributing to this event to benefit student scholarships,” she added. **About River East** River East works with nine high schools in the local area - Belchertown, Hampden-Wilbraham, Longmeadow, Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, Quaboag Regional, Tantasqua Regional, and Ware. Their mission is to assist students

in preparing them to be successful in their careers through work-based learning opportunities. In the past five years, they have helped over 1,500 local students. River East School-to-Career is a business and education partnership under the MassHire Hampden County Workforce Board and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The program is supported in part, seventy-five percent, through the Massachusetts Connecting Activities.



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Died Jan. 17, 2024
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OBITUARIES

Lucena Forni, 93

BELCHERTOWN – Lucena Forni, affectionately known as “Cena” to her friends, passed away surrounded by family at her home on Jan. 17, 2024, at the age of 93.

She triumphantly entered heaven through the grace of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1930, in Springfield to Alexander and Louise Sullivan.

She married the love of her life, Gerald Forni, on Sept. 9, 1950. Together they raised three sons, Gary (Marie Anne), Keith (Jane) and Craig (Nancy). She lost her “Jerry Boy” in 2007, but is reunited with him now.

A resident of Belchertown for over 30 years, Cena absolutely adored her family and didn’t want to leave them. She was a doting Grandma of nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She enjoyed working for many years at Baystate Medical Center as a CNA and unit secretary in Labor & Delivery, finally retiring at age 77.

Cena was a voracious reader; she loved to cook and dance and just be with her family.

She recently began attending Christ Community Church in Belchertown and fell in love with everyone she met there. Thank you, Pastor Emmanuel, for being her favorite “surprise visitor.”

She was sweet but feisty. Anyone who ever met Cena loved her. She was an amazing woman who is, and will forever be, so very deeply missed.

Special thanks to her granddaughter Tara for the exceptional care she gave Cena in her final days, and all the others who helped out.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024, from 10 a.m.-noon followed by a service at noon at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home. Burial will be private.

For more information, please visit www.beersandstory.com.



David S. “Dave” Paul, 78



BELCHERTOWN – David S. “Dave” Paul passed away Jan. 17, 2024, with his loving wife by his side, at the age of 78.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1945, in Ludlow to the late Lester and Phyllis (Kaczowka) Paul. Dave proudly served his country as a 1LT in the U.S. Army, serving at the NORAD underground missile site in Colorado until his honorable discharge.

Dave studied at Boston College and earned his MBA in Finance from Babson College. He held many accounting positions before becoming an Investment Advisor, a position held for many years before retiring.

Dave was passionate about the stock market and was very good at his job.

As a man of faith, Dave was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Belchertown; he served on the Finance Committee until he stepped down. He was also in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Dave was a sportsman and enjoyed playing golf, tennis, and badminton. Dave enjoyed rating golf courses for the U.S.G.A.

He enjoyed the Jeff Holmes Band and Dave Sporney’s Band, and he would go wherever they were playing. He also found pleasure in the calm of the outdoors fishing and waiting for the next bite.

Dave also had quite the collection of used stamps that filled many closet and cabinet spaces in his home.



Besides his parents, Dave was predeceased by his aunts and uncle-in-law, Emily Kaczowka, Wanda Sniezyk and her husband Joseph, and Stella Tetrault and her husband Arthur.

He will be dearly missed by his wife of 46 years, Maureen (Dunphy) Paul. He also leaves his sister-in-law, Kathleen Hunter and husband Dr. Kenneth Hunter; nieces, Melissa Diaz and Michelle Mahoney and husband Jeremy; great-niece and nephews, Siobhan, Wyatt, and Grey; cousins, Monsignor Richard Sniezyk, Steve Tetrault and wife Linda, Karen Boucher and husband Danny, Linda Savage and husband Tom, and Judy Pepper and husband Bob; as well as many dear friends and neighbors.

Maureen would like to thank Baystate Hospice and Home Watch Caregivers of Western Mass for the kind and compassionate care that was provided to Dave in the past few months.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, from 4-7 p.m. at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home. Dave’s Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, at 10 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi. Burial immediately followed in South Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dave’s memory can be made to either the Parkinson’s Foundation by visiting www.parkinson.org or St. Francis of Assisi Parish Building Fund.

Please visit www.beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

PROJECT from page 6

oper for this project by the BEDIC and MassDevelopment – with support from the Town – through a public Request for Interest process in 2021.

Its proposed development features units built to ultra-low energy use standards and will include extensive common green areas with play areas, community gathering spaces, and pathways that connect the housing units to each other and to the neighboring trail network.

In addition to the mixed-income residential units in Phase 1A, in Phase 1B, Brisa will also be redeveloping the former administration building into community space, a museum, and cultural space. These are the initial phases of Brisa’s possible five-phase plan that the company, the BEDIC, and MassDevelopment have been working on over the last three years together to implement the Town approved Master Development Plan for the site.

Site approval from the Planning Board is the first of many steps to bring Phases 1A and 1B to fruition. Obtaining financing will be Brisa’s next challenge, which won’t happen without local site plan approval, and Brisa is working diligently to secure its local entitlement commitments to ensure a competitive financially feasible development.

Following the Belchertown State School closure in 1992, the BEDIC together with the Selectboard, Planning Board, and town departments, worked to create a develop-

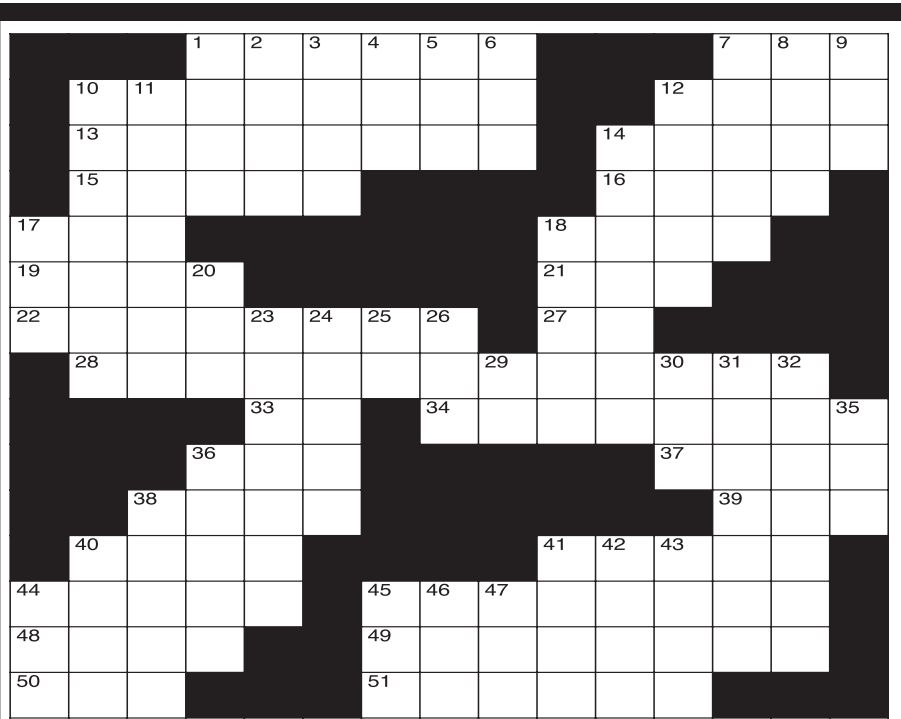
ment vision and state-approved master plan for the entire site which contained almost 400,000 square feet of abandoned buildings and utility tunnels with significant environmental issues that required abatement and demolition.

The master plan is MEPA approved with the Final Environmental Impact Report Certificate received in August 2015 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

The town, BEDIC and MassDevelopment have collaborated to secure grants for demolition, infrastructure, and improvements including more than \$4 million for the construction of Carriage Drive through the Commonwealth’s MassWorks program, a program focused on infrastructure improvements to support housing development.

Phases 1A and 1B of Brisa’s Carriage Grove Master Plan represent an opportunity to build on a series of recent successes at the former state school – including the opening of a new assisted living facility, an early childhood education center, and the construction of new roadways that are opening up additional commercial/light industrial land –to expand the tax base and deliver housing and recreation space for the benefit of our residents.

Over the many years of effort by the EDIC a dozen large commercial facilities have been established containing many more operating businesses. These continue today.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Winged nut
7. \_\_\_ Humbug!
10. One who sets apart
12. Circle above a saint’s head
13. Unpleasantly loud and harsh
14. Expressed pleasure
15. Feminine given name
16. Company of badgers
17. Popular Dodge pickup truck
18. Witty sayings
19. Leader
21. Autonomic nervous system
22. Premolar
27. Atomic #28
28. Holiday decorative item
33. Exclamation of surprise
34. Rusk or

- cracker
36. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
37. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
38. Eat
39. Marxist economics theory (abbr.)
40. Ceases to exist
41. Male Arabic name
44. Series of ridges on an organ wall
45. Places where bees are kept
48. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin
49. Church office
50. Single lens reflex
51. Pieces of fibrous tissue

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Classify
2. Dismounted
3. Produced
4. Consumed
5. Director Howard
6. The products of human creativity
7. Thai monetary units
8. Away from wind
9. Builder’s trough
10. Relating to Islam
11. It can sometimes ache
12. Small quantities (Scot.)
14. Poisonous plant
17. Laugh at
18. Vogul
20. C. European river
23. Type of cat
24. Exclamation of disgust

- 25. Stephen King novel
26. Without armies
29. Expression of sympathy
30. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
31. Previously
32. Illegal drug
35. Kiloelectronvolt
36. Large, flightless birds
38. For smoking
40. Binary
41. Competition
42. Mark resembling an arrow
43. Containers
44. Root mean square (abbr.)
45. Commercial
46. I.M., architect
47. 007’s creator

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Logan Moses holds the ball tight after making a rebound.



Morghan Litz sprints up the court following a defensive rebound.



**BELCHERTOWN** – Last Thursday night, it took overtime, but Agawam managed to get past Belchertown in girls basketball action 52-47. Agawam would trail late in the third quarter, but quickly came back. Belchertown would get held down 10-4 in the fourth quarter in order for regulation to end in a 42-42 deadlock. Agawam would put up 10 points in the four-minute overtime to improve to 8-3 on the season. One more win qualifies the Brownies for tournament while Belchertown dropped to 4-6. Mia Canavan led all scorers with 21 points. Marlee Montagna had 13 points. Belchertown got 16 points from Chloe LaRoche and Morghan Litz had 13 points. LaRoche had three treys.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI  
Chloe LaRoche passes the ball quickly in transition.



Alexa Karabestsos tries to prevent the ball from going out of bounds.

## Orioles falter in overtime



Hunter Griswold gets ready to drive into the paint.



Adrien Moskowitz heads off-balance down the court after intercepting a pass.

## Pioneers sweep PVCA

**PALMER** – Last Thursday night, Pathfinder boys basketball picked a win over Pioneer Valley Christian School 68-65. The Pioneers beat PVCA for the second time this season, sweeping the season series with their

league rivals. Hunter Griswold had a huge game with nearly half the team's points. He led all scorers with 32 points while Adrien Moskowitz had 16 points. Pathfinder is now 5-2 on the season.



Adam Slonka attempts a shot while Seth Mitchell signals he's open for a pass.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI  
Seth Mitchell makes his way down the court.



Raymond Colon makes his way down the court.



Riley Goodhind sizes up a three-point shot.



Gavier Fernandez gets ready to launch a pass across the court.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI  
Cody Breault takes a long jump shot.



Cody White reaches out to grab the defensive rebound.



## Murdock, Fernandez leads Granby to victory

**GRANBY** – Last Friday night, fast-paced action eventually went in favor of Granby boys basketball 60-56 over Palmer. Both teams played an up-tempo game

throughout, but Granby prevailed despite trailing at halftime. Colin Murdock had 19 points to lead all scorers while Gavier Fernandez added 17 points. Palmer was

led by Andrew Menard with 14 points while Stephen Fredette had 10 points. Granby improved to 9-2 on the season while Palmer dropped to 6-4.

LEFT: Colin Murdock is closely guarded by a Palmer guard.

## SPORTS

## T-Birds drop decision to Amerks

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (18-15-3-2) could not keep pace with the potent offense of the Rochester Americans (19-13-3-1), falling 7-3 on Saturday night at Blue Cross Arena in Rochester.

The home team came out with firepower from the onset, and after a bad defensive zone turnover, Linus Weissbach cashed in with a wrister past Vadim Zherenko to make it a 1-0 game just 3:24 into the action. The Amerks were not finished, either, as Graham Slaggett found himself available for a deflection outside of Zherenko's crease, and he did just that at 6:07, tipping it by the Springfield goalie to make it a 2-0 Rochester lead.

In need of a positive shift in morale, the T-Birds got just that when Calle Rosen crept up into a play at the offensive blue line, stepping into the high slot to receive a one-touch pass from MacKenzie MacEachern.

With a lane available to shoot, Rosen did just that, snapping it past Devon Levi's blocker just 39 seconds after the Slaggett goal to cut the Rochester lead down to 2-1 at 6:46.

Springfield's special teams stepped into the spotlight mean-

ingfully after that, killing off a pair of Amerks power plays thanks to a stabilized effort by Zherenko and his defense.

When the T-Birds received their first power play in the closing minutes of the period, they took full advantage to erase the two-goal hole before a full period was even completed. In his first game as a T-Bird, recent ECHL call-up Tanner Dickinson made his presence known, beating Levi with a snapper from the left circle to even the score, 2-2, at 17:17. Rosen picked up the primary assist in accounting for both Springfield goals in the opening frame.

After 20 minutes, Zherenko exited the game with an apparent injury, so former Amerk Malcolm Subban was thrust into duty. Even with the goalie swap, history repeated itself to begin the second period as Rochester got to the scoreboard first. Kale Clague slipped down the far side of the ice, undetected, and tapped home a perfect centering pass from Brandon Biro to make it a 3-2 game. Lukas Rousek also assisted, extending his point streak to an AHL-best 13 straight games.

3:30 later, another turnover reared its ugly head on the

T-Birds, as Brett Murray intercepted a drop pass, weaved to the right side, and beat Subban with a wrist shot to make it 4-2.

With Springfield jumping on a power play with a chance to cut the lead in half, Rochester handed Springfield a bitter gut-punch as Isak Rosen stormed in on a breakaway and chipped a forehand over Subban's glove to make it 5-2 at 11:42. It was just the second shorthanded goal allowed all year by the T-Birds.

The T-Birds stopped the Amerks' run at the 14:47 mark when Jakub Vrana marched over the right-wing side on a 2-on-1 before flipping a perfect saucer pass to Mikhail Abramov, who one-timed it through Levi to make it a 5-3 game.

However, on this night, the T-Birds did not have the third-period magic, as Rochester held Springfield to just three attempts on goal in the final 20 minutes. Subban was forced to hold the 5-3 margin with a penalty shot save on Mason Jobst, but the Amerks persisted anyway, getting back-to-back goals from Viktor Neuchev and Weissbach separated by just 2:07 to finish the scoring.

## Worcester Railers stun Komets in shootout

FORT WAYNE, IN – The Worcester Railers HC (17-15-3-2, 39pts) took down the Fort Wayne Komets (19-16-1-3, 42pts) on Saturday night in a shootout by the final score of 4-3 in front of a crowd of 9,747 at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. The Railers wrap up their three-in-three on the road against the Komets this Sunday, January 21st at 5:00pm.

Blade Jenkins (2-0-2) opened scoring for Worcester to give the Railers the early lead in the first before Nolan Volcan (1-0-1) scored a short-handed goal to tie things going into the second. The second period looked as though it was going to be a scoreless frame before Ture Linden (1-0-1) scored with just over three remaining in the period to put the Komets up 2-1 going into the third. Jack Dugan (1-1-2) extended Fort Wayne's lead before Joey Cipollone ( ) and Blade Jenkins tied things up for Worcester to force overtime. As neither team scored in the extra frame, a shootout was required. It took seven rounds until Jack Quinlivan scored in the bottom of the round to give Worcester the 4-3 shootout win on Saturday night.

Worcester came out firing in the first period, playing what would end up being one of their best first periods of play this season. Blade Jenkins (10th) worked a tip on a Ryan Verrier shot to put Worcester ahead 1-0 at the 5:58 mark of the frame. The Railers would slip on the power play, allowing Nolan Volcan (11th) to slip past the defense and throw a puck of the backside of John Muse into the net to tie the game shorthanded at 1-1 going into the second. Physicality was high in the first period, with multiple scrums playing out in front of both nets and in the end-boards after whistles. Shots in the first heavily favored Worcester, 14-6.

The physical play continued in the second, as was the theme for most of the period. The Komets began to get more shots on Muse in the second, finishing with 15 total in the frame.

Late in the period, Ture Linden (17th) grabbed a rebound from the scrum in front which Muse dove for and patted it home around him to make it a 2-1 lead for Fort Wayne with 3:02 left in the second. Shots in the middle period favored Fort Wayne 15-7, and were tied across the game after two, 21-21.

Fort Wayne extended their lead in the third period thanks to Jack Dugan's (10th) goal off a wrister from the slot to make it 3-1 Komets. The third period was Worcester's from there. Joey Cipollone found the puck loose in the slot and skated it to the far side where he ripped it clean past Fanti to make it a 3-2 game. With John Muse pulled and the Komets ahead by one late in the game, the Railers worked their way into the attacking zone. Anthony Callin cut to the right wing through the defense and delivered a perfect cross-ice feed to Blade Jenkins (11th) who finished past Fanti to tie the game for the Railers and give them new life. Neither team scored across the remaining 1:41, as the game was headed into overtime.

Both teams exchanged a flurry of opportunities in the extra frame, as Fanti made four saves for the Komets while Muse made three for Worcester. Neither team broke through in overtime, meaning the game would be settled in a shootout.

The Komets shot first in the shootout. Shawn Szydlowski, Jack Dugan, Ethan De Jong, Matt Wedman, Carl Berglund, Xavier Cormier, and Ture Linden were all turned aside by John Muse. For Worcester, Keeghan Howdeshell, Blade Jenkins, Anthony Repaci, Connor Welsh, Anthony Callin, and Andrei Bakanov were all denied by Ryan Fanti. In the bottom of the seventh round, Jack Quinlivan had his turn in the shootout. He came in wide along the right-wing side, cut back across to the left, and skated in slowly as he then finished past Fanti to deliver Worcester their second shootout win of the season, and the extra point on the evening.

## Tommy Baldwin Racing, Coby set partial schedule

MOORESVILLE, N.C. – Tommy Baldwin Racing (TBR) announced today that six-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Doug Coby will pilot the No. 7NY for select Tour events in 2024. The team will begin the season at New Smyrna Speedway for the World Series of Asphalt Stock Car Racing and the Whelen Modified Tour opener on Saturday, February 10.

The team plans to run seven of the 16 Whelen Modified Tour events.

TBR will compete at Richmond Raceway on Friday, March 29, Riverhead Raceway on May 18 and New Hampshire Motor Speedway as part of NASCAR's National Series weekend on June 22. The combination will return to the track on Wednesday,

August 14 at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, Saturday, October 5 at North Wilkesboro Speedway and Saturday, October 26 at Martinsville Speedway.

"Tommy has a deep racing history in the Modified community and when you drive for him, you know he's going to bring fast cars to the track," Coby said. "Having the opportunity to work with them again in 2024 to simply try to win races is something I'm really excited for."

Coby and Baldwin first paired together in 2022 and won events at Riverhead Raceway and Lee USA Speedway in their first two races together. They also picked up a victory at Langley Speedway that season – one that saw Tommy Baldwin Racing seal the Whelen

Modified Tour owner's championship with multiple different drivers. Coby drove the No. 7NY in 13 events last season with one victory and six top-five finishes.

"Doug is a proven winner and champion and we're happy he's back with us for 2024," Tommy Baldwin Jr. said. "We've selected a great list of events to compete on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour at some of their biggest races. We're looking forward to having Doug back in the seat and it will be all about trying to get trophies."

The addition of Doug Coby to the 2024 Tommy Baldwin Racing lineup is yet another piece of what will be a busy season, including the likes of Luke Baldwin, Jack Baldwin, Bryan Narducci and Doug Coby.

## CAMPUS NOTES

## Students named to Dean's List at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG – Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the students who qualified for inclusion on the Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester.

Local students include Jordan J. Gaj of Belchertown and Julia A. Gauvin of Granby.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the university full time.

## Springfield College recognizes Dean's List students

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield College recognizes Dean's List students for academic excellence for the 2023 fall semester.

Local students include Maddie Shea of Amherst; Amy Braese, Sonia Dugger, Derek Guntor and Elisha Wenc, all of Belchertown; Jacob Benson, Kaelyn Croteau and Steven Pisano, all of Granby.

The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades, not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term and have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

## Paige Ivey named to SUNY Potsdam President's List

POTSDAM, NY – Paige Ivey of Belchertown was recently named to the President's List at The State University of New York at Potsdam.

Ivey, whose major is childhood/early childhood education, was among 809 students who were honored for academic excellence in the fall 2023 semester. SUNY Potsdam President Dr. Suzanne Smith recognized the students for earning top marks.

To achieve the honor of being on the President's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

## Eastern student Hannah Bernashe makes Dean's List

WILLIMANTIC, CT – Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester, in which more than 1,300 students were recognized for maintaining high GPAs.

Among them is full-time student Hannah Bernashe of Belchertown, a junior who majors in elementary education and English.

To qualify for Dean's List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they've accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded coursework with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

## Jacob Benson named to Dean's List at Springfield College

SPRINGFIELD – Jacob Benson of Granby has been named to Springfield College's Dean's List

for the fall semester 2023 for academic excellence.

He is a psychology major. A student must meet the requirement of an average of 3.5 GPA.

## Local residents earn Dean's List at Bridgewater State

BRIDGEWATER – Local residents Hannah Sirard of Amherst and Kate Wrona of Belchertown, were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester at Bridgewater State University.

## Fall Dean's List announced at Stonehill College

EASTON – More than 1,000 students have been recognized for academic excellence at Stonehill College, including Aila Allan of Amherst and Justin White of Belchertown.

To qualify for this honor, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered.

## Lasell University lists Dean's List students

NEWTON – The fall 2023 Dean's List includes students who have completed at least 12 credits as a full-time student in that semester and have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The following local students made the list: Jaydon Perez of Amherst; Tyler McDonald and Michelle Zaluga, both of Belchertown; and Antonio Centracchio of Granby.

## Emily Frank named to Dean's List at Boston University

BOSTON – Emily Frank of Granby has been named to the Dean's list of Boston University for fall semester 2023.

A sophomore, Frank is majoring in film and television in the University's College of Communications and minoring in education in the University's Wheelock College of Education and Human Development.

**■ POLICE LOGS**

**Belchertown Police**

*Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Jan. 10 through Jan. 16. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 331 calls police responded to, there were 16 incidents, seven accidents, four arrests/summons and 26 citations.*

**ARRESTS/SUMMONS  
Wednesday, Jan. 10**

7:40 p.m. – Randy D. Soucia, 59 Rural Road, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Belchertown Police got a call from Hadley Police for a be on the lookout notification about a person operating a vehicle who may be intoxicated. There were reported to person leaving a store in Hadley and appeared to be extremely intoxicated. Their listed address was in Belchertown and the officer heading toward that area. The officer located the person and saw the vehicle go over the double yellow lines and the fog line. The officer conducted a stop and explained to the person why they were being stopped. They said they were going to a store, but it was too busy, so they left. The person had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. A field sobriety test was done and the person was charged accordingly.

**Friday, Jan. 12**

10:50 p.m. – A 38-year-old Belchertown man was issued a summons for operating with a subsequent offense of suspended license. An officer responded to a North Main Street business for a report of a disturbance. A person was threatening the calling person and their family. The officer located the suspect who was identified. The person picked up a friend for work and while there threatened the person and their family. The suspect then tried to hit their coworker and they provided video footage to the officer. The video was watched and the description was pulled where came up with the suspect. Based on the video, facts and witness statements, they were believed to have driven the vehicle and caused the disturbance. They were charged accordingly.

**ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS  
Wednesday, Jan. 10**

12:24 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on George Hannum Road. A vehicle traveling north on George Hannum Road when the vehicle crossed the dotted line and struck a pole. The vehicle continued to slide halfway down an embankment. The operator said they didn't know what happened. They were transported by Belchertown fire and paramedics. The vehicle had significant front-end damage and was towed from the scene. An immediate threat was filed.

2:19 p.m. – Officer was on patrol and was notified of utility pole damage on Chauncey Walker Road. The officer confirmed it was broken and it appeared someone struck in the last few days. There was broken pieces of plastic and tire marks, but nothing could be used to be used to identify the vehicle. National Grid was notified of the damage.

4:29 p.m. – An officer investigated a threat that was made by a student. The person didn't have access to weapons. School officials were contacted, and the matter would be handled internally.

5:28 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of an accident at a residence. A vehicle parked in the driveway was struck by a second vehicle. The second vehicle was attempting to drop off a package because the vehicle was not in gear. There was no damage to the second vehicle and there was a scuff on the first. No tow was needed, and no injuries were reported.

**Thursday, Jan. 11**

7:53 a.m. – A person came to the station to speak to an officer about larceny of firewood. The person reported wood recently went missing and they noticed a group of people on the property. The person approached them, and they said they were looking for a lost cell phone. The officer ran their information, and it was confirmed they were from the eastern part of the state. The officer contacted the person who said they didn't know anything about the firewood and just moved to town in the last day.

5 p.m. – An officer dispatched to Warren Wright Road for a report of a dog hit by a vehicle. The dog was found dead in the middle of the roadway. The owner of the dog arrived on scene and took care of the dog. There was no information about the person who struck the dog.

5:16 p.m. – An officer responded to

assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

**Friday, Jan. 12**

2:21 a.m. – An officer responded to a residence for a report of someone breaking into the residence. The officer checked the area, and they couldn't locate anything or find any evidence of forced entry. The resident said there was a person in the woods, but the officers were unable to locate the person in the woods. A friend of the resident responded to stay with them.

1:09 p.m. – An officer responded to Rock Rimmon Road for a report of an injured raccoon. Belchertown Animal Control responded on scene as well. The raccoon was removed from the roadway and euthanized.

9:48 p.m. – An officer responded to perform a wellbeing check.

10:39 p.m. – An officer responded to Park Street for a report of a disturbance. There was a person who was going down Park Street and reported there were vehicles in the roadway. They said they exited the vehicle and asked the person to close their door so they could get by. The person was then pepper sprayed by the operator of the parked vehicle. There is no further information at this time.

**Saturday, Jan. 13**

4:16 p.m. – An officer took a report of a Craigslist scam. A person responded to a post of an apartment rental for a three-bedroom apartment in Amherst. The listing didn't have a specific address. The person emailed the posting and began to communicate with the scammer via text. The scammer requested screenshots of forms they completed and pay a fee. The person provided the information. They were told to check their accounts.

**Sunday, Jan. 14**

4:52 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal and North Main streets. A vehicle attempting to turn right was struck from behind by a second vehicle. The road was snow covered and icy at the time of the accident. No injuries were reported and no tow was needed.

**Monday, Jan. 15**

11:58 p.m. – Officers and Belchertown Fire and paramedics responded to a residence for a report of a person having a mental health crisis.

**Tuesday, Jan. 16**

2:32 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Daniel Shay's Highway. A vehicle traveling south on Daniel Shay's Highway was being passed by a second vehicle when the second vehicle lost control, crossed the center lines and struck a no passing sign before coming to its final rest. The road was snow covered and icy at the time of the incident. There no injuries reported and no tows were needed.

2:47 p.m. – An officer responded to Mill Valley Road spoke with a resident about a possible breaking and entering incident. The resident reported footprints left around their residence that weren't there earlier that day. The resident reported a relative reached out to them with a note on their door and there was no ill intent.

3:21 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Mill Valley Road. A vehicle traveling on Mill Valley Road struck a cement median on the side of the road. No other vehicles were involved in the accident. The road was snow covered and icy at the time of the accident. There was damage to the front passenger's side quarter panel. The vehicle was driven from the scene and no injuries were reported.

6:01 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle traveling eastbound slid off the road and into a ditch. The vehicle was winched out by a tow company. There was minimal damage to the vehicle. The roadway was snow covered and icy at the time of the accident. No injuries were reported.

9:17 p.m. – An officer on patrol assisted a person who was having a mental health crisis.

**Granby Police**

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 144 calls for the week of Jan. 12 through Jan. 18. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.*

**Friday, Jan. 12**

1:32 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation.

Please see **POLICE LOGS**, page 15



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**FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A WETLAND TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS SPORTS HAVEN MOBILE HOME PARK INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS JANUARY 25, 2024**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Town of Belchertown under CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and/or wetland will have on the human environment for the Sports Haven Mobile Home Park Infrastructure Improvement Project (hereinafter, the "proposed activity") under the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program. The proposed activity is located at 370 Mill Valley Road in Town of Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts. The proposed activity is intended to provide the replacement of individual-unit septic systems with a park-wide septic system, as well as a new water conveyance system that will allow for successful delivery and removal of water from homes. The location of the proposed activities is surrounded by Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetlands and Freshwater Emergent Wetland. The use of new fully compliant water and septic systems will provide clean drinking water and wastewater removal services for the residents of the Sports Haven Mobile Home Park. The project will include surface restoration as well as a stormwater management plan throughout construction.

The Town of Belchertown has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize the adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: the project must take place within the wetland because the septic and water systems are directly connected to the physical location of the Mobile Home

Park. The only alternative that could be considered would be the "No Action Alternative". Under the No Action alternative, the Mobile Home Park would be left with individual septic systems, some of which have failed, as well as an existing water system that does not provide safe water to the residents. The town would not be able to achieve any of the benefits to be provided by the proposed infrastructure improvement project. The Town will comply with local and state wetland permitting and protection procedure requirements will be followed.

The Town of Belchertown has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the wetlands and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

The proposed activity will be replacing individual septic systems with a park-wide system, as well as install a new water delivery system for the mobile home park. The project will largely only have temporary impacts on the site including some minor excavation, filling and grading. Surface restoration will take place as part of the project scope. The project will not result in any significant changes from its current usage. All mitigation measures will be followed and the Town will comply with all state and local wetlands protection procedures.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special

areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Town of Belchertown at the Belchertown Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA 01007 on or before February 1, 2024. Please contact Steve Williams, Belchertown Environmental Certifying Officer, during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Phone: 413-323-0403, Comments may also be submitted via email at swilliams@belchertown.org.

January 25, 2024  
01/25/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampshire Probate and Family Court  
15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413)586-8500  
Docket No. HS24P0029EA  
Estate of:  
Rita M. Brougham  
Also Known As:  
Rita Brougham  
Date of Death: 11/15/2023  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Cindy L. Brougham-Brown of Belchertown, MA and Carla M. Chaisson of Ware, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Cindy L. Brougham-Brown of Belchertown, MA and Carla M. Chaisson of Ware, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/21/2024.**

**This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a writ-**

**ten appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

**A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 18, 2024  
**Mark S. Ames**,  
Temporary Register  
01/25/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampshire Division  
Docket No. HS23P0828EA  
Estate of:  
Mary Ann Goonan  
Date of Death:  
June 5, 2023  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Steven P. McCarthy of Ware, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Steven P. McCarthy of Ware, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
01/25/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Hampshire Probate and Family Court  
15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton, MA 01060  
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Docket No. HS23P0836EA  
Estate of:  
James William Meighan  
Date of Death: 10/24/2023  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jennifer A Meighan of Belchertown, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Katherine F Fletcher of West Suffield, CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/28/2024.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 19, 2024  
**Michael J. Carey**  
Register of Probate  
01/25/2024

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

**POLICE LOGS** from page 13

7:45 p.m. – A motorist reported that there was a vehicle off the road in a ditch. Granby Police responded. There were no injuries.

**Monday, Jan. 15**

11:36 a.m. – Tyler Carter, 33, of Granby, was placed under arrest due to having an active warrant.

9:02 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was trav-

eling at 50 mph in a 35 mph zone. The vehicle was stopped, and it was discovered that the operator did not have an active driver's license. The operator was issued a criminal citation for speeding an unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Tuesday, Jan. 16**

1:26 a.m. – A caller reported that a white F350 with a black dump body broke into the ATM and stole several black boxes out of it. It was reported that the vehicle headed down Route 202 toward South Hadley. The vehi-

cle, unoccupied, was later located in Granby. The matter is under investigation.

11:20 a.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

**Thursday, Jan. 18**

3:13 p.m. – A motorist reported that a vehicle struck a tree. Granby Police and Fire responded. One person was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

**GARDEN** from page 6

Sometimes gardeners mix carrot seed with sand or dry coffee grounds to make sowing the small seed easier; using seed tape or pelletized seed are other, albeit expensive options to insure more equidistant seedlings. Regular carrot seeds are viable for two-three years whereas pelletized seed is viable for a year.

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I am excited to grow carrots again this year. Hopefully a bigger harvest will enable soup-making well into spring.

Tackling what types of carrots to grow and ensuring good germination and a healthy stand of seedlings will mean I am well on my way to achiev-

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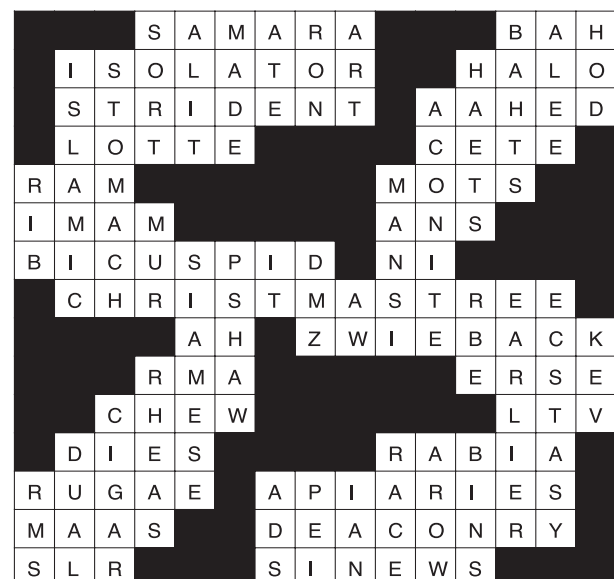
*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

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- **Chestnut Hill Community School:** Enriching STEM Curriculum Through Creative Collaboration
- **Jabish Brook Middle School:** Marching Band Drum Harness Replacement

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throughout Belchertown Schools by supporting innovative and important projects that would otherwise go unfunded.



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