

Student artwork displayed at Clapp Memorial Library



Exhibit open through end of April

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BELCHERTOWN – This past Thursday night was opening night for an art display at Clapp Memorial Library.

The artwork was done by high school

students of Belchertown High School. These students are a part of the Honors Art One class.

Throughout the whole month of April, the artwork will be displayed in the library for all visitors to see.

There to greet all the visitors during opening night of the display was art

teacher Lori St. Pierre. According to St. Pierre this was the first time for students having an art display at the library.

St. Pierre believes this event will begin a new tradition of student artwork being featured at not only the library

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TURLEY PHOTO
BY RYAN DRAGO

Students of Belchertown High School had their art displayed at Clapp Memorial Library.

School Committee OKs FY 25 budget

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GRANBY – The School Committee has met twice in the past two weeks to go over and review the budget, and other important details including the search for a new superintendent.

The April 2 and 9 meetings were held by Chair Jennifer Bartosz, and she was joined by Vice-Chair Jill Pelletier, and members Michael Durham and George Bahlke.

Director of Finances and Operations Todd Dorman was also present, including Stephen Sullivan, the Superintendent of the school, and Cole Fuller the Student Representative.

Budget review

Dorman began the April 2 meeting with a public hearing on the budget. This is the second information session for the community to take part in

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Planning Board sends battery bylaw to TM

Public safety the forefront concern of board, Fire Chief

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BELCHERTOWN – The Planning Board recommended that four proposed bylaws be forwarded to Town Meeting for consideration during their meeting on March 26.

Most of the discussions during the board's public hearing revolved around a proposal to regulate the development of large-scale battery storage systems in town, with the largest tier of batteries addressed in the bylaw being large enough to support an electrical substation. The proposed bylaws will need to be approved at Town Meeting before coming into effect.

The proposed bylaw divides battery projects into three levels: a residential-grade tier, already

There are some issues with these things, mostly because what they are made with very volatile chemicals. So, we want to be able to get a handle on these things for the sake of public safety."

DOUG ALBERTSON,
Town Planner

regulated by the town's electrical and fire codes; batteries that would accompany renewable energy sources like solar or wind farms; and storage systems large enough for use by utility companies.

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QHSUA members look at survey results

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Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance's epidemiologist Maegan Boutot shared feedback gathered from a recent survey sent to alliance members.

The alliance serves the towns of Barre, Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, Hardwick, Hubbardston, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield. Some of the towns, particularly Brimfield,

Hubbardston, Holland, Monson, Oakham and others, lack representation.

"We have a lot of folks who work in the region attend our meetings, but not as many who live in those towns," Boutot said

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Run for Hope combines community, service

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GRANBY – The MacDuffie School held their 13th annual Run for Hope on April 13, raising funds for charity and bringing the community together for fitness and for fun.

The 5K race was run by over 40 participants, including both MacDuffie students and residents from the surrounding area, who turned out despite the overcast and at times wet spring weather. Winners in their respective age and gender categories were awarded prizes including passes to Six



TURLEY PHOTO BY NICK BOONSTRA

Gabrielle Benoit of Belchertown and Riku Mizoguchi of Tokyo, Japan were excited ahead of the MacDuffie School's 13th Annual Run for Hope. Mizoguchi went on to win the Men's Under-20 division of the race.

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COMMUNITY

Annual town election to be uncontested, seats unfilled

BELCHERTOWN – The annual town election will feature no contested races and open seats on the Board of Assessors and Housing Authority.

The annual town election is set for May 20 in the Belchertown High School Gymnasium, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Voters will be deciding on the following positions:

- Board of Assessors - one position with a three-year term
- Board of Health - one position with a three-year term
- Housing Authority - two positions with three-year terms
- Planning Board - one position with a five-year term
- School Committee - two positions with three-year terms
- Select Board - two positions with three-year terms
- Town Clerk - one position with a three-year term

No one needs to file anything with the Town Clerk's office to launch a write-in campaign. But Town Clerk Terry Camerlin said she would like to know if anyone plans to launch a campaign so she can prepare for that night.

Camerlin said names for positions will be announced after April 17, as the last day to withdraw is Wednesday, April 17. The candidates will be announced in next week's Sentinel.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Quabbin Photo Group will feature a talk by Mark Lindhult about photography and AI on April 22 at 7 p.m. at the Hope United Methodist Church in Belchertown and via Zoom. Lindhult used an AI image generator called Dall-E to create this image using the prompt "waves crashing against a rocky Maine coast with a big splash".

Photography with AI - It's here!

Quabbin Photo Group talk is April 22

BELCHERTOWN – The April 22 meeting of the Quabbin Photo Group will feature a talk by Belchertown resident, Mark Lindhult entitled "Photography with AI - It's Here".

Lindhult will discuss the ways in which AI is being applied to take and process digital photographs, whether they are captured with a digital camera or

a cell phone. Computational photography with AI is ubiquitous now with panoramas, background blur and auto-focus eye detect.

Powerful tools such as generative fill now provide photographers with new ways to process their images to enhance their visual and artistic impact.

Lindhult will also show examples from software that generates images with text prompts. From his talk illustrating the capabilities of AI he hopes to initiate a discussion about the future of photography.

The Quabbin Photo Group meets at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Hope United Methodist Church, 31 Main St. A zoom link is available by emailing Gail Platz at gspltz@verizon.net.

Lindhult taught digital technology classes to environmental design students at UMass Amherst for 35 years involving CAD, 3D modeling, animation and Photoshop. Since retiring he has focused his creative energies on photography and processing his images using a wide range of digital tools.

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COMMUNITY

Opioid settlement committee hosts Community Listening Session

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Opioid Settlement Funds Advisory Committee will host a Community Listening Session from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, at the Belchertown Town Hall Auditorium.

This is an open meeting; community members are invited to “drop in” whenever they are available during the two hours. There will be free food and beverages provided.

There is also the option to join the meeting online from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/743947533>. You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 743-947-533 United States; +1 (872) 240-3212

At the Listening Session, committee members want to hear from local residents about what they see as needs and service gaps related to substance use around prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery. The committee is especially looking to hear from local residents who

have direct experience with opioid use or other substance use in their lives or the lives of family members and friends.

Another goal of the Listening Session is to share information about the settlement funds and how they should be spent. State guidelines require the funds to be used for the following:

- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) treatment
- Supporting people in treatment or recovery
- Providing connections to care for people who have or are at-risk of developing an OUD
- Harm Reduction services
- Addressing the needs of criminal-justice-involved persons
- Supporting pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Preventing misuse of opioids and implementing prevention education

The committee was established by the Belchertown Select Board to provide recommendations about how to best spend the funds and is planning to sponsor a process by which agencies/programs could submit applications for funding. The April 25 Session will also provide guidance on how to submit proposals for monies from the fund.

Cities and towns all over Massachusetts and the nation are receiving funds as a result of lawsuits brought by State Attorneys General. The main purpose of the Settlement Funds is to mitigate the harms and impacts of the opioid use epidemic brought about by drug manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies.

Opioid manufacturers used unfair and deceptive sales tactics to aggressively promote prescription opioids, including through tens of thousands of in-person sales calls to Massachusetts prescribers, resulting in a flood of inappropriate prescriptions. Opioid distributors failed to

implement adequate suspicious order monitoring systems, ignored red flags, and shipped thousands of suspicious orders to pharmacies across the state.

Pharmacies across the state dispensed opioid prescriptions without sufficient regard for their legitimacy, in violation of their corresponding responsibility.

The tragic result of this misconduct was significant increases in opioid over-prescribing and diversion. This multiplied the toll of substance use disorder, overdose, and death that the Commonwealth and its residents continue to suffer.

Belchertown has the chance to use its opioid settlement funds to prevent substance use disorders, save lives, and mitigate lifelong harms from drug misuse.

The Committee welcomes more community participation in the process. For more information, email glgramarossa@charter.net.

Friends of Clapp hold spring book sale April 22-27

BELCHERTOWN – The next Legendary Friends of Clapp Library book sale begins Monday, April 22 in the basement of the Clapp Memorial Library from 4-8 p.m. with a members only night (memberships are sold at the door).

The book sale runs the full week (April 22-27) from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. through Friday with all books being \$1 to \$2.

Seniors can enjoy 25% off on Friday.

Hours on Saturday are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with almost all books 50% off for everyone. The selection of books, DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles is vast with over 20,000 items to choose from.

There is something for everyone and you can feel good about supporting your library.

Relay for Life craft/vendor fair is June 8

BELCHERTOWN – There will be over 80 crafters and vendors at the Quaboag Relay for Life’s 3rd Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Fair to be held on Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the Common, Routes 9 and 202.

There will be face painting all day, balloon sculpting by Ed Popielarczyk from 12:30-2:30 p.m. and raffles.

All proceeds from the fair will benefit The American Cancer Society, Relay for Life.

Belchertown recognizes volunteers

Committee openings provide opportunities for residents

BELCHERTOWN – The week of April 21 is National Volunteer Week, and Belchertown is taking this opportunity to recognize the volunteers that dedicate thousands of hours each year to the town.

“We are so fortunate to have people that step forward and volunteer their time in so many capacities throughout the town,” said Town Manager Steve Williams. “From the schools, the many committees, the library, the fire department and so much more. People may not realize that the town is able to function only because people raise their hands and devote hours upon hours. Without them, Belchertown would not be the great place to live.”

“There are so many opportunities to volunteer and use your skills in a way that will benefit your community,” added Select Board Chair Ed Boscher. “We are incredibly thankful for all of the contributions that everyone makes, there is no way that we would be able to accomplish all that we do without the people that serve on the many committees and departments throughout the town.”

If you are looking to help your community, if you have skills that you think would help to make Belchertown a stronger, more vibrant community, you can reach out to the Town Manager’s office for more information by calling 413-323-0403 or emailing selectboard@belchertown.org.

People can also visit the town website at www.belchertown.org/volunteer by scanning the QR code where openings on the various committees are listed. Be sure to follow the town’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TownofBelchertown.



‘The Old Bag Sale’ is back to benefit the Stone House Museum

BELCHERTOWN – The Stone House Museum’s opening day is Saturday, May 11, and “The Old Bag Sale” will be there.

The museum needs your help to make this event a big success. They are collecting gently used bags, pocketbooks, wallets, computer bags, backpacks, etc. (please no suitcases).

Now is the time to clean out your closets and donate – and tell your friends and family to donate as well.

Donation bins have been placed in several locations around town including

Easthampton Savings Bank, the Senior Center, Clapp Memorial Library, Town Hall lobby, Ransaka Gift Shop, Swift River Gift Shop, Making Waves Salon, Looks To Kill Salon, Station Five Salon, Tina Marie’s Hair and Boutique, Dynamic Do’s Salon and Bell and Hudson Insurance Agency. Donation bins have also been placed in Granby at the Free Public Library and at the Senior Center.

Bags will be collected through March and April, and the last day to donate will be May 1.

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Flushing will begin in the northern end of the District and proceed south. Rusty colored water and low pressure may occur during this program.

Try a triathlon

Resident starts training in Belchertown and beyond

BY MIKE HOFFMAN
Guest Contributor

BELCHERTOWN – Welcome to the very first start of what we hope can be the soft and cozy launch of Belchertown’s Try-Ath-Alon.

For those readers who find this at least the least bit curious, we inform, encourage and even entertain.

We’ve developed and offered some wholesome fun and fitness to B-townsfolk, and neighboring communities. We offer a wonderful chance to learn and practice the fundamentals of the triathlon, to workout in some of Belchertown’s most scenic places and to join together in a small community of kindred folks.

We actually started with day 1 - Tuesday, the most awesome day of the year weather wise. And in part because my fellow humans at most chose to “like” our program and passed on joining us for the April 9 start, I have chosen to begin anyway, with the patient and wisdom that comes from experience that good things take time to catch on and really good things are worth waiting for.

I choose to begin - not alone. I’ve got my four amazing canines.

I’ve got Yurei and Yeti, our graceful Samoyeds, and Isabella and Wolfie, our energetic Shelties. Btown is one of New England’s most dog-friendly towns - maybe pets should be welcome part of the Try.

Meantime these four athletic dogs will keep me running and humble as he push to keep up.

I began Tuesday with the Cold Plunge. From health authorities in Japan, Europe and North America it’s important for training - both mental and physical health - to introduce ourselves to extreme temperatures.

Enter the Cold Plunge.

Temperatures at my home plunge and the scenic Arcadia Lake are in the high 50s and low 60s. The plunge for me and the pups was a brisk awakening.

Over the next few sessions, we’ll focus on the water



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mike Hoffman and his dogs train at a number of locations across Belchertown.

and swimming. We’ll also focus on the essential aspect of preparation.

Preparation is important for awareness, intentionality and safeguarding. Preparation helps us be open to learning, improving and performing.

It’s at the beginning that we first test the waters and ourselves for putting our mind and emotions, as well as our body through the rigors of strength, flexibility and agility. I’m happy to share some photos and welcome anyone’s questions or suggestions.

Currently I have all this joy to myself and the pups. If I know how good things can catch on in Happy Valley, we look forward to welcoming fellow humans of all ages to join us as we head to the pool/lake, open track and Norwotock Path.

I look forward to checking in next week.

Belchertown Lions Club welcomes newest member

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Lions Club welcomed its newest member, Tom Curto III at his recent installation ceremony at the Villa Rose Restaurant.

Curto is a graduate of Belchertown High School and has been living in town since 1985. Many townsfolk will recognize Curto for his many years of service to the youth sports programs in the community as a coach for the baseball, football, and basketball teams.

The Lions Club intends to utilize Curto’s experience as a Control Specialist and Purchasing Agent to keep operations running smoothly in the years to come.

Keep an eye out for these three smiling faces along with those of the rest of the Belchertown Lions Club at its upcoming monthly Meatball Grinders sales beginning May 18, The Relay For Life on June 1, Aaron’s Race on June 15, and its First Annual Cruisin’ the Common Car Show on Aug. 10, all of which take place on or around the Town Common.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Belchertown Lions Club welcomed inductee Tom Curto III (center) at his recent installation at the Villa Rose Restaurant. He is shown with his sponsor Lion Steve Connors (left) and Past District Governor Bill White.

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OPINION



Can I claim Social Security and still work?

Dear Rusty:

I will be turning 63 soon. Can I apply for Social Security and continue to work?

Would I be limited to how many hours or how much I could make? I know my monthly SS amount would be cut by 30% or somewhere around there, but how would working affect me? I was trying to read up on this, but the \$1 and \$2 thing confused me. I have an offer to take a work-at-home position and need to decide soon, but it is a cut in income. The cut would be okay if I could draw my Social Security too.

Signed: Wanting Work at Home

Dear Wanting:

If you claim your Social Security to start in the month you turn 63, you'll be claiming 4 years before your Full Retirement Age of 67, which means your monthly benefit at 63 will be about 25% less than it would be if you claimed SS at age 67. And if you are working before your FRA, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test."

The 2024 earnings limit for those collecting early Social Security benefits is \$22,320 (this limit changes annually). If your annual earnings exceed the limit, Social Security will assess a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. They will recover that penalty amount by withholding future benefits until they recover what you owe.

If your work earnings are under the annual limit, you will get all your monthly SS benefits. But if you exceed the limit, they will find that out after you submit your income tax return (the following year) and issue you an overpayment notice, telling you how much you owe for exceeding the limit last year.

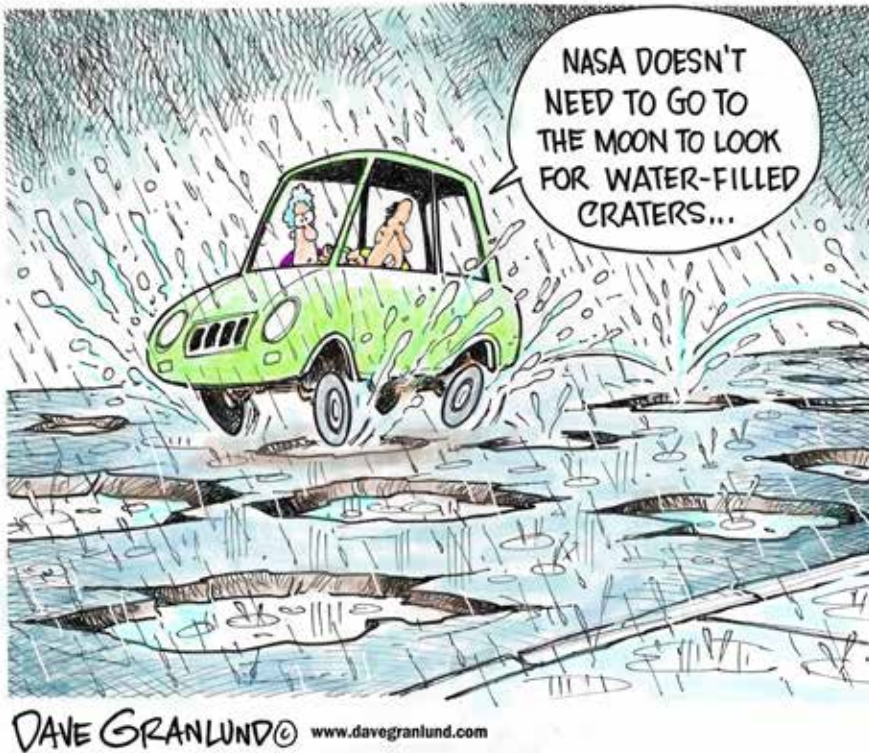
They will then withhold your benefits until they get back what you owe or you can repay them in a lump sum. To avoid the overpayment notice, it is best to inform Social Security in advance that you will exceed the annual earnings limit and they will simply withhold your monthly SS benefits during the year for enough months to avoid overpaying you.

So, what you should do depends largely on how much your earnings from your new work-at-home position will be. If your earnings are below the annual limit, no penalty will be assessed. If you only exceed the annual limit by a little bit, then you can still work and earn and simply repay them what is owed for exceeding the limit or have your SS benefit temporarily withheld.

If you only exceed the earnings limit by a little, you'll still get benefits for most months of the year. But if you significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, you could even be ineligible to receive SS benefits until you either earn less or reach your full retirement age, the earnings limit goes away at your FRA.

So, what you should do depends on what "a cut in income" means in terms of your expected annual earnings amount. If your total annual earnings will be under the annual limit, your SS benefit won't be affected. If you only exceed the limit by a little bit, then you will get SS benefits for most months of the year. But if your annual earnings are significantly over each year's annual earnings limit, then you won't get SS benefits for most months of the year and may even be temporarily ineligible to receive benefits.

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Blueberry propagation experiment

A reader from Hardwick wrote in asking how to propagate blueberry bushes.

I've never tried to propagate blueberry bushes myself, but have always thought that it would make good sense, especially if you have a limited pocketbook and a few productive plants on hand already, or at least you know someone that does.

Obviously, you would not want to replicate a plant that doesn't produce well or one that turns out berries that aren't to your liking.

In researching this skill, I found there to be two schools of thought on the matter: propagation by either softwood cuttings or hardwood cuttings.

Softwood cuttings are taken when the bush is in active growth, usually late June through early July, roughly about two months after spring growth began. The growth is new, not woody, but should not be super pliable or light green in appearance either, nor should it contain any flowers or immature fruit.

A stem should be cut about 5-8 inches long and the leaves should be pinched off of the last couple of inches. Fill a 4 inch or slightly bigger pot with a material that will drain freely but not be too fertile.

You are mainly looking for anchoring material; good options being equal parts sand and peat moss or sand and perlite. I've even heard of people using bark mulch.

Some experts employ a rooting hormone; others say the cutting will root regardless. I will use it because I have some on hand.

You will notice that there are different types of rooting hormone. Usually, it will say whether it is the type for softwood or hardwood cutting right on the container.

I'll dip the bottom of the stem into the hormone. Using a pencil, I'll make a hole in the material I've chosen to root the cuttings in and insert the cutting into the hole so at least those two or three nodes from

where the leaves were, are covered.

I set the pots in the shade, and I mist them a few times daily so that they will not wilt and die before they form roots. Experts say that this method will yield roots in 2-7 weeks.

Some challenges include keeping the media wet enough to prevent wilting, but not so wet that you end up with fungal problems.

Hardwood cuttings, in contrast, are taken during the dormant season, usually around the time that you are pruning. One expert actually recommended using stems from branches that are pruned away.

The stems should be green or red in color and diameter-wise just smaller than that of a pencil. Much narrower stems seem to produce good results as well. It's important to cut off the tips of branches that contain any buds that look like flower buds - they are a little rounder in appearance.

The same pot size and anchoring material is recommended but you would use a rooting hormone geared towards hardwood cuttings; it is a bit stronger. Hardwood cuttings are handled the same way - placed in the shade and misted, but because they have to "wake up" then callus and root, they take a few weeks longer to show results in at least two months, maybe 3-4.

No matter which way you take your cuttings, it's important not to tug on them or disturb them in any way in their pot, even though you may be anxious to see how successful you've been. You will know they are rooted by the quality of new growth you'd see; maybe even a new branch coming from the base.

Once sufficiently rooted the cuttings can be transplanted into a more fertile media and a larger pot or into a nursery area in your garden.

I'm excited to try taking cuttings of my blueberry bushes. I may even take some from my mom's plants.

What a nice memory it would be to have the descendants of my childhood blueberry bushes growing on my own property.

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Belchertown Police Log

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of April 3 through April 9. 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 463 calls police responded to, there were 17 incidents, seven accidents, four arrests/summons and 52 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS Wednesday, April 3

4:36 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Bay Road. A vehicle traveling east on Bay Road attempted to turn left onto Allen Road when the person got their arm caught in their steering wheel. The vehicle went into the opposite lane. The vehicle struck a ditch and a fire hydrant. No injuries were reported but the vehicle needed an extraction.

6:26 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Ware Road. A vehicle traveling east on Ware Road lost traction on the roadway due to icy and slick roads from freezing rain. Another vehicle was traveling west and was also sliding around. The first vehicle struck a guardrail on the right side. No injuries were reported and an operator of one vehicle got a private tow.

Thursday, April 4

4:41 a.m. – Early in the morning on Thursday around 4:41 a.m. calls came in reporting inclement weather causing utilities lines and trees to down due to weather.

6 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Stebbins Street. A vehicle traveling north on Stebbins Street hit a patch of slush and ice, lost control and hit a utility pole. There was damage to the rear driver's side of the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene. There was a delay responding to other calls because of the road closures.

7:24 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Maple Street. A vehicle involved in a hit and run struck a mailbox and left the scene. According to marks on left on scene, the vehicle went off the road onto sidewalk where struck the mailbox. A small piece of the bumper was found but there were no identifying features.

7:44 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle traveling north on State Street went off the road, through an embankment and into a tree. The vehicle slid due to the slippery road. No injuries were reported and no tows were needed.

10:12 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on West Street. A vehicle traveling east on West Street slid off the road into a ditch, striking a mailbox and a utility pole due to snow and ice on the road. A tow company was contacted and no injuries were reported.

Friday, April 5

5:22 p.m. – An officer got a 911 call from a Federal Street resident who reported their child went missing five to 10 minutes before they called. They reported the child was autistic, but verbal. One of the officers spoke with the person who called. At the same time, the officer got a call reported a nearby resident said they found the child near their residence. The child matched the description provided by the caller. The person and their child were reunited.

Saturday, April 6

7:41 p.m. – A person came to the lobby of the station that was dropped off by someone who said they were found walking on the side of the road. The person was confused and said they should be at the hospital. They believed they were in Springfield and then couldn't remember where they lived. The person was later transported to the hospital for evaluation.

Sunday, April 7

7:03 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence concerning a vehicle at a house with four men, they were trying to enter the home. They were seen urinating on the house. The caller reported thought the group might be intoxicated. The house was vacating and was reportedly foreclosed on. The officer checked the house, but the group was not there. Descriptions of the people were provided. A wallet was found in the driveway and had a license. The officer was able to confirm the identity of the person with the caller. The officer contacted Amherst Police Department, but they didn't have any information about the person. The person later called the department to get their wallet.

Monday, April 8

10:59 a.m. – An officer took a report of fraud. The person said they were scammed by someone on Facebook. They got a friend request from the person they previously lived with and were told about a grant program. The person went to the website the scammer provided. The website provided a phone number and the person called it. They were told to send money twice. The person then realized it was a scam.

12:52 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person about a possible case of harassment. They reported receiving messages from a person by Facebook, text and other forms of communication. The matter was documented.

2:40 p.m. – An officer did follow up to an incident reported in February. It was determined a crime was not committed.

8:43 p.m. – An officer took a call from a person about a possible 209A violation. They said a person was turning around in front of their residence. The officer determined there was no violation.

Tuesday, April 9

8:12 a.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

9:48 a.m. – An officer responded to an

accident on Federal Street. A vehicle was driving against the flow of traffic in a drive through and struck another vehicle in line. There was minor damage to both vehicles. No injuries were reported and no tow was needed.

3:37 p.m. – A resident called to speak with an officer about phone and text messages they were getting. The incidents were documented and the officer was going to follow up with the court officer about possible violations.

4:16 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident at Bay Road and Federal Street. A vehicle stopped in traffic at Bay Road and Federal Street was rear ended by another vehicle. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

5:51 p.m. – An officer took a report of an erratic operator on State Street. The vehicle was driving at high speed and serving and almost hit a cyclist. The officer saw the vehicle do multiple marked lanes violations. The officer stopped the vehicle and while trying to do so, the vehicle struck a tree stump on the side of the road. The officer eventually stopped the person, and the driver said they couldn't think of why their driving was bad. A relative was called to pick them up. An immediate threat was sent to the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

7:32 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics.

10:43 p.m. – Ware police got a call about an intoxicated person who appeared at a Ware Road residence. The person said they were assaulted and needed a ride back to Ware. The person got into an altercation with residents at the address. They got to the station and was later transported to the hospital.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 178 calls for the week of April 5 through April 11. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, April 5

12:09 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle travel through an intersection without yielding to oncoming traffic. The vehicle was stopped, and it was discovered that the operator had a suspended Massachusetts driver's license. The operator was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

12:31 p.m. – Anthony Martinez, 32, of Haverhill, was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended Massachusetts driver's license.

9:24 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle travel through an intersection without stopping for a stop sign. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Belchertown Fire announces open burning season

BELCHERTOWN – Open air burning season for residential tree trimming begins Jan. 15 and ends May 1.

Residents can register at the Fire Department, 10 North Main St., from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and on Saturdays, starting Jan. 20 from 9 a.m.-noon. There is a one time, \$20 fee to register for this season.

Please pay with exact cash or a check payable to "Town of Belchertown."

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection will only allow activation of burning permits for one day at a time, based on weather conditions. Renewal requests left on the answering machine are invalid.

For more information, please contact the Fire Department by calling 413-323-7571 with any questions.

Please note that the Belchertown Fire Department has full authority to revoke permits that are not used in accordance with Massachusetts General Law as well as authority to refuse burning on any given day based on weather conditions.

Tuesday, April 9

5:53 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and passing a car in a no passing zone. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 58 mph in 35 mph zone. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding and a passing violation.

9:10 a.m. – A resident reported that they were the victim of an internet scam. An incident report was completed.

5:40 p.m. – Several reports of two parties driving a sedan with no plates attached trying to break into vehicles on four separate streets. The area was searched, and the vehicle was not located. Incident reports were completed.

Wednesday, April 10

2:02 p.m. – A motorist reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. There were no injuries.

Thursday, April 11

11:41 a.m. – A motorist reported that a vehicle struck a parked tractor trailer in the parking lot. There were no injuries.

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The Annual Meeting of the Belchertown Water District will be held on **Tuesday April 30, 2024 at 6:00p.m.** at the Belchertown Water District, 206 Jabish Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts. Polls are open from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. One Commissioner will be elected for a term of three years. The Annual Meeting will begin at 6:05 p.m. The Warrant containing the articles to be acted upon has been posted on the official bulletin board of the Town of Belchertown, in Lawrence Memorial Hall and at the Belchertown Water District. All registered voters of Belchertown residing in the Water District are eligible to vote in District affairs.

Jane Wolfe
Treasurer, Belchertown Water District
jane@belchertownwaterdistrict.org

Stories told and untold

BELCHERTOWN – On April 23 at 7 p.m., Belchertown Voices for Justice will host “Stories Told & Untold: Writing Between Memory & History,” an evening of readings and discussion about storytelling with three local award-winning writers, novelists Thérèse Soukar Chehade and Uzma Aslam Khan, and children’s book author Hannah Moushabeck.

The event will be held in the front room of the Belchertown Recreation Department. The authors will share their work aloud and discuss how memory and history shape the stories they write.

The author panel is co-sponsored by the Clapp Memorial Library. Director Cyndi Harbeson noted, “Hearing from authors about their work and process, especially at live events, is immensely valuable and the Clapp Memorial Library welcomes the opportunity to co-sponsor this event, which showcases the work of three local authors.”

Chehade’s novel “We Walked On”, due out in September, immerses readers in the landscape of Lebanon during war, weaving political unrest into everyday life, drawing from both research and the author’s own experience of growing up in Beirut. “We Walked On” was a semifinalist for the 2022 Noemi Press Prose Award and was longlisted for the 2022 Dzanc Prize for Fiction.

Her first novel, Loom, won the 2011 Arab American Award

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to learn more about the budget.

“This is one of our opportunities to share the work that we’ve done this last week,” Dorman said. “We worked really hard with school staff, leadership, committee, and the community to offer our staff something that will benefit them.”

“Our budget changes by the day because we are built primarily on projections,” Dorman said. He gave examples including student Chromebooks, materials, and even staffing fluctuates in needs and quantities throughout the school year.

Many positions of teachers, and many courses have been put into position for the potential to be either cut or reduced when the budget comes.

“Unfortunately, Granby is one of 212 districts are getting minimum aid from the state,” he said.

“I think that inflation has impacted the schools in a number of ways,” Dorman continued. “We are making strategic cuts, but also identifying areas where we have some flexibility.”

The two areas that have the biggest increase in costs are the special education department and transportation. There is an estimated \$330,000 increase in special education, and \$120,000 in transportation.

At the town meeting, Dorman expressed the hope that the town will approve of a vote to approve of \$600,000 provided by town leadership.

“The budget changes often,” Dorman said. “So, I am very cautious about saying we’re going to cut x position because then x teacher sees this or hears about it, and the next day that position ends up being that we were able

We’ve tried to be thoughtful in both short-term and long-term, and the impact of these decisions.”

TODD DORMAN,
Director of Finances
and Operations

to save that position.”

Public comments

One member of the community expressed her concern about the number of potential classes and positions being cut or reduced.

“Cutting one of those positions is a huge impact on a school that’s already really small...it’s a big percentage that’s affected by just one decision,” she said.

“Because of the increased cost of special education services, we are hoping that...additional money will be available for us to use,” Dorman said.

FY25 budget approved

On April 9, the board came back together to discuss the final decision for the budget for the 2025 fiscal year.

“We are seeing that FY 25 is going to be a tight budget, but I think that Todd and the budget committee have tried to minimize the impact,” Durham said.

In total, the committee, with Dorman, summarized the final total needing to be a budget of \$12,015,508, with the ask of the town for it to be \$9,847,099.

“I want you to know how much I really appreciate all the work you’ve done on this,” Bartosz said to the board. “It’s been a daunting

task, for sure. \$700,000 of cuts is awful, but not as awful as it could be.”

“We’ve tried to be thoughtful in both short-term and long-term, and the impact of these decisions,” Dorman said.

The board moved to approve the final operating budget of \$9,847,099 to be submitted at the Town Meeting for final approval and votes.

Superintendent search

The committee is continuing their search for a superintendent, and several people have already expressed interest in the position.

They looked through the candidates and discussed the possibility of extending invitations for an interview in order for them to get an idea of the commitment to the job.

They are looking currently to build a committee of people from different areas including faculty and staff, community members and parents from the district to help decide on the new superintendent.

They will move forward to find three to four candidates to interview for the final committee, and will continue discussion during the coming meetings.

Student Representative’s report

Cole Fuller, the student representative, came forward to give a report on events and testing schedules. The last week of Massachusetts Cumulative Assessment System testing at East Meadow ended with grades three to six taking it.

Dino-Mite Nite on March 11 was an enjoyable experience for the elementary schoolers to practice English Language Arts skills and get to read more.

The high school is starting its spring sports season, their Cradles

to Crayons event went well, and as fourth quarter draws near, schedules for next year are beginning to be made.

Last week was Spirit Week, and on Monday the students dressed in their best Hawaiian outfits, Tuesday was Twin Day, Wednesday featured using anything but a backpack, and Friday was Pajama Day.

The seventh and eighth graders are looking forward to their field trip to Sonny’s Place coming up, and the ninth graders for their trip to Brownstone Adventure Sports Park.

There will be a digital skill assembly for all students on April 29, and schedules are in the works as summer programs are being announced for a pre-college opportunity to take part in volunteer work and internships for their desired majors.

From this year will be on May 10 at The Barn at Hampshire College from 6-10 p.m. Students can purchase tickets during lunch period.

Dual enrollment

The committee went over dual enrollment classes, and how to facilitate them. After Fuller announced the creation of next year’s schedules were in the works, a decision is needed for approval.

The committee thought of having the superintendent and staff work with students on a personal basis for the addition of classes for dual enrollment to the schedule.

The committee moved to push a formal vote to the next meeting in order to ensure that students will be able to dual-enroll if they should desire to do so on time for the next year.

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The sculptures are made out of plaster over cardboard and were all in animal form.

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but in the general public. “We plan on making it even bigger,” St. Pierre said. “Get more kids involved.”

The 14 students who did a painting and sculpture are all part of Belchertown High School’s freshman class. The students were Mia Benoit, Addison-Rose DiBona, Maria Fahmy, Vanessa Guerdon, Dory Keefe, Cian Lindsay, Charlotte MacKenzie, Danielle Mosio, Jocelyn Patten, Piper Patten, Kate Rivera, Rose-Emily Roy, Lelia Van Buren and Gianna Zenon.

Director of the Clapp Memorial Library Cyndi Harbeson was in attendance during the artwork’s opening night. Harbeson was pleased to see artwork displayed around the library as it lit up the room.

Last summer, the library had hangers placed on the wall to include artwork for the public to see. Harbeson thought it would be great to have the students’ artwork on the wall and it would be important for the kids to have the chance to show off their work.

“The public could ask to purchase their work,” Harbeson said.

The paintings will be displayed until the end of April, but the sculptures were only displayed for opening night. The sculptures were in animal form and are made of plaster over cardboard. Many of the students were at opening night showing their work to friends and family.

The theme of the paintings was shoes; footwear of all kinds. There were paintings of hiking boots, cowboy boots, work boots, sneakers and other shoe varieties.

More student artwork will be exhibited at the Clapp Memorial Library sometime in November.

In May, the Clapp Memorial Library will have a display of photography from residents of Belchertown. There will be photographs displayed for adults, teenagers and youths.

The Friends of Clapp Memorial Library will be having a spring book sale starting on April 22-27

Monday, April 22 will be for members only from 4-8 p.m. The book sale will be open to the public Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



Cian Lindsay was the artist behind the canvas painting of the hiking boots with a green background.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO



“The One Two Stepper” created by Dory Keefe.

Dory Keefe
“The One Two Stepper”
 acrylic on canvas board



Cowboy boots were painted by Addison-Rose DiBona.



Mia Benoit was the artist of this canvas painting called “Converse”.



Sculptures were also displayed on opening night. Here is a dragonfly made by Lelia Van Buren.



There was a total of 14 sculptures on display that could only be seen on opening night.

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Belchertown Spring Outside series starts April 20 with clean-up

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown Spring Outside is a series of accessible and inclusive outdoor activities, free and open to the public, and organized collaboratively between the Conservation Department, Friends of the Lake Wallace Trail, and McPherson Garden Committee. Respectively, the events activate open spaces in Belchertown, and invite residents to engage in them anew.

Earth Day Town Wide Clean-Up

Organized by the Conservation Department, the Earth Day Town Wide Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m.-noon. Register, pick up cleanup supplies and drop off trash bags at the Town Common parking lot, 25 Park St. The first event of the series is the Conservation Commission's annual Earth Day Clean-Up event, which invites residents to take ownership of local open spaces through stewardship activities. The town-wide trash clean-up event, which focuses on conservation and recreation areas, rivers, and roadways, makes a visible and tangible impact, offering a sense of accomplishment and belonging to participants.

For more details contact Sarah Fortune, Conservation Administrator by calling 413-323-0405 or emailing sfortune@belchertown.org.

Healthy Wetlands

Organized by the Friends of the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail, Healthy Wetlands will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Whitlock Way.

Next in the series, the Friends of the Lake Wallace Trail is organizing a themed walk along the edge of the lake on Foley Field recreation area, Healthy Wetlands.

Sampling the water of Lake Wallace from Foley Field with Louise Levy, participants will learn to identify, do scientific illustrations, and count the

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at the April 8 meeting. She said the survey was distributed to those who attend the alliance's meetings and are on the email list.

Boutot said the survey showed that members preferred monthly meetings being held on Monday mornings, or even in the afternoon. An afternoon session would potentially open up the meetings for more youth and community members.

Hybrid meetings were the primary choice as well as virtual. Having in person meetings posed a challenge for working people.

Boutot said those taking the survey also asked for more research updates.

"Research is a broad subject," she said. It can cover prevention, treatment, recovery or events with speakers.

Survey takers said it would be great to have more speakers at meetings.

Boutot said the survey also showed that alliance members wanted to receive more information about kratom and hemp-based cannabis, as well as neurodivergence, mental health and substance use.

Boutot said there was less interest in policy making.

"People seem to be more interested in the science than the rules and regulations," she said.

The alliance will still continue to be involved in policy making, Boutot said.

"We're still involved in them and still working on them," she said.

The alliance is now forming working groups with community members to focus on different areas of substance use prevention, including vaping prevention and education, school substance prevention and more.

"We are here to listen," Boutot said. "We are learning and growing...the team is growing."

Safe Storage update

Drug Free Communities Program Director Rebecca Edwards said

Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance is running a Safe Storage campaign, to encourage people to safely store their medications and substances in their homes.

Proper storage includes keeping medications out of sight and reach of children; in a locking medicine box; or in a locking, scent-free pouch (for cannabis). It also means disposing of unused or expired medication at the police station or CVS in Ware.

QHSUA member Mark Klee is also working with pharmacy partners to find ways to distribute lock boxes from those locations in the future.

Edwards said people can also ask for Dispose RX, a tablet that makes the medication unusable and safe to throw away. These are available at Walgreens or your local health department.

For more information, visit www.qhsua.org/safe-storage.

Grant updates

Community Engagement Coordinator for QHSUA Abaigeal Duda said the alliance is applying for the next cycle of the STOP Act Grant in May. The grant would target underage drinking in 12-20 year olds.

This is a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

"We did have a STOP Act Grant that was extended through December 2023," Duda said. "This round will build on what was already established. We are really excited to apply for this."

Duda said the alliance was able to accomplish a lot with the first grant round, and the second one, if received, will focus on the towns of Palmer and Ware.

Events and updates

QHSUA member Sue Lewandowski said John Morello will visit North Brookfield Public Schools on May 8 and meet with students before welcoming community members from across the region to his "Dirt" presentation that

evening.

The evening presentation will be held from 5-7 p.m. in the elementary school. A meet and greet will be held afterward.

"We really want a huge group," she said. "It isn't just for North Brookfield."

Lewandowski said Morello will be in the school all day speaking with students prior to the performance that will be held in the Elementary School.

Various organizations and service providers will have tables set up in the building, including QHSUA. The school band will also perform, and food will be available.

Duda said Youth Mental Health First Aid training will be held on April 24 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. via Zoom.

"It is our goal to get as many people trained in this as possible," she said. "So you can recognize signs of distress, whether substance use or mental health."

Those that participate in the Youth Mental Health First Aid training can also choose to take part in a separate "train the trainer" session that will be held over three days.

Nisha Humayun, the Project Coordinator for Community Health with Healthy Quaboag, talked about the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council and how its members are being trained on how to interview community members to complete the food assessment.

Dave Burns of the Palmer Police Department said the collaborative Community Strong Wellness events being held at the Palmer Public Library will continue on select Thursday afternoons from 1-4 p.m.

The next Community Strong Wellness event will be held on April 25. People are encouraged to stop in and meet the staff, or share any questions or concerns they may have.

This regular monthly event will assist people looking for help with problematic substance use, mental health concerns, housing stability, financial assistance, health insurance questions and more.

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Tent B - Bracelet Making/Finger Painting, Helping Hands Student Group

11:00AM - 11:20AM
Tent A - Mindfulness Meditation for Adults, Steve Opalenik
Tent B - Narcan Training, Kirsten Krieger

11:30AM - 11:50AM
Tent A - High 5 Demo Yoga, Brent Wilson
Tent B - Country Bank Financial Wellness, Melissa Stefanowich

12:00PM - 12:20PM
Tent A - Chair Stretching, Jan Davies
Tent B - Lead Yourself Youth - "Managing the Overwhelm," Sara Vatore

12:30PM - 12:50PM
Tent A - Introduction to Journaling, Ruthie Sterling
Tent B - Clapp Library Story Time, Jennifer Whitehead

1:00PM - 1:20PM
Tent A - "Educate/Act/Prevent creating solutions not excuses to save lives", Paula Young (Achieve Greatness)
Tent B - Mindfulness/mediation for Youth, Steve Opalenik

1:30PM - 1:50PM
Tent A - Introduction to the 12 Step Pathways, Sue Daly

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11:00AM - 12:30PM - Zara Phillips, Singer/Actress/Story Teller
2:00PM - 3:00PM - Laura Stack, CEO Johnny's Ambassadors

LAKE WALLACE SENSORY TRAIL GUIDED WALK

10:30AM - 11:30AM - Louise Levy at Lake Wallace Entrance (a) BPD

FACE PAINTING

11:00AM - 1:00PM - Melissa Avery
1:30PM - 3:30PM - Margaret Goldman

SUPPORT DOGS

10:00AM - 12:00PM - Northampton Support Dog
12:00PM - 1:00PM - BOOMER from the Thunderbirds
12:00PM - 3:00PM - Belchertown Support Dog, Oliver!

PIRATE AND MAGIC SHOW

11:00AM - 11:45AM - Pirate Themed Magic Show, Kapt Kraw
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Carillon pitches

Granby past Ludlow



Brandon Carillon fires a pitch to the plate for the Rams.

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

GRANBY—In a span of a couple of hours last Wednesday afternoon, Mabel and Brandon Carillon were the winning pitchers for the Granby varsity softball and varsity baseball teams.

Brandon Carillon, who's a freshman right-hander, and his teammates celebrated a 13-5 home victory over Suburban Central League rival Ludlow. It was the first meeting on the baseball diamond between the two neighboring high schools.

Brodie Funk sends a throw to first.

"It just feels great winning my first varsity baseball game," said Carillon, who lives in the shadows of the Granby High School baseball field. "I was a little bit nervous when coach (James) Woods told me that I was going to be the starting pitcher in today's game. We did fall behind early in the

game, but my teammates helped me out a lot."

Brandon's sister is a junior member of the varsity softball team, who defeated Smith Academy, 21-8, in five innings.

Carillon, who was a member of the Rams j.v. baseball team last year, pitched three innings in the season opener against Smith Academy, which was a 15-4 win. He hurled the first five innings against the Lions allowing four runs on four hits. He walked seven batters and had four strikeouts.

"Brandon was a little bit shaky on the mound in the first inning, but he quickly settled down after that," said Granby assistant coach Matt Misiasek. "He got out of a second inning jam without allowing any runs, which was huge for



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Colin Murdock backhands a grounder.

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Orioles fall in four sets

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

WARE—After not facing each other during the past couple of years, the Belchertown and Ware boys' volleyball teams renewed acquaintances at Paul Orszulak Gymnasium, last Friday night.

The Indians, who had lost their previous two road matches, got

back into the win column again with a hard-fought 3-1 (25-23, 29-31, 25-8, 25-14) victory over the Orioles.

"We haven't played against Belchertown in a couple of years, but it's always a good match-up whenever we do face them," said Ware head coach Steve Jarvis. "It would be nice if we could play them more than once during the

regular season."

The Indians had a 4-2 overall record following the home win. They won eight matches a year ago. They also qualified for the Division 2 state tournament for the second time.

The Orioles saw their overall record fall to 0-5. They did win

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Rams double up on Mustangs

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Cody White looks to take the ball out of the defensive end.

SOUTH HADLEY – Using neighbor South Hadley High School's turf field, Granby boys lacrosse hosted Monson last Monday night. The Mustangs, which co-op with Pathfinder, fell on the road 12-6 to the Rams.

The Rams were led by Riley Goodhind with four goals and three assists. Kamdyn Lopez and Connor McDonnell had three goals and two assists each. Monson is 1-1 this season while the Rams are out to a 2-1 mark.



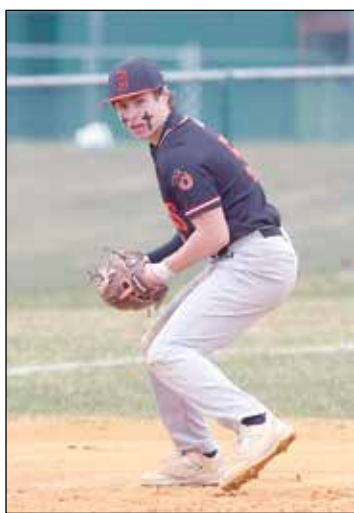
Connor McDonnell emerges from behind the opposing goal.



Tristan Moe looks to pass out of the defensive end.



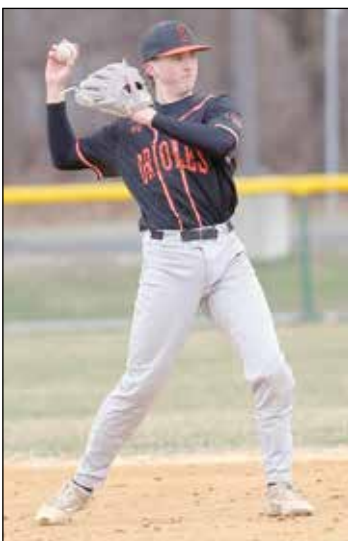
Ian McDonald fields a grounder to shortstop.



Josh Misiasek gets ready to make a throw to first.



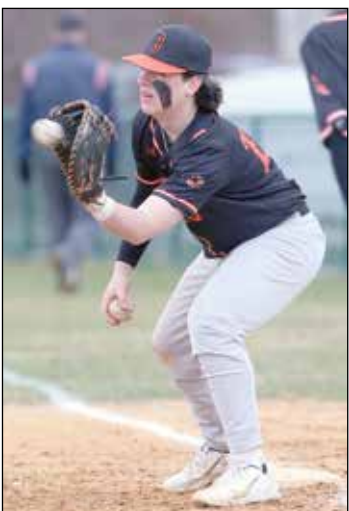
Evan Ferguson delivers to the plate for the Orioles during recent action.



Ryan Gould gets an out at first base.

Lancers rally late to beat Belchertown

BELCHERTOWN – Last Tuesday afternoon, Belchertown baseball was defeated by Longmeadow 7-4. The Orioles had a 3-1 lead heading into the sixth, but gave up three in the sixth and three in the seventh to take the loss. For the Orioles, Nathan Marino scored twice and Ryan Gould and Canyon Charron had RBI in the game. The Orioles are 1-3 this season.



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Jake Waller catches an out at first.

SPORTS

Win keeps playoff hopes alive for T-Birds

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (30-35-3-2) snapped their six-game slide with a 4-2 comeback win over the Providence Bruins (40-20-6-3) on Sunday afternoon inside a sold-out MassMutual Center, the 19th such crowd this season.

The afternoon started rocky, as Patrick Brown connected on a forehand from the slot area on the day's first shot to give Providence a 1-0 lead 46 seconds into the contest.

T-Birds starting goaltender Colten Ellis put himself into a pickle at 9:24 of the first when he mishandled a puck to the side of his net. After a pair of Bruins dislodged it, the third man on the attack, rookie Jaxon Nelson, deked to the backhand to beat Ellis and give Providence a 2-0 advantage. It was Nelson's first professional goal.

Brandon Bussi drew the net for the Bruins, and after shutting out the T-Birds on March 10, he had

his sights on duplicating the feat on Sunday, holding the T-Birds off the board past the midpoint of regulation.

With their backs against the wall, the T-Birds leaned on their Man of the Year to jumpstart the squad. Off a draw at 13:08 of the middle stanza, Drew Callin pushed past his opponent to hack a shot toward Bussi's crease. The normally stout netminder sprung a leak this time as the puck sneaked under his legs to get Springfield on the board, cutting the lead to 2-1.

Following matching minors and another penalty to the Bruins, Springfield's man advantage earned a 4-on-3 opportunity, and the AHL's leading goal scorer made his presence known as Adam Gaudette rifled a one-time snapper over Bussi's glove at 14:40, tying the score off a perfect cross-ice setup by Jakub Vrana.

Special teams proved para-

mount for Springfield, as the penalty kill went a perfect 5-for-5, including two clutch successes in the final period. Gaudette provided more heroics at 10:32 of the third when he skated in on the right wing on a 2-on-1 and blistered a wrist shot over Bussi's blocker to give the T-Birds a 3-2 lead on his 44th goal of the season. The two-goal day for Gaudette was his 12th such game this season.

With Providence clamoring for an equalizer in the final minute, Callin, rookie Dylan Peterson, and Kean Washkurak gutted out a defensive zone sequence to clear their end. Washkurak capped things off with an empty-netter from the red line to give the T-Birds the victory.

The T-Birds look to earn a second straight win over the Bruins when they travel to Providence for a rematch on Friday night at the Amica Mutual Pavilion at 7:05 p.m.

Some roster spots still open in Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League

Rosters spots are dwindling, but there are still some spots available as the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League prepares for its season opener on Sunday, April 28 featuring three games.

Registration for the 2024 season is now open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typical-

ly fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley used as well some expansion to the surrounding area this season. The league does not play on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertaining taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league. Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team.

Registration now open to take part in Bay State Games

WOBURN — Registration for the 42nd annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2024 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from May 11 – July 27 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and North Star Ice Sports in Westborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, Please see **REGISTRATION**, page 13

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their first set of the regular season against the Indians.

"At least we won our first set of the season tonight," said Belchertown head coach Chris Shea. "We graduated five seniors, so we do have a lot of guys playing volleyball for the first time. They've been improving in every match. The future does look very bright for us."

Despite only winning five matches a year ago, the Orioles still qualified for the Division 2 state tournament as the 28th seeded team.

"When the power rankings are released for the first time this spring, we probably would've played seven of the top twenty teams in Division 2," Shea said. "There are some very good volleyball teams in Western Mass this year."

The only senior listed on the Belchertown varsity roster is Rainer Kristensen, who's a captain.

"Rainer is our setter and he's the first four year varsity volleyball player that I've coached,"

Shea said. "He's approaching 1,000 career assists."

Kristensen, who's less than 200 assists away from reaching the milestone, added 19 assists to his career total against Ware. He also had two digs. The duo of junior Noah Yankson and sophomore Shea MacLean led the visitors with eight kills. Junior Zach Dragon added four kills.

Ware senior captain Remy Cahalan finished the home match with 12 kills, nine digs, and two blocks.

Senior Josh Mulligan, who's also a captain, had eight digs and six aces.

Junior Nathon Harmon had 25 assists. Sophomore Sean Bernier contributed with 14 digs, and three aces.

The Indians led by as many as ten points in the opening set and it looked like they had everything under control, but they almost watched it all slip away from them.

Belchertown was trailing, 22-12, before making a dramatic comeback.

With junior Rocco Meausky handling the serving duties, the

Orioles reeled off four straight points slicing the deficit to 22-16.

Following a kill by Ware senior Kyle Gordon, the Orioles put-together a 7-1 run. An ace by Kristensen made the score 24-23.

The Indians did manage to lock up the first set with the aid of an unforced error by the Orioles.

The score was tied 13 times during the second set, which was very close from start to finish.

Once again, the Orioles were trailing, 23-19, before storming back.

An ace by Yankson tied the score at 24-24.

Each time Ware took the lead after that, the Orioles would win the next point and tied the score.

Belchertown held a 28-27 lead following an ace by Meausky, but the Indians responded with a kill from Mulligan.

The score was tied for the final time at 29-29 before the Orioles finally ended the second set with a Yankson kill and a Kristensen ace.

"It seemed like nobody really wanted to win the second set," Shea said. "We both kept giv-

ing it away. I'm just happy that we were able to pull it out in the end."

The momentum of winning the second set didn't carry over into the third set for the Orioles.

With an amazing serving performance from Bernier, who's a libero, the Indians reeled off the first 12 points of the third set. Bernier, who's a lefty, had three straight aces making the score 9-0 before Cahalan finished the run with three consecutive kills.

"Sean is a very good server," Jarvis said. "It was a nice way to start the third set, especially after we lost the second."

The home team maintained its double digit lead the rest of the way and took a 2-1 lead in the overall match.

Belchertown took a 6-3 lead in the fourth set before Ware responded with an 8-2 run.

The Orioles, who were trailing, 11-8, won the next four points which gave them a 12-11 advantage.

The Indians, who answered back with a 14-2 run, won their second home match of the regular season.

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us. Brandon is a talented pitcher, and he knows the game of baseball very well."

Woods, who's the longtime Granby varsity baseball coach wasn't available following the game, which was called due to darkness with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Granby sophomore righthander Anthony Santiago, who replaced Carillon on the mound in the top of the sixth, allowed an unearned run and a hit.

The home victory evened the Rams overall record to 2-2. The Lions fell to 1-3. It was the first league game for both teams.

"We're a young team," said Ludlow head coach Aaron Patterson, who was the boys' basketball coach at the McDuffie School "We're going to continue to play hard in every game this season. I just love coaching this group of players."

The Lions did take a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Freshman Christian Kochanek, who was the Lions starting pitcher, doubled to left leading off the



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Spencer Labonte catches a throw to third.

frame. He scored when freshman DH Nicholas Dion (2-for-3) lined a single into left field. Senior first

baseman Stephen Goodreau, who drew a two-out walk, scored the Lions other run on a wild pitch

Kochanek stranded a pair of runners in scoring position in the bottom half of the inning.

Then sophomore shortstop Mason Morace and sophomore centerfielder Alex Spurlock drew back-to-back walks leading off the top of the second inning. The Lions failed to add to their lead in that inning, as Carillon struck out the next two batters before catching a pop-up.

Ludlow made a costly throwing error in the bottom of the second leading to five unearned runs.

Four of the Rams runs scored on RBI singles by senior second baseman Colin Murdock, senior catcher Nik Misiaszek, Santiago, and Carillon. Misiaszek scored the fifth run of the inning on a wild pitch.

The Rams added four more runs in their next at-bats with the help of two run singles by Santiago and Carillon.

Overall, Kochanek allowed nine runs (two earned) on seven hits with two walks and two strikeouts during the first three innings. He was replaced on the mound by freshman righty Luke Stejna before the bottom of the fourth

inning.

Granby sent ten batters to the plate in that frame and four of them scored. Junior first baseman Gavin Kennedy drove home two runs with a single to left. The Rams other two runs scored on a throwing error, which made the score 13-2.

Had the Rams been able to keep Ludlow from scoring two runs in the top of the fifth inning, the game would've ended at that point due to the ten-run mercy rule.

The Lions first run of the frame scored on a Dion RBI single to right field. Stenja, who walked, scored the second run on a wild pitch keeping the game going a little bit longer.

Ludlow scored another run in the top of the sixth.

With two outs in the home half of the frame, Misiaszek and Carillon, who both had two hits apiece, hit back-to-back singles.

At that point, the umpires decided to stop the game, which began at 5pm, due to darkness.

The Rams are scheduled to make the short trip to Whitney Park to battle the Lions for a second time on April 30.

SPORTS

HoopHall announces unique new exhibit for this summer

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced another brand new exhibit coming to the museum this summer titled The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked. This innovative and immersive experience will be unlike anything the Basketball Hall of Fame has previously produced. The Hall of Fame has collaborated with the NBA’s most storied franchise to present this inaugural installation of The Vault.

“We are excited to launch another state-of-the-art space in the world’s finest sports museum,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked is a limited engagement that will feature a finely crafted experience that will capture the imagination of sports

fans and speak to the heart of what makes basketball the world’s most popular game.”

Matt Zeysing, Vice President of Curatorial for the museum, began working on The Vault concept more than a year ago. “We knew we wanted to create something spectacular, something that basketball fans had never seen before. The Boston Celtics represent a winning tradition that is second to none and that tradition still continues today. To that end, our team has carefully curated and brought together the most sought-after Celtic memorabilia in the world.”

Set in an immersive bank vault, Celtics legends from the past and present will take visitors on an epic journey to discover the true meaning

of Celtic Pride. The Vault will feature authentic game-worn jerseys, championship rings, the original ‘81 NBA championship trophy, long-lost footage, and much more.

“The Boston Celtics are honored to bring their history and tradition to life with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked,” said Boston Celtics Team President Rich Gotham. “We hope fans enjoy this immersive experience, which will showcase unique memorabilia and celebrate the Celtics’ storied legacy.”

Visitors will enjoy an exclusive display of Celtics memorabilia for a limited period. Tickets for the museum can be purchased online at etix.com or at the door.

OBITUARY

DEATH NOTICE

McAndrew, Alec Stephen
Died April 9, 2024

Alec Stephen McAndrew, 30

BELCHERTOWN – Alec Stephen McAndrew, 30, passed away unexpectedly April 9, 2024.

He was born on Jan. 17, 1994, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, the son of Sean and Donna McAndrew.

Alec graduated from Belchertown High School and went on to earn his bachelor’s degree from Assumption College. Recently, Alec was pursuing a career as a property manager at NAI Plotkin.

Alec was an avid reader and had a special ability to learn a number of new languages. He also enjoyed being outdoors, occasionally hiking and fishing.

Alec was preceded in death by his mother, Donna (Gosselin) McAndrew. He is survived by his father and stepmother, Sean and Vicki McAndrew, of Belchertown, and his brother, Shane McAndrew of Colby, Kansas.

Services will be scheduled in the future at the discretion of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Alec’s memory can be made to the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health by visiting www.MAMH.org. To extend online condolences, please visit www.beersandstory.com.



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the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Seven high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check

each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

Returning in 2024, Table Tennis

will take place on June 1 at PingPod in Boston after a 5-year hiatus from the Summer Games sport lineup. New venues include Babson College, which will host the Girls Basketball Showcase, and NorthStar Ice Sports, which will host Figure Skating and the Girls Ice Hockey Showcase. Game On in Fitchburg will serve as a hub venue for eight sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July.

For questions, email info@bay-stategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

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The Town of Belchertown invites sealed Bids for the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail Extension Project, a 5,000-foot-long, 5-foot-wide, fully-accessible recreational and educational trail. The Project connects to the existing Sensory Trail—Phase One—which was constructed in 2022. The planned trail follows a course that wraps around Foley Field and continues north-northeast along an existing cleared easement to an open reflection area. When connected to Phase One the trail allows for an uninterrupted connection from Route 202 to the athletic fields, the woodlands, the reflection area, and other key community gathering points in the vicinity.

Bidding of this project is being completed by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and funded by grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Recreational Trails Program through funding from the Federal Recreational Trails Program administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. The estimated construction cost

for this project is approximately \$525,000.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications will be available electronically beginning April 17th, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104, phone: 413-781-6045. Electronic copies may be obtained by contacting Sue Ortiz at sortiz@pvpc.org.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the greatest possible bid amount, considering all alternatives and made payable to Town of Belchertown.

All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates as required by

M.G.L. c.30, §39M as amended, and M.G.L. c.149, §26 to 27H, inclusive. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates and applicable Federal labor standards shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act. When both State and Federal wage rates are applicable, the higher rate must be paid.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the sixty (60) days subsequent to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail Extension.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be

awarded the contract subject to availability of funds under the grant programs. The Town of Belchertown may cancel this Invitation for Bid (IFB), in whole or in part, at any time that such an act is deemed in its best interest, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town, and will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

Questions regarding the bid specifications should be directed to Erica Johnson at the PVPC, 413- 781-6045 or ejohnson@pvpc.org. Contract documents may be viewed at the PVPC, 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104.

A pre-bid meeting will take place on Thursday April 25th at 10:00 AM. Those interested should meet in front of the Belchertown Parks and Recreation Department located at 66 State Street, on a drive noted as Whitlock Way. The meeting will include accessing the existing Lake Wallace Trail and proposed trail extension.

Bids must be received at the office of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Bids will be opened and read at that time.
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for fiction. Chehade is a resident of Granby and an educator in Amherst.

Khan, who lives in Belchertown, won the Massachusetts Book Award in 2023 for her fifth and most recent novel, “The Miraculous True Story of Nomi Ali”, also listed in The New York Times’ “Best Historical Fiction 2022” as well as The New York Times’ “Books for Summer 2022.”

Khan’s other novels include “Thinner Than Skin”, winner of the French Embassy Prize for Best Fiction at the Karachi Literature Festival 2014. Born in Pakistan, Khan has also lived in the Philippines, Japan, England, Morocco, and Oceania.

In her children’s book “Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine”, Moushabeck, who lives in Amherst, recreates the vibrancy of her father’s memories of Palestine through the bedtime stories he told her and her sisters as children. Through their father’s memories, the Old City of Jerusalem comes to life: the sounds of juice vendors beating rhythms with brass cups, the smell of argileh drifting through windows, and the sight of doves flapping their wings toward home.

These daughters of the diaspora feel love for a place they have never been, a home they cannot visit. But, as their father’s story comes to an end, they know that through his memories, they will always return.

Illustrated by Reem Madooh, Homeland is a love letter to home, to family, and to the persisting hope of people that transcends borders.

“Stories Told & Untold: Writing Between Memory & History” is hosted by BVJ, a grassroots group of primarily Belchertown residents who formed on Jan. 29, 2017, during a rally on the Belchertown common to protest the president’s executive order banning refugees and immigrants.

BVJ’s mission statement reads, “We are residents (and friends) of Belchertown, MA who want to come together to organize events and actions for peace and justice in our town and the wider world. BVJ provides a virtual platform to communicate and connect with other neighbors to share information, support, and plans for peaceful, non-violent activism that is relevant to Belchertown.”

In January, BVJ hosted the Zoom event “A Community Conversation Towards Peace in the Middle East with Holocaust Survivor Marione Ingram.” BVJ oversees a private Facebook group and a public page, Creating a Welcoming Community in Belchertown.

The event is free and open to the public.

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GRANBY

Selectboard discusses senior work-off program

BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS
Staff Writer
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GRANBY – The Selectboard met to discuss their upcoming plans for a Senior Work-Off Program to help benefit the members of the town who are age 60 and older.

The April 8 meeting was led by Chair Glen N. Sexton, Clerk Crystal Dufresne, and Richard Beaulieu as well as Town Administrator Christopher Martin.

Senior Work-Off Program
The board discussed how the town will be implementing a senior work-off program, which is a program designed for qualifying seniors that will give specific abatements for their property taxes.

Dufresne brought to the board research she did based off of the surrounding towns' senior work-off programs, and what they provide in their individual ones.

"If we're trying to make that a larger impact on the community, I think I would do \$500 max per household so that we can reach more people," Dufresne said.

The board decided upon opening up 40 spots within the program. "I'd rather us have spots available, than do it and not have spots available for those who want to do it," Sexton said.

They discussed further the specifics of who would qualify for the program. The board will continue to discuss specifics of the program, and the final decision will be announced at a later date.

Dufresne Park rentals and other business

Martin came to the board with four rental requests. The first rental request came from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The organization is looking to reserve the large pavilion, bathrooms and access to the pond for a youth event for 100 people on June 1. The second request at the dog park to have use of the pavilion.

There will be a 5K walk, and they are looking to host a meal in the parking lot, open field, and pavilion in order to host a meal.

On Sept. 14, there is a group picnic for 70 people on the large pavilion and field.

Martin also received and brought forward an email he received from a member of Amherst College and has requested to set up cameras to monitor human and animal activity along a trail "to determine if human interaction or recreation is affecting the local wildlife"

Martin brought up a request from a town faculty member to discuss the amount of time that the polls will be open for voting this year in the upcoming town election.

"Our responsibility is to the voters and giving them an ample amount of time to vote," Sexton said.

The board ended the meeting by reviewing and going over various executive sessions to discuss contract negotiations with other nonunion personnel.

Granby Town Clerk lists important reminders

GRANBY – Town Clerk Katherine A. Kelly-Regan reminded residents to register their dogs before May 1 to avoid a fine.

Postcard reminders have been mailed out to dog owners who have not yet licensed their dogs.

March and April are the months to license (bylaws of the Town of Granby CH XIV). The cost is \$6 for spayed/neutered, senior dogs over 10 years, and puppies under 12 months, all others the cost is \$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.

All residents who licensed their dogs through the Town Census should have received their dog tags. If you did not receive your dog tag, please contact the Town Clerk's office.

Election information

2024 is a big election year. Please make sure you are current with your Census Information.

Confirmation notices have been mailed out to all those voters who did not answer the 2024 Town Census as required by MA General Laws Ch 51, Sec 4. Therefore, all voters who receive this postcard are now designated as "Inactive" on the Granby Voting List.

To "Activate" your Voting Status please mail back this postcard, and if you did not receive an Annual Town Census or would like to check on your voting status, please call the Town Clerk's office for verification.

If you are not a registered voter, Friday, May 3 is the last day to register to vote to be eligible to participate in the following events: The Annual Town Meeting on May 13 and the Annual Town Election on May 20.

Last Day Voter Registration will be held in the Town Clerk's office located in the Town Hall Annex, at 215 B West State St. on Friday, May 3, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Other ways to register to vote: register by stopping by the Town

Clerk's Office before the deadline, or you can pick up mail in voter registration forms at the Granby Post Office, or the Granby Public Library, you can also download a voter registration form or register to vote on-line by going to either www.sec.state.ma.us, or www.granby-ma.gov and search for voter registration.

Mail in forms must be post-marked by May 3 to be eligible to participate.

Upcoming events

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, May 4 at the South Hadley DPW, 10 Industrial Drive, South Hadley from 9 a.m.-noon and pre-registration is required. Granby residents should call the Board of Health at 413-467-7174 or email boh@granby-ma.gov for registration.

Yard Waste Days will be held Saturdays, May 18 and June 15, at the Highway Department from 8 a.m.-noon. Please enter from the West Street Side.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Kelly-Regan, Town Clerk, by calling 413-467-7178.

Puppet show at Granby Free Public Library today

GRANBY – Fairies of the Season Puppet Show with Talking Hands Theatre at the Granby Free Public Library, 297 East State St., on Thursday, April 18 at 11 a.m.

Every season has unique qualities: the trees look different, different kinds of plants are growing, and people wear and do different

things. In this magical show, each season has its own fairy that takes care of changing the natural world accordingly.

Anna Sobel, Talking Hands Theatre, has been back at the Granby Library many times and always puts on a great interactive show.

Recommended for ages 2-7 and pre-registration is required.

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'Oh So Lucky to Have You'

Third graders enjoy first ever special person dance



Third graders made use of some St. Patrick's Day props at the first ever "Oh So Lucky to Have You" dance at Swift River School.

BELCHERTOWN – On March 15, third grade students from Swift River School participated in the first ever "Oh So Lucky to Have You" special person dance.

Students who attended the event were able to bring a grown up to dance as their special guest to serve as a thank you to them for being an important person who makes their lives better. The event was put on by the PTO to help support

the costs of Field Day. Everyone danced the night away and wonderful memories were made.

The Cold Spring – Swift River PTO would like to thank these local businesses who sponsored the dance and supported the students: Tall Tree Landscape, Complete Septic Services, J+P Engineering, Hulmes Transportation, A Healing Touch and the Jackson Nale RE/MAX Team.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

These third graders enjoyed dressing up and posing for a photo.



Many memories were made for students and adults alike.



This student was all smiles with his special guest.



A student enjoys a hug from her special guest.



Third grade students and their special guests enjoyed the dance put on by the PTO.

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"They are huge," Town Planner Doug Albertson said of this largest tier. "And they're usually adjacent to a substation or generation plant."

He also explained that each tier is separated by storage capacity as measured in megawatt-hours.

Albertson began the hearing by explaining why these new regulations were expected to be necessary.

"These battery, electricity storage facilities are pretty substantially big," he said. "Renewable energy providers are building them, like with solar or wind sites, but also the utilities, Eversource and National Grid, they're putting them up just to have storage capacity for peak periods."

He went on to say, "There are some issues with these things, mostly because what they are made with very volatile chemi-

icals. So, we want to be able to get a handle on these things for the sake of public safety."

This issue of public safety was one of the most important to the Planning Board, and Fire Chief John Ingram was present at the hearing to discuss emergency response to hypothetical battery-related events.

Vice Chair Mike Hofler asked Ingram if he knew whether lithium would be the predominant chemical for use in batteries like the ones regulated by the proposed bylaw.

"I'm not totally positive on that," Ingram said. "I would probably say most likely, that's what they're using right now. But for the big stuff I'm not really sure what they're actually putting in there."

This opened up a conversation about preventing and responding to fires associated with these large batteries.

"We'd be in contact with the

hazmat team and DEP and everybody if we were to have an incident like that," he said. He said that potential containment methods and the risk of environmental contamination via runoff water could mean that certain fires might be allowed to burn out under supervision as the safest response option.

Ingram also said that Belchertown was not the only community thinking ahead about these issues.

"For the fire departments everywhere, we're dealing with the same thing," he said. "It's so new and the projects are new, we're all trying to figure it out together at the same time."

Hofler and board member Justin Bilodeau suggested that the spacing between individual battery units at the largest tier could be an important aspect of public safety regulation around these projects.

Albertson also made clear that

these regulations were not meant to deter any such battery storage systems from being constructed in town.

"There's no intention to ban them – I don't think we could if we wanted to," he said. "But we want to certainly be able to have standards to protect water supplies, air supplies and the surrounding public."

Planning Board Chair Dan Beaudette also highlighted the legal implications of failing to be proactive about addressing battery storage, referencing the possibility that a nearby town may be subject to a lawsuit for rejecting a large-scale standalone battery storage project.

"If we allow [batteries] for residences, and we allow them for solar or wind projects, but we don't allow the standalone batteries, are we going to be in the sights for a lawsuit if somebody wants to come in and put a standalone battery project in?" he

asked. Albertson responded, "I would suspect so."

Beaudette gave credit to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in helping to draft this battery storage bylaw.

"We didn't make it up whole cloth, we did go to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, which is our local planning commission district" he said. "That's one of the things that they were created to do, was to try to look at these types of large regional community issues and try to make expertise and advice available so we could address them."

Three other bylaws were discussed during the public hearing, addressing contractor's yards, accessory apartments and the multiple dwelling residential zone. All four bylaws were recommended to Town Meeting unanimously by the board.

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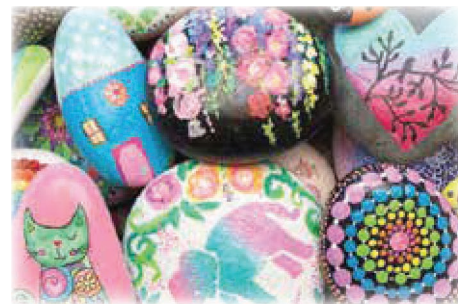
Spring Open House

A Spring Open House organized by the McPherson Sensory Garden will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 47 State St.

Finally, the McPherson Sensory Garden will invite residents to the annual Spring Open House to present and showcase the

accessible paths that were installed in fall 2023.

There will be a demonstration on scarecrow making by Michael Melle, music, rock painting, strolling through the gardens, seed planting to take home, plant swap, and books in the woods. For more details contact: Pat Barry by calling 413-478-4610 or Sharon Marean at 413-896-7531.



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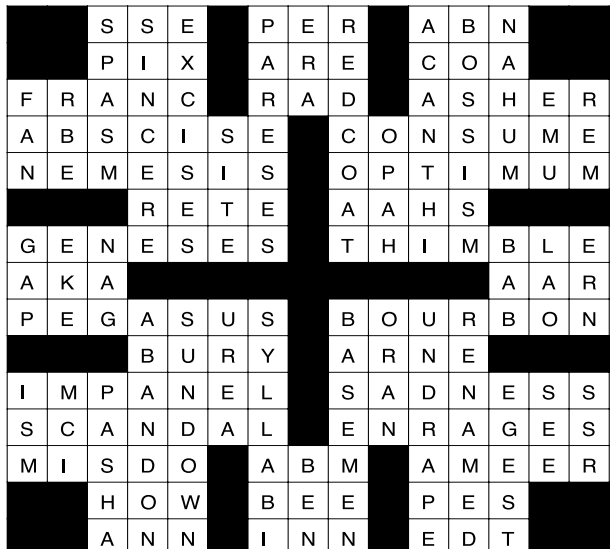
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Flags, and funds raised were donated to Food for the Hungry, an international Christian charity.

The MacDuffie School is a private, nonsectarian school for students in grades six to 12, with students from more than a dozen nations in attendance, according to Head of School Steven Griffin.

The school's diversity was on display during the race.

"Just today I see students from the USA, Vietnam, Japan, China, Turkey, Spain," he said.

Griffin said that he had worked to start the charity race when he first came on as Head of School 13 years ago, but that he was happy to have seen it become a student-run effort in more recent years. He said he had wanted to create an event that got students focused on international service while also engaging with each other and the community.

Gabrielle Benoit of Belchertown oversaw



The group of over 40 runners set off for the race while Benoit and Head of School Steven Griffin watch along.

the organization of the run this year, after having helped as a volunteer previously, and said she felt it was good to get involved more directly in the event.

Griffin said after the race that about \$1,500 had been raised to support Food for the Hungry. Additional information about the charity is available online at <https://www.fh.org/>.



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