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## Umbrella of Wellness educates about substance use

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BELCHERTOWN— Chestnut Hill Community School hosted the second annual Umbrella of Wellness Fair on Thursday evening.

The Umbrella of Wellness Fair is a collaborative event organized by the Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together committee and the Belchertown Drug-Free Communities' Program Director Kris Hoag. The event was entirely free to the public and family-friendly. Food trucks provided light meals, and fun and engaging activities raised the community consciousness about addiction.

Since last year the event has more than doubled in size. It featured booths and tables set up by fifty-five nonprofit organizations, a free raffle giveaway supported by donations from forty-five local businesses and activities

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(TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MATTY ANDERSON)  
Alene Motta and Linda Alleman, working the front desk.

## Voters approve \$60M budget

BY MELINA BOURDEAU  
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – Voters approved the roughly \$60 million budget at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday.

Voters approved of the following expenses: \$2.3 million for general government, \$5.4 million for public safety, \$32.6 million for the School Department, \$1.4 million for Pathfinder Vocational Technical High School District, \$2.2 million for the Department of Public Works/highways, \$447,000 for the Landfill Enterprise Fund, \$2 million for the Sewer Enterprise Fund, \$337,000 for the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund, \$1 million for Human Services Departments, \$1 million for Culture and Recreation Departments, \$1 million for DPW buildings and ground departments, \$6.2 million for pensions and insurance accounts, \$79,000 to unclassi-

fied accounts, \$951,000 to the interest and debt accounts and \$200,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

During the discussion on the budget, voters and town officials spoke about the town's structural deficit of over \$1 million and ways to correct the course.

Selectboard member Ed Boscher proposed a 1% reduction in the budget, discussing the town's structural deficit.

He said if the town were to continue its trajectory, he believed the town would need to do a proposition 2 1/2 override in the future.

Town Accountant Jill Rossi said she wanted the voters to know that voting on the budget was not an override.

"Our due diligence was done on this budget. We did not cut services to our community in this budget," she said.

She added that there would

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## Article to shift to town manager approved

BY MELINA BOURDEAU  
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – Voters approved an article allowing the Selectboard to petition the legislature to change from a town administrator to a town manager at the Annual Town Meeting, but

not without an attempt to amend the motion.

Selectboard Chair Jim Barry explained the reason the article was before the voters.

"This article changes the title from town administrator to town manager...As some of you may remember there were Selectmen

who ran the town and at some point, they hired an executive secretary to help with some of the paperwork. As towns got bigger and bigger, they hired town administrators to do that work," Barry said. "As years have gone by, more and more municipalities have gone to town manager. The

duties are very similar."

He said the Selectboard is allowed to hire a town administrator, but not a town manager. So the towns needed to get permission from the state legislature to allow for the body to do so.

During the discussion, Terry Nagel, proposed an amendment to

the town's bylaws.

This amendment follows the Selectboard's decision to appoint Department of Public Works Director Steve Williams as the next Town Administrator, rather than the three candidates brought

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## Belchertown High School presented the musical 'Once'

BY MATTY ANDERSON  
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BELCHERTOWN – Parents and community members congregated in the Belchertown High School auditorium over the weekend to witness a student production of the musical "Once."

As the end of the school year draws nearer, Belchertown High School's drama and music departments were set to showcase their version of the musical "Once." A collaboration between students and faculty alike, the play featured wonderful acting, choreography, singing and music.

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The cast poses for a commemorative photo with Director Josh Guerraz and Co-Director Mrs. Leighton.

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## COMMUNITY

### Candidate – Board of Health Dr. David Gottsegen

*Editor's note: Due to an editing error, Dr. David Gottsegen's name appeared incorrectly in last week's Sentinel. We apologize for the mistake.*

As a community pediatrician, issues of public health come up all the time, especially during the years of the Covid pandemic. As a resident of Belchertown since 1986, with two daughters who attended Belchertown schools, I would like to give back to the community using my skills and experience.

#### Why are you running for this position?

I am a physician with 35 years' experience. I graduated from Brown University, earned my medical degree at SUNY at Buffalo Medical School. I went on to an internship in family practice in Duluth, MN, then to a residency in pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinics in Minneapolis/St Paul. I have been a partner with Holyoke Pediatric Associates since 1993, serving a diverse population of children and families in our offices in South Hadley and

Holyoke. I am also the school physician for Chicopee. I have a special interest in the intersection of mind and body in pediatric healthcare, am a consultant for kids with chronic pain or habit disorders and am currently writing a book on the subject.

As a pediatrician and as a citizen who has always been very interested in protecting the soil, air and water on which we depend, local boards of health have a very important role to play. I would like to share my knowledge of communicable diseases and other health issues to benefit our town.

#### What is the biggest challenge the board/committee is facing? How will you address it?

The last three years have shown that one of the major challenges facing our Board of Health is to be at the forefront of recognizing emerging communicable diseases, as well as infectious illnesses known to us, and take the steps necessary to educate and protect our town's citizens— following expert scientific advice, and the MA Department of Health. As Belchertown continues to expand, a major challenge will be ensuring safe disposal of waste, especially hazardous waste, and helping to ensure clean drinking water. I have seen through my years as a pediatrician that good health also depends on housing that is free of hazards and toxic exposure, lead for example.

Finally, climate change brings special challenges: For example, rising temperatures increase the danger of algal blooms and bacterial contamination in the town's waters and town beach; we must help guard against the dangers of heat-related illnesses, especially among our elderly and our school athletes; extreme weather events bring dangers of flooding which can increase waterborne illness; and tick born illnesses like Lyme Disease which are on the rise.

#### Discuss your commitment to transparency and openness in Belchertown municipal government. Do you have any suggestions for improving either.

I am committed to transparency in town government but have nothing specific to suggest increasing transparency for the Board of Health. I believe its meetings are open to all.

### Belchertown Community TV Schedule Highlights



#### Thursday, May 11

- 8 a.m. – Special and Annual Town Meeting
- 1 p.m. – Planning Board – 9 May
- 6 p.m. – Special and Annual Town Meeting
- 11 p.m. – Planning Board – 9 May

#### Friday, May 12

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. – BOAT – Umbrella of Wellness
- 9:30 a.m. – Clapp Memorial Library – Squeezebox Stompers
- 11 a.m. – Candidates for Town Election on May 15
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 6 p.m. – BOAT – Umbrella of Wellness
- 6:30 p.m. – Clapp Memorial Library – Squeezebox Stompers
- 8 p.m. – Candidates for Town Election on May 15

#### Saturday, May 13

- 8 a.m. – Educational Crafting with Charlotte
- 8:30 a.m. – Clapp Memorial Library – Squeezebox Stompers
- 4:30 p.m. – Educational Crafting with Charlotte
- 5 p.m. – Clapp Memorial Library – Squeezebox Stompers
- 7 p.m. – Candidates for Town Election on May 15

#### Sunday, May 14

- 4:30 p.m. – St. Francis Romas Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. – Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. – Hope United Methodist Church
- 8:30 p.m. – Candidates for Town Election on May 15

- 9 p.m. – BOAT – Umbrella of Wellness

#### Monday, May 15

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 9 a.m. – Candidates for Town Election on May 15
- 12 p.m. – Candidates for Town Election on May 15
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 6 p.m. – Candidates for Town Election on May 15

#### Tuesday, May 16

- 8 a.m. – BOAT – Umbrella of Wellness
- 8:30 a.m. – Clapp Memorial Library – Laura and Peter Hicks
- 9:30 a.m. – Clapp Memorial Library – Squeezebox Stompers
- 7 p.m. – BOAT – Umbrella of Wellness
- 7:30 p.m. – Clapp Memorial Library – Laura and Peter Hicks
- 8:30 p.m. – Clapp Memorial Library – Squeezebox Stompers

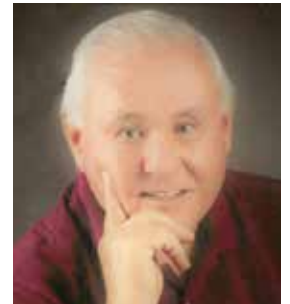
#### Wednesday, May 17

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman

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#### BELCHERTOWN EDUCATION

I've saved this Adv. for last! Not really a Selectman's responsibility, but probably the most important task the Town has to do is educating our youth. The School System consumes roughly 70% of the Town's budget. And I'll accept some responsibility for that high number!

Up until 1980 the Town was noted for voting down School Budgets. I watched poor Jack Curry, Superintendent, struggle through Town Meetings, and get knocked down! Students didn't have textbooks for all – and they were out of print! My kids started school in 1973. But we always had great teachers, Hansbury, Corneille, Bresnahan, Fitzgerald, Brennan, Mrs. "O", & Kubacki etc. I decided to quit the Planning Board and run for the School Committee in 1980 – three terms!

I, along with my colleagues and support from the voters (You can't do anything without three votes!), worked hard, and successfully, to constantly improve our schools right up to 2004, with the completion of the High School. We did it with voter support and hard work. Now we have a surplus of space: Taddell, High School, two cruciform State School buildings, etc., empty. And now there is talk about tearing some down! I fought hard, and successfully, at many Annual Town Meetings to get the necessary building and educational funds for our schools! I had a lot of help from my colleagues! And Town's people! I've never stopped fighting for our school-age children and young adults. Now we are cutting back. Let's get these buildings back into service for the Town. A Boys and Girls Club at the old High School? More space for the library (several years back they asked for \$10 million for an addition to Clapp, unsuccessfully). Additional space for the overcrowded Stone House. Etc. We have the space! We are maintaining it! Let's use it!

There are many priorities (needs) in Town, but the State limits our taxation ability. (I (Dan) pay too much in taxes!! Where is prop 2&1/2!! I'm retired now!!!). Space is one of them. Tearing buildings down is not my answer.

Our Town now has one of the finest school systems in the State. We can be proud of it! People want to move to Belchertown, as proven by our population growth (Nice little Town in 1970 - 4,500 to 16,000 in 2020. I miss that little town and all its farmers, who sold off many building lots from their farms!) But the School budget should reflect the student enrollment. Per capita?!

#### UNBALANCED BUDGET Not enough \$ income to pay debts!

There are folks running around saying we can't pay our debts – income is less than expense. As stated in MASH Series, "Horse Hockey!" That's been normal for decades in most Towns. Unexpended funds from the prior year, part of the year end closing, are collected and must be reported to the Dept. Of Revenue, which certifies the amount, and in due process, DOR gives the Town permission to spend those funds in the next Fiscal Year. It's planned that way. There has always been a gap between income/expense. It is annually filled by anticipated FREE CASH!! Other similar sources contribute to Free Cash as approved by DOR. Prudent use of funds! So, in short, those saying we can't pay our bills are spreading false rumors! Ask someone who knows, like the Town Account. I did!!

**Now, I need your help! Write-in campaigns are the most difficult to win. No time for committees. Only two weeks! PLEASE HELP my election efforts to again be a Selectman!**

COMMUNITY

# Residents gathered for National Day of Prayer

BY MATTY ANDERSON  
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BELCHERTOWN – Local churches and church parishioners gathered on Wednesday evening at the Belchertown Commons for the annual National Day of Prayer.

The National Night of Prayer is a chance for all churches in Belchertown, and surrounding towns, to come together and pray for the whole community. Becky Larmie said, “We’ve done this every year, it’s usually held on the first Thursday of May but the commons were already booked so we are having it today instead.”

Emmanuel Haqq, the pastor of Christ Community Church, was the first speaker of the evening. He welcomed everyone before asking all to participate in a moment of prayer. Haqq said, “We’re so glad to have all of you here today. I know it’s a cold day, so thank you all for coming.”

Then Haqq read from Psalm 135, “The idols of the nations are silver and gold...they have eyes but do not see; they have ears but do not hear,” as well as other texts including Abraham Lincon’s 1863 Presidential proclamation of American thanksgiving to God. Haqq said, “Something I notice

when people pray is that they speak in signals that aren’t loud enough. It seems more like they are speaking to an audience rather than praying to God.”

The second speaker of the night was Tyler Pedersen, the assistant pastor, who said “one of the amazing things about our God is that he hears all of our prayers. When things are going good and when they aren’t, when we are struggling with sin he listens to us.” Pedersen offered a few readings before calling forward Joanna Mull and another devout believer to sing a great hymn.

After singing the hymn, Joanna Mull said, “I’ve been coming to this event a majority of my life. It’s a cool annual observance of our need for God and our belief in God. It rains almost every year so it really tests those of us who really want to be here.”

After listening to a number of readings from guest speakers and reciting the Our Father, Pastor Haqq asked everyone to pray in groups. Attendees prayed for the health of loved ones, for the world to heal and for each other before parting.

Josh Annis helped throughout the event performing tasks such as passing out flyers. His mother Jackie Annis described him as a “church kid” because he’s been



Emmanuel Haqq, the Pastor of Christ Community Church posing with Tyler Pedersen, the assistant pastor.



(TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, PHOTOS BY MATTY ANDERSON) Joanna Mull posing with her mother.

involved with enough events at the Christ Community Church to know that there are exactly 421

chairs in the main sanctuary. Josh Annis said, “Whether it’s rain, sleet, or shine we’re always

here on the first Thursday, or in this case, the first Wednesday of May.”

## Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council lists upcoming events

Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council has a busy schedule of spring events including paddles and volunteer opportunities.

For more information, visit [www.c4rivers.org](http://www.c4rivers.org).

**Landing work**

On Saturday May 13, from 9-11 a.m., C4R will work on refinements to the landing at Ware River Park in Gilbertville,

Route 32, just north of the village. If you’re interested in helping, email Keith at [chicopeewatershed@gmail.com](mailto:chicopeewatershed@gmail.com).

**Ribbon cutting and opening day paddle**

Saturday, May 27 at 9 a.m. will be the opening day paddle and ribbon cutting to “launch” C4R’s new Blue Trail, the Lower Ware River Blue Trail. Paddlers

will travel from Robbins Road in Ware to Bennett Street in Palmer along 8.5 miles of river (about 2.5 hours).

This is quick, smooth water with one minor drop. Bring your own boat.

Please RSVP by email to Keith at [chicopeewatershed@gmail.com](mailto:chicopeewatershed@gmail.com)

**Other events**

An inaugural paddle of the

Upper Ware River Blue Trail will be held Saturday, June 10 at 9 a.m. at Old Furnace, Hardwick to Ware River Park, Gilbertville.

People can also paddle the Upper Chicopee River Blue Trail on Saturday, June 17.

**Volunteer opportunities**

C4R is looking for trail stewards. These are folks who would adopt a trail segment or launch

site and help keep an eye on it, keep it clean, clear, report any issues, etc.

C4R also needs volunteers to grab river samples for water quality sampling of the Ware River on Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. in June through early September.

If you’re interested, email Keith at [chicopeewatershed@gmail.com](mailto:chicopeewatershed@gmail.com).

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# CAMPUS NOTES

**Simmons University**

The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Simmons University for the fall 2022 semester:

Saville Keyes of Amherst  
 Annick Sheridan of Amherst  
 Simone Robinson of Belchertown  
 Abigail Rothstein of Belchertown

To qualify for Dean's List status at the school, undergraduate students must obtain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

**University of Central Florida**

Kathryn Zawistowski of Belchertown has received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Central Florida's College of Business Administration on May 5. Kathryn will immediately put her degree in action, as she has been hired by MSL CPAs & Advisors in Orlando, Florida.

## bankESB promotes Ian Megraw to IT Officer

EASTHAMPTON — bankESB recently promoted Ian Megraw to information technology officer.

Megraw, of Southampton, joined bankESB in 2016 as a systems administrator. He has seven years of experience in banking and has many strengths that have significantly contributed to the success of the IT department and the bank's conversions since joining the team



"He is a respected manager, strong technician, and an important part of the growing Hometown Financial Group family," a press release states

Megraw earned an associate degree in Business Administration and Network Administration from John Abbott College.

## Production staff needed for 'The Mousetrap'

MONSON — The Arts Council is putting out the call to all directors, stage managers and producers interested in helping pull together the fall show, Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" – the longest running production in theater history since debuting in 1952.

The production will be presented in Memorial Hall.

The roles that need to be filled offer a stipend. According to a press release from the Monson Arts Council, "If you are the kind of dynamic person that can help make this production come alive (and get murdered on occasion), please send your resume to macdrama@monsonartscouncil.org. In the subject, please reference the role you are interested in."

Brimming with intrigue, sophisticated humor and surprising twists, Agatha Christie's iconic murder mystery – about a group of strangers trapped during a snowstorm – is the world's most successful and longest-running play. After a local woman is murdered, the guests and staff at Monkswell Manor find themselves stranded during a snowstorm.

It soon becomes clear that the killer is among them and the seven strangers grow increasingly suspicious of one another. A police detective, arriving on skis, interrogates the suspects: the newlyweds running the house; a spinster with a curious background; an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef; a retired Army major; a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift; and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone.

When a second murder takes place, tensions and fears escalate. This record-breaking murder mystery features a brilliant surprise finish from Dame Agatha Christie, the foremost mystery writer of her time.

The Arts Council encourages anyone with little or no experience to apply "when they feel they have a vision and the ability to meet the criteria described when clicking the links" at [tinyurl.com/2k6ehmmk](https://tinyurl.com/2k6ehmmk).

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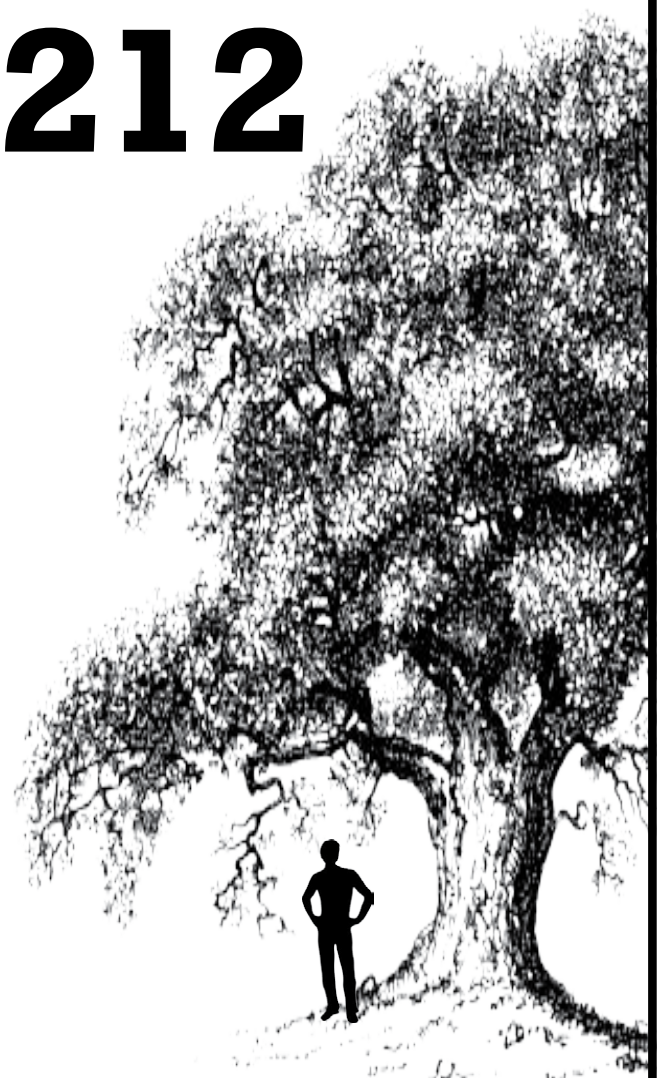
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**OPINION**

**SOCIAL SECURITY Matters**  
By Russell Gloor

**Survivor benefits and spousal benefits are not the same**

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 70 in August and will file my application for benefits in May. I know I'll get my maximum possible amount at age 70, but I need you to clarify things I have read. Per an award-winning TV host, author, and host of a money podcast "if the higher-earning spouse delays until age 70 to claim Social Security, that guarantees the survivor the biggest possible benefit." But then I read in a different article that if a person delays beyond their full retirement age to obtain a higher personal benefit like I have, my spouse's benefit would still be based on my FRA benefit amount. I am confused about which statement is the correct version.

*Signed: Confused About My Spouse's Benefit*

**Dear Confused:** I'm not surprised that you are confused about these seemingly contradictory statements. It is, indeed, quite logical and common for a widow or widower to think they must apply for a "spousal benefit" from their deceased spouse. And while that's technically true, those of us who live in this often confusing world of Social Security jargon would say the widow or widower is applying for a survivor benefit, not a spousal benefit. What's the difference? Well, when you're speaking with a Social Security representative or an advisor, the term "spousal benefit" means something entirely different than the term "survivor benefit."

The two articles you mention are, I believe, referring to two different types of Social Security benefit. The term "survivor benefit" is typically used to describe benefits available to a surviving spouse when the higher earner dies, but the term "spousal benefit" is typically used to denote benefits available to a lower earning spouse when both partners are still living. I agree this is confusing and that distinction was apparently not clear in the articles you read. Therefore, to clear your confusion:

If the higher earning spouse dies and has delayed claiming until age 70, that does, indeed, "guarantee the surviving spouse the biggest possible benefit." The survivor's benefit is based on the full amount the deceased was receiving at death.

If both spouses are living and the higher-earning spouse delayed until age 70 to claim, their living spouse's benefit, when the higher-earning spouse claims, will be a maximum of 50% of the higher-earning spouse's Full Retirement Age amount. A living spouse's benefit is based on their partner's FRA amount, regardless of when their partner actually claimed.

So, in your case, your wife's spousal benefit from you while you are both living will be based on your FRA entitlement, even though you waited longer to claim. But if you die first, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will be based on 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death. In effect, both statements you referred to in your question are true considering that they refer to two different benefit types. It is a terminology distinction which frequently causes misunderstanding.

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**in the Garden**  
by Roberta McQuaid



**Mid spring questions for the Garden Lady**

Lisa, who has a beautiful daffodil collection in Palmer, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "I planted a Rugosa rose bush that has encroached on a planting of 'Barrett Browning' Daffodils. For the first year in over a decade, I had no blossoms at all! I want to move them out of the way of the rose bush but I don't know if it is the right time or not. Can I lift and divide them now or should I wait?"

Thank you for your question! It is the perfect time to move your daffodils!

One thing to keep in mind, however, is that the bulbs will likely be in the ground deeper than you think. I actually use a spade when I have to dig mine up, so that is it a straight, up and down slice.

I start four or five inches all the way around the clump and then carefully lift it out entirely, foliage intact.

Usually, it is pretty easy to tease the bulbs apart by hand, separating them by size. The biggest ones I replant at the same depth they were planted prior, with ground level at the point where the foliage turns pale.

The general rule of thumb for distance from one another is twice the width of the bulb apart. This can vary depending on the variety.

A sprinkling of balanced fertilizer mixed in with the soil in the planting hole and thorough watering will get them off to a great start, hopefully with flowers for many years to come!

A question about sowing annual flowers came in from Melinda, who is introduc-

ing her young daughters to flower gardening. "I have never had much luck planting flower seeds directly in the ground. Either the rain washes them away or they come up too close. Is it too late to start a few easy flowers indoors?"

I love that you are sharing your love of gardening with your children! My mom did that with me and it shaped my career path, for sure.

I would so eagerly anticipate planting our garden every year! (Happy Mother's Day, mom!) Certainly it isn't too late to get a head start. I would recommend sowing easy to handle annuals, plants like zinnia, marigold, calendula and bachelor's button.

They don't take long to germinate and would be a manageable size by the end of the month, ready to be moved into the garden after the danger of frost has passed.

Generally, I fill up six-packs with moist potting soil and press two seeds per pack into the soil and cover slightly.

I like to keep them warm to start, but once the seeds sprout, I try to have them outside for most of the time, so that they don't get too leggy in the house. If both seeds sprout, I'll separate them at planting time.

One variety that does not need to be started indoors is the sunflower, if you try, usually the plants will end up spindly and tall and difficult to transplant. Simply sow these in place, thinning to at least a foot apart.

My friend would always allow the seeds to mature on the plant and let them fall where they may, creating a colorful and eye-catching vegetable patch!

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

**Comments on CONGRESS**  
By Lee Hamilton

**One of Congress's most important jobs has gotten much harder**

In the pantheon of writings about Congress, California Rep. Katie Porter's new book will almost certainly draw attention for her unvarnished takes on the

institution and her colleagues. In "I Swear: Politics is Messier Than My Minivan," Porter finds plenty of targets, including her fellow House members, staffers, lobbyists – and how a seat in Congress is increasingly out of reach for ordinary Americans.

"Congress is full of multimillionaires for the same reason that the NBA is full of tall people," Porter – a single working mother – writes.

"It's easier to get recruited and win with such advantages."

That's all good fodder for commentary, but the line that really drew my attention is one that probably won't get much notice.

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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 26 through May 2. 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 353 calls police responded to, there were 10 incidents, two accidents, two arrests/summons and 30 citations.*

#### ARRESTS/SUMMONS Wednesday, April 26

9:38 a.m. - A female party was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery, strangulation and resisting arrest.

#### Sunday, April 30

10:09 a.m. - A 33-year-old Hyde Park man was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding. An officer, traveling north on Bay Road, saw a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The officer stopped the vehicle. The registered owner's license was expired and nonrenewable.

#### ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS Wednesday, April 26

5:41 p.m. - An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

#### Thursday, April 27

12:39 p.m. - An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

5:55 p.m. - An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle slowed in traffic traveling east on State Street. A second vehicle struck the first in the rear. The driver said they didn't see the other vehicle and because he was distracted. No injuries were reported, and no tow was necessary.

#### Friday, April 28

11:56 a.m. - Officers responded to speak with a person regarding a car accident involving a deer. The driver was driving on State Street when a deer entered the roadway unable to stop. The deer had bad injuries and was euthanized.

12:35 p.m. - An officer took a report from a resident who was unable to find their EBT card and wished to file a report.

2:32 p.m. - An officer received a wallet found that the USPS Officer left at the drop box location.

5:43 p.m. - An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

#### Saturday, April 29

12:48 p.m. - An officer responded to an accident on Jabish Street. Two vehicles were on a one-way street in front of Jabish Brook Middle School. One vehicle began backing out and struck the front right side of the vehicle behind it. There was some damage reported. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene and no injuries were reported.

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#### To the Editor:

Win, lose or draw, I have many folks in town to thank for their unbelievable support in the upcoming Town election! Your interest and help have been greatly appreciated and warmly received! Winning by write-in is hard to do without a Committee - but many of you chipped in. I've had fun expressing my opinions - open mouth, insert foot!! But you always know where I stand!! And if I lose the election, well that's OK too! One old farmer told me 40 years ago, that "every kick is a boost up!" I may reach the sky!

Belchertown is a GREAT place to live, raise a family, and finally move to South Cemetery where many friends now reside! God Bless all and thanks for the ride!!!!

**W. Daniel Fitzpatrick**

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#### Sunday, April 30

9:04 a.m. - An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

#### Monday, April 31

8:06 a.m. - An officer and Belchertown Fire and paramedics responded to a report of a large oak tree that fell on the home. National Grid and the building inspector responded on scene as well. The house shed and vehicle were damaged. Photos were taken.

9:43 a.m. - An officer responded to a North Main Street residence for a wellbeing check at the request of a local bank. There were concerns about someone trying to access their bank account. There were allegations of unauthorized charges. The matter was forwarded to the detective bureau for further processing.

3:40 p.m. - An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

3:43 p.m. - An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

#### Tuesday, May 1

4:04 p.m. - An officer responded to assist a person going to receive property from a residence in town. There were concerns about the person at the property.

4:32 p.m. - An officer took a report of unemployment fraud.

### Granby Police Log

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 153 calls for the week of April 28 through May 4. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.*

#### Friday, April 28

5:57 p.m. - While on patrol, an officer observed a motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the motorcycle was traveling at 84MPH in 40MPH zone. The motorcycle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

#### Saturday, April 29

5:01 a.m. - While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 69MPH in 50MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

7:44 a.m. - Several 911 callers reported a head-on collision on Route 202 near the Belchertown town line. Granby Police and Fire responded. Mutual aid was requested for additional ambulances from Belchertown Fire and South Hadley District 1 and 2 Fire. Three people were transported to Baystate Medical Center and 1 person was transported to Holyoke Medical Center with injuries ranging from minor to severe. Responding officers completed an accident report and the accident is under investigation.

8:06 p.m. - A motorist reported a suspicious vehicle parked on Lyons Street in the middle of the road. Officers responded and found the operator was passed out in the

driver's seat. Upon further investigation, officers determined that the operator was under the influence of alcohol.

8:35 p.m. - Norman Lacrosse, 55, of Chicopee was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

#### Sunday, April 30

12:36 p.m. - An employee reported that their car was hit by a patron pulling into a parking spot. Officers responded and determined that the operator was under the influence of drugs.

1:04 p.m. - Samantha Pohner, 38, of Granby was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs, possession of a class A drug, and possession of a class C drug.

2:32 p.m. - An employee called and stated that a female passenger from the previous accident in the parking lot was still at the store waiting for a ride and stole an item. An officer responded and discovered that the party took a cell phone case from the store without paying for it. The party was summonsed to court for shoplifting.

#### Monday, May 1

10:20 a.m. - A business owner reported that someone threw a brick through a window at their business. An officer responded and completed an incident report. The matter is under investigation.

8:31 p.m. - While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 61MPH in 35MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and it was discovered that the operators right to operate a motor vehicle in Massachusetts was suspended. The operator was issued a criminal citation for speeding and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

#### Tuesday, May 2

3:30 p.m. - A resident reported that someone fraudulently filed an unemployment claim in their name. An incident report was completed.

#### Wednesday, May 3

9:46 a.m. - A resident reported that someone had fraudulently opened a bank account in their name. An incident report was completed.

#### Thursday, May 4

8:39 a.m. - A resident reported that a dirt bike was stolen sometime during the night from their garage. An incident report was completed and the matter is under investigation.

11:40 a.m. - A resident reported that someone had fraudulently opened a bank account in their name. An incident report was completed.

## TEMPORARY DRIVERS NEEDED

The Belchertown Senior Center is looking for drivers to deliver meals to homebound elders generally on weekdays between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm depending on the route. This temporary position starts at \$7.25/hour plus mileage reimbursement and could last through the summer. This is more than a job, it is an opportunity to be of service to people in need. In addition to delivering meals, you are an important daily contact for the elders.

A valid driver's license, reliable vehicle, a good driving record and reliability are required. If you would like to join our team, please complete an application online at [www.belchertown.org/human\\_resources](http://www.belchertown.org/human_resources) or email [jobs@belchertown.org](mailto:jobs@belchertown.org) for more information. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

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**Recommended Minimum Qualifications:** Ability to read, write, and communicate in English; up to one year of experience in custodial work preferred; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Ability to lift up to 60 pounds. Possession of a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

This is a grade 3 position, benefited, with a pay range of: \$19.01 - \$24.26/hour.

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Male ruby-throated hummingbird

It is May and this is the month ruby-throated hummingbirds usually return to this area.

Some people already put out nectar feeders in anticipation of their return. I will put out a nectar feeder this weekend. I usually see the males first, then the females.

The ruby-throated hummingbird is the only hummingbird found in Eastern North America.

These birds are only 3 1/2 inches long and are green. The male has a black head, iridescent red throat, which may appear black and a white breast and belly.

The female is green with a whitish throat and underbelly. Eyes and bills are black.

Hummingbirds eat flower nectar, insects, spiders and sap from sapsucker drilled holes. They come to hummingbird feeders.

In spring, the male defends a territory of about 1/4 acre.

In dive displays, he flies in a U shape, rising about 10 to 20 feet on both sides. It resembles the swinging of a pendulum.

After mating, the female lays two white eggs in cup shaped nest of plant down, bud scales, covered with lichens, bound with spider's silk and placed on a small, horizontal limb.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds, both male and female, near migration, will temporarily defend a food source such as nectar feeders. They migrate 600 miles across the Gulf of Mexico, having stored enough food to make the crossing.

Hummingbirds make varied chips and twittering noises. Their wings make a whirring or humming noise, which is how they got their name.

When I refill a nectar feeder and return to hang it out, I often hear their humming wings, or I will see them perched on a nearby branch.

**Nectar**

I mix 1/4 cup white sugar to 1 cup water. The mixture should be brought to a boil to ensure all the sugar dissolves and to eliminate bacteria.

Cool the mixture before setting it out. It also can be kept in the refrigerator for about a week. It is important to keep nectar feeders clean and change the mixture frequently.

I prefer the nectar feeders that have a moat on top to fill with water to deter ants.



Bluebirds

I have several larger birds, who drink water from the moat. I even have downy woodpeckers that drink nectar.

**Nesting bluebirds**

A Belchertown resident said he saw a nesting pair of bluebirds in his yard, so he built a bluebird house and now the pair call the bird house home. He succeeded in his quest to attract bluebirds to his yard.

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"As I see it," she writes, "the real work of Congress is civic education."

I agree.

Nowhere in the Constitution does it say that the job of members of Congress is to educate their constituents, colleagues or Americans as a whole, but the plain truth is that they can't be effective as representatives or as politicians on Capitol Hill unless they do. Serving as trustworthy sources of facts and analysis ought to be a key part of every legislator's responsibilities, both in their chambers and at home.

There are a number of reasons for this. The issues Congress deals with are often complicated and full of nuance, but even on some of the most basic facts, there's widespread misunderstanding. No, foreign aid is not a significant part of the U.S. budget; it's less than 1%.

No, undocumented immigrants aren't disproportionately responsible for crimes, compared to native-born Americans. No, China doesn't own more than half of U.S. debt; in fact, the largest foreign holder of the debt, at least as of late last year, was Japan, but even it pales in comparison to the almost 22% of that debt held by the federal government itself (Social Security is a big player) and the 20% by the Federal Reserve system.

My point here is not to bombard you with facts, but to say that they matter when policy is being formulated. That's especially true in Congress, where the starting point for reaching some sort of compromise on any given issue is being able to agree on a common set of facts. To build consensus, you have to clear misperceptions out of the way – in such a politically diverse body it's hard enough to hammer out an agreement when everyone agrees

on the basics, but it's impossible when the players can't even find common ground on the facts.

This holds equally true when members of Congress and political candidates try to explain their positions or build support for them with the public. Voters are inundated with "information" – some of it reliable, much of it not. Our system asks them to sort through it and arrive at conclusions about what's best for their communities and the country as a whole. Legislators have access to a broad array of trustworthy information and analysis, and in an ideal world would play a key part in helping ordinary Americans work through and understand the issues in front of them.

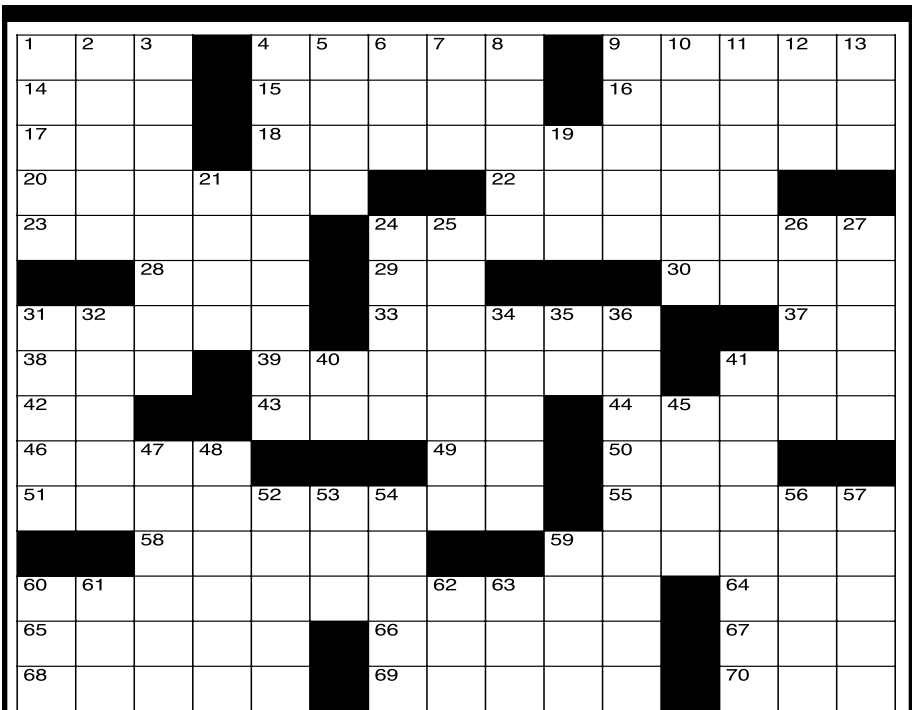
But, of course, we don't live in an ideal world. Lots of powerful groups – some legitimate, some malign – seek to manipulate public opinion and they're very good at it. Even worse, some members of Congress and of state legislatures in recent years have shown themselves less interested in purveying facts than politically convenient misinformation. For politicians who are dedicated to communicating the facts

and what they mean for policy, the sheer cacophony of misleading information and trolling by their colleagues makes things much more difficult.

This does not mean, however, that they should just throw up their hands. In the end, representative democracy is a dialogue between citizens seeking to make good judgments and elected officials determined to help them do so.

Politicians who are devoted to understanding the facts that underlie complex issues and then to explaining them to the public perform a vital service in our democracy. Those are ones who deserve our respect and support.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Midway between south and southeast
- 4. Fathers
- 9. Wine grape
- 14. Al Bundy's wife
- 15. Organic compound
- 16. Venezuelan state
- 17. Interest term
- 18. Experts
- 20. Central cores of stems
- 22. Smooth and glossy
- 23. One-time S. Korean city
- 24. One from Damascus
- 28. Short message at the end of an email
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Oh, God!
- 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Men
- 37. Popular English soccer team (abbr.)
- 38. Former CIA
- 39. Arrange in steps
- 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

- 42. The Great Lake State
- 43. Dog-\_\_: to mark a page
- 44. Stop moving
- 46. Ancient Dead Sea region
- 49. Of I
- 50. Clerical vestment
- 51. Songs sung to a lover
- 55. Charges
- 58. Popular design program manufacturer
- 59. Where to park a boat
- 60. One who values reason
- 64. Slang for cigarette
- 65. Sailboats
- 66. Actress Zellweger
- 67. Screen material
- 68. Country music legend Haggard
- 69. Puts together in time
- 70. When you hope to arrive

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. An involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction
- 2. Philly's rail service
- 3. Leaves a place
- 4. No longer be a part in
- 5. Guitar players use them
- 6. Cease to exist
- 7. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 8. Shaking of the earth
- 9. Strong winds
- 10. For each one
- 11. A bog
- 12. The creation of beautiful or significant things
- 13. Affirmative
- 19. Pie \_\_ mode
- 21. Nonclerical
- 24. Inspirational football player Hamlin
- 25. Learning environment
- 26. Khoikhoi peoples
- 27. Bring out or develop

- 31. Shows up
- 32. Theatrical device
- 34. Loads
- 35. Popular Hollywood alien
- 36. Distinguishes
- 40. College dorm worker
- 41. Secondary or explanatory title
- 45. Resembling wings
- 47. One who delivers a speech
- 48. In the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot
- 53. Airborne (abbr.)
- 54. Beloveds
- 56. Ordain
- 57. Breed of small cattle
- 59. Very small period of time (abbr.)
- 60. Revolutions per minute
- 61. They \_\_
- 62. Longtime ESPN anchor Bob
- 63. A place to stay

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The fully completed application must then be returned to the Superintendent's Office. *Deadline to submit applications is August 1, 2023.*

**Students will be selected on a random basis by a lottery process pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 76, Section 12B, Paragraph J. A sibling of a child currently attending Palmer Public Schools under the School Choice Program will receive preference in the admissions lottery. Parents will be notified in writing of the lottery results.**



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need to be another town meeting in order to present another budget cutting 1% from the total budget.

Selectboard member Jim Barry said for multiple years the question of how to fix the structural deficit, but that the town meeting floor was not the time to vote on the proposed reduction.

“We try to keep the services needed, to keep the schools open, keep the police department open, keep up on the roads and use the money... to close the deficit and present a balanced budget,” he said. “We’ve been talking about the structural deficit for 30 years and for 30 years we wait until the last minute before coming here to say, ‘The sky is falling, the sky is falling. Please do something...’ I don’t think it’s up to this group tonight to say no.”

Finance Committee Chair Laurie Shea said the town meeting voters should get to decide on the budget that evening, added that the committee would have like more information on the budget this year.

“The Finance Committee would have liked more information this year just to have been comfortable and understand what would be best for the town for the future,” she said. “But whatever we feel personally or professionally, it’s up to each and every one of you to make a determination on what we’d like to do.”

Following the discussion, the voters approved the article on the budget with a majority vote.

**Appointments of local residents at Big Y announced**

SPRINGFIELD – The management of Big Y Foods, Inc. has announced the following new appointments:

Ross M. Corcoran of Belchertown, Inventory Control Manager in the Springfield Fresh & Local Distribution Center

Steven A. Fernandes of Belchertown, Continuous Improvement Systems & Analytics Specialist, in the Springfield Store Support Center

Tara A. Beauregard of Granby, Fresh Foods Coordinator – Produce in the Springfield Store Support Center

Calvin J. Eckerle of Granby, Customer Service Manager in the Northampton Big Y Supermarket

Sara L. Rooney of South Hadley, Deli, Kitchen & Bakery Merchandiser Trainer in the Springfield Store Support Center

Christopher R. Woloszyn of South Hadley, Senior Design Product Marketing Supervisor in the Springfield Store Support Center.

According to Michael J. Galat, vice president employee services, “At Big Y, we are committed to providing the tools and training necessary to support our employees in their development. We look forward to their growth in the pursuit of excellence as they personally develop their own skills in order to take on these new levels of responsibility.”

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**Pileated woodpeckers**

The Belchertown resident also has pileated woodpeckers at his feeders. I often hear pileated woodpeckers calling or hammering away on a tree, but I rarely see one.

The other day, I heard the call and looked up to see one fly from my yard to the woods across the street.

**Ospreys**

I received an email this week. The writer visited the site in Wilbraham where osprey had nested previously.

He said, “I saw two osprey at a nest on a light pole. I don’t think they are incubation eggs because one bird brought a stick to the nest while I was there and both birds left the nest which I don’t think would happen if incubation had started.”

He said for anyone wanting to go see this

nest the best place to view the nest is from the Wilbraham Senior Center parking lot and park on the side of the lot facing the playing fields. There are stick nests on three light poles.

He said, “The nest I saw the birds at was the right most light pole as viewed from the Wilbraham Senior Center.” I think I will take a road trip to Wilbraham.

**Other birds**

An Oakham couple saw the first grackle of the year last week. I had a male goldfinch in bright yellow plumage perched on my feeder pole recently.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



Motorcyclists from all over the region are invited to the annual the “Blessing of the Bikes” on Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. Rain date is Sunday, May 14 at noon.

**‘Blessing of the Bikes’ at St. Paul’s**

PALMER – Motorcyclists from all over can assemble at St. Paul’s Church of Palmer, corner of Park and Central streets, to have motorcycles and riders blessed at the “Blessing of the Bikes” event on Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m.

Rain date is Sunday, May 14 at noon. It includes a gift of an embroidered “Blessings of the Bikes” motorcycle jacket patch for each rider. Local non-profit cycle groups will be represented and will share their unique rider’s charities.

The event is free and open to the public.

According to Rev. Steven Sousa, minister of St. Paul’s Church, “For many people, riding a motorbike is more than just a mode of transportation; it’s an adventure, a sensation, and an experience unlike any other. It’s frequently linked to liberation and the desire to be free of all

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# Squeeze box stompers keep the beat

Band gives a musical taste of Americana

BY MATTY ANDERSON  
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BELCHERTOWN— The Squeezebox Stompers rocked the house at the Clapp Memorial Library on Saturday afternoon.

The Squeezebox Stompers are a Boston area Americana Roots band which, for the past 20 years, has been performing Cajun, Zydeco, Blues, Folk and original songs all over New England. The band is known for their step-lively up-beat music that encourages audiences to get up and dance.

The group's instrumentation includes accordion, keyboards, fiddle, saxophone, harmonica, penny whistle, guitar, bass and drums. The Squeezebox Stompers "guarantee a rockin' good time at family-friendly outdoor events, festivals, clubs, dances, private parties and more." The group consists of Larry Plitt, Art Schatz, Ralph Tufo, Geoff Wadsworth, Bert Syms and Jeff O'Neil. Each member is versatile and skilled in multiple instruments.

Depending on the event or venue, the band can perform with



This is a Savoy made specially for Ralph Tufo.



Left to right: Art Schatz, Geoff Wadsworth, Ralph Tufo and Larry Plitt.

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three to six members. At this one four members performed – Ralph Tufo, Geoff Wadsworth, Art Schatz and Larry Plitt.

Ralph Tufo plays the accordion, piano, Anglo-concertina and Cajun accordion. He was

a founding member of the Boogaloo Swamis who were four-time Boston Music Award winners. The Swamis were largely responsible for the introduction of Cajun, Zydeco, and New Orleans music to New England.

Geoff Wadsworth is a graduate of Berklee College of Music and he's been a professional musician and recording engineer for over thirty years. He currently performs with the Squeezebox Stompers, The Monks of Funk, and a variety of other excellent musicians. He has also performed with Ben E. King, The Coasters, Chuck Berry, The Drifters, The Boogaloo Swamis, The Walker Band and The Eyes.

The band played their signature song, "The Squeeze Box Stomp," named for the age-old percussion style of stomping, as well as some fan favorites including "Nothin' But The Blues" and "Cajun Party." The band has a very casual and inviting approach to performing; they invited a fan up to throw on the rub bird, a vest that doubles as a percussive instrument, and play with the band.

Along with the rub bird, the band brings props, including a toy alligator to make the experience more fun for everyone. Ralph Tufo said, "This was great, we love playing for intimate audiences because we get to tell stories about our songs and get live feedback. I just wanted to say this is a beautiful building with a great atmosphere; maybe we'll be back again."

The Squeezebox Stompers will be performing in Westhampton Friday August 11, and they are looking forward to their CD release party on May 19 in Marblehead. If you're interested in future shows and merchandise, everything is listed on the Squeezebox Stomper's official website. Visit [www.squeezeboxstompers.com](http://www.squeezeboxstompers.com).

Art Schatz, one of the newest members of the Squeezebox Stompers, has been a mainstay fiddler on the Boston country and bluegrass scene for over 30 years with a style that ranges from folk/Cajun to classic Country, Blues and Swing. He also plays with the Beantown Buckaroos and Foggy Mountain Consort. When he isn't performing, Ralph enjoys teaching the fiddle to aspiring musicians around New England.

Larry Plitt's playing is rooted in the Piedmont and Delta blues styles and peppered with Cajun, Zydeco, Celtic and classical influences. He loves singin' the blues. As a veteran of the San Francisco folk rock scene of the early 70's, he played in a number of bands including Camp Granada and the Stephen Fiske Band.



Left to right : Geoff Wadsworth, Art Schatz, Eamonn Baecher (an audience member who joined the band for the Squeeze Box Stomp), Ralph Tufo and Larry Plitt.



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## Orioles fall to Tigers

BY TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—The Belchertown Orioles are the only Division 4 opponent listed on the South Hadley boys varsity lacrosse schedule.

Junior Ethan Roy and his Tigers teammates probably wouldn't mind facing the Orioles a few more times this spring.

Led by Roy, who scored a career-high six goals, the Tigers snapped a six-game losing streak with a 17-6 non-league road victory over the Orioles, last Friday. The 17 goals were a season high for the Tigers.

"We haven't won a game in a very long time, so this is a very big win for us," said Roy, who netted five of his six goals during the first half. "We played very well as a team."

The Tigers (3-8, 1-6 Valley Wheel) hadn't celebrated a victory since defeating league rival East Longmeadow, 13-10, in

another road match on April 6. They also posted an 8-5 non-league road win versus Amherst Regional three days earlier.

Because they play a very difficult regular season schedule, the Tigers were ranked 20th in the latest MIAA Division 4 power rankings. The top 32 teams in each Division automatically qualify for the state tournament.

"It was a lot of fun playing a game against a Division 4 team for a change," Roy added. "It should give us a lot of confidence in our next game."

South Hadley's other league opponents besides East Longmeadow are Longmeadow, Minnechaug Regional, Westfield, and Pope Francis.

"Playing the higher Division teams does help us become a better team," said first-year South Hadley head coach Jeff Marion. "We've been improving in every game that we play. It also helps us in the power rankings."

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Jack Dragon circles around a defender.



## Granby volleyball outlasts Commerce

SPRINGFIELD – The boys volleyball program at Granby High School is still very young, but has made huge strides since becoming a varsity sport. Last Monday, the Rams defeated host Commerce in five sets 3-2. Michael Swanigan had an impressive 25 kills in the long match. Jake Gagnon had 37 assists and Braeden Gallagher and Nathan Walsh had 15 digs each. Granby will qualify for the state tournament with a 10-4 record with a few games remaining.

Jake Gagnon sets up a possible spike.

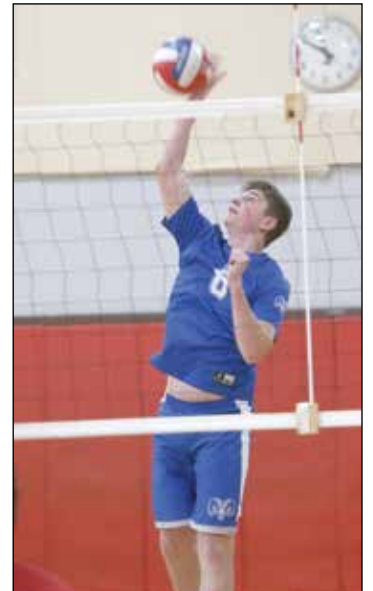
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Braeden Gallagher gets a bump from the back line.



Michael Swanigan gets a side bump.



Nathan Walsh sets for the Rams.



Samuel Weatherbee goes for a spike.

## Orioles score 19 runs in two innings

LUDLOW – Last Wednesday afternoon, the Orioles offense put a show against Ludlow with a 23-3 win. The day closed out as Belchertown scored 10 times in the

fourth and nine more times in the fifth. Ian McDonald pounded out three hits and had five RBI. Evan Ferguson and Aiden Torna had three RBI each. Brady Perkins had

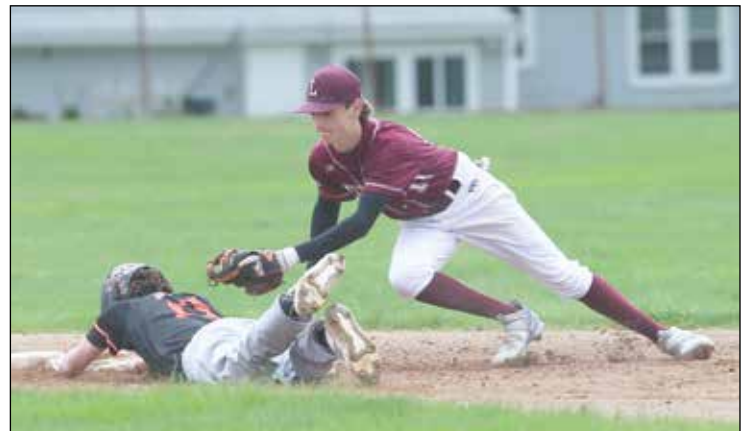
two hits and scored twice. Ludlow got two RBI from Matt Favata and Dan McKenney had a double for the Lions. Belchertown improved to 10-2 while Ludlow is 3-10.



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Ian McDonald fields a grounder to short.



Brady Perkins pitches for the Orioles.



Joseph Mankowsky slides safely into second base.



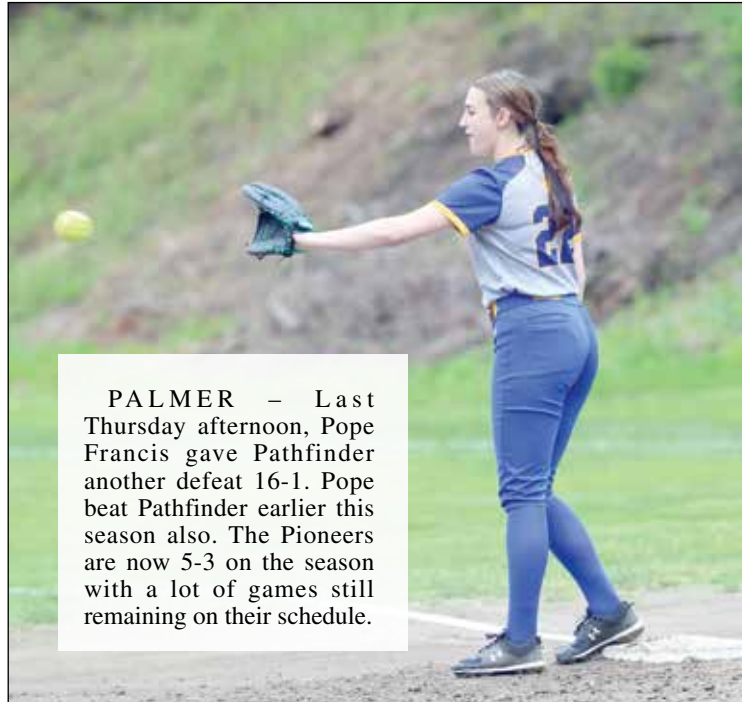
Josh Misiaszek fields a bouncer.

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# Pathfinder handed loss by Pope Francis



Emma Cehvalier pitches for the Pioneers



Megan Bly catches an out at first.

**PALMER** – Last Thursday afternoon, Pope Francis gave Pathfinder another defeat 16-1. Pope beat Pathfinder earlier this season also. The Pioneers are now 5-3 on the season with a lot of games still remaining on their schedule.

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Olivia Ward squeezes an out in left.



Greenly Lagimoniere makes the catch in center.



Jen Kinney fields a grounder.

# Pioneers U19, U15 take part in tourney

BY TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Two girls soccer teams representing the Western United Pioneers had the opportunity to compete in the third annual USL Academy Cup, which was held at the Tournament Sportsplex in Tampa Bay, Florida, from March 30-April 2.

It was the first time that the Western United Pioneers participated in the event.

“The tournament was run very well, and it was a great experience for our girls,” said Joe Ferrara, who’s the Director of Soccer Operations for the Western United Pioneers. “I’ve received a lot of positive feedback from both the parents and the players.”

The Western United Pioneers U19 and U15 soccer teams took part in this year’s Academy Cup matches because the Western Mass. Pioneers, which is a semi-pro men’s team, is a member of the USL (United Soccer League).

“The USL Academy is a youth platform for professional teams within in the USL system,” said Ferrara, who’s also the Pioneers General Manager. “Having the Pioneers gives us the rights to have the USL Academy teams.”

Federico Molinari coached both the U19 and the U15 teams at the USL Academy Cup. He has been coaching the Pioneers men’s soccer team for the past ten years. He’s also the club’s Director of Coaching.

“It was a great experience coaching the two soccer teams. The players worked very hard at the Academy Cup,” Molinari said. “It was also the first time that we combined two age groups together. We really didn’t know how the other teams down there were going to be, but both of our teams competed very well against them.”

The U-19 girls’ team, which was made up of players born in 2006 and 2007, finished with a 1-2-1 record.

“Players who were born in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 were eligible to play for the U19 team,” Ferrara said. “Our U19 team was one of youngest teams down there. We played mostly against 05 players. Our club currently doesn’t have a 05 team and the majority of the 04 players are in college and they would be ineligible to play in the tournament.”

The U19 team lost their first two matches 1-0 against teams from West Virginia and Tennessee.

“We hit the post three times in our first two games,”

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# Roster spots remain open in Quabbin League

More players are needed for the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League as it seeks to infuse new talent into its league for the 2023 season.

The league recently held its open practice, but still has plenty of open roster spots remaining to fill for the 2023 season.

Registration for the 2023 season remains open and any interested players can go to [www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://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 season is scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 23. The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley normally used.

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 2023.

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The Tigers are also battling for a berth in the upcoming Western Mass. Class B tournament. Only the top four teams qualify for that tournament.

The Orioles, who lost, 16-1, at South Hadley in last year’s match-up, had a 3-6 overall record following last Friday’s home loss.

“We played at South Hadley in a scrimmage before the start of the regular season, which was a competitive game” said Belchertown head coach Nick St. George. “I thought we matched up well against them. South Hadley played with a lot more emotion than we did in this game. It was a very disappointing performance by my team. We just struggled to match their intensity.”

The Orioles, who were ranked 40th in the Division 4 power rankings, will probably need to finish the regular season with a .500 or better record to qualify for the state tournament.

Roy began his memorable afternoon against the Orioles by scoring a goal less than a minute into the opening period giving his team a 1-0 advantage. Junior Owen Dawson was credited with the assist.

“I have to give a lot of the credit to my teammates,” said Roy, who joined the varsity lacrosse team as a freshman. “They were able to draw the defenders and I was usually wide open when they passed me the ball. It was very easy to score goals.”

Roy previous career-high was five goals, which he accomplished in a 5-1 home win over Agawam a year ago.

Roy scored another goal during the first twelve minutes of last Friday’s contest, which was assisted by senior captain Charlie Anischik, who’s planning to play soccer at Westfield State University in the fall.

Anischik, who recorded a hat-trick



Tyler McDonald slings a throw to first.

in the Division 4 state soccer finals last November, is also an outstanding lacrosse player. He contributed with a pair of goals and had two assists in the only meeting of the regular season against Belchertown.

Junior Sly Curto scored the Tigers other first period goal, which was assisted by his classmate Jack Sullivan. Curto wound up scoring four goals.

South Hadley was leading 12-0 at half-time, as they scored eight goals during the second period.

“We do play a tough league schedule and we were able to score a lot of goals,” Anischik said. “We moved the ball well which created a lot of scoring opportunities. We can take a lot of positive things from today’s game and I’m very proud of the boys.”

The other Tigers senior captains are Chase Mathers, Jack Sullivan, Eddie Wykowski, and Timmy Laporte.

Roy scored three more goals during the second period, while Sullivan added a pair of goals. The visitors’ other three second period goals were scored by sophomore Avery Haber, Dawson, and Anischik.

Goals by Anischik, Dawson, and Curto gave the Tigers a commanding 15-0 lead five minutes into the second half.

“It was very important for us to build a first half lead,” Marion said. “We were able to play a lot of our younger players during the second half.”

With 2:53 left in the third period, the Orioles finally got on the scoreboard when senior Brady Moreau fired a shot into the cage past junior goalie Bennett Allen.

Belchertown junior Landon Andre also netted an unassisted goal during the final seconds of the third period.

Two more goals by Moreau and another one from Andre sliced the Orioles deficit to 15-5 with seven minutes remaining in regulation.

A couple of minutes later, Roy scored his sixth and final goal of the match.

The Orioles final goal was scored by senior Jeter Marques.

Curto netted his fourth goal, which was assisted by Dawson, just before the final horn sounded.

The Tigers, who have won three road matches, would like to win a home match before the end of the regular season.

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# Robie takes modifieds win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Modified super star Brian Robie won Sunday's 80-lap NHSTRA Modified feature at Monadnock Speedway, first setting fast time in time trials, and then leading the final 54 laps of the afternoon's main event to top the second annual Duel at The Dog biggie.

Other winners on 2023 opening weekend at the storied quarter-mile speedbowl included Tim Wenzel after a post-race inspection was concluded awarding him the win in the NHSTRA Late Models, Cole Littlewood, who wired the Outlaw main, and Gordon Farnum, who rocketed to victory lane in the Mini Stock feature, something he did a dozen times a summer ago. On Saturday's event, Colton Martin took the Pure Stock victory. Owen Zilinski led all the way to score the Young Guns victory. Steve Miller, last summer's Six Shooter champion at Claremont, led all the way Sunday to earn his first career Monadnock victory.

Sunapee's Robie a former track Modified champion here set fast time with a blistering circuit of 12.660 seconds Sunday, the fastest of four sub-13 drivers in the 18-car field. By virtue of a top-four redraw, Sammy Rameau and Aaron Fellows sat on row one as the 80-lap main went green.

Rameau, who like Robie has impressed in past victories here, jumped all over the opening lead



Brian Robie took the win in last Sunday's modified event.

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and set fast time the first 25 times around. But then Robie, from row two, took control and never looked back.

Fellows, strong in third until

the victim of the second – of five – cautions, would return to notch a top ten finish, but with Robie and Rameau setting a blistering pace, it was Kimmy Rivet,

methodical all afternoon as she marched forward from row five, earning an impressive third-place finish.

Kenny Thompson led the first 20 go-rounds of the Late Model feature but Ryan Bell, firing from row three, then took charge and outran 2022 Monadnock champ Tim Wenzel and Thompson into victory lane. In a post-race inspection, Wenzel was awarded the win.

Farnum, who sold his championship Mini Stock ride only hours before Sunday's feature gave it one last dash to victory lane. Cole Littlewood led all the way to win Sunday's Outlaw main just ahead of Steve Bly. Littlewood's brother Justin won the same event a year ago.

Monadnock Speedway will return to action on May 20, when it begins its 2023 Saturday night racing series as it hosts Military Appreciation Night, with a seven-division card of racing.

**RESULTS:**

**May 6 event**

**Pure Stocks:** Colton Martin, Zach Zilinski, CJ Johnson, Chris Davis Carlos Grenier, Chris Conroy, Teagan Edson, Mike Douglas, Dominick Stafford, Tim Taft, Trevor Carey, Chris Bingham, Jim Rhodes, Aaliyah Tacy, Matt Croteau, Ricky Melcher

**May 7 Event:**

**Young Guns:** Owen Zilinski, Adrian Smith, Emma Blake, Markus O'Neil, Kailyn Hubbard, Hunter Douglas

**Six Shooters:** Steve Miller, Michael, Yraton, Jacob Scott, Steve Miller Jr., John Thibodeau, Zach Zilinski, Andrew Scott, Tyler Scott, Garrett Barry, Rozwell Mason

**Mini Stocks:** Gordon Farnum, Louis Maher, Jon Fultz, Kevin Clayton, Chris Sontag, Robert Williams, Cameron Sontag, Patrick Houle, Skyler Shippee, Greg Millette, Reagan Buffum, Matt Lambert, Kyle Templeton

**NHSTRA Outlaws:** Cole Littlewood, Steve Bly, Phil Meany, John Meany, Leighton Lutz

**NHSTRA Late Models:** Tim Wenzel, Kenny Thompson, Hillary Renaud, JD Stockwell, Chris Emerson, Isabella Minchella, Kevin McKnight, Dan Robinson, Chris Castor, Robert Hagar

**NHSTRA Modifieds:** Brian Robie, Sammy Rameau, Kim Rivet, Tyler Leary, Geoff Rollins, Scott Zilinski, Jeff Battle, Adam Lapoint, Eric Leclair, Aaron Fellows, Nathan Wenzel, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Brian Chapin, Cole Littlewood, Josh Carey, Blair Culhane, Cory Plummer, Joel Belanger

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winds through a flat, fast course in surrounding neighborhoods, ending at Rice Fruit Farm across the street from the start.

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# NECBL announces full schedule for 2023 season

**SOUTH HADLEY** – The 2023 New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) first pitch is slated for June 6, as Commissioner Sean McGrath has announced the full schedule for the 29th playing season.

All eyes will be on Dodd Stadium in Norwich, Connecticut on June 6, as the league kicks off its season with the Mystic Schooners hosting the Newport Gulls in the lone matchup of opening day. Ten other teams, including the defending champion Martha's Vineyard Sharks, will get to work on June 7th, with six games on tap, while Sanford is the last team to open their season, part of a seven-game schedule on June 8th that includes the first double-

header of the year.

In 2022, Martha's Vineyard claimed their first league championship with a 2-0 sweep of the Vermont Mountaineers. That completed a prolific season for the Sharks, who had hosted the 2022 NECBL All Star Game and earned a Wild Card berth in the postseason. On their way to the championship, Martha's Vineyard knocked off both of the top seeds, the Bristol Blues and the Mountaineers, who had each tied an NECBL record with 32 regular season wins.

The anticipated rematches of the championship series will take place on June 27 on the Vineyard and July 12 in Montpelier.

Comprising 13 teams for the

2023 season, the league will once again operate with a three-division alignment. The Coastal Division will feature five teams (Martha's Vineyard, Mystic, Ocean State, North Shore & Newport), while the North Division (Keene, Vermont, Sanford, Upper Valley) and West Division (Bristol, Valley, North Adams, Danbury) will each include four teams.

Once again, all teams will play a 44-game slate in which they will play each of their divisional opponents seven times. Coastal Teams will play each non-division opponent twice, once at home and once on the road, while teams in the North Division and West Division will play non-divisional opponents three times apiece.

The league is grateful to the work of Ben Grannan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Business Analytics at Queens University (NC) for taking on the complex task of creating the 2023 schedule. Grannan had to balance each team's facility availability, the number of intra- and inter-division matchups, travel considerations, double-headers, off-days, and more.

"The combination of computers and subject matter expertise is the current best practice to create sports schedules," explained Grannan. "Specifically, analytical models are used to track the potential home team, away team, and date of each baseball game during the season. The best sched-

ule satisfies as many items as possible from the list of submitted NECBL team requests as well as the league requirements. Most importantly, the league office participates in a feedback loop to review the schedule and identify any nuances missed by the computer."

Sunday, June 23rd will see the league's best gather at historic Fraser Field in Lynn, Massachusetts for the 2023 NECBL All-Star Game, presented by Metro Credit Union. The

All-Star Game features the NECBL's top talent, with players from all NECBL organizations showcasing their skills in front of

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Molinari said. "The other team had a shot hit off the post, but the ball went into the net."

After playing a 1-1 tie against a team from Miami, Florida, the Western United Pioneers finished the tournament by posting a 4-3 victory over a team from New Jersey.

"Overall, the U19 team had a very good showing," Ferrara added. "We played against older teams from the south, who have been playing together for a few years. Our two teams only had five or six training sessions."

Twelve of the U19 players attend a high school located in the

region.

Those players are Mia Carvalho (Ludlow), Sophia Scyocurka (Ludlow), Calleigh Foley (Ludlow), Emma Ellis (Ludlow), Brianna Ribeiro (Belchertown), Fallon Clancy (Belchertown), Brooke Burrows (Belchertown), Christina Ritter (Agawam), Ava Chevalier (Tantasqua Regional), Tess Chevalier (Tantasqua Regional), Claire Poindexter (Minnechaug Regional), and McKenzie Murray (Minnechaug Regional).

The U15 team, which was made up of players born in 2008 and 2009, finished the tournament with a 0-1-3 record. All three of their draws were scoreless.

Twelve members of the U15 squad also live in the Turley Publications coverage area.

They are Audrey Afonso (Ludlow), Aneysha Donais (Ludlow), Kacie Klimek (Ludlow), Valentina Molinari (Ludlow), Payton Dersarkisian (Ludlow), Ava Friese (Ludlow), Zorah Wray (Minnechaug Regional), Madison Boulanger (Chicopee), Maeve Carter (Chicopee), Makenna Sacco (Hampden), Carson Humphries (Hampden), and Isabel Moreau (Belchertown).

"I've coached the 09 players in the past," Molinari said. "The 09 players had to adapt to playing with the 08 players. It was also

the first time that the U15 team played in a tournament outside of New England. They got to see a different style of soccer."

Because the Academy Cup matches took place in the afternoon, the Western United Pioneers players didn't have a lot of time for sightseeing while they were down in Florida.

"Our games were in the middle of the day, which made it difficult to do anything else," Ferrara said. "We did go out to eat together as a team a couple of nights. It was a fun experience for the players."

Ferrara is also the League Commissioner of United Women's Soccer and is the owner of the New England Mutiny.

Both the Pioneers and the Mutiny play their home matches at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

Ferrara is hoping a few of the Western United Pioneers girls' soccer players join the Mutiny in the coming years.

"That's our plan," he said. "I'm always looking for the local soccer players to play for the Mutiny."

Rich Friese, who's from Ludlow, was also a member of the coaching staff at this year's Academy Cup.

Ferrara is looking forward to having several of the Western United Pioneers teams compete in the 2024 USL Academy Cup.

**OBITUARIES**

## Beverly Ann Berry, 82

**BELCHERTOWN** - Beverly Ann Berry, 82, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2023.



She was born on October 21, 1940 in Northampton to the late Arthur and Jeannette (Latour) LaCasse, and spent her formative years in Haydenville and Williamsburg.

Beverly began a career as a homemaker and dedicated her time to raising her two young children.

Several years later, she began working at Crystal Springs Dairy Bar and later became a care provider at the Belchertown State School for many years before transferring to Monson Developmental Center from which she retired.

Beverly enjoyed playing games on her Kindle, reading, and doing puzzles. More than anything else, she enjoyed every moment she could spend with her family.

She was the Matriarch of the family and played a large role in raising four generations filled with love, kindness, and respect. If anyone was ever in need, they knew "Mimi" would always be there to help in every way possible.

She will be truly missed. Besides her parents, Beverly was preceded in death by her siblings, Arthur LaCasse, Frank LaCasse, Barbara Dugal, and Alice Fay.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia A. Lamacchia (Manny); son, James F. Bachand (Kerry, Anthony Smith, Ciara Smith); granddaughter, Heather Newman (Chris); grandson, Peter Lamacchia; grandchildren, Damon, Benjamin, and Jessica Bachand, and their mom Erika Bachand (Matthew Gay); great-grandchildren, Brooke and Zakary Lamacchia, and their mom, Erica Stewart; sister, Loretta Kolosewicz; dear friend, Nancy Bachand, her husband Bernie and their daughter, Patsy; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 11 from 4:00-6:15 p.m. with a service to begin at 6:15 p.m. at the Beers & Story Belchertown funeral home. Burial will be held at the family's convenience.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Beverly's memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital by visiting stjude.org. Please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com) to extend online condolences.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Berry, Beverly Ann**  
Died May 3, 2023  
Services May 11, 2023

**Carcione, Vincent Amedeo**  
Died April 24, 2023

## Vincent A. Carcione, Sr.



**BELCHERTOWN** – Vincent Amedeo Carcione Jr. passed away on April 24, 2023 at the age of 100.

He was the youngest of 11 children born to Italian immigrant parents Philip, a shoemaker, and Maria, a homemaker, on July 17, 1922. He was born in Swampscott, but shortly after the family moved to Medford, where he grew up.

"Vinny" attended Medford High School where he played football and was in the drama club. When he was a senior, he played the Tin Man in his high school production of the Wizard of Oz, which was the very first performance held in the Chevalier Auditorium when it opened in 1940.

After WW II broke out, Vinny enlisted in the Navy Air Force under the V-5 program, which allowed high school graduates to enlist and become pilots. He also served in the regular Navy, Merchant Marines and Coast Guard.

After discharge from the military, he fell back on his performing skills and became an entertainer, specializing in comedy, singing, harmonica and as a Master of Ceremonies. He changed his name to Vincent Allen Carr and was known as Vin Carr, Gentleman of Comedy.

He performed around New England, eventually spending two years in Canada before returning home to settle into a career as an insurance claims inves-

tigator. He changed his name back to Carcione once he had his own family.

Vinny worked in insurance for over 30 years, but never lost his love of entertaining and even had a brief resurgence as a stand-up comic after he retired, performing at clubs in the Boston area. He also worked part-time for Fleet Bank, and as a videographer for the Everett High School Athletic Department.

He was a member of the American Legion, Post 45 Medford, and the DAV Post Chapter 51, Everett.

Vinny was known for his outgoing personality, always quick with a joke or a song, and he loved to make people laugh. He was a beloved father, uncle, brother-in-law and resident of Christopher Heights of Belchertown, where he had many, many friends among both residents and staff.

He leaves behind his daughter and son-in-law, Nancy E. and Mark S. Huntington, son V. Allen Carcione Jr., granddaughter Teagan Carcione and wife Barbara A. (Kerrigan) Carcione. His last wish was for people to "Be Happy. Tell jokes."

Services will be held later this summer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. <https://lovetotherescue.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/115002072967-How-can-I-donate-in-honor-in-memory-of-someone>



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## Local girls invited to learn outdoor skills

SOUTH HADLEY — Girls and their guardians are invited to camp for a free Intro to Outdoor Skills event at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31.

Girls will earn their first Girl Scout patch while learning basic camping techniques, first aid and jack-knife safety.

This event is for South Hadley and Granby girls going into kindergarten and first grade in the fall and who are not currently Girl Scouts. It will be held at Camp Lewis Perkins, 9 Camp Perkins Road in South Hadley.

Parents or guardians who want to bring their girls to the event should RSVP by May 27 at [bit.ly/osshadleygranby](https://bit.ly/osshadleygranby). For more information on Girl Scouts, contact Hannah HLaprade at [gscwm.org](mailto:gscwm.org) or 413-584-2602, ext. 3604.



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

BOSTON — Senator Jake Oliveira and State Representative Aaron Saunders (7th Hampden District) welcomed students from across the district, including Andrew Knapp (second from left) and Caleb Brechner (third from left) from Belchertown High School, to Beacon Hill recently for Student Government Day. The students enjoyed a Statehouse tour and participated in a spirited mock debate over the legal voting age.



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“Once,” a play by Edna Walsh, tells the enchanting tale of a Dublin street musician who’s about to give up on his dream of making it big in New York City when a beautiful young woman takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs.

Josh Guerraz, the Music teacher, directed the play alongside Co-director Mrs. Leighton. Mr. Guerraz said, “It was a great production. It was great working with the kids. This was a different kind of play for us. We tackled the music first before handling the acting and choreography. Overall, I think this was a great experience for everyone.”

Due to the fact that many of the characters in the production play instruments, the play relied on a number of musicians to play the instrumental portion of songs while actors pretended to play along on stage. This group of shadow musicians played in a group referred to as “the pit band.” The instruments they were responsible for playing included guitar, piano, bass, flute and various percussion instruments.

Alexander Frost acted as the male lead’s shadow guitarist. Frost said, “Everyone who worked on this production gave it our all – from the Cast, to the AV Tech, to the pit members. This was a labor of love so I’m happy that so many people came to watch; I hope everyone enjoyed the show.”

R&R sound professional, Richard Gaudette, was hired to oversee the sound board for the production. Gaudette said, “This is probably the best play I have been



Sunday afternoon performance featuring Connor Hoag as Guy, Brielle Murray as Girl and Priscilla Pootoolal as Barushka.

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a part of all year, and I do quite a few shows.”

The play ran from May 5-7. Over the course of the weekend the play was performed four times. There were two alternative casts so each performance was unique; the three characters subject to alternates were Guy, Girl, and Barushka.

The male lead was portrayed by actors Connor Hoag and Ori Sussman. Brielle Murray and Sierra Crisostomo shared the role of the female lead, Priscilla. Pootoolal and Kiera Cartel swapped off playing

Barushka, and Kasey Gibbons and Abbey Olden shared the role of Reza. Sierra Crisostomo said, “This was a nice musical tribute to my senior year.”

During curtain call Brielle Murray said, “I just wanted to say thank you so much to Mr. G and Mrs. Leighton (assistant director). We couldn’t have done this without such a strong foundation.” Toby Brenton added, “I’m so proud of all of us, I’m sad to say goodbye to this show but happy to have been a part of it. What a show!”

The show’s success can be attributed to

the hard work of the students and faculty who put their heart and soul into the production. Sarena Cote from the AV Tech team said, “The cast and crew worked our butts off and really pulled through. We couldn’t have done it without every single person who contributed.”

Alyssa Courchesne, the choreographer said, “We had our tough days, but in reality it was an absolute pleasure working with everyone. I’ve learned so much but most importantly that a family can be made in just a few short weeks.”

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forward by the search committee.

Williams applied for the position but was not considered as a finalist by the Town Administrator Screening Committee of which Nagel was a member.

The Selectboard interviewed three candidates presented by the screening committee, but

during its deliberation, the board unanimously opted to appoint Williams.

Nagel’s amendment proposed that if the Selectboard does not choose one of the presented candidates for the position, that the committee would then present successive qualified candidates.

He said the reason for the amendment was to make sure the process laid out in the bylaws was a trustworthy one and one

that was being followed rather than being pointed at Williams or at the current formation of the Selectboard.

Resident Elly Vaughan, and a member of the search committee, spoke in favor of the amendment.

“I think what it does is hold accountability and following of the systems in place so a Selectboard can’t just throw out all of the recommended qualified candidates,” she said. “I want to

make sure we are not allowing this to take precedence.”

Selectboard Chair Jim Barry said the current process of hiring a new town administrator is listed in the current law. However, the town meeting establishes bylaws that sets the process to have the Town Moderator appoint members of a search committee who would present candidates to the Selectboard, who would appoint someone.

“If it’s important to you, I suggest you bring it to a Town Meeting as a proposed town bylaw that puts this into codification,” Barry said.

The proposed amendment was not approved by the town meeting voters, but the original article was approved as written in the warrant.

Following the vote, Williams is set to be the town’s first town manager.

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Olivia Murray and Lorelei Knorr run a booth for Rick's Place, a grief support group for children and families.

**EDUCATE** from page 1

hosted by the Belchertown Recreation Department.

The mission of the Umbrella of Wellness Fair is "the augmentation of holistic well-being within the community through education, engagement, and empowerment." It accomplishes this mission by creating an environment that educates the community on addiction prevention, treatment, recovery and mental wellness.

Rick's Place, a grief support group for children and families, provided resources at their booth managed by Olivia Murray and Lorelei Knorr. They said that they were both here to raise awareness and to help support children and families during times of grief. They agreed that "many have lost loved ones to drug abuse, and we

want to give them a space to grieve and heal from their loss."

Another group that showed their support at the fair was the Pioneer Valley Suicide Prevention Coalition. Representing them at their booth was Karen Carreira, a member of the Board of Directors who said, "Community and connection are really a key element in suicide prevention and mental wellness. This fair is doing just that."

Mary Howell, the manager at Anytime Fitness kept a booth with games and activities such as cornhole, a weighted hula hoop and more. She said "fitness is so important for physical and mental health. We're so pleased to be a part of this awesome event for the second year."

Checking into the attendance for the event allowed fairgoers to receive a \$10 food token redeemable at one of the food



Tony of Tony's Happy Valley Pizza and Max Bassette, serving up slices with smiles.

trucks. Locally owned food vendors such as the Rustic Fusion Mobile Cafe and Tony's Happy Valley Pizza served food in the parking lot.

Kelly Fisher, Founder of Alex's Army and Mother of Alex, held an interactive workshop to help parents recognize and identify drugs and common hiding spots in a simulated teenage bedroom. Fisher urges parents to "talk early and often to your kids about drugs." Her son sadly passed away after his first time ever experimenting with drugs.

It's important that people understand that when you buy drugs on the street, you don't always get what you pay for. It's alarmingly common for street drugs to be laced with fatal substances like fentanyl.

The fair's main stage speaker this year was Chris Herren, a former professional



Mary Howell, manager of Anytime Fitness, encouraging guests to join her in some stress relief games and physical activities.

NBA basketball player and founder of the nonprofit organization Herren Project. As a person engaged in long-term recovery, Chris seeks to share his story nationally to spark honest discussion on the topics of substance abuse disorder and addiction as a disease.

Herren says "I have a responsibility as a father and a man to do these presentations. I'm so grateful that I was asked to do this. I hope that at least one person walks out of here and decides to get better for themselves and their family."

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scouts from every Major League Baseball (MLB) organization.

In the final week of the season, each of the league's 13 teams will play solely against division rivals in hopes of qualifying for the 2023 NECBL Postseason, which will feature six teams (the three division winners and three wildcards who have the next three highest winning percentages league-wide after the division winners).

The division winners with the top-two

regular season winning percentages will earn first-round byes, while the third division winner will battle the wildcard team with the lowest win percentage, and the wildcard teams with the best and second-best win percentages will also face off in a single-elimination wildcard round matchup.

The top seed/division winner will then meet the advancing team that is the lowest remaining wildcard team, while the second-highest seed/division winner faces the highest remaining wildcard team in the

best-of-three semifinals before the last two teams standing square off in a best-of-three NECBL Championship Series for the right to hoist the Fay Vincent, Sr. Cup.

The final games of the regular season will be held on Saturday, July 29, with the following day (July 30) open for makeup games before the postseason begins with the Wild Card games on Monday, July 31.

The semifinals series will be played from August 1-3, and the final two teams will play for the championship from August 4-6.

All NECBL games will be streamed

live on the NECBL Network, powered by BlueFrame Technology. The NECBL Network is available on both your desktop and mobile/tablet devices, as well as Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV and Apple TV 4th Gen.

Rosters are filling up, and you can check out who is coming to play for your favorite team by heading to their team page at www.necbl.com. Make sure to follow these players all spring long as they compete for their colleges and tune up for their summer in the NECBL.



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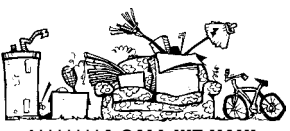
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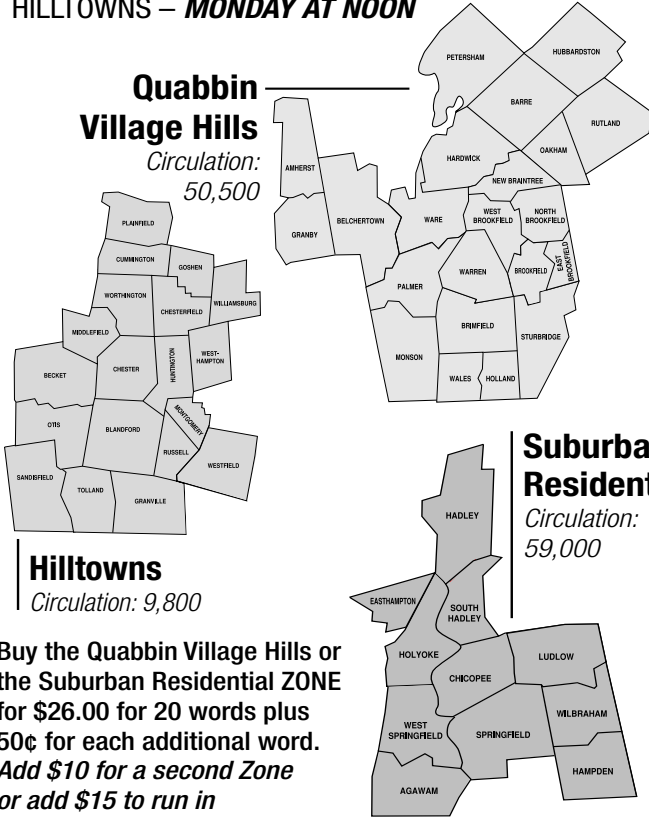
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Public Hearing  
Special Permit  
Legal Notice  
Belchertown  
Planning Board**

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Sections 9 and 11, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing to discuss a special permit application for an accessory apartment by Charly Oliva, for 49 Mountain View Dr., Map 263, Lot 146, Belchertown, MA.

A public hearing will be held both remotely and in person as follows:

Place: 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown

Date: May 23, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

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**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampshire Probate and  
Family Court  
15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton MA, 01060  
Docket No. HS14P0599GD  
In the interests of  
Timothy R Lakota, II  
of Wilbraham, MA  
Minor**

**NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Resignation  
or Petition for Removal of  
Guardianship of a Minor  
NOTICE TO ALL  
INTERESTED PARTIES**

**1. Hearing Date/Time:**

A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardianship of a Minor filed by **Melissa M. Stebenn** on **March 8, 2023** will be held **07/20/2023 08:30 AM Review Hearing (Zoom)** Located **15 Atwood Drive, Northampton, MA 01060**

**2. Response to Petition:**

You may respond by filing a written response to the

Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

**4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: May 5, 2023  
**Michael J. Carey**  
Register of Probate  
05/11/2023

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD23D0217DR  
Liza M LaRose vs.  
Joseph J LaRose  
DIVORCE SUMMONS  
BY PUBLICATION  
AND MAILING  
To the Defendant:**

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

**Liza M LaRose**  
**632 Moore Street**  
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your answer, if any, on or before **07/11/2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

**WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: april 26, 2023

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate

05/11/2023

**Belchertown  
Conservation Commission  
LEGAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to the authority of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Belchertown Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Chapter 139), the Belchertown Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM at 2 Jabish St, Bechertown**. The purpose of this meeting is to review a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) submitted by Jerry Bolduc for the proposed removal of four (4) hazardous trees in the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bank of Lake Holland at 16 Grela Terrace in Belchertown (Assessor's Map 101-58)** in Belchertown. Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place listed.  
05/11/2023

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**of Applicability (RDA) submitted by Mass. Electric Company c/o GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. for a distribution pole installation project at the intersection of 11 Lamson Ave and Bay Road in Belchertown (Assessor's Map 228-26.1).** Specifically, the work includes the proposed replacement of three (3) utility poles, the installation of five (5) utility poles, and necessary tree trimming and removals to continue service along Bay Road. Work is proposed to occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and within the 200-foot Riverfront Area to an unnamed perennial stream. Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place listed.  
5/11/2023

**THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION –  
HIGHWAY DIVISION  
NOTICE OF A  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Project File No. 608466**

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 202 From Kendall Street to School Street project in Granby, MA.

**WHEN:** 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 16, 2023

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 202 From Kendall Street to School Street project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

**PROPOSAL:** The proposed project consists of improving the roadway condition of Route 202 by milling and resurfacing while retaining the existing horizontal and vertical roadway geometry. The proposed cross section will consist of two (2) 11-foot travel lanes, two (2) 2-foot shoulders and one (1) 10-foot shared use path following the latest design standards and in accordance with the Healthy Transportation Policy to increase pedestrian and bicycle trips. Where construction will impact the existing drainage system, alterations, and upgrades, including new structures, pipes, pipe extensions or trunk lines, will be evaluated and designed as needed. Most of the utility poles within the project area will be relocated and/or upgraded.

A secure right-of-way

is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us) or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 608466. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

**JONATHAN GULLIVER**  
HIGHWAY  
ADMINISTRATOR

**CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.**  
CHIEF ENGINEER  
05/04, 05/11/2023

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